

**Brief City News**

**Platinum Wedding Rings—Edholm.**  
Have Roof Print 15—New Beacon Press.  
Ties Cleaned, 10c, at Carey's, Web, 192.  
**Electric Reading Lamps for Xmas.** \$2.50 to \$15. Burgess-Granger Company.  
**Real Meal for the Home.**  
**Robt. C. Drucesdow & Co., 188 Omaha Nat'l Bank.** Listed and unlisted securities; bank stocks; several 7 per cent guaranteed gilt-edge investments.  
**Effective December 15—Chicago.** Milwaukee & St. Paul railway local train No. 35 will start from Council Bluffs instead of Omaha, leaving C. M. & St. P. depot at Council Bluffs at 5:22 p. m.  
**Dr. Holtman to Lecture.**—Dr. A. A. Holtman, prominent physician and surgeon of this city, will give a free lecture before the Theosophical society on the subject "Is There Life Beyond the Portals of Death?" Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Hall 791 Bee building.  
**The Castle Hotel opens new ladies' dining room and banquet hall on Sunday, December 17.** Will serve a special \$1 table d'hotel dinner, or should you not care for our regular dinner we will be pleased to serve you a la carte. Music by Prof. Desdunes colored orchestra.  
**Builders' Specialty Co.—The Builders' Specialty company, a concern which will buy and sell building and contractors' equipment, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The capital is \$25,000. Nelson Jean, James W. Burnie and F. E. Martin are the incorporators. Address for Christmas—Sunderland's.**  
**To Talk at University Club—J. E. Lathrop, a city planning expert of New York City, who is in charge of a city plan exhibit at the Douglas county court house, will be the guest of the University club Monday noon and will give a short after-luncheon talk on city planning with reference to the future possibilities of Omaha.**  
**Rev. J. F. Clark Talks.**—Rev. J. F. Clark of the First Congregational church will address the mass meeting at the Young Men's Christian association this afternoon at 4 o'clock. His subject will be "The Infidelity of Orthodoxy." Bud Kearns, physical director of the "Y," will sing several solos.  
**Misses the Party.**—Verne Miller, a salesman, brother of Gus Miller, probation officer, generally takes a bath and shaves just before retiring for the night. On Friday, however, he was billed to attend a party and he upset precedent by grooming himself when he returned home from work in the afternoon. Out of force of habit he flung himself upon a bed after a tingling rub with a big Turkish towel. He missed the party, awaking just in time to go to work Saturday morning. Moral—have regular hours for bathing.  
**Important Northwestern Temporary Changes Account Replacing Union Pacific Bridge.**—Effective Thursday, Dec. 14, the following eastbound trains will be discontinued from Omaha, leaving from Council Bluffs, Broadway station as follows: No. 32, Carroll local, lv. Co. Bluffs 7:25 a. m.; No. 215, Sioux City local, lv. Co. Bluffs 4:05 p. m.; No. 4, Carroll local, lv. Co. Bluffs 5:19 p. m.; Nos. 5 and 33, Carroll locals, westbound, will stop at Council Bluffs on present schedule, not coming to Omaha. Albion locals Nos. 309 and 310 will run to and from Omaha only. No changes in limited and through trains. This arrangement effective until further notice.

**Audubon Members Equal to Occasion Upon "Liars' Night"**

Members of the Audubon society told strange tales about birds at their "liars' night" meeting at the Public Library Saturday.  
Mrs. H. D. Neely told of never having seen a Canadian jay on American soil, although she declared that she saw hundreds on islands bordering this country. Solon R. Towne, president of the society, told a weird tale of getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning just to distinguish what kind of a bird made certain noises before his window. Miles Greenleaf said he tramped through Elmwood park exactly 136 times to add to his knowledge of the songsters. In proof of his statement he pulled out a notebook in which he claimed to have recorded his trips.  
Aside from swapping yarns, the organization voted to purchase fifty colored bird slides drawn by Louis A. Fuertis of the National Geographical society. The slides will be displayed before different schools in order to increase interest in the birds.  
Plans were also discussed for bringing T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Audubon society, here early this spring to deliver a lecture on birds. Pearson is considered a national authority on the feathered tribe.  
**Indigestion Due to Constipation.**  
Take a dose of Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight. See how much better you feel in the morning. 25c. All druggists—Adv.

**HYMENEAL.**

**Langer-Brooks.**  
West Point, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special).—A telegram was received yesterday announcing the marriage at Everett, Wash., of Roland G. Langer, formerly of this city, to Miss Florence E. Brooks of Portland, Ore. Mr. Langer is the son of Mrs. A. Langer of this place and a brother of Captain Jerome F. Langer of the Twenty-third New York infantry, now on the border. He is engaged in the banking business at Seattle, Wash., where the newly married pair will make their home.

**Found a Quick Cure for Croup.**  
When a child has croup no time should be lost, and the remedy that will give the quickest relief and is pleasant and safe to take is the most desirable. Mrs. S. Cartwright, Collinsville, Ill., says: "When my child was small he was subject to croup. I found that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gave the quickest relief and that he never objected to taking it."

**Obituary Notices.**

**GEORGE H. POWNELL**, president of the Institute of Bankers, died suddenly in London yesterday at the age of 67. He was a member of the American Dollar Securities committee and had a large part in all the financial adjustments between the entente allies and the United States.  
**MRS. MARY BRANNOCK**, aged 48, wife of James Brannock, 2501 Leavenworth street, died yesterday afternoon at her home, following a brief illness. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at the residence and burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery. Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, one daughter, one brother and three sisters.

**BALLET RUSSE HAS CHARMS FOR OMAHA**

**Big Audience Sits Patiently Through Cheerless Waits to Watch Wonderful Dancers.**

**ART, MOTION, MUSIC MEET**

By HENRIETTA M. REES.

Music lovers, dance lovers, art lovers in general and patrons of novelty from pure curiosity turned out in fair numbers last evening at the single appearance of the celebrated Diaghileff Ballet Russe at the Auditorium.  
Many had learned wisdom from previous ballets at the Auditorium and were found in the balcony, which was well filled in the side sections and from which view of the stage was not hampered by the footlight arrangements. The lower floor also held a goodly crowd, which gave the most flattering attention and a great amount of active appreciation to the three beautiful ballets presented.  
Much has been heard of the wonders of this ballet from other cities, of the remarkable dancing, the pantomime drama and the unexcelled stars who made up the cast. Much has been written previous to the performance of the remarkable scenic effects and costumes of the modern decorative artists, Leon Bakst and Andre Benois, and others who have designed the unusual settings of the ballets.

**Waits Were Prolonged.**  
In none of these things were those present disappointed. Only at rare intervals is one permitted the opportunity of seeing such excellent and highly developed forms of the art of the dance. With the Russians this becomes the vehicle not only of fancy steps and various moods or incidents, but of the most intense dramatic expression, and joins and vastly advances the art of pantomime. It was really only at rare intervals last evening that the opportunity was given of seeing such dancing, for the waits between the three ballets were appalling.

The second wait, by correct time, was exactly thirty-seven minutes. In the meantime, during the entire period of these deadening waits, where was the symphony orchestra of fifty under the direction of M. Pierre Monteux, which lent such able support to the different ballets?

It is customary in all theatrical performances to enliven the intermissions with music, and even the small ballet which appeared here early in the season was more fair to the audience than the Diaghileff organization in this respect, the orchestra presenting a regular printed program of numbers and adding several extra ones, besides.

The Chicago Opera company orchestra under Campanini added two extra numbers between the third and fourth acts of an opera also. It would not have been necessary to have played entirely through these waits; a twenty-minute program during each would have sufficed.

**Ballets Arranged by Fokine.**  
The scenes and dance of the ballets were all arranged by Michael Fokine, and the music was from the best of musical composers. The three ballets were of the widest possible extremes of life, character and types, and the scenery and costumes, the music, and the motions of the dance were as widely differentiated. The first was a pantomime ballet in one act, "Carnaval," set to the music of Robert Schumann, orchestrated by Rimsky Korsakoff, and Liadov Tacherepnine

Galzonow. An air of mystery was lent by the solid deep blue background, of the walls of a room, with an upper third of old-fashioned conventional pattern. Different scenes from a carnival were most carefully depicted with costumes of the early eighteenth century and all the romance that time gives to the part. All of the principals were most acceptable in their roles, Mlle. Lydia Lopokova was a most attractive Colombine, Mlle. Lydia Sokolova was a fascinating "Papillon." The Pierrot of Mr. Adolf Bohm and the Arlequin of Micolias Zverew also deserve especial mention.  
The second ballet, "Les Sylphides," was set to the music of Chopin, differ-

ent numbers of his dance music and preludes following one another to make up the complete ballet. The scenery for this was the work of Andre Benois, and was most effective in its feathery green bushes, the summer house and the lake behind, all in moonlight, with the mansions suggested at the sides. The costumes for this were all of dainty fluffy white, and the ballet were present throughout, in graceful postures and clever grouping, or adding their share to the dance. Ensemble numbers opened and closed this one-act "reverie." Waslaw Nijinsky made his only appearance in this number, dancing in the ensemble numbers, proving his great skill and artistic expression in a solo mazurka and

in a most effective valse with Mlle. Lopokova.  
**Revelles a Revelation.**  
In the last, "Cleopatra," a chorographic drama in one act, with music by Arensky, the great dramatic force of the ballet was manifested. Here also the great Leon Bakst was strikingly present in the big broad lines of the Egyptian temple scenery, the brilliant red coloring and the striking costumes of all the dancers. Flora Revelles portrayed the character of Cleopatre forcefully, more through restraint of acting than expression. Adolf Bohm was intensely dramatic, and realistic, as the youth who is dazzled by the queen for a day, and Mlle. Sokolova convincingly portrayed

Tabor, to whom he had just been wedded. The dancing and impersonations and the entire interpretation of this ballet was suggestive of Egypt, and barbarism, and the music was of a dramatic character and with great sweeping climaxes which made it powerfully effective for this ballet.  
**Grand Opera for Chicago; Half Million Pledged**  
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Half a million dollars to insure grand opera to Chicago for the next five years has been pledged by wealthy Chicagoans, it was announced today.  
See Want Ads Produce Results.

**Home Greatest Thing in World, Says Dean Tancock**  
In his sermon yesterday Dean Tancock of Trinity cathedral spoke of home in the following manner: "Home is the greatest thing in the world. It is the place where the young child is nurtured through kindness and tenderness. It is the place where he receives his ideals of life. And if the little human soul is not clothed and fed well and in addition no good thoughts are instilled in its very being, God's purpose on earth is not being fulfilled." The sermon was on the naming of John the Baptist and its meaning to the world.



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