

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Facility Storage & Van Co. Doug. 288. Have Most First-Class... Miss Goethe to Aurora—Miss Doris Goethe, secretary to Manager Parrish of the bureau of publicity, expects to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents at Aurora.

Fairbanks-Morse Entertain Men Who Make Business Good. For three successive days Fairbanks-Morse & Co. has entertained different groups of its salesmen for this district at luncheon at the Commercial club.

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LOWE AVENUE CHURCH HAS CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN. Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church held its Christmas Sabbath school exercises Wednesday night and the auditorium was packed with children, who had brought their fathers and mothers to see good old Santa Claus.

HUMMEL ANSWERS CRITICS ON ELMWOOD PARK TREES. Recent criticism of Park Commissioner J. B. Hummel for allowing trees in Elmwood park to be cut down is denounced as unfair by Commissioner Hummel, who says: "I believe this criticism is utterly uncalled for. The park is in better shape now than it has ever been."

J. M. LEIDY SLAPS ATTORNEY GENAU

Superintendent of County Charities Mixes with Lawyer with Woman Client.

LEIDY TELLS OF HIS ACTION

Attorney Calls Superintendent Over Pension that Was Revoked by Judge Sears in the Juvenile Court.

J. M. Leidy, superintendent of county charities, a Methodist minister, stopped Justice of the Peace Henry Genau in the mouth in the east corridor of the court house yesterday, following a verbal attack made by Genau.

Leidy immediately informed officials charged with enforcement of the law of his action and declared his willingness to be held responsible. Genau declared he would cause Leidy's arrest.

Leidy, who by virtue of his office was partly responsible for the revocation by Juvenile Judge Sears of a children's pension of \$30 per month which has been received by Mrs. Tillie Gardner, 2308 Franklin street, a client of Genau, attempted to explain to her, he said, that her own failure to obey the court's order had been responsible for the loss of the pension.

Genau was slapped, said Leidy, as the result of making harsh and unwarranted statements concerning him in the presence of himself and Mrs. Gardner. Mrs. Gardner's pension was revoked by Judge Sears following a hearing at which it was shown that a young man who the court said must leave was still living at her home.

Genau during the hearing severely criticized Probation Officer Carver on account of the latter's testimony. Reconciliation between Lieutenant Fred C. Test and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bixby, parents of his dead wife, followed a decision of District Judge Sears that Lieutenant Test was entitled to custody of his 6-months-old daughter, who had been in her grandparents' possession.

War Stamp Clerks Now Up With Work. After working evenings and Sundays for a month, as well as doing extra heavy work every week day, deputies and clerks in the internal revenue offices have managed to clear up the mass of work incident to the new emergency war tax, and will be able to enjoy Christmas eve and the holiday at home instead of at their office desk.

SOUTH OMAHA MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT ELEVATOR.



HENRY SHAFER.

Henry Shafer, check clerk at the Merriam & Millard elevator died at his home Wednesday as the result of an accident, being caught between the railroad car and the platform. Shafer lived at 266 South Thirty-second street, South Omaha, and is survived by his wife, four children, his father, four brothers and two sisters. The funeral will be held from the German Lutheran church Sunday at 10 a. m. with interment at Laurel Hill cemetery, Rev. M. Adam officiating.

THREE ARE BADLY HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Rosino Peluso, 3222 Hickory street; E. M. Eckman of South Omaha and M. D. Albright of Benson were all injured in an automobile accident at Twenty-fourth and Hickory streets.

Peluso was crossing Twenty-fourth with a grindstone for sharpening scissors, when he was run into and his head badly cut and his left leg broken by the car being driven by Eckman. The latter then turned the steering gear to one side and ran into a post on the other side of the street, smashing the front end of the machine and cutting himself and Albright about the head with flying glass from the windshield.

C. J. Johnston of the Wilson Steam Boiler company happened on the scene at this juncture and took all three men to the office of Dr. H. M. Fitzgibbons for treatment. No arrests have been made by the police as the autoists were not held to blame for the accident by pedestrians who witnessed the mishap.

WOODMEN OF WORLD OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY

Woodmen of the World offices will be closed from 5:30 yesterday until Monday morning, so the hundreds of clerks employed there will have a holiday not only on Christmas day and Sunday, but also on Saturday. Sovereign Clerk John T. Yates of the Woodmen has requested Postmaster John C. Wharton not to deliver any more mail at the offices until Monday morning.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Pays Higher Taxes Than Any in United States.

SO REMARKS MR. J. J. BREEN

This Assertion Made as Result of Dispute Over Question of Annexation Now Hotly Discussed.

South Omaha pays higher taxes than any city of its size in the United States, according to J. J. Breen of South Omaha, who is a member of the committee to examine the proposed consolidation bill. Breen's fire was drawn by T. J. Mahoney, president of the South Side Improvement club, who moved that the committee be directed to report on the bill twenty years from last night, A. H. Murdock, chairman of the meeting, said that the committee was working and reported progress. He said it was only a measure of precaution in case consolidation would come. He characterized the statement that it would not come for twenty years as puerile.

J. R. Watkins, the acknowledged leader of the anti-consolidation movement, was present and said there was less danger now than at any other time. W. Curran was very much opposed to annexation and made remarks to that effect.

Taxes Being Increased.

Attorney Breen's reply to an attack made on him by Mahoney brought out some startling facts and figures. He said that South Omaha is paying higher taxes than any other city of its size in the country. He said that the taxes were being increased by bonds issued by the council and asserted that there was upward of \$100,000 worth of bonds awaiting the vote of the council now. He said every public utility in South Omaha was owned by Omaha people, the packing houses and stock yards were controlled by outsiders and that half the property was not owned by South Omaha people. He said that the property deriving the greatest benefits in South Omaha was owned by outsiders and added that half the taxes collected went for interest on the city debt.

Hinchey for Motion.

After Breen had made his speech and condemned the remarks directed at the committee, he left the room and the other members of the committee followed him. There were thirty men present and almost half applauded the remarks of Breen and Murdock. Maurice Hinchey spoke in favor of the motion of Mahoney to direct the committee to report in twenty years.

Expert Butcher Dies.

Philip Wasen, 61 years old, and for many years Armour's expert butcher, died suddenly at his home at Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets last evening. He had complained of being ill in the morning, but it was not thought that his ailment would prove serious. Toward evening the trouble became aggravated, and he died from heart failure before assistance could reach him. Wasen is survived by his brother, Fred Wasen, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Rappe.

Smith Funeral.

James Smith, for many years well known in Douglas county musical and sporting circles, will be buried Sunday afternoon from the residence, Twenty-

second and J. streets, Rev. Robert L. Wheeler officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Park cemetery.

Funerals in Hospital.

Henry Shafer, 42 years old, died yesterday morning at St. Joseph's hospital from injuries recently received in an elevator accident in Omaha. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the German Lutheran church. Shafer lived at 266 South Thirty-second street. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Early Car Service.

Cars will leave the end of the Albright line at 4:45 a. m. Christmas morning for the benefit of the early churchgoers.

Christmas Services.

Churches of all denominations in South Omaha will hold special Christmas services here tomorrow. The new latest design picture machine has been ordered for the house and will be in operation

Catholic churches have arranged for services at the following hours: St. Francis', Rev. J. M. Glubay, Pastor—High mass at 8 a. m. and at 10:30 a. m. Low mass at 7:30, 8 and 9 a. m.

St. Anthony's, Rev. George Joannite, Pastor—High mass at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. Low mass at 8 a. m. Special music. Church of Assumption, Rev. Joseph Chudelak, Pastor—High mass at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. Low mass at 8:30 a. m.

Magie City Gospel.

Charles coal, unexcused, H. D. screened, 44.75. South 7, Howard Linn & Coal, Bob Murray of Chicago has accepted a position as moving picture operator at the Dease in South Omaha. The Dease has been decorated for the Christmas season. The new latest design picture machine has been ordered for the house and will be in operation

about New Year's day, according to Manager George Adkins. Office space for rent in Bee office, 224 N. street. Terms reasonable. Well known location. Tel. South 27.

Jobless men from Missouri and surrounding states who came here to work on the ice fields report that there are five men for every cake of ice cut. There will be services in St. Luke's Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and K streets, Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock. All Christmas decorations will be in place and special music by the choir.

FOSTER CATCHES YULETIDE SPIRIT AND IS LENIENT

Judge Foster, considering the season, dealt leniently with men arrested on minor charges, with the result that very few will be confined in the city jail over Christmas. No police court session will be held Christmas morning.

Our Store Will Be Closed From Thursday, Christmas Eve, Until Monday Morning December 28th

But we announce in advance for NEXT MONDAY

And we respectfully ask you to wait for what we have every reason to believe will be the most Extraordinary Sale of Ready-to-Wear Apparel

Ever recorded in the history of merchandising in Omaha. TAILORED SUITS, COATS DRESSES, WAISTS, CHILDREN'S WEAR, ETC.

A sale carefully planned from every viewpoint—THE MERCHANDISE—THE SERVICE—THE VALUES—a sale you cannot well afford to overlook for its wonderful opportunity to save.

Great Stocks — Varied Assortments — Sensational Values. See 16th and Harney Street Windows and Sunday Papers for Particulars

We consider the merchandise of such an unusual character and the values so wonderful that we have given over our entire battery of available windows to the display—A showing well worth a special trip down town to see. Our advertisement in the Sunday papers will give full description and prices. Let nothing keep you away.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. EVERYBODY'S STORE

NOTE: Watch for our announcement of what we are going to do for the men of Omaha.

Burgess-Nash Co.—Everybody's Store—16th and Harney.



Burgess-Nash Company's Store Will Not Open Until Next Monday Morning, Dec. 28th

In making this announcement our wish is a very Merry Christmas to Everyone

---To the little ones as well as the grownups. ---To those who by their splendid patronage have shown their appreciation of our store, as well as to those who have not patronized us.

This store does not consist merely of a building and merchandise; it is human. We appreciate the efforts of our hundreds of employees who have so ably, consistently and conscientiously helped us in making this year so successful, and to show this appreciation have given to them Saturday, December 26th, as an extra holiday, which is much needed and will be appreciated by all.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. EVERYBODY'S STORE

Winners of the U. P. Bakery Company's Pony Contest

Table listing winners of the U. P. Bakery Company's Pony Contest, categorized by District No. 1, District No. 2, and District No. 3, with names, addresses, and locations.