IOWA ACTIVE IN DRAINAGE

Outranks All Other States in This Line of Land Reclamation.

OTHER PROJECTS ARE IN VIEW

Demand for Farm Specialists as Instructors in Excess of Supply at the Present Time.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—There are more drain tile factories in operation in Iowa than in any other state and more steam dredges are in operation right now in Iowa than in any other state. More progress is being made in the drainage of Iowa land than any place else in the world. This is the declaration of the Agricultural department at Washington. In fact, Iowa has just amended its constitution so as to definitely give to the state authority to provide for a general system of drainage. That which has thus far been done has been under laws which are of questionable legality. In fact, some of the laws which were passed were held to be unconstitutional and only by general agreement has the present extensive system of drainage been established. Now the constitution has been changed and drainage laws will no longer be subject to attacks in the courts.

In the meantime Iowa has been doing a wonderful work in drainage, but the end is not yet. There is on foot a systematic movement to hold meetings in the districts needing drainage to arouse greater sentiment in the matter and to provide for additional drainage. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has given encouragement to this and is prepared to continue in the good work. Secretary Wilson is known to take great pride in what Iowa has done and has promised to do more.

It is probable that during the winter there will be held at some point in northern or northwestern Iowa a drainage convention to consider plans for further work. While some counties have made wonderful progress, there are others where very little has been done. It is planned to reach all these. The development of the agricultural interests of the state demand that the work be done in every county where there are swamp lands.

Demand for Farm Specialists.

As an argument in favor of the establishment of agricultural schools throughout the state, it will be pointed out to the coming general assembly that the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames cannot supply the demand for its graduates to fill professorships.

So great has become the demand for technical teachers in agricultural and farm lines that nearly half of the graduates of the State college had to leave to take positions offered them and could not take time to come back for the exercises to get their degrees. The importance of technical farm education is said to be sweeping over the entire country. There is a great demand for men competent to teach. In other states the teaching of agriculture in high schools and country schools is being taken up. The one difficulty is to secure teachers to supply these places. With agriculture taught throughout the state, it is urged, many young men and women would appreciate the vast field that is opening up and would enter the work at Ames and prepare for teaching. There is now a greater demand for instructors than the agricultural colleges can turn out.

The members of the assembly will, on this ground, be urged to support all the bills presented for the extension of agricultural and technical farm education.

Smoke Nuisance Law Wanted.

It is extremely likely that the coming assembly will enact a smoke nuisance law applying to cities of certain classes. The last legislature enacted such a law. Some of the cities coming within its provisions objected. Des Moines wanted a law. Governor Cummins accordingly said he would withold his signature from the law if the city of Des Moines would pass an anti-smoke ordinance. The council did so and the governor let the law die for want of his signature. Then the joker was discovered. In the ordinance passed by the old city council prohibiting smoke nuisances there was no provision for a penalty for violation. Des Moines citizens will work for a new law.

Stripes Almost Abolished.

But three men in the penal institutions of Iowa now wear stripes, the dress of disgrace. One of these is a white man and the other two negroes. All but these have proved amenable to kind treatment and have reached better classes where they wear clothes without stripes and some even in plain colored cloth.

Stripes as now in vogue are indicative of unruly prisoners and those wanting in discipline.

BALLINGER WAS AN IOWA MAN

Talked of as Member of the Cabinet Under Taft.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Richards A. Ballinger, mentioned as secretary of the interior in the Taft cabinet, was born and raised in Boonsboro. He is a nephew of Charles Tucker, a prominent resident of Boone. He spent many years here. The house is still standing where he was born. He was in Boone three times last summer visiting relatives, and retains scores of friends here. He has been mayor of Seattle, judge of the superior court and commissioner of the general land office under Roosevelt. He is one of the most prominent attorneys of the west.

Bailiff's Sudden Death.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—After calling the district court to order this morning Jacob E. Huffman, bailiff and city milk inspector, sat down in a chair in an ante room and let his head fall on the desk dead of heart failure. He was a veteran of the civil war and a former member of the Sioux City police force. Previous to coming to Sioux City he served for two years as sheriff of Beadle county in South Dakota.

Fall Likely to Be Fatal.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—James Murphy will probably die as the result of falling from a street car and fracturing his skull. He has been unconscious three days.

Prisoner's Family Being Cared For.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. John Lawrence and four children have been provided with a home in this city, while Lawrence is doing well in a hospital. He was shot by an officer as he tried to escape from custody. He is wanted in Indiana for fraudulent business methods.

GRINNELL'S ENDOWMENT GROWS

Hundred Thousand from Carnegie Fund Depends on Week's Work.

GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Nothing else in the history of Grinnell has ever so fully stirred up the citizens and unified their interests and efforts as the raising of the $350,000 endowment for Iowa college. If this amount is secured in cash and safe pledges before the close of 1908 there is promised from the Carnegie educational fund $100,000 more and from another source $50,000, making a full half million added to the Iowa college equipment. Of this large sum the trustees of the college have provided for $100,000, the alumni for $50,000, the city of Grinnell $50,000, and the balance from various sources. At present there remains less than $10,000 to be pledged by Grinnel and vicinity, and about $52,000 to be yet provided by the general public.

President Main of the college, professors, trustees, students during the holiday vacation, are all hard at work to assure success at this critical moment when failure means almost irremediable disaster. Prominent business men have left their own private affairs and gone out to work night and day for the short time that remains. On Friday last the college girls brought in over $600 from their "Tag Day" efforts. Not only Grinnell but committees all over Iowa are interested and are helping, and the large body of alumni on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is watching and working.

The Farmer and Tuberculosis.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Dr. E. H. Hirschner, superintendent of the State Tuberculosis hospital at this place, has been quoted to the effect that a large percentage of the patients under his treatment have come from the farm and there contracted the disease from infected stock. Dr. Hirschner states that while it is true that many of the patients at the sanatorium are farmers, the impression given that their occupation was a dangerous one on that account is very misleading. "It should be born in mind," he said, "that Iowa has a great many more people engaged in farming and stock raising than in any other occupation and for this reason one would naturally expect to find many farmers among our patients. There have been some cases reported where tuberculosis has been contracted by persons handling stock, such as loading them on and off cars, but the ordinary farmer's life is quite free from any risks of this kind."

The last of the appropriation of $50,000 for the state sanatorium made by the last legislature is being expended in the building of a small cottage large enough to accommodate eight patients. It is confidently expected that a new appropriation and a generous one will be made by the legislature which convenes in January.

Guards' Armory Dedication.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The opening of the new armory at Estherville for Company D of the Fifty-sixth regiment of Iowa will be held December 31. Some of the leading features of the opening will be a concert by the Fifty-sixth regiment band from Fort Dodge, a speech by Colonel Chantland of Fort Dodge, followed by speeches from all the other officers of the Fifty-sixth regiment, is anticipated. A grand march, then a banquet, followed by a ball given by Moore Brothers' orchestra of Estherville and a part of the regiment band. It is expected that 800 people will be in attendance.

This fine structure is built of red pressed brick at a cost of $9,400. It is sixty feet wide by ninety feet long, with a gallery extending sixty feet along each side and across the whole back end. It is estimated that for auditorium purposes it will seat 1,500 people.

Iowa News Notes.

SIOUX CITY—As a result of cutting his toe in paring a corn, Patrick Teefey, aged 54, is dead at his home, 1019 Pearl street. The blood poisoning communicated to his leg and the doctors amputated the leg in an unsuccessful effort to save his life. Mr. Teefey was a wealthy man, owning much land in Iowa and Oklahoma. He lived at Danbury, Ia., before coming to Sioux City.

IOWA CITY—Prof. W. J. Teeters, dean of the college of pharmacy of the State University of Iowa, has publicly expressed the belief that the branding of cattle with a hot iron is not as painful to the animal as many humane society enthusiasts would have us believe. Prof. Teeters has interests in a big cattle ranch in the southwest, and his experience has taught him the necessity of branding in some form and he says that methods of using acids for this purpose have not proved successful.

CRESTON—Jealous of his wife, Macely Huntley, a negro miner at Buxton, created a panic among a crowd of holiday shoppers in a company store Friday night. Drawing a gun he shot and killed Vernie Watkins, a young colored lad, seriously injured Emanuel Lobbins, another negro, and attempted to kill a colored woman. The prompt and daring action of R. R. McRae, the manager of the store, undoubtedly saved other lives in the crowd, as the man was undoubtedly insane. He wrested the gun from the negro and held him till the officers arrived. Huntley was taken to the county jail at Albia, where he is now confined.

AUTO ACCIDENTS IN CHICAGO

Twenty Persons Killed and 327 Injured in Windy City in Eleven Months.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—In the first eleven months of this year twenty people were killed in automobile accidents in Chicago to fifteen the same months last year, while 327 people were injured but not fatally as compared with 231 for the same months last year.

These figures were made known by the city statistician today as a result of an effort to be made by the city council to curb the alarming increase of automobile accidents due largely, it is said, to reckless driving and speeding.

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Royal Heir in Prospect.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22.—It was officially announced today in the Chamber of Deputies that Queen Wilhelmina was in an interesting condition, and the statement was greeted wth joyful "Bravos" from practically the entire house. Only a handful of socialists, amid the hoots and derision of their colleagues, took exception to the loyal demonstration.

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CHANGE IN PROVIDENT LIFE

E. E. Rittenhouse Becomes President of New York Corporation.

IS NOW COLORADO COMMISSIONER

He Succeeds Arthur G. Langham of Louisville, Who Retires Because of Change in Control of Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A surprise was sprung in life insurance circles yesterday when a change in control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society was announced. E. F. Rittenhouse, commissioner of insurance of Colorado, was elected president to succeed Arthur C. Langham. The control of the organization, it was announced, had passed from Mr. Langham's hands to those of Judge Nash Rockwood of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Commissioner Rittenhouse was present at the meeting of the directors and formally accepted the presidency. On Wednesday, it is stated, he will leave for Colorado to tender his resignation as insurance commissioner and will take charge of Provident affairs about January 1, 1909.

It was through the action of the Colorado insurance department under Commissioner Rittenhouse's administration that an investigation of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society was first taken up nearly a year ago. The Thomas interests were then in charge, having taken it over from Timothy L. Woodruff and his associates. Later a syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists headed by John J. Coyle took charge and last August the Coyle syndicate sold the control to a southern syndicate headed by Arthur C. Langham of Louisville, Ky., who has since been president of the society.

For a time before its rehabilitation under the syndicates which followed the Thomas interests in control the company was prohibited by the insurance departments of Colorado and New Hampshire from writing new business in those states.

Judge Rockwood, who now takes charge of the company, is county judge of Saratoga county, New York. The statement announcing his assumption of control makes it appear that he acted for himself alone. In this notice to the policy holders he said:

"My investment in the stock of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society is a permanent one. The control is not for sale at any price. The society will not be removed from New York. We regard its assets as a sacred trust and they will be managed and conserved accordingly. It is the intention, as early as possible, to put into effect a plan that will give the policy holders representation upon the board of directors."

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—E. E. Rittenhouse, elected president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society of New York in New York City today, has been insurance commissioner of Colorado for four years and during that time has been active in enforcing the laws of the state concerning operations of insurance companies, so much so in fact that numerous temporary suspensions were ordered and several charters revoked where violations of the laws were discovered. From recommendations made by Insurance Commissioner Rittenhouse insurance laws have been enacted that gives Colorado the reputation of being in the forefront in progressiveness in this particular. Prior to entering the service of the state Mr. Rittenhouse was engaged in the newspaper business and had been engaged with leading daily papers in the state. He came originally from New York.

German Ambassador Arrives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Count John Heinruck von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, with the countess and their daughter, arrived today by the Hamburg-American liner America.

This is the ambassador's first visit to America, while Countess von Bernstorff, although born in New York, has not been here for twenty-five years.

He looks forward with extreme interest to his work in Washington.

"Thanks to the confidence of the emperor and the imperial government," said Count Bernstorff, "I am entrusted with the difficult responsibility of succeeding Baron Sternburg, who, in representing my country so well in America, had the good fortune also to win the confidence of the government and people of the United States. The successor of Baron Sternburg must feel diffident in undertaking the work he had carried forward. Although I feel a certain hesitation in approaching this work, yet I also feel the exceptional trust that has been given me and the clear road ahead in the good will existing between our governments and the peoples.

"My deep desire is to promote this mutual good will and I know no other way of doing so except by openness and complete good faith. While I am in Washington there will be no mystery about German aims in all that relates to the United States. It is needless to say that I come to this country with the greatest pleasure and interest. My stay in America will afford me the occasion of closely following the amazing progress of the American people in every branch of public life, a progress which commands the admiration of the whole world."

Kieran Sells Million in Bonds.

Testifying before the referee in the hearing of the bankruptcy case of the Fidelity Funding company today, C. W. Lucas, a Chicago attorney who acted as counsel for two years for the Patrick J. Kieran concern, said that in that time Kieran issued and sold more than $1,000,000 worth of trust collateral bonds. He mentioned St. Vincent's college, a Catholic institution in Chicago, as being involved to the extent of $150,000 and St. Jehosophat's congregation of Milwaukee $300,000, in such transactions on the part of Kieran.

Henry S. Strauss, a Wall street broker, testified that the missing secretary of the Fidelity Funding company employed him last spring to place the company's paper, and he said he handled about $300,000 worth. Strauss said Kieran used to furnish him with a memorandum of the notes he held and which he would submit to the bank for investigation, and then Kieran would be instructed to take to the bank such as they approved.

Both out of town and local creditors were represented at the hearing by a considerable array of lawyers. A statement introduced gave the liabilities of the company as $3,941,607 and the assets as $3,579,315, showing a deficiency of $361,722, and when counsel for Chicago creditors remarked casually that "of course the assets were only nominal," Referee Olney quickly interrupted him to say "let us hope not—at least for the sake of the creditors."

Cab Drivers on Strike.

More than 2,000 cab drivers and chauffeurs employed by liveries and cab concerns are on strike today according to Edwin Gould, secretary of the Liberty Dawn association, and 1,000 more are awaiting the call of the union to join in the movement. The employers not yet affected by the strike order have been given twenty-four hours to grant the demands made by the union.

Boone Man Drops Dead.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles A. Sherman, aged 78, dropped dead in his chair this afternoon. He was formerly prominent as the builder of the Boone County railroad and the developer of mining and oil fields at Casper, Wyo.

BURT SUCCEEDS STICKNEY

Former President of Union Pacific Becomes Receiver for Chicago Great Western.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western railway, who, with C. H. F. Smith, was appointed receiver to look after the affairs of the road last summer, today resigned his receivership, and Judge Walter H. Sanborn of the United States circuit court appointed Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific, as his successor.

There are persistent rumors to the effect that Mr. Stickney will in the near future resign from the presidency of the road and that Mr. Burt will be his successor. This was denied in official circles today, however.

Mr. Stickney gave out the following statement:

"Yes, I have determined to resign as receiver of the Chicago Great Western railway.

"The time is close at hand when a reorganization plan must be agreed upon. Several committees have been formed representing different classes of securities. Of course each committee will naturally attend to the interests of its own constituents. I am still president of the Chicago Great Western Railway company and as such I feel that I owe a duty not to any special class of stockholders, but equally to each and every class.

"I feel, therefore, that I should be free to act, if necessity should arise, as a sort of mediator between the various interests. Up to this time my duties as receiver have engrossed all my time and thoughts in the detail of operations, but as we approach the end of the receivership in which the rights of conflicting interests must be determined by court, there will be continually arising questions which the receivers have to pass on in the first instance, in which I, as a stockholder and noteholder of the company, am interested in directly. In considering, therefore, the embarrassment of being called upon to advise the court in regard to the matters in which I may be personally interested in and considering my relation to the stockholders as president of the company, I have felt it my duty to tender to the court my resignation as one of the receivers."

Some time ago Mr. Burt went over the line and at that time it was announced he was making the examination to report to the bondholders on the value of the property.

BRYAN STILL IN COMMAND

Nebraskan Says He Cannot Relinquish Democratic Leadership at Behest of Opposition.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22.—With "A Battle Over, the War Begun" as his text, William Jennings Bryan tonight declared that the democratic party must continue its fight for reforms and said he would not give up the principles for which he has fought.

Mr. Bryan spoke at a "dollar" dinner given by prominent democrats of the coke regions, following the delivery of his lecture on "The Prince of Peace," for the benefit of the Uniontown hospital. Judge Robert Umble was toastmaster. Former Lieutenant Governor Latta spoke on "The Democratic Party of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Bryan's political address was in part as follows:

"If there is one state in which a democrat ought not to be downcast merely because he has been defeated, that state is Pennsylvania because he is accustomed to it. If there is one state in which the democrats are not expected to abandon a principle merely because that principle embodied in a platform has failed to win a victory that state is Pennsylvania. For you have gone down to defeat in Pennsylvania with great regularity no matter how good your platforms."

Mr. Bryan said that the republican party would not meet the expectations of the people and the voters would find relief only in the application of democratic principles. Concerning his continued leadership of the democratic party, Mr. Bryan said that leadership had come to him without effort on his own part, and as long as the party wanted him to continue such leadership he did not feel that he could relinquish it at the behest of those who might be personally interested in such action upon his part.

Mr. Bryan said Mr. Taft had been elected through a combination of financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country, and that he would rather remain a private citizen than be president and be subservient to these interests as Mr. Taft must be under the conditions that elected him. He declared President Roosevelt had degraded his high office by making it the football of party politics during the recent campaign.

PROBLEMS OF FARM LIFE

President Roosevelt's Commission Reaches Washington and Begins Work on Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—That there are problems and difficulties of a serious character affecting the farmers from one end of the country to the other, the solution of which they are going to demand was the declaration of L. H. Bailey, chairman of the Country Life commission, who with four other members of that body arrived here today to prepare their conclusions for presentation to President Roosevelt. The first meeting of the commission to consider its report was held today. The commission expects to have the report in the hands of the president the latter part of the month.

"Everywhere," said Prof. Bailey, "there are serious ecenomic questions along the lines of distribution, marketing and the lack of effective co-operation among the farmers.

"Farmers are in need of organization and more particularly of social organization. We found, for example, where farming is very prosperous the social conditions may not be very good. Great emphasis has been placed on the deficiency in schools and of better highways."

WRIGHT FULLY RECOVERED

Man Injured in Aeroplane Accident at Fort Myer Will Start for France Soon.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 22.—Orville Wright, who has fully recovered from his injuries suffered in the fall of his aeroplane at Fort Myer, will sail for France in about ten days. Mr. Wright, who was here today, stated that he and his brother expect to spend the winter in France, devoting their time largely to training men to operate the aeroplane. Mr. Wright said he probably would return to this country in the spring and renew the government tests of the Wright aeroplane at Fort Myer.

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TAFT CONSULTS HAMMOND

Head of Republican League Not Candidate for Any Position.

CABINET RUMORS UNFOUNDED

Judge Taft is Inclined to Attribute Most of Them to Press Agents of Men Who Want Places.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—President-elect Taft conferred yesterday with John Hayes Hammond, president of the National League of Republican clubs, and received suggestions which will be given serious consideration respecting new fields of future usefulness for that organization. Mr. Hammond arrived here on the invitation of Mr. Taft, who said there were many things he wanted to talk over with the eminent mining engineer, including political conditions and appointments. Mr. Hammond was emphatic in saying that he was not a candidate for either the cabinet, the diplomatic corps or any other position. If he had any ambition whatever, it would be to head a department of public works if such a department should be established. In the organization of such, he believes his engineering experience would be valuable in organizing a branch of service having for its purpose the conservation of the natural resources and their administration.

Mr. Taft said tonight he had invited Senator Knox to come to Augusta within the next two or three weeks if he could, at which time a cabinet conference would be held. Mr. Taft said he believed he was beginning to see where so many cabinet rumors came from. The publishing of a name with the information that its possessor was being "seriously considered" for the cabinet, he found, has followed the suggestion of that name to him by some one interested in the person. He added that he still believed it would take more than the suggestion of a name and its publication to build the cabinet. Mr. Taft stated specifically that there is no foundation for any of the recent cabinet rumors.

State Chairman Walter S. Dickey of Missouri will visit Mr. Taft in the near future. That Mr. Dickey will have something to say of the qualifications of Charles Nagel of St. Louis for a cabinet position is predicted. Mr. Taft spoke tonight in the highest terms of the legal ability of Mr. Nagel, who was in charge of the national headquarters at Chicago in the absence of Chairman Hitchcock.

The Taft family today moved into the Terrett cottage, which is to be their home during the remainder of their stay here. At dinner tonight they were the guests of the Country club. Mr. Taft is vexed at his golf score. He refuses to tell what it is, but lays the blame to the sand greens.

Many invitations are coming to Mr. Taft to visit points in the south. He said he would be unable to go anywhere except to keep his Atlanta engagement.

Purpose of Panama Trip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The program for President-Elect Taft and two or three engineers to go to the Isthmus of Panama to look over the work there is declared on the best authority to be matter of inspection and precaution and nothing else. No unexpected or unusual problems have arisen, it is stated, and there is no alarm that the work on the canal may be proceeding upon improper or futile lines. The president, it is also stated, is handling the canal much as he would if he were having built a great house. He wants to guard against missteps and he thinks the best way to do this is to keep in touch with the situation, bringing in the best minds of the country for expressions and opinions and suggestions as to possible changes. Mr. Taft was selected because of his familiarity with the canal work and the fact that as head of the government after March 4 he also wants to be fully informed in a personal way as to the developments and progress. The engineers who will accompany Mr. Taft have not yet been selected, although Alfred Noble of New York is one of those who has been consulted by the president.

CHARGE INVOLVES BISHOPS

Methodist Officials Accused of Using Undue Influence to Secure Large Gifts to Missions.

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 22.—Charges involving Methodist bishops are incorporated in suits filed today to set aside the title of valuable lands and other property deeded by the late Elijah Hayes of Warsaw, to the missionary board of the Methodist Episcopal church. Allegations are made against the late Bishop Charles C. McCabe, William C. McDowell, Bishop James F. Fitzgerald of St. Louis, Judge Lemuel W. Royse of Warsaw, Rev. D. H. Guild, pastor of the first M. E. church of Wabash, formerly of Warsaw, and William D. Alleman.

The complaint declares that on December 24, 1902, the late Bishop McCabe, by undue and improper advantages obtained possession of $25,000 belonging to Elijah Hayes and wrongfully persuaded and compelled Hayes to sign a deed conveying to McCabe, Fitzgerald, Royse, Alleman and Guild that sum of money, that Bishop McCabe and the others well knew the weakened mental condition of Hayes, and that he was incapable of managing his affairs and to act in any business capacity.

It is charged that Bishop McCabe and others persuaded him to deed to the Methodist missionary board property valued at $127,000. The suit is brought by distant relatives of Hayes.

NEW SMELTING CORPORATION

Company With Fifty Millions Authorized Capital Stock Files Papers in New Jersey.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 22.—The International Smelting and Refining company, with an authorized capital of $50,000,000 was incorporated here today. The company is authorized to engage in the business of mining, milling and smelting ores. The capital stock is divided into shares of common stock of the par value of $100 each and the New Jersey agency of the company is located at 243 Washington street, Jersey City. The incorporators are Frederick Hoff, Richard C. Hunt and Nelson W. Runnion, New York.

It is understood that this is the company that is being organized by big financial interests in opposition to the American Smelting and Refining company, which latter company includes the Guggenheim interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The company incorporated at Trenton today is the one reported last week as in course of organization by John D. Ryan and Thomas F. Cole for competition with the American Smelting and Refining company.

The personnel of the board of directors and the officers of the company probably will be announced before New Year's. It is said the company will erect plants at several points in Mexico as well as in the United States.

DON'T WANT BABIES NEAR CLUB

Residents Near Field Club Object to Child-Saving Institute Building on Proposed Site.

Fashionable residents of Oakhurst addition, near the Field club, object to the location of the proposed new Child Saving institute at the northeast corner of the county farm. Superintendent W. A. Clark, W. S. Wright, Rome Miller and K. C. Barton called on the county board a few days ago and asked the county to give the institute a fifty year lease on enough ground to hold a building. They asserted if they could get such a lease they could secure a donation of $20,000 for a new building.

Monday afternoon another delegation of present and prospective residents of the neighborhood near the proposed location called on the board and objected to the plan. Many of them declared they would not build on their lots if the Institute were allowed to locate there. The members of the board advised them to see the board of the Child Saving Institute. In the protesting delegation were John W. Towle, Ralph Sunderland, C. Z. Gould, D. V. Sholes and others.

BOY CRUSHED BY SHOPPERS

Fatal Accident in Elevator of Crowded Department Store in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Pushed by crowds of Christmas shoppers, Elmer A. Birdseye, the 7-year-old son of George Birdseye, a wholesale grocer of Seattle, Wash., was crushed to death in an elevator of the Boston store here tonight. The boy was being taken by his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Birdseye, to see the toys. The elevator operator was arrested pending the coroner's inquest.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS IN PANIC

Jam on Fourth Floor of St. Joseph Store Results in Death of Boy.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—A jam caused by Christmas shoppers on the fourth floor of the Townsend & Wyatt department store here tonight, developed into panic, and several women fainted. Crowds about the passenger elevator sprung the steel door to the shaft, and the 2-year-old son of Cash Nickum of this city was pushed into the opening and killed.

Waterloo Woman is Killed.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. O. B. Courtwright, wife of Senator O. B. Courtwright, was fatally injured this morning by falling in a faint from her electric car, which circled twice over her prostrate form. She died at 4 o'clock this afternoon. She had taken her husband to the station for Allison, where he was attending court today.

Our Letter Box

Contributions on timely topics invited. Write legibly on one side of the paper only, with name and address appended. Unused contributions will not be returned. Letters exceeding 350 words will be subject to being cut down at the discretion of the editor. Publication of views of correspondents does not commit The Bee to their endorsement.

Kick on the Carnival.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a resident of this city since 1886 I feel at this time greatly rejoiced to think that our first corn exposition has proven, not only a great success, but that the managers of the same were not obliged or allowed to introduce any questionable or disreputable "side shows," same as has usually been done in this city heretofore.

At a republican club meeting a few months ago one of the speakers (an ex-member of city government) alluded to the "King's Highway" annex of Ak-Sar-Ben and denounced the management of same in vigorous terms, stating that recently at Detroit, Mich., the people arose and drove such an exhibit from their city.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have always lived in good sized cities and can stand considerable, but when platform orators (spielers) are allowed to beseech little children of 10 and 12 years of age for their dimes by the cry "Come and see men, women and children smoking that deadly drug, opium," I must draw the line.

These little boys and girls upon entering the "opium den," were of course astonished by only seeing a white man in Chinese garb smoking; not only were they deceived by promises of seeing several smokers, but were rendered, in some cases, almost sick by the effusions of the solitary performer. This, I remember, was called the only "educational" show upon the grounds.

The above was not the only objectionable booth last September, and I do hope that until the board of governors changes the management of King's Highway no more 10-cent admission members will be in evidence. OBSERVER.

ANNIVERSARY OF MASSACRE

Survivors of Fetterman Tragedy and Others Connected With Event Are Present.

A notable anniversary was held Monday evening at the Hotel Loyal in commemoration of the forty-second anniversary of the Fetterman massacre at Fort Phil Kearney. Those present were two of the survivors of that tragic event, Samuel S. Peters and Samuel S. Gibson of Omaha, and Brigadier General and Mrs. Charles Morton of the United States army. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Peters were the only survivors of the tragic occasion, but General Morton was fifteen years later charged with the mournful duty of superintending the disinterment of the bodies of the ninety men killed in that affair and securing their reinterment at the Custer battleground on the Little Big Horn.

It was hoped that another of the survivors of that tragic day of nearly half a century ago could be present, Maurice Barres, but he was unable to be present. Among the relics of the massacre occupying a prominent position on the banquet table was a Henry rifle that was used by James Wheatley, a victim of the massacre, and the property of Mr. Peters, which was recovered from Chief Red Cloud the year following the massacre at Fort Laramie. Another gruesome relic exhibited was the scalp of Lieutenant N. H. Daniels of the Eighteenth United States infantry, who was killed by a band of Indians under Red Cloud the summer previous to the massacre and which was recovered by Mr. Peters in the engagement in which Lieutenant Daniels was killed.

PAIR OF SMALL ROBBERIES

Groceryman Held Up and Thief Makes Grab for Cash of a Picture Show.

Last night about 6:55 o'clock two men entered the grocery store of A. Frank, 2235 South Eleventh street, and while one of them covered the proprietor with a gun the other went through the cash register and took $8. Detectives were at once sent to the scene of the robbery, but up to a late hour last night no trace of the men who pulled off the job had been found.

Last night while the cashier of the Cameraphone theater was counting up the day's receipts a man approached the window and presented a letter, which he said was addressed to some one in the theater. The cashier picked up the envelope to read the address and as she did so the man made a grab for the cash, getting a pile of quarters which amounted to $7. In his haste he dropped one of the coins, but got away with the balance. The letter was addressed in an envelope from the Dodge hotel and was addressed to L. T. Fensky, Omaha, Neb.

Manicure sets—Frenzer—15th and Dodge.