

BRIEF CITY NEWS

'Townsmen's for Sporting Goods.' Lighting Fixtures—Burgess-Granden. Have Root Print It—Now Beacon Press. Property Cared For—To rent property see J. H. Dumont, Keeline building. 'Today's Movie Program' classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the vaudeville moving picture theaters offer. For Safety First in Life Insurance see W. H. Indoe, general agent, State Mutual Life Assurance company of Worcester, Mass., one of the oldest (71 years) and best companies on earth. Library Closes—The public library will be closed on New Year's day. The reading and reference rooms will be open from 2 o'clock until 8, but the circulation department will be closed all day. 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. Finds a Forged Abstract Title—Frank J. Norton, abstractor in The Bee building had a peculiar proposition put up to him yesterday when he was asked by a prospective buyer to look over an abstract. An investigation showed that the abstract was entirely fictitious and that some one name had been forged to it. File Bankruptcy Petition—A petition was filed in federal court asking that R. La Book, a furrier doing business at Sixteenth and Howard streets, be declared a bankrupt. The petitioners are the Omaha Mercantile and Fur company, E. Purdy and Company, Paper company, all of Omaha, and the Chariton company, Belding Brothers & Co. and the Back Fur company, all of Chicago. Savings Men Ill—An extensive sick list among the officers and employees of the Conservative Savings & Loan association has left a number of desks temporarily vacant at the offices of that institution. President George F. Gilmore has been ill with grippe for some time, and Paul W. Kuhns, secretary-treasurer, has also been sick. Several of the employees have been laid up more or less with grippe or colds.

B'NAI AMI CLUB HOLDS ITS ANNUAL ELECTION

The B'Nai Ami club held an election of officers on Wednesday evening, at which time the following officers were elected for the next six months: Emanuel Youssen, president; Samuel Cohen, vice president; Edward Snader, secretary; Morris E. Schlafer, financial secretary; M. E. Kattelman, treasurer; and Nathan Kadner, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee is composed of Maxwell Frankin, N. I. Waltenburg, E. Youssen, Al Wohlner and A. Kattelman. This club, which was organized two years ago among the Jewish young men of Omaha, has grown from a membership of six to that of thirty and is permanently established in club rooms at 201 Lyric building. Its purposes are both educational and social, nearly half of its members being enrolled in the evening high school.

From Our Near Neighbors

Irvington. Miss Irlia Vestal spent Sunday in Omaha visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Kansas are visiting at the Hans Otto home. Miss Minnie Dehn visited at the Fred Faulken home in Benson, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hackman and family returned Sunday from Sheldon, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Fairview visited at the Williams home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spring were guests at the Carl Spring home in Benson, Saturday. Mrs. S. C. Brewster is home from Crete, Mo., where she has been visiting her daughter. Miss Harline Brewster came home from Lincoln, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pamp and Miss Lora Williams of Benson were entertained at the August Pamp home Friday evening. Lloyd and Viola Hendrickson of Fremont are visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrickson. Mrs. Watson and family of Lincoln, Mrs. C. G. Brewster and family of Benson and Mrs. E. C. Hibbard of South Omaha were entertained at the S. E. Brewster home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Evers attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brewster of Omaha. Avoca. Fred Rudge and wife of Denver are spending a few days in Avoca. Mrs. J. H. Schmidt and daughter, Lena, were here from Yutan over Sunday. William Vette and family have returned from a visit with relatives at Seward. Miss Sophia Thiele and Daisy Funke of Louisville were visiting here over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Wart of Lincoln were visiting relatives north of town Sunday. Rev. A. E. Bashford and family have been spending the week with relatives at Lincoln. J. M. Palmer and family were here from Nehawka last Sunday for a visit with relatives. Miss Bertha Smoots, who is teaching school near Eustis, spent her vacation with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harmon of Omaha were here over Sunday for a visit with their parents west of town. Misses Maude and Wilma Hanger are here from Iowa for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hanger. E. G. Spencer and family were here from Talmage, Saturday, and spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Harquardt. Bennington. A New Year's dance was given at Ott's last on Friday evening. Nick Peterson, a pioneer of Washington county, is reported ill. Miss Inez Alexander spent the holidays with her relatives at Naper, Neb. Miss Pearl Sumner spent the holidays at her home north of Waterloo. Misses Goldie and Mabel Fuller spent the week with their grandmother, Mrs. Miller. J. F. Boyer of West Leavenworth street, Omaha, and son, Milton, visited here Monday. Mrs. Wesley Filant, who has been taking treatment at an Omaha hospital, came home to spend Christmas. Miss Bertha Lorenzen was in charge of the telephone exchange last Saturday and Sunday, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Cline. Chris Clausen, aged 35 years, died at his home southeast of town Thursday afternoon, after a short illness with pneumonia. He is survived by his widow and little daughter, Vera, also five step-daughters. Mr. Clausen was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Flatdeutscher Verein. Springfield. Hart Wilson is back from Mexico and California. Mrs. Mary Preston is visiting friends in Oklahoma. Springfield is thirty-four years old, and Messrs. A. V. Rogers and L. A. Bates

DUNN ATTACKS INSANITY BOARD

Says that Action of the Members is Not in Conformity with the Law.

TAKES MATTER TO THE JUDGES

I. J. Dunn, Omaha attorney, has asked the judges of the district court to make an investigation of the methods of the Douglas County Insanity commission, which he compared to the Spanish Inquisition. Men and women are sent to jails, hospitals and asylums without receiving the benefit of hearings as provided by law. Mr. Dunn told District Judge Sears. The judge advised Mr. Dunn to file a written complaint with Presiding Judge English before the annual meeting of the judges, which is scheduled for Saturday, takes place. Mr. Dunn said he would do this. "A woman client of mine was adjudged insane without any hearing, whatsoever," declared Mr. Dunn, "on the mere statement of the physician member of the board that she was of unsound mind." When we insisted on a hearing, we were given an ostensible hearing after the members of the commission had made up their minds in advance as to what their decision would be. Rights Not Observed. "The hearing was not conducted with regard to the proper forms of receiving evidence and my client was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination in which her rights were not observed. "When I objected to the procedure I was told by Robert Smith and his associates that they were conducting the hearing and that they would not take any advice regarding how they conducted it. "I told them to go to a warmer climate and notified them to go ahead with their order; that I would start habeas corpus proceedings and beat them in open court. "My client was allowed by them to go to California, where she now is. I believe that the district judges should investigate the methods of this commission, whose methods are worse than anything of which I have heard since the Spanish Inquisition. No Person is Safe. "No person is safe from the power of Robert Smith and his associates if anybody can be adjudged insane upon the complaint of one man and the agreement of two members of the insanity board without any hearing as provided by law." The members of the insanity board are Robert Smith, who holds a place as ex officio member, by virtue of his office as clerk of the district court; Dr. C. A. Young, physician member, and Isidore Ziegler, lawyer member. Don't Have a Winter Cough. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you won't catch cold. It kills the cold germs, keeps you well. See All druggists. Advertisement.

MISSOURI WOMAN TO CAMPAIGN FOR SUFFRAGE ON HORSEBACK

Mrs. Alice Curtice Noyer-Wing, field secretary for the Missouri Equal Franchise association, is planning to reach the remote sections of her state in the Ozark mountains on horseback.



MRS ALICE MOYER WING AND LABELLE

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE PROTESTS ROME LICENSE

Rev. F. A. High, representative of the Anti-Saloon league appeared at the office of city clerk just before closing time last night and filed a protest against the saloon license application of F. W. Rothery for the Rome hotel bar. Mr. High sets up as his reasons that for the last year Mr. Rothery has been assistant manager of the Rome and has known just how the hotel was operated. His other reasons are practically the same as he gave for protesting the application of Rome Miller.

OFFICIALS FAVOR BEE HOSPITAL PLAN

Dahlman Says There is No Doubt of the Need of the City for Such an Institution.

OTHERS ALSO LIKE THE IDEA

Mayor Dahlman favors the proposition of city and county officials getting together the early part of the new year for discussion of the advisability of establishing a public hospital for city and county use. "I believe we need a hospital such as was suggested yesterday in The Bee. The scarlet fever situation just now shows beyond question that the city should be provided with an adequate institution where contagious cases could be properly cared for. It is my belief that a bond proposition would carry next fall and the thing to do is for the city and county officials to get together before very long and talk this matter over," said the mayor. Jardine Favors It. Commissioner Jardine said: "There can be no question regarding the worthiness of the project. It is one of the real needs of the city. Of course, we haven't the funds now, but that phase should be considered. A modern public hospital is one of several important needs of the city. I would be willing to do my share in taking the preliminary steps." "Without any question we need a large, modern public hospital," said Commissioner Kugel, whose department includes health and sanitation. Mr. Kugel's recent observations have convinced him that Omaha does not have a place worthy of the name of a public hospital. Health Commissioner Connell believes that Omaha is large enough and able to maintain a public hospital such as other cities of the size now have. He said such an institution would cost about \$250,000, but would be a good investment. He favors a separate hospital for contagious diseases. Advertiser and customer profit by the "classified Ad" habit.

DEWEY ASKED FOR 330 SHIPS MORE.



ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The report of the general naval board called for 330 more ships by 1925 than the plan submitted by Secretary Daniels. The report was signed by Admiral George Dewey, head of the general board. An expenditure of more than \$100,000,000 more than the secretary's plan was also called for in the general board's report. PEDDLER'S HORSE KILLED BY SPEEDING AUTOMOBILE. Abo Fisherman, peddler, while driving his horse and wagon in front of his home at 209 North Twentieth street, was struck by an auto, which sped on its way before he could get the number. The horse sustained a broken leg and was killed by an officer. Fisherman was not hurt.

BAD STORM VISITS WESTERN NEBRASKA

Well Defined Blizzard Stirs Up the Snow Which Had Fallen the Day Before.

ZERO WEATHER IN THE WEST

Wyoming and a small portion of western Nebraska was in the grip of a pretty well defined blizzard for several hours Thursday afternoon and early during the night, according to the morning reports to the railroads. Friday morning, however, the wind dropped and the weather became much colder, Wyoming getting a cold wave of its own. All through from Crawford, Neb., to Lander, Wyo., along the line of the Northwestern and from Alliance, Neb., to Sheridan, Wyo., four to seven inches of snow had fallen Wednesday night. Thursday a brisk wind started in from the northwest and sent this snow scurrying along over the prairies. It drifted considerably, but not enough to interfere with traffic. The wind ceased yesterday morning and the weather commenced to clear. Temperatures throughout eastern and central Nebraska were reported as being 16 to 41 degrees above zero, with zero to 29 degrees above in the western part of the state. All through Wyoming it was below zero. Hardin, north of Sheridan, reported 29 below; Sheridan and Crow agency, 14, and Lander, 8. Bridgeport was the coldest Nebraska point reported by the railroads, it being zero there. Thug Weakens as Trio of Men Walk Past. Three Omaha men who snogged a west-bound Pullman "owl" car Thursday night congratulated themselves as they stood on the back platform. From their conversation, it was understood that a holdup man had been within a hair's breadth of their bankrolls, but weakened at the critical moment. Names could not be obtained nor could enlightenment be found. The hold man started to waltz them at Forty-first and Harney streets.

Advertisement for Burgess-Nash Company. The ad features a large, ornate frame with a central banner that says "1916". Below the banner, the text reads: "Look Here, Mr. 1916". It then describes the company's services, including "The Greatest Service to the Greatest Number" and lists various benefits like "RIGHT PRICES", "CAREFUL DELIVERY", "GREAT VARIETY", "FREE MONEY REFUNDING", "PLEASANT ATTENTION", "PROMPTNESS", "CAREFULNESS", and "PROGRESSIVENESS". The ad concludes with "BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. EVERYBODY'S STORE." The entire advertisement is framed by decorative scrollwork and floral patterns.