

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It. Omaha General Hospital, Dong 655. Egyptian Chocolates 20c. Myers-Dillon Gas, Misc. Fixtures, Burgess-Granden Silver Plating, Om. Plating Co. D. 2523. Clothing and Jewelry Store.—The rear door to the home of J. F. Kelly, 718 North Twenty-second street, was forced open by burglars Wednesday night and about \$50 worth of clothing and jewelry stolen. Council Bluffs Chief Better.—John Moreaux, the Council Bluffs cook who was mysteriously shot Monday night, is reported to be slightly improved. The police have failed to solve the mystery of the shooting yet and the victim refuses to talk on the matter. Will Take Morris to Lincoln.—United States Marshal Snow of Cheyenne, Wyo., has arrived in Omaha with C. A. Morris of this city, who was indicted last month at Lincoln upon the charge of securing mail by fraud and forging an endorsement to a postal money order. Morris will be taken to Lincoln at once, where he will have his trial. New Car on Los Angeles Limited.—Owing to the heavy travel to the south Pacific coast, Saturday the Union Pacific will increase the efficiency of its service by placing an additional standard Pullman on its No. 7, the Los Angeles Limited. This car will be attached at Omaha and will run through to the coast, leaving the Union station at 12.45 p. m. each day.

Stokes' Wife Takes Stand in Girls' Trial

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The case of the state against Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, on the charge of attempting to murder W. E. D. Stokes, probably will be in the hands of the jury by tomorrow night. The trial of the "shooting show girls" held interest today through the reappearance of the spirited Miss Conrad for cross examination and the unexpected calling of Stokes' young wife late in the afternoon. There was sharp contrast in the appearance and demeanor of these witnesses in all respects but age. The Conrad girl has sworn her age to be 15, and the millionaire's bride scarcely looked older. Each is pretty. Miss Conrad of the brunette type, while Mrs. Stokes is a tall blonde, with Titian-hued hair. The calling of Mrs. Stokes as a witness for the state came as a surprise to the defense and to the spectators. Her testimony was brief. She said she had married Stokes last February 21, but had lived at Stokes' hotel for four or five months previous to that date. The main feature of her testimony was the contradiction of Miss Conrad's declaration that the defendant had met Mrs. Stokes at the Hotel Ansonia on the morning of May 29. Mrs. Stokes said her husband and herself were away that morning.

Relates Story of Kaufman Shooting

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—"Big Fred" Bonham, arrested today at Oakland, Ill., tonight confessed, the police say, that he was one of the automobile bandits who killed Mrs. Hattie Kaufman on the north side on the night of December 2. "You've got me," Bonham is said to have confessed to the detectives who brought him into Chicago. "I was with the party that did the killing, but I did not fire the shot. Rabneau fired the bullet that killed Mrs. Kaufman and I had nothing to do with the murder, except to take part in the hold up. There was no intention to kill anybody—just robbery that was all. The four of us, Stacey, Rabneau, Channell and myself, were in the automobile and we were out to rob somebody. Hattie saw the Kaufmans and said: 'These goes a couple, let get them.' Channell stayed in the machine and we held up the man and the woman. "The towhead," that's what we called Rabneau, was to hold the gun and scare them while we went through them. The woman screamed and I guess 'Towhead' got nervous and pressed the trigger too hard. Then we ran to the automobile and got away from the neighborhood. Afterward the garage gave out and we abandoned the car."

Spotlight on Holdup Stops Bold Robbery

Light from a motorcycle circumscribed the holdup and robbery of W. L. McClanahan, a motorman, at Twenty-fourth street and Grand avenue early last night. A negro pointed a revolver in the carman's face as he started across the railroad crossing at that place, with the demand "Hands up." As McClanahan was preparing to bid his wallet adieu a motorcycle popped in at the psychological moment, throwing a brilliant spotlight on the negro and his victim. The light immediately dispelled the shadow—the negro ran. The motorman hurried to his home, 616 North Twenty-fourth street, and reported by telephone to the police.

Parker, Former Omahan, Taking 2,500-Mile Hike

William Parker, former Young Men's Christian association man and transient officer in Omaha, is walking a 2,500-mile journey through California, Oregon and Washington. Recently he addressed a meeting at the Young Men's Christian association in Oakland and was heralded as one of the most forceful speakers ever heard there. He showed many pictures taken by him during his long hikes. Parker went from Omaha to Hastings, organized the Young Men's Christian association there and put it on a sound basis. Then, although tempted by good offers from Hastings men, he left on his long walk to the Pacific coast. "Our Young Men," an Oakland publication, says of him: "William Parker, the noted Young Men's Christian association hiker from Hastings, Neb., who is on a 2,500-mile walking trip through California, Oregon and Washington, gave an illustrated lecture on 'Outdoor Life' on the night of November 14 at the Oakland Young Men's Christian association building. Parker was general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association at Hastings and was also with the Omaha organization. He has tramped all over the country and comes to this coast with a collection of interesting photographs taken by himself."

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DEMOCRATS SWEEP ARIZONA

Secure Three-Fourths of Members of State Legislature. STATE SECRETARY IN DOUBT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14.—The democrats of Arizona will place two members in the United States senate and one member in the house of representatives, a governor in the state capital at Phoenix, and unless present indications are materially changed, will make a clean sweep of the state ticket as a result of the first state election. The state legislature from present indications will be more than three-fourths democratic, insuring the election of Henry F. Ashhurst of Prescott and Mark A. Smith of Tucson to the United States senate. Carl Hayden of Phoenix was elected to congress. George W. P. Hunt of Globe was elected governor. There is but one chance that a clean sweep will not be the democratic portion of this election, and that is for the election of secretary of state. Cleveland, republican, is running very strongly and may yet defeat Osborn of Phoenix for this place. Democratic State Chairman J. R. Blyden issued a statement today claiming the election of the democratic candidates by majorities ranging from 1,500 to 2,500. He also claimed every county in the state except two would return democratic majorities. Apache and Pima are conceded to the republicans by small majorities. "The people of Arizona simply refused to endorse Taft's dictation as to what kind of a constitution Arizona should have," said Mr. Blyden, "and while they voted to eliminate the recall from the constitution as they were obliged to do in order to gain statehood, they showed at the same time the recall would be placed back in the constitution as soon as it possibly could be done. Secretary Hayes of the republican state committee conceded victory to the democrats, claiming, however, that Cleveland still has a chance to win. Returns from none of the thirteen counties are yet complete and it may be tomorrow before the exact vote can be given.

Veteran Found Not Guilty of Murder

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 14.—After a little more than an hour's deliberation the jury in the case of Richard M. Johnson, a civil war veteran, charged with the murder of John Griggs, at 5 o'clock today returned a verdict of acquittal. The verdict was reached on the third ballot. The first vote taken was ten to two for conviction. On the second ballot only one man held out for conviction. Johnson said he would return to his former home in Jewell, Ia., as soon as his wife is able to travel. This probably will be in several weeks. Johnson was called home from Iowa September last by the news that his wife was thought to be dying. Arriving at his home near Boydsville, he received from her a confession of misconduct with Griggs, and when Griggs appeared at the Johnson home a short time later Johnson shot him.

Champion Steers of Country Shown Here

Prince of Viewpoint and Bluebeard, the University of Nebraska's winners of high prizes at the recent International Live Stock show at Chicago, are now on exhibition at the Sheep show in the Auditorium. Prince of Viewpoint was made reserve grand champion at the Chicago show, and as the grand champion has since been slaughtered, Prince is now the best steer in America, any age or breed. Prince was champion of the Angus breed as a calf last year. He has won \$600 in prizes, about four times his original cost to the university, which bought him as a small calf in Missouri. He has been fed on a mixed ration of corn, oats, bran and linseed meal, with alfalfa and corn silage for roughage in winter and grass in summer. Bluebeard was first prize yearling calf at Chicago last year and first prize yearling this year. He was born and reared on the university farm, his mother being a sister of Challenger, the grand champion steer of a few years ago.

BLIND BOONE CO. TO COME

Ernest Workers of the First Christian Church Announce Concert. The Ernest Workers society of the First Christian church, Twenty-sixth and Harney streets, have secured the Blind Boone Concert company for a one-night engagement for Friday, December 15. Mr. Boone is assisted by Miss Jessie Bronius, mezzo soprano, and Miss Emma Smith, soprano. This organization has been organized for thirty seasons. An excellent program is expected.

EMPLOYEES' STRIKE TIES UP WINONA STREET CAR-SYSTEM

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 14.—Not a wheel is turning on the Winona street railway system tonight as a result of a strike which was started by the motormen this morning. There was no violence. The receivership management announced tonight that several cars would be in operation tomorrow and it is rumored that men to take the places of the strikers will come here from the Twin Cities in the morning.

TO ASK NEW BIDS FOR DECORATING COURT HOUSE

Bids for decorating the new county building were rejected by the Board of County Commissioners after it had spent eight hours in consideration of the proposals. The board voted to readvertise for bids, the bids to be submitted not later than noon of December 27, and to be opened at that time. The bidders were Fuchs, Son & Blind and M. L. Kudrass, each of whom bid \$15,000.

DR. FORHAN'S MER-JA DENTIFRICE "YOU'LL LIKE IT." FOR THE GUMS AND TEETH. LARGEST TUBE OF DENTIFRICE ON MARKET. 25c. Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

Mrs. Phillip Wareham Taken Critically Ill

It was announced last evening that Mrs. Phillip Wareham, who has been living at the young women's home in connection with Mercy hospital, was critically ill and was not expected to survive until morning. Mrs. Wareham has been in failing health for a year or more, and never recovered the shock of her husband's tragic death. Mrs. Wareham has been a resident of Council Bluffs for more than thirty years and is related by marriage to several of the prominent families of Omaha. Count Creighton and James Creighton were married to sisters of Mr. Wareham.

SEEPAGE IN DRY COUNTRY

Nebraska Senators Take Up Question with Government. TOO MUCH WATER AT MORRILL Victor Rosewater, After Spending Busy Day in Washington, Goes to Baltimore—Will Visit New York.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The following telegram was sent to W. L. Minor of Morrill, Neb., today signed jointly by Senators Browning, Hitchcock and Congressman M. P. Kinkaid: "We took up the seepage trouble at Morrill with the department at length and are assured that the government will proceed at once to construct the drainage ditch on condition that the citizens execute a bond to stand one-half the cost or to build the last half of the ditch. It appears that the town of Morrill is even now greatly annoyed by water seeping from the Sheep creek ditch. Cellars are flooded, some roads leading to the town are rendered impassable and a great deal of destruction of property impends unless an immediate relief is applied. A condition somewhat similar exists at Mitchell, where seepage is causing damage. In this instance the ditches complained of are not owned by the government, but they are trillist or farmers' ditches, and hence the general government does not feel that it can be held responsible for seepage in these cases. Rosewater to Baltimore. Victor Rosewater spent today in conferences with his associates on the republican national committee and in discussing matters in relation to preliminary preparations for the convention. He called on President Taft, Attorney General Wickersham and Postmaster General Hitchcock between times with Secretary Hayward of the national committee and David Mulvane, national committeeman from Kansas. The day was an extremely busy one for the national committeeman from Nebraska. Mr. Rosewater left tonight for Baltimore. He will go to New York in a day or two, returning to Washington some time next week. Dakotans at Banquet. Senators Robert J. Gamble and C. E. Crawford of South Dakota were the principal speakers at the banquet of the South Dakota association, held last night at the National Hotel, here. Congressman Eben W. Martin of South Dakota, Congressman John A. Maguire of Nebraska, Congressman James McLaughlin of Michigan and Thomas Thorson, a member of the republican national committee, also made short speeches. W. G. Ruggles of Huron, S. D., has been appointed a railway mail clerk.

Low Bidder Accuses Board of Violating Its Duty to Public

Legal action to force the Board of County Commissioners to reconsider the letting of the new county building jail work contract to the Pauli Jail Building company is intimated by R. C. Stewart, head of the Stewart Iron Works company of Cincinnati, one of the unsuccessful bidders in an advertisement in the Omaha Herald in the face of the facts that it was the lowest and came from a responsible bidder and offered material 25 per cent superior to that offered by any other bidder. "We believe you have violated your obligations to your constituents" is another pungent sentence in the letter. The jail contract was let to the Pauli company at \$50,000. The Stewart company's bid was several thousand dollars lower. The commissioners have not yet seen the Stewart letter. "We are entitled to an explanation and if not received we will take such steps as are open to us as bidder on public work." In the course of his letter Mr. Stewart declares his company did not receive fair consideration at the hands of the commissioners; he asserts they rejected his bid in the face of the facts that it was the lowest and came from a responsible bidder and offered material 25 per cent superior to that offered by any other bidder. "We believe you have violated your obligations to your constituents" is another pungent sentence in the letter. The jail contract was let to the Pauli company at \$50,000. The Stewart company's bid was several thousand dollars lower. The commissioners have not yet seen the Stewart letter.

CROWD GATHERS IN BOSTON TO SEE COLONEL ROOSEVELT

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—"Holy smoke!" Colonel Theodore Roosevelt exclaimed today as he looked down from a State street building where he was attending the regular monthly meeting of the board of governors of Harvard college, upon a crowd of 5,000 enthusiasts who had left their business to catch a glimpse of the former president. A few minutes later, as the colonel was leaving the structure, there was a din of cheers. As the former president entered an automobile he acknowledged the greetings, but requests for a speech met with a decisive negative. "I have absolutely nothing to say of any sort whatever," Colonel Roosevelt declared. Later, after a conference with several progressive republicans, the colonel sanctioned the issuance of a statement announcing he had urged Governor Robert P. Bass of New Hampshire to speak at a progressive republican meeting here next Saturday.

Boys' Suit and Overcoat Sale Entire Boys' Stock at 25% Reduction A Mighty Money Saving Opportunity to purchase boys' suits and overcoats, all of this season's make and style. Suits consist of cheviot, cassimere and fancy worsteds. Overcoats in all styles and fabrics. SIZES 3 to 17 years. Overstocked is our reason for this reduction. Inventory is near and our stock must be lessened. Original prices are on each suit and overcoat. If you bought a suit or overcoat this season you will find the same or similar garments in stock at the same price you paid. But now you get 25% REDUCTION These suits and overcoats have always sold for less money here than elsewhere, so you can see that with this reduction how low priced these garments are. They are the biggest bargains in boys' suits and overcoats. Take this opportunity to buy the boy a useful Christmas present for little money. SPECIAL Boys' shirts and blouses, 50c quality; special..... 39c Boys' shirts and blouses, 75c quality; special..... 59c Boys' shirts, \$1.00 quality; special..... 79c Nebraska Clothing Co. Omaha's Largest and Best Equipped Clothing Store

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Brandeis Stores Buy Entire Stock of La Book & Yost, Furriers. ALSO A NEW YORK OVERSTOCK Fur Coats, Fur Sets, Separate Pieces and Pelts Will Go at Just One-Half Former Prices—Sale Begins Next Monday.

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LOCAL MAN TO ADDRESS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Superintendent E. U. Graff has not secured a mid-term high school commencement speaker, but an Omaha man may be asked to perform the task. It has been several years since local talent was utilized for the oration at the mid-term commencement exercises. Last year George Vincent delivered the address and teachers who heard him are calling for him again this year, but it is not likely he can be secured.

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AMERICAN THEATER Tonight—Mats. Tues., Thurs., Sat. Prices, 25c Only. MISS EVA LARG and the WOODWARD STOCK COMPANY in "THE GREAT MATCH." Next Week—The Laughing Success, "HELLO, BILL."

Blind Boone Concert Friday night, December 15, 8 o'clock FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Twenty-sixth and Harney Streets, Tickets on Sale Myers-Dillon & Hoop Admission Only 25c

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Christmas Presents

- COTY—PARIS PERFUMER. Among all the Perfumes of Paris the products of Coty are perhaps rated the highest. We carry in stock the principal items made by this firm. L'Origan—Coty—bottle..... \$3.00 Muguet—Coty—bottle..... \$2.50 La Rose Jacqueminot—Coty—bottle..... \$2.50 Sachet powder, La Rose Jacq... Coty—bottle..... \$1.25 Toilet Water, La Violet Pourpre, bottle..... \$4.75 Toilet Water, Muguet—Coty—bottle..... \$4.75 Toilet Water, Jacqueminot—Rose—Coty—bottle..... \$4.75 We also have an ample stock of Rigaud's Mary Garden Extract, in satin boxes, bottle..... \$4.50
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