# NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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### MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drugs.
Stockert sells carpets.
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Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer.
Expert piano tuning, Hospe. 'Phone 544.
Lewis Cutler, funeral director. 'Phone 57.
Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 339.
Miss Arkwright's china sale Dec. 5 to 12 at 604 Mynster street.
"SCHOOL DAYS" ALL THIS WEEK AT THE DIAMOND THEATER.
Ruth Letchford-Leonard's china sale Dec. 4 to Dec. 9. 514 4th street.
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LET THE FRANKLIN PRINT IT. BOTH 'PHONES 331, 101 SOUTH MAIN.
"The Nation Triumphant" will be the subject of Dr. Lee's lecture tonight. High school auditorium.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to F. H. Hutchinson, aged 24, of Anderson, Ia., and Margaret L. Newton, aged 20, of McCook, Neb. They were married by Rev. Henry DeLong.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson, 2021 Third avenue, died yesterday morning. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

The personal injury damage suit of Jacobs against the J. G. Woodward company, in the district court, was dismissed by the plaintiff yesterday without prejudice, after a motion on the part of the defendant to take from the jury had been submitted.

The Leffert jewelry store will be open evenings until Christmas. All goods are on display and a large force of competent and courteous salespeople will have pleasure in showing them and in assisting patrons of the store in making selections of Christmas gifts. You are invited to inspect our offerings whether you buy or not.

Nelson Jensen, aged 78 years, died about midnight Wednesday at his home in Hazel Dell township. His wife, three daughters and two sons survive him. The funeral will be held Saturday morning from the Danish Lutheran church in Hazel Dell township and burial will be in the Hazel Dell cemetery.

Mrs. A. B. Hawthorne, who was recently enjoined by the district court here from prosecuting a suit against A. B. Davis in a justice court in Douglas county, Nebraska, has been cited to appear before Judge Green tomorrow morning to show cause why she should not be deemed guilty of contempt of court. It is alleged that Mrs. Hawthorne has disregarded the order of the injunction.

Council Bluffs tent No. 32, Knights of the Maccabees, elected these officers: Past commander, Frank Elgin; commander, Edward Aspinwall; lieutenant commander, A. J. Ruppert; record finance keeper, Alva Smith; chaplain, H. B. Thomas; sergeant, Z. T. Jones; master at arms, Henry Peterson; first master of the guard, H. J. Edson; second master of the guard, T. J. Robertson; sentinel, E. F. Aldinger; picket, J. W. Kilbourne. Was also elected trustee for the long term.

A still alarm at 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon took the fire department to the alley south of Broadway between Main and Fourth streets, where rubbish left by roofers was ablaze and menacing the adjacent stores. Fire in the brushwood on the bank of Indian creek adjacent to Hamilton's wood yard on East Broadway gave the firemen a run at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The brush is believed to have been set afire by boys skating on the creek. There was no damage.

Fidelity council, Royal Arcanum, has elected these officers, who will be installed Monday, January 4: Regent, Carl S. Spaulding; vice regent, J. E. Hunter; orator, W. C. Fuller; secretary, W. E. McConnell; collector, T. C. Leffert; treasurer, H. C. Hattenhauer; chaplain, F. L. Hall; guide, J. R. Simpter; warden, R. E. Rose; sentry, H. F. Cherniss; representative to supreme grand council, H. L. McNitt; alternate, A. T. Eswein; trustees, C. A. Bono, A. T. Flickinger, W. H. Traynor.

### Month's Work of Police.

The report of the police department for the month of November shows only 158 arrests, this number only two were for offenses, two young men having been sent to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury on the charge of enticing young girls into a house of ill repute. The arrests are listed as follows:

Drunk, 60; disorderly, 46; vagrancy, 10; larceny, 8; disturbing the peace, 5; held for investigation, 5; enticing girls away, 2; conspiracy, 2; drunk and disturbing the peace, 2; insane, 1; violating city ordinance, 1; safe keeping, 1; larceny from building, 1; threatening to kill, 1; fugitive from justice, 1; assault and battery, 1; keeping gambling house, 1.

Arrests for the month of November represented eleven nationalities:

Americans, 97; negroes, 23; Germans, 8; Danes, 4; Irish, 4; Japanese, 3; Swedes, 3; Italians, 2; Mexicans, 2; Jews, 1; Greeks, 1.

Lodgers for the month of November represented seven different nationalities, as follows:

Americans, 64; Irish, 14; Danes, 4; Swedes, 2; Scotch, 1; Cubans, 1; Hungarians, 1.

With the advent of winter the number of transients seeking shelter at night increases and during November eighty-seven were given lodging at the city jail.

The detailed report of the work of the department for the month follows:

Alarms responded to, 38; arrests made, 148; accidents reported and investigated, 2; buildings found open and owners called, 5; burglaries, 6; burglary frustrated, 1; contagious disease signs posted, 21; dead animals reported, 54; defective sidewalks reported, 6; defective streets reported, 5; defective sewers reported, 3; false alarms responded to, 12; insane persons cared for, 5; intoxicated persons cared for, 6; lost children found and returned, 17; lodgers accommodated, 87; miles traveled by patrol wagon, 65; miles traveled by ambulance, 12; meals furnished prisoners and lodgers, 290; nuisances reported, 29; prisoners taken to county jail, 5; packages of stolen property recovered, 6; runaway horses overtaken and stopped, 7; stray teams cared for, 2; stray horses picked up, 7; sick and injured persons taken to hospital, 6; sick and injured persons cared for at station, 4; street lights reported out, 35; electric light outage, 238 hours and 20 minutes; runaway boys, 2; detention hospital, 2.

### Funeral of D. F. Dryden.

The funeral of the late Drury F. Dryden, held yesterday afternoon from the family residence on Franklin avenue, was attended by an immense gathering of the friends of the deceased and the bereaved family. Hundreds of farmers from Hardin township, in which Mr. Dryden lived for so many years, and vicinity were in attendance and the house was entirely inadequate to accommodate the large number. The services were conducted by Rev. James M. Williams, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, assisted by Rev. George A. Ray, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. Rev. James O'May of Creston, former pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, was unable to come here as planned. During the service Mrs. A. A. Covalt rendered two hymns. Burial was in Walnut Hill cemetery, the cortege to the cemetery being one of the longest seen in this city for many years. The pallbearers were: N. S. Alexander, Captain L. B. Cousins, W. M. Whitson, F. Davis, J. K. Cooper and George Carson, members of Abe Lincoln post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which deceased was a prominent member.

### Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 3 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Minnie Kennedy to W. E. Kennedy, lots 5, 9 and 10, block 1, in Babbitt Place add to Council Bluffs, q c d ... $ 1
John Norton to Marie L. Norton, part lots 4 and 5, in sub of original plat lot 178, in Council Bluffs, w d ... 1
Michael Doyle, guardian, to Fred W. Ivers, und⅛ of nw¼ nw¼ and w½ sw¼, 21-76-41, pro d ... 6,922
Daniel Thomas Doyle, single, to Fred W. Ivers, und⅛ of nw¼ nw¼ w d ... 2,307
D. A. Moore to Audry B. Moore, e21½ feet of original plat lot 170 in Council Bluffs, w d ... 1
Five transfers, aggregating ... $9,232

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## FRUIT SHOW DECORATIONS

**Red, White and Blue Pennants Are Beginning to Appear.**

## EFFECTIVE LIGHTING SCHEME

**Brick Work on Auditorium Completed and Carpenters and Heating Contractors Now Rushing Their Part.**

The red, white and blue pennant-shaped bunting, the official decoration of the National Horticultural congress, is becoming much in evidence. Business houses are beginning to decorate for the approaching big fruit show and there is every indication that before the National Horticultural congress opens its doors on Monday, December 14, Council Bluffs will present a gala appearance.

The large, ornate arch which did duty at the entrance of the last street fair and carnival has been loaned to the management of the congress and it will be erected on North Main street. It will be repainted in the colors of the congress and at night will blaze with hundreds of colored incandescent lights.

An effective plan of street lighting has been decided upon by the special committee appointed by Mayor Maloney at the meeting of the city council last Tuesday afternoon. Instead of stringing the electric lights along Main and Bryant streets, as originally planned, the committee has decided to construct arches of electric lights across the two streets at intervals.

An immense sign bearing the words "National Horticultural Congress" was placed in position yesterday afternoon across the front of the auditorium building. The work of installing the heating plant is rapidly nearing completion and the company having the contract is confident that it will be able to turn on the heat Monday next. The work of putting the radiators in position will be begun today.

The brick work on the two big towers of the auditorium was completed yesterday and the carpenters now have full sway in the building. The floor is being leveled off and for the next few days the carpenters will be busy constructing the benches and tables for the exhibits. Much of the interior woodwork, including the stairways to the two galleries, is completed.

President Hess is expected to announce today the special days to be observed during the congress. The work of arranging the program for the opening of the show is also under way and will be announced shortly.

## RURAL TEACHERS ARE SCARCE

**Number of Schools in County Closed on This Account.**

The rural schools in Pottawattamie county are again suffering from a lack of teachers. County Superintendent Jackson said yesterday that there were close upon twenty schools without teachers since the winter term commenced and that he was at his wits ends where to secure suitable material to fill the vacancies.

"The teacher question is rapidly becoming a most serious problem to solve," said Superintendent Jackson. "Whether it is that the pay is insufficient or whether Dan Cupid must be held responsible, the truth is it is almost impossible to keep the country schools supplied with teachers, especially at this season of the year. Of course, teaching in a rural school in winter time, where the teacher may have to walk quite a distance to her school and where conditions at the school house are not of the most comfortable, is not a bed of roses for any young woman, and many of the teachers prefer to remain idle during the winter rather than face the discomforts of the winter term.

"The situation in this county at present, I presume, is similar to what superintendents in other counties in this state have to face, as I understand there is a general scarcity of rural school teachers almost everywhere. Something will have to be done to remedy this lack of teachers and I am of the opinion that the only way we will be able to keep the schools supplied will be by paying better salaries. Salaries have been increased somewhat lately, but not sufficiently, I take it, to induce young women to teach through the winter months."

Superintendent Jackson said he knew of fourteen teachers who had schools during the summer who were not teaching now. These teachers, he said, had declined reappointment for the winter season, but many of them probably would be looking for a school next spring.

A general meeting of the country school directors of the entire county is to be held in this city on Friday, December 18, and Superintendent Jackson said yesterday that this question of the lack of teachers would be one of the principal matters to come before the meeting. Prof. R. C. Barrett of the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames, former state superintendent of public instruction, will address the meeting of school directors on the subject, "The Efficiency of the Rural Schools." The meeting will be held probably in one of the court rooms of the county court house.

We want your jewelry trade for the holidays and are willing to earn it by selling you better goods for less money than others do. Come in and inspect our holiday stock before you purchase. You will find it will pay you. O. Mauthe, 228 Broadway.

## DISCUSSION OF TAX PROBLEMS

**Joint Meeting of State Tax League and Commercial Bodies.**

Notices of the joint meeting of the Iowa Tax Revision league and the commercial associations of the state, to be held in Des Moines Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, were received here yesterday. City Treasurer F. T. True and City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball will represent the municipality at the meeting and it is expected that delegates from the Commercial club will attend. It is possible that Pottawattamie county may be represented, as those in charge of the conference urge that every municipality, county and bank send one or more representatives.

The program for the first two days will be under the auspices of the Tax Revision league and the matters to be discussed will include all kinds of taxation, but especially taxation of mortgages, national, state, savings and private banks, corporation stock and terminal railroad property. The question of the need for a state tax commissioner will also be brought up and discussed. City Solicitor Kimball of this city will read a paper on "Railroad Terminal Taxation."

The program of the other two days will be under the auspices of the Commercial club of Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines committee. Among other questions scheduled for discussion are the good roads movement, legislation to provide for trust companies in Iowa, improvement of Iowa water ways, viaduct legislation for the larger cities and the question of state promotion by means of state funds. All citizens interested in the matters to be discussed are invited to attend the meeting.

### Trades and Labor Assembly.

Twelve local unions and possibly more are expected to participate in the organization of a Trades and Labor assembly tonight. The meeting for this purpose will be held in the rooms of the Commercial club and will be presided over by A. E. Rapp, who was appointed chairman at the recent meeting when a temporary organization was effected. U. G. Cox is the temporary secretary.

The unions which have signified their intention of being represented at the meeting tonight and taking part in the formation of the central body are: The Typographical union, the Plumbers, Carpenters, Cigar Makers, Musicians, Bricklayers, Tailors and Barber's unions; the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, Switchmen's union, Street Railway Employes' union and Electrical Worker's union.

The carpenters have the largest membership, their union numbering about 150 members. None of the unions, it is said, has less than forty-five members, so it is expected that the Trades and Labor assembly, when reorganized, will be far stronger than it was during its previous period of existence.

Honest dealings make honest friends. If you let me sell you one of my cornshellers we will be fast friends. Sperling, 234 South Main street.

### Pair of Fatal Accidents.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—While repairing a windmill this afternoon at the Thomas Hetland place Samuel Rierson fell fifty feet to the ground and was killed instantly. From fatal burns, received last night when it pulled a table lamp over, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Cateas of Woolstock died this morning. Its grandmother was temporarily absent from the room when the accident occurred.

### Iowa News Notes.

ATLANTIC—Mrs. John Hoffman, jr., who has been ill here for some time, recently burned her feet very badly, and yesterday the physician performed the operation of grafting some of the flesh from the arm of her husband on her feet. She is now doing nicely.

IOWA FALLS—Several large herds of cattle in this section have become infected with "black leg" and Assistant State Veterinarian W. L. Evers of this city has been summoned to several points to vaccinate the cattle in hopes of retarding the spread of the disease.

ATLANTIC—There is some talk here of the promoters of the Atlantic Northern & Southern railway asking for tax aid to complete the necessary amount for the building of the road. Up to date about $165,000 has been subscribed for the road and a sum of $200,000 is needed. A 5 per cent tax is the amount which will be needed to complete the sum.

IOWA FALLS—An important change in banking circles took place in this city yesterday, when J. C. Jackson assumed the presidency of the Citizens' Savings bank. Mr. Jackson was chosen a member of the Board of Supervisors of this county at the recent election and is one of the best known farmers and stock men in this part of Iowa and will add material strength and standing to the institution.

ATLANTIC—Word has been received in the city of the death of Mrs. E. Mumby, who for many years was a resident of this city, and who recently went to California, where her son Edward is employed. She went last spring to visit her niece in Redfield, S. D., and had gone from there to her son. Her husband was for many years one of the leading tailors in the city, but died some time ago. The body will be brought here for burial.

IOWA CITY—Governor Warren Garst laid the corner-stone of the new law building this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, assisted by Dean Charles Noble Gregory of the college of law. It was the original intention to have the ceremonies when the legislature came here in January, but the presence of the governor today at the lecture of Irving B. Bickman before the State Historical society made it convenient to lay the corner-stone at the present time.

MARSHALLTOWN—Threats have been made openly in Muscatine that if Evangelist "Billy" Sunday returns there for a short series of meetings, as he is now planning to do, that the opposition element will tear down and wreck the tabernacle in which the Sunday meetings were held last spring, and which resulted in such an upheaval in that city and eventually caused it to go dry. Sunday expects to go to Muscatine in about a month for two or three meetings.

MARSHALLTOWN—Announcement of the promotion of Assistant Freight and Passenger Agent C. J. Peterson of the Iowa and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, was made today. Mr. Peterson lives in Mason City. He has been made traveling freight and passenger agent of the Council Bluffs division of the road, with headquarters at Council Bluffs. The appointment becomes effective at once. Mr. Peterson began service with the Milwaukee twenty-five years ago as yard clerk at Calmar. He was afterwards station agent at Spirit Lake, Hartley and Mason City.

BOONE—Wednesday evening, at the Northwestern hotel in this city, an elaborate, though informal, banquet was tendered by Superintendent J. H. Hammond, superintendent of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, Iowa division. The complimented guest was Free Paine, who for nearly fifty years was one of the most prominent railroad men of the country. Nearly forty years ago he came to the employ of the Northwestern company, and continued faithfully in the service until a few weeks ago, when he was retired on a pension of generous amount.

BOONE—The grand jury reported yesterday afternoon, returning only five indictments. Two were against Messrs. Kirkland and Kane, the alleged bandits who terrorized the eastern part of the city some time ago. They had been previously indicted, but this was found to be defective. William Humpatch, who was arrested, charged with stealing a woman's satchel from an interurban car, was indicted on the charge of larceny. John Spatt, a German resident well known in this community, was indicted on the charge of attempted assault, the complaining witness being his daughter. The fifth indictment concerned a Boone saloone keeper and has not yet been made public.

IOWA CITY—J. Reed Lane of Davenport, son of Regent Joe R. Lane, was elected president of the greater university committee at the meeting held to perfect a permanent organization. Alumni Secretary M. L. Ferson was chosen secretary of the boosting committee, and H. Raymond Gross, captain-elect of the foot ball team, treasurer. Preliminary arrangements were made for a great county club rally, to be held on December 15, when plans will be made for the reunions of the State University of Iowa graduates and students throughout Iowa. A rally of the "co-eds" will also be held to arouse enthusiasm over the women's building project.

MARSHALLTOWN—Laying claim to the championship of the Iowa corn-huskers, and willing to back his judgment with any sum up to $300, Byron Apple, a young farmer living near Nevada, has issued a challenge to the state of Iowa. Apple, judging by previous performances and "form," looks like a "good thing" in the corn-husking line. In his ordinary day's work Apple has been picking and husking from 125 to 150 bushels of corn a day, getting through by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He is willing to wager $300, or any part thereof, that he can husk 225 bushels from an ordinary field of corn in ten hours. He is not willing to haul and crib it, however. His friends, who have seen him at work, are also ready to back him.

MARSHALLTOWN—The estate of H. E. Simkins, a former well known undertaker, today secured judgment in the district court against the Hawkeye Commercial Men's association, a fraternal accident and life insurance company, for an assessment of $2 a member, with a maximum of not over $5,000. Simkins died of septic poison, resulting from the prick of an embalmer's needle, while he was embalming a corpse. The company, which has a large membership among travelingmen throughout the west, refused payment on the grounds that the risk involved did not come under the provisions of the contract carried by the insured. Miss Lena Simkins, as executrix of his estate, brought suit to collect. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

## OUT FOR TARIFF REVISION

**Iowa Manufacturers to Urge Action by National Congress.**

## CHANGE IN INDEBTEDNESS LAW

**Present Statute Throwing Burden on Board of Pardons and Parole Held to Be Unjust and Too Severe.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Tariff revision will be demanded by all the principal manufacturers of Iowa during the coming session of congress, and if plans made by the executive committee of the State Manufacturers' association here today carry every Iowa member in congress will be urged by factory managers in his district to vote for immediate revision.

The meeting of the committee was held today in the office of G. A. Wrightman, secretary of the association. Members of all the association committees were brought to the meeting, but the principal work was for the legislative committee. This afternoon and evening the members of this committee are making plans for carrying out the ideas of the association along legislative lines. State legislation desired by the association is also being discussed, and it is probable the manufacturers will maintain a lobby in Des Moines this winter.

The tariff changes favored by the manufacturers are along the Iowa idea, originated and urged by A. B. Cummins, who has just gone to Washington to take his seat as senator.

### Change in Indeterminate Law.

There is considerable agitation among judges and lawyers, especially prosecutors, for a change in the present intermediate sentence laws. Under the law as it now stands the judge must send the guilty man to the penitentiary for the maximum penalty, where he must remain the full length of time unless sooner released by the Board of Parole. Some now argue this is an injustice. The judge who hears all the evidence and circumstances in the case, they claim, is best fitted to say what the maximum penalty should be. The men who agitate a change believe the court should fix the maximum penalty in his judgment, and then leave it to the discretion of the board to let the man out sooner if they see fit. Many judges now complain that they are compelled to sentence men for the maximum of the law, whereas they believe under no circumstances should the man be imprisoned that long. That he be released sooner is left entirely with the Board of Parole.

### Colonel Resigns.

Colonel Bishop of the Forty-fourth Iowa regiment, Iowa National Guard, whose home is at Muscatine, has written Adjutant General Thrift that he is not a candidate for his position longer, and urges the adjutant to call an early election of the guard to select his successor, that he may be relieved of guard duties. Adjutant General Thrift will call the election early in January.

### Want New Jury Law.

When the legislature convenes in January another effort will be made by the Polk County Bar association to have a bill passed to amend the law governing jury drawing to apply only to Polk county. The bill was presented at the last session of the legislature, but was turned down.

It provides that the four district judges meet the first of each year to select a committee of five men, one from each supervisoral district, which will make up the jury list for the year.

A law similar to this is in effect in many other states.

### Implement Men Elect.

The Iowa Implement Dealers' association elected officers for 1909 and passed resolutions condemning the parcels-post, the uniform bill of lading, priceless binder twine contracts, branch retail stores established by jobbers and the publication of ads for mail order houses by trade papers. Officers were chosen as follows:

President, W. D. Hoyt, Manchester.
Vice president, W. J. Howard, Schaller.
Director, Harry Eaton, Low Moor.
Secretary and treasure, E. P. Armknecht of Donnellson (re-elected).

Representative White of Story county will offer a bill in the coming session of the Iowa legislature to make the State Railroad commission appointive, as formerly, instead of elective, as at present.

It is understood to be Mr. White's intention largely to increase the powers of the board, but the chief feature of his proposition is that relating to the manner of choosing the members.

### Poultry Show at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Southwestern Iowa Poultry exhibition is now being held here with about 400 exceptionally fine birds. Today at noon the pupils of the public schools attended the show in a body to the number of 900, accompanied by teachers. Plans are being made for a grand show next year, including a corn exhibition.

## SOUTH DAKOTA CORN SHOW

**Four Days' Session at Sioux Falls Commencing December Twenty-One.**

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The South Dakota Corn Growers' association will hold its third annual convention and corn school in Sioux Falls, beginning December 21 and closing the 24th, when the auction sale of highly scored corn will be held. Secretary Twambley of Alexandria has just issued his premium list and program of the meeting, and it shows some attractive premiums in the way of cash and donations of agricultural implements from firms.

The corn school will be conducted by Prof. C. Willis of the Brookings Agricultural school, and he will be assisted by H. C. Warner of Forestburg, W. A. Wheeler of Mitchell and Secretary Twambley. The farmer institute programs will be conducted under the direction of A. E. Chamberlain. The corn school will be held every afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## OWNERS OF PACIFIC EXPRESS

**Testimony in Union Pacific Hearing to Indicate Southern Pacific and Wabash Hold Stock.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—That a long period of disagreement between William A. Clark of the San Pedro line and E. H. Harriman of the Oregon Short line resulted in 1902 in an injunction against the latter line by the San Pedro, which was followed by an "agreement" between them, was part of the testimony of William D. Cornish, vice president of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Oregon Short line, read at the continuation today of the government's suit to dissolve the Union Pacific's "combination."

The evidence of Mr. Cornish further stated that each of the two companies had its own management; also that the Southern Pacific does not own the Pacific Express company, 40 per cent of the stock being owned by the Union Pacific and 20 per cent by the Wabash. Asked why in 1901 there had been an issuance of $100,000,000 worth of Union Pacific stock and of $100,000,000 of convertible Union Pacific bonds, Mr. Cornish replied:

"I don't know; my impression is that the company owed a good deal of money at that time."

## TREASURY SHOWS DEFICIENCY

**United States Treasurer Says Cause is Not Decreased Receipts, but Increased Expenditures.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Charles H. Treat, treasurer of the United States, in his annual report calls attention to the fact that owing to the disturbed relations between the income and outgo of the government there was a deficiency last year of $58,070,301, as against a surplus for the preceding year of $84,236,586, and points out that the total revenues for 1908 exceeded any preceding fiscal year except 1907.

Treasurer Treat declares that thus it is apparent that the trouble is not decreasing receipts but increasing expenditures, which situation the treasury was able to meet with the excess of revenues which had accumulated during the previous years.

"The steady flow of gold into the treasury," the report says, "continues to excite an absorbing study of the resources of a country so favored in the distribution of the precious metal. The amount of gold coin actually used in the channels of trade is less that one-half the general stock of gold coin in the country, owing to the increasing popularity of the gold certificates.

"The general stock of money in the country at the close of the last fiscal year was $3,378,764,020, an increase of $263,203,013, as compared with that of a year ago. The money in circulation for the last eleven years has steadily increased, the growth per capita advanced from $22.87 in 1897 to $34.72 in 1908. Population has more than doubled every thirty years, while the wealth of the nation has more than doubled every twenty years. There is legitimate demand for an enormous amount of money in developing the growing industries and expanding trade relations, but no method employed by which that demand per capita can be measured. The volume of currency should not be based on the individual man or per capita, but on the volume of products produced by man, measured by the market value thereof."

There were 266,306,672 pieces of United States paper currency in circulation October 1.

"National bank notes presented for redemption," the report adds, "aggregated $348,549,280, equal to 52.78 per cent of the average amount of notes outstanding during the year. The net growth in the bank note circulation was $94,545,227. There was $328,535,358 in lawful money deposited in the treasury on account of transactions in national bank circulation, $260,678,988 for the 5 per cent fund and $67,856,369 for the retirement of such circulation. The deposits of lawful money in the treasury to retire national bank notes under the act limiting such deposits to $108,000,000 annually, aggregated $37,112,837. Banks have failed of but little more than one-third of the option, therefore the law is not restrictive on retirements until the limit of $9,000,000 per month has been reached."

## AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

**In Session at Pittsburg—Makes Series of Tests in Artificial Mine.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—Coal operators, mine owners, engineers, practical miners, scientists and national and state officials, all here for the meeting of the American Mining congress, this afternoon participated in the formal dedication of the federal government's laboratory and testing station recently established in this city. A series of tests in an artificial mine, in which conditions of real mines are reproduced, so far as possible, showing the results from various explosives and from so-called safety agencies was the most interesting feature of the ceremony.

Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield officiated and there were addresses by John Mitchell, head of the miners' organization, and by miners and others. Today's tests were made at the artificial mine. The first test was made with safety powder, dry fire clay and bituminous coal dust, the latter placed on shelves representing ledges in real mines. The powder was ignited for the blast and did not explode the dust. There was a terrific explosion during the fourth test, when a pound and a tenth of black powder and twenty pounds of road dust (actual mine dust) were used. The recoil was strong and the flames covered the full length of the artificial mine. The test proved the combination to be exceedingly dangerous.

At this point experts of the station appeared wearing the Draeger oxygen apparatus, including metal and glass hoods, chemical chamber and air bag, designed to render breathing normal or nearly so while the operator is surrounded by the most deadly gases and vapors. The men hurried into the gallery still filled with the fumes of the explosion and apparently were not affected by any of the gases. This device is designed particularly for rescue work and was used with good results at Marianna. A number of other tests were merely technical.

## TAFT PRAISES HITCHCOCK

**His Letter Read at Republican Club Dinner in New York City.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Frank H. Hitchcock, who managed the republican campaign; Treasurer George R. Sheldon and William L. Ward, national committeeman, were dined by the New York City Republican club tonight and awarded unstinted praise for their services in the election of Taft and Sherman. The guests included Vice President-Elect Sherman and communications were received from President Roosevelt and President-Elect Taft. President Roosevelt sent this message:

I wish I could be present to join with you in the dinner given in honor of Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Ward. As I cannot, will you allow me through you to extend my heartiest congratulations and thanks to the three men who did so much to bring about the successful result of the recent election.

Mr. Taft, from Hot Springs, wrote at greater length. He said:

I write to extend my greetings to the Republican club of New York City and to express my sympathy with the testimonial of respect and gratitude which it is tendering tonight to Messrs. Hitchcock, Sheldon and Ward for the great service which they have rendered to the party and the nation in organizing and carrying to victory the late presidential contest. They have been justified in every respect by the event.

Not the least of the burden the gentlemen in their positions have always to bear is the criticism of the jealous, of the nervous and of the ignorant in respect to the conduct of a campaign upon which so much of importance hangs. The perfecting of an organization on the one hand and the raising of funds with which to enable it to be put into effective operation on the other, present at times crises that try men's souls. The greater these crises the more interesting is the recollection of them. As Aeneas said to his followers in the storm: "Haec olim forsitan meminisse juvabit."

I sincerely hope that the pleasure of reminiscence which your guests now have and the gratitude of all who are interested in the victory, and that includes a majority of their fellow citizens—will be a reward commensurate with the trials they have passed.

Pianos that are often sold at from $250 to $275 can be bought for $190, on easy payments, at A. Hospe Co., 29 Pearl street, 26 South Main street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## HEARING ON WOOL COMPLETED

**House Committee Continues Tariff Hearings Until December 19.**

## TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES

**Wool Growers from Different Parts of the Country Give Their Views on Tariff Reduction.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The house committee on ways and means yesterday decided to continue the tariff hearings until December 19.

Chairman Payne was authorized to offer a resolution in the house when congress convenes on Monday which will give the committee authority to subpoena witnesses for these supplementary hearings. Tomorrow is the last day of the original schedule of hearings, but on Saturday Herbert Miles, chairman of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, will appear before the committee. Other witnesses also are expected to appear Saturday and Monday there will be a supplementary hearing on the lead schedule. The other sessions will take place on days designated by Chairman Payne. It is believed some will be held occasionally throughout the short session of congress.

### Will Consider Tariff Bill.

The committee will begin the consideration of the new tariff bill as soon as the record up to this time has been printed. Briefs may be filed by parties interested any time before December 19.

Chairman Payne would not say what witnesses would be summoned if the power to subpoena is granted, but it is generally understood that J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, will be on the list.

An indication of the unsatisfactory condition existing at the present hearings was given by Mr. Boutell, republican member from Illinois, at today's hearing on the wool tariff. He had received a very unsatisfactory reply from a witness.

"I understand that you are not under oath," said Mr. Boutell, "but I hope that some time soon the committee will have an opportunity to hear witnesses which it will feel at liberty to cross-examine at pleasure."

Chairman Payne was authorized to continue the hearings at an executive meeting of the committee following the noon recess. No witnesses were examined after recess.

Hans Schmidt of Buffalo, a representative of the wool pulling business, advocated a greater differential in the duties on the wool fleece and the wool on the skin, contending that it was a necessity if the wool pulling industry in this country was to survive. He claimed that under the present tariff the packers are absorbing all of that business.

For the National Wool Growers' association, J. M. Wilson of Wyoming asked that the present rates of duty on wool be retained. He said that the wool growers are in debt and asserted that every shop in Wyoming is mortgaged.

Andrew J. Soles, who asked for a general reduction in the wool schedule, said that Australian lamb's wool is a better grade than the American wool.

A. S. Ericksen, Utah wool grower, asked for the continuation of the present tariff on wool, as did D. M. Campsey, a sheep grower of Pennsylvania; E. J. Ewing, who raises sheep in New Mexico, and Mrs. E. Bonnemort, a wool grower of Utah.

### Committee Hears Woman.

Mrs. Bonnemort is the only woman who has appeared before the committee during the tariff hearings. She told of the difficulties and hardships of the wool growers of Utah during the operation of the Wilson tariff law.

"That was during a democratic administration," she said, "but we are now enjoying the blessings of a republican administration and we appeal to the honorable members of that party for protection."

The republicans enjoyed a laugh at the expense of the democratic members. Mrs Bonnemort urged the retention of the present duties.

W. M. Cullen, who said he was a democratic wool grower of Ohio, and that he was a protectionist also, spoke against any reduction in the tariff. Mr. Ericksen said the Utah wool growers made an average profit of 8 per cent. "We are not getting protection to the extent of 11 cents of the tariff," he said. "The foreign wool imported is 'skirted' so that its shrinkage is only 25 per cent, compared with a shrinkage of 64 per cent of American wool."

The hearing on the wool schedule was practically completed when the committee took recess for lunch.

## CHURCH GOODS SMUGGLED

**Chicago Customs Officials Seize Fifteen Thousand Dollars' Worth of Robes, Rugs and Tapestries.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The customs officials here today seized $15,000 worth of tapestries, rugs and other articles, apparently of use in church ceremonials. An investigation, based on reports that the goods had been smuggled into this country from France, was begun.

David Zork, an appraiser, after an inspection of the goods, said that while the appraised value might be about $15,000, in his opinion the actual value would not be less than $35,000, and if sold separately to collectors the relics would bring $100,000. It is believed that the goods were destined to go to some New York dealer.

### Falls Through Plateglass Window.

WATERLOO, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—James Eppler was seriously injured this afternoon by accidentally falling through the plate glass window in the Howard confectionery store. He was severely cut on the face and head.


### Upholstering.

George W. Klein, 19 South Main street. Both 'phones. "Have it done right."

## BIG SALE CONTINUES

**Bargains Greater Than Any Time Since Sale Began.**

**EXTRA CLERKS ENGAGED TO HANDLE THE MERRY THRONG.**

**"Get in at the Finish."**

Nearly everyone in the city knows that the Omaha Clothing Co. of 1316-1318 Farnam street will soon be out of business. We have told the citizens of Omaha in these columns on more than one occasion of this fact. Thousands have come to this establishment and purchased seasonable merchandise cheaper than we did ourselves, and we have a word to say to those that have not been to this place yet, if there is anything you need in men's apparel and you don't come to this sale you do yourself a great injustice.

We want you, Mr. Reader, to pay us at least a visit, see the ridiculous low prices we have marked high grade merchandise. We are just going to give you an idea of the genuine reductions that are taking place. $7.50 youth's long pant suits, all ages, $2.98. $12 youth's all wool long pant suits, $3.98. Children's two-piece all wool suits, double sewed, double seat and double knee, $1.98. Children's $6.50 and $7 overcoats, $2.98. Men's $3.50 wool worsted union suits, $1.89; these goods are form fitting and cannot be purchased wholesale at this price. Men's blue and pink cotton ribbed union suits, regular price $1.50, now 79c. This is the biggest bargain in Omaha today. Men's 50c colored border pure silk handkerchiefs, 15c. $1 and $1.50 handkerchief mufflers in beautiful colors and patterns, 39c. $2.00 silk oblong and padded mufflers, 25c. $2.50 worsted sweater coats, 98c. $3.50 union made solid leather shoe, price stamped on the sole by the manufacturer, $2.49. Men's heavy absolutely guaranteed pure Australian wool worsted trousers, regular price $7.50, now $3.49. Men's $1.50 working pants 79c. $7.50 cowhide suit cases, $4.25. $1 Lambsdown underwear, 59c. $1 heavy ribbed wool underwear, 59c. 25c heavy sox, 12c. 15c fancy hose, 10c. Nice 25c suspenders, 12c. $1 dress shirts, cuffs attached, 59c. Nice 50c dress shirts, 29c.

BIGGEST BARGAINS YET.

We just brought down from our second floor the balance of raincoats we had on hand, and if anybody wants to get a nice all wool Priestly cravenette they would do well by calling here and save a good clean $10 bill. These cravenettes are Venetian lined and well made, to sell for about $10. You can buy them for $8.85. They come in black vicuna only. Men's brown overcoats, serge lined, fancy pockets and cuffs, marked to sell regularly for $22.50 and $25, are now $9.98. Men's black overcoats, regular price $12.50, now $4.98. $15 men's suits, $6.98. $20 men's suits, $8.98.

SUIT BARGAINS.

We have many suit bargains to offer. Can only name a few of them here. We carry good clothing only. We have never permitted any shoddy enter our store. If you want a good suit for little money you could not find a better place. We have suits as low as $4.98 that sold for $12.50. We are offering for $7.98 suits that sold for $18 and $19. For $12.50 we will show suits that formerly sold for $27.50. These goods are Strouse & Bro.'s hand tailored goods of Baltimore, Md. We have some corduroy suits that never sold under $12 we would like to sell for $4.48.

LADIES' SUITS AND COATS.

We must close out these ladies' goods at once, so we are going to make some great big cuts. Ladies' $15.00 princess back, long, semi-fitting coats, $4.98; $22.50 coats, $8.98; $30 coats, $10.98. Some nobby ladies' suits, in all the latest shades, strictly up-to-date, for $12.48. They were made to sell for $25.00. These must be seen to be appreciated. Children's coats at less than half price, in nobby browns and prevailing shades. $5.00 will buy ladies' skirts that formerly sold for $15.00.

NO END OF BARGAINS.

We could go on here and f