

### NEED ENABLING ACT TO BUILD STATION

Corporation Counsel Byers Gives Opinion to Des Moines Mayor.

### LIMIT FOR BONDS NEAR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—With the bonded indebtedness of the city of Des Moines already dangerously close to the statutory limit, Corporation Counsel Byers reported to Mayor McVicar today that a special enabling act will have to be passed by the state legislature before Des Moines can build the proposed new police station.

**One-third of Apples Wasted.** In an address before the state horticultural convention W. H. Harrison, assistant state chemist, told the fruit men that if the apples that go to waste on the ground in Iowa each year, amounting to one-third of the crop, were utilized to make vinegar, cider, apple butter, jam and similar products they could make thousands of dollars. "Although Iowa is sixth among the states of the union in raising apples, we import apple butter and jam from Tennessee, which is seventeenth among the states in apple production," he said. "Instead of Tennessee sending products of this kind to Iowa, this state should be supplying other states after manufacturing enough to supply the home trade."

**Widener Lodged in Jail.** Kinnage Widener, charged with having knowledge concerning the death of Miss Elizabeth Watts, has been brought back from Aapat, Ill., and will be questioned by the police concerning the girl's death.

**Iowa Soldiers Healthy.** During the six months the Iowa troops have been in service on the Mexican border only six deaths among the soldiers have occurred, all of which have been due to accidental causes, according to a telegram sent Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health, by General H. A. Allen. By the observance of sanitary rules disease among the troops has been reduced to a minimum, he says.

**Would Amend Weight Law.** An effort will be made in the coming legislature to amend the weights and measures law and eliminate the requirement that the weight of fruit or produce in a standard barrel or box be stamped on the container. The fruit men here this week took the position that if the container is of standard size, such as is recognized by the government, it should not be necessary to have the weight stamped thereon. The food and dairy officials whose duty it is to see that the law is enforced agree with this.

**Women Declare Boycott.** A boycott on butter, eggs, flour and potatoes until permanent lower prices are secured by 12,000 clubwomen, backed by 8,000 men and women of organized labor, was declared at a meeting held at the Trades and Labor Assembly hall by the committee of women representing the clubs of the city and endorsed by a committee representing the Trades and Labor assembly. Officials of the eighty-eight federated women's clubs in the city will pass the word by telephone and otherwise. Each clubwoman is expected to ask a neighbor, not a clubwoman, to join in the movement. The first attack is upon butter, eggs, flour and potatoes, but there are indications that it will not stop at that.

**Mandamus Ottumwa Company.** The Ottumwa Railway and Light company is not complying with the terms of its franchise in only operating its cars in one section along Second and Main streets, the supreme court determined in an opinion sustaining the Wapello county court. The lower court mandamus the company to operate its cars both ways on these two streets and the company appealed.

**Gun Fight in Hotel.** Two men were wounded, one probably fatally, and Chief Jackson and five officers had narrow escapes in a revolver battle shortly before midnight in the washroom of the Savery hotel. John Keenan, 35, of Williamsport, Pa., was wounded in the breast, right arm and right shoulder and is not expected to recover. Mose Cohen, a taxi cab driver, was wounded in the thigh. Keenan was a former employe of the hotel. It is believed the two men got into a quarrel over a dice game. Cohen says he went to the washroom and Keenan opened fire on him. Keenan has not been able to talk since the shooting. Following the first revolver shots guests and hotel employes guarded the exit to the washroom until the police arrived. The police dashed down the stairway to arrest Keenan. As the officers pushed through the swinging glass doors into the washroom Keenan opened fire, emptied his revolver and retreated into the arway beneath the sidewalk. Detective Brophy and Chief Jackson darted after him. In the darkness Keenan reloaded his revolver and again pushed his way into the washroom. The chief closed in on the gunman and Keenan, whipping his right arm free, placed the revolver against the chief's side. Before he could pull the trigger three of the police revolver banged and Keenan dropped to the floor. He was rushed to Mercy hospital, where his condition today was reported serious.

**College Loses Law Suit.** In an opinion handed down by the supreme court Ellsworth college, at Iowa Falls, is not entitled to cancel a note of \$9,000 by the terms of J. H. Carleton's will. The ruling of Judge E. M. McCall of Hardin county on this case was reversed. It appears that when J. H. Carleton died he bequeathed considerable property to Ellsworth college. He held a note of \$9,000 against the college for money he had advanced and the trustee took the position that this note was canceled by the terms of the will. John J. Carleton, as administrator of the estate, contested, claiming that the money was due the estate. He lost in the lower, but won in the supreme court.

**Darcy Falls to Show.** George Chis was tested an opportunity to try and even up scores with Les Darcy, as the Australian star failed to put in an appearance for the scheduled return bout.

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### Prizes for Boy Scouts Who Write The Best Essays

The American Humane Education society has offered three prizes, one of \$50, one of \$30 and one of \$20, to Boy Scouts for the three best essays on "Our Animals—Their Sufferings, What We Owe Them and How We May Help Them."

Omaha Boy Scouts are afforded an extra inducement to try for these prizes. All essays in the competition should be mailed so as to reach the office of the American Humane Education society, 180 Longwood avenue, Boston, by May 1, next.

Any Omaha Boy Scout who wins one of these prizes will receive a check from the Nebraska Humane society equal to the amount received from the Boston society.

### Court Convenes at Logan in January

Logan, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—With Judge Wheeler on the bench court will begin here Tuesday, January 2. Grand jurors drawn are: Bird, J. T. Cronin, W. A. Fisher, W. C. McWilliams, W. L. Rerh, W. F. Maasick, A. Bennett, A. F. Harper, Charles O'Neil, Tom Barnett.

**Grand Jurors:** F. E. Roberts, Missouri Valley; Frank Croghan, Douglas; B. B. Tedford, Cincinnati; J. T. Carpenter, Missouri Valley; J. G. Nichols, Lincoln; H. J. Tommeyer, Magnolia; J. C. Jensen, Morgan; Bert Bas-

bee, Bagdad; Louis Tierney, Harrison; J. W. Kemmish, Union; O. E. Eleyson, Boyer; E. C. Honeywell, Washington; A. A. W. Blackburn, Jefferson; H. J. Myra, La-grange; A. E. Kollege, Jefferson; J. L. Eison, Jefferson; R. O. Hester, Jackson; G. C. Miller, Jefferson; John Rock, Morgan; Harry Pitt, Cass; P. Simon, Union; Tyler Johnson, St. John; H. G. Sprinkel, Jefferson; L. W. Olmstead, Missouri Valley; R. P. Mills, Magnolia; William Peterson, Magnolia; Julius Grosvener, Boyer; J. Ohio Harrison; D. H. Garner, Bagdad; P. J. Gotsche, Missouri Valley; Daryl Huffaker, Calhoun; R. P. Purson, Missouri Valley; J. J. Chalmers, Missouri Valley; W. C. Chalmers, Union; Alvon Carlson, Douglas; W. J. Chambers, Washington; W. P. Shove, Jefferson; V. R. Cass, Cass.

### Going South to Spend the Winter

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Fourteen Shenandoah people will leave soon for Florida, going to spend the winter at Tampa, where the Shenandoah colony will be larger than ever before. Mr. and Mrs. George Lush, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Griffin and Milo Griffin are already there. The party leaving here in January is made up of J. H. Teachout, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bute, Mr. and Mrs. Class Nordstrom, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Bull and Mrs. Helen Morton.

**Nebraskans Leave Capital.** Washington, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Lynch, an Omaha attorney who has been in Washington for several days, left for the west today, as did Charles F. Roth of Omaha and F. E. Williams of Bridgeport, Neb.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

### Newlywed Husbands Lose Wives While Honeymoon is Very Young

Lost — Two honeymoon wives. Finders please return to Bob Smith and Mr. Gaston at Hastings, Neb.

It all happened this way, Mr. Hanson of the Marshall Field company of Chicago says, with many a smile: Bob Smith, who is chief clerk at the Clark hotel in Hastings, Neb., up and married Friday. His friend, Mr. Gaston, up and did the same thing. "To do it right, they did it together, one of those double weddings, you know. The brides were girlhood friends, favorites in the same social set and members of well-known families.

Then the honeymoon started. On board the train the couples sat facing one another and remained in that strained position from 8:25 p. m., until the train left Hastings, until 11:05 p. m., when the honeymoon special steamed into Lincoln. The new bridegrooms felt the pangs of hunger then and the train porter assured them that the engine would not get up steam for twenty minutes. That porter lied and lied and lied. No sooner did the happy husbands start to munch their food than the train sneaked out of Lincoln with their wives aboard. The marooned husbands bewailed the world's wrong to the sleepy station janitor, who informed them they would have to wait until morning for a wife-trailing train.

Messrs. Gaston and Smith got aboard the very first choo-choo to Omaha and have been spending the day here looking for their lost brides. The last time they were seen was at the Paxton hotel and both men had peculiar expressions on their faces. Mr. Smith married Miss Bennie Hussey just before they boarded the train at Hastings.

**Workmen and Woodmen Elect.** Gretna, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Ancient Order of United Workmen have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master workman, Felix Doran; foreman, A. J. Rishel; overseer, George Heffley; receiver, J. O. Wagner; financier and recorder, J. M. Fox; guide, Life Nelson. At the annual election of officers the Modern Woodmen elected the following officers: Venerable consul, John Einfelt; worthy advisor, Lute Linger; clerk, E. J. La Border; banker, J. H. Langdon; escort, Roy Langdon; watchman, John Hughes; sentry, Sam Shaffer; physician, Dr. L. C. Hilsabeck; manager, Robert Bishop.

**"Some" Car Order.** Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 16.—What is said to be the largest single order for rolling stock ever placed by the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad has been awarded for 1817 delivery, or in time for fall movement of grain and winter fuel supply. The contract is for 1,000 box cars, 300 flat cars and 200 gondolas.

### RAILROADS HOLD OFF THE ADVANCE

On Own Motion Lines Decide Not to Raise Freight Rates East from the Coast.

### WILL WAIT UNTIL MARCH

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Pacific coast's entire season's output of dried fruits, canned goods, wine, beans, barley and other foods will move east under prevailing freight rates, notwithstanding authority given to the railroads to advance them 10 cents per 100 pounds. Such a decision has been reached voluntarily by the transcontinental railroads and communicated to the Interstate Commerce commission.

The new freight rates, which were to go into effect December 30, will be suspended by the railroads' own action till March 1 next. By that time, it is thought, the entire product of the orchards, vineyards and truck farms of California, Oregon and Washington for 1916 will have been delivered in eastern markets.

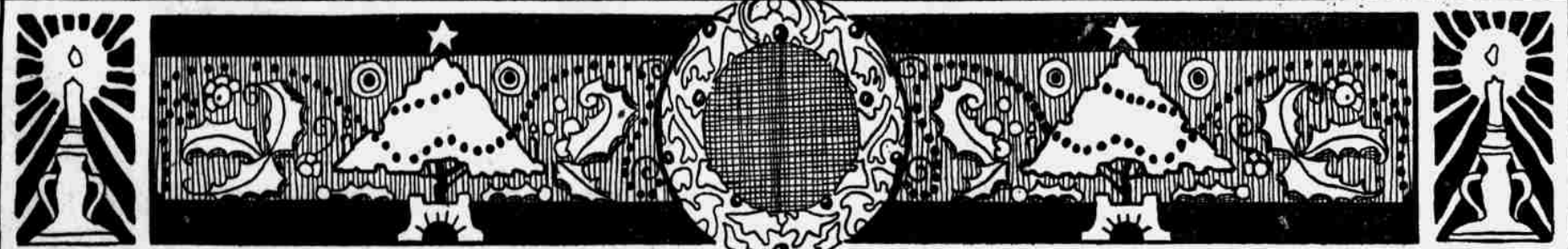
**Too Much Business.** Suspension of the increased rates is due, it is said, in large measure to congestion of traffic, which has hampered the free movement of the commodities involved and delayed their trans-

portation eastward from two to six weeks. The movement is at its height at present.

A secondary consideration is said to be that contracts between producers and eastern distributors have been based on the assumption that prevailing rates would continue until the 1916 crops had been delivered. Advances in the retail price of canned salmon, canned and dried fruits and other commodities, anticipated because of the increased freight rates, it is believed, can thus be averted.

Increased freight rates on west-bound traffic to Pacific coast ports will become effective, however, December 10, unless the Interstate Commerce commission suspends them, which is said to be unlikely. The chief commodities involved in the west-bound traffic are iron, steel and other bulky shipments, also transported by water through the Panama canal. The increases are 10 cents per 100 pounds in carload shipments and 25 cents per 100 pounds in less than carload lots.

In the intermountain rate case rates involved on both east and west-bound traffic have been the subject of controversy for years. The case is still before the commission and the latest advances proposed by the railroads were not suspended because, it is understood, they were regarded as a temporary expedient, effective only until final determination of the case. Hearings are now being held on the Pacific coast and in the intermountain territory by the commission's examiners. The last hearing was in Spokane, Wash., December 14.



## THOMPSON, BELDEN & COMPANY

Visit the New Candy Section

**BASEMENT BALCONY**  
We will pack your Christmas Candy Boxes to order, assuring you of highest quality candy. Why not give candy from Thompson-Belden's?

**Embroidered Pillow Cases**  
Surprisingly moderate in price—  
Our display is complete with attractive new embroidered designs and initials, all on fine muslin, 45x36 inches; 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50 pair.

**Coverall Aprons in Dainty Patterns—**  
Large enough to cover the entire dress—a protection against any accident. Very attractive styles in pleasing materials.  
Two special numbers, 85c and \$1.35.  
Others up from 29c.

**Utopia Yarns**  
You can't afford to waste good labor on poor yarns. Use the best—Utopia.  
For Christmas make baby a Jacket, Hood or Coat.  
For Mother, a warm, beautiful sweater.  
For Daughter, a cap and scarf for skating.

**Dainty Brassieres**  
Every indication points to a great demand for attractive brassieres for spring. Our showing is very extensive and we are sure that a brassiere will be greatly appreciated as a gift.  
Lace and embroidery trimmed styles, also all-over embroidered brassieres, from 50c to \$3.50.  
Corset Section, Third Floor

**Toilet Waters**  
A large assortment of best known Toilet Waters in fancy boxes for Christmas, 50c, 70c, \$1 to \$2.25.

**Merchandise Certificates**  
Issued for any sum. Good all over store.

## Beginning Tomorrow the Store Will be Open Evenings Until 9 P. M. to Permit Those Who Have Gift Lists to Fill Additional Time in Which to Shop.

**Popular Priced Furs—Monday**  
Quality and stylishness characterize all of our furs, muffs, \$5 to \$15 that are unusual values. Special offerings of Mink, Marten, Hudson Seal, Moleakin, Foxes, Red Fox Sets, \$20.  
Second Floor.

## Timely Linen Specials for Monday's Selling

Coming just before Christmas these offerings will be eagerly taken up by gift seekers who want a practical Christmas:  
\$4.50 Table Cloths, 2x2 yards \$2.89  
\$5.50 Table Cloths, 2x2½ yards \$3.75  
\$4.75 Napkins to match, \$3.75 a dozen  
\$10 Table Cloths (mussed), 2x3 yards \$5  
\$17.50 Table Cloths (mussed) 2x4 yards, \$8.75

## Holiday Footwear of Sorosis Design

Every wardrobe should contain at least one pair of dress boots, carefully fashioned, so as to make the foot appear trim and smart. We unhesitatingly recommend these:  
A Gray Kid Boot with gray buck top, lace, with Louis heel covered to match the upper, \$12.  
Field Mouse Brown Lace Boot, with Louis heel to match, \$10.  
Tan Boot, with field mouse brown top, welt, sole, Louis heel covered to match, \$10.  
Gray Kid Button Boots, \$10.  
Black Kid Lace Boot with white, gray and olive kid tops, \$8.



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### Trefousse—The Christmas Glove

They present the best production of France—highest grade skins, excellent colors, sold here exclusively, every pair containing the name Trefousse and Thompson, Belden & Co., stamped on the inside.  
All Colors and All Sizes.  
First Quality French Kid, \$2.75 a pair  
Special Piques, \$2.25 and \$2 a pair  
Dorothy Overseam, \$1.75 and \$2 a pair

### CHRISTMAS GLOVE CERTIFICATES

Issued for any amount, redeemable any time for full face value in the kind, color and size desired.  
FOR MEN AND WOMEN

### Reefers Enough for All In the Men's Shop

Pure Silk Accordion Knit, in all colors, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$7.50.  
Knitted Reefers of silk and fine wool mixtures, beautiful color combinations, \$1.50 to \$5.  
Cheney Silk Reefers, fringed or hemstitched ends, \$1.50 to \$6.  
Full Dress Mufflers, in white, black and gray, many new effects, \$2.50, \$3, \$4 and \$5.  
A narrow Cheney Scarf, especially adapted to keep the collar from being soiled, at \$1.50 and \$2. This scarf is worn by many ladies, as well as men.

### Silk Hosiery a Sensible Gift

Whether it be a single pair or more, you'll find our service helpful in making a selection. Many beautiful colors and novelty effects, likewise embroidered hose, open work and hand-crocheted designs. Silk Hosiery of exceptional quality and handsome appearance. Priced with moderation.

### Holiday Fabrics of Silk and Wool

Gifts for discerning ones who seek the practical. Boxed for Christmas giving, delivered whenever you desire.  
Belding's silks sold by Thompson-Belden exclusively

New arrivals of wanted colors from which to choose a blouse or dress pattern. Let the quality be one that will give satisfaction, remembering that Belding's—the Best Silks—cost no more than ordinary fabrics, and are guaranteed by this establishment.  
Yard Wide—\$2, \$2.25, \$2.50 a yard.

Belding's Wash Satin, in flesh and white, for underwear, etc., launders perfectly, \$2 a yard.  
New woolens in all popular weaves and colors; you'll enjoy seeing them. Visit the Fabric Section Monday.

**Greeting Cards, Seals, Labels, Tinsel, Cords**  
A Large Selection  
Main Floor

**Ribbons for Tying Christmas Gift Parcels**  
To the Right of the Main Entrance.