BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Rinehart, photographer, 18th & Farnam.

A. S. Mitchie removed to 802 Brandeis building.

J. A. Karvan, Tailor, 506-10 Brandeis Bldg., will make a suit to please you.

H. E. Palmer Son & Co., general insurance agents, moved to suite 502 to 504, Brandeis building.

We always have Rock Springs Coal. Central Coal and Coke Co. of Omaha, 15th and Harney streets.

Kuteson Optical Co., the eye specialists, are distributers of Shur-on eye glasses. Also makers of She-not invisible bifocals. Spectacles, $1.00 and up. 213 South 16th.

Kensington in Church Parlors—The Dundee women of the First Christian church will give a kensington in the church parlors next Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. J. E. Chastain.

Men Observe C. W. B. M. Day—The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Christian church will observe C. W. B. M. day Wednesday evening. A program and refreshments are prepared.

Council Passes Pay Roll—The city council passed the monthly pay rolls Monday. It then met as a board of equalization, as required by law, to consider complaints against plans of assessment for special improvements.

Burglars Reap Rich Harvest—Burglars got into McCoy & Co.'s printing establishment at 1214 Dodge street Sunday night by taking out a pane of glass in the rear of the building. They were rewarded for their labors and the risk they run by getting 40 cents in cash and fifty 2-cent stamps.

Boy Falls from Car and Breaks Arm—Wayne Burbank, a youth living at 2523 North Twenty-fourth street, fell from a Park avenue street car Sunday afternoon at Sixteenth and Howard streets and broke his right forearm. He was taken home in the patrol wagon and attended by Police Surgeon Fitzgibbons.

Elmer E. Morrow is Bound Over—Elmer E. Morrow, the man who took three shots at his wife on Thanksgiving because she admitted her inability to prepare a turkey dinner without him furnishing the turkey, waived examination in police court Monday morning and was bound over to the district court in the sum of $2,000 on the charge of shooting with intent to kill.

Fire from Defective Wire—The fire department was called to the residence of Frank A. Glab, 2457 Grand avenue, at 4 o'clock Monday morning. Fire had broken out in the second story of the frame residence and is supposed to have caught from defective electric wiring. The damage to the furniture and house is about $500. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

H. Vance Lane Goes West—H. Vance Lane left Omaha at noon Monday on the Union Pacific for Salt Lake City to assume charge of his new office, presidency of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company. W. B. T. Belt has taken charge of the office Mr. Lane left, general managership of the Nebraska Telephone company. Mr. Lane's family will remain at the residence, 522 South Fortieth street, until the home is sold.

More Failures of the Vow—Grace H. Sawyer has begun suit for a divorce from Raymond E. Sawyer, charging him with drunkenness and nonsupport. She charges in her petition he refused to pay the expenses attending the birth and burial of their two children. She wants her maiden name—Patrick—restored to her. E. Grace Ernest asks for a divorce from Walter C. Ernest, charging him with desertion and nonsupport. She wants the custody of their two children.

Gas Nearly Up to Standard—According to the records of the gas commissioner the gas supplied to Omaha was less than two points below the figure exacted by the city ordinance during November. The figure was 596.9 British thermal units, where the ordinance specifies 600. The gross units were 648.8. Sulphur was well within the limits. The commissioner requests all persons who desire to have pressure tested to notify him and he will place gauges in their homes without cost.

Repairs at Commercial Club—Work of repairing the rooms occupied by the Commercial club of Omaha in the Board of Trade building was started Monday morning. The large floor space lost in the "sky light" or court, about which the offices are built, will be used in the future and will permit of enlargements of the cafe, very much needed. Arrangements are also being made to install at least two new billiard tables. The club will occupy the rooms for some time to come and the propositions for new quarters have been placed away to rest and await a more opportune time.

E. E. BUCKINGHAM IS IN LINE

Former Harriman Official Considered for General Manager Union Stock Yards Company.

Everett E. Buckingham, whose resignation as general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City will take effect December 15, it is learned from authoritative sources is being considered for the position of general manager of the Union Stock Yards company at South Omaha. The directors of the stock yards company will meet December 9, when a general manager will be elected to fill the vacancy caused last spring by the resignation of W. J. C. Kenyon, who accepted a railroad position in Chicago. James L. Paxton general superintendent of the Union Stock Yards company has been acting as general manager ever since the resignation of Mr. Kenyon.

Mr. Buckingham is well known in Omaha, as he was for years connected with the Union Pacific. He has two brothers prominent in railroad circles here, J. E. Buckingham, assistant general passenger agent of the Burlington and Hal Buckingham, chief clerk in the freight department of the Burlington.

First M. E. church. Bazaar 213 South Seventeenth street, Bee building, ground floor, east entrance. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Building Permits.

Elizabeth Schreiner, frame dwelling, Thirty-sixth and Browne streets, $1,000; John Pinault, frame dwelling, 4422 Parker street, $1,600; Anna Johnson, frame dwelling, 419 North Thirty-first street, $2,000.

NO MORE CASHIER'S CHECKS

Paper Exchange is Gradually Being Supplanted by Currency.

ISSUANCE HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

People of Omaha Are Learning Lessons of Economy from the Squeeze of the Purse of Late.

While planning to continue the withholding of entire cash payments and substituting cashier's checks until after the monthly payrolls of December are met, bankers of Omaha propose to retire the checks as fast as possible and not issue more of them.

"The checks are being retired every day," said Henry W. Yates, president of the Clearing House association. "We shall continue to retire them. I do not know of any new ones being issued, unless it be a few $1 and $2 checks needed for change."

The rule has been in effect in Omaha and generally through the west, just thirty business days. The pay rolls of November 1 were paid in 20 to 40 per cent cash and the balance in cashier's checks. Gradually the situation brightened and half money and half checks were paid before the rule had been in effect two weeks, while many business houses paid their employes all cash.

As the pay envelopes were passed out Monday, from 60 to 90 per cent of the amount was paid in cash, and in most instances the employes received all cash, where the firms are receiving cash each day, nothing but real money goes over the counter to employes.

Will Make Christmas Normal.

Trade for Christmas, it is expected, will be normal, but an economical wave seems to be slashing its surf dangerously close to Omaha. As a result a number of clerks in the large stores are working two weeks each month and resting two weeks. This is true in the millinery departments of two of the large department stores. The system of "every-other-week" was not needed last year to keep the pay rolls down. The millinery business was good until the holidays and the experienced trimmers and saleswomen did not lose a day. Since November 1 a great many of the milliners have had but two weeks' work, but this condition is not expected to continue more than two weeks longer, according to the merchants.

Similar conditions are said to be felt at the markets, and it is little wonder there is talk of prices going down. The demand for plain things has never been better, but fancy groceries are at a standstill.

CELEBRATES END OF FLURRY

Brandeis Store Decorations Follow the Roman Idea of Signalizing Commercial Triumph.

Without waiting or even asking the sanction of timorous and languid New York and Chicago bankers the Brandeis store has inaugurated a brilliant festival in celebration of the end of the flurry in Omaha.

The entire store, which is admirably adapted to massive decoration, has been arrayed in a brilliant setting, depicting a Roman temple erected to Mercury, god of commerce. This lavish scenic display is further embellished with a charming flower show. A hundred dozen American Beauty roses are gracefully arranged with banks of palms and ferns in the light court.

The Brandeis firm declares that elaborate as the decorations are they are quite in keeping with the feeling of jubilation in Omaha that the financial flurry, never serious at its worst, has now entirely disappeared and Omaha retail business is again normal and showing a healthy increase.

The central theme of the store decoration is particularly appropriate. The Romans were prone to erect temples and to offer thanks to Mercury, god of commerce, when trouble had been averted and mercantile arts flourished, and the decorations at Brandeis show faithfully in design and ornamentation the structure and decorations of a Roman temple built for this purpose.

Mercury is shown, surrounded by the four seasons, each bearing appropriate offerings of the season's plenty. The triumphant Roman eagle crowns the groups and scores of Cupids, in playful posture, ornament the frieze that runs around the great light court. Groups of statuary lend dignity and grace to the decoration and temple entrances, brilliantly lighted and decked with garlands, stand to the east and west of the main groups in the decorative scheme.

It is declared to be the most elaborate decoration ever shown in a western store, and it is causing a great deal of talk, both on account of its beauty of construction and because it signalizes the end of the financial flurry in Omaha.

Announcements, wedding stationery and calling cards, blank book and magazine binding. 'Phone Doug. 1694. A. I. Root, Inc.

RUSH TO SAVE ORDINANCES

Busy Time to Change Signs and Other Bills to Prevent Total Loss.

Members of the city council are looking over the revised ordinances with considerable interest since it becomes more and more apparent that the order of the mayor, instructing the chief of police to enforce all ordinances and laws of the state will become effective December 10. Many ordinances on the books were passed with little idea of being strictly enforced, it is said. One of these is the sign ordinance. Friends of this measure who have been successful in resisting attempts to alter it in any particular now admit that amendments must be made or the whole measure may go by the board. The action of Lysle I. Abbott in bringing the ordinance to the attention of the officials may have something to do with the attitude of the councilmen, but as they look over the ordinances they find others which may be brought to the especial attention of the authorities at any time and a thorough renovation of the ordinances may follow.

SHELDON GOES TO CONGRESS

Governor Joins Own State and Rejects Kawville Invitation.

BIG PULL FOR RIVER TRAFFIC

Omaha and Nebraska Will Be Well Represented in Appeal for Fifty Million for Waterways.

Governor George L. Sheldon will accompany the Omaha delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which meets in Washington, D. C., Wednesday to advocate a "policy and not a project," the policy being to expend $50,000,000 annually for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States.

Chairman Charles L. Saunders and F. D. Wead of the Omaha delegation accompany the governor to the national capital, other members of the delegation either having gone Saturday and Sunday or now being in Washington. Henry T. Clarke went to Washington from Muskogee, Okla., where he attended the Transmississippi Commercial congress; Victor Rosewater left Saturday evening for the national capital and other eastern points. Other members of the delegation are John A. Scott, J. L. Baker, H. E. Palmer, now in Washington; C. F. Weller, Rev. F. L. Loveland, Major F. E. Wolcott, R. B. Schneider and Charles Morrell.

Governor Sheldon had an invitation to join the Kansas City delegation of eighteen and accompany them to Washington, but telephoned Senator Saunders Saturday evening that he would join the Omahans and move with the representatives of his own state. The party will make headquarters at the New Willard hotel when they arrive in the city of congresses.

Importance of Meeting.

In a communication to the delegates President Joseph E. Ransdell of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, declares the meeting this year to be second only in importance to the meeting of the congress of the United States.

"We want you to come and go on record as favoring the policy of appropriating $50,000,000 annually for the improvement of the deserving rivers and streams," writes the president. "The improvement of rivers, our natural highways, and harbors, our natural gateways, will add immensely to the facilities of moving both freight and passengers and the necessity of such addition is apparent and admitted by all classes. Whatever affects transportation facilities of this nation touches its economic life at the venry center. The appropriations for rivers and harbors by the government has been 3 per cent or less of the revenue of the country. We must demand a more liberal proportion of the revenue derived from commerce for improving the natural channels of trade and transportation."

Before returning to Omaha Senator Saunders and Mr. Wead will visit New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Governor Sheldon will return as soon as the congress adjourns.

CORN CHEAPER FOR FEEDERS

Stock Can Be Fattened for Less When Near the Omaha Market.

While Omaha is paying the "top notch" price for corn as a primary market, there are localities in Nebraska where the price is 10 cents per bushel higher than it is in Omaha, according to Z. T. Leftwich of St. Paul, Neb., who has bought the Markell farm near DeSoto.

"One reason for coming to Washington county with my feeding station is the price of corn is invariably higher at St. Paul than it is in Omaha," said Mr. Leftwich. "Because of local conditions the feeders who must buy corn are paying 10 cents more per bushel this year. I can buy my feed in Omaha or Washington county for less money and drive my feeders to the farm at DeSoto from the yards at South Omaha, without having to load and ship them to the north central part of the state. I will retain the farm at St. Paul.

Mr. Leftwich paid $25,000 for the DeSoto farm and did not lose a day in taking possession. Within a few days his cattle and hogs will be on the Washington county farm. He homesteaded the farm near St. Paul, going there before the railroad and several weeks before he was twenty-one years of age, watching the farm he had picked until he reached his majority.

A. P. Tukey & Son, who sold the Markell farm, have sold to T. C. Phelan the one-third lot at Twenty-sixth and California streets for $1,000. The piece of a lot was owned by the National Loan company. Mr. Phelan will erect a residence at once.

Nobody Too Old

to learn that the sure way to cure a cough or cold is with Dr. King's New Discovery. 50c and $1.00. Sold by Beaton Drug Co.

BIG SLUMP IN WHISKY TAX

Enormous Decrease in Receipts for Internal Revenue During the Month of November.

The receipts for internal revenue for the Nebraska district for the month of November are but $134,902.40, as against $278,356.32 for November, 1906, showing a decrease of $143,453.92. This decrease is attributed wholly to the falling off in the distilling tax in Omaha and vicinity. There has been a material improvement in the collection of all other characters of internal revenue for this district. Because of repairs being made to the Omaha distillery and as the whisky and spirits business is practically a cash business, the sales to retailers have been materially lessened during the month and the revenue tax consequently much lessened.

The decrease of revenue on distilled spirits is the largest during the month of November, 1907, in the Omaha district for many years. The ordinary November receipts are $300,000, but it will be noted that during the past month the decrease has been about $65,000 below the general average, and are over half less than in November, 1906.

PRATT MAKES FIERY ANSWER

Colonel Says Wife Married Him for His Money.

THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE SOON

Disappointed at His Tenacious Grip on Life She Seeks to Gain Through Divorce, He Says.

Colonel James H. Pratt Monday filed a sensational answer to Mrs. Pratt's petition for divorce, in which he denies practically everything she alleges except that they were married June 15, 1905. He says he is still a resident of Omaha, but Mrs. Pratt is now making her home in Boston.

At the outset of the answer Colonel Pratt charges his wife did not contract the marriage in good faith. He says she married him to get money and goods and hoping he would die within two or three years. Discouraged at his longevity, he continues, she began to scheme to get all the property she could and then secure a divorce. As evidence of his charges that her motives were mercenary he points out she would not marry him until he had promised to build her a $15,000 house and provide that she should get $50,000 at his death.

He declares that since he married her she has cost him $65,000 and has forced him to borrow $25,000 to pay her bills and expenses. November 20, 1906, the day he left her to go to Texas on a business trip, he says, their relations were pleasant and she kissed him goodby and gave no intimation she was going to sue him for divorce before he returned home. The first intimation of her intent to divorce him he received when her attorney visited him in Texas. He denies her charge that he subjected her to continual annoyances and said she never complained to him at all about his conduct. The house he built for her on Thirty-ninth street, he says, is worth $25,000, and from January, 1906, to January, 1907, he says, he gave her at various times $4,576 for her own personal use outside the money he provided for the running expenses of the household. He charges her with running enormous bills at stores in Chicago and Omaha. He also said when she left for Brookline, Mass., where she is now living, she took with her a large amount of property of his own which had been given him by friends and members of the family. One of these was a set of Balzac, given him by his grandson, Jerome Pratt Magee.

IOWAN BUNGLES CHECK JOB

Lands in Jail Soon After Handing Hotel Clerk Bad Piece of Paper.

C. P. Frick of Oakdale, Ia., put up at the Millard hotel Friday evening, calling for the best the house could afford in the way of rooms and other accommodations. He then proceeded to borrow from Clerk Sherman the mere bagatelle of $15 on a check drawn on the first National bank. It was ascertained Saturday there had been some oversight in accrediting Mr. Frick with any depositor's rights or courtesies in the bank and Clerk Sherman got the check back with it endorsed, "N. G." Then Clerk Sherman got busy and hunting Mr. Frick up turned him over to the police that he might have ample time for reflection and repentance. Friends, however, came to the rescue of Mr. Frick and squared up the check and Clerk Sherman concluded not to prosecute. Mr. Frick left Omaha carrying with him a big, healthy bunch of experience.

BUILDING MAKES INCREASE

Operations for November Show Gain of Ten Per Cent Over November, 1906.

Building operations for November show an increase of about 10 per cent over November, 1906. The report of the building inspector shows:

November, 1907, 106 permits	$391,765
November, 1906, 100 permits	357,175
Increase, 6 permits	$ 34,590
1907 to date	$4,356,868
1906 to date	4,053,330
1905 to date	4,058,384
Entire year of 1906	$4,273,050
1907 to date only	4,356,868

Large permits issued during the month were: Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Ninth and Harney streets, $65,000; Clarkson Memorial hospital, Twenty-first and Howard streets; $35,000; laundry building at the House of Good Shepherd, Fortieth and Jones streets, $50,000.

ANOTHER TRIAL, SAYS WRIGHT

But When Hydrant Rental Case Will Come Up He Does Not Know.

Carl C. Wright and John L. Webster, attorneys for the Omaha Water board, are still too busy to examine closely the opinion handed down some weeks ago by the United States circuit court of appeals in the hydrant rental case. The decision, however, was against their clients.

"Mr. Webster and myself are working very hard on the brief in the main case, which must be finished by December 8," said Mr. Wright. "The opinion handed down by the United States court of appeals reversing the decision of the federal court is peculiar in some ways and presents certain points which will change the status of any new trial that may take place here. The former action in the federal court here was a victory for the Water board, and, of course, the reversal is a defeat for the board and the city.

"When we get the main case off our hands we will turn our entire attention to this matter. A new trial is necessary, but whether that new trial will be a strenuous controversy like the former one or merely a formal proceeding to test certain points of law we have not yet determined."

Speaking of the decision of the United States court in the Omaha water case, City Attorney Burnam says: "I have read the report and see nothing but preparation for a new trial on the part of the city. I can say nothing about the case as the law empowers the water board to employ attorneys and it has employed Mr. Webster and Mr. Wright. It is possible I may be with them at the next trial of the case, but at this time I have nothing to say."

PEOPLE IN REVOLVING DOORS

Philosopher Observes that Women Go Through in Bunches as a Rule.

"Ever notice how different people go through these revolving storm doors?" inquired the North Omaha Philosopher as he stood in the postoffice corridor getting warm.

"Now just watch 'em as they come through."

First came a young business man, who plunged against the panel of the door, shot through and left it revolving rapidly behind him. Then came a young woman, who braced herself and pushed as though she was going to push the side of the building down. She, too, went through without special notice.

Then three women started to leave the corridor of the building. The philosopher grew excited at once and nudged his friend.

"Watch them now," he said.

The women stopped at the door, hesitated; then two of them crowded into one compartment and slowly bumped through. The third waited until they were safely on the outside and then she went through in a compartment by herself.

The North Omaha Philisopher chuckled to himself.

"They do it every time," he said. "They don't realize that they won't lose each other if they take separate compartments. Men never do that. Even boys don't. Little girls do sometimes; but never little boys. Funny, isn't it?

NOYES ESTATE IS SETTLED

Heirs of Waterloo Man Who Died Four Years Ago Come to an Agreement.

The heirs of the late Isaac Noyes of Waterloo, who died at Waterloo four years ago, have come to an agreement over the distribution of the estate and a stipulation for a decree was filed in county court Monday afternoon by Judge Sutton, the administrator. By the stipulation the real estate, amounting to about 1,200 acres, and estimated to be worth over $100,000, is divided among the three children, Hiland B. Noyes, Carlton B. Noyes and Mrs. Marian Noyes Sutton. The personal property estimated to be worth $30,000 is divided among these heirs and the widow, Mrs. Addie T. Noyes. A small part of the real estate has not been distributed yet.

WOOLDRIDGE BACK ON BEAT

Supplanted as Sanitary Officer at Request of Health Commissioner Connell.

At the request of Health Commissioner Connell, Mayor Dahlman asked the chief of police to make such a change in detail of police as would take Officer Woolridge from sanitary work. The order of the mayor was put into effect Monday morning and Officer Morrison was detailed as sanitary officer, while Officer Woolridge was placed on a beat.

Officer Morrison began work with the health office by joining Inspector Bonce, who is making a systematic inspection of boarding and lodging houses. This work will occupy the remainder of the year.

Bits of Life Among the Winnebagos

Mescal Bean Eating.

Mescal bean eating has been introduced among the Winnebago Indians, brought from the south by visiting Indians, and nearly a third of the tribe has come under its insiduous spell.

The bean is found on a large cactus in the desert regions of the southwest and shipped to the Winnebagoes by the thousand.

The part used is not the bean at all, as that is deadly poison, but the flat, slightly curved pod is steeped to make a drink, and bits of it are chewed without cooking.

These people have given the drug dignity by combining with their ceremonial a lavish use of the Bible. At their meetings a white cloth laid upon the floor simulates an altar; on this they place one or more of the mescal pods, surrounded by texts of scripture printed upon the cloth, but the mescal is designated as "truth" and "light."

Several members read and expound on chapters from the Bible, which they have studied carefully beforehand, even going sometimes to the missionary for assistance in preparing the address, and to an onlooker the movement has all the appearance of a religious "revival" till told that it is the mescal alone that causes its followers to feel the desire to read the Bible and to pray, because when under its influence the soul sees the heavenly world and talks with its inhabitants.

The present effect upon the mescal eaters is helpful, as they give up liquor and live better lives in every way, but in the end it is as fatal as morphia, causing almost certain and early death.

It has its mission, however, for it is the first movement that has broken in upon the Medicine Dance lodge, a sort of fraternity that has held the tribe a unit in keeping up old customs and denouncing civilized ones.

As an entering wedge of disruption mescal eating may prove a blessing in disguise, bringing the survivors a little nearer to the eternal fitness of things.

Unusual Marriage Ceremony.

With the roadside for chancel, the curve of a hill for altar, wide stretching cornfields for nave and the softly sprayed clouds for vaulted cathedral roof an unusual marriage ceremony took place Thanksgiving day on Nebraska soil.

An Indian boy and girl, not long out of their teens, had after considerable deliberation, obtained a marriage license, bringing it home so that the missionary might perform the ceremony.

Arrangements were made when it was discovered that the license had been procured in an adjoining county and therefore could not be used at home.

Hymen, however, has devices as varied as thos of Cupid, by which to overcome obstacles, and an inspiration brought the fact to mind that the county line was only five miles away, so the two, with a few friends and the missionary, drove to that point, and rarely has the marriage service come with more solemn and benignant force than in the simple setting provided by nature on this mild and beautiful Thanksgiving day.

It is the custom to speak with contempt of these young people as preferring the old Indian way, but when one considers that to get a marriage license at the county seat means a drive of forty to forty-five miles with all the difficulties of new and untried business thrown in—and difficulties are always great in the white man's town—it is not strange that the old way is more often resorted to than the new. With a little more help instead of so much to hinder the course of true love and marriage on the reservation would oftener run smooth.