Brief City News

Mazda Lamps—Burgess-Granden Co.

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Platinum Wedding Rings—Edholm, jeweler.

Spargo to Talk Here—John Spargo, leading socialist, will speak at the Swedish auditorium the evening of April 3.

Complain of Sidewalks—The Castelar Improvement club advised the city council of various locations where sidewalks are defective.

Judge Baldwin Hangs Flag—Judge Baldwin of the municipal court has hung a large flag over the wall space behind his bench. The flag measures 8x12 feet.

To Sell Copper Roof—The city clerk will advertise for bids for the sale of old copper roofing of the city hall, the material said to be worth approximately $2,000.

Mother Dodds Improves—Mrs. Adjunt Dodds, better known as Mother Dodds, who has been ill for severl weeks with bronchial pneumonia, is now reported some better.

Closed Season for Dogs—The city council took formal action, directing the city poundmaster to begin on April 2 to impound unlicensed dogs. Tags are on sale in the city clerk's office.

Resuscitators for May 1—The city council opened bids for two or more resuscitators for use at the public swimming places this summer. A facetious city commissioner inquired whether they would be ready by May 1.

Flood Warning Given—Flood warnings along the upper Missouri river from Yankton to Sioux City have been reported to Colonel Welsh of the local weather bureau. High water and ice gorges have filled the river and its tributaries in that region to the limit.

Bids for Merry-Go-Rounds—Bids have been received and opened by the city commissioners for fifteen merry-go-rounds for the public playgrounds. Awards will be announced in a few days. The apparatus will be in place in time for the spring playground opening.

McDonald Would Aviate—John McDonald, 1807 Corby street, has applied at the navy recruiting station to enlist in the aviation corps of the fleet service. Lack of authority to accept men in this branch here caused the recruiters to place his application on file. McDonald has machinist experience.

Pool Hall License Suspended—Superintendent Kugel of the police department suspended the license of James Vosiloff's pool hall at 2929 Q street. Mr. Vosiloff will be granted a hearing by the city council on March 29 if he desires to show cause why his place should not be permanently closed.

Jack Tar Plays "Safety First"—W. E. Stevens, a petty officer attached to the local navy recruiting station, will have anti-typhoid prophylaxis serum injected into his blood, as is periodically required in the navy. He has not taken the preventive treatment for a number of years and is now due to receive it again.

New War Bride—Miss Frances O'Neil, daughter of C. F. O'Neil of Council Bluffs, is a war bride. She married Private George M'Carty, a member of the Fourth Nebraska militia Monday, in spite of the fact that her husband will be taken from her at once by the federal order mobilizing the Nebraska guard.

Asks Heavy Damages—Forty thousand dollars damages are asked by Mrs. Alice L. Moore, widow of Tim F. Moore, a Union Pacific switchman, who was fatally injured in the railroad yards on February 1, in a suit filed in district court. Moore was crushed between a freight car and a loading platform at the Omaha Warehouse company. He died three days later.

Blencoe Farmer Walks Into Auto, Sustaining Hurts

B. F. Southwell, farmer of Blencoe, Ia., walked into an automobile at Twelfth and Douglas streets yesterday evening. He suffered a sprained left knee and abrasion on his jaw and forehead. He was attended by Police Sureon Connelly.

Southwell, in company with two other men, was crossing the street and failed to see the automobile driven by W. J. Heiser, Council Bluffs. He was struck by the fender and knocked to one side of the street against the curbing. The other two men were uninjred.

Winchell of Union Pacific Seriously Ill in the West

San Francisco, March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—B. T. Winchell of Chicago, director of traffic of the Union Pacific, is seriously ill in his private car here.

With his family he was on the way east from Santa Barbara, when symptoms of pneumonia developed. His private car was sidetracked at Oakland Mole and doctors were called to attend him.

German Minister and Staff Leave the Chinese Capital

Peking, March 27.—German Minister Admiral von Hintze and the staff of the legation left here today by special train for Shanghai. The German colony gave the departing diplomats a rousing farewell. From Shanghai the minister will proceed to San Francisco and thence across the continent and then by steamer to Europe.

PIONEERS STAGE INAUGURAL BALL

Event Given in Omaha Sixty-Two Years Ago Reproduced at Celebration.

AGED PEOPLE ARE PRESENT

The reproduction of the first inaugural ball, held in Omaha sixty-two years ago, was presented Monday evening on the stage of the Auditorium, in connection with a program in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska's statehood.

The Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers gave the program, which was witnessed by a goodly gathering of pioneers and their children. Mrs. Mary Cormack, secretary of the association, arranged the program and offered the introductory remarks.

First Ball Described.

The program gave the following commentary on the inaugural ball of 1855: "The first and only executive ball ever given in Omaha, January, 1855, was in honor of Governor Izard. It took place in the City hotel, a one-story frame building, on Harney and Eleventh streets. The floor was rough and unplaned. Cottonwood boards served as seats, the walls were covered with one rough coat of dirty plaster, and the stove was so inadequate for heating purposes that the water which had been used for cleaning froze to the floor. The refreshments consisted of bacon sandwiches, dried apple pie and black coffee with brown sugar. The orchestra consisted of a solitary fiddler. This was Omaha's first step on the ladder of social aspirations."

Those Who Gave It Again.

In the inaugural ball reproduction D. H. Mercer and Mrs. Charles H. Fisette represented Governor Izard and lady, respectively. The personnel of the governor's party were: Mr and Mrs. W. H. Bay, Henry W. Dunn, Charles G. Hunt and Edward O. Pomeroy. The dancers were: Rome Miller, George W. Winship, Alvin Metzler, James Cruickshank, Moses P. O'Brien, Augustus Lockner, James P. Dugdale, Karl Barothy; Mesdames Ida G. Knight, George W. Winship, R. M. Taylor, Anna K. Bowman, Mary J. Griffin, Kittie Lafferty, Jennie L. Maginn and Agnes R. Stevenson.

The costumes worn by these dancers were of the period of sixty and seventy years ago. Mrs. Griffin had a necklace seventy-five years old and a gown she wore at the first Ak-Sar-Ben ball. Mrs. Stevenson appeared in a dress sixty years old and Mrs. Knight's dress was seventy-nine years old.

Aged People Attend.

The only living attendant of the ball which was reproduced on the Auditorium stage is Samuel E. Rogers, still a resident of Omaha, but unable to attend the exercises yesterday evening. On the stage was Mrs. S. G. Brewster of Irvington, who came to this county in 1855. Her father, the Rev. Mr. Gaylord, was the first minister of the First Congregational church of this city. At her side was Mrs. S. H. Seymour, more than eighty years of age, and said to be the first school teacher of Omaha. She taught in the basement of the old First Congregational church when it was located at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. John K. Hazard, who came here in 1853, also was on the stage and it is said he is the oldest Nebraska pioneer now residing in Omaha.

Frank Howell Talks.

Speaking on "Territorial Days," Frank S. Howell recounted the historical glories of the state and declared that Nebraska, in the future as in the past, will be found in her place with the sisterhood of states, fighting in the interests of humanity and not for conquest. He said that from the hands of the many peoples gathered together in this nation is suspended the destiny of the world. Moses P. O'Brien, president of the pioneers' association, gave an address of welcome, and Matthew Gering spoke on "The Past and Present of Nebraska."

On the musical program were the Omaha Letter Carriers' band, Harry Disbrow, Armour Glee club and Mrs. Roy Flanagan and Mrs. Adeline Wykoff Kellstrom.

James Gilliland of 3019 Manderson street won applause when he sang "Mother Macree." He is 12 years of age and a son of J. W. Gilliland.

The band played several patriotic numbers, the audience responding enthusiastically at the close when "America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" were given.

Russia Gives Jews Absolute Equality

Washington, March 27.—Absolute equality of Jews in Russia with all others to own property, to reside in any place, to serve in the army and navy, to participate in educational advantages and at the polls, has been officially proclaimed, say advices received at the Russian embassy.

Therefore, it is understood, there will be no further restrictions upon the issue of passports to Russian or American Jews, who desire to visit Russia than those common to other persons.

Miss Rankin and Moses P. Kinkaid Office Neighbors

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Would you believe it! Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana, the first woman elected to congress, is going to occupy a room immediately across the hall from "Uncle Mose" Kinkaid, representatives from the Big Sixth of Nebraska.

Miss Rankin's secretaries, and she is going to have two, began to arrange Room 332 in the house office building today. There were no evidences of femininity about. Some book cases, bare of books, walls free of pictures, just an office room, excepting an interesting occupant.

The young looking secretary said that details of the room and the decorations would be left to Miss Rankin, who is expected on Wednesday. But Miss Rankin, a maiden, occupying an office across the hall from a confirmed old bachelor like Judge Kinkaid. It will make both Nebraska and Montana famous, if they never were before.

Germany Will Let American Consuls Go to Turkey

Washington, March 27.—Germany has agreed to permit the four American consuls held at Munich to proceed to their new posts in Turkey as soon as the Constantinople government formally agrees to receive them, virtually assuring, officials here believe, that the difficulties placed in the way of the Americans' transfer out of Germany soon will be cleared away. Turkey already has indicated informally that it will interpose no further obstacle.

Swift Creamery Plant at Keokuk Destroyed by Fire

Keokuk, Ia., March 27.—The creamery plant of Swift & Co. was destroyed by fire tonight with a loss of $40,000. The fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring. The building was a four-story wooden structure. The blaze orginated in the storage room on the third floor of the building.

Francis A. Mulfinger of Omaha Weds in Chicago

Chicago, March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Francis A. Mulfinger of the law firm of Mulfinger & Webb of Omaha was licensed here to wed Miss Thelma Merscheim, also of Omaha.

ALLIES CAPTURE THREE NEW TOWNS

French and British Troops Make Additional Progress Between Arras and Soissons.

NO CHANGE AT ST. QUENTIN

(By Associated Press.)

Three additional villages have fallen into the hands of the British and French troops operating against the Germans between Arras and Soissons in France. One village was taken by the British and two were captured by the French.

Lagnicourt, six miles northwest of Bapaume, fell into the hands of the British, and Folembray and La Feuillee, in the Bassee-Foret-De Coucy region, at the base of the salient that has been driven into the German line at La Fere, now are in the hands of General Neville's forces.

Gain Near Soissons.

The French also have gained some additional terrain northeast of Soissons, but no important changes in position have occurred in the St. Quentin sector, where the Germans apparently are stiffening their line. Paris reports the dispersal of German assemblages in this district by the artillery fire of the French, however.

Trench raiding and bombing operations continue on the remainder of the front, although there also have been violent artillery duels on various sectors, especially east of Dixmude and Steenstraete in Belgium.

Much Aerial Activity.

Considerable aerial activity is still in progress between the British and Germans. London reports the forcing down by British airmen of five German airplanes east of Neuville St. Vaast and Armentieres, but says that seven British machines have failed to return to their bases.

The Germans, who are reported in force on the north Russian front, are again becoming active. South of Dvinsk, in the region of Postavy, after having loosed gas waves against the Russians, the Germans essayed an advance, but, according to Petrograd, they were repulsed.

East of Baranovitchi another Teuton attack was put down by the Russian artillery fire. The Russian war minister has arrived in Riga, probably to consider the situation created by the arrival of German reinforcements.

Still another crossing of the Persian frontier into Turkey has been effected by the Russians, who have entered the vilayet of Mosul, through which flows the Tigris river, along which the British are still in pursuit of the Turks retreating from Bagdad. To the southeast, on the Turco-Persian frontier, near Khanikan, the Russians have captured the Turkish fortifications at Kalaichahin, thereby placing a further menace in the way of the Turks making their way up the Diala river before the British.

Mackensen in Turkey.

The German field marshal, Von Mackensen, who has been in command of the Teutonic allied forces in Roumania, is reported to have arrived in Constantinople with the purpose of reorganizing the Ottoman forces.

In the Austro-Italian and Macedonian theaters the situation is unchanged.

Can Use Americans In Trenches, Says Soldier From There

Shot twice, once almost fatally, squirted with liquid fire and almost suffocated a number of times by poison gas fumes, Armand Patereau, 30, an American and a corporal in the foreign legion, dropped off in Omaha several hours Monday evening. He was on his way to Portland, Ore., from a fortress near Verdun.

The corporal was attired in the French uniform. He displayed several medals which he had won, one a bronze affair, which he had been awarded for participating in a battle of eight days' duration. During that time his detachment was cut off from the regular body.

"Soldiers of the foreign legion are treated a little better than those of France," the corporal said. "For one thing, they give us bacon in the morning and the pay is a little better."

Patereau gave the Germans credit for having a remarkably well drilled army. "Their soldiers are bigger, but they aren't a bit better than the French."

"At Verdun we took back in three days all they had captured in three months," he said.

"How does it feel to be squirted with liquid fire?" he was asked. "It's just awful. Your clothes catch on fire before you can pull them off. We had orders not to help our own men when they were squirted with the liquid because sometimes the men that tried to help were burned as bad as those in the first case."

Dean Kelly Says Standard Of Schools Being Raised

Dean Robert M. Kelly, S. J., vice president of Creighton university and dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences, returned yesterday from St. Louis, Mo., where he represented the local school at the annual convention of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The association, which is twenty-three years old and is composed of men and women interested in education of the principal high schools and colleges of the north central group of states. Promotion and standardization of schools in this district, principally universities, colleges, high schools and normal schools are carried forth by the members who annually get together in discussions of problems in collegiate and secondary education.

Stella Smith Case Closed.

Denver, Colo., March 27.—The state closed its case late today aginst Mrs. Stella Newton Smith. Testimony from two chauffeurs, one of whom drove Smith to the home of Mrs. Smith, the other of whom later drove William A. Moore, Mrs. Smith's former husband, to the home, closed the state's case.