FAVORS FOR SMALL HERDS

President Approves Course of Secretary Wilson Regarding Forest Reserves.

HALF RATES TO THE SMALL RANCHERS

After Local Stock is Provided for Owners of Large Bunches May Be Admitted to Land.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt, in a letter addressed to Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture on the subject of fees for grazing horses and cattle in the national forest reserves, upholds the secretary in the regulations formulated by him, and which will become effective January 1, 1906, whereby certain rules are laid down for the granting of grazing permits.

The communication is the result of a protest sent to the president by cattlemen from one of the western states, and is based on a report by Secretary Wilson, to whom the protest was referred. The letter of the president is as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1905.—My Dear Mr. Secretary: I have received your letter of December 20. I cordially approve of the policy you are carrying on. Your effort is to keep the grazing lands in the forest reserves for the use of the stockmen, and especially the small stockmen who actually live in the neighborhood of the reserves. To prevent the waste and destruction of the reserves and to keep them so that they can be permanently used by the stockmen, no less than by the public, you have to spend a certain amount of money. Part of this money is to be obtained by charging a small fee for each head of stock pastured on the reserve. Less than a third of the actual value of the grazing is at present charged, and it is of course perfectly right that the man that pastures his stock should pay something for the preservation of that pasture. He gets all the benefit of the pasture and he pays for its use but a small fraction of the value that it is to him, and this money is in reality returned to him because it is used in keeping the forest reserve permanently available for use.

Concession to Small Herds.

You this year make a special reduction, by which the small ranchmen pay but half rates. This is in accordance with the steady policy of your department as regards the western lands, which is to favor in every way the actual settler, the actual home maker, the man who himself tills the soil, himself rears and cares for his small herd of cattle. In granting grazing permits you give preference first to the small nearby owners; after that to all regular occupants of the reserve range; and finally to the owners of transient stock. This is exactly as it should be. The small nearby owners are the homesteaders, the men who are making homes for themselves by the labor of their hands, the men who have entered to possess the land and to bring up their children thereon.

The other regular occupants of the reserve range, that is, the larger ranch owners, are only entitled to come after the smaller men. If after these have been admitted there still remains an ample pasturage, then the owners of transient stock, the men who drive the tramp herds or tramp flocks hither and thither, should be admitted. These men have no permanent abode, do but very little to build up the land and are not favored at the expense of the regular occupants, large or small. This system prevents the grass from being eaten out by the great herds or flocks of nonresidents, for only enough cattle and sheep are admitted upon the reserves to fatten upon the pasturage without damaging. In other words, under this policy you have adopted the forest reserves are to be used as among the most potent influences in favor of the actual home maker, of the man with a few dozen or few score head of cattle which he has gathered by his own industry and is himself caring for. This is the kind of men upon whom the foundations of our citizenship rest and it is emphatically proper to favor him in every way.

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

HON. JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

Last Orders for the Dewey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Captain Hosley, who has been charged with the task of towing the dry dock Dewey from Solomon's island to Olongapo, on Subig bay, Luzon, was at the Navy department today to receive his final instructions. It is planned that the dock shall never once stop after leaving Solomon's island until it reaches the entrance to the Suez canal.

Rushing Naval Graduates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Navy department has decided upon February 12 as the day of the graduation of the class of 1906 at the Naval academy. The reason for the graduation of the cadets in advance has been the pressing need of officers, and if this condition still prevails it may require the graduation of the next class in February, 1907.

Brownlow's Bill Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Representative Brownlow of Tennessee holds the record so far for introducing bills at the session of the present congress. In thirteen days he introduced 143 bills. The total number of bills introduced in the house in thirteen days was 1,061, as against a total of 19,209 for all sessions of the last congress.

Newspaper Men Entertained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Vice President Fairbanks entertained at dinner tonight James Whitcomb Riley and the members of the Gridiron club.

DAILY SHAMPOOS

With Warm Water and

Cuticura SOAP

And weekly dressings of Cuticura, purest and sweetest of emollients, at once stop falling hair, remove crusts, scales, and dandruff, destroy hair parasites, soothe irritated, itching surfaces, stimulate the hair follicles, loosen the scalp skin, supply the roots with energy and nourishment, and make the hair grow upon a sweet wholesome, healthy scalp, when all else fails.

Cuticura Soap combines delicate medicinal and emollient properties derived from Cuticura, the great Skin Cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and the most refreshing of flower odors. Two Soaps in one at one price—namely, a Medicinal and Toilet Soap for 25c. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Mailed Free, "How to Care for the Skin and Scalp."

PEANUT KILLS LITTLE ONE

Kernel Lodges in Bronchial Tube and Baby Cannot Withstand Operation for It.

The lodgement of a peanut in the bronchial tube caused the death of Gertrude Briggs, 1 year and 16 months of age, Friday night. Dr. Allison performed an operation on the little one's windpipe, but death followed after acute inflammation of the lungs had set in. The child was the daughter of Harry Briggs, carpenter, living at 1812 Cuming street. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon.

The child found some shelled peanuts and swallowed one of the kernels without chewing it. Drs. Allison and Cummings worked several hours to save the baby's life, but the operation was more than the baby life could resist.

BEN STANLEY GOES TO TRINITY

Is to Be Organist and Choirmaster and Mrs. Stanley Soprano Soloist.

Mr. Ben Stanley and his wife have been secured by Trinity cathedral. Mr. Stanley will be organist and choir director and Mrs. Stanley the soprano soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley went east some time ago on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Stanley's father, and when the vacancy occurred in the Trinity choir the church authorities immediately sought to get into communication with Mr. Stanley, but were unable to do so until yesterday. A telegraphic offer was made to Mr. Stanley, which was accepted, and he will take charge of the choir immediately upon his return from Boston.

ECHOES OF THE ANTEROOM

Order of Scottish Clans.

Clan Gordon No. 63 met Tuesday evening in Myrtle Annex, Continental block. There was a big attendance. One initiation was gone through and the social hour was exceptionally good.

Clansman Judge Troup made a pleasant talk, directing attention to the fact that Clan Gordon had just attained its seventeenth birthday. Chaplain John Trench spoke inspiringly on the passing of the old year. Clansman Andrew Gray exhibited some relics of Waterloo and Balaclava, and told of the glories they stood for. Clansmen E. A. Lindsay and Wallace Ferguson each sang a "hame 'ower sang." Chief and tanist offered duets of "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Scots Wha Hae," to secretary's accompaniment.

Installation of new officers will take place next meeting, January 2. The annual Burns festival will be held in the new Lyric theater, Nineteenth and Farnam, Thursday, January 25, the dance to be in the upper halls immediately after the concert. Chief William Kennedy announced that Colonel W. W. McCullough of The Bee would give "The Immortal Memory," and the program in general will be first-class.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

North Omaha lodge No. 159, with the assistance of the central committee, held the regular monthly union meeting Wednesday evening. The meeting was largely attended. The principal matter brought before the meeting was the project for establishing an Ancient Order of United Workmen hospital. This matter is now engaging the attention of all members of the order throughout the state.

The central committee of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Degree of Honor held a grand ball at Creighton hall last Monday evening. About 300 couples were present.

The central committee will hold its next meeting January 8 at Workman temple.

Degree of Honor.

On Thursday evening, December 14, Social lodge No. 162 elected these officers for the ensuing year: P. C. of H., Mrs. Tina Brewster; C. of H., Mrs. Mattie Elkins; L. of H., Mrs. Anna Cramer; C. of C., Mrs. A. J. Robinson; recorder, Mrs. Melissa Daly; financier, Mrs. Frances Anthony; receiver, Mrs. Thorpe; usher, Mrs. Yarton; I. W., Mrs. Shirley; O. W., Mrs. Conners; musician, Mrs. McCormick; trustee, Mr. C. A. Wegner; physician, Dr. Womersley.

Fraternal Union of America.

Mondamin lodge No. 111 will not hold a meeting Monday night, December 25. The next regular meeting will be held Monday night, January 1, 1906. On the night of January 8 the installation of officers will take place, after which refreshments will be served. All members are invited to be present.

Improved Order of Red Men.

At last Monday's sleep of Yah-Nun-Dah-Sis tribe No. 2 five candidates received the chief degree of the Improved Order of Red Men, a large attendance witnessing the ceremony. Following the initiatory ceremonies an oyster supper was served. A very pleasant surprise of the evening was the unexpected visit of a number of sisters of Alfaretta council No. 3, Degree of Pocahontas.

In the same wigwam last Thursday evening Alfaretta council took advantage of an opportunity to capture two members of tribe No. 2 and adopted them into the council.

Woodmen of the World.

Alpha camp No. 1, at its last regular meeting, held December 19, initiated a class of twenty and received twelve new applications. This winds up the year with a big increase in membership. It was decided to hold the annual Christmas tree festivities on Tuesday evening, December 26, for the members of the camp and their families. Liberal provision has been made for the entertainment of all.

Knights of Maccabees.

On last Thursday night Omaha tent No. 75 gave an entertainment to which all of the different hives were invited. About fifty couples were present. The program opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Oscar Haste. She was followed by Sir Knight Prof. M. Ritchie, who gave several select recitations. Little Miss Alma Black also favored the audience with a recitation. All were heartily encored. After this part of the entertainment the floor was cleared for dancing. Refreshments were served. All returned to their homes at a late hour well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Omaha court No. 110 had twenty-one applications last Tuesday night. The degree team initiated twelve into the order under the "Guiding Star."

Next Tuesday night there will be a large number of applications, as well as a large number to be initiated. Every member is urged to be present, as the question of dues will be settled. Another entertainment is being planned for January. Watch for the date.

Mecca court No. 13 will hold its annual election of officers at the hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, next Thursday evening. All members are requested to be present.

Order of Eastern Star.

Vesta chapter No. 6 will hold a special meeting Friday evening, December 29. Mrs. Sue A. Pace of Lincoln, grand matron, will attend the meeting.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Clematis camp No. 1766 at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Oracle, Mrs. Nancy Mathews; vice oracle, Mrs. Anna Stalder; chancellor, Mrs. B. Duncan; recorder, Mrs. L. Callin; receiver, Mrs. Newcombe; marshal, Mrs. Hardin; inner sentinel, Mrs. Knepper; outer sentinel, Mrs. Tracy; manager, Mrs. Anna Cronin; physician, Dr. J. H. Cummings. After the election the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. This camp will give another progressive high five party at its hall, in the Ancient Order of United Workmen temple, on Friday evening, January 5, 1906. All Royal Neighbors and friends are invited.

ROUVIER MAY BE DARK HORSE

Intense Interest in French Presidential Election Next Month.

M. FALLERIES IS LEADING CANDIDATE

M. Loubet Declines to Accept Another Term, but Assembly May Insist Upon His Serving Again.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Premier Rouvier is developing marked strength as a possible dark horse in the coming presidential contest. The national assembly will meet at Versailles January 18 to elect a successor to President Loubet. The palace there now is prepared to receive the 900 senators and deputies constituting the assembly, and the near approach of the voting is causing an active canvass in behalf of the various candidates.

M. Falleries, president of the senate, has thus far been considered the leading candidate and his supporters claim he is already sure of a majority in the assembly. M. Falleries relies chiefly on the precedent established by M. Loubet in going from the presidency of the senate to the presidency of the republic. However, the candidacy of M. Falleries does not arouse popular enthusiasm, and the opposition is combining to support Paul Doumer, president of the Chamber of Deputies. M. Doumer represents the younger and more active element. His candidacy is popular, but he has the antagonism of some strong groups in both chambers. It is expected that the first ballot will be divided between M. Falleries and M. Doumer, with some votes for Leon Borgeois, the former premier; Henri Brisson, another former premier and former president of the Chamber of Deputies; Paul Deschanel, president of the committee on foreign and colonial affairs of the chamber; Minister of War Etienne and Minister of Marine Thomson.

Should the claim of the friends of M. Falleries of an assured majority materialize the contest will be short and decisive. However, the sharpness of the struggle between M. Falleries and M. Doumer may prolong the contest and lead to the presentation of a dark horse in the person of Premier Rouvier, who has thus far withheld from the contest. But some of his near friends predict that his name will rally a majority in the assembly should a prolonged deadlock occur.

President Loubet has positively declined to be a candidate for a second term, but the possibility remains of the assembly making him an unwilling candidate. Still, the contest appears to be narrowed down to M. Falleries and M. Doumer, with M. Rouvier, M. Bourgeois, M. Brisson and others named making up the field of emergency candidates.

ALL SERENE IN COLOMBIA

Leaders of Conspiracy Being Tried by Court-Martial and Country is Tranquil.

BUENA VENTURA, Colombo, Dec. 23.—The arrested leaders of the recent conspiracy against the Colombian government are being tried by court martial. The government announces that it is in a position to suppress any revolutionary movement. The contracts for the construction of railroads by foreign companies have been approved by President Reyes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Minister Mendoza of Colombia today received a cablegram from President Reyes as follows:

"I confirm my cable of today to the Associated Press. All the country is tranquil. Have more confidence in peace. Exchanges going down.

"GENERAL REYES."

The minister said that the fact that the exchanges are going down is the best indication that there is no danger to the government from the revolutionary movement, as the monetary system is dependent entirely upon the stability of the government.

Dramatist Refused Divorce.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Advices from Switzerland are to the effect that the federal council has rejected the application of Gabrielle D'Annunzio, the dramatist, for an annulment of his marriage with the former Princess di Gallese. It has been rumored for some time that D'Annunzio desired a separation from his wife in order that he might marry the Marquise de Carlotti, a daughter of the former Italian premier, Marquis di Rudini.

No New Yellow Fever.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—No new cases of yellow fever were reported today.

JOHN C. M'CALL IS AT HOME

Secretary of New York Life Returns with Accounting from Andrew Hamilton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John C. McCall, secretary of the New York Life Isurance compnay and son of President John A. McCall, returned from Europe today on the steamer La Lorraine. Mr. McCall went to Paris to see Andrew Hamilton, to whom the New York Life Insurance company advanced hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mr McCall's mission was either to induce Mr. Hamilton to return to the United States and testify before the legislative investigating committee or to secure an accounting of the money advanced. This accounting is to be given to this committee. Mr. Hamilton sent a statement by Mr. McCall, his health being such that his physician ordered him not to return at present.

Concerning his mission Mr. McCall said: "I have a report from Judge Hamilton, giving a detailed and explicit statement of his matter and of the work performed by him while in charge of the legislation and legal bureau of the New York Life Insurance company in the United States and Canada during the last ten years. I cannot give the details of his report until the document is presented to the special committee of the board of trustees, recently appointed. With the consent of the special committee, I shall subsequently present Judge Hamilton's statement to the insurance investigating committee. I can give no other or further particulars of Judge Hamilton's very voluminous statement for the reasons stated."

DIVISION AMONG ADVENTISTS

Three Thousand Members of Church at Battle Creek Will Move to Tacoma Park.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 23.—Leading members of the Seventh Day Adventists state that the friction between Prophetess Ellen G. White and Dr. John H. Kellogg will result shortly in the removal from Battle Creek of about 3,000 members of the church. Prophetess White has for a long time vehemently criticised Dr. Kellogg and has declared that an Adventist institution of which he is the head cannot be looked upon as a denominational concern. Two mass meetings have recently been held, the result of which it is stated will be an early migration of large numbers of Adventists to Tacoma Park, near Washington, D. C., where the church has already established a colony.

OMAHA SUBURBS

Benson.

Services will be held today at all the churches at the usual hours.

C. B. Smith has entered the real estate business and put up a new sign.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harman Hawkins on Sunday, December 17.

Mrs. A. Z. Leach has her cousin as a guest at her home for the holidays.

William Butler and children left yesterday for Schuyler where they will visit.

There are indications of having a telephone exchange in Benson by the new year.

Miss Nellie Howard entertained at supper last week a number of her high school friends.

J. A. Howard left for Clarion, Ia., where he will join in a family reunion for Christmas day.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Speedie Sunday, December 17, at the Presbyterian hospital.

George Warren was pleasantly surprised at his home last Monday evening in honor of his 21st birthday.

The children at the St. James' orphange were well treated by Santa Claus and friends and patrons.

The Benson schools closed Friday, with appropriate exercises, for the vacation over the Christmas holidays.

Henry Hooker, the tinner on East Military avenue, has disappeared. There is no clue to his whereabouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Peterson have moved into their new cottage on Rose Hill, which has recently been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and baby of Millard will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGuire.

The furnace recently placed in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage has been paid for by a subscription raised last week.

The English Lutheran Sunday school will have an Xmas tree today at 3 o'clock at the Gravert hall, to which friends are invited.

A number of new members were initiated at the last meeting of the Eagles' lodge. The meeting was open for members and their families.

Mrs. Joseph Horton and son, who have been visiting at the home of J. N. Horton, left for their old home in Syracuse, Neb., to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stiger and daughter, Merle, left Saturday for Plattsmouth, where they will spend Christmas with the parents of the former.

Miss Anna Bellis left Saturday for her home in Rushville, Mo., where she will spend two weeks. She was accompanied by June and Loretta Grove.

Morton Orindulf and nephew, James Horton, left Saturday for Missouri, the former to join his wife and the latter to visit with relatives in Kearney, Mo.

Alfred Richards has had Carl Keller placed under $500 bonds to keep the peace. This is the result of the trial held by Judge Vinsonhaler last Thursday.

St. Bernard's Catholic church gave their Christmas program last Friday evening at the town hall, which was largely attended and enjoyed by those present.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Wedge last Wednesday afternoon. It will serve luncheon at the home of Mrs. McCoy on Wednesday, January 10.

A number of the young people met at the home of Walter Snell last week, to surprise Ed Hanson, who makes his home there. A pleasant evening was spent.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge will give a 'possum supper next Wednesday evening at its hall, which will be an affair looked forward to by the Bensonites.

William Hackman and Albert Anderson gave a dancing party Saturday evening at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall, which was enjoyed by the large number who attended.

The Methodist church Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. McCoy, gave a fine program at the church last Saturday evening, which was attended by the parents and friends. Santa Claus visited the little ones and the tree was enjoyed by all.

The Modern Woodmen of America lodge elected the following officers at its last meeting: V. C., B. L. Childs; V. A., O. E. Snowden; clerk, J. M. Leidy; banker, E. E. Hoffman; manager, F. Thompson; escort, William Elton; watchman, John Nelson; sentry, C. W. Childs.

The Fraternal Union of America lodge of Benson elected these officers for the year last Wednesday evening: F. M., C. B. Smith; justice, J. A. Morgan; secretary, Loritz Jorgeson; treasurer, G. W. Stiger; protector, Mrs. Hoffman; truth, Mrs. J. A. Morgan; mercy, Mrs. Mueller; sentinel, Joseph Muller; guide, Nels Hallenburg; guard, Pete Larsen; stewards, Charles Johnson and C. Liljenstolpe.

West Ambler.

Charles Henderson of Sioux City is visiting his parents here.

Mark Morton of Colorado is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Arnold, who is janitor at the Druid Hill school, is home for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Pitman will return from a three months' visit at Kansas City about New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Pratt and daughter Minnie were guests of home folks here over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Potter is entertaining her aunt and cousin from out in the state over Christmas.

Miss Alma Darling was the guest of Miss Margaret Shelley and mother from Thursday until Friday.

R. B. Aughe of Waterloo, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Smith, visited here a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Blake was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. M. Olesen of Georgia avenue, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Missouri Pacific has repaired its bridge at Thirty-eighth and Center. The Welbach lamps in the cut have also been replaced.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the church on Thursday to assist in putting it to rights after the paper hanger finishes his work.

Master Guy Cook, son of John Cook, living on the Morton homestead, suffered the amputation of his leg near the hip on Tuesday. He is doing fairly well.

Mrs. O'Connor of Georgia avenue, an aunt of Mrs. T. O'Connor, will spend a few days with her nephew and family at their home on Forty-fifth and Lincoln avenue.

Miss Martha Crumpacker, teacher in the Beals school, has been ill this week. She hopes by the time the holiday vacation is over to have recovered sufficiently to take her place again.

Mr. Norlaub of Windsor Place has nearly completed plastering and papering the Southwest Methodist church, which was damaged by the September storm. Mart Kencely is assisting him.

Engineer Charles Hill of the Northwestern, living at Fremont, was the guest of M. Faverty at dinner Thursday evening, and together attended a special meeting of the Ben Hur lodge in the evening.

Miss Julia Faverty is staying with Mrs. Aughe during the absence of her husband, who is spending the week with his daughters, Mrs. John Young and Mrs. Ed Dawson, at Pacific Junction and Folsom, Ia.

Miss Myrtle Blake is drilling the children for the Christmas entertainment at the Southwest Methodist church, which has been postponed until New Year's night, owing to the repairs being made on the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thed Smith have returned from St. Joseph and Kansas City. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Furman, parents of Mrs. Smith, who will spend Christmas here before returning to their home at Hastings.

The little son of Mrs. Will Morton of Long Pine, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Faverty, underwent a delicate but successful operation at the Methodist hospital Wednesday, when the thumb and first finger of the little one's right hand were cut apart. The little fellow, who is only 2 month's old, is doing nicely and will be ready to greet his father, who arrives Sunday evening from Long Pine.

Dundee.

D. L. Johnson is at home again for the holiday season.

Samuel Cotner is at home from Big Horn basin for the holidays.

Miss Ella Marshall is at home from the Peru Normal school for the holidays.

William and Willard Lampe are at home from Knox college for the holidays.

Mr. George Hoagland returned during the week from a business trip to Chicago.

Burton Nash entertained a number of his young friends at a birthday party on Wednesday evening.

The next meeting of the Round Dozen Social club will be on January 3, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Curtis.

Rev. and Mrs. I. S. Leavitt left on Monday for New Orleans, where they will remain for three or four weeks.

The Epworth league of the McCabe Methodist church gave a surprise party Thursday evening to little Miss Elpincock.

There will be no meeting of the Dundee Woman's club this week. It will meet next on January 10 with Mrs. E. V. Heaford.

The Dundee Sunday school held a delightful Xmas entertainment at the Dundee Presbyterian church on Friday evening, when the house was filled to overflowing. Santa Claus with a sleigh full of presents, Xmas trees and beautiful decorations were among the pleasures of the evening, and a pretty program of music, recitations, tableaux and Japanese fan drills was well rendered by the different classes of the school.

Florence.

Jonathan lodge, No. 228, will install their officers the first Friday night in January.

Mrs. William Gould and daughter spent a couple of days at Blair visiting relatives.

Master Nye from Decatur, Neb., is here spending the holidays with his uncle, Charles Brewer.

William Eller returned from Bancroft Tuesday, where he had been for the past week, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber, jr., will spend their Christmas with Mrs. Weber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bondessen.

W. E. Brooks will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Mountain Grove, Mo., his former home.

Each one of the churches will give a Christmas tree. Subscriptions are being taken to assist in the expense.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelby have moved to Omaha for the winter after having spent the summer on their farm north of town.

Thomas Miller, who has been in Mexico for the past four months, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. R. Wall, for a few days.

George Gould left Monday for Neosho, Mo., where he will spend the holidays with relatives, returning home about January 5.

Miss Lillian Bondessen of Omaha is visiting her parents for the vacation weeks. She is employed in the Omaha public schools.

Mrs. L. N. Walker of Covington, Ky., is here spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bondessen, and her sister, Mrs. J. Weber, jr.

Dr. H. C. Smith is here for a few days from his ranch near Long Pine. Most of his time is now taken up with looking after his business interests on the ranch, and he does not spend much time here.

Frank T. Parker returned home Saturday from a two months' visit with relatives at Clarks and Schuyler, Neb. His cousin, Albert Muelich of Schuyler, accompanied him and will spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis and family will spend the holidays with relatives at Western, Neb. Mr. Lewis has been employed in the local freight office of the Burlington at Omaha for the last six months.

So far the ice men have had nothing to do. Generally at this time of the year they can figure on having one cutting of ice up, but it has not started to freeze yet, the river still being open and the water running.

Arthur Estill has his new residence on Bluff street well under way. The house is being built of artificial concrete blocks, which make a fine, substantial building. Thomas Estill has just completed a house of the same material.

The bridge men of the Omaha line have been here the past week working on the two trestle bridges north and south of town, getting them ready for the winter, putting water barrels on each bridge filled with water and a solution that does not freeze.

Clarence Wall is now a full fledged conductor on the Omaha street railway, having been "turned in" Wednesday night. He served his apprenticeship with Conductor Roberts on the South Omaha line and also a few days on the Hanscom Park line.

Andrew Anderson, Mrs. W. C. Lewis, and Miss Edna Price were witnesses at Omaha the past week in the case of the Powell Automobile company versus the Omaha Street Railway company. Last summer an automobile of the Powell Automobile company and the street car on the Florence line collided at Redick avenue on the north side of Miller park.

The Modern Woodmen elected officers for Florence camp No. 4105, Thursday night, electing F. S. Tucker, V. C.; W. E. Taylor, W. A.; Frank D. Leach, banker, and W. R Wall, clerk. The camp has a large membership and the attendance at the meeting had a good representation of the members. A committee was appointed to furnish refreshments and something to eat on the night of installation, which will be the last Thursday night in January. The meeting nights were changed from the first and third Thursdays to the second and fourth Thursday night. A lease was made for another year with W. R. Wall for the lodge hall.

The old river line was torn up this week and the rails taken away. This was one of the pioneer lines of Nebraska and was put down in 1869 from Omaha to Tekamah. In 1885 a cut-off was put up through Florence and the old line abandoned for regular trains, but the old track has been used more or less for hauling material for the Omaha Water company and other switching up to the past year. Ever since the cut-off has been built there has been some controversy, the water company claiming the original line abutting their reservoirs was in the river, and that the railway company had encroached on their land by moving their track farther from the river than the original survey and laying of the track. In the past ten years considerable of the land has gone into the river near this point. The Omaha & Northern has a route surveyed and platted through the town between the river and the old river line, but it is not likely it will be built.

SPORTS OF A DAY.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Calabash Wins the Gentilly Stakes at Crescent City Park.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The Gentilly stakes, for all ages, at six and a half furlongs, was the feature of today's card at the fair grounds. The race was worth $1,970 to the winner and its finish proved to be one of the best contested events of the day. Calabash, the favorite, whose chances seemed to have been destroyed by a bad swerve on the turn, winning by a short head from Major Daingerfield, a strong second choice in the betting. James Reddick, Phil Finch and Lady Ellison, all of whom were the best of their respective fields, were the other winning favorites. Results:

First race, five and a half furlongs: Hyacinth won, Gay Adelaide second, The Plains third. Time: 1:14⅘.

Second race, seven furlongs: James Reddick won, Dr. Heard second, Ruth W. third. Time: 1:27⅘.

Third race, one mile and an eighth: Phil Finch won, Torchello second, Gold Enamel third. Time: 2:06.

Fourth race, six and a half furlongs, the Gentilly selling stakes: Calabash won, Major Daingerfield second, La Sorciere third. Time: 1:20⅘.

Fifth race, one mile: Lady Ellison won, Macbeth second, King Ellsworth third. Time: 1:50⅘.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth: Los Angeleno won, Harmakiss second, Charlie Thompson third. Time: 1:53⅘.

Results at City Park:

First race, seven furlongs: Woodlin won, Big Bow second, Mildred L. third. Time: 1:42⅘.

Second race, five and a half furlongs: St. Joseph won, Gus Heidorn second, Mint Boy third. Time: 1:51⅘.

Third race, one mile and a quarter: Knowledge won, Double second, Safety Light third. Time: 2:26.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, the New Orleans Terminal railway handicap: Tinker won, Daring second, R. U. On third. Time: 1:39.

Fifth race, seven furlongs: Foreigner won, Bazil second, The Laurel third. Time: 1:39⅘.

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards: Harry Stephens won, Freebooter second, Delphie third. Time: 1:58.

Seventh race, seven furlongs: Modred won, St. Tammany second, Gambler third. Time: 1:37.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Results at Ingleside:

First race, six furlongs: Birdie P. won, Jake Ward second, Duelist third. Time: 1:16⅘.

Second race, six furlongs: Tom McGrath won, J. K. P. second, Iron Watson third. Time: 1:16.

Third race, one mile and a sixteenth: Eckersall won, Dixie Lad second, Angelica third. Time: 1:49⅘.

Fourth race, one mile, the Tenney handicap for 2-year-olds, purse $1,600: Sir Edward won, Charlatan second, Tenordale third. Time: 1:42⅘.

Fifth race, five furlongs: Belle Reed won, Titus II second, Bucolic third. Time: 1:02.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth: Northwest won, Gateway second, Gloomy Gus third. Time: 1:49.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Results at Ascot:

First race, Brooks course: Mierena won, Hoodwink second, The Borgian third. Time: 2:04⅘.

Second race, one mile: Secret won, Sandstorm second, Salnada third. Time: 1:02⅘.

Third race, six furlongs: Big Ben won, Don Domo second, Valencia third. Time: 1:13⅘.

Fourth race, the Coronada Beach selling stakes, $1,250 added, one mile and a sixteenth: Varicles won, Rubric second, Marshal Ney third. Time: 1:46⅘.

Fifth race, special, $2,500 added, six furlongs: Bearcatcher won, Handzarra second, Cruzados third. Time: 1:13.

Sixth race, handicap, one mile and seventy yards: Good Luck won, Eletros second, Male Lowry third. Time: 1:45⅘.

Seventh race, one mile: Cutter won, Judge Denton second, Sals third. Time: 1:40.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

Following is the standing of the teams in the Omaha Bowling league at the end of the first half of the season:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per C.	Total Pins.
Cudahys	42	30	12	714	38,799
Metz Bros	42	27	15	643	37,096
Storz Blues	39	24	15	615	35,373
Armours	42	24	18	571	38,517
Krug Parks	42	22	20	524	38,515
Onimods	39	19	20	487	34,546
Benos	42	10	32	238	35,598
Black Kats	42	9	33	214	35,680

Detailed work of teams:

	Per C.	Str.	Spa.	Spl.	Er's.
Krug Parks	.916	765	939	256	155
Storz Blues	.905	694	863	229	164
Metz Bros	.903	733	931	257	179
Cudahys	.901	767	909	249	184
Armours	.897	765	925	219	193
Onimods	.886	671	849	236	194
Benos	.841	615	795	257	233
Black Kats	.838	652	880	300	298

	Played.	Av.		Played.	Av.
Sprague	39	192	Jarp	36	178
McCague	33	189	Frush	42	178
Conrad	39	189	Magill	33	178
Johnson, W. H.	27	188	Anderson	30	178
Fritscher	39	188	Encell	33	178
Francisco, G.	15	188	Denman	36	177
Weber	12	187	Marthe	33	177
Cochran	42	187	Sheldon	36	176
Gjerde	42	186	Hodges	27	176
Zimmerman	36	185	Pickering	39	175
Clay	39	185	Tracy	36	174
Potter	42	184	Hunter	15	174
Huntington	39	184	Welty	24	171
Tonneman	39	184	Schneider	18	170
Francisco C.	36	183	Nicol	18	170
Forscutt	39	183	Molyneaux	24	169
French	39	183	Chandler	24	169
Neale	42	183	Chatelain	31	168
Bengele	27	182	Read	18	168
Williams	34	181	Davis	18	167
Brunke	18	181	Johnson, G.	12	167
Reed	26	180	Waber	11	166
Hull	39	180	Hughes	18	166
Hartley	42	180	Snyder	27	164
Jones	21	178	Mullis	27	163
Griffiths	42	178	Rempke	30	162

Standing of the teams in Commercial Bowling league:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Life Malts	33	26	7	.788
Falstaffs	33	24	9	.727
Stephens & Smith	33	20	13	.606
Gold Tops	33	19	14	.576
P. & G. Kamos	33	15	18	.455
Hugo F. Bilz	33	10	23	.303
Thurston Rifles	33	9	24	.273
Armours No. 2	33	9	24	.273

All games for next week will be postponed on account of the holidays.

Individual averages of the Commercial Bowling league:

	Ave.			Ave.
Furay	183 4-27	Davis	156 3-9	
Berger	182 18-30	Drinkwater	155 11-24	
Walenz	181 4-33	Klouck	155 5-6	
Nelson	177 13-30	Primeau	154 20-27	
Beck	175 11-30	Hamblet	154 22-30	
Crooks	174 11-30	White	153 32-33	
McKelvey	169 15-24	Rush	153 17-24	
Sutton	169 12-24	Mahoney	153 15-33	
Utt	168 16-30	Foley	152 1-18	
Carman	68	O'Connor	151 1-33	
Stapenhorst	167 22-30	Rice	150 18-30	
Coughlan	167 3-30	R. Nichols	150 21-33	
Hinricks	166 25-27	Grotte	149 1-30	
Johnson	166 15-24			

Phil Walenz won the case of beer given by the Krug Brewing company for the three highest games in the month of December, totalling 641. Crooks nailed the hat by making the high single game of 244, donated by Stephens & Smith, hatters and furnishers.

REVISING COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Replies to Circular Indicate Desire to Eliminate Brutality.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The circular sent out recently by the University of Pennsylvania, through its committee on athletics, with the view of systematizing athletic rules, has brought a large number of replies, many of them from representative state universities and a still greater number from colleges and schools.

In the circular the important questions were:

First—The possible adoption of a simple and uniform eligibility code so as to avoid unseemly squabbles between institutions.

Second—The elision of brutal and foul play.

Third—The change of playing rules "so as to minimize danger."

The suggestions contained in the replies to the circular have been referred to the rules committee of the Athletic association of the University of Pennsylvania. Unreserved approval of the increased penalties imposed for brutality and foul play was expressed in a large majority of the replies and approved with certain modifications in nearly all of the remainder.

As a whole the eligibility code was cordially commended in more than three-fourths of the replies.

The replies so far received indicate a widespread interest in the subject and are regarded as an indication of the des