

ROBBERS BOLD IN NEBRASKA

Looting of Nebraska Banks Has Been of Frequent Occurrence During Week, With Thieves at Liberty.

CRESCO BANK ENTERED

Three Thousand Dollars Taken From the Safe and One Man Bound and Gagged and Left in Building.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—The State bank at Cresco, twenty miles north of here was looted by three robbers at 5 this morning. Three thousand dollars was taken from the safe. The robbers stole a rig at a livery barn and escaped. The team was discovered fifteen miles east. James Boyle was held up by the pistol of the robbers' lookout, who marched Boyle into the bank where he was gagged and bound to a chair and found when the cashier opened the bank this morning. The bank's losses are insured. It is thought here that the men are the same gang as robbed the banks at Keokuk and Gibbon, yesterday.

IS MRS. GUNNESS ALIVE OR DEAD?

Attorney Worden Says He Has Evidence that Murder Farm Own-er is Alive.

LAPORTE, Dec. 19.—Attorney Worden, who defended Ray Lamphere, de-clared today that he had evidence that Mrs. Gunness is alive. He said that a LaPorte woman who knew Mrs. Gunness well, made an affidavit that she rode with her twenty miles on a train in Iowa. She said that she was sleeping in a seat across the aisle and recognized her when she woke, and talked with her. She left the train abruptly with a man.

DEMAND RECOVERING OF GRAND JURY

Atlantic City Reformers Send Petition to Justice Trenchard Asking Reconvener of Grand Jury.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 19.—Reform-ers have forwarded a petition to Su-preme Justice Trenchard demanding a reconvener of the October grand jury, which refused to indict powerful poli-tical leaders, and others charged with Sunday liquor selling. It is regarded as an attempt to influence the court's action. The petition to Judge Trench-ard created a sensation when it be-came known today. No reply has been received. It is believed Trenchard will refuse the unusual procedure.

CITY NEWS.

—There will be a big crowd down town tonight on a holiday shopping trip.
—In the district court today the testimony was being taken in the Brown vs. Hickman case. The jury was excused just before dinner until Monday afternoon when the case will be continued.
—Since C. A. Wright killed the dog which had been stealing chickens, two more dogs have been killed in the neighborhood by people who caught the animals prowling around their homes.
—George Holland has filed suit for divorce in the District court against Sadie Holland, charging desertion. The petition states that the couple were married in Keokuk on October 12, 1892, and lived together until 1898 when the wife deserted. A divorce is asked for with one year.
—The High school paper, The Com-ment, will be out on Monday. This is the holiday number of the paper and it will be a big one. Lots of ath-letes are contained in the number and the school notes and jokes are ex-ceptionally good. The editorial staff of the paper has been working hard for the issue and the manager and assist-ants were working at it this afternoon as to have it out by Monday noon.
—Unimpeachable—If you were to see the unequalled volume of unimpeach-able testimony in favor of Hood's Sar-saparilla, you would upbraid yourself for so long delaying to take this effec-tive medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering.

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CITY NEWS.

—Read the want column, page 7.
—At the Trinity M. E. Church a Christmas entertainment will be held on Christmas eve. A fine program has been arranged by the members of the Sunday school classes which will be given on that eve.
—All women of the city are invited to attend the "Christmas Thoughts" meeting at the Y. W. C. A. tomorrow afternoon. Special music will be heard for the occasion. Come and bring a friend.
—Fort Madison Democrat: Keokuk has emerged from darkness and her streets are again lighted by arc lights. Ed. P. Carter of the Gate City has dis-banded his lantern club, but the water power project is still an unsettled question.
—The rush at the postoffice had its lively beginning today and the clerks were kept exceedingly busy in the handling of the holiday packages. Those who have packages to be sent a long distance should not delay in mailing them at once so as to avoid a congestion of the Xmas parcels, which occurs annually in the larger offices of the country.
—Strling Truman Harkleroad was born at Keokuk, Iowa, April 29, 1866, died in Denver, Colorado, December 9, 1905, of tuberculosis, age twelve years seven months and twenty-nine days. He has been a sufferer for the past five years of tuberculosis and was taken to Colorado for his health in De-cember, 1907, but he grew weaker as time went on, until the end came. He was a gentle loving child and will be sadly missed by those who loved him. He leaves to mourn his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harkleroad and many other relatives and friends.
—For the next two weeks, the classes at the Y. W. C. A. will have a vacation on account of the holi-days. The rooms will not be open in the evenings for the next two weeks and everything about the girls' Y will be quiet. Meals will still be served by the cafeteria except on New Years and Christmas days. There will be no Christmas entertainment at the Association this year as every one has been so busy with everything else causing such an entertainment to be put in the back ground of everything else.
—Hamilton Press: A long forgotten incident was brought to the attention of our people the past week when a gentleman from Luray, Mo., named Hawkins, was in the city looking up the record of the death of his father, which occurred here in the spring of 1869. The elder Hawkins was at the time of his death living in Luray but was here on a visit with friends east of this city. On his return the river had risen and was flowing over the dyke and as he rounded the turn of the dyke his team lost their footing and he and the horses were drowned. The body was rescued and buried just north of the dyke where for a num-ber of years afterwards the grave could be seen by the passersby. Sub-sequently the body was removed to the city cemetery and there reposes. The visit of the son last week bore little fruit as the old records of the cemetery were destroyed by the fire of 1899 and the location of the grave was im-possible.

PERSONALS.

Prof. Harry M. Gage of Parsons college, Fairfield, will arrive in Keokuk this evening and will be the guest over Sunday of Dr. Frank M. Fuller, 418 Blondeau.
Mrs. Wm. J. Fyffe and children of Highland Park will arrive this evening to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis Tapp of Quincy spent Friday in the city with relatives.
Forrest Conner is home from Gem City, Quincy, to spend the holidays.
Rev. A. V. Kendrick departed this morning for Belknap, Iowa, where he will lead a meeting at that place to-day.
Neils and Charles Leasum left this morning for Sandusky where they will spend the day.
Roadmaster J. Dulin of the Rock Island, was in the city yesterday on business.
Thos. Wagner, roadmaster of the Washab, at Bluffs, Ill., was in the city Friday on road business.
Harry Talley left this morning for Memphis where he will visit.
John Rogan, the Rock Island fire-man, leaves this evening for Quincy, where he will visit.
Miss Thelma Wilson of Monroe was a visitor in the city last evening.
Mrs. C. P. DaGant and son of H. m-ilton, Ill., are in the city today Xmas shopping.
Mrs. J. Warsaw is in the city today shopping.
Linnett Beer is home from Abing-ton, to spend the holidays with her parents.
—Wm. Lang and family arrived in the city last evening from Oklahoma and will live in Keokuk again after spending a year in the southwest.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hall arrived yesterday from St. Louis where Mr. Hall has been attending medical college. They will spend the holidays at their home in this city.
—Hamilton Press: Mr. and Mrs. Zimri White visited with their sons, W. S. White and family near Moor, Iowa, from Saturday until Tuesday evening. Upon their return home Mrs. White was taken very ill and is now under the doctor's care. Her daugh-ter, Mrs. C. B. French of Keokuk, who came home with them Tuesday even-ing assisted in her care.
Miss Mildred West arrived from college yesterday to spend the holi-days at home.
Miss Nannie Clark Barr is home from Oxford college.
Edward Knox Johnston is home from college at Hotchkiss, Mass., to spend the holiday vacation.
Charles B. Wright is here from Chi-cago to visit his father, C. A. Wright before going to Portsmouth, Va., where he has a position with the seaboard line.
D. W. Davitt of Chicago is in the city to spend Sunday.

SOCIETY

P. L. Kennedy will give a dance for his class in Hawkes' hall on New Year's afternoon.
Twenty-five couples enjoyed a dance last evening in Hawkes' hall from 9 until 12. Music was furnished by the Agne orchestra.

The second dance of the season given by the United Commercial trav-ellers of the city will be given this evening in Hawkes' hall. The last dancing party given by the Commer-cial men proved to be a very delightful affair and a large number will no doubt enjoy the sociability of the mem-bers again this evening. An excel-lent orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

On Friday night, January 6th, the R. N. A.'s and Woodmen lodge Camp 622, will hold their installation of of-ficers together. After the installa-tion of the different officers elected at a recent meeting, the two lodges will hold a banquet and social evening in the large dining room of Woodmen hall. The ladies have the supper in charge and the affair promises to be a very enjoyable one for the mem-bers.

Little Miss Viviane Clark entertain-ed fifteen of her little girl friends at her eighth birthday anniversary this afternoon. The dining room was decorated in nolly and evergreen. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Veda Thompson, Daisy Renaud, Mary Louise Wiley, Rita Dupy, Francis Leffingwell, Lois Selgfried, Winnifred Balback, Ethel Love, June Rowe, Vera Rowe, Ruth Peterson, Fern Kirkendall, Margaret Harsin, Jeannette Schoel, Madeline Haubert.

The ladies auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held a meeting last evening in Schouten's hall at which officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows: Mrs. Anna McBride, county president; Mrs. James Brerton, president; Miss Nellie Hanson, vice president; Miss Win-nie Conroy, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary McGettigan, recording secre-tary; Mrs. Maggie Crown, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Greaves, sergeant at arms; Mrs. Harry Watson, sentinel. The officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Eureka Camp No. 7 of the Royal Neighbors had a most enjoyable time at their meeting last evening. After the regular lodge session, the mem-bers of the order enjoyed a fine oyster supper, the compliments of Miss Kate Muff, the retiring Oracle, who has faithfully served the order in that capacity, which is the highest office of the order, for the past four years. The camp retailed by presenting Miss Muff with a handsome gold lock-et and chain during the evening. Mrs. O. D. McMains making the presenta-tion speech in a few well chosen words and Miss Muff completely taken by surprise, responded feelingly by a handsome gift. The presentation was made out of appreciation for the Oracle's valuable services rendered during the past four years.

CITY NEWS.

—The ladies of the Baptist church are holding a sale this afternoon at the Home Tea company.
—Choice line of turkeys, ducks and chickens, at John Markley's market. Order now for Christmas.
—During the first and second parts of the baseball minstrel last night, one of the "gallery gods" gave a whistling solo.
—E. F. Renaud has started the sale of merry Christmas stamps and the thousand received yesterday are going fast. These are the stamps issued by the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute.
—Charles Shaer, last season's man-ager of the Savanna club of the South Atlantic league, has been secured by Davenport of the Three-Eye league and will manage the team for the com-ing year.
—Mrs. Zolphia Low, aged 64 years, died at the county house last evening at 11 o'clock, death being caused by uremic poison. Mr. Hart is waiting to hear from relatives in regards to the disposal of the body.
—The new two cent postage stamps were put on sale for the first time in this city this afternoon at 1:30. The new stamps differ from the old ones in that the face on the stamp of the Father of his country presents a dis-tinct side view while the old ones gave almost a full front view of Wash-ington's face. Many are of the opin-ion that the new stamps are prettier than the old ones.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Funeral services for the late John Croughan will be held at St. Peter's Catholic church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family in-vised. No flowers.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian church—Sunday, 10 a. m. Bible School; 11 a. m. preaching, by R. W. Lilley, pastor, subject, "Preparation of the World for Christ's Coming." 6:30 Christian Endeavor meeting. 7:30 p. m. preaching, subject, "Some Results of Christ's coming." Glad to have you come and worship with us.

St. Paul's German Evangelical church, corner Eleventh and Ex-change streets, Rev. J. Nuesch, pas-tor.—Sunday School at 9 a. m.; preach-ing services at 10:30 a. m. on the sub-ject, "Manifested to Take Away Our Sins;" service at 7:30 p. m. Topic, "Man, the Image of God." All are cordially invited to attend and made welcome.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 716 Main street, second floor.—Ser-vices Sunday, 10:45 a. m. Subject, "Is the Universe, including Man, Enveloped by Atomic Force?" Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meet-ing 7:45 p. m. Reading room (same address) open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. A cor-dial invitation is extended to the pub-lic.

Second Presbyterian.—The morning subject: "The Fullness of God." The evening topic, "Starled Men." A Christmas theme. The choir will fur-nish appropriate music. Endeavor topic, "Why was the King born?" Ruby Griffin, leader. Christmas tree and program at the church on Friday evening. Exercises and a treat at Rock Hall on Saturday evening. Ev-erybody welcome. F. A. McGaw, pastor.

First Unitarian Society, corner of Fourth and High streets.—Public ser-vices at 11 a. m.; sermon by Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., minister. The Christmas service will be used. Mrs. Schouten will sing a solo. Sunday School at 9:30. Appropriate Christ-mas exercises will be observed. The Woman's Alliance meets in the church parlors Monday afternoon at 2:45; ministers bible class at 3:30. Import-ant business, a large attendance eis de-sired. Art class will be dismissed for Christmas week and will convene the Wednesday before New Years, instead of Thursday owing to the Messiah entertainment. Unity Circle will be postponed until after Christmas. An-nouncement later.

The services of the First Baptist church will be held in the Jewish syna-gogue, Eight and Blondeau streets, Rev. J. F. Sanders, D. D., pastor.—Res-idence 202 Blondeau street. Preaching services at 10:45 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "The Child of the Manger, the King of the World." Ev-ening theme: "The Stranger at the Door." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Baker Mission Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. The Baptist Young People's Union at 6:30 p. m.; special music by large chorus choir. The above serv-ices will be in keeping with the Christ-mas season and we extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us.

Bethel A. M. E. church, Seventh and Morgan street: Quarterly meet-ing. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; at 3 p. m. preaching and the Lord's supper; at 7:30 p. m. preaching. Rev. D. W. Brown of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, will have charge in place of Rev. Phillips, whose daugh-ter is ill with peritonitis at Galesburg, Ill. Rev. Brown will also hold the quarterly conference. W. A. Searcy, pastor.

Swedish M. E. church, corner Twelfth and Concert street, C. N. Pearson, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 and Epworth league at 7 p. m. Early service Christmas morning at 5:30 a. m. Church will be decorated during holidays. An offering for Swed-ish Theology seminary, Evanston, Ill., will be taken Christmas morning. Scandinavians are expected to partici-pate in the service. Christmas exer-cises to be held December 28. Ser-vices in Melrose M. E. church next evening at 7:30 p. m. Christmas exer-cises to be held there December 25 at 7 p. m. A speech from the pastor is expected.

Swedish Mission church, corner of Fourteenth and Morgan streets. Ren-lis Johnson, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Early services will be held Christmas morning at 5:30 p. m. in the evening at 7 o'clock the Sunday school's annual festival will be held when a Christmas program will be rendered. Scandinavians cor-dially invited to worship with us.

Sunday services at the L. D. S. church, corner Thirteenth and Bank streets, Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor.—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; at 7:30 p. m. Elder F. M. McDonald of Monroe, Iowa, will be the speaker. All are cordially invited to come and hear him. Everybody welcome.

St. John's church (Episcopal), cor-ner Fourth and Concert streets, F. V. C. McIlwain, rector.—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 a. m. Evening pray-er and song service, with a short talk by the rector, 4:30 p. m. A quartet will sing the offertory at morning ser-vice. There will be a solo by Mr. Young at afternoon service. A cor-dial invitation is extended to all.

First Congregational church.—Ser-vices Sunday as follows: Bible School 9:30. The alterations and improve-ments are now completed, and the school will meet in the new room. Preaching service 11:30. The pastor

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will preach "The Coming of the Dayspring." The choir, under the direction of Mr. H. T. Graham, will render the following musical program: Prelude—Pastoral Symphony from the Messiah Handel Carol—Angels from the Realms of Glory Shepard Gloria Tours Anthem—There Were Shepherds Anthem—Christmas Anthem—Rogers Postlude—Christmas March Smart In the evening at 7:00 there will be a dedicatory service in the new Sun-day School room. The program will consist of songs, etc. by the children, and a short sermon by the pastor. The public cordially invited to any of the services.

The First Methodist Protestant church, 824-826 Main street, Rev. J. Carleton McCaslin, pastor, 1423 Des Moines street.—Bible School, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:30. Subject, "Watchfulness." Junior C. E. 6:30 p. m.; class meeting 3:00 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30. Subject, "Who will be Surprised when Jesus Comes Again?" Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Subject, "The Incarnation." Christmas exercises by the Bible School Friday evening. A revival meeting to be conducted by Rev. L. C. Queen, D. D., of Adrian, Mich., and Rev. Kilmer G. Achley of Hillburn, N. Y., will begin January 10, 1906. A cordial invitation is extended to all who desire spiritual help to attend the services of this church.

The United Presbyterian church, Ninth and Blondeau streets, Rev. Harry B. Foster, pastor. Residence, 803 Franklin street.—Sabbath School 9:30 a. m. Preaching services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "The Word Made Flesh." Evening theme, "Christ's Second Coming." Christian union 6:30 p. m. Strangers and those without a church home are invited to worship with us.

Seventh Street Baptist church, cor-ner Seventh and Concert streets, Rev. Wm. D. Venerable, Ph. D., pastor, res-idence 1724 Main street.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Theme at 11 a. m. "What Makes the Christian Glad." 7:30 p. m. "The Lord's Pray-er." Sunday School 12:45 p. m. Xmas festival for children Xmas eve-ning. Preaching at 11 a. m. Xmas day subject, "The Chief Cornerstone." All are welcome.

Trinity M. E. church, Tenth and Main streets, Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor.—Preaching services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music has been prepared by the choir and will be ren-dered Sunday both morning and evening. Sunday School at 9:30. Junior league at 2:30. Epworth league and Volunteers at 6:30. —The arc lights were on last night for a second time and everything seems to be all right with the new generators used for the arcs.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP. Includes prices for various grades and markets like Chicago, Duluth, and Kansas City.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Cattle, 4600 steady. Hogs—11,000 opened strong; closed weak. Light, \$4.75@5.50; heavy, \$5.50@5.80; pigs, \$2.75@4.60. Sheep—2,000; steady.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; steers, \$4.50@7.25; stockers, \$3.00@5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady to strong; bulk, \$5.00@5.60; pigs, \$2.75@4.75. Sheep—Receipts, none; nominally steady; lambs, \$5.00@6.75.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Butter, creamery, 31¢@31½¢. Eggs—Nearby white, fancy, 43¢@45¢; fresh firsts, 31½¢@32¢. Cheese—Full cream specials, 14½¢@15½¢; skims specials, 11½¢. Poultry—Steady.

Table with columns: Canadian Pacific, Erie, Illinois Central, Louisville and Nashville, Missouri Pacific, New York Central, Northern Pacific, National Lead, Pennsylvania Ry., Rock Island, etc.

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