expected when the repairs are made that there will be little likelihood that the different departments will be shut down until the resting season in 1908.

In most cases the vacation given the men is gratefully received, though in some instances where the workmen have lived up to every dollar, the lay-off is not being enjoyed. When overhauled, the works will be in shape to increase the output of finished steel products.

Gilbert Funeral

While many were making merry in the preparation for Christmas, sorrow reigned in the home of the late Thomas H. Gilbert, as impressive funeral services were held by Rev. J. Wallis Ohl over the body of the well-known citizen yesterday afternoon.

The funeral was private and took place from the family residence, 319 east Evans at 2 o'clock. Interment was in Roselawn.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. G. J. Crawford, Lee Graham, Frank Hawk and George Ebernez.

Rock Island Pleads Guilty.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Pleas of guilty were made today by the Rock Island Railroad company in thirty-four cases charging violation of the law prohibiting the confinement of livestock in cars for longer than twenty-four hours. Judge Landis in the United States district court, before whom the pleas were entered, deferred sentence to allow the railroad to show causes for the delays.