

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

**Police Board Being Urged to Order Sunday Closing of Saloons.**

**BIG BANQUET TO LIVE STOCK BREEDERS**  
Concerns to Locate Here Which Will Manufacture Furniture and Interior Finishes on a Large Scale.

Although there is no organized effort on the part of the temperance forces of this city, nevertheless, there is and has been much earnest interest taken in the question of the Sunday closing of the saloons. Numerous persons have been petitioning the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners expressing a desire that they take some definite action. Yesterday Rev. James Wise of St. Martin's Episcopal church wrote a public letter to the board setting forth his view of the matter. He argued for the benefits of the movement in all its phases. Speaking of his letter he said that he appreciated the position of the board in this place and its expressed desire to wait until the board in the big city had taken some definite action. He said it was only natural that the South Omaha should hesitate in the matter. Nevertheless, he thought the time and the sentiment was ripe for a radical move in this direction. He said he found the greater part of the temperate classes enthusiastically in favor of the move. It was his belief that not only should the Sunday closing be ordered by the brewers, but that the board should make the closing doubly secure by putting the order on record.

**Banquet to Live Stock Breeders.**  
The members of the South Omaha Livestock exchange are taking much interest in the approaching banquet to be given by that body to the Central Shorthorn Breeders' association, to be given at the Millard hotel February 6. It is known that there will be at least 300 covers laid for the guests. The arrangements will be under the personal supervision of the officers of the Livestock exchange. On the part of the exchange the speakers of the occasion will be Captain D. S. Parkhurst, T. B. McPherson, Bruce McCullough and J. H. Van Dusen. There will be at least three responses from the breeders' organization. It will be one of the largest banquets ever given by the Livestock exchange.

**New Manufacturing Concern.**  
It is reported by members of the Commercial club that the Wentworth Manufacturing company will locate here in the spring. It is known that the citizens of South Omaha have taken stock in the company. Some thousands of dollars have already been subscribed and the company has declared that it is satisfied with that amount. It is expected that the plant will be located on West W street somewhere between the Union Pacific and the Jettier brewery. In case the company is located here, the plant would be constructed to accommodate both it and the brewery. The company will manufacture all kinds of cash, doors, interior woodwork and furniture, especially office furniture. It will have a large capacity.

In connection with the erection of this plant it is thought that the Union Pacific will be ready to construct its newly proposed viaduct in the southwest quarter known as the U street viaduct. Plans have been perfected on several sites and it is not yet exactly determined. It is surmised by those outside that it will be constructed on the site which has its eastern terminus on the alley between U and V streets. The alley between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth and south of U street will be graded to give the approach from the north side. This gives in Potter & Cobb's addition to the corner of South Omaha, block No. 4, a frontage on U street. The viaduct will then cross the railroad at a right angle and its western terminus will be almost on W street. This viaduct has been clamored for for years by the country people in a large section which will be accommodated by the engineer here working with the railroad company with the surveys, to see that the erection of the viaduct will not interfere with the construction of the proposed new sewer system. So far as known there have been no contracts let for any part of the work.

**Reviving Commercial Club.**  
An effort is being made to revive an interest in the formation of a strong commercial club. President E. L. Culver thinks there is no reason in the world why the city should not have a thriving organization. There was a time, and not so many years ago, when the commercial club was vigorous and always bustling to the front. Naturally, perhaps, there came a lull. The reason may be traced to many causes, one of which is that the old organization had accomplished a very great work and fulfilled to a large extent its objects. Now there are many new elements arising which demand the attention of a good, sound and hard working body.

**Large Attendance at Musical.**  
The auditorium of the high school building was filled to the doors last night to hear the musicals offered by the Omaha Musical society. Over 100 tickets were sold and it is believed that the treasury of St. Martin's church will receive a generous margin of profit. The great audience especially enjoyed the folk songs which were rendered without any accompaniment. There was no word of the simple melodies which were indistinct and all the voices spoke as by simple impulse. The quartet selections were generously applauded. Mr. Goodwill Dickerman was no disappointment and his quaint sayings kept the audience laughing over one joke while they held their breaths for the next. Every one spoke well of the vocal and violin solos also. The chorus ended the entertainment with a favorite selection, "The Long Day Closes," by Sullivan, and it was well said that it left the audience wishing for more.

**Many Would Be Councilmen.**  
Four new candidates filed yesterday for nomination at the primaries. They were Barney Ogan (dem.) as councilman in the Fourth ward; Frank Markytans (rep.) candidate for councilman in the Fifth ward; T. Jeff. Cooley, 308 North Thirty-second street, as councilman in the Fifth ward; Charles W. Knight filed as a republican candidate for the vacancy on the school board. From present indication, the position on the city council is more sought than any other within the gift of the people. Out of thirty-three filings, twenty-three have been for the office of councilman.

**Single City Gossip.**  
Joseph Ropch, 291 S. Street, reports the birth of a boy.  
Miss Cora McIntyre will entertain a number of her intimate friends Saturday evening.  
A case of scarlet fever is reported at the home of James Eicher, Twenty-first and Madison streets.  
The burial of Richard Braden took place yesterday at 4 p. m. from Brewer's undertaking parlors. He was buried at Laurel Hill.

The Nebraska Telephone company is busy running cable in the conduits today. The men have been working for two days past on the job.  
W. Boyd Smith, Fifteenth and M streets, was called to his home at Salome Springs, Ark., where his father is dead. He left the city yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a lunch at the church at noon today for the benefit of the missionary society.  
Mrs. J. M. Tanner will entertain a number of her friends at an afternoon reception

at her home, 1320 North Twenty-fourth street, Wednesday, January 24.  
Mrs. H. E. Tager, Mrs. W. D. Godfrey and Mrs. J. E. King will share the honor of giving an "at home" at the residence of Mrs. King, 211 S. Street, on January 25.  
Miss Lynn Sutherland, president of the Rebekah assembly, leaving this morning for Salem, Neb., where she will conduct an installation in the local lodge at that point.

S. A. Brown and Miss Nettie Leighton of Omaha will be welcomed to the home of the First Baptist church Wednesday night. Rev. George VanWinkle performed the ceremony.  
Miss Cora Holmes will entertain the Old Maids' club (and their escorts) tonight at her home, 253 S. Street. This is the first of a series of socials and the first of the kind in the city. It has eight staunch members.

Clerk Council No. 132 of the Knights and Ladies of Security will give a progressive high-five party Saturday evening, January 20, at the home of Mrs. J. E. King, which members and friends will be welcome.  
Frances, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy, Jr., died at the home of Mr. Kennedy, 2230 North Twenty-fourth street, Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. She was 230 p. m. old and the burial will be at St. Mary's cemetery.

All who are interested in personal salvation are invited to a religious meeting which will be held at the First Baptist church tonight at 7:30 p. m. Rev. George VanWinkle will conduct the meeting. C. E. Johnson will be the soloist.

There is to be a meeting of the stockholders of the Ancient Order of United Workmen's Temple association tonight for the purpose of electing four directors and transacting any other business which may regularly come before the meeting.

City Treasurer E. L. Howe took a trip to the county treasury to draw the money due from the school fund and the redemption funds of the scavenger tax sales. The former amounted to \$3,000 and the latter to \$200. There has been a balance of \$10,000 in warrants, the notice expiring which warrants are to be retired.

A grand masquerade ball will be given by the South Omaha Polkautsche Verein, Saturday night at the Germania temple. Costumes can be secured at the ball. A union orchestra will furnish the music. The most characteristic and comical masks six prices will be offered. These prizes may be seen in M. Yost's window, 242 S. Street.

George Miller and Louis Vaselanko, thirty-fourth and A streets, were arrested for taking an overcoat with them to the Kosowosky's. They are all Polish. Vaselanko told that Kosowosky gave him a board bill from last spring and that he took the coat and gave it to him to pay the bill. Kosowosky objected to that kind of payment and also denied the bill altogether, so the two were jailed for petit larceny.

**DIVORCE CASE DRAWS CROWD**  
Husband's Attempt to Secure Separation from Wife Attracts Many Neighbors.

Judge Sears faced a court room full of Bohemian citizens when he took his seat on the bench Thursday morning. The case that brought the crowd into court was that of Joseph Dvorak against Mary Dvorak, for divorce. Among the witnesses summoned were a dozen young and old women, eight or nine men and half a dozen children. Judge Sears stood them all up in a row and swore them to the truth en masse, after which each individual person became desperately attentive to the testimony of the plaintiff. This trial will be an incident to date things from hereafter among the acquaintances of the Dvoraks.

The husband testified he had been engaged in the grocery business with his brother, then in the brick making business with his father-in-law. He lays the blame for his marital troubles on his wife, and accuses his wife of having established another in his home as "the man of the house," during his absence in Chicago. This person died and then another interloper butted in, according to plaintiff.

The trial will be an incident to date things from hereafter among the acquaintances of the Dvoraks. Catherine Pahl is divorced from Claus. She alleged cruel treatment.  
Linda Alderman is no longer the wife of John W. Schick, but with habits of drunkenness and cruelty and the court found the charges well based.

**WOMAN HELD FOR DIAMONDS**  
Mrs. Lillian Barr-Lillian Morrison Must Face Trial in the District Court.

Lillian Barr, arrested last Saturday at the T. L. Combs store, 1520 Douglas street, on the charge of grand larceny, was tried in police court Thursday morning and held by the police judge for trial in the district court. The young woman was given an opportunity to furnish bail of \$200.  
Mansfield Combs, when placed on the stand, told practically the same story of the alleged theft of the pair of diamond earrings as was published last Sunday. He testified he saw the woman take some of the goods he was showing her. The earrings in question were found under the woman's chair in the diamond room. Mrs. Barr pleaded not guilty of the charge filed against her.

Mrs. Barr presented quite a striking appearance in the police court room. Her features were attractive and she was dressed in black. The woman gave her name on the stand as Lillian Morrison and said she was from London, although her recent residence had been Atchison, Kan. She came to Omaha the same day of her arrest and declared she had not been in the Combs store. Her attorney, J. H. Macfarland, made a motion for a dismissal of the case, but the police judge overruled the motion.

**NED PETTIT PASSES AWAY**  
Vice President of George H. Lee Company Dies After Brief Illness of Four Days.

Ned Pettit, vice president of the George H. Lee company, 1115 Harney street, died Wednesday afternoon at his residence, 2625 California street, after four days' illness with a cold, which developed into pneumonia. The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery.  
Mr. Pettit was vice president of the Lee company four years. Before coming to Omaha he was agent for the Northwestern Railroad company at Fremont. He was an old member of the Lee company, having served at Missouri Valley, Ia., Exeter, Neb., and other places. He spent most of his life in the west and was well known as an active business man.  
The six foremen of the Lee factory will serve as pall bearers Friday afternoon. Mr. Pettit had personal charge of the factory and stood close to the employees. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is survived by a wife.

**DAILY CASE IS DISMISSED**  
Fire Escape Suit Filed by Labor Commissioner Rush to Be Revived.

Judge Day has dismissed the cases brought by Henry T. Labor Commissioner Rush against Harry T. Daly, as agent for certain apartment houses that are not supplied with fire escapes. The court had intimated he considered the complaints had been filed before the expiration of the time allowed by the statute for the erection of the fire escapes; also that he was doubtful whether an agent could be held liable under the law. Taking the hint, the county attorney moved for a dismissal of the two complaints. Judge Day granted the motion and the case is dismissed.

## ONLY A FEW MORE LEFT

ELM CREEK, Neb., Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Jubilee issue of The Bee has been received by me, which certainly was a splendid number. In fact, was the best I have ever seen put up by any newspaper that has ever come to my hands. The best justice I could see fit to do with same was to send it to Mr. George Bailey of Aarhus, Denmark, after I had read it over myself. This I also do with every issue of The Sunday Bee, for Mr. Bailey, being an Englishman, appreciates the value of a paper such as The Bee.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was greatly surprised and delighted to receive a copy of your paper containing pictorial illustration of the progress of Omaha, and the fine bird's-eye view of the city. You may well feel proud of your city and its enterprises. I expect in the near future to visit Omaha and inspect the wonderful evolution of the last thirty-seven years. Many thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I am yours truly, BENJAMIN P. COOPER.

(Mr. Cooper, who is one of the leading members of the New York Produce exchange, was a former resident of Omaha and used to know the town well.)

AKELBY, Minn., Jan. 12.—Mr. A. H. Hennings, City Treasurer, Omaha: We beg to acknowledge receipt of the map and the supplement of The Omaha Bee, for which we are obliged.

We are very much gratified to note the very material advance that Omaha has made in the last few years, but we are not surprised, as we have always been firm believers in the future of Omaha and of the west. It is, however, always pleasing to see one's beliefs confirmed. With kind regards we remain respectfully yours, S. PITZER & CO.

## REWARD FOR DOG SLAYERS

Twenty-Five Dollars Offered by Humane Society for Culprit Doing the Mischief.

The poisoning of several valuable dogs, presumably by design, has excited residents of the Fifth ward in the vicinity of the Sherman apartment house. Within the last few days an Irish water spaniel valued at \$100, and a pedigreed and registered beagle hound belonging to the same man have died from the effects of ground glass in the stomach. The third victim was an imported Scotch collie belonging to another resident.

So high does the indignation run that an appeal was made to the Nebraska Humane society to take action in the matter. The result was the following announcement:  
This society has information that a number of valuable dogs, during the month of January, have been killed by ground glass fed to them by a person or persons. This offense is so despicable on account of the horrible suffering of the animals that, in order to prevent repetition of the occurrence, this society offers a reward of \$25 to anyone furnishing information which will lead to the conviction and conviction of those guilty of the crime.

The names of the owners of the dogs poisoned are not made public.

## STATE FAIR MEN START WORK

Youngers and Mellor Begin at Once on Plans for Next Big Show.

Peter Youngers of Geneva, the newly elected president of the State Board of Agriculture and W. R. Mellor, the newly elected secretary, were in the city Thursday, starting out on their campaign for the big state fair next fall. Mr. Youngers is the oldest member of the board and Mr. Mellor was the retiring president.  
It is known that Mr. Mellor is in favor of making the speed department a feature of the state fair and at a meeting held at Lincoln Wednesday night the members of the committee reported the premiums in the past have been sufficient. Mr. Mellor thinks this department could be a magnet to draw more people to Lincoln during fair week, recalling the great Jay-Eve-Bee day, when over 25,000 crowded within the grounds of the fair. The department was appointed in charge of the speed department.

## GLOVER WANTS SITE HERE

Kansas City Veteran Grain Man Seeks Location for Elevator in Omaha.

Word comes from Kansas City that John L. Glover, for some years an extensive grain operator in that city, will come to Omaha and build an elevator. It is not announced as to the size of the elevator which Mr. Glover and his associates will build, nor is the location, as only preliminary steps have been taken toward building in this city.  
A prominent local grain man said:  
"There is every reason to think some of these Kansas City operators will come to Omaha and erect elevators. This city is becoming recognized as a great grain market. The advantages of its central location right in the heart of the grain belt are becoming more and more apparent as the market is making itself felt and attracting the attention of the grain world."

## CLERKS ANXIOUS FOR JOBS

Subordinates at County Court House Are Perturbed Over Fear of Being Cut Off.

Many signs of relief will ascend from anxious breasts in the court house after the county commissioners hold their meeting Saturday morning. Even those who are reckoning that they may be in the discard after the commissioners finish right in the heart of the grain belt are becoming more and more apparent as the market is making itself felt and attracting the attention of the grain world.

**Fire Under Water**  
Is not more surprising that the quick, pleasant curative effects of Dr. King's New Life Pills. See; guaranteed. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

**Mortality Statistics.**  
The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Thursday:  
Births—Joseph Fuxa, 1421 South Fourth; Philip Phillips, 2206 South Fifteenth; Mrs. Andrew Wiegman, 224 Cass; Mrs. Deane—Mrs. M. Crane, 1817 South Twentieth; St. Christina Bergstrom, 1112 Ames avenue; St. George L. Redman, 1404 North

## MOTHER RECOVERS HER CHILD

Mrs. Frank Jackson Gets Back Her Baby Which Father Tried to Secure.

Frank Jackson, who was reported as having kidnapped his 3-year-old daughter from his wife at Le Claire, Ia., Wednesday, was for a year proprietor of the Richelleu hotel of Omaha. Jackson is said to have entered the home of his wife at Le Claire and picked up the little girl bodily and then fled with her to the mother, who lost the trail in the darkness. Jackson was later caught by the authorities at Le Claire and the girl was restored to her mother.

Inquiries at the Richelleu hotel brought the report from the attaché and guest that the mother had had much trouble for a year. The daughter was taken by her father on Sixteenth street last month, so it is reported.  
The trouble between the man and wife is said to have started when the wife went to live with a colored man who has two children. Jackson is said to have sent the wife \$5 every week since the separation for support of his daughter and has instituted divorce proceedings on the grounds the mother is not a fit person to take care of the girl. The Jacksons gave up the hotel two months ago since which time the husband has worked at the smelter.

## MORE ROOM FOR THE PUBLIC

Greater Space is Being Provided at Office of the City Engineer.

Changes are being made in the city engineering department offices to provide for more room and greater convenience to the public. Inasmuch as the department now performs most of the work and keeps the records formerly handled by the old Board of Public Works, the rooms used by this body are to be utilized. The engineer will have a private office in one of the smaller rooms and the largest one will be the general room for the public. Assistant Engineer Craig will occupy the quarters vacated by Mr. Rosewater and the assistant's old offices will be used by the field men. The permit and special tax levy departments will retain their present offices.

## PROTEST ON SUGAR TARIFF

Petition Sent by North Platte People to Nebraska Delegation at Washington.

The Philippine sugar tariff bill which is now in the hands of the senate, unless some strong measures are taken, will go by the board, interested parties in Omaha believe.  
The citizens of North Platte held a mass meeting and sent a telegram to M. P. Nicklaid, congressman from Nebraska.  
The citizens of North Platte in mass meeting request the Nebraska senators and members of congress to oppose the proposed reduction of duty on Philippine sugar.

Was signed by W. W. Birge, chairman of the mass meeting.

## NO ACTION YET ON SALARIES

Teachers' Committee of Board of Education Talks, but Does Nothing.

A meeting of the teachers' committee of the Board of Education was held Wednesday night at the city hall for consideration of the teachers' demand for increased pay. It was stated that no definite action was taken and that the time was occupied in merely discussing the situation, which was the grounds for the committee. Another session is to be held later in the week, at which President McCague and the chairman of the finance committee probably will be present.

## NICHOLAS WILL BE ABSENT

Can Will Not Attend Ceremony of Blessing Waters of the Neva Today.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—Disastrous of the spirit of his capital and perhaps remembering the incident of last January, when one of the saluting guns showed grape on the imperial chapel, the emperor will not come to St. Petersburg for the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva tomorrow. For the first time since the Empress Anna laid the foundations of the winter palace, in 1722, the great church festival of the Epiphany will pass without the presence of the sovereign in his red and white palace, and without him at the head of the procession for the blessing of the Neva. The details of this ceremony will be carried out as far as possible in the palace at Tsarsko-Selo. A great flagon of the waters of the Neva will be taken to the palace and this will be mingled with the contents of a cauldron filled with waters from the sacred river Jordan.

The colors of all the guard regiments have been taken to Tsarsko-Selo and these will be blessed and sprinkled with sacred water. The ceremony, which is an adaptation of the church of old pagan rites, will take place in every village and hamlet in the empire.

It is still regarded in many parts of the country as a means of exorcising demons and other evil spirits who are to be forced to plunge through a hole cut into the ice into the frigid waters of the river, and lakes and where they are sealed up by the crucifix. The ceremony in St. Petersburg will be performed in the monastery of Alexander Nevsky on the banks of the Neva above the city.

## DRAINAGE CANAL LOSES SUIT

Verdict for Damages in Comparatively Small Amount is Awarded Land Owners.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 18.—The jury in the case of W. Curran and Congressman Joseph V. Graft against the Sanitary district of Chicago, today brought in a verdict in favor of the complainants in the sum of \$750. The amount sued for was \$53,000. This is the first of a series of suits against the drainage district, the total of which aggregate \$1,500,000. The plaintiffs claim that by reason of the immense volume of water, caused into the Illinois river from the drainage district their lands have been submerged, and great damage resulted. The case was stubbly contested on account of the effect it would have on the other cases, the hearing lasting seven weeks and four days.

**Sherman Avenue Club Dance.**  
A most enjoyable masquerade ball, participated in by about 100 couples, was given by the Sherman Avenue Social club at Eberling's hall, 2614 Sherman avenue, last night. Nearly all the prominent business men of that section, with their wives, were present. Four prizes were given, the winning lady being Mrs. W. E. Erbank, and the winning men, first and second women's prizes respectively, and Messrs. Erbank and McKeone, the prizes.

**Dr. Hyde at the Boyce.**  
Dr. Hyde, representing the Boyce league, who is in this country on a tour in the interest of that order, will speak in Boyd's hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Dr. Hyde has been finally determined by the local managers of the order.

## LATE REPORT OF RAILWAYS

United States Leads World in Mileage and in Recent Growth.

**COASTWISE TRADE SHOWS INCREASE**

**Department of Commerce and Labor Finds Freight Rates, Both by Land and Water, Have Materially Decreased.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The United States leads the world both in the present mileage and the recent growth of its railways. This is shown in a report on "The Transportation Routes and Systems of the World," issued by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It points out that the total railway mileage of the world, aggregating in 1904, 549,000 miles, was 21,000 miles in the United States, 3,332 miles in European Russia, 22,967 miles in Germany, 23,102 in France, 26,960 in India, 21,120 in Austria-Hungary, 22,604 in the United Kingdom, 19,611 in Canada, 15,500 in Africa, 14,113 in Australia, 11,603 in Argentina, 10,356 in Mexico, 9,301 in Italy, 9,244 in Brazil, 7,857 in Sweden, 7,282 in Siberia, Manchuria and other former Asiatic possessions of Russia, 4,405 in Japan and 1,178 in China. The growth of the railways in the United States has been very rapid. Beginning in 1825 with 1,000 miles, the number steadily grew and in the decade 1895 it doubled and they rapidly came up to the present number, which represents an outlay of \$11,500,000,000 out of an aggregate cost of \$27,000,000,000 for the entire world.

The total tonnage of vessels flying the American flag increased from 5,212,000 tons in 1895 to 6,548,000 tons in 1905. This increase is due to the increase in the tonnage of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade. The tonnage of vessels engaged in the foreign trade fell from 2,348,358 in 1895 to 2,413,759 tons in 1905.

Freight rates on both land and sea have fallen. The rate per bushel of wheat from New York to Liverpool was about 10 cents in 1875 and about 1 cent in 1905. The amount of passengers and freight transported has increased considerably. During 1904-1905 passengers and freight transported were 19,544,351 passengers and 1,400,000,000 pounds of freight. In 1885 the number of passengers carried was 35,427,688 and freight 457,000,000 tons.

The influence the improvement of means of transportation on land and water has on the trade of the world is discussed. Under the new treaty systems of the last century which have developed the interior of continents and made merchantable many commodities which formerly would not bear the cost of transportation, the report says, the international commerce of the world is today about fifteen times as much as at the beginning of the last century, while the world's population in but two and one-half times as much as at that time. The commerce of the world's population, as a whole, having thus grown from less than \$2.50 per capita in 1850 to nearly \$14 per capita at the present time.

## FIELD'S FUNERAL IS PRIVATE

No Chicago Building Would Hold Those Desiring to Be Present.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The body of Marshall Field arrived in Chicago today in a special train over the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. The train was stopped at the Thirty-first street station of the road, which is much nearer the Field mansion than the downtown station. A large number of the friends of Mr. Field were in waiting and a detail of police was there to keep back the crowd of curious which had gathered as soon as the hearse had stopped in front of the depot. When the casket had been placed in the hearse it was at once driven to the Field residence at 1965 Prairie avenue.

The funeral will be held at the late residence of Mr. Field at 12 o'clock tomorrow and will be extremely simple in character. So many requests for admission to the funeral were made that it was found that there would not be a building in Chicago sufficiently large to hold one-half of the people who would endeavor to attend the services, and it was at the last minute agreed to abandon the idea of a public funeral. The funeral will be held in the private chapel of the Field mansion.

The services at the house will consist of a simple music service and a brief address by Rev. J. A. Morrison of the First Presbyterian church. The body will be placed in the casket in the morning and the great church festival of the Epiphany will pass without the presence of the sovereign in his red and white palace, and without him at the head of the procession for the blessing of the Neva. The details of this ceremony will be carried out as far as possible in the palace at Tsarsko-Selo.

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## COAL MINERS MAKING SCALE

Organization Will Support Anthracite Men in Any Fight that May Develop.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—Important developments with regard to the anthracite situation are expected momentarily in the United Mine Workers' convention as the result of a conference of the district officers and delegates representing the anthracite region held at the hotel headquarters tonight.  
Nothing of the nature of the business which came before the conference was given out by the members. It is conceded, however, that the business of the men represented this and to formulate some method of getting their position before the national convention and obtaining formal assurance of the delegates that the national body will support the anthracite miners in any situation which may develop as a result of the conference to be held between the anthracite operators and the committee appointed by the miners in their Shamokin conference.  
Sectional meetings of the scale committee were held this afternoon and tonight, and will continue tomorrow. It is not expected that the committee can come together as a whole again before tomorrow night.

## SNOW STORM CAUSES TROUBLE

Twelve Passengers Injured in Wreck in Colorado and One Train Snowbound.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—Heavy snow in the mountains west of Denver caused an accident yesterday on the South Park branch of the Colorado & Southern railroad, in which twelve passengers were injured, but none fatally. Train No. 72, from Leadville for Denver, was struck by a snowslide at Unweva Lake, three miles west of Frisco, four coaches being toppled over and almost completely buried under snow. The injured

## HAZING OF BRUTAL NATURE

Cadets Testify that They Were Made to Do Stunts Until Physically Exhausted.

**PROBING A MURDER MYSTERY**

**New Hampshire Authorities Investigating Case Wherein Fire Fatal.**

PEMBROKE, N. H., Jan. 18.—The authorities of Merrimack county and of the town of Pembroke today resumed the investigation of the grim tragedy in which seven persons were victims and an eighth took his own life yesterday. After daylight many of the townspeople visited the ruins of the farm house at North Pembroke, which for three years had been occupied by Charles F. Ayer, his immediate family and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Isaac Lakeman. Following the murder of Mrs. Lakeman, Mrs. Ayer and the five children of the latter, the farm buildings were burned and the bodies incinerated. Before the fire was discovered by the neighbors Ayer left home for the residence of his sister, Mrs. George Bailey, in the town of Chichester, six miles distant, where he shot himself after being informed of the destruction of the property. Ayer died last night without making a statement which would assist the authorities to ascertain the exact manner in which his seven relatives met their deaths.

Ayer acted in a strange manner after his arrival at the Bailey house and the county officials concluded early in the evening, after a hasty investigation, that he had murdered all seven members of his family as they lay in their beds late Tuesday night or early yesterday morning. The ruins had cooled during the night and a careful search was instituted for the remains of five of the victims. Two charred trunks, one of which is supposed to be that of Mrs. Lakeman and the other that of a child, were found in the debris. The authorities believe that Ayer used an axe or some other noiseless weapon, as they have learned that the neighbors heard no pistol shots or disturbance of any kind from the Ayer home previous to the fire. They do not expect the details of the actual commission of the crime will ever be known.

In his investigation of Ayer's movements yesterday County Solicitor Clifford learned that Ayer had visited Chichester, where he sold his team and purchased the revolver with which he ended his life. He made his appearance at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bailey, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. An hour later his neighbor, William H. Fowler, arrived and told Ayer of the burning of his home.

Without a word in reply Ayer drew the revolver from his pocket and shot himself in the head on the porch. The wound was not fatal. He never regained consciousness and died at 9:30 o'clock in the evening. Further investigations disclosed the fact that for three months he had been brooding over fancied financial wrongs in connection with the settlement of the estate of his wife's father, Isaac Lakeman, who died young at the age of thirty-two, named as executor. No final settlement of the estate has been made, however. In November last Mrs. Lakeman put up the farm at auction and it was bought by one of her sons, Fayette Lakeman. He made an arrangement for Ayer and his wife to remain on the place, having their rent free in return for boarding Mrs. Lakeman, paying the taxes and making repairs. Ayer, however, insisted that his wife should receive the share of the purchase money that would be hers as an heir before she signed the deed to the place. To this her brother refused to consent. Ayer was angry, but his wife finally signed the deed. The failure to obtain this ready money to meet his very pressing financial needs is believed to have unbalanced Ayer mentally.

The discovery of the ruins resulted in the finding of the five remaining bodies during the forenoon. All were burned horribly and it was practically impossible to tell one from another, save that a difference in size indicated that of the mother.

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