

Gifts, stereoscopic lecture by Rev. L. O. Baird, pastor of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, and many other forms of entertainment.

IOWA HAS PLENTY OF WHITE

Four to Six Inches of Snow During Day in State.

VALUE OF CROPS AND STOCK HIGH Six Hundred Million Dollars is the Total, Second Only to State of Texas—Carroll Remits Fine.

Guaranty Law Declared Bad by Judge in Kansas

Judge Pollock of Federal Court Holds that the Bank Act is Invalid.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Judge John C. Pollock in the United States district court here today in a decision declares the Kansas bank guaranty law to be invalid.

Judge Pollock granted two injunctions in ruling out the law. One case was that of Frank S. Larabee, a stockholder in the Exchange State Bank of Hutchinson, against the officers and directors of the bank and to a decision of the bank commissioner.

Alfonso's Health Causes Anxiety

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid stating that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Under the guise of departure on a hunting trip in Andalusia, his majesty will go to the palace of the Counts of Paris at San Lúcar, where the operation will be performed.

For some time disturbing rumors regarding the health of the king of Spain have been circulating. The exact nature of his ailment has been concealed from the public. It is understood, however, that the postnasal parts and the inner ear are affected. One of the symptoms has been a slight deafness.

MISS CLEMENS FOUND DEAD

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all I had left, except Clara, who married Mr. Gabrielowitch lately, and has just arrived in Europe."

Body Found by Maid.

The bath room in which Miss Clemens' death occurred adjoined her sleeping apartments on the second floor of the Clemens home, "Stormfield."

Miss Clemens arose about 7 o'clock and went into the bath room alone. When the maid entered Miss Clemens' dressing room half an hour later she did not find her there and rushed to the bath room, where she discovered the body lying in the tub, which was partly filled with water.

Life was apparently extinct, but a physician, who was hastily summoned, worked over the body nearly an hour endeavoring by means of artificial respiration to restore action.

Dr. Smith stated that the cause of death was accidental drowning, resulting from unconsciousness following an epileptic attack.

Devoted to Father.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Samuel L. Clemens returned here last Monday from his winter vacation in Bermuda and went at once to his home in Redding, Conn. The author complained of pain in his left breast. Since the death of his close friend, Henry H. Rogers, a year ago, Mr. Clemens has felt much depressed and the death of his daughter today, his friends here fear will prove a serious shock to the aged writer.

COOK AGAIN BRANDED FAKER

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that in reaching its verdict, the committee threw out the testimony of Barrill and Prinz, in view of the possibility that their testimony might be questioned.

The committee says its report against Dr. Cook is based entirely on scientific testimony.

The committee consisted of Anthony Flia, the arctic explorer and a friend of Dr. Cook; Frederick S. DeLanbaugh of the American Geographical society; Prof. Marshall S. Saville of the chair of archaeology in Columbia university; Walter G. Clark; Charles H. Townsend, director of the New York Acclimatization; Henry C. Walsh, secretary of the explorers club, and Caspar Whitney.

The club this afternoon accepted by a unanimous vote the report of the committee and Dr. Cook was expelled from membership.

The committee's report was accepted without discussion and the motion to expel Dr. Cook from membership in the club was passed by all of the members rising and solemnly bowing their heads. It was the first time that any member had been so dishonored.

FIRE AT INSANE ASYLUM

Three Wards Destroyed, but All Inmates Are Released from Plazmas.

WATERBURG, Vt., Dec. 24.—Fire at the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane late this afternoon in this town destroyed three wards, causing an estimated loss of \$100,000. All of the inmates of the institution were removed without injury and with little damage.

BUT ONE OBSTACLE REMAINS

Negotiations to End Strike of Switchmen Are Making Progress.

DIFFERENCES TO BE ARBITRATED

Railroads Offer to Reinstatement All Strikers Within Thirty Days, and Union Officials Insist It Be Done at Once.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—Only one obstacle remains in the way of a settlement of the switchmen's strike in the northwest as the result of the conference between the railroad officials and the representatives of the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor in Governor Eberhardt's office this afternoon. Both sides are agreed on all questions save as to the time when all of the striking switchmen shall be taken back to work.

The railroad offered to take as many of the strikers immediately as they have places for and to re-employ the others just as soon as places can be made vacant. It was suggested that it may take thirty days before all of the men could be put back to work, but President F. T. Hawley of the Switchmen's union, where a number of nothing short of the simultaneous employment of all the men.

Governor Eberhardt is trying to obtain a concession from the railroads on this point and he announced this evening that the railroad officials have already taken steps to reach some agreement.

Today the striking switchmen agreed to submit the controversy to arbitration and abide by the decision of the board now being organized in Chicago to settle the dispute between the Chicago lines and their switchmen. The concessions demanded by the Twin City and Chicago switchmen are identical. The rate of pay pending the outcome of the Chicago proceedings will be that in effect November 1. If the Chicago conference results in an increase in wages, the lines here will put them into effect.

ANTHRAX PREVALENT

IDA GROVE, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Farmers in this section have been warned by the state veterinary surgeon, Dr. Koto, that the deadly anthrax has broken out again in Woodbury county, where a number of fine horses have died from it. This makes the third outbreak in Woodbury since September.

IOWA NEWS NOTES

ESTHERVILLE.—Asa C. Irwin and Nellie Hood, two Emmet county young people were married here by Rev. E. Campbell, who will reside on a farm east of the city.

OSKALOOSA.—James Parry, living six miles east of Oskaloosa, was shot by a wood saw while he was operating it, completely severing an arm and a portion of his skull.

ESTHERVILLE.—The funeral of James Young, aged 62 years, was held from his home on North Fourth street yesterday. The body was taken to Sumner for interment. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

CLARION.—W. C. Brown, a former sheriff of Wright county, and a well known republican, will be a candidate for state representative. Mr. Brown is in progressive and for a number of years he has been a member of the State Agricultural society.

AMES.—The American Society of Agricultural Engineers will hold its third annual meeting at Iowa State college in this city on December 28 and 29. Among the long list of eminent engineers who will appear on the program, there are John T. Stewart of the University of Wisconsin, E. O. Fox of the University of Wisconsin, E. W. Williams of Winona, Minn., and others.

DIKE.—The little town of Dike on the Northern Iowa division of the Northwestern is face to face with a coal famine and it has appealed to the state railroad commissioners for help. The commission was notified by Mr. Dike, who has come to once that the condition would grow serious within a few days. The town has no coal and the only source of supply is Monday, and the other sold the last coal he had on hand Tuesday. The commission has promised that it will give all the assistance possible.

TAPT BUYS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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wishing each other the compliments of the season when one spied the president, "Merry Christmas, Misser President," he cried, "Merry Christmas."

All four managed to raise their hats. The president looked them over and then, with a broad grin, lifted his own headgear.

"Thank you, gentlemen," he said. "Let me wish you the same."

Day at the White House.

There will be no special observance of the day at the White House tomorrow. The Taft family will dine together, and with the children at home, the celebration will not be different from that in a million homes throughout the United States.

The employees of the White House will receive a turkey and the clerks of the executive offices will get a turkey. Mr. Taft's presents to the personal force in the White House, it is understood, will cost him \$500.

Seven members of the president's official family will spend their Christmas here. They are Secretaries Knox, Wilson, Macdonald, Nagel, Meyer, Ballinger and Postmaster General Hitchcock. Secretary of War Dickinson is on his way to Porto Rico on a trip of inspection, while Attorney General Wickersham will spend the day in New York with Mrs. Wickersham, who is already there.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. John Stroemer.

WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Stroemer died at her home ten miles southeast of here Tuesday morning from the effects of a paralytic stroke. She was 85 years old and was survived by her husband and four children. The funeral will be held at the German Lutheran church south of here.

George C. Read.

IDA GROVE, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—George C. Read, an old time citizen of Iowa who in the early day had one of the finest farms in Iowa, died at the town of Lost Nation, but who has lived the last ten years with his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Mill of Ida Grove, died here at the age of 82. The remains will be taken to Lost Nation for interment at the old home.

Lame back may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day, with a vigorous rubbing at each application.

Patient Lives Without Kidney

Remarkable Operation Performed by Rapid City Surgeon Proves Successful.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Success of an operation which was performed upon her three weeks ago, Mrs. George N. Van Nimwigin will pass the rest of her days with the use of but one kidney; the other was removed in an operation for renal calculus. An operation was performed at midnight, December 11, and revealed that one of her kidneys, which had fallen from its normal position, was weighed by a kidney stone, 30 large was the stone that Dr. F. W. Minty, the operating surgeon, and his assistant, Dr. W. E. Robinson, determined to remove the entire kidney, which was done, and it was also ascertained that the other kidney was in its normal condition. Today the patient is up and about and will in a few days leave the hospital a well woman. The unusual feature of the case is the size of the stone removed from the affected kidney. It weighed a trifle over five ounces, is eleven inches around its longest circumference and nine inches around the shortest circumference, with many protuberances. The stone resembles a fair-sized potato and at present is used by Dr. Minty for a paper weight. An exhaustive search in medical works fails to reveal a case where as large a stone as this has ever been removed from a patient. Dr. Minty is preparing a paper on the case for presentation at the next meeting of the American Medical society and eventually will present the stone to the medical department of the Northwestern university. Mrs. Van Nimwigin is 35 years of age and has suffered with the stone for ten years.

Fights for Child She Abandoned

Young Mother Changes Mind After Three Months, but Foster Parents Are Firm.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mabel Bell of Streeter, N. D., only 17 years old, yesterday began a fight to regain the custody of her 3-months-old infant, abandoned by herself and her husband in Aberdeen the night of November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goude, who have the infant in their charge, and who desire to adopt it, are fighting the mother's claim. Mrs. Bell is accompanied by her father, James Marshall, a well-to-do farmer of Streeter, who is supporting his daughter in her efforts to reclaim her child.

The babe was left on the doorstep of M. M. Bennett, a druggist, on the date mentioned, and later, when the parents were discovered, warrants were issued for their arrest for child abandonment. Mrs. Bell claims that the child was abandoned because of the wish and the insistence of her husband, and against her desire, and her claim has so impressed the state's attorney that it is probable she will not be prosecuted for her share in the offense.

ZELAYA FLEES TO CORINTO

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however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible.

When one soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet, Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump.

Chamorro, who had been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troops executed themselves and good naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was a commander of the battle, Estrada having merely laid out the general plan.

As the evening approached and the enemy still resisted, after repeated assaults, the insurgents wavered from physical exhaustion, but their courage never failed.

But for the timely arrival of General Mena, it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed, at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate.

Insurgents in Tight Place.

Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tatumbia Hill, and Mena was under orders to cover the lines of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rana river, but he was unable to make his way through the mud and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents when the assault began.

They encountered roads knee deep with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants, through which they cut a way with their machetes, but their progress was slow. Chamorro, who was uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command:

"Come quickly or the day goes against us," and the day was going against the provisionals.

"The enemy fell on every side, but Chamorro discerned that at best he was but holding his line. After dispatching the messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches without attempting a further advance.

Mena realized the situation and instead of satisfying himself by cutting off the possible retreat of the government troops, pushed forward for an assault. How he and his 600 men got through the interval and two miles of brush the general has been unable since to explain. They seem to have rushed so desperately that they failed to realize the obstacles before them.

General Chamorro had been fought to a standstill and his men were well exhausted. He had telephoned Commander-in-Chief Estrada who was informed that the situation was desperate and that while his army was not defeated, victory was not in sight.

When the hour was darkest for the insurgents cheers were heard and presently General Mena and his swatched and bleeding men emerged from the jungle and the half-cleared plantation, where the battle was being waged.

Without stopping for orders and yelling at the top of their voices, the reinforcing troops swept across the clearing to the rear of the enemy and charged the hill at a point where no machine guns had been placed. The movement of Mena served as a signal for a general advance by the three armies of the insurgents. At a critical moment the insurgents swept up the hill in the face of a furious fire. Mena was the first to reach the summit. At his heels were his determined soldiers.

Government Troops Routed.

The defenders depending on their rifles only were unable to repulse the attackers. Suddenly abandoning their trenches the government troops fell back before Mena's men and charged the advancing armies under Chamorro and Diaz. Mena pushed his attack on Gonzalez' rear.

In ten minutes it was all over, but in that ten minutes heavy execution was done. Scores were killed outright and the wounded covered the summit of the hill. Hundreds of the enemy threw down their arms and begged for quarter. General Gonzalez to save a needless slaughter, and cheese in the land, made an assignment of nine hundred prisoners were taken.

WHITE SLAVER'S TERM CUT

Law Under Which He Was Convicted Has Since Been Held Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft today commuted the sentence of a New York "white slaver" by cutting off one year from a three-year sentence. The case was that of Auguste Bousquet, a Frenchman, who was convicted in the United States circuit court of New York of "importing women for the purpose of prostitution and of harboring an alien woman for immoral purposes."

The law against the harboring of an alien woman for immoral purposes a crime has since been declared unconstitutional and it was on this ground solely that the pardon was recommended.

Pneumonia always recurs from a cold and can be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Forty Houses Washed Away and Large Territory is Under Water.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Heavy rains near the Portuguese frontier have caused floods, the destruction of which has assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. At Ciudad Rodrigo at least eleven houses have been drowned and hundreds are homeless. Some fifty houses have collapsed and many others are submerged.

The valley of the Tordes is possessed by a raging torrent. Bridges have been swept away, roads washed out, cattle killed and crops ruined.

The village of Tiguellino is under water. The Douro river is out of its banks and the adjoining district has been badly flooded. The beds of the railroad lines leading towards Portugal have been washed out and the service is held up. Communication by telegraph throughout the ranges of the flood have been interrupted.

ADAMS WILL SPEND YULETIDE IN PRISON

Offer of Alleged Swindler to Furnish \$12,500 Cash Bail Refused by Officials.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charles Adams, alias "Red" and other names, charged with being the leader of a clique of swindlers, who have cleaned up \$500,000 in the last few years, posed as a penniless character when arraigned before a United States commissioner yesterday, but reversed himself and offered \$12,500 cash bail today to escape spending Christmas in the Tombs. The federal authorities refused this amount with the statement that Adams had forfeited \$30,000 bail after his arrest for a gold brick deal in Texas in 1900. Accordingly the alleged green goods man will spend Yuletide in prison.

ARMENIANS ARE ADMITTED

Boston Judge Grants Naturalization to Four Men from Sultan's Domain.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In admitting four Armenians to citizenship, Judge Lowell in the United States circuit court today said that western Asiatics have become so mixed with Europeans during the last five centuries that it is impossible to tell whether they should come under the statutes excluding the inhabitants of that part of the world and applied usually to the yellow race. Judge Lowell also held that congress may amend the statutes to provide specifically what persons may be admitted into the country. Until that is done the circuit court will not deny citizenship to aliens on account of color.

IOWA VISITED BY SNOWSTORM

Street Cars in Des Moines Are Threatened with Complete Tieup.

DES MOINES, Dec. 24.—The most severe snow storm in years started early today and is threatening to tie up the street cars in Des Moines. Every train into the city was from one to three hours late today. The forecast calls for a continued fall until tomorrow noon, which means a serious tie up of street car and train service. The temperature is moderate.

NEW YORK BUTTER DEALER ASSIGNS

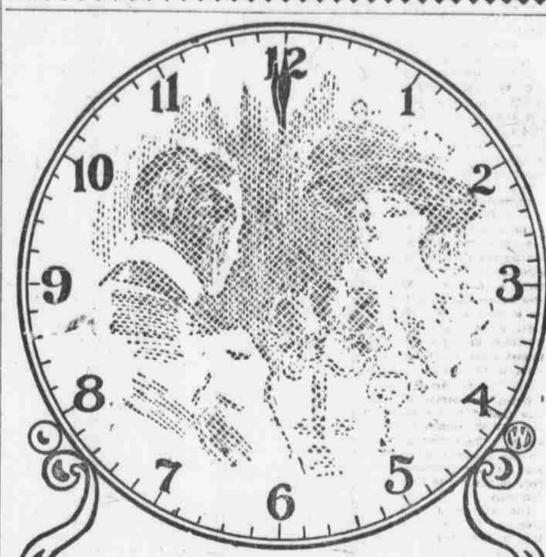
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—George S. Hart & Co., one of the largest dealers in butter and cheese in the city, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors today with liabilities of approximately \$204,000.

To Our Many Friends and to the Public of Omaha and Vicinity

who have treated us so splendidly during this Christmas Season and the past year, and who have and are now making possible our wonderful success, we wish to extend to you our sincere thanks and to one and all our best wishes for a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Store closed all day Christmas.



Ring out the old, Ring in the new.

The Paxton

Immediate Reservations Must Be Made

Attendants in Waiting at East Entrance, on 14th St. Yule Tide Decorations Complete Orchestra

Eight Burned to Death Following Lamp Explosion

Family of Five Wiped Out and Three Boarders Are Also Killed.

HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—The exploding of an oil lamp in the house of Santano Cierbo early today caused the death of at least eight persons and the serious injury of two others.

The dead: SANTANO CIERBO, 41 years; HIS WIFE, TWO DAUGHTERS AND SON, FRANK AMBROSINO, boarder, STEVE RENFLE, boarder, MIKE DARADILLE, boarder. Two other boarders were seriously burned in making their escape from the burning house.

Forty Passengers Reported Injured

Toronto Express Wrecked Near Fort Williams—Wires Are All Down.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—The Toronto express on the Canadian Pacific railway, which left Winnipeg Wednesday, was wrecked yesterday afternoon east of Fort Williams. Forty passengers are reported seriously injured. First reports had reported killed.

All wires are down and the first and only information was received over the spot-checker telephone wire.

HYMENEAL

Waggoner-Oplis.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Thomas C. Waggoner and Miss Emma C. Oplis were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Dr. William E. Schell officiating. The bride and groom are former students in York college. The latter for the last two years was a member of the Nebraska teaching profession, and the former, a real estate man at Grant, Neb., at which place they will reside after their trip of a few days in Iowa.

Bishop-Riser.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Glair Bishop of Lincoln and Miss Queenie Riser of this place were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. J. R. Gettys of the Methodist church officiating. They left on the noon train for a short trip and will reside in Lincoln.

Meisinger-Blatzer.

PLATTSBOROUGH, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—In the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blatzer, west of this city, Harry A. Meisinger, son of George P. Meisinger, was married to Miss Harriet Blatzer Wednesday. County Judge A. J. Beeson performed the ceremony.

Only one "BROMO QUININE." That is the signature of E. W. Grove. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c

Xmas Eating and Drinking

The insides of the whole family, from Dad to Baby get lots of hard work to do this week. CASCARETS will help them. See that every member of the family gets a CASCARET every night. This will do the work easily and naturally and save a lot of sickness and suffering later on.

Advertisements for resorts and amusements: HAMPTON TERRACE HOTEL, BOYD'S - TONIGHT Christmas Matinee and Night VICTOR MOORE In Cohan's Best Effort THE TALK OF NEW YORK Seats on Sale SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK Henry W. Savage's THE MERRY WIDOW New York Cast and Production, including the Grand Opera Orchestra Matinees Wednesday, Thurs. and Sat. GAYETY TODAY MAT. & NIGHT The Wm. Grew Co. Supporting ANNA CLEVELAND in the drama. The New Magdalene Popular Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Krug Theater - PRICES 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c. TONIGHT - MATINEE TODAY - 10c, 25c, 50c. The Eye Witness Sunday - The Queen of The Secret Seven.