

BRIEF CITY NEWS

New Commercial Club Members—E. Johnson, J. S. Rhein, Dr. C. C. Allison and Erich G. Husemager have been elected members of the Commercial club.
Goes to Aviation School—Harold K. Weidenfeld is to be relieved from duty at Fort Omaha and go to Augusta, Ga. He leaves some time during the week for the Signal Corps School of Aviation at Augusta.
Big Calendars Arrive—Though Christmas is over Omaha mail carriers will groan with the weight of their loads. Big calendar posters, some of them nearly three feet long, are coming through the mail by thousands and the carriers say they are more cumbersome than Christmas packages.
Fortune Tellers Fined—Anna Adams and Mae Adams, the Indian fortune tellers who were arrested Saturday night, were fined \$25 and costs each in police court. The two women were charged with robbing a man who came to their place on lower Farnam street for the purpose of having his fortune told.
Charity Endorsement Cards Arrive—Charity endorsement cards have been printed by the Commercial club and will be sent to all members. The cards will inform solicitors that subscriptions to charity will not be considered unless the charity has the endorsement of the charity endorsement committee of the Commercial club.
'Monk' Trummer Fined—'Monk' Trummer, formerly a well-known Omaha pugilist, was fined \$50 and costs in police court yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Trummer is alleged to have borrowed \$20 from Dominick Lucas with which to purchase paraphernalia with which to open up a pool hall. Trummer admitted in police court to have spent the money and did not attempt to buy the pool room goods.
Mrs. Nettleton to Give Readings—Mrs. Daby D. Nettleton, head of the oral expression department of Peru State Normal school, will give a series of readings at the Young Women's Christian association beginning January 15 at 8:15 p. m. On that date the subjects will be "Timothy's Quest," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, and a scene from one of Shakespeare's plays.
Former Newsboys Prospering—Hyman and Morris Hurst, former Omaha newsboys, but now successfully engaged in the jewelry business in Kansas City, are guests at the home of Jacob Crounse, and in the meantime they are calling on their old friends. Hyman Hurst leaves Wednesday for Sioux City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago to get ideas for enlarging his business in Kansas City. His brother will return to Kansas City later in the week.

Nature Study is to Be Taken Up by Y. W. C. A. This Spring

The educational department of the Young Women's Christian association is planning a nature study course to begin when spring arrives. This will be an entirely out-door class, which will go on trips into the woods around Omaha and study mother nature's secrets on the way. Another class being planned for spring is one in astronomy to be instructed by Dr. H. A. Senter, of the High school. There will be considerable out-door stargazing and observations through a large telescope. One of the classes for the new semester, which begins February 3, is one in first aid to the injured. There will be lectures with practice and demonstration and an examination from which successful candidates will be awarded the joint certificate of the American Red Cross and national board of the Young Women's Christian association.

Gross Objects to Thirteenth Permit

Harry Gross, architect and builder, is slated on the thirteenth permit of the new year's building permits to carry out plans for the construction of a three-story brick store and dwelling at 1077-9 Cumby to cost not less than \$20,000. When he applied for the permit, which was taken out in his own and the name of Clara Wolf, Mr. Gross objected to taking the thirteenth permit and also voiced other objections when he found his fees totaled \$13. The building will be erected on the 62x70 feet. He is the owner, designer and builder.

Fire Chief Puts Out a Fire by Himself

Mrs. L. A. West, a well known washwoman suffered a loss of \$300 Monday morning when her home at 537 Farnam street caught fire from a defective fuse. The place is owned by Mrs. West and was occupied by John C. Wilson. The blaze started near the ceiling on the first floor and broke through into the second. It was extinguished by Fire Chief Salter with a hand chemical. The chief made the run from the city hall to the fire and arrived there and put out the fire before the first fire engine appeared on the scene. There was no insurance on the building.

The Board of County Commissioners has just unanimously approved the bond of County Treasurer W. G. Ure in the penalty of \$50,000, signed by the Equitable Surety company of St. Louis, Mo. This bond was arranged through Harry S. Byrne, the general agent for that company for Nebraska and western Iowa. The same company signed the bonds of many county treasurers and other officers in Douglas and the outside counties during the past few months. Mr. Byrne, who was formerly the head of the bond department of a local company and has been in the surety bond business for over ten years, is now in the general insurance business at 507-3 City National bank building. He has the unique distinction of having three times personally secured and successfully placed the \$1,000,000 bond of the state treasurer of Nebraska. The Equitable Surety company, although a comparatively new institution, is one of the leading financial corporations of St. Louis. It has a fully paid up capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. It numbers among its directors Messrs. Simmons of the Simmons Hardware company, W. K. Bixby, receiver for the Washakie railway, ex-Mayor Rolla Wells of St. Louis, Adolphus Busch and the presidents of several banks. Its underwriters are men of long experience in the largest eastern surety companies.

MEN ARE WANTED TO CUT ICE

Big Companies to Put Large Forces to Work Today.

ICE IS NINE INCHES THICK

Companies Hope to Harvest a Fall Crop if the Cold Weather Will Only Continue Long Enough.

Approximately 700 men will be needed for the local ice harvest today. This number will be increased by 300 tomorrow, unless the weather should turn warm. The Cudahy Packing company has started marking off its ice fields on Seymour lake, at Halston, Swift & Co., and the Omaha Ice and Cold storage company began marking ice at Cut-Off lake. All three companies plan to start the harvest today. The Omaha Ice and Cold storage company will need about 150 men; Swift & Co., 200 men, and the Cudahy Packing company, 250 men.

Armour & Co. are clearing the snow from their ice at Memphis, expect to mark it today and to begin cutting Thursday. They will need from 300 to 200 men. Ice on Cut-Off lake is eight to nine inches thick. When it is marked, the air will enter the crevices made by the plow and add one to two inches to the thickness. The ice at Memphis is not so thick, by an inch, as the Cut-Off ice, so Armour & Co. are a day behind the others with their ice harvest operations.

Several smaller companies are busy marking on Cut-Off lake and basins adjoining the lake. A full ice crop for Omaha and South Omaha is about 400,000 tons, the capacity of the storage houses. This year, on account of the low water, the concerns operating on Cut-Off lake fear they will not get their houses filled unless the weather allows two cuttings of ice.

RAILROADS ALSO CUTTING ICE

All Roads Centering Here Have Big Forces at Work in Nebraska.

In addition to doing railroad business, all of the lines west of Omaha this morning embarked in the ice harvest business. For a week the Union Pacific has been harvesting ice at Grand Island, North Platte, Gothenberg and Laramie, but this morning it doubled its force, giving employment to almost 1,000 men. All along the line, ice from twelve to fourteen inches in thickness is being cut and stored. The Burlington has several hundred men on the ice at LaPlatte, Ashland and Memphis, where twelve inch ice is being cut. Much of this is being stored in the ice houses at the points named, at Lincoln and in the big new \$2,000,000 ice house at Gibson. The Northwestern is working as many men as it can handle on the reservoirs at Belle Fourche, Rapid City, S. D. and at Valentine and Long Pine, Neb., where large ice houses are located. The present cutting of South Dakota ice is said to be about fifteen inches in thickness, while that being cut in Nebraska is from twelve to fourteen inches.

All through the northwest the railroads report fine ice making weather. The temperature is rising somewhat, but still the mercury lingers around zero.

NAVAL OFFICERS REPORT RECORD IN ENLISTMENTS

Lieutenant N. W. Post and Surgeon Rene Straeten of the Navy recruiting office, have returned from a three-day tour of inspection of the sub-recruiting stations at Sioux City, Lincoln and Hastings. Lieutenant Post says that at both Sioux City and Lincoln new records for enlistments have been established, and at Hastings the officers there have sent more men to the navy in the last year than any other town in Nebraska, except Lincoln and Omaha. George Tiller, first class hospital apprentice, has completed his term of enlistment in the navy and is now a civilian. However, he has no desire to leave the navy, and Wednesday afternoon he will re-enlist. He entered the service in 1906 at Kansas City.

COUNTY BOARD AWARDS MEAT AND BREAD CONTRACTS

A. Thompson and Fred Bonness, meat dealers, were awarded annual meat contracts by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday. The prices are current ones on various meats. In some cases one bidder or another was low and in some the bidders tied. The board decided to let contracts to both, buying of each on low bids and dividing the business between them on the bids. The U. P. Steam Baking company was awarded the bread contract at 2 1/2 cents per pound loaf. Weinstein & Greenberg was the only grocery bidder. The board rejected the bid and will readvertise in the hope of getting some competition.

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Col. Clowry is to Build Two Large Apartment Houses

Colonel H. C. Clowry of New York has let the contract for the construction of two apartment houses at Seventeenth and Chicago streets, one to cost \$150,000 and the other \$200,000. One of the apartments, facing Seventeenth street, will be four stories high. The first floor will be rented to four stores. The other rooms will be fitted for apartments. Back of this structure Colonel Clowry will have a three-story building erected, to be used solely for apartments. Frederick Wallick is the architect and the work will be done by the Rasmussen-Kille construction company.

JUDGES TO TRY A NEW PLAN

Judge of Criminal Court Will Try Civil Cases and Vice Versa.

HOPE TO EXPEDITE MATTERS

Under Present System Cases Often Do Not Reach Trial for a Year May Now Be Reached in Six Months.

Abandonment of the custom of having all Douglas county district court criminal cases tried before the presiding judge, a custom which has been in vogue for years in the district court, has been decided upon by the judges. Beginning with the February term of court a new plan will be put in effect which the judges believe will result in less waste of time and bring cases to trial more expeditiously than in years. Criminal cases will be tried by the three regular law division judges as well as by the judge of the criminal court and the judge of the criminal court will try civil as well as criminal cases.

Heretofore it has been the business of the presiding judge to assign cases for trial to the judges of the law division and to try all criminal cases in his capacity of judge of the criminal division. When there have been no criminal cases ready for trial the criminal division judge has had practically nothing to do except attend to his duties as presiding judge. Frequently parties and attorneys in civil suits have been anxious to get to trial, but unable to do so because all the law courts have been busy and the criminal division judge has been trying no civil cases. At other times no civil cases have been ready for trial and the law division judges have been idle while the criminal division judge has been swamped with work.

When the new plan is put in effect criminal and civil law cases will be assigned indiscriminately to all the law courts and the criminal court. All the judges will co-operate to secure greater expedition in the courts. Attorneys' pleas for continuances on trivial grounds will not be listened to. Cases will be forced to trial as soon as the issues are made up and the judges will

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Penfold Cuts Hay and Brushes Bugs

H. J. Penfold cut his hay on Christmas morning, picked some bugs off the vegetables and then gathered some flowers for the dining room table. This was not in Omaha, but at his estate home near San Diego, Cal. Mr. Penfold is back in Omaha now to prepare for the annual meeting of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ten, the date for which will be set by the governors within a few days.

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Causes of Typewriter Noise A writer in a recent publication, divided typewriter noise, i. e., that referring to the typewriter itself, like old Gaul, into three parts. First, that produced by the spacing mechanism. Second, that produced by the impact of the type against the platen. Third, that produced by the shifting of the carriage to make capitals. An analysis of these divisions, with reference to the "Smith Premier," discloses: As to the first—(the noise produced by the spacing mechanism)—the Smith Premier is as quiet, if not more quiet, than any. As to the second—(the noise produced by the impact of the type against the platen)—it is less on the Smith Premier than on any other, because the Smith Premier prints with a high speed, light weight, single type bar, against a platen, firmly supported in a rigid carriage. As to the third—(that produced by the shifting of the carriage, or basket, to make capitals)—there is no such noise on the Smith Premier, because it has no shift. Come into our office or send for our man to go to your office and a demonstration. You are entitled to knowledge about this machine—you may have it, too, without danger of repeated doses until you become sorry you inquired. We don't "harass." The Smith Premier Typewriter Co. Branches in SIOUX CITY, LINCOLN, DES MOINES. 19th and Douglas Sts. OMAHA, NEB.