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Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs office of The Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott street. Both phones 43.

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Corrigans, undertakers. Phones 148.
Picture framing—Laubie's Art shop.
FAUST BEER AT HOGENS BUFFET.
Majestic ranges. P. C. De Vol Hdw. Co.
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Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 97.
Pure blackberry juice and Virginia Dare wine. J. J. Kiein Co.
Fryer Printing Co., new location, 2821 and 2823 W. Broadway. Phones 246. Mail and phone calls answered in person.
The S. A. Pierce Co. shoe store will be open for business at their new location, 101 West Broadway, between Pearl and Sixth streets, January 18.
A meeting of the Pottawattamie Bar association will be held this afternoon for the purpose of taking suitable action in relation to the death of Chauncey S. Wadsworth. The meeting was called by W. A. Maynard, president of the association, who has selected members to prepare the resolutions that will be presented for adoption. The meeting will be held in the district court room of the county court at 2 o'clock.
The funeral of S. B. Wadsworth will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, 341 South Eighth street. The services will be conducted by the Christian Scientists. C. A. Laubach, first reader of the local organization, and Miss Tuttle will lead. The members of Hawkeye lodge, No. 19, Odd Fellows, will have charge of the services at the grave, which will be in Walnut Hill. The pallbearers will be Emmet Tinley, Judge O. D. Wheeler, D. L. Ross, D. S. Stears, J. J. Iiles and A. W. Askwith, all members of the bar.
Concordia lodge, No. 22, Knights of Pythias, has installed the following officers for 1911: Chancellor commander, Henry Herman; vice chancellor, S. S. Bradford; prelate, E. W. Amodes; master of work, M. R. Bates; keeper of records and seal, R. O. Thomas; master of finance, Granut Crocker; master of exchequer, Ed James McRoberts; master-at-arms, J. B. Whitney; inner guard, W. H. Bargnousen; outer guard, W. J. Capeh. The following were elected representatives to the grand lodge: W. H. Bargnousen, Frank Elgan and Frank Marlowe.
Owing to the absence of Attorney Killpack the hearing of the application of J. Chris Jensen for a restraining order preventing the mayor and city council paying the fire hydrant bill, approximating more than $8,000, was not heard in the district court yesterday. It has been assigned for hearing by Judge Green. By consent of the attorneys it went until next week. Negotiations for another proposition for settlement of the water company's long-deferred bill is pending and the hearing of the application for an injunction may not be required at all.
Defaults were taken in three divorce suits yesterday in the district court. Katherine Keeline was freed from Roy O. Keeline on the grounds of desertion and drunkenness. She is 28 and he is 30 years old. Helga Hackstock was given a divorce from Andrew Hackstock, a Council Bluffs barber, upon a showing of desertion and cruelty. The wife is granted the custody of their child. One man appeared as plaintiff in the lot. He was Henry C. Koening and he was freed from his wife, Mary, on the grounds of cruelty. No defense was made in either case.
Ivan Silkett, a Council Bluffs lad, is making a great record as one of Uncle Sam's crack gunners in the navy. He has risen to the station of gun pointer on the armored cruiser Maryland, and helped his fellow jackies win the gunner's pennant of the Atlantic battleship target practice for 1910. Mr. Silkett's uniform is studded with stars won by his marvelous shots at long range with his pair of big guns, and it was largely to his efficiency and wonderful accuracy that the Maryland won the pennant. The young man spent a part of last summer here visiting his mother, Mrs. Myrtle L. Silkett.
Robert Hill, from nowhere and bound for any place, landed in the city jail yesterday afternoon. While walking down Broadway he tarried for a moment in front of the Weinberg clothing store at No. 208, and when he moved on a workingman's canvas coat was attached to him. He had removed it from a dummy man in front of the place. Officer Evans came along just in time to see Hill conclude the negotiations with the dummy by which it lost its clothes. He pursued and caught Hill and locked him up on the charge of larceny. Hill will have some difficulty in framing a plausible excuse when he confronts Police Judge Snyder this morning.
The Board of County Supervisors spent several hours yesterday in the work of examining the bids for the county printing for the coming year. It includes plank books and all other blanks and stationery required by the county officers. There were only two bidders, E. A. Morehouse & Co. and the Monarch Printing company, both of Council Bluffs. The work last year amounted to about $4,100. This year it will be slightly heavier. The bids are based on the multitude of separate items and the examination of the bids required much real work. On its face the Morehouse bid appeared to be between $50 and $60 less than the Monarch company, but Manager Sancha of the Monarch claimed that there was more than that difference in his favor in the quality of material offered. The board will reach a decision this morning.
Without letting his friends know of his ultimate intention, George L. Judson, son of the late L. P. Judson, and one of the best known local civil engineers, has sent word that he has safely arrived at a point 1,800 miles up the Amazon river in Brazil, where he has rejoined his companions in the work of running a railroad around the falls of that mighty river. He returned from there last summer after spending two years in the heart of the primeval Amazon forests, and then announced his intention of not returning. He was appointed to a lucrative position at Little Rock, Ark., and it was supposed that he would remain there. The first intimation that he had decided to do otherwise was the receipt of a little South American engineering paper announcing his arrival on the upper Amazon and being tendered a reception by his former fellow employes and railway officers.
F. S. Doll of Denver, representing the Gannon flexible humane police club makers of that city, was in town yesterday endeavoring to interest the Council Bluffs police department in the new device for effectually and humanely quieting fractious prisoners. The club is made of solid rubber with a light steel well-tempered rod in the center. It is soft, heavy and flexible, and while inflicting a blow that will knock out the thickest headed man, will not crush the skull of the lightest headed victim or make a scalp wound. The handle and all is cast in one piece. The club has been adopted by the Denver department and the officers of the Colorado Humane society are urging its adoption elsewhere. It has been approved by the St. Louis department and the patrolmen equipped with it. Mr. Doll is a member of the Colorado humane society and is making an intelligent effort to get the new persuader generally adopted.

IF THE WEATHER HAPPENS to be too cold and stormy just call us by phone and we will deliver the goods O. K. Today we have something new in fruit; tangerines, 1 cent each; extra good oranges at 25 and 30 cents dozen. This is ideal buckwheat weather, we have the self-rising in 10 cent packages. The old-fashioned kind, 5 cents pound, all other kinds of pancake flours in packages at 10 and 25 cents. We have a white syrup in quart cans that is very nice at 15 cents; then we have part maple and cane at 25 cents a quart. Phones 359. Bartel & Miller.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
S. C. DeWitt, Shoshoni, Wyo.	44
Laura White, Elkhorn, Neb.	33
R. S. Turpen, Omaha	34
Mrs. Hattie Koeppel, Omaha	27

"The Newlyweds and Their Baby," which scored one of the greatest successes in New York and Chicago in recent years, is announced as the attraction at the Dohany theater tomorrow night. It is one of those musical plays that are made up of the most catchy kind of songs and music that never fail to please, while the comedy element is far from the ordinary.
There are said to be sixty-and-one-half people in the company, 75 per cent of which are girls.

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SALOON PETITION IS VALID

County Board Finds it Has Twenty-Six Legal Votes to Good.

TECHNICALITY RULE EMPLOYED

Closest Call Liquor Men Have Ever Had in County—Oakland Only Town that Will Be Dry.

By the application of the rule so adroitly called into existence by the consent of Attorneys Tinley and Hess, representing the saloon consent petitioners in this county, enough names were excluded from the withdrawal petition to leave the consenters a clean majority of twenty-six votes out of the surplusage of 318 filed in the original document.
The Board of County Supervisors took up the matter at the opening of the session yesterday morning, and the expeditious manner in which it was proceeded with indicated that there had been some conferences since the adjournment of the previous evening. The board sustained the contention of the attorneys for the consent petitioners that the rule agreed upon to reject signatures technically faulty when the first petition was being considered should be applied when the withdrawal document was considered. Under this ruling whole pages of the hurriedly prepared remonstrance were stricken out, and when the final counting of names was finished the saloon men were ahead a bare majority of twenty-six.
The agreement, however, was not unanimous. Two of the members of the board, Johns and True, voted against the acceptance of the original petition, but Darrington, Children and Chairman Spencer approved it and carried it through the rocky breakers upon which it has been tossed so rudely for the last three days.
The anti-saloon workers were greatly disappointed, and at once began talking about an appeal to the district court. They have sixty days in which to do so, but there is some doubt about the desirability of such a course at this time. It is the first time in the history of the county that the temperance workers ever approached within sight of victory.
There is an intimation in temperance circles that the Iowa legislature which is to convene next week will attempt to enact some more restrictive saloon measures, probably amending the Clark law to make it conform to the all-daylight measure in Nebraska.
There will be only one town in the county where there will be no saloon for the next five years, and that is Oakland, where the saloon has been out for several years, and which became the source of the concerted attack upon the saloon men in all other towns in the county. The saloon men say that this was due in a measure to the desire of the business men of Oakland, who wanted to have their own town regain equal advantages with the surrounding villages, which the saloon men say attract Oakland's trade.

SUIT WILL COST MEN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Famous Neola Case Finally Wound Up by Payment of Costs After Long Fight.

A libel suit that has been pending in the courts for almost ten years and which has been tried five times in the district court here and five times appealed to the state supreme court, has been fully settled, the concluding act being the final payment yesterday of the last bill of costs, amounting to $889.15.
It was the famous Dorn & McGinty libel suit against George L. Cooper, all of Neola. The suit was started October 20, 1903. Cooper is a merchant at Neola and Dorn & McGinty are stock buyers, but equally interested at other shipping points. For some reason the impression prevailed that they were discriminating against farmers who brought their stock, chiefly hogs, to the Neola market. In a page advertisement printed in the home paper Cooper gave expression in an undertone of these impressions and the hog buyers concluded that it reflected upon them.
They rushed into court with a libel suit, asking judgment against Cooper for $2,000. The suit was tried and Cooper lost, getting an adverse verdict for a small amount. Neither party was satisfied and both sought relief by appeal. The case was reversed and the next time Cooper won. The plaintiffs then appealed to the higher court and the fight continued until the case was tried five times and appealed five times. The last time Cooper again won and the plaintiffs appealed to the higher court. The court affirmed the last judgment and ordered the costs to be assessed to the plaintiffs. A. A. Dorn and J. E. McGinty. Attorney H. L. Robinson has been Cooper's attorney through the long fight, but the plaintiffs have tried several lawyers, Organ & Pusey being the first.
The attorneys' fees have been more than $1,000 on each side, and taking into consideration the amount of court costs which the taxpayers have had to stand, the total cost of the dispute will approximate nearly $5,000. There are $626.15 now in the hands of Clerk Harry Brown waiting distribution as witness fees.

JUDGE M'PHERSON MAKES ARRANGEMENTS FOR CASE

Testimony Will Be Taken by Master in Railroad Case by First of March.

Jude Smith McPherson came to Council Bluffs yesterday for the purpose of hearing the arguments and arranging for taking testimony in the application of the four Iowa railroads, the Great Western, Rock Island, Milwaukee and Burlington, for a restraining order preventing the Iowa railroad commissioners putting into effect the new rate schedule reducing the charges for hauling bituminous coal to all points within the state. By agreement of the attorneys representing the railroads and the board of commissioners arguments were waived and the court asked to make an order for the appointment of a master in chancery to take testimony in the cases, all of which are identical.
The railroads appeared by their counsel, J. F. Davis of Des Moines, who also submitted the agreement with Attorney General Cosson, counsel for the commissioners. It was stated that the new attorney general was sick with a cold or he would have appeared in person. Judge McPherson said he would make the order read that the master in chancery to be appointed should begin taking testimony not later than March 1.
The same action was taken in the application of the Des Moines Gas company for a temporary restraining order preventing the Des Moines city officials enforcing a new gas ordinance adopted and put into force in three days, reducing the price of gas from the maximum of $1.10 to a flat rate of 90 cents per 1,000. A special master in chancery will be appointed to take testimony in the same way, beginning about March 1, with the additional requirement

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that his report must be filed thirty days before the opening of the May term of the federal court. The two masters will be named in ample time to begin their work before the date specified. In the meantime the temporary restraining orders issued in both cases last Thursday will remain in force. George H. Carr and W. L. Reed of Des Moines represented the gas company and the Des Moines city officers.

Women Considering a New Secretary

Will Hold Session Today to Decide Whether to Engage Miss Fagundus for Work.

An important meeting will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian association building, at which all of the members of the newly formed Young Women's Christian association are urged to be present. The purpose is to consider the engagement of Miss Fagundus of Minneapolis as secretary of the association. She comes highly recommended by national and state officers of the association. Physical Director Pierson of the Young Men's Christian association will be present and submit plans for the organization of gymnastic work for the sister organization. Speaking of this work last evening Mr. Pierson said:
"Dignity is killing four-fifths of the world, dignity and laziness—physical slothfulness. What nearly all men and women need is the power to unbend, the power to relax, the power to play. They need to escape from the straight-jacket of conventionality, from the strain of self-consciousness and become, for the sake of bodily health and cheerful temper, even as little children. What most men and women need really, the men and women of the larger cities particularly, is more physical activity and less to eat. The young women and girls of Council Bluffs are to be given an opportunity to enter into these activities that will build up the physique of the young woman who is so inclined to take advantage of the special course for them under my personal direction in the local Young Men's Christian association gymnasium."
Those interested will meet Mr. Pierson at the "gym" before the meeting today, at 1:30 o'clock, when arrangements will be completed for the class, or several classes, which will be organized at once. The work will be graded and will consist of pleasing and helpful drills, such as free movements, wands, dumbbell, gymnastic steps, Indian clubs, hoop drills, etc., followed by light apparatus work, then some recreation and the competitive games, such as basket ball, base ball, volley ball, etc.
"If the young women will take hold of this work she will have the same chance as her brother," said Mr. Pierson. "She will be surprised to find her heart stronger and steadier in its action and never violent. In short, she will have an educated heart, educated lungs and educated body. And it will bring her many other good things—sunny, buoyant, radiant health, a feeling of equality to every demand, a magnetism, a personal charm that none but the really healthy have or know. Bright eyes, blooming complexion, a brain fed with healthy blood, not the sickly or well nigh worthless article, make her better fitted for all the mental work she may be called upon to do."

Best rock and rye for medicinal and family use. Bottled in two sizes. Rosenfeld Liquor Co., 519 South Main.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were reported to The Bee January 6 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company, Council Bluffs:

Carl Gradert, guardian to James Hunter, frac. sw¼ of 19-77-40 gdn. d.	$14,996
George S. Dye and wife to Mary Green lots 1 and 2, in block 10, in Carson, Ia., w. d.	2,000
Zoe M. Ross to William J. Higgins, lot 5, in Ross' place, an addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d.	1,500
Henry W. Voss and wife to J. A. Flynn, lot 5 in block 22, in subdivision of Riddle tract, in Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d.	350
August Alderog and wife to Emma J. Schmielau, lot 6, in block 1, in Olderog's addition to Treynor, w. d.	175
Catherine Wisch to James Hunter, frac. sw¼ of 19-77-40, w. d.	1
Elmer L. Fear and wife to W. H. Freeman and John A. McKenzie, e½ nw¼ and sw¼ of 32-76-40, w. d.	1
Seven transfers, total	$19,025

Don't think about those spots on your clothes. Bring your garments to us and we will get the spots out, press and clean your clothes so that you will be satisfied. Bluff City Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dye Works. Phones 314.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, L-1702

Repeated Thefts of Registered Mail

Pouches Stolen in Transportation on Four Separate Occasions in Two Weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Chief Postal Inspector H. B. Hall admitted today that on four separate occasions in the last two weeks registered mail pouches had been stolen as they were being transported across San Francisco bay.
The first pouch was stolen on December 25, the second on the night of December 26, the third one December 29 and the fourth last night. The latter two were destined for stations between this city and Portland.
Hall denies that any of the pouches contained valuable packages, but it is known that the local postal authorities are deeply concerned and they admit that some of the pouches contained currency.
The Yokohama Specie bank has received no report from several valuable registered packages, and it is known that at least one of the missing pouches contained mail matter mailed by the bank. Postal detectives believe that the thefts were the result of the operations of an organized gang, the members of which were familiar with the movements of mails out of this city.
Each pouch was missed when the mail matter was checked before being placed on board mail cars at the Oakland pier. The pouches were in the personal charge of mail clerks who stood beside the truck on which the mail was piled while it was being taken across the bay.

WEALTHY FARMER SELLS VOTE

Old Man Who Owns Four Hundred Acres of Land is Fined Two Hundred.

WEST UNION, O., Jan. 7.—The highest fine imposed on a vote-seller by Judge Blair was inflicted today when William Grooms, who pleaded guilty to selling his vote for $10, was sentenced to pay $200. Judge Blair placed the fine at $500, but $300 was remitted. Grooms, who is 52 years old, owns 400 acres of good farm land and is reputed to be worth $50,000. He lives three miles from West Union. He refused to come to court and Deputy Sheriff William Cooper went after him. Judge Blair was angry and said he should send Grooms to the penitentiary.

GLORIOUS DEEDS BY KNIGHTS

Members of Ak-Sar-Ben Listen to Report and Nominate Governors.

NEXT TO BEST RECORD OF ALL

Realm Profited Signally and Big Surplus is in the Coffers—Executives to Soon Journey to Distant Lands.

Mid a scene of enthusiasm nine prominent knights of Ak-Sar-Ben were nominated by their fellow knights as candidates for the Board of Governors at the American theater last night. It was the annual meeting of the order for that purpose and was attended by several hundred members, completely filling the lower floor and the boxes of the theater.
Aside from the business that had brought them there, the gathering witnessed a performance of the regular theater bill and enjoyed the efforts of the king's own talent.
With incidental remarks casting high credit upon the names of each, these men received the nominations:

C. E. Black	R. E. Sunderland
Rex Morehouse	C. T. Kountze
J. C. Root	J. J. Dwight
H. J. Penfold	Frank Judson
W. H. Bucholz	W. F. Baxter

Three men from the list of those nominated are to be elected by the board, and according to arrangements, will receive their election next Monday.

Election Hastened.

Owing to the fact that five members of the board will be out of the city in several weeks, scattered veritably to the four winds on their winter vacations, the speedy election next week is found necessary. Meantime members of the band are pondering on the pleasant things that were told them last night about the business of last year and the prospects for this year.
From the report read by Secretary Penfold it was learned that the organization has now the second largest balance on hand that was ever recorded, $3,600.
Concerning the future, Mr. Penfold announced that Omaha is to have a marathon race from Fremont or Blair, an encampment of National guard troops and a convention of National guard officers, beside the usual events.
The meeting had its opening at 8:15, with a short address of welcome by President C. H. Pickens. Following that the business of nominating the nine candidates moved rapidly. Mr. Penfold presided, making a number of little talks relative to the prospective nominees. Others who presented names for a place on the list did so with impromptu speeches, and the nominations were made by acclaim.

Governors to Take Trip.

If the board of governors had not received its quota of nominees last night and if it were to take up the matter of election immediately there would be a sorry remnant of members to do so inside of two weeks. This fact was disclosed by Secretary Penfold after the meeting, in his announcement that five members definitely are to leave for various other parts of the globe.
Emil Brandeis is to depart for Egypt, Mr. Pickens plans to leave for South America, C. H. Beaton will go to Naples, all leaving in a very short time.
The board will have several matters of much importance to attend to at the forthcoming meeting. Plans for the repair of the "den," and for the general affairs of this year will be considered, and an offer from the Mendelssohn choir to give a concert for the benefit of the "den" improvement will be acted upon. A letter containing the offer was written to the board by Major H. W. Lord, chairman of the executive committee of the choir.

Broilers on Deck.

These matters concerning the immediate future received no comment at the meeting last night, and most of the membership of Ak-Sar-Ben left the theater only with the impression of fun and frivolity that had come in the varied entertainment. Oscar Lieben, as the bouncing Otto Pumpernickle of "Den" memories and his assisting quartet of broilers had their place in the bill that was presented. The broilers were, Harry Benford, W. S. Stryker, C. H. Boyles and Burt Miner.
Professional actresses and actors, whose performances had been given twice before during the day, entered into the spirit of the occasion with vim that flattered the knights. Many a merry quip came across the footlights at various members of the knighthood that looked on, and finally the evening was marked by a serio-comic poem addressed to six of the well-loved knights. L. Wolfe Gilbert, the monologist of the bill, rendered the verses in exceptionally clever style.

Samson's Report.

In reading his report on the finances of the association, Secretary Penfold gave an extended outline of the accomplishments made by it. He said in part:
"We registered 1,591 members, the second greatest membership in our history. This was done with no expense except a few letters, as against hundreds of dollars and weeks of effort, by a large hustling committee, to secure the higher number.
"We made a clear gain of $15,000 on the carnival. This wiped out our loan of $3,000, took care of the deficit which always occurs in the parade fund, and also of the extra expense on the initiation which cost us this year $12.74 a member. After all these were taken care of we are left with a balance of over $3,600, the second largest balance we ever had.
"We entertained at our Monday night initiations 2,524 visitors from every state in the union including the ex-president of the United States and a great number of eastern newspaper men accompanying him, and the hundreds of members of the Ad club convention.

Ad Men Help.

"The Ad club men in particular, who were especially qualified to appreciate such an organization, could not say enough in its praise. To illustrate this, some of you may have heard of the two telegrams sent by a member of the Milwaukee delegation to his home city. Milwaukee was endeavoring to secure the convention. On Monday morning, when things seemed to be moving slowly and there was not much doing, a prominent member of the Milwaukee delegation wired, 'We have the next convention cinched. Omaha is twenty years behind the times.' On Tuesday morning, after the initiation at the den, he sent another wire, 'We have got to go like hell. The Ak-Sar-Ben is the greatest thing ever.' We procured a list of the delegates of the Ad club convention and sent all of them a copy of the souvenir book and a sheet of the illustrated syndicate story in order that they might know something of the rest of our work.

Roosevelt Reception.

"In connection with the entertainment of Colonel Roosevelt we received publicity not only through the different Press association dispatches and the special reports made by the visiting newspaper men to their respective papers, but also illustrated stories on Ak-Sar-Ben in all the largest syndicates in the United States, covering hundreds of the principal cities of the country and telling them concisely and vividly what Ak-Sar-Ben is and does. The illustrations, which in most cases were two columns wide, showed such striking glimpses of the work as the famous Amos receiving his victims, the pirate ship of 1909, the revolving globe of 1909 and other attractive features. Collier's also gave us a prominent place with three good pictures and a short write-up, and Leslie's Weekly made room for us several times during the season. Besides the regular advertisement in the 200 state papers, about 400 of the larger ones had two columns of the illustrated syndicate story credited as coming from eastern publications and furnished them free by the publicity bureau.

Military Tourney.

"We planned and carried out a great military tournament with the kind cooperation of the Department of the Missouri, which afforded an educational entertainment every day for five days to the people of our section, the crowds on most days ranging from 10,000 to 20,000. This was an unequal school of instruction on the army and its work.
"We conducted, as usual, a successful and beautiful ball, at which we entertained a larger number than has attended in any previous year.
"Our electrical parade was the success that it always is and the day parade was a brilliant review of every branch of the military service, cavalry, infantry, artillery, signal corps, hospital corps and pack train and made one of the most splendid spectacles ever seen on the streets of a western city.

Popular with People.

"We have established ourselves so firm in the esteem of Omaha and its business men that the mere announcement the other day that we would receive applications for membership for the coming season's work has brought us in 200 paid applications for 1911. We cannot ask for any better endorsement than that, the good will and appreciation of our own people and their interest in the work.
"Our program as outlined already for next year embraces an encampment of National guard troops. For this we are assured regiments from Nebraska and Iowa and we will endeavor to secure those from all the neighboring states. We believe this will be of great interest to the people and conducive of good to both them and the guard.
"We wish also to secure the convention of the National guard officers of all the states and have good reasons to believe that we will be able to do so. This will undoubtedly mean the presence of the head of the army and his staff and in anticipation of the event we have invited the secretary of war and the president of the United States.
"Another event for carnival week that is in contemplation is a marathon race from Fremont or Blair to Omaha. Prizes will be offered for this of sufficient value to attract the best runners in the country.
"We have some other plans in process of development which are not advanced enough to detail as yet, but of which you will be fully informed in due time."
Ak-Sar-Ben's finances, according to the certified report consisted last year of receipts and expenditures balancing at $55,708.50, with $3,616.29 left in the treasury.

Three Men Arrested for Theft of Metal Bars from Box Car

Thieves Backed Wagon Up to Box Car and Piled on All the Vehicle Would Bear.

As the result of their attempt to sell fragments of the six bars of metal bullion that had been stolen from a boxcar, three men were arrested by detectives yesterday afternoon. The theft of the huge bars of metal from a boxcar of the Union Pacific railroad caused considerable alarm to officials of the road about a month ago and unusual vigilance has been maintained.
Detectives Mitchell and Sullivan and Railroad Inspectors Tighe and Chestnut effected the arrest of the three men. The prisoners had been traced by Tighe and Chestnut when the former made the rounds of several junk dealers attempting to sell the metal. The prisoners are Pete Thorson, Leon (alias "Sleepy") Hewitt and John Goldborough. The detectives secured Goldborough at Sixteenth and Locust streets, where it is believed the trio contrived to melt the huge bars they had taken.
In effecting the robbery the men are said to have backed a wagon up to the boxcar containing the spoils and after breaking into the car loaded the wagon with as much as it would bear. The six bars of bullion weighed about 1,000 pounds. They were valued at from $600 to $800. The bars consisted of an alloy of various metals, including, it is said, a small amount of silver and gold. They had been shipped to Omaha from Colorado, to be refined at the Omaha Smelting and Refining plant.

Girl Robbed of Sixty Dollars by Negroes

Two Men Present Guns and Compel Young Woman to Hand Over Her Purse.

Miss Vera Vining of 2404 Capitol avenue was held up at 6:30 o'clock last evening at Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets by two negroes, who robbed her of $59.95.
The negroes, walking behind Miss Vining, suddenly quickened their pace and as they came up to her presented guns and told her to hand over her purse. Miss Vining, badly frightened, complied with the command. While one of the men covered her with a revolver and cautioned her against screaming the other went through her handbag. Most of the money was in bills. They returned the empty bag and ran.
Miss Vining was able to furnish the police with a good description of the holdup men.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETS

Concur in Resolution Favoring Extension of Parcels Post System—Guye Reports.

The Central Labor union at its meeting last night endorsed A. C. Weitzel for gas inspector. Mr. Weitzel, if appointed, will fill out the unexpired term of John Lynch, who is now one of the county commissioners.
The union concurred in a resolution offered by the delegates from the machinists' union No. 31, favoring the extension of a parcels post system.
L. V. Guye, delegate to the state convention at Havelock on January 3 and 4, made his report to the union. Omaha was chosen as the place for the next convention of the state federation. It will be held here the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September.

HILL'S DEATH FROM POISON?

Italian Laborer Dies at Hospital and Autopsy Will Probably Be Held.

Tony Hill, an Italian laborer in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad, died yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital under circumstances that indicates a possibility of poisoning. Dr. J. F. Hyde, who had charge of the case, turned the body over to Coroner Crosby and an autopsy will probably be held.

The Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Little or No Change in Status of Business.

CONTRACTION IN IRON OUTPUT

Prices at All Leading Centers Still Display Tendency Toward Greater Weakness and Buyers Are Holding Back.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade today says:
There is little or no change in the status of the larger trades. Contraction of output continues in iron and steel, but the outlook for the new year is regarded as encouraging.
In the month of December 27 additional furnaces were blown out and the daily rate of production fell from 63,659 to 57,252 tons or nearly 2,000 tons less than in the same period of 1909. However, prices at all leading centers still display a tendency toward greater weakness and buyers are holding back in the hope that further concessions will be granted, in some other branches of the industry conditions appear more encouraging, reports from Chicago and Pittsburg indicating a better inquiry from the railroads, while the outlook in the structural division is considered quite promising. Retailers of dry goods the country over are pushing sales of white goods and domestics, while jobbers are busy bringing out their new lines of spring goods for house display. Buyers are showing increased activity in the markets. There has been a little trading in specialties, wash goods and ginghams, and somewhat greater interest in early showings of blankets and napped goods, but drills and sheetings have ruled quiet. Selling agents in both cottons and woolens, as well as in silk lines, find it very difficult to adjust prices because of the sustained high cost of raw material and production, while buyers are operating only for immediate needs. The movement in some directions is hampered by slow deliveries. A very fair export trade in cottons is now reported with the far east. The footwear market continues quiet and unchanged. New England producers have but a small reserve for spring cutting, but buyers generally are known to be carrying meager stocks and an improved business is looked for by the latter end of the current month.
The question of prices is not a disturbing element at present. There is a somewhat firmer tone to the market on domestic hides, and this is especially noticeable in cow and bull hides.
An import demand is again in evidence, principally for good lots of country hides, and this has had a strengthening effect on the situation here. There is a slight increase in the demand for leather, but trade is still far from being active.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Cold Weather Stimulates Demand for All Seasonable Goods.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Bradstreet's today says:
Countrywide cold weather, especially severe west and south, has stimulated demand for heavy winter wearing apparel, and combined with usual clearance sales has made for a rather better than average final distribution of seasonable goods. In wholesale lines holiday inventories have been completed and salesmen are again on the road. Reports from jobbers are of a quite optimistic feeling as to spring trade and good sales of goods adapted to retail clearance sales are reported.
In industry quiet still rules. Iron and steel are dull and pig iron stocks are accumulating. Cold weather has helped coal consumption, and sales are active of bituminous coal at the west and of anthracite at the east. No shortages of supply are reported, however.
The leather trades are quiet and reports of a widespread stoppage of work in tanneries give firmness to stocks of finished materials. Cotton goods are quiet in primary markets and year-end reviews of the 1910 results are disappointing as a whole. There are rather more optimistic reports as to lumber trade conditions on the north Pacific coast and a feeling that the depression in that line is giving way to a more favorable situation.
Business failures in the United States for the week ending January 5 were 291, against 251 last week, 271 in the like week of 1910, 329 in 1909, 435 in 1908 and 283 in 1907.
Business failures in Canada for the week number 27, which compares with 35 last week and 33 in the like week of 1910.
Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending January 5 (Portland, Ore., advices not received) aggregate 2,568,914 bu., against 2,179,929 bu. last week and 3,183,145 bu. this week last year.
For the twenty-seven weeks ending January 5 exports are 63,598,847 bu., against 90,913,234 bu. in the corresponding period last year.
Corn exports for the week are 2,294,379 bu., against 1,149,411 bu. last week and 1,766,684 bu. in 1910. For the twenty-seven weeks ending January 1 corn exports are 12,338,649 bu., against 10,464,597 bu. last year.

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Manchester Grove Lodge, of Woodmen Circle, Meets at the Hotel Rome.

Manchester Grove lodge No. 1 of the Woodmen Circle, auxiliary to the Woodmen of the World, held its annual installation of officers at the Hotel Rome last night. The officers are as follows: Miss Zella Kenworthy, guardian; Miss Dora Horn, advisor; Mrs. Caroline Black, clerk; James Blaha, banker; Mrs. Lucile Race, chaplain; Miss Francis Kottal, attendant; Mrs. A. McGrath, inner sentinel; Miss May Kenworthy, outer sentinel; Messrs. Ragan, Kimball and Broman, managers.
The following delegates to the state convention, which is to be held in Fremont some time during March, were elected: Bertha Moran, Zella Kenworthy, Orpha Kenworthy, May Kenworthy, F. C. Hunt, Dr. W. H. Dorward, J. F. Stout, James Blaha, John Ragan, Elmer Broman, Frank Peklo, John Saterik, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. B. M. Levy, Helen Daily, May Finley, Mrs. A. McGrath, Dr. Elias Holovtchiner.

DEMENTED MAN FOUND NOW

Charles Burton Returns to Omaha on Train After Walking to Blair.

Footsore and weary, with his little white Spitz dog tucked under his arm, Charles Burton, the demented man who was reported to the police as missing Wednesday afternoon, was picked up last night at Fifteenth and Farnam streets by Officer Jensen.
Burton and his dog were taken to the police station, where the man told of his wanderings of the last two days. According to his story he walked as far as Blair, where yesterday morning the sheriff put him aboard a train bound for Omaha.
Burton's brother-in-law, J. B. Woods of 309 North Twenty-fifth, with whom Burton makes his home, was notified and Burton was held at the station until Woods arrived and took him in charge.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

Edward Spencer, Supposed to Have Died from Stroke of Apoplexy—Found by Roommate.

Edward Spencer, a painter and decorator, was found dead in his room at 404 North Sixteenth street at 11 o'clock last night, having died presumably from a stroke of apoplexy. When O. F. Miles, his roommate, came home he found the unconscious body of Spencer lying across the bed. He at once called up the police station and also called in Drs. J. M. Fitzmorris and T. A. Edwards. When the doctors arrived they found Spencer was dead and turned the body over to Coroner Crosby. An autopsy will be held today.
Spencer made his home in Lincoln and has a wife and stepson living in that city. He was about 45 years old.

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Baltimore News Co.
Baton Rouge, La.
Bony, The Cigar Man.
Billings, Mont.
D. E. Wolfson.
Birmington, Ala.
World News Co.
Boise, Idaho.
Wade Gray, 859 Jefferson St.
Boston, Mass.
Young's Hotel.
Vendome Hotel.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Hotel Iroquois.
Genesee Hotel.
Samuel Cohn, 255 Ellicott St.
Butte, Mont.
Keefe Bros.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
World News Co.
Chicago, Ill.
Auditorium.
Auditorium Annex.
Empire News Stand, Jackson & Dearborn.
Great Northern.
Chicago Newspaper Ag'y, 179 Madison.
Grand Pacific Hotel.
Palmer House.
Queen City News Co., 768 Jackson Blvd.
P. O. News Stand, 17b Dearborn.
Kaiserhoff Hotel, 274 Clark.
Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Cleveland, Ohio.
Hollenden.
Colorado Springs, Colo.
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Deadwood, S. D.
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Denver, Colo.
H. P. Hanson.
Majestic News Co.
Katz News Co., 16th and Champa.
Anderson News Co., Union Depot.
Western News Agency, 100 17th St.
S. Widem.
Kendrick Book & Stat. Co., 914 17th.
Brown Palace Hotel.
Des Moines, Ia.
Fred Geis, 317 W. 8th St.
Lewis Hyman.
Moses Jacobs, 300 5th St.
Detroit, Mich.
Metropolitan News Co.
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Excelsior Springs, Mo.
S. D. Higbee, 206 S. Marietta St.
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Fort Worth, Tex.
Fidler & Sullivan.
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Your Home News Co.
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W. A. Moore.
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T. Marks, 836 Central Ave.
Fort Pitt News Co.
Dan A. Shannon, 134 Central Ave.
C. H. Weaver Co.
Arlington Hotel News Stand.
M. Sherman.
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Yoma News Co.
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Kansas City, Mo.
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