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Fancy Baskets, Fancy
Slik Hand-Embroidered
Japanese Rattan Baskets, White Satis HandPainted Glove Boxes,
Silk Hand-Embroidered
Boxes.

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on Xmas

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Days.

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Little Girl Picked Up and Given Home-

girl named Ida Paul at the station Tuesday

and turned her over to Mrs. Heller of the

with whom she had lived. The mother of

house of Paul Ketterers, near the depot.

Decree Against Land Pencers-Judge W.

Stock company, Thomas E. Wells, Reuben

railroad journey from Galesburg, Ill., to

Bad Penny Always Returns-The police

in Omaha, at Least for the

Present.

Gus A. Renze, "artificer" of Ak-Sar-Ben,

When asked if he would remain in Omaha,

remain in Omaha, at least for the present.

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BRIEF CITY NEWS

application.

Binehart, photographer, 13th & Farnam. Bowman, 117 N. 16, Douglas shoe, \$3.50. Fa Bourke for holiday candles and ci-

Equitable Life-Policies sight drafts at maturity. H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha. For Emas Gas or electric reading lamps make acceptable presents. Prices reasonable. Burgess-Granden Co., next to gas office, 1511 Howard St.

Divorce for Cruelty-Louis E. Guertin has secured a decree of divorce from Eilda Guertin, charging cruelty. Emma Elisworth has been granted a divorce from George H. Ellsworth on the same charge, Your money and insurance papers

proof safe deposit box in the American Safe Deposit valuts in The Bee building. Boxes rent for only \$4 a year, or

W. H. Holmes Goes to Penttentiary-William H. Holmes, the attorney, convicted of embezzling his client's money, was taken to the penitentiary Wednesday morning by Sheriff Brailey. He will serve a two-year term.

Rearing of Connor Will Petition-The bearing of the petition for the probate of the socalled lost will of Joseph A. Connor, will come up before County Judge Leslie, January 25. The date was set Wednesday that everything is promising for a steady

Man Leaves Wife and Children-Proba- solid food and talk about things. He is tion officers are looking for Joseph McKee, fully conscious of his whereabouts, and and, if he is found, charges of wife and his mother, whose attendance and comfort child abondonment will be preferred against during the long siege have done much tohim. The children, two little girls 5 and ward effecting his recovery, is overjoyed 7 years of age, are in the detention home at his approaching recovery. and the mother is supporting herself by

working out. are convinced of the old adage that a bad Fodrea Meturus to Omaha-P. P. Fod- penny always returns. Maggie Moore, who rea, formerly of Omaha, who went to Chi- has not bothered the officers for a long time cago a few years ago to become advertis- with her particular weakness of shoping agent of the Burlington and later was lifting and petty thievery, was arrested in with the Raliway Age-Gazette, has re- a large department store Tuesday by Pasigned and will return to Omaha to form troiman Carney, while she was in the act an advertising agency. Mr. Fodrea was of stealing a pocketbook from a counter. in Omaha Wednesday and left for Grand When searched at the police station, about

Island where he will spend the holidays. \$5 worth of handkerchiefs and other small Little Johnnie is Caught-Little John articles were found on her person and she Murphy, a chronic runaway and the bane admitted that they were stolen. She was of existence to the juvenile court authori- fined \$5 and costs in police court, and the ties, has been captured again and placed stolen property was returned to the store. in the St. James orphanage where it is hoped he will be made to stay. The boy, RENZE BACK FROM THE COAST who is but 8 years of age, ran away on Friday the last time and was not found until Tuesday when he was discovered caleen in a wagon on the street.

Auditorium Victims Improved-F. R. Calkin and Roy Flucky, the men hurt at the Auditorium Tuesday morning when a designer of the floats in the big parade temporary platform fell upon them, are at and general carnival promoter, returned the Omaha General hospital in somewhat last night from a month's visit to the Pamore sereve injuries, but neither man is number of cities, including Portland, San seriously hurt. Fluckey received a scalp Francisco, Oakland, San Mateo and other wound and bruises, while it is thought points in California. one or two of Calkin's ribs are fractured. Charley says "Wo Guilty"-Entering a Mr. Renze stated that he would, for the

plea of "no guilty" to the charge of present, at least. "I made no contract keeping a disorderly house, Charley Sing, with any western city," he said, "and will the Chinese proprietor of the Royal chop suey parlor at 1213 Douglas street, had his case set for hearing next Tuesday when he case set for hearing next Tuesday when he called one of the hear known race horses. was arraigned in police court Wednesday bears that name; two automobites, owned Oakland one of the best known race horses morning. He was arrested last week on by former Omaha men, at the same place, complaint of Juvenile Officer Mogy Bern-bear the names of Ak-Sar-Ben and Akstein, who claims that liquor has been sold Sar-Ben, jr. Also one of the best brands to minors in Sing's place of business.

of California oranges bears the same name. Brewery Wins Law Suit-Under order This brand is handled by the Marks Comfrom Judge Sutton the jury in the case of mission house, formerly of this city. Fierman Gasson against the Willow Springs Mr. Rense met many former residents of viaduct in return. Brewing company returned a verdlet for Omaha during his trip and says that at the defendant. Gasson was assaulted while Oakland there is a Nebraska colony which in the saloon at the brewery and sued the never lets an opportunity pass to advertisa proprietors for \$20,000 on the grounds they Omaha and Ak-Sar-Ben.

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gold the liquor that caused him to get AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA Mariborough drunk and be mixed up in a fight in the AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA comfortable. sold the liquor that caused him to get saloon. Judge Sutton dismissed the case on the grounds he did not testify he would

on Limit of Various Funds.

Patrolman W. R. Wilson, whose post of duty is Union station, picked up a little DOUBLE SHIFT FOR FIREMEN next door was practically destroyed.

Detention home. The child will be cared Also Decides in Favor of Twelve Councilmen, Six to Be Elected by for there, as it is said that she has been neglected by both her mother and her aunt, Wards and Same Number at Large. the youngster is thought to be living at the

H. Munger issued a decree in the United mittee last night was important for the lery. States district court Wednesday morning struggle for a double shift for the fire decommittee report on South Omaha ex-Lisco and Samuel P. Jones to remove penditures. their fences from public lands in Deuel amended, the following recommendations:

directed to have the fences removed and Light fund...
Water fund...
Water fund... sessed against the ranch company and parties named.

George McKitrick Bears Trip—George McKitrick has shown no bad effects of his Salary fund.

16,000
Library fund.

16,000
Library fund.

25,000
Street repair fund.

4,000
Plus county road fund.

8,000
Salary fund.

25,000
Street repair fund.

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Omaha, and enjoyed a good night's rest Tuesday. It is reported from his mother's home, 2214 Capitol avenue, where he now is, fund. The special committee consisting of way end of the building came down. The P. J. Barrett, C. W. Sears and John Macrecovery, as he is able to sit up, take Millan recommended an increase of pay for the men with two fire halls and an engine additional, providing for the new equipment by issuing \$25,000 bonds. This made the expense of the department \$25,000 annually. It was at once moved to amend this by increasing the amount provided to \$35,-000, and adding the double shift. After a bitter fight and some personalities the amendment was carried by one vote.

The balance of the committee's repor sioner be done away with and the report of the county assesors be taken as the review. This was rejected and the committee voted to retain the tax commissioner as at present.

The report of the committee recommended he election of twelve councilmen, six at large and six from the wards, provided, however, that the election of all should not take place the same year, but be divided Artificer of Ak-Sar-Ben is to Remain in two classes.

The committee on public service corporations and on the matter of a city boller inspector and meter inspector reported, the only recommendation being for a botter in-

One prominent recommendation was that the practice of boosting the funds providimproved condition. Calkin suffered the cfic coast, during which time he visited a ing for fixed expenditures, such as fire," police, light, water and so forth, should be tinued, and that all excesses of colections go into the general fund, not to be expended, necessarily, but to reduce the levy, if possible, from year to year.

City Council Proceedings. night to advance the specal levy ordinances for special taxes for street improvements, paving, grading and sidewalks. These ordinances, six in number, were passed. The only other important item was the introluction of an ordinance providing and declaring the necessity of a viaduct at Twenty-ninth and F streets over the Union Parific railroad. The city proposes to vacate general in the Canadian cabinet, this aftto the Union Pacific a number of stub streets in that vicinity and to accept the

Surprise for Sam McDonald. A surprise party was arranged by Mrs. William R. MacDonald, 188 North Twentythird street, last night, in honor of her on, Samuel MacDonald of Chicago and his wife, who was Miss Charlotte Mendel, The young couple are making their first visit home since the wedding, which took place over six months ago. In honor of the event about thirty young people, mostly of the young married couples, formerly friends to Mr. MacDonald, met and enjoyed games and other amusements until a late hour. Refreshments were served and plenty of good fellowship pre-

One man robbed Pat Hannigan's saloon Tuesday night at Thirty-ninth and Q managed to slip down behind the bar and

Robber Holds Up Saloon,

streets, securing \$10. The attempt was made at 11:45 p. m., just before the proprictor was closing up for the night. Two or three men were in the place when the stranger walked in with a big gun in each hand and commanded hands up. All obeyed, but a carpenter named Smith, who crawl out on his hands and knees. The rest of the men were compelled to stand while the man searched them. The police were notified and given the best description the nervous crowd could procure, but as yet they have no clue. With the report of a hold-up man about all the officers overhauled their guns and made ready for some quich

FIRE IN NEW YORK THEATER

Blaze Breaks Out in Upper Gallery at Herald Square Playhouse.

AUDIENCE GOTTEN OUT SAFELY

Curtain is Rung Down and Few Know of Fire Until After They Leave Building-Damage About Twenty Thousand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Fire broke out in Herald Square theater at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway last night ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, had driven the actors and was made that the Equal Franchise sochorus into the streets in their scant cos- clety had been organized at the home of tumes and had caused great commotion Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, with Mrs. among the crowds on Broadway. There Mackay as president. was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire to secure the national, state and local until most of them had passed into the electoral franchise for women, and for this streets. The fire caught from an electric sign on the front of the theater building York and elsewhere adequate headquarters and spread to the executive officies which and maintain a bureau of publicity and are opposite the second gallery of the propaganda. auditorium. It was just ten minutes before the time

for the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theater attaches that there was smoke in the upper part No Attention Paid to Their Work by of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and told them to cut the play short. This was done and the curtain was lowered without any announce nent to the audience. The big crewd shuffled slowly out, not knowing that a tion to the legislature has given an affirmfire was being fought in the upper gallery Most of them soon reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for the wraps to be taken from the coat rooms. As a charter which they will ask the legislathe flames began to gain headway the alarm spread among the actors, and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving thought to their scant and unconventional attire. With the temperature hovering around the falling snow into their faces, the chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover at the Marlborough hotel, where they were made

An alarm quickly brought the fire engines and water was turned upon the have mixed in the fight if he had been Charter Revision Committee Decides flames, but not until probably \$50,000 damage had been done to the front part of the theater building and to the gallery of the auditorium. A saloon and cigar store

Only the coolness of the thester attaches prevented anything in the way of a panic. When the curtain was lowered upon the final ensemble, the orchestra continued to exits and quietly reassured those who had discovered the smoke in the second gal-

When it became known through the dedirecting the Rush Creek Land and Live partment and the adoption of the general parting audience that there was a fire in they were able to show him where he was That report provides, as cloak room by those who had checked the theater cleared before all of those 25,000 could be given their wraps, and many men 25,000 and women in evening dress went into the street and stood around on Broadway for 5.000 a time hoping to recover their wraps. They
2.500 were forced, however, through stress of
4.000 weather finally to leave without them.
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formed by Broadway and Thirty-fifth street, in which was located the office of the Shuberts. Lee Shubert later said that he estimated the loss at between \$50,000 and 160,000, Lee Shubert and Lew Fields are the lessees of the theater.

Impulsive Legislation Decried. Impulsive legislation was decried and the plessings of intelligent moderation in the conduct of public affairs was dwelt upo by former Governor Frank F. Black of was adopted as it had suggested. It was New York, who delivered the principal adsuggested that the office of tax commis- press of the evening at the dinner of the New England Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. More than 500 basis of property valuation for South persons were present at the dinner, among Omaha, the city council being a board of the guests of honor being Governor Charles E. Hughes, Frank H. Hitchcock, Major General Wood and J. P. Morgan.

Seth Low, president of the society, in his introductory remarks referred to the fact that the death roll of the organization during the last year had been very large, numbering forty-four. Included in this list was the late president of the Unted States, Grover Cleveland.

After toasts to the president of the United States and "to the memory of our dead" had been drunk, former Governor Frank F. Black responded to the toast, "Forefathers'

Governor Hughes spoke to the topic, "The State of New York." In part he said: "The New England spirit is no longe that of New England. It is the spirit of the entire nation. We no longer look to the little group of commonwealths in the northeastern portion of our country for inspiration, for the spirit which the citizens of that strip of coastline once exemplified is now the spirit of our great west and mid-The city council met in special session last die Atlantic states; indeed the spirit of the entire country. We honor New England because New England is diffused.

Chesper Cable Rates. That not only cheaper, but very much heaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the assertion of Ralph Lemieux, the postmaste ernoon on the eve of his departure for Canada after a day spent in this country

following his arrival from Europe last The reform has been accomplished

the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and will soon come about on the Atlantic." Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to influential interests in the United States also, but he declined to be questioned as to whether or not this government had been or would be apreached by Canada and Great Britain in the matter, However, he said it was regarded as significant when Whitelaw Reld, the American ambassador in London, at a dinner given to Mr. Lemieux in that city, declared in a semi-humorous way that the United States would not stand by idly and see Canada enjoy alone what he declared would be the great boon of lower cable rates to Europe

Equal Franchise Society.

Another factor appeared in the suffrage situation today when the announcement

The particular object of this society is purpose to maintain in the city of New

Diamonds-FRENZER-15th and Dodge.

CHARTER TINKERS ARE NIL the Douglas County Legislators.

Has all the work done by the charter revision committee been for naught? The action of the Douglas county delegaative impression. The members-elect to the house and senate have been holding daily meetings for over a week to fix up

ture to pass at the coming session. "We have not been paying any attention to the work done by the charter revision committee," said W. P. Thomas, one of the leading members of the delegation. "Its chief work consisted in recommending the raising of most of the salaries of the mutwenties and a fierce wind driving the nicipal officeholders. Omaha now has a good charter and the changes which will be reccommended by this delegation will be few and far between.

"The delegation is, however, working out a scheme whereby it hopes in a way to redeem the campaign pledges given for home rule for Omaha and South Omaha. To that end two meetings were held with Governor-elect Shallenberger last week when he was in Omaha to attend the National Corn exposition. One of these meetings lasted four hours and the other five hours. To give Omaha home rule the delegation is considering two propositions either to make the law so the mayor will appoint the fire and police board, and thus play, and Police Inspector McCloskey and make him responsible for the action of Deputy Police Commissioner Hanson, who the board, or to so change the law that were in the audience, went quickly to the the members of the fire and police board will be elective.

"Mr. Shallenberger was in favor of the elective plan before he came to Omaha but the members of the delegation say the building there was a crush around the wrong in that way of thinking and several members of the delegation now think they their wraps. Inspector McCftskey ordered will have the governor's sanction to having the law so changed that the mayor will appoint the fire and police commissioners.'

California-Mexico.

A series of first-class personally escorted, all-expense tours from twenty-one to fiftythree days' duration, have been arranged by the tourist department of the Chicago-Union Pacific & Northwestern line to include Old Mexico, California and Colorado via a choice of the most desirable routes, leaving Chicago and other points during the months of January and February, 1909. fornia and Old Mexico, returning through California, Utah and Colorado. Also going via New York and steamship to New Orleans. Correspondence solicited. Address or call on S. A. Hutchinson, manager tourist department. Chicago-Union Pacific & Northwestern line, 212 Clark street, Chicago,

ALBERT L. SNAVELY MISSING

North Omaha Man Disappears and Friends Know Nothing of Whereabouts.

The prolonged absence of Albert L. Snavely from his place of residence and business 2019 North Twenty-fourth street, has caused friends living in the same house to begin a search for him. Although they are not yet seriously alarmed, they have asked the police to try to locate the man. It is not known whether he has merely gone on a Christmas visit, or has been taken ill or met with foul play. I. C. Troup, Who also lives at 2019 North

Twenty-fourth street, and is interested in the missing man, both in a friendly and financial way, called at the police station Wednesday morning and gave the officers a description of him. He is 60 years old, five feet, six laches in height, weight about 145 pounds, and has a light complexion, with dark hair and mustache touched with gray. When last seen he wore a dark suit of clothes and a dark brown overcoat. He is known to many men lly ing in the north part of the city, as he has conducted a pool room and tobacco store for some time. It is said that he may have had \$250 or \$300 in his possess sion when he disappeared.

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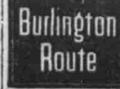
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