

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It. P. J. Cresson & Sons—Coal. Take Your Printing to the Times. Reading Lamps—Burgess-Granden Co. A New Home for Christmas would be a most useful gift. Experts Tell What May Be Done to Make the Roads of the Country Better and How It May Be Done. Convention delegates rarely stay through a long afternoon's proceedings following attendance at the morning session, but the county commissioners and clerks proved an exception to this rule yesterday afternoon at the home. Mr. Johnson followed several other speakers who had taken part in several discussions, and the way every man remained to hear him was tribute both to his ability as a lecturer and the interest of the commissioners in his subject. The afternoon began with an address by E. C. Copeland, former president of the Iowa Supervisors' association. He talked upon "Benefits of State Commissioners' Associations." 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"Money estimated and apportioned in 1909 is not collected until May of 1911, for instance," said he, "and if estimating and collecting taxes were closer together, in time it would make for much better business administration, and this difference in time is what gets many counties into a bad financial way. No business can be well conducted when the outlay is made before it is really known what the income is going to be. "Contractors," continued the speaker, "wait six months for interest to begin and eight months for their money, and knowing this they figure it into the cost of buildings or bridges. They must do this as a matter of self protection." Mr. Ure suggested easy remedial legislation, proposing that the collecting of the money be put farther back into the business year. He also urged that county boards be made more responsible bodies, saying: "In ninety cases out of 100 increased responsibility makes for greatly increased efficiency." The speaker declared that road overseers ought to be appointed rather than elected as now, and declared that this was one way in which there is a leakage in the spending of county taxes and tax apportionments. TO EXTEND AUDITORIUM STAGE Capacity Must Be Increased to Give Room for the New York Hippodrome. Preparations are being made to put the Auditorium in shape for the New York Hippodrome performances to be given January 2 to 14. H. H. Burnside, general stage director of the production, spent Wednesday in Omaha conferring with J. M. Gillan, manager of the Auditorium. The stage of the Auditorium is to be extended forward twenty feet to give room for the spectacles to be presented. The production which comes to Omaha may be placed on a permanent circuit through the west if the present season justifies the venture, according to Mr. Burnside. The circuit would include Omaha, St. Paul, Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Kansas City. 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One County Charge Will Have Tree for Christmas Cheer

County Superintendent Says He Will Comply with the Request of the Old Man. A doddering old man walked up to Superintendent Tom McCleughan of the county hospital. "Are we going to have a Christmas tree this year, Mr. Superintendent," asked the octogenarian. "It's been a matter of more than twenty years since I saw a tree and I would like to see one more. Probably I won't have another chance." The old man will have his tree if Mr. McCleughan has to buy it himself—and this is fairly likely. But there can be no general tree for the 219 residents of the hospital. "I could not fix up a tree and presents for the whole crowd," says the superintendent. "It would bankrupt me or the county or both." "But the old man shall have a little sprig of evergreen with a candle on top, lighted and perhaps a present. He is a good old boy who never has been any trouble." "If the others hear of this, my own Christmas will not be the merriest in Omaha. They are a fairly jealous lot in these public institutions, and making charges of favoritism is one of their favorite things they know. I suspect that it is the notion of some of them of a perfectly corking time." "Some of these old and feeble people have relatives who will come to see them Christmas day. Others have no relatives. Still a third group have relatives who do not come to see them. The loneliness of such derelicts on Christmas day is saddening." Churches Displaying Wares for Christmas. Hanscom Park Methodists, North Side Presbyterians and Benson Lutherans at Fair. Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church, North Side Presbyterian and the Benson, English Lutheran church representatives are installed in fair headquarters at the Bee rotunda Wednesday and Thursday and busily supplying anxious Christmas shoppers with Christmas wares. Aprons flaunt their strings from the lines which hang above the well stocked counters, reminding the world that an apron is always a welcome gift. Then there are the fancy articles, the knickknacks which supply the gift makers' needs for something attractive to tuck his holy wish in. There is Christmas candy, Christmas cakes and cookies, pies and even puddings. The luncheon tables will be served by the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church society and that of the Benson English Lutheran church, Mrs. E. H. Crocker in charge for the first society, Mrs. A. P. Newman for the second. Mrs. R. F. Thomas, president of the Hanscom Park church society, is in charge of its annual sale. The department chairmen are Mrs. George Stone, aprons; Mrs. George Carey, candy; Mrs. A. Waggoner, home cooking; Mrs. M. L. Stone, dolls; Mrs. Street, corset covers. Mrs. A. M. Newman is in charge of the fair for the Benson English Lutheran church; Mrs. P. Rosender, home cooking; Mrs. Charles Johnson, fancy work; Mrs. J. Peterson, aprons. The North Side Presbyterian church fair is in charge of Mrs. Edward McEachron. Mrs. J. H. Stokes, aprons; Mrs. W. D. Merrill, handkerchiefs; Mrs. J. T. Lathrop and Mrs. J. O. Lesell, fancy work; Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Mrs. S. F. Miller, home cooking; Mrs. Bryce Crawford, candy.

BLACK, the Hatter NECKWEAR, MUFFLERS, GLOVES, JEWELRY, SHIRTS, HOSE, SUSPENDERS, HANDKERCHIEFS, Christmas Hats COLLAR BOXES, SCARF RINGS, FANCY VESTS, SWEATER COATS -BUY A- Glove Board \$1.50 to \$2.50 -BUY A- Hat Bond \$2.50 Good any time on presentation. Combination Sets Put up in nice boxes—composed of ties and suspenders, vest edgings and ties and gloves and socks. 109 S. 16th St. OMAHA

Helpful hints for worryin' women—for Christmas presents for mere male men— Cheerfully given by Hopeful Hatty and his great big Brother Ben. F. B.—This poem is only 3 1/2 cent poetry, but our merchandise tests 100 per cent all the time. His "Mamma," "Wife," "Sister," or "Sweetheart" may give him "Christmas Slippers"—but he really needs SHOES—a pair of Men's Onimods (And he had better buy 'em himself) \$2.50-\$3.50 Pair Regent Shoe Co. 205 South Fifteenth Street Agency for Dr. Reed's Cushion Soled Shoes for Men and Women.

WALTHERS FREED, NO TRIAL Boy Held for Father's Death is Vindicated by Inquest. STATE WILL NOT PROSECUTE County Attorney English Orders the Young Man Liberated from City Jail—Daughter of Dead Man a Witness. Henry Walther, Jr. is free. He will not be prosecuted for the killing of his father in defense of his mother and sister. Stanhope Fleming, inspired by the newspaper accounts of the case, appeared at the police station and arranged for the Wednesday morning he secured an order of release from County Attorney English. Upon being taken from the station in the midst of his friends, young Walther told interviewers that he would never touch a revolver again. The boy said he expected to rest several days and then return to work and try to support his mother and sister. This order was made by Mr. English following the vindication of the boy's act by a jury at the inquest held by Coroner Crosby Tuesday afternoon.



Trummer Gets One Year in Penitentiary Judge Considers His Plea of Guilty and Acts on Advice of the County Attorney. On recommendation of the county attorney's office through Deputy County Attorney George A. Magney, Judge Estelle sentenced Franklin Trummer, head of the Omaha boy burglars' syndicate, to serve a year in the penitentiary. The judge said he was reluctant to impose so light a sentence, but the county attorney's office had agreed to recommend this sentence in consideration of Trummer's waiving his right to a trial and pleading guilty. "Under the law it is my duty to inform you before you make your plea of guilty that I can send you to the penitentiary for from three to ten years," said Judge Estelle. "I do not say what I will do, nor what I would like to do. Do you still plead guilty?" Trummer said he did and began a plea in extenuation. "This is my first offense," he said.

This Is Not THE "BIG STICK" But a Human Hair Root Showing Dandruff Germs at Work. WYETH'S SAGE AND SULPHUR HAIR REMEDY Kills the Dandruff Germ and Makes the Hair Grow Stops Falling Hair and Removes Dandruff FEW people are aware of the number of Dandruff Germs that infest the human hair and scalp. The germs which locate themselves in the follicle or sack which envelops the root of the hair, spend a lazy existence in sucking up the juices which should go to keep life and strength in the hair. These germs cannot be seen by the naked eye, but with a magnifying glass of from 300 to 400 diameters the spores of this hair destroyer may be seen in masses, clinging to the hair. DANDRUFF, ITCHING OF THE SCALP AND FALLING HAIR are a sure sign of destructive germs. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy Kills the Dandruff Germ when applied to the hair, and prevents the cure of Baldness. It also restores faded or gray hair to its natural color and beauty. No matter how gray or how long it has been gray, it will restore it to its natural color and keep it soft, glossy and beautiful. Don't experiment with old-fashioned hair dyes, but save and restore your hair by using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00 at all Druggists FREE Mail this advertisement, with the picture of the girl cut from the carton of a 50c size bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy to the Wyeth Chemical Co., 74 Cortlandt St., New York, and we will send you without cost a full size 50c tube of "Weyel" Completion Cream FOR SALE AND RECOMMENDED BY SHERMAN & McCONNELL DRUG CO., OWL DRUG CO.

Christmas Letters Die stamped and hand painted, also Booklets, Tags, Stickers and Calendars. Many people prefer to give small gifts at Christmas time, but even though they are small they should be substantial and have quality to be appreciated. We have Fountain Pens from \$1. to \$12. We are agents for Conklin's Self-Filling Fountain Pens. Leather and Wood Goods, very attractive and tasty. Embossed and Monogram Stationery. Holiday Box Stationery, from 50c to \$5.00. Diaries, Bill Books, Letter Cases, Bill Rolls, etc. The Omaha Stationery Co. 1607 Farnam Street Jos. A. Rummelhart and Howard Goulding, Proprietors.

Snow and Ice At this season of the year, when the ground and street car platforms are apt to be covered with snow or ice, especial care should be taken by passengers in getting on and off cars. REMEMBER WAIT UNTIL THE CAR STOPS! GET OFF IN THE RIGHT WAY! Assist Us In Preventing Accidents Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company