

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Hove Root Print Co.
Budolph F. Hwoboda, Public Accountant.
Rinehart, photographer, 18th & Farnam.
Bowman, 117 N. 16, Douglas shoe, \$2.50.
Fa Bourke for holiday candles and cigar, 316 S. 15th.

Electrical wiring and repairs. Burgess-
Gardner Co., 1511 Howard.

**Equitable Life—Policies, eight drafts at
maturity.** H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha.

**Keep your money and valuables in a
safe deposit box in the American Safe De-
posit Vaults in the Bee building, which is
absolutely burglar and fireproof. Boxes
rent for only \$4 a year or \$1 a quarter.**

Mercer Will Erect New Building. Plans
have been drawn for a three-story brick
hotel building, which will be erected by the
S. D. Mercer company at Tenth and
Howard streets. The old American hotel,
on this site, has been condemned by the
building department and the brick struc-
ture will take the place of the dilapidated
frame.

Newboys to See Little Johnny Jones.—
Five hundred newboys and carriers will
be the guests of Manager Monaghan of
Boyd's and Manager DeMuth of the "Little
Johnny Jones" company at the New Year's
matinee at the theater Friday afternoon.
Each newboy will also be given a box of
candy by D. J. O'Brien, Miss Jessie Frie-
mann, in the probation office, will chaperone
the "bunch."

Yuletide Musicals.—A clever musical en-
tertainment in observance of the Christmas
season was given by the Sunday school of the
First Presbyterian church Tuesday
night in the church parlor. A large at-
tendance of little folks and their older
relatives and friends enjoyed the affair,
which was exceptionally well handled by
the committee in charge, Mrs. Caspar Off-
utt, Mrs. J. C. Pentland and Arthur Hunt-
ington.

Changes Kitchen Crew.

**Hanson Hands Omaha a New Year's
Present by Improving His Already
Excellent Service.**

Mr. Hanson endeavored to open his beau-
tiful cafe with the chef direct from the
Chicago Beach hotel in charge of the
kitchen. This was impossible at the time,
so another was selected because of his
qualifications, and he made without a
doubt the ablest chef ever seen in Omaha.
Mr. Hanson is now making a change in
chefs and kitchen crew, because, in his
opinion, the service will be greatly im-
proved, and it is his intention to always
have it unequalled anywhere in the coun-
try. The new chef took charge Tuesday
night, and after months of endeavor Mr.
Hanson has finally secured the chef he
has so long wanted.

Few people are aware that when a seem-
ingly small change occurs in the kitchen
of a great restaurant like Hanson's cafe
that this change affects the entire staff in
the culinary department, from the chef
down or from the flunkies up. In no busi-
ness is the spirit of co-operation practiced
with greater zeal than among the kitchen
crews of the country's great cafes. If one
man makes a change in this department
it must affect every man in any way con-
nected with preparing the food.

California-Mexico.

A series of first-class personally escorted,
all-expense tours from twenty-one to fifty-
three days' duration, have been arranged
by the tourist department of the Chicago-
Union Pacific & Northwestern line to in-
clude Old Mexico, California and Colorado
via a choice of the most desirable routes,
leaving Chicago and other cities during
the months of January and February, 1909.
Direct southern routes are used to Califor-
nia and Old Mexico, returning through
California, Utah and Colorado. Also going
to New York and steamer to New Or-
leans. Correspondence solicited. Address
or call on S. A. Hutchinson, manager tourist
department, Chicago-Union Pacific &
Northwestern line, 212 Clark street, Chicago.

Ladies' Hose Are Stolen.

**Seven Hundred Dollars Worth of Fine
Silk Wear Found on
Tracks.**

Seven hundred dollars worth of women's
fine silk hose—about 100 dozen pairs—were
found in a large shipping box near the
Burlington tracks and the Union Pacific
bridge Tuesday afternoon. They were ap-
parently without an owner and it is thought
that freight car robbers who broke into a car nearby were frightened
away before they could secure the valuable
contents of the box. Emergency Of-
ficer Reigelman was sent to the scene and brought
the goods to the police station when the police were notified of the find.
The railroad authorities are investigating
the matter.

**NO NEED OF
TAKING COLD**

**COLDS CAN BE PREVENTED.
SOME FACTS REGARDING
THE DISEASE.**

**Cold Water, Intelligently Used,
Proper Diet, Exercise and
Common Sense Are the
Preventives.**

Habitual colds are due to an ill kept skin
on the outside and dyspeptic mucus mem-
brane on the inside, the result of indigestion
coupled with carelessness. Cold water,
proper food and common sense are the foun-
dations upon which a preventive must rest.
A cold sponge bath, one to three minutes
long before breakfast, with a brisk dry rub
is excellent—usually all that is necessary to
keep the cutaneous circulation alive and the
skin sensitive to sudden changes of tempera-
ture.

For those unaccustomed to cold water,
tolerance can be gained in three weeks' time
by the use of water at any comfortable tem-
perature, making it one degree colder each
day, until it can be employed without dread
as cold as it will run. Sea salt may be added
to the water for its stimulating effect.

Cold water intelligently used does not
steal vitality, but fosters it. It stimulates
the nerves that control the expansion and
contraction of the blood vessels and regu-
lates the cutaneous circulation.

One should "keep moving" when wet or
chilly and not stand on a street corner or
elsewhere without taking a deep breath.
The lungs used in this way act as a pump to
drive the blood along. This practice, with the
other names, will reduce to a shadow
the liability of taking cold every little while.

If you would contract a cold, get rid of it
as quickly as possible, for every cold weak-
ens the lungs, lowers their vitality, and paves
the way for more serious disease. This is
best accomplished by the use of Cle-
veland's Cough Remedy, a preparation that
can always be depended upon, and that not
only cures the cold but counteracts any ten-
dency toward pneumonia.

At the Theaters**The Richest Girl at the Boyd.**

Marie Doro and company in "The Richest
Girl," a comedy in four acts, by Gavault
and Morton, authors of "My Wife." Under
direction of Charles Frohman. The
Cast includes:

Benjamin Monnier, the chocolate girl.
Mr. Monnier, her father..... Louis Massen
Miss Norman..... Orrin Johnson
Mr. Mingasson, of the Ministry of Agriculture..... Fred Eric
Toupe..... George Gaufray
Toupe, his daughter..... Bertram Macmillan
(Clerks in the Ministry of Agriculture)..... Frank Burbeck
Vicomte Gaston de Saussure de Fourcier..... James Forsyth
Rac..... Fred L. Tilden
Rose, the artist's model..... Desmond Kelley
Norman, housekeeper for Paul..... George Gaufray
Pinglet, a chauffeur..... Harrison Carter
Toupe..... George Gaufray
Toupe, his daughter..... Bertram Macmillan
Casimir, doorkeeper at the ministry..... George K. Roan
Charles, a footman..... Arthur Warren
A Waiter..... William Morris
A Chauffeur..... James Forsyth

Marie Doro is a dainty little person, with
many ways that charm and others that
merely please. And as the play she is pre-
senting has no serious moments, she gets
plenty of chance to be both charming and
pleasing. "The Richest Girl" is a comedy
that would be decidedly enjoyable if it
were boiled into a single act; in its present
form it is rather tenuous, and it puts al-
most too much of a burden on the players
to ask them to sustain the interest through
four long acts. In places it is cleverly
written and in others it is so manifestly
strung out as to put considerable responsi-
bility on one's politeness. The idea is that
of a very much petted and pampered and
generally spoiled young woman, in every
way adorable, save only that she is thor-
oughly selfish, being plumped into the or-
derly life of a young man who has been
graduated from the university into a clerk-
ship in the Ministry of Agriculture, and
who spends his vacations in a cottage en-
tirely isolated from the world, in order that
he may have quiet. He is affianced to the
daughter of his chief, who is also quite or-
derly in habits of mind and body. And in
the coming of the daughter of the chocolate
king, quite by accident, into his life, sets
its current to running in an entirely differ-
ent direction, and new ones as well. And in
the end they are married.

It is along the way from meeting to
denouement that the real interest in the
affair arises. The young man has an
artist friend, who isn't a bad sort; who
has some talents, an inordinate ambition and
just a little more than a smattering of
worldly wisdom. This young man sets
about to turn a chance meeting to his own
advantage, and does so, but in so doing
brings about complications that come
mighty near being serious for the real
hero. In a spirit of fun the artist induces
the chocolate king's daughter to invade the
sanctum of the clerk, and as a result the
latter is not only dismissed by the girl he
was to marry, but is also dismissed from
the service of the government. The girl
finds some consolation for her loss in the
person of the count who was to marry the
chocolate lady. But before he leaves the
office forever the clerk turns on the
chocolate lady and gives her a piece of his
mind, mainly to the effect that she is sel-
fish and heartless, and has wrecked his
life for a mere caprice and some other
things, good for her to know. This changes
her, and she determines to become a nun.
But before she takes the final vows she is
induced to try being a bride first, and
the clerk takes on a fine chance of becoming
interested in the chocolate business.
Miss Jassamine Sherraden was given a
pleasant surprise Tuesday evening at her
home in celebration of her birthday by a
number of her school friends. The evening
was spent with games and music, after
which supper was served. Those present
were Miss Jassamine Sherraden, Miss
Grace Gilmore, Miss Louise Bedwell, Miss
Evelyn Cox, Mr. Clarence Marion, Mr. Har-
old McKinney, Mr. Philip McCullough, Mr.
Henry Enright, Mr. Carroll Sears and Dr.
and Mr. Sherraden.

Peck-Kenny Engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Peck of
Blair announced the engagement Tuesday
at their home of their daughter, Miss Almes
Catherine Kenny, to Mr. Lyman Peck of
Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter
Peck. Mr. Peck is president of the First
National bank of Blair and is prominent in
the Grand Army circles. Mr. Lyman Peck at-
tended the University of Nebraska and for
several months has been living at the Peck
country home at Calhoun. The engagement
was announced at an informal supper party
Tuesday evening, when about ten intimate
friends of Miss Kenny were present.

Surprise Party.

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Leap Year Party.

A jolly leap year party was given
Wednesday evening at the Country club by
a large number of young women of the
younger set. The ball room and the large
living room at the club house were deco-
rated with palms and other potted plants,
and blazing grate fires made the rooms
comfortable. Supper was served in the
living room. Those present included:

Alumni Meeting.

The Omaha alumni of the Alpha Theta
Chi fraternity of the University of Ne-
braska and the under graduate members,
who are at home during the holidays,
dined at Hanson's cafe last evening, after-
wards attending the Orpheum. Those who
attended were Messrs. Oliver Erwin, Hal
Roberts, Roy Sunderland, Henry Leavitt,
John Latenser, Herbert Potter, Leslie Higgins,
Walter Standeven, Dr. Clarence Tillotson,
George Buol, Joseph Fadenburg, Fred
Swedey, Hugh Wallace, George Wallace,
Hugh Robertson, Clark Denney, Dr. Clyde
Moore, Lawrence Brown, Alex Marriott,
Hugh Robertson and Irwin Cutler.

Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze entertained
at dinner Thursday evening at their home
on South Thirty-ninth street a number of
Miss Flora Webster and Mr. George Prink,
whose wedding takes place next week. A
dainty selection of green was used and
those present were:

Alumni Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gien Wharton,
Elmer Redick, Frank Pollard,
Stanley Treadwell, Stanie Ineson,
Denise Barkallow, John Redick,
Edward Cudahy, Elmer Cope,
Mrs. Lydia Morrison,
Flora Webster, Ella Mae Brown,
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Messor,
Stockton Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Luine
J. E. George, George Prink.

Pleasures Past.

Miss Mary Taylor was hostess at a card
party Wednesday afternoon at her home.
The rooms were decorated with green and
white emblems of the holiday season and
twenty players were present for the game
of high five.

Miss F. P. Kirkendall entertained
delightfully at luncheon Saturday at her
home in honor of Miss Kimball of Kan-
sas City, who was the guest of Mrs. G.
W. Megath for a few days. Cut flowers
decorated the table and those present were
Miss Kimball, Miss Jean Cudahy, Miss
Helen Cudahy, Miss Bess Baum, Mrs. Me-
gath, Mrs. Gien Wharton and Mrs. Kir-
kendall.

Miss Marie Schmidt was hostess at an
informal party Tuesday evening at her
home.

Miss Buelah Bessie, entertained at her
home on North Thirty-ninth street, Tues-
day evening, for a number of her friends.
The house was very beautifully decorated
with holly and red and white ribbons.
Before refreshments were served, the
guests were all told to find their presents,
which were hidden in the Christmas tree.
After luncheon the party was entertained
by Mr. Fred Fernald and Miss Haze, who
gave a musical program. Those present
were Misses Helen Mart, Sara Ayres,
Nancy Haze, Isabell Linn, Alice Gideon,
Irene Shepperd, Ruth Fisher, Beulah
Bemire; Misses Morton Gould, Fred Fern-
ald, Stewart Gould, Oscar Ayres, Wilson
Heller, Dice Muffett, Earl Fisher, Calvin
Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Bessie.

Prospective Pleasures.

Miss Maud Marrott will entertain at
cards Wednesday evening at her home.
The rooms will be decorated with Christ-
mas bells and also with palms and ferns.
The hostess will be assisted by her sister,
Mrs. Hal H. Roberts and sixty guests will
be present.

Come and Go Gossip.

Mr. George Lee Brady of New York
City is the guest of his brother, James E.
Brady.

Mr. Taylor Belcher, who has been ill
with acute grip at Wile Memorial hospital,
is much improved and will be able to leave
the hospital today.

Dr. Benjamin F. Battin of Philadelphia,
is visiting his father, Mr. Isaac Battin.
Mr. L. D. Holmes has just returned from a
three week's trip to Los Angeles and
Neighboring Cal. in the Palo Verde valley.

What Women Are Doing.

The women of South Dakota gave the
election of Senator Vesssey as governor as
an ideal reason for thankfulness this year.
Last year he led the fight in the state leg-
islature for woman suffrage.

For irritated remay take a spoonful of
Cresolene, a spoonful of water and a dash
of lemon juice.

DRUGGISTS.—Send to Dr. G. W. Megath,
1511 Howard, for Cresolene.

See window displays.

Lace curtains and braid-braze sale com-
mences Saturday, January 2.

ORCHARD & WILHELM.

NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY**Mr. and Mrs. C. H. King Give Cotili-
lion For Their Daughter.****PECK-KENNY ENGAGEMENT IS OUT****Announcement by Parents of Bride
at Blair Creates Interest in
Society Circles in This
City.****PIANO****P Fire, Smoke & Water**

Our Insurance Loss.—Caused by fire on Christmas Eve, is fully adjusted—making it possible to offer every piano in our salesrooms—540 in all—at prices never heard of before in piano buying circles. Understand us, please—of the hundreds of pianos in our salesrooms, only two were injured beyond repair—eight slightly damaged by water—the remainder, 540 pianos, were only smoked. An army of skilled polishers have been at work giving each piano thorough hand polish, and today we defy even an expert to detect the slightest injury either in finish or in tone. As a matter of fact, not one of these pianos is injured—nevertheless we will offer them at a fraction of their original cost!

This loss does not fall on us—it is borne by the Insurance Companies. The prices we make are a revelation to buyers. You are offered such pianos as Steger, Emerson, McPhail, A. B. Chase, Schmoller & Mueller, Mehlin, Hardman, at from \$100 to \$200 below the regular selling price. You know these pianos—their unequalled reputation—each is a high grade instrument—then why not investigate? When we offer

540 Pianos at \$78, \$86, \$103, \$125, \$138, \$149

selling regularly at \$150, \$225, \$265, \$290, \$350 and as high as \$400. Price is no consideration—every instrument must go—this is your chance. Will you not accept it? Come tomorrow—examine these instruments—look each one over carefully—then you will know the wonderful nature of this sale. Come early. Hundreds of piano buyers have been waiting this announcement. Come before the stock has been broken. Terms to Suit—a Little Down, Then Small Monthly Payments.

Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co.

1311-1313 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.

N. B.—No pianos sold to dealers during this sale. Out of town buyers will please write us for prices and terms.

JOHN G. PEGG IS PRESIDENT**Omaha Man Heads List of Literary
Association's Officers.****MEET NEXT AT KANSAS CITY, KAN.****Colored People of Kansas and the
West Conclude Several Days'****Convention at Zion Bap-
tist Church.**

and Mrs. A. L. Reed entertained at luncheon at the Omaha club Tuesday, followed by a theater party at the Burwood given by Mr