AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Bids for City Hall Sites Opened at Meeting of the City Council.

NO ACTION TAKEN TOWARD A PURCHASE

Three Propositions Looked Upon with Favor and the Choice is Likely to Fall on One of Them.

A larger crowd than has attended any council meeting for the last three months gathered in the council chamber last night. The early part of the session was taken up by routine business. The treasurer's monthly report was presented and placed on file. Several communications were read and among them the letter of M. Brunsky was referred to the city engineer. This referred to the property line and a survey of the alley. The perfected lease for the building at present used for the city hall was filed. The contract of Gus Hamel, to whom the building of the permanent sidewalks was awarded, was approved, subject to the approval of the city attorney. A petition to grade Thirty-ninth street from Q to Y streets was presented. Ordinances Nos. 1447, 1448 and 1449 were read the third time and passed. Each of these ordinances referred to the establishment of the grade, the first on Thirty-first from Jefferson to Harrison, the second on Thirty-ninth from Q to Y and the third the alley between Twenty-ninth street and Commercial avenue from C to E streets.

From these details the council proceeded to canvass the returns of the special election of last Thursday. The returns were verified and the result formulated by the council acting as a committee of the whole. There was no change in the reports previously published. There was found to be 1,609 votes cast on the question and 1,108 for the bonds and 501 against. This gives a majority of 607 for the bonds.

A motion was introduced by Councilman Klewit awarding all the job printing to Oliver & White, provided the prices asked were not excessive. This is the outgrowth of a bitter fight between the printers at the time of the letting of the annual contracts.

The board then opened the bids of the paving contractors for the guttering of Twenty-third street from Missouri avenue to the city limits. The lowest bidder was that of Dan Hannon, whose bid of both grades of the guttering and curbing was 72½ cents. There were a number of competitors, but none of them was as low as this in any instance. The contract was awarded to Mr. Hannon.

Bids on the city hall site were the item of greatest interest of the evening and contrary to expectations there were a large number of propositions offered. Many of them were rejected because the bidder did not enclose the required certified check to the amount of $100. The most important bids were those of Anderson & Roen, on the corner of Twenty-fifth and M streets which was offered to the city at $8,000. The next offer was that of J. T. O'Neil, the southwest corner of Twenty-fourth and O streets. The lowest offer of his three propositions was $10,000 and ranged up to $15,000. L. C. Gibson offered the southeast corner of Twenty-fifth and O streets at $16,000. H. M. Christie offered the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth and L streets, a plot of 14,400 square feet, for $7,500. This was the lowest offer of any by $500, and it is generally believed the contest will be between this corner, the one offered by Anderson & Roen and that offered by O'Neil. All the bids were referred to the city council as a whole and they will look over the sites.

It was ordered that the city clerk draw a warrant on the treasurer for $530 to pay the officers of the recent registration and the revision. This is the largest item in the expense, which the Union stock yards is to pay to the city as per the agreement in the mass meeting of last month.

In the midst of these affairs there was a motion introduced to have the city pay for the extension of the permanent sidewalks on the east side of Twenty-fourth street to the gutter line in those places where the narrowing of the streets had left a space between the old walk and the gutter newly constructed. This was carried and the item will be paid out of the intersection funds.

The council adjourned to meet again tonight. The city hall site may be decided on, and possibly the preliminary steps of the sewer bond proposition will come up.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. H. Lovely has gone to Chicago on business interests.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church will meet all day at the home of Mrs. Ralbot, 2704 D street.

Miss Anna D. Riley went on a business trip to Chicago yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Steel City, Neb., is a guest of E. E. E. Ridgeway.

Frank Carlson, Seventeenth and Y streets, has a girl baby, born February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Elliott will give a whist party at their home Tuesday evening.

Helen Laville, 929 North Twenty-eighth street, is suffering from an attack of diphtheria.

Joe Koutsky has gone again to his farm at Ruskin, Neb. He will not be back for several days.

Guy Foley has recovered from the fall he received last Saturday afternoon while out coasting.

St. Martin's Women's auxiliary will not meet with Mrs. A. V. Miller as was announced Sunday, but it will meet at the Guild hall Wednesday afternoon.

Upchurch lodge No. 2 of the Degree of Honor will hold a regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. sharp. Important business is to come before the session.

The Lotus club ball last night was a "spooky" affair—decidedly. All of the dancers were dressed in a sheet with a pillow slip mask. There were about twenty-five couples in masks and the dance was full of the most laughable situations.

Prof. Wheeler, president of the State Sunday School association, conducted the services at the rally of the Sunday schools held at the United Presbyterian church last night. Tonight Mr. Kiddo of the Methodist Sunday schools will conduct the services.

J. T. Sparkley, Twenty-second and K streets, reports the birth of a girl February 17. Zee Kohen, Thirtieth and R streets, has a boy, born yesterday, and the same is reported from the homes of John Hund, 2510 Jefferson, and from Thomas Kotchick, Thirty-third and W streets.

Armour & Co. has begun to ship in ice from Valley. About twenty or thirty cars came in yesterday. The warm weather will soon cause the harvest to come to a close. Up to the present time the companies have not been able to do much toward securing a sufficient quantity.

A consignment of new apparatus has been received for the new Young Men's Christian association gymnasium. It consists of a fine high-bar, three strong mats, a set of swinging rings, a twelve-pound shot and a dozen bar-bells. This will equip the new building pretty well and be a great incentive to the boys and the young men to take part in the athletic end of the work.

Harry Steele was sentenced to twenty days in the county jail on charge of vagrancy. John Billinger was sentenced to four days for intoxication. Harry Clark was brought up on charge of vagrancy, and from this he was discharged by the judge, when he took occasion to express his opinion of Chief Briggs in such a vigorous manner that he was again arrested and this time he was sentenced to ten days in the city jail for disturbing the peace.

One of the social events of the year will be celebrated tonight at the Young Men's Christian association rooms. This is the George and Martha Washington reception, which is one of the annual functions of the Women's auxiliary. This year a departure has been made from the continental costuming and any costuming may be used, so that the event is designated a carnival of nations. There will be a number of booths conducted by some of the most charming young women of the city.

CROWE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Date of Trial Depends on Whether He Can Secure Bond or Not.

In the district court in Council Bluffs yesterday morning Pat Crowe was arraigned on the charge of holding up and robbing the crews of two motor cars at the east approach to the motor bridge on the night of July 2 last, for which he was indicted by the grand jury last January.

Crowe was represented by Attorneys A. S. Ritchie of Omaha and S. B. Wadsworth of this city. In answer to the court's inquiries counsel for Crowe said he was indicted under his right name and that he desired to enter a plea of not guilty.

It was about 9:30 o'clock when the arraignment took place. Crowe was brought from the county jail by Sheriff Canning and Deputy McCaffery. A crowd anxious to see the prisoner had assembled in front of the jail and followed him and the officers to the court room, which was crowded. The proceedings were entirely formal and perfunctory and there was not the slighest demonstration. The proceedings occupied less than ten minutes and at their conclusion Crowe was taken back to the county jail.

Crowe's attorneys stated that they expected to secure the necessary bail bond of $1,500 for their client, but had not determined whether it would be a personal or a surety company bond. In the event of Crowe giving bond his trial will in all probability, it is said, go over until the March term. In the event of his failing to procure bond the trial, it is understood, will take place at this term.

DENVER MAN HAS LAST SPREE

Dies in Rooming House from the Effects of Excessive Drinking.

A well dressed man, identified as George Mitchell of Denver, Colo., by the contents of his pockets, died in his room in a rooming house over the saloon at 611 North Sixteenth street, from the effects of excessive drinking, at 11 o'clock last night. According to the people about the place the man had come there four weeks ago, drinking heavily nearly all the time. Three days ago, it was said, he began suffering from delirium tremens, and last night was so bad that physicians were sent for. When they arrived he was in a comatose condition, showing every sign of being near to death. In spite of heroic efforts to revive him he died in a few minutes. In his pockets were a bank book of a Denver bank, from which he had drawn several large sums, and papers indicating that he was at the head of the commissary department of some mining concern. Coroner Brailey took charge of the body.

RAISE MONEY FOR NEW CHURCH

Members of All Saints' Take Hold of the Proposition in Earnest.

Thirty-six male members of the All Saints' Episcopal church society gathered at the Paxton hotel at 6 o'clock last night for the purpose of talking over ways and means for the erection of a new church edifice for the congregation, on the site of the old building, Twenty-sixth street and Dewey avenue. Dinner was served, after which the men got down to business, showing great enthusiasm in the proposition. Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of the parish, presided.

It is the desire of the church to raise $50,000 for a new building, and of this amount, $30,000 is already secured. Those present last night pledged about $10,000 and committees were appointed to take up the work of soliciting for the balance wanted. Another dinner and meeting was set for two week's later, being March 5.

MAHAMMITT DESTROYS FRAUD

Inspector of Weights and Measures on His Annual Rampage of Reform.

The annual bit of destructiveness of which Inspector of Weights and Measures Mahammitt is guilty took place yesterday afternoon, when, in the presence of Councilman Hoye, chairman of the buildings and property committee of the council, he put out of business sixty-six false measures, ten scales and three short weights. The collection represented the work of the inspector for 1905 in removing temptation from the hand of the thrifty huckster. Every vessel smashed into flinders by the strong right arm of Mahammitt was wrong in giving too little for what it purported to be. Councilman Hoye contented himself by jumping on some very frail wooden baskets and utterly ruining their efficiency, while the inspector hammered holes in tin metal measures and knocked the weighing capacity out of the scales. The whole lot of junk was then gathered up by a city hall janitor and thrown in the furnace.

All was according to law and in the presence of two newspaper reporters besides.

PHILIPPINES IN PICTURE

Chaplain Percy Silver Delivers an Interesting Illustrated Lecture.

A pleasing and interesting entertainment was given Monday evening at Baright hall by Chaplain H. Percy Silver, comprising an illustrated lecture on the Philippines. Chaplain Silver, as chaplain of the Thirtieth United States infantry, was in the Philippines several years and made an extremely valuable collection of photographs from all parts of the islands, which were reproduced by means of the stereopticon last evening much to the delight of a fair audience.

The pictures began with numerous views in the Hawaiian islands, on the Island of Guam, and the remainder largely of the Philippines. These gave a comprehensive idea of the cities of Manila and Ilo Ilo with their varied styles of architecture, the water front of Manila bay and the Pasig river and the busy life prevailing in the Americanized metropolis of the islands. Then there were shown the different types of people of the islands and their dress, the crude methods of cultivation, the valuable but inaccessible timber resources of the country, because of the great forests being encumbered by an impenetrable undergrowth of tropical vegetation. The methods of transportation were shown by the omnipresent caribou, or water buffalo, and the information was given that nearly 90 per cent of these animals have perished within a few years from rinderpest.

The characteristic indolence of the average Filipino was shown with suggestive pictures. Illustrations were also given of the efforts of the American government to improve the sanitary conditions of the islands, as well as to improve the roadways.

From the Philippines the lecturer took his hearers to Hong Kong, China. He stated that Hong Kong was the greatest importing and exporting point of Asia, and that the Yangtse river, which empties into the Hong Kong harbor, is navigable for ocean vessels for 1,000 miles. The interior traffic of that river is immense. England and Germany controlled the commercial tonnage of the orient, though America had an unobstructed roadstead in the Pacific, to Asia with its teeming populations, but carried scarcely 1 per cent of the ocean traffic to Asia in American ships and at the same time carried scarcely 10 per cent of the ocean traffic to the port of Manila.

Japan was also visited in picture, and many beautiful views were shown of the garden empire. The entertainment throughout was enhanced by descriptive story and comment by the lecturer, and was withal most instructive as well as entertaining.

FUNERAL OF DR. J. D. KERR

Services Will Be Conducted by Dr. Burdick at Second Presbyterian Church.

The funeral service for Rev. J. D. Kerr wil be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Second Presbyterian church, Rev. Newman Hall Burdick of the Second Presbyterian church of which Dr. Kerr was once pastor, officiating. Dr. Kerr was a Presbyterian minister in Omaha and went last year to a sanitarium at Lincoln, where he died Sunday. Rev. James Dinsmore Kerr, D. D., was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1829. At the age of 13 he united with the church of Cross Roads, one of the historic churches of western Pennsylvania, where his grandfather, James Kerr, was an elder for many years. Passing with honor through private academic and collegiate schools he was graduated from Washington college, Pennsylvania in 1858 and the next year taught with his friend, now Dr. Marquis of McCormick seminary, in Gallatin, Tenn., in 1860. Mr. Kerr joined his college friends, A. G. Wilson and Joseph Waught, in Natchez, Miss., near which city he taught until the breaking out of hostilities between the north and south, when he returned home, and entered the Western Theological seminary, from which he graduated in 1864. Mr. Kerr's first pastoral charge was the church of Farmington, near Springfield, Ill., where he accepted a call July, 1864, and where he labored successfully until 1870, when he removed to Nebraska. In August, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Lyman. Six children came to this home, two of whom died in infancy, and one, a son, Ralph Dinsmore, in early manhood. Henry P. and Calista L., with the mother, reside in Omaha and James M., in Long Beach, Cal.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW IS A GO

Manager Gillan of Auditorium Finally Completes the Arrangements.

Manager Gillan of the Auditorium finally has arranged to hold an automobile show from April 4 to 7, inclusive. After corresponding with the various makers of automobiles Mr. Gillan was able to make the announcement last evening.

The show will be the first of its kind in this part of the country. Over thirty factories will be represented and the show will be open afternoons and evenings of the four days mentioned. Except necessary space set aside for aisles, the entire arena floor will be filled with automobiles of various makes and designs. The arrangement of the exhibition space and the exhibit will be in charge of a local committee of dealers consisting of Messrs. Frederickson, Powell, Coit, Lyonberger and Deright. Mr. Gillan will have charge of the general management of the show.

Shower of Beer Bottles.

On returning to his home, 618 North Fifteenth street, late last night, C. C. Carter was surprised to find a number of empty beer bottles piled before the door, and as he was about to pick them up, found himself the target of several of the missiles. He fled into the house in a shower of flying glass, which broke a window in a neighboring house, but did no further damage. F. B. Faber, 2122 Clark street, and Leonard Sutton, 615 North Twenty-fourth street, were arrested as the unruly persons and locked up at the police station charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace by fighting.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

John Keenan of Berks, Neb., is an Omaha visitor.

Dr. J. F. Gartz has returned from his eastern trip.

Chief Clerk Scott of the Merchants' spent Sunday at Lincoln visiting with friends.

George F. Sawyer of Western, Neb., is in the city, making his headquarters at the Murray.

George L. Loomis, a director in the new fire insurance company recently organized at Fremont, arrived yesterday afternoon. He is staying at the Murray.

J. W. Battin returned from Chicago yesterday and said that the general expression in that city was one of surprise at the acquittal of Pat Crowe. People of Chicago had watched the case closely and were familiar with every phase of it. Mr. Battin attended the Cornell alumni dinner along with Charles C. Rosewater, John W. Towle and James Richardson, jr.

SPICY DIVORCE TRIAL ON

Woman Charged with Marrying Husband's Nephew is the Plaintiff in Suit.

A spirited contest in the divorce case of Emily Schuchardt against Edmund Schuchardt is on before Judge Kennedy. The suit presents some complications because of the marital experiences of the plaintiff. About a year ago, according to her testimony, she was granted a divorce by default. The decree was granted Saturday and the following Monday she went to Council Bluffs and married Charles P. Deutzmann, a nephew of her husband. When Mr. Schuchardt learned he had been divorced he secured a decree setting aside the decree of divorce on charges of fraud. Last April Mrs. Schuchardt filed an amended petition in which she charged him with a number of different forms of cruelty and nonsupport. The petition was somewhat sensational and the allegations were denied in her husband's answer. He in turn charged her and his nephew with an attempt to get some of his property.

She was on the stand during the morning session and a part of the afternoon session yesterday. She told of the marriage, but denied she and Mr. Deutzmann had ever lived together as husband and wife.

Bessie R. Reiter was given a decree of divorce from Robert J. Reiter yesterday by Judge Troup. She said on the witness stand her husband treated her all right while they were living in the city, but last spring they moved to a farm. Then, because she could not go out in the fields and work, she said, he began to abuse her. She says he told her he did not care to live with her any longer and his treatment became such that she left him and came back to Omaha. She was given her maiden name of Bessie R. Reed.

William A. Williams secured a divorce from Frona B. Williams yesterday, Judge Sutton granting the decree. Extreme cruelty was the charge.

Marie Schlank filed a petition for divorce from Sigmond Schlank, charging nonsupport and habitual drunkenness. They were married August 15, 1875, and have two minor children, of which she wants the custody.

MORE TIME OFF FOR FIREMEN

Board Decides to Give Them Twenty-Four Hours Each Six Days.

The plea of the firemen of Omaha, for a change in the schedule of hours off received favorable attention at the hands of the Board of Fire and Police commissioners at the regular meeting last night. A petition was filed some time ago with the board, asking that it be arranged so each man may have twenty-four hours off in each six days, instead of the same length of time in nine days, as at present. The matter was taken up last night and it was decided to experiment with the proposed new schedule for ninety days, and if then found practical, make it permanent.

In the cases of Patrick McElligett of Hook and Ladder company No. 1, who had his left foot broken in a fall February 15, and Captain Henry Jaacks of Engine company No. 4, injured in jumping from a car to join his company February 12, the time off was allowed. In the matter of Lieutenant Mattsen of Hook and Ladder company No. 4, who fell through a pole hole November 27, 1905, receiving injuries from which he is still confined to his bed, Chief Salter asked for further instructions, as the three months' charter allowance expires this month. It will be taken up at the next meeting.

A request was received from Probation Officer Mogy Bernstein, and read to the board, in which he asked that a special officer be appointed to assist in the work of the juvenile court. It was referred to the chief of police.

A petition signed by fifty gardeners and commission men was presented, asking the reinstatement of Henry Lisch as house officer at the market at Eleventh and Howard streets.

Next Wednesday was set to act on the application of M. Wollstein & Co., liquor dealers, to remove their place of business to 814 South Tenth street, and a liquor license was granted to the Patrick Drug company, 1602 South Twenty-fourth street.

Ex-Governor E. P. Savage, father-in-law of A. R. Harvey, secretary of the board, was present during the meeting.

Y. W. C. A. BUSY FOR BUILDING

Entertains Official and Plans Other Functions Incident to Collection Campaign.

Mrs. Francis D. Everett of Chicago, third vice president of the American committee of Young Women's Christian association, is the guest of the local association. At noon Monday, Mrs. Everett was the guest of the board at a luncheon in the association dining room. Mrs. Everett is one of the committee of seven appointed by the American committee to confer with the committee of seven from the international board next month in New York City regarding plans for the union of the two national organizations of young women.

The first public step toward the building campaign will be taken Saturday evening of this week, when the building committee will entertain at a banquet 100 members who constitute the ten teams of ten young women each which will work for the smaller contributions. Each ten aims at securing $1,000. The captains of the teams are: Misses Nellie Crandall, Edith Baker, Alma Ady, Mary Larson, Hallie Hood, Susan Paxton, Ora Johnson, Bessie Chambers, Mrs. C. E. Perkins and Mrs. May Finley. After the banquet plans will be formulated for work. About 250 invitations have been issued this week to prominent men and women of the city for a banquet at the Commercial club Monday evening, February 26, when Miss Helen F. Burns, one of the national secretaries, will present the work of the local association and its needs. Other addresses will also be made by some of the business men. A mass meeting has been called for 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Congregational church, for men and women. Miss Barnes will be the speaker and will talk of industrial conditions, especially as they affect women and women affect them.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Rubbish in the rear of Murray Hill's cigar store, 308 South Sixteenth street, caught fire at 11 o'clock last night, but was discovered before the blaze could spread and was soon extinguished by the fire department. There was no loss.

The case of Ora Thomas against the Union Pacific Railroad company for $30,000 damages is set for trial before Judge Carland in the United States circuit court for Thursday morning. The alleged injuries were received by the plaintiff July 23, 1905, in a collision on the defendant road at Fremont.

The next case to come before this court for trial will be that of Clinton Morrow, administrator of the estate of William A. Morrow, against the Chicago & Northwestern railway company for $5,000 damages sustained by the death of W. A. Morrow. He was killed in a collision on the defendant road January 28, 1905.

Alleging he exceeded his authority in levying an execution Daniel Smith Monday began suit in district court against James T. Wickersham, a constable, and his bond for $500. The plaintiff, says Wickersham came to his place of business February 3 and made the levy in spite of Smith's protestations that the property was exempt from levy. As a result he says he was forced to give up about $50 and sign a note for $17 in order to get possession of his place of business again.

CUMMINS OPENS THE BALL

Makes Formal Announcement of His Candidacy for Another Term.

SAYS ISSUE IS CORPORATION DOMINATION

Senate Has Lively Time Over Resolution on Railroad Rate Regulation and After Stirring Up Bad Blood Allows it to Go Over.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Cummins tonight gave out a formal announcement of his candidacy for a third term in which he states that the paramount issue politically in Iowa is whether the corporations or the people shall control. He states that he would prefer to retire but that at the importuning of friends that it was his duty to stay in the fight and that it would be cowardly to quit while the fight is on, he has decided to be a candidate again. He calls attention to the fact that the primary election law now before the legislature is a measure that in no way affects the management of railroads or corporations and yet the railroads are doing all they possibly can to defeat that measure. He calls attention to the fact that the railroads are trying to defeat the bill prohibiting giving free passes, a measure which he says ought to elicit their warmest support. With these statements the governor closes, stating that the issue is squarely before the people of the state as to whether the corporations or the people shall control, that he has done everything in the four years of his term that he could to curb the influence of the corporations in politics, that he has never left uncertain his position on the questions and remains in the fight only with the hope of firmly establishing the rights of the people to control the state's affairs.

Lively Time in Senate.

In the senate late this evening the Week's resolution, sent over from the house and endorsing the president's position on rate legislation and urging the Iowa delegation in congress to act along those lines, was brought up in its order on the calendar. Senator Jamieson moved to amend by substitution "The Dolliver-Hepburn bill," in place of the number of the bill. Smith of Mitchell moved to amend by making the resolution read to endorse "a law conferring powers on the Interstate Commerce commission in accordance with the recommendations of President Roosevelt." Then the most spirited and bitter debate of the session ensued in which considerable temper was engendered. Hepburn was defended by Jamieson and attacked by Turner, who asserted Hepburn had kept on his desk in Washington for nine years the rate question and only acted when forced to. He asserted Hepburn had favored the Nicaraguan canal because he knew it impracticable. Smith of Mitchell asserted the people understood what was meant by the position of Roosevelt and not of Dolliver and Hepburn.

Molsberry moved to table the whole question, which was defeated by 20 to 21. Then the senate adjourned and the question will be the first business tomorrow morning. A spirited time is expected. A desperate effort will be made by both the friends and enemies of the resolution. Nine senators were absent today. All will be present tomorrow.

Arrested for Stealing Grip.

James Carroll was arrested early last night by Sergeant Vanous and Detective Davis charged with larceny. In his possession was found a grip belonging to H. K. Graham, and which had been stolen from the owner at the Union station during the afternoon. Mr. Graham had set the grip down, and on returning for it discovered it to be missing. He reported the matter to the police and Carroll was found in a Farnam street saloon and arrested.

SHERIFF PUTS ON THE LID

McDonald, as Board's Agent, Serves Notices on Saloons in the Country.

Sheriff McDonald is sending out notices to saloons in the county outside of Omaha and South Omaha to comply with the law in accordance with the resolution passed by the county commissioners a week ago Saturday. Before complying with the resolution Sheriff McDonald referred to County Attorney Slabaugh the question whether or not he should serve the notices on saloons located in incorporated villages. He was in doubt on this point because the villages have license boards that have control over saloons in the village limits. County Attorney Slabaugh advised him to serve the notices, not as sheriff, but as an agent of the county commissioners. Mr. Slabaugh held the board could ask anybody to serve the notices as its agent, but it could not direct the sheriff in his official capacity to do it, as his duties are defined by law and cannot be added to by the board.

FAINTING BERTHA GOES UP

Prima Donna of Rogues' Gallery Gets Indeterminate Sentence at Joliet.

"Fainting" Bertha Liebecke, who has a speaking acquaintance with the Omaha police, has been given an indeterminate sentence to the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary. She was sentenced by Judge B. M. Smith of Cook county, where she was tried on the charge of shoplifting. After her escape from the Kankakee asylum several months ago she returned to Omaha, was arrested and escorted back to Chicago on a charge of stealing a valuable coat from the Marshall Field store.

UNITED STATES LOSES SUIT

Discovery of New Evidence of Timber Cutting May Result in Another Trial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The supreme court of the United States today decided the case of the United States against the Bitter Root Development company and other assignees of Marcus Daly of Montana involving the charge of unlawfully cutting $2,000,000 worth of timber on the public lands of that state against the government, but it was stated by Justice Peckham, who delivered the opinion of the court, that as the government had secured new evidence the decision is without prejudice.

Lodging House Clerk Beaten.

Lionel Eyre, clerk of the Diamond lodging house, 1313 Douglas street, was taken to the police station last night suffering from several wounds about the head and face, which he said he received from H. C. Ogden and three companions, all of whom ran away. Eyre said Ogden had helped a drunken man into the hotel and placed him in a room, taking the opportunity to go through the man's pockets, securing about $5. Eyre said he discovered the deed and forced Ogden to give up the money. The latter did and then went to the street, where he was joined by his companions. All of them attacked Eyre, giving him a severe beating. Police Surgeon Moreman dressed his wounds.

MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON

John Zees Arrested in Connection with Fire in Leavenworth Street Candy Store.

An investigation of a fire which occurred at 8 o'clock Sunday morning at a candy store at 1601 Leavenworth street, has resulted in the arrest of John Zees of 516 North Sixteenth street on the charge of arson. It is said Morris Kasper was implicated with Zees in setting fire to the place. The county attorney has prepared a joint complaint against Zees and Kasper and will file it in police court Tuesday morning.

Bee Want Ads are Business Boosters.

Updike Suit is Filed.

The Updike Grain company filed its suit against the Milwaukee Monday in the federal court, the purpose of which is to secure an order from the court to compel the Milwaukee to deliver grain to the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs for Omaha elevators or haul it itself at the same rates for which the Union Pacific hauls it.