

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Wedding Rings—Edholm, Jeweler. Lighting Fixtures—Burgess-Grandan. Have Not Print It—Now Beacon Press. To Sell Real Estate, list it with J. H. Dumont & Co., Keeline Bldg. Today's Movie Program classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer. Give Books to Library—Raymond Weyer, who lectured before the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, has presented several art books and volumes of art magazines to the public library. Autos Are Stolen—Dr. A. F. Tyler, 2726 Charles street, and M. C. Wilkinson, Thirteenth street and Boulevard, report to the police that their autos were stolen from downtown parking districts. Dundee Women to Minstrel Show—A delegation of forty women, members of the Dundee Woman's club, will attend the amateur performance to be given by the Burgess-Nash Welfare association at the Boyd theater tonight. Mand Forfeits Bonds—Maud Robinson, 515 South Sixteenth street, arrested on a charge of keeping a disorderly house, forfeited her bonds by failing to appear in police court for trial. Three inmates also forfeited bonds. Fixing for New Dump—A force of thirty-five workmen are busy laying a side track at the new city dump a mile northeast of Carter lake. City Commissioner Jardine expects to have this place ready for use within a few weeks. The State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney. Pays FOUR per cent on time deposits and THREE per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska. Case of Books for Travelers—A handsome oak bookcase, filled with the latest "best sellers," has been placed in a corner of Hotel Fontenelle's lobby by the Omaha post of the Travelers' Protective association for the use of transient members. Man Paralyzed Stroke—Fred M. Baker, contractor, living at 611 Park avenue, was stricken with a paralytic stroke on a north-bound street car at Twenty-fourth and Seward streets. He was attended by Dr. C. B. Foltz and taken to his home, where his condition is reported serious. Douglas Auditorium Changes Hands—David H. Ehrenreich, dancing promoter and householder for twelve years, is now managing the Omaha dancing academy, formerly the Douglas auditorium, on Douglas street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets which has recently been leased by "Casey" Gaines, who is conducting it as a high class dancing academy. Saturday night will witness one of the regular assemblies at this new place which has been redecorated and fitted up in the most modern style. To Warn the Lads Might Put Idea Into Their Heads What is the psychology of pedagogy? Superintendent Graff of the public schools has sent teachers a circular practice of boys throwing snowballs at animate objects, preferably peddlers. It is alleged that sometimes the missiles are loaded. The superintendent asks co-operation of teachers in abating this practice. "Of course, as teachers, we will forget entirely that such a thing is possible as the loading of a snowball. The suggestion offers too dramatic a climax," states the superintendent in his circular. The psychology of pedagogy is, for example: A teacher must bear in mind that loaded snowballs sometimes are thrown, but she must not let the child think that she knows, nor must she declare an inhibition in advance of the actual misdemeanor. "The thesis is, that to warn the boys against loading snowballs would result in increased activity of the youthful mind and hand. The superintendent in abating this practice. "Of course, as teachers, we will forget entirely that such a thing is possible as the loading of a snowball. The suggestion offers too dramatic a climax," states the superintendent in his circular. The psychology of pedagogy is, for example: A teacher must bear in mind that loaded snowballs sometimes are thrown, but she must not let the child think that she knows, nor must she declare an inhibition in advance of the actual misdemeanor. "The thesis is, that to warn the boys against loading snowballs would result in increased activity of the youthful mind and hand.

WITH AN ELEPHANT ON THEIR HANDS City Commissioners Wrangle Among Themselves as to How to Run the Auditorium. WANT GROTTE TO HELP OUT The municipally-owned Auditorium is bringing a load of grief upon the shoulders of the city commissioners. First, they had the union musicians on their backs, and then they had wrestling promoters with their counter claims. Commissioner Withnell, whose department includes the supervision of the big building, has appointed City Purchasing Agent Grotte assistant manager of the Auditorium, with an increase of \$500 a year, which will make his salary \$2,500. Commissioner Butler contends that Mr. Grotte belongs to his department and that Mr. Withnell has no right to assign additional duties to the purchasing agent. Butler grows wrathful. "If Mr. Withnell insists upon appointing Mr. Grotte as assistant manager of the Auditorium, I will appoint a new purchasing agent, I am going to have something to say about this. In the first instance, I suggested that Grotte be made manager of the Auditorium as an additional work in connection with his present position. I do not believe the Auditorium needs a high-priced man here all the time. Frankly, the present manager, Mr. Withnell's selection," said Mr. Butler, with considerable feeling. Mr. Withnell's plan is to have Mr. Grotte continue as purchasing agent, with office in the city hall, and assist Mr. Frank with ideas. Since the city took over the Auditorium the expenses have been \$2,000,44 and the receipts during the month of January, \$1,000 to make up the deficit. The commissioners are in a quandary whether to honor a contract made by Manager Frank last fall while in New York, agreeing to pay John McCormack a guarantee of \$150 for a single appearance during the last of January. The officials discover that Forbes Robertson will be here on the same date and they are wondering whether they will come out even. Concerts held by the city at the Auditorium thus far were not successful. English Says He Will Have All On Skates Before Long Ice skating in the Auditorium is the suggestion of Superintendent English of the Recreation board. Mr. English expects that this diversion will be popular this season in Omaha. Skating has taken the east as never before and has been extended even to some of the fashionable cafes. "I am confident the Auditorium floor could be covered with a surface of ice. The expense would be small. A covering of three or four inches would suffice and the freezing could be done by natural methods," said Mr. English. The proposition will be put up to the city commissioners. The superintendent of recreation intends to flood various vacant tracts throughout the city and hopes to have everybody on skates. The municipal beach will be given special supervision and provisions for skaters will be offered at Haneson park and other public places. Mayor Thompson of Chicago Says He Will Not Run Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, in a letter to Colonel John O. Yeiser of this city, expressing a disinclination to become a candidate for president of the United States. Mr. Yeiser, in wire back, refuses to allow Mayor Thompson to withdraw—at least, until "some of us can get to Chicago." The Chicago mayor will request the secretary of state of Nebraska to mark his name off the list of presidential suggestions. Leussler Talks to the Rotary Club R. A. Leussler, assistant manager of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company, in an address to the Rotary club Wednesday, urged closer cooperation between the public and motor-men and conductors in making the service efficient. He explained some of the problems the street car men have to meet and told of the training they receive before being assigned to regular places. Mr. Leussler referred to crowded street cars as a problem which remains unsolved in that it is not practical to furnish seats for all who want to ride at all times and just when they wish to ride. Sues for Baggage Lost in Europe Whether the Mannheim Insurance company is liable to J. H. Mithen, prominent Omaha insurance man, for loss of baggage on which he had a policy, during the early days of the European war, is the issue in a suit which has gone to trial in District Judge Leslie's court. On August 2 Mr. Mithen went by train from Cologne, Germany, to Brussels, checking a large steamer trunk. The trunk was lost. Mr. Mithen is suing for \$500, the face value of the policy. SIMPLE DEVICE FOR VULCANIZING TIRES James Wright of Lebanon, Mo., brother of George Wright of the Bee, is in the city perfecting his patent for vulcanizing patches on tires. He has a most simply contrivance, so small that it can be carried in an ordinary tool box, but Mr. Wright says it is just the thing for the tourist as he can repair a patch in short order; if caught far away from any garage or repair shop. It consists of a small clamp with a heater attachment which vulcanizes the patch on in about six minutes. He will call it the "Just-Wright" vulcanizer. A Room for the Roomer, or a Roomer for the Room. See Want Ads Do the Work.

School Ma'ams Plan to Get Ernst an Alarm Clock as Christmas Gift When President Ernst of the Omaha Board of Education wishes on Christmas morn he will find dangling from the lower limb of the Christmas tree one bright, brand new alarm clock equipped with the loudest and most resonant bell it is possible to procure. The attached card will read, "With the compliments and best wishes of the Omaha school teachers." And thereby hangs a tale. The last monthly payment for services rendered by the school ma'ams was delayed. The ever-needed salaries were delayed because Mr. Ernst did not get the warrants signed. Mr. Ernst did not say why he didn't get the warrants signed, but the reason leaked out, the school ma'ams quickly learned it, and they don't intend it shall ever happen again. Mr. Ernst, it seems, intended to awake at that time when the sun peeks over the eastern horizon. The rooster begins to crow and the gray night owl starts to wend his mournful way homeward. He planned to spend the subsequent hours until the business day commenced signing the warrants. But, alas, for the poor school ma'ams, the board prelex never even winked an eye when the rooster began to call. The sun was high in the heavens before he was released from dreamland and a third of a day had passed away before Mr. Ernst finally got up. And the warrants were not signed and the teachers didn't get their pay on time. And that is why the plan is on foot to send the alarm clock to the president, so that he can make good on his good intentions in the future. WANTS DISHPAN FOR HER MAMMA Many Requests Are Received at the Postoffice in Letters to Santa Claus. NOTES GO TO THE CITY MISSION Floods of mail are coming through the local postoffice for Santa Claus. Pathetic little scrawls, generally in pencil and addressed in labored childish orthography. About a dozen a day are received and as there is no mail route to the North Pole the letters are misrouted and sent to Miss Magee at City Mission. Some of the addresses on the envelopes are these: "Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole." "Santy Claus, Omaha, Neb." "Old Saint Nic, Omaha, Neb." "Santa Claus association." "Mr. Santa Claus, Santa Claus headquarters." "Mr. Claus." "Sandy Claus, Omaha, Neb." "Santa Claus, Santa Land, Omaha, Neb." Some of the letters come in without stamps. What mail clerk would be hard-hearted enough to throw them out? Many are addressed to Santa at the various stores. One youngster addressed her letter to "Mr. Santa Claus, care of Mrs. Santa Claus, North Pole," thus insuring delivery if Santa happened to be down on any of the Omaha streets. One little girl asks for a wide range of gifts. "I would like, deer santa, a shek-land pony, black, and a bicycle for my brother, 30 years old, and a new dishpan for mama. The old one leaks." JUDGE RULES THAT DOCTOR TESTIFY AT THE WITNESS RATE An insight into the subject of expert medical testimony in law was given in District Judge Troup's court yesterday when Dr. A. D. Dunn declined to testify in behalf of a plaintiff because he had not been paid an expert's fee. Yesterday afternoon Judge Troup decided that Dr. Dunn must answer the questions put by attorneys for the plaintiff or be subject to prosecution for contempt of court and that he could claim only the regular witness fee. Then lawyers for the plaintiff, having learned that they could compel Dr. Dunn to testify against his will without paying him an additional fee, at once decided they did not care to do so and failed to call the physician to testify. The incident occurs in the suit of Spinner against the Noyes Automobile company, in which Mrs. Spinner alleges that tuberculosis developed as a result of injuries which she received. Dr. Dunn, who treated her, was asked to testify to this alleged fact. CASHIER WORKS HARD TO FIND WHY BOOKS BALANCE FIRST TIME "Ella" A. Castain, little congenial lady cashier in one of the leading hotels of Omaha, was asked by a traveling man why she was working at 3 p. m. when she was supposed to be off at noon, and she replied as follows: "Do you know where you were talking to me. This noon I found that my books balanced perfectly at the first flop out of the box and I have been working three hours overtime trying to find any mistake," and to this day she doesn't know why the gang roared. THREE HUNDRED PERSONS ENJOY GOODWIN'S RECITAL Nearly 300 persons enjoyed the first recital last night at the Young Men's Christian association auditorium, where William Goodwin, assisted by Maurice Warner and Lee Cronican, opened their two-day concert engagement under the auspices of the George Crook post of the Woman's Relief corps. The program was an especially well chosen one and was thoroughly appreciated. Another program will be given this evening. Here is the program: "Faust Valse".....Gounod-Liszt "Nature's Adoration".....Beethoven "Serenade".....Bartok "Boot and Saddle".....Rogers Aria from "Coppelia".....Goldmark "La Precieuse".....Couperin-Kretzler Selected.....Maurice Warner "To Scenes of Peace Retiring".....Mozart "When the Flame of Love Consumes".....Bizet "Woman's Wedding Song".....Poniatowski Aria-Selected.....Wilmore Goodwin Variations in A.....Paderewski Selected.....Wilmore Goodwin "Dance No. 1".....Oprel-Scott "Serenata Napoletana".....Sgambati Two Hungarian Dances.....Brahms-Cochran "Redouin Love Song".....Chadwick "The Rose Jar".....Woodnick "A Ballymore Ballad".....Irish "Mary of Argyll".....Scottish "The Toreador's Love Song".....Couchoua Selected.....Wilmore Goodwin VIENNA SUBSEA SINKS SMALL ITALY CRUISER VIENNA, Dec. 5 (via London).—An official statement issued tonight says: "One of our submarines on the morning of the fifth sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels, off Avlona, Albania." A "Per Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.


SEEK LEO ANGUS IN RUDMAN CASE Girl Tells Police Man Arrested for Nels Lausten Killing Shot the Young Machinist. NOT A STICKUP, BUT A FIGHT Leo Angus, who on January 20, 1906, in company with Jay O'Hearn, Raymond Nelson and Joe Warren, held up and killed Nels Lausten, saloon keeper at 2101 Cuming street, is being sought for the shooting of Carl A. Rudman early Wednesday morning at Thirteenth and William streets. All four men above mentioned were sentenced to the penitentiary and later paroled. Securing the Details. The police learned the details of the Rudman shooting when June Van Hoesen, 1910 Pacific street, was brought to the station and related the story. She said that in company with Angus, whom she had just met at a saloon near Seventh and Pacific streets, she was walking home, when at Thirteenth and William streets two men made insulting remarks to her. Angus objected and one of the men swung at him with a pair of brass knuckles. Angus drew a revolver from his overcoat and opened fire. In an attempt to prevent the shooting June grasped the revolver with her left hand and was shot through the palm. Both she and Angus fled in opposite directions and she did not see him after the shooting. George Braniff, brother of the Van Hoesen girl, together with his wife, have been arrested on suspicion. The latter two mentioned have been implicated, according to Chief Maloney, in several transactions brought to the notice of the police, while the Van Hoesen girl recently pleaded guilty in police court to a theft from the Brandeis stores. "It was no stickup," said the girl, "but a fight." Problem: How Big Is Villa's Army? One Steer a Meal DOUGLAS, Ark., Dec. 9.—After a sharp engagement General Rodriguez and his Villa army occupied Fronteras, south of Agua Prieta, today, driving southward Carranza forces under General Calles. Rodriguez burned several bridges between Esquecu and Fronteras, thus severing Calles' railroad communication with Agua Prieta, opposite here. Villa appeared suddenly yesterday at Agua Prieta, today, driving southward General Francisco Urbajejo, his Yaqui leader, surrendered, messages from Cananea, Sonora, stated today. Villa killed one steer to feed his small command and then hastily departed with Carranza forces from the south in close pursuit, it was said. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 8.—General Villa with 2,000 men reached Madera, Chihuahua, on the Mexican Northwestern railroad, late today, according to authentic advices. WOOD LAUDS AUSTRALIAN WAR SYSTEM FOR AMERICA DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 9.—Major General Leonard Wood, in an address before the students of New Hampshire college today on "Preparedness," discussed the Australian and Swiss systems of military training and declared that the Australian system seemed the better fitted for American conditions. He said that "the amazing efficiency shown by the Australians in reaching Gallipoli and landing in the face of perhaps the strongest opposition that troops had ever met under such circumstances" merely illustrated that the United States must not be lulled into a false sense of security by the fact that the Atlantic intervenes between it and Europe. UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA COEDS PREPARE FOOT BALL SPREAD Co-eds of the University of Omaha will tender their annual banquet to the football team Saturday evening, December 18, at Redick hall. The young women plan to prepare and serve the food. Besides the players several prominent speakers will be present. A captain for the 1916 season will be elected at the banquet. FIRST PROTEST FILED AGAINST NEW LICENSE The first protest against the 1916 saloon licenses has been received by the city clerk from Fannie Marksbury, who al-

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