Council Bluffs

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Diamond playing the best vaudeville.
CORRIGANS, undertakers. 'Phone 148.
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Smokers' sets, Leffert's.
NIGHT SCHOOL at Puryear's college.
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FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.
Baird & Boland, undertakers. 'Phone 122.
Expert piano tuning, Hospe. 'Phone 544.
Leffert's Jewelry store, new location, 501 Broadway.
When you want reliable want ad advertising, use The Bee.
Store opens evenings until Xmas. B. Borwick, 211 So. Main St.
Special piano prices for this week—$275 piano for $190. A Hospe Co., 29 Pearl St.
Up-to-date Art Department and Picture Framing, Borwick, 211 South Main street.
The place to get your Xmas pictures framed is Walter Nicholaisen & Co., 14 So. Main St.
Everybody is talking about "The Girl That's All the Candy." Star theater, Xmas and Sunday matinee and night.
B. G. Ensign, president of the Neola State Savings bank and wife left last evening for St. Louis to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.
All members of St. Alban's lodge, Knights of Pythias, are requested to assemble at Castle hall at 10:15 this morning to attend in a body the funeral of their late brother, Colonel Edward Steepy.
For stealing about two tons of coal from the Illinois Central railroad, John Camp, living on South Thirteenth street near Broadway was sent to the county jail by Justice Cooper yesterday for fifteen days.
PYROGRAPHY NEWS: Big shipment of wood and outfits just received. Seven styles of outfits on hand. Free lesson with each set. More novelties for burning than ever before. Open evenings. Alexander's, 333 Broadway.
Slippers, good, easy, warm, snug, nice, soft slippers that embrace the foot in the most flexibly caressing fashion. Slippers that take fireside toasting in good part. Slippers that make you happy home. Slippers that are all comfort and help to bid cull care begone. Slippers that are presentably pretty. Slippers that are daintily neat. Slippers that are splendidly comfortable. Slippers that make a real Xmas present. Duncan Shoe Co., 23 S. Main St.
Patrick J. Ratigan, against whom his wife commenced divorce proceedings Tuesday had more trouble to wrestle with yesterday. His wife followed up the divorce suit by filing against him the charge of being a chronic dipsomaniac. Ratigan was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Woodman and taken before Judge Wheeler yesterday afternoon. His father came to his assistance and put up a $500 bond for the younger man's appearance in court at the beginning of the January term.
The funeral of the late Edward Steepy will be held this morning at 11 o'clock from the family residence, 510 Bluff street. Burial will take place in Fairview cemetery. Rev. F. A. Case, pastor of the First Baptist church will conduct the services at the house, while at the cemetery, the services will be in charge of Concordia lodge, Knights of Pythias. The following members of Concordia lodge will serve as pallbearers: W. H. Barghausen, Frank Marlowe, Frank Elgan, Harry M. Brown, C. A. Tibbits, S. J. Bradford.
OPEN EVENINGS—Our Xmas specials: 10 cent package bromangelon, 6 cents; holly, pound, 35 cents; Woodward's chocolate drops, pound, 12 cents; Xmas trees, 25 cents to $2.50; mistletoe, pound, 25 cents; home-made mince meat, pound, 12½ cents; mixed nuts, pound, 15 cents; corn, peas or tomatoes, three cans, 25 cents; hickory nuts, three pounds, 25 cents; oranges, 25 to 40 cents dozen; apples, 20 to 45 cents peck; also radishes, lettuce, new tomatoes, strawberries, etc. In our meat department: Geese, pound, 18 cents; ducks, pound, 14 cents; chickens, pound, 12½ cents; turkeys, pound, —; also everything in fancy cuts of beef, pork, veal, mutton, etc. Leave your Xmas poultry order early. In toyland: Air rifles, 48 cents; sleds, wagons, 90 cents; drums, 10 cents to $2; ice skates, 40 cents up; toy books, 5 to 98 cents; collapsible doll cards; boys' tool chests, up from 59 cents, etc. In hardware department: Nickel-plated tea and coffee pots, up from $1; savory roasters, 69 cents; razor strops, 35 cents up; safety razors, 19 cents to $5, etc. J. Zoller Mercantile Co., 100-102-104-106 Broadway. 'Phones 329.

SALOON MAN TO PAY FINE

Ruling of Supreme Court Will Make Goodrich $500 Poorer.

Everett C. Goodrich, proprietor of a saloon at 213 South Main street, will have to pay the fine of $500 imposed by Judge Wheeler of the district court last spring, as the supreme court of Iowa has affirmed the judge's ruling.

Goodrich was charged with violating an injunction restraining him from the unlawful sale of liquor by selling beer on Sunday in a room over his saloon. Goodrich claimed that he merely permitted two fishermen to place a case of beer in his room over Saturday night in order that they might take it with them on a fishing trip on Sunday.

You'll admit that Pancy Waldin looks like "The Girl That's All the Candy." Star theater, Xmas and Sunday matinee and night.

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MERGEN SUIT DISMISSED

Attorney Does So to Avoid This Action by Court.

QUESTION OF OCCUPATION

Mrs. Emma Hayslip Sues for Separation from Husband She Married at Burchard, Neb.—Horse Dealers Sue.

With the dismissal yesterday afternoon of the suit of Mrs. Nellie Mergen, administratrix of the estate of her husband, John Mergen, deceased, against the Ancient Order of United Workmen and discharge of the petit jury by Judge Wheeler, the business of the present term of district court, is practically completed. Judge Wheeler, however, will be in the city until the New Year and will hear any court matters that may need attention.

The Mergen suit came to a sudden termination when J. J. Hess, counsel for the plaintiff dismissed the case without prejudice, rather than have the court direct the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. Mrs. Mergen sued to recover $2,000 insurance on the life of her husband, John Mergen, who was drowned while hunting at Lake Manawa. The Ancient Order of United Workmen resisted the claim on the ground that Mergen was engaged in the saloon business. The rules of the order provide that no person engaged in the sale of liquor can be a member. The defense introduced evidence showing that Mergen had been engaged in the saloon business after becoming a member of the order and taking out the insurance policy.

Mrs. Emma Hayslip filed suit for divorce from Rollin Hayslip to whom she was married April 6, 1888 at Burchard, Neb. She alleges that the defendant failed to support her and finally deserted her on Christmas day, 1904. In addition to the decree of divorce Mrs. Hayslip asks the court to award her the custody of their minor child, a daughter, aged 13 years, who is at present with the plaintiff.

Keefer & Marks, horse dealers of this city have brought suit against the Union Pacific Railroad company for $1,379, alleging injury to a shipment of horses in November of this year from Sage, Wyo., to South Omaha.

HERRING STILL CLAIMS CASH

Nebraska Ranch Owner Figures Sum Still Due on Hotel Deal.

Otto Herring, the Nebraska ranchowner, who essayed for a short while the role of hotel proprietor in Council Bluffs, but who returned to his farm after his marital troubles ended in the divorce court, has brought suit in the district court against Korah C. Scott and James R. Durrie, who bought from him his interest in the Goodrich hotel, to recover $612.10, which Herring claims is still due him in connection with the transaction.

The suit followed the filing of a bill of sale of the furniture and equipment of the hotel from Scott & Durrie to E. P. Winter and T. D. Crowley, who are said to have assumed management of the place Tuesday night. The bill of sale is for $11,444 and was recorded Tuesday.

When Herring in the early part of the present year bought the furniture and "good will" of the hotel from W. S. Goodrich, he gave Goodrich a bill of sale for $15,000. By the time Herring was ready to go out of the hotel business, the value of the place, or the furnishings at least, must have depreciated somewhat, as Scott & Durrie gave a bill of sale for only $11,000 and are said to have agreed to pay $2,000 cash as well. Herring in his suit claims that $612.10 of this $2,000 still remains unpaid.

The new proprietors of the hotel are both railroad men. Winter comes from Milwaukee, while Crowley was assistant roadmaster for the Northwestern on the Council Bluffs-Boone division.

DEATH OF MRS. J. W. LEVERETT

Woman Prominent in City Passes Away in California.

Mrs. James W. Leverett of this city died Tuesday at Claremont, Cal., after a few days' illness from pneumonia, aged 73 years. Besides her husband Mrs. Leverett is survived by four sons and two daughters, William J. Leverett and Mrs. M. B. Sanford of this city, Fred E. Leverett of Lisbon, Ia.; Thomas L. Leverett of Watertown, S. D.; Frank S. Leverett of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. A. W. Augur of Ravenswood, Ill.

Harriet Tisdel Leverett was born March 27, 1836, in Lake county, Ohio, near Painsville. She was a graduate of the Ingam institute at LeRoy, N. Y. In 1858 she was married to James W. Leverett at Warren, Ill., celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage at her home in Council Bluffs in September of 1908. In her earlier days she was a member of the Free Will Baptist church, but during her residence here was affiliated with the Second Presbyterian church, in the work of which she was always active. During the last seven years Mr. and Mrs. Leverett have made Council Bluffs their home. Mr. and Mrs. Leverett left here for California two weeks ago.

W. J. Leverett on receiving word of his mother's death advised his father by wire to have the body placed in a vault at Claremont until spring, when it is his intention to have it brought here for final burial. Mr. Leverett feared that the return journey with the present cold weather would be too severe for his father, who is 79 years of age.

MANY GO TO HEAR GLEE CLUB

Knox College Singers Drawing Card with Their Carols.

The Knox College Glee club entertained an audience which taxed the capacity of the high school auditorium last night. The program, which was enthusiastically received, was as follows:

Cantata—Knox Life and Liberty.....
..... John Winter Thompson
The Club.
Solo—On Away, Awake Beloved.....
..... Coleridge-Taylor
(From Hiawatha's Wedding Feast.)
Mr. Carlton.
"Tell Her I Love Her So".....De Faye
The Club.
Reading—A Morning's Mail.....Cooke
Mr. Callihan.
"A June Madrigal".....Brueschweiler
The Club.
"Good Night, Little Girl, Good Night"..
..... Macey
Mr. Hayden and Quartet.
Cartoonist—Mr. Crafton.
De Sandinan .....Protheroe
The Club.
Solos—(a) Vale Carissima.....—Wallnofer
(b) Break, Break, Break.....
.....(Tennyson) Carey
Mr. Hayden.
Winter Song .....Bullard
The Club.

KAISER LIKES IDAHO APPLES

Catholic Priest Receives Letter of Thanks from Germany.

Emperor William of Germany has received the box of Idaho apples sent him by the officers of the National Horticultural congress. Rev. Father Herman Mengawasser, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church, at whose suggestion the fruit was sent to the kaiser, is in receipt of the following letter from the emperor's private secretary, dated Berlin, December 5, 1909:

In answer to your letter of the eighteenth of November, I wish to state that his and her majesties, the emperor and empress, have joyfully received and accepted the box of excellent apples. They herewith send their best thanks for this very attentive courtesy to all concerned in this great favor. ENLENBERG.

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M'INTYRE BACK TO FACE CHARGE

Mining Stock Salesman Will Face Case Preferred at Neola.

Deputy Sheriff Waddington arrived yesterday morning from Sacramento, Cal., with M. M. McIntyre of that place, who is charged with cheating by false pretenses in connection with the sale of mining stock to Thomas McDermott and other citizens of Neola, Ia.

McIntyre was tried on a similar charge in Sacramento just before Deputy Waddington reached there but was acquitted, the jury bringing in its verdict after a few minutes' deliberation. McIntyre, however, was in jail for several months before his trial, having been arrested in Chicago last July and taken back to California.

The information against McIntyre was filed in the court of Justice J. K. Cooper by McDermott, one of several persons in Neola and vicinity, who bought stock in the Sylvester Gravel Mining company. It is alleged by McDermott that McIntyre sold the stock at 50 cents on the dollar whereas, it is alleged, he was only authorized to dispose of it at 10 cents on the dollar.

Deputy Waddington was told in Sacramento the Sylvester Gravel Mining company was considered there to be a promising proposition. McIntyre claims to own a controlling interest in the property and told Deputy Waddington that he expects the mine to make his fortune. He denied making any false representation to the purchasers of stock in Neola and claims it is worth more than the Neola men paid for it. McIntyre is said to have represented at Neola that he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and thereby made the acquaintance of many members of the order in that town and vicinity. Most of the stock in his mining proposition is said to have been sold to members of that organization.

McIntyre was placed in the county jail and will probably be arraigned before Justice Cooper some time today. He is a married man but his wife remained in Sacramento.

NO RUSH TO SIGN PETITIONS

Commission Form of Government Not Popular in City.

Although the advocates of the commission plan of municipal government are confident they will secure the necessary number of names to the petitions a canvass of the several drug store where the documents have been placed, shows that up to last evening there has been no rush on the part of qualified electors to attach their signatures to them. The petitions in fourteen drug stores last evening failed to show fifty signatures in all.

At the drug store of former Mayor Dell G. Morgan the petition showed six signers, while that at the store or Frank Morgan evidenced but three signatures. That in the Clark company's drug store bore three signatures, while those at the stores of O. H. Brown, Knoth Drug company, S. E. Whaley and George S. Davis were still blank.

At the Brown drug store it was stated that the sentiment of the patrons was decidedly against the commission plan of government.

Those in charge of the canvess for signatures did not leave one of the petitions in the store of J. C. DeHaven, the veteran Broadway druggist. Mr. DeHaven expressed himself as opposed to the proposition, but consented to have one of the petitions in his store, although he stated he would not sign it himself. The committee did not leave one there.

Councilman Morgan, who is one of the most active advocates of the plan, is said to have secured a large number of signatures to a petition which he has circulated.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 22 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

C. B. McColm and wife to S. C. Foote. Lots 43, 44 and 45 in block 14, Highland Place add to Council Bluffs, w d	$ 500
Solomon McMullen, widower, to Joseph H. and Mary C. Butler. N½ nw¼ 17-76-43; pt n½ sw¼ 14-76-43, w d.	4,000
Lydia M. Byers and husband to G. T. Karges. Lot 21 in block 16 in Ferry add to Council Bluffs, w d	210
Frank R. Levin and wife to Hanna Christofferson. Lots 19 and 20 in block 21, Burns add to Council Bluffs, w d	150
E. H. Lougee and wife to Philip J. Richardson. Lot 3 in block 17, Beers subd in Council Bluffs, w d	150
Total five transfers	$5,610

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Ellis S. Humphrey, Menango, N. D.	23
Luella E. Knight, Malvern, Ia.	21
Mason R. Bradley, Carson, Ia.	27
Mida H. Henry, Carson, Ia.	24
James H. Poole, Fairbury, Neb.	25
Tinna B. Sumpter, Underwood, Ia.	19
John Herron, Omaha	23
Flora Mize, Omaha	19
Virgil Drebert, Omaha	22
Irene Olson, Benson, Neb.	19
Walter B. Price, Council Bluffs	35
Gertrude R. Gittins, Council Bluffs	25

Perjury Charge Preferred.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Robert W. K. Watson, a young farmer living near Corning is facing the serious charge of perjury in the federal court in this city, as the result of an action brought against him by B. Newcomb, cashier of the First National bank of Corning. About a year ago Watson made an assignment in bankruptcy. The Corning bank was one of his heaviest creditors and it is now accusing him of having withheld $600 and at the same time swearing under oath that he had included everything attachable in the inventory. He was arraigned before Federal Commissioner Hanna on Tuesday and waived preliminary hearing until the March term of court. He furnished bail and was given his liberty. Watson is well known near Corning and comes from a prominent family, hence the case will attract no little interest.

Train Kills Old Resident.

COLFAX, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—An accident occurred here this afternoon in which a prominent settler of this vicinity was killed by a Rock Island train. Thomas McKeever, a farmer living north of town, attempted to drive across the track just as the local eastbound passenger train was leaving the depot and being bundled up for his homeward drive it is supposed did not see the flagman at the crossing trying to stop him. The engine caught the team, killing the horses instantly. The buggy was caught by the car trucks, precipitating the man and forcefully throwing him against the cars, crushing his skull in a horrible manner. When picked up his brain was oozing from the wound. He died two hours later in the Mason hotel. McKeever was 65 years old and unmarried. He was a veteran of the civil war and had been a resident of this county many years.

WORK ON NEW COMMERCE LAW

President and Advisers Complete Third Revise of Proposed Act.

TREASURY OFFICIALS JUBILANT

Progress Made in Rehabilitation of Customs Service is Cause for Rejoicing — Still After Man Higher Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Taft and the law officers of the government are still busy on the proposed amendments of the interstate commerce law, the purport of which is to relieve the commission of its quasi-judicial functions and to establish an interstate commerce court.

This work is the outcome of a committee appointed by President Taft earlier in the year of which Attorney General Wickersham and other officers of the government were members. They held some of their conferences in New York City. The matter is being gone over with great care and the third revise of the proposed amendments is now in the hands of the printer. It had been hoped that these amendments would be ready for submission to congress early after the reassembling of that body in January, but they are subject to still further revision if upon examination they are found not comprehensive enough.

Treasury Officials Jubilant.

Treasury officials are congratulating themselves that with the closing of the year, 1909, splendid results have been accomplished in the rehabilitation of the custom service, particularly at New York and in the rounding up of persons and corporations figuring in the frauds by which the revenues of the government have suffered to the extent of millions of dollars. The department is still continuing its investigations into the losses sustained by the under-weighing of sugar.

The officials here are keeping mum as to the personality of the individual "higher up" in the sugar frauds against whom an indictment is expected every day, although his identity is well known to them.

The fact that the American Sugar Refining company contemplated filing a claim for $500,000 for losses alleged to have been sustained since 1907 by overweights has been known in Washington for some time. Last summer the attorney for the company mentioned the matter incidentally to the Treasury department. The claim will be looked into thoroughly.

Congress Would Keep Out.

President Taft's views, as expressed in his annual message to congress, that a congressional investigation of the Sugar trust frauds might prove embarrassing in view of the probe now going on by the Department of Justice and the Treasury department finds a warm advocate in Attorney General Wickersham.

He made it clear today that he was opposed to any such inquiry pending the endeavors of the two departments to punish the parties who may be guilty and in recovering the money wrongfully withheld from the government.

After their work had been accomplished, he does not care how many investigations by congress might be made.

Mr. Wickersham said his experience of legislative inquiries had convinced him that usually the result of such work was the framing of policies for the future, rather than assisting materially in punishing the evildoers and helping to redeem any losses the government might have sustained.

Supervision of Mines.

Headquarters of the American Mining congress have been opened in this city to promote legislation for the establishment of a national bureau of mines. Both President Taft and Secretary Ballinger of the Department of the Interior are said to favor such legislation.

"The only difficulty in the way of the establishment of such a bureau," said James F. Gallbreath, jr., of Denver, secretary of the congress, "lies in the fact that many persons do not realize the terrible conditions that prevail in the mining industry and how much we need the aid of the federal government. In the last three decades more than 30,000 men have been killed and 100,000 injured in the coal mines alone, a majority of those injured being rendered helpless for life. In 1907 3,125 men lost their lives in the coal mines, or nearly five men in every mining camp of 1,000 men. Contrast this with the one or two men killed in every thousand employed in foreign countries, where they have bureaus of mines that are making a thorough study into the causes of disasters."

Big Gun Stands Test.

"Highly satisfactory," is the report of the officials of the Navy department today in describing the tests of the new fourteen-inch gun now in progress at Indian Head, Md. Five shots have been fired and one or two more will be necessary before this gun, the biggest in the world, is finally "proved."

The tests so far are said to have demonstrated the necessity of a special powder for the gun, in order to produce the desired velocity and hitting power without too great a pressure. The gun is fifty-three feet six and a half inches long, weighs sixty-three tons, shoots a shell weighing 1,400 pounds, uses 265 pounds of powder at each shot and has a muzzle velocity of 2,600 foot seconds.

Girl Strikers Given Medals

Waist Makers Who Served Prison Terms for Disorderly Conduct Are Cheered and Praised.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cheered and praised like the suffragette jail martyrs in England, seven striking girls, shirt waist makers, who have served terms of five days each on Blackwells island for disorderly conduct during the strike, were decorated with bronze medals tonight in the presence of 3,000 enthusiastic followers, who gathered at an East Side hall. The medals were given by the Women's Trades Union league.

Three Vassar girls took part in the ceremony, among them Miss Inez Milholland, who tried unsuccessfully to enter Harvard law school. The martyr recipients of the medals told of their experiences on the island and urged the strikers to stand firm.

WATER CAUSE OF EPIDEMIC

State Board of Health Reports on Typhoid at Park College.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—A committee from the State Board of Health finds in a report submitted to the secretary of the board today that the typhoid fever epidemic at Park college, Parkville, Mo., said among the residents of the town, owed its origin to impure drinking water. The intake of the water supply for the city and the college is so close to the drainage from the main sewer as to contaminate the water, the report says. Of the seventy cases of typhoid in Parkville fifty were among the Park college students.

BIG FIRE IN CINCINNATI

Destruction of Whisky Warehouse Makes Spectacular Blaze.

ENTIRE BLOCK IN DANGER

Two Hundred Guests Are Driven from Grand Hotel—Three Men Are Burned to Death at Gloversville, N. Y.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—A fire which for several hours threatened the destruction of an entire block in the heart of the city's business center last night, destroyed the five-stor whisky warehouse of Sol and Sig Friedburg, and the firm's stock of whisky valued at $125,000. The entire loss is estimated at more than $200,000.

The highly inflammable nature of the contents of the building soon caused the fire to gain such headway that the firemen concentrated their attention on saving the adjoining buildings. The Grand hotel, with its couple of hundred guests, immediately faced the doomed warehouse and for some time was in danger.

Several minor accidents occurred, the most serious of which was when Chief Conway of the salvage car was hurled from the automobile when the machine struck a telegraph pole. The chief was severely bruised, but escaped serious injury. Four other firemen were injured.

Three Men Burned to Death.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Following the practical destruction of the Keystone hotel yesterday, when there were narrow escapes from death by occupants jumping from an upper story window, three lives were lost today in a fire that destroyed the Keystone stables.

Three men had remained up all night guarding the ruins of the hotel and about noon today went to sleep in the stables. A short time afterwards the building was discovered to be in flames.

Insane Patients Safe.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—Governor Deneen Wednesday issued a statement relative to the fire last night at Jacksonville State Hospital for the Insane. He says the removal of the 180 female inmates from the burning annex was done without confusion.

Five women attempted to escape, but were apprehended immediately. Every patient was accounted for in an uninjured condition. One member of the city fire department sustained a fractured leg when the engine he was driving turned turtle.

Pittsburg Armory Burned.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Fourteenth Regiment armory, Pennsylvania National guard was last night totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at $100,000. Fourteen thousand blank cartridges stored in the building exploded adding to the hazardous work of the firemen fighting the flames. The Fourteenth Regiment armory building is situated in the downtown section of the city and three alarms were sent in, calling apparatus from all parts of the city.

DANGER OF RACE WAR IN ALABAMA IS OVER

Forty-Two Leaders of Negroes Who Threatened Trouble Are in County Jail.

MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 23.—The situation here tonight is quiet and no further violence is anticipated because of bitter feeling between the negroes and whites of the community following the killing of the young white man, Lewis, Saturday night by the Mongomery negroes.

With the ring leaders among the negroes, forty-two in number, behind the bars of the county jail at Linden, it is believed the threatened attack upon the whites by the negroes has been effectually forestalled. The negroes in this section outnumber the whites, fifty to one.

The forty-two negroes taken to Linden today are charged with carrying concealed weapons and making threats of violence.

Will Mcntgomery, the fourth of the desperado brothers, is still being pursued by a posse.

Insanity Papers in Christy Case

Wife of Artist Asks for Records of His Commitment to Asylum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—An order directing the state lunacy commission to furnish Mrs. Maybelle Thompson Christy with a certified copy of papers connected with the alleged commitment of her husband, Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, to an institution for the insane in this state in March, 1907, was obtained by Mrs. Christy's attorneys from Supreme Court Justice McLean today.

This is a new phase of the legal proceedings growing out of the domestic difficulties of the Christys, who are not now living together, Christy making his home in Zanesville, O., while Mrs. Christy remains in this city. According to Charles A. Taussig, Mrs. Christy's attorney, the papers are wanted for use in the hearing before the probate court of Muskingum county, Ohio, for a writ of habeas corpus under which Mrs. Christy hopes to obtain possession of her 10-year-old daughter, now with the artist at Zanesville.

King's Brother for Canadian Post

Duke of Connaught Said to Be Slated for Governor General.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Herald prints a statement that there is every likelihood of the duke of Connaught, the king's brother, succeeding Earl Grey as governor-general of Canada next year.

Should the duke come to Canada, it will be the first time the crown has been represented in Canada by a prince of the royal blood.

FAST WORK ON PANAMA CANAL

Congressman Tawney Says It Will Be Open for Traffic by January 1, 1915.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Congressman James A. Tawney of Minnesota stated here tonight that the Panama canal will be completed and opened by January, 1915, at a total cost of $375,000,000.

"The committee on appropriations of the house of representatives," said Congressman Tawney, "recently returned from an inspection of the canal. We will appropriate $35,000,000 for 1910 and 1911 and $48,000,000 more for the completion of the canal, making the total cost $375,000,000."

Doctors Become Easy Marks for Napoleon Hicks

Knights of Modern Chivalry Made Up of Physicians Paying Fees to Be Medical Examiners.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—That scores of physicians in various parts of the country have contributed $20 each for a benefit certificate in the "Knights of Modern Chivalry" with an additional $5 as a fee for the title of "City Court Esculapius," or in plain terms, medical examiner, developed today when an order was secured in the supreme court placing Superintendent Hotchkiss of the state insurance department in charge of the affairs of the organization. The knights, a fraternal beneficiary society with headquarters in Albany, was organized in June by N. Napoleon Hicks.

According to a report of a recent examination by the insurance department, although $6,665 had been paid into the order, almost wholly by physicians, and no insurance benefits have been paid to members, the society has but $109.31 in its treasury, with apparent liabilities of $1,407.02.

"The check stubs indicate," said Superintendent Hotchkiss tonight, "that in spite of the fact that the organization calls for the payment per month of $150 to a supreme record keeper, $100 to a supreme banker, and $100 to a supreme organizer, more than half of the monthly disbursements apparently has been paid to N. Napoleon Hicks, who is the 'chief justice' of the society. At the time of the examination which was ordered on December 11, the society had 268 members, with $536,000 insurance in force, all of which are, with four exceptions in the 'esculapius' class."

HOGS HURRIED TO MARKET

Demand for Killers Produces Results and Farmers Hurry Animals to Packers.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: There is a decided enlargement of movement of hogs to market. Total western packing are 650,000, compared with 550,000 the preceding week and 710,000 last year. Since December 1, the total is 4,015,000, against 5,360,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1909.	1908.
Chicago	1,015,000	1,305,000
Kansas City	425,000	741,000
Omaha	190,000	285,000
St. Louis	225,000	405,000
St. Joseph	255,000	240,000
Indianapolis	257,000	375,000
Milwaukee	144,000	240,000
Cincinnati	98,000	110,000
Ottumwa	73,000	122,000
Cedar Rapids	74,000	114,000
Sioux City	92,000	187,000
St. Paul	165,000	195,000
Cleveland	110,000	125,000

Export and Import Trade With France Shows Growth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Alarmed by a drop from $1,000,000 to $26,363 in mineral oil exports to France in a month, American oil exporters have begun a movement to induce congress to renew with the French government the reciprocity treaty which expired on October 31 last. Exporters also hope for the renewal of the treaty with Spain, also a large importer of American oil, which will expire on August 31, 1910.

The exports to Canada under the operation of the new tariff law have not been compiled yet by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, but indications that they will show relatively as great a falling off in oil exports as those to France.

Notwithstanding the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with France, the reports to the bureau for November, the first month, under the new order of things show larger totals in both imports and exports than in the corresponding month of last year. Raw cotton, which is imported into France free of duty and hence is not affected by tariff changes, is largely responsible for increase in exports while art works 20 years old and over admitted free under the new law; diamonds and hides were responsible for the increased imports. The falling off in the imports of champagne from France, due to the increased tariff, was most marked, declining from $84,674 in November, 1908, to $58,062 in November, 1909.

The other principal articles making up the increase of nearly $3,000,000 in the imports from France include diamonds, an increase of about $700,000; hides and skins, an increase of about $500,000; walnuts, an increase of about $200,000; furs, an increase of about $250,000; India rubber, an increase of about $100,000, and gloves, an increase of about $100,000; the remainder being miscellaneous articles, including laces, silk dress goods, raw silks, perfumery, etc.