Brief Telegrams

Spain was not participate in the St. Louis exposition.

An explosion in the Schwab coal mine near Cherokee, Kas., killed one man and injured six.

A table just compiled places the the list of richest universities,

at Santiago at a cost of \$5,000,000.

sixty, in the vicinity of Butler, Pa. near Cordova, Spain, derailed a train.

Fourteen persons were killed and many injured.

weeks from next Monday.

ter Iron Works company of Denver, ing the deceased wife of a soldier, by a companion on a hanting trip. Voting on the amended foun law

has been deferred in the Cuban sen-To give Topeka a "clean" administ of the soldier, impersonated her de-

to run women for the council in the different wards at the coming municipal elections. A telegram received from Vardoe Norway, reports that the steamer Or-

ion has been destroyed by fire and that three of the crew and three passengers perished. Hi Haskett, aged 27, cut his throat

his death the officers arrived.

the United States was agreed to.

canal, until the 1st of April next.

cided to hold the annual convention pened to pick up a cargo and have no of the league at Chicago, June 20-21, regular business,

1904. The funeral of John R. Proctor, the late president of the civil service comat Washington and the remains were

made public.

cided that the killing of a man by at and took it to dock. reflex and wholly involuntary action is not a crime, although the accused may at the time be engaged in an un

companied by Mrs. Knox, wife of the, tion, attorney general.

Postmasters will meet in Washington for the purpose of recommending ment of the service.

Nothwithstanding the reputation in other respects, the Missour: supreme court holds that a community may suppress the firecracker and other deadly weapons which fatten cemeteries on the Fourth of July.

The police officials of Baltimore were were notified of the arrest in Jollet. Ill., of Otto Berger, who, it is charged, absconded in 1891 with \$40. 600 belonging to the Baltimore Musical Union, of which he was treas-

All city hall employes in Chicago whose work brings them into contact with the public will be required to wear a badge. An ordinance making the enforcement of this requirement imperative upon the heads of all departments has been adopted by the

With a posse hot upon his trail. John Dillo, who shot and mortally mounded Antonio del Vacchio, his narner in a Spokane grocery store and saloon, took refuge in the brush dollars, against less than one hundred feared he is nearly overcome by pasting together on a sheet of paper near Valley, Wash., where he was discovered shortly after daylight. The posse riddle him with rifle bullets.

The gross postal receipts at the fifty largest postoffices in the United November, 1902, were \$5,402,580, an

Angeles, as the Fraternal Army of Loyal Work. wages of 16,000 men.

THE PLATISMOUTH JOURNAL IT IS NOT PROOF

FRAUDULENT PENSION MONEY MUST BE RETURNED.

A Pension Case From Georgia Under Consideration-Where Woman Im-Causes Promulgation of New Order by Treasury.

University of Missouri nineteenth in woman who impersonated the widow educational examination. Of all those of a deceased pensioner, and pension examined nearly 80 per cent passed, Tenders are asked for July 1 to agent's checks have been drawn paybuild sewers, drains and water works able to her and delivered to her upon vouchers executed by her, and the Mr. Kiggins says the commission has The fever has claimed three more bank cashed such checks, which were reduced its examinations to essential ury upon which drawn, the govern. dation of a large number of local the letter recites that "upon these and Ballard as postmaster at Ives, Duno," victims, raising the death total to in due course paid at the sub-treas-The imports of France for the last ment will make reclamation of the eleven months increased \$51,303,200 amount. In other words, bankers and the exports decreased \$6,524,200. and other persons who case pension The collapse of an embankment checks are charged with the responsibility of establishing the identity of the payees of such checks to the same extent that they are charged with the responsibility of establishing the iden-The chief justice of the suoreme tity of the payers and of the cheeks court of the United States has an issued in ordinary commercial transnounced a recess of that court for two actions. The exhibition of a pension certificate is not identification of the The mill and elevator of the Rus- person named therein. This ruling seil-Miller Milling company, Valley was held in a case arising in Georgia, City. N. D., burned, entailing a loss wherein one Clarista Owens, whose of over \$75,000; insurance \$35,000. | real name was Molly Melton, obtained Paul Richter, president of the Rich- a pension, it is said, by impersonathas been accidentally shot and killed and received payment at the rate of \$8 per month from April 8, 1991, to May 4, 1963.

It developed in the examination of ate, pending the completion of nego- this claim that the soldier left a tiations with New York financial widow, who is supposed to have died in Florida. Molly Melton, a sister tration there is a movement on foot ceased sister-in-law, obtained the pension, forged endorsements of her deceased sister-in-law to the checks and [obtained the money. For this of-States district court at Savannah, Ga., and was sentenced to one year and

at the home of his brother at Aroma, railroad deny the statement attribut- princibles of the last Russian note, at the home of his brother at Aroma, and the home of his brother at Ar horse and buggy. Five minutes after the Boston Steamship company of Seattle, in his recent testimony before In the senate a resolution authoriz- the interstate commission, that his Apart from the delicate state of the ing the printing of 2,000 copies of the company had a contract with the negotiations between the two nations war department report on expedi- Northern Pacific which prohibited Reuter says it is also known that Rustures in Cuba during the occupation of that railway company from accept- sia is assuming a more defiant attitude, ing freight brought in by tramp and the outlook may be regarded as The United States supreme court steamships. They assert that while has extended the time for taking tes- the company has no exclusive con- although it cannot be said that the retimony in the case of Missouri vs. Illi tract and no agreement beyond a sources of diplomacy have been comnois, involving the Chicago drainage division of rates on business from the pletely exhausted. Orient, it is the general practice of Major William H. Garland, aged 94 railroad companies in the transaction years, is dead at the National Soldiers' of their business to make a conceshome at Johnson City, Tenn. He had sion to establish and maintain perma- atum has been sent by Japan to shaken hands with every president of nent lines with a fixed and regular Russia. the United States except Washington, schedule of sailings and arrivals, and The executive council of the na. with advertised routes, with dockage REPRESENTATIVES' NEW HOME. tional Afro-American Congressional facilities, etc., over transient steamleague of the United States has de- ships, mostly foreign, which have hap-

Brings Amur's Passengers. SEATTLE, Wash.-The steamship mission, was held at St. John's church | Farralon reached Scattle Monday, having on board the passengers of the subsequently interred at Rock Creek overdue Canadian Pacific steamship The postoffice committee of the Sunday, December 13, and on Mon- \$741,000, and that his department was house has received from the postmas- day, the 14th, ran into Harbor reel ter general the Bristow report and the at the entrance to Port Simpson. At Conrad and Bonapart report which high tide it pulled off, but in doing so to the government taking title. The the committee ordered printed and broke its 'ail shaft. It succeeded in reaching the wharf at Port Simpson Judge Bellinger of Oregon has de and on Friday the Farralon went in ence. The structure is to cost be-

Better Demand for Coal.

WILKESBARRE, Pa.-The Lehigh Valley Coal company and the Lehigh A national association has been or & Wilkesbaree Coal company anganized to be known as the National nounce a suspension of work from Paper Traders' association, which is December 24 to January 4, and it is a combination of associations of Bo. likely that this move will be followed ton, Baltimore, Central Ohio, Chicago by other companies. Those who are familiar with the coal trade say Mrs. Roosevelt was one of the spec- there is a brisk demand for coal at tators in the United States supreme the present time, and restriction is court while the Northern Securities more to keep up prices for the wincase was being argued. She was act ter than because of any overproduct hurt.

Story of Landing Confirmed. WASHINGTON-Official confirmaa new classification of the designation tion has reached Washington of the of postoffice employes, regarded as es landing of Colombian troops on the sential and desirable for the improve- island of Los Pinos, which lies close ed to remain on the main track and lotment of lands in severalty to the mation that C. C. North, who repre-

Wreck of the Discovery Found.

up a position on the high island.

SEATTLE, Wash.-A special dispatch from Juneau says that the wreck of the steamer Discovery has of the war department, Mrs. Wood, ter, defining the kind that shall be tended Yale Divinity school for a year been found. An Indian from Cross the wife of General Leonard Wood, carried in the different classes. Sound found the wreck and brought and her 3-year-old son will sail on Mr. Gardner (Mass.) introduced a Divinity school. Prof. Chandler head the news to Juneau. The revenue the transport Kilpatrick, which leaves bill to create a committee to recom- of the department at Chicago, speaks cutter Rush has gone to the scene, this port for Manila, carrying the Sec- mend legislation for the development very highly of Mr. North's ability and out. taking the Indian as a guide.

Commerce with Canada. WASHINGTON - Commerce beshows a rapid gain both in the fig- Roman Catholic church there, is in Haven, Conn., that the action of the tracts expired some time ago. With ures of the year about to end and receipt of several communications New York, New Haven & Hartfor. the exception of the installation of in those of the decennial period from anonymous persons threatening railroad officials recently in pulling these fixtures the building is ready for which ends with the present year. him with death if he fails to place the night express from New York to occupancy. The year's commerce with Canada, \$3,100 in a designated spot in the Hur- Boston under heavy armed guards Forrest Marston, accused of swinas shown by the figures of the de- ley cemetery by a certain time. To was due to a demand for \$5,000. The dling farmers in various parts of the partment of commerce and labor the first of these communications he letter, which threatened the entire destate out of insurance premiums, will called to Mr. Sedlicky, who stopped the first of these communications he through its bureau of statistics, will paid no attention, but subsequent ones struction of the train if the money not preach in Kearney county. He had no attention, but subsequent ones struction of the train if the money not preach in Kearney county. aggregate nearly two hundred million have so preyed on his mind that it is millions in 1893.

Violate Their Agreement.

ALTOONA. Pa. - The Buffalo States for last month compared with Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and ers are rushing into Canada by the Coke company announced a wage re- hundreds and on every steamer from increase of over 7 per cent. The high- duction at its Helvetia operations the Orient they are arriving here en est increase was 25 per cent at Los amounting to 10 per cent, to go into route to British Columbia. The effect January 1. While the Helvetia cause for the sudden influx into Can-The Fraternal Army of America and miners are a comparatively insignifi- ada lies in the fact that the Canadian the Loyal Americans, embracing a cant part of the Buffalo, Rochester government recently enacted a law membership of over 1,000,000, scat and Pittsburg company's workings, by which every Chinaman landing on membership of over 1,000,000, scattered all over the United States, were merged into one organization at Chi merged into one organization at Chi membership of over 1,000,000, scattered all over the United States, were merged into one organization at Chi membership of over 1,000,000, scattered all over the United States, were merged into one organization at Chi membership of over 1,000,000, scattered all over the United States, were merged into one organization at Chi membership of over 1,000,000, scattered prophetic the state, is to be appealed to the substitute of the state, is to be appe merged into one organization at Chi company shortly, which will cut the Under the present law the Chicese town of Lucas, Dunn county, near proceedings in the lower court has and whose leg was amputated, died gon is some distance above the sea

ONE IN THREE GETS PLACE.

Civil Service Report Shows What is Done for Winners.

WASHINGTON-Frank M. Kiggies chief examiner of the civil service commission, in his annual report says that during the last fiscal year there FAVORS THE YOUNGER CENERALS DEMANDS OF THE GOVERNMEN! were 112,624 persons examined for the classified service of the government and 40,423 appointments in all branches of the service. Of the appointments 24 per cent were to purepersonated Diseased Brother's Wife, ly elerical positions, 3 per cent to professional, technical or scientific positions, 38 per cent to mechanical positions requiring no educational exami-WASHINGTON.-It is stated at the nation, and 7 per cent to skilled latreasury department that where a pen- bor positions, not exactly mechanical sion certificate has been issued to a in their character, but requiring no and 36 per cent of all examined were successful in securing appointments. tests of fitness and urges the consoliboards of examiners throughout the country, to secure closer supervision and more effective administration.

The report states that conditions of employment in the Philippines are improving and the salaries for technieal men have been increased, with the result that within the last five months more applicants have taken examinations for that service than for the preceding year. The number of Americans in that

service now constitutes more than 50 per cent of the entire force, there being 2,777 Americans and 2,697 Filipinos in public employment. As the Filipinos acquire a knowledge of English and become more familiar with American methods, they are expected to take the places of Americans.

RUSSIA IS DEFIANT.

London Hears a Report that Causes Anxiety in Well Informed ircles.

LONDON.-Reuter's Telegram company has learned that considerable anxiety exists in the best informed circles of London regarding the possible outcome of the situation in the far east. Fears are, it is said, expressed fense she was tried in the United that the Russian government may have overstepped the bounds which would make the continuation of peaceone day's confinement in the peniten- ful negotiations with Japan possible. It may be regarded as quite certain, it as-The officials of the Northern Pacific | serts, that Japan will not accept the

must necessarily be cast in this sense. more gloomy than it hitherto has been,

The statement concludes by saying

Will Be Started Soon and to Cost Sev-

eral Million Dollars. WASHINGTON-Speaker Cannon and Representatives Hepburn and the best possible man. Richardson of Tennessee, comprising the commission having in charge the construction of an office building for the house of representatives, were informed by Attorney General Knox that the jury of condemnation had fixed Amur. The Amur left Skagway of the price to be paid for the site at now engaged in reviewing title to the various pieces of property preliminary ground will then be cleared and the erection of the building begun at tween \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and its

> construction will take several years. NINE DIE IN WRECK.

'Frisco Fast Train from the South Strikes Open Switch in Kansas. KANSAS CITY .- In a wreck of the 'Meteor," the St. Louis & San Francisco railway's fast train from the south, eight persons were killed and thirty-two others injured at Godfrey. Kan. Of the injured, five probably will die and fourteen were seriously

The responsibility for the wreck is laid at the door of a brakeman of the freight train, who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared. The engine on the freight had become "dead" and the crew was orderneglected to do.

Mrs. Wood Sails for Manila.

ond United States cavalry.

Attempt to Blackmail a Priest. DULUTH, Minn.-Rev. Father Gii-

nervous prostration.

Chinamen Have to Hurry Now.

SAN FRANCISCO-Chinese laborare required to pay only \$5.

RECORD OF WOOD

SECRETARY ROOT WRITES TO SENATOR PROCTOR.

Where Rule of Seniority Prevails Military System Must Be Werk-Sound Reasons President Should Follow in Making Military Appointments.

WASHINGTON-The letter of Secretary Root to Senator Proctor, acting the matter of getting better men on chairman of the committee on mili- the juries. tary affairs, dated November 18 last. giving a resume of the military rec- will give a dinner to the poor on ord of General Leonard Wood and Christmas. stating the chief considerations which | Mrs. Nancy Palmerton, an old resi led to his nomination as a major gen- dent of Beatrice has been adjudged eral, was made public Sunday. After | incane and ordered sent to the incane quoting from remarks commendatory asylum. to General Wood, made by General. Congressman Norris has recom-Miles, Lawton, Graham and Forsythe, mended the appointment of Oren B. similar evidences of fitness President | county, vice J. B. Burk, resigned, McKinley appointed Captain Wood colonel of the First volunteer cavi and seriously wounded Thomas Kirk alry in May, 1898. The secretary also because the latter refused to pay for quotes from the commendations of a sandwich which he claimed not to Generals Young, Wheeler, Sumner and have ordered. Shafter on General Wood's conduct in Farmers of Lancaster county will the Santiago campaign, and says Gen- boldly oppose the meat trust, accorderal Wood's appointment as command-ling to present plans. A meeting will er of the Santiago province appears be held to organize an offensive allito have been based upon a statement ance. The call is signed by J. G. made by General Shafter in a dis Quinn. Santiago."

The secretary reviews General and had passed her allotted three Wood's subsequent military career, score and ten years.

saying in this connection: department," referring to the general a dead one of the farmer. lished. The secretary adds that the Elkhorn and Minneapolis and Omaha also were the opinions of both presi- sen, whose husband, a section foredents under which the service was man, was killed near Kennard by an rendered, saying:

"Upon a review of General Wood's the Fremont road. contention, and that Japan's reply service to the country as a major gen- work.

Speaking of the principles of

"The law which recognizes seniority to the grade of colonel, abandons that rule when it deals with general officers and imposes upon the president that there is as yet no actual news of the duty of selecting the best men limitation upon the class from which

he is to make the selection." The secretary adds that when such a selection is to be made two different considerations always present themselves to the appointing mind one, a desire to reward long and meritorious service; the other, to secure St. Paul endeavoring to interest St.

INSIST ON AN EARLY TRIAL.

Senator Dietrich and General Cowin Demand Hearing in Court. OMAHA-United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich of Hastings, with

appeared before W. H. Munger Fri-Senator Dietrich for trial in the recent indictments found against him by rich was not required to give any ken Bow, Neb. bond. In the absence of District Attorney Summers at Lincoln Friday evening Assistant District Attorney Rush was present at the conference. therefore until Summers arrives.

Bills Introduced in the House. WASHINGTON-A bill was Intro- included within his official duties." duced in the house Friday by Mr. to the coast of Panama. These troops | turn the switch for the passenger then | Indians in the state of New York and | sented Ne raska in the Missouri denumber eighty and they have taken about due, the brakeman being or to extend the protection of the laws bate in 1902, has been selected as dered to flag the Meteor. This he of the United States over such In- one of the contestants in the Chicago-

bill to establish a parcels post. It pro- league. Mr. North graduated from the NEW YORK-By special permission | vides for a classification of mail mat- Nebraska university in 1902 and atof the merchant marine.

Fool Not to Be Fooled With. tween Canada and the United States bert of Hurley, Wis., paster of a owing to a World dispatch from New the time limit specified in the conwere not forthcoming, was made by words clipped from newspapers.

> How Alliance is Delayed. LONDON-The Daily Mail's Pe .ung correspondent declares that a few Manchuria nobles, who are under Eussian influences, are delaying the conand Japan.

Find of Cold in Wisconsin. this city, that assays \$145 to the ton. been ordered.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

The Salvation Army of Beatrice will give a Christmas dinner to the

E. G. Gleun, Omaba, 50 years of age, dropped dead while blacking a

Lawyers of Omaha are moving in The Salvation Army of Fremont

At South Omaha J. W. Nipe shot

patch to the department in which he | Word arrived at Table Rock of the said he thought General Wood by far | death of Mrs. Maggie Smith, who dis the best man to leave in command of in the Hastings anylum. She had been in the asylum for many months

A Bohemian farmer living near Sny "The high estimate put by the sec- fer is glad to be alive. The local retary of war upon General Wood's freight ranning between Cornlea and services as military governor is shown Scribner jammed into his buggy and in the published orders of the war took off the wheels, nearly making

orders of March 25, 1903, and July 4. Attorney O. Hanlon secured a judg-1902, which have heretofore been pub- ment of \$2,000 against the Fremoni, at the crossing west of the round opinions expressed in those orders railroads in favor of Mrs. Lais Jen-Omaha train running as a special on but so far as can now be told it is

entire military record, I think it fair At 2 o'clock in the morning Louis to say that no officer in the Amer's G. Sack, a farmer living four and ed. The buggy was carried on the can army below the grade of major one-half miles northwest of Eagle, pilot of the engine until the train general has held more important com- discovered his barn was on fire. 'His mands, rendered more distinguished two barns and contents are a total the victims of the frightful tragedy service or demonstrated to a higher loss, besides all of his hay, oats and were watching freight train No. 45, degree the possession of the qualities corn, harness and farm implements. which was about to pull out of the

Fifteen acres of land lying close to and father is one of the oldest setthe village of Snyder were sold for there of this community. which, he says, sound political reason the uniform price of \$100 per acre. requires the president to follow in The transfer was from Mrs. Matilda making appointments, the secretar! Molle, executor for the estate of Frederick Molle, deceased, to Carl Bars are especially favored this year in and Robert Peltzer, who own and op- having the promise of Miss Cooper, alone as the title to promotions up erate the brick yard property in that

Carl Klumb, living near Stockham, dress them at the state teachers' Hamnton county, attempted to com- meeting. Mirs Cooper attended the mit suicide by shooting himself public schools of Oswego, N. Y., and fresh developments and that no ultim- for generals without expressing any through the head over the right eye. Shortly after the shock of the wound school at that place in 1885. In this he arose and went into the house school she received special preparaand medical aid was immediately tion for the work she has since done summoned. Motive for the deed is

W. F. Porter of Central City, for teachers for their work. merly secretary of state, has been at Paul business men in a canning factory proposition. His plan contem- about 14 years old, was swinging on plates the investment of about \$10,000 of local capital in a stock company ing was being done. As the car ran and it 's said to have met with con- by the stock yards the boy was knock-

siderable favor. Washington dispatch: Congressman | ple of gashes cut in the back of his his attorney, General John C. Cowin. Kinkaid introduced a bill to restore head, another five inches long across certain rights to settlers on the Fort his forehead, and his right hand was day afternoon for the purpose of ar-Randall military reservation in Boyd completely severed from his arm. ranging for the early appearance of county. The settlers not only had to pay for the lands, but also to comply with the homestead laws. Judge Kinthe federal grand jury in the Hast- kaid recommended the reappointment smallpox scare and a board of health, ings postoffice cases. Senator Diet- of L. H. Jewett as postmaster at Bro- just organized, sent out a number of

H. H. Aultes, a prominent Stanton

county farmer, died last week. The supreme court has decided that Both Senator Dietrich and General ex-Register of Deeds Holm did not Cowin insisted on the hearing being have to pay back money received as fived for the earliest practical date. fees for looking up the names of signpreferably at the beginning of special ers of saloon licenses, to see if they session of the United States district were freeholders. The court said: "A court, fixed for December 28. Assist- county officer is not required to acant District Attorney Rush was averse count for or pay over to his county to assuming the responsibility of fix- money received by him in payment ing the date in the absence of Sum- of services performed for another by mers. The matter was deferred private agreement which are no part of the duties of his office and which are not incompatible with, and are not mind,

A recent number of the University Vreeland (N. Y.) to provide for the al- of Chicago paper conveys the infor-Northwestern debate for the cham-Mr. Hearst (N. Y.) introduced a pionship of the Western Debate and this year went to the Chicago his training in debate.

The furniture and light fixtures for the new Carnegie library bullding at NEW YORK-It has been learned, Beatrice have not crrived, although

> made the date all right, but the sheriff caught him at Fairbury and he will be taken to Elmwood for trial.

Word reached Aurora that Carl Klump, the 22-yearold son of former County Treasurer Tom Klumb, had three miles northeast of Stockhain, county awarded the contract to draw He was returning from a hunting trip plans and specifications for the new clusion of an alliance between China and an accidental discharge of his \$85,000 court house to Fisher & Law- navy department Thursday night, the shot gun nearly tore off his head.

rie, architects, Omaha. The suit against the Bartley bondsmen, which was decided by the dis-MILWAUKEE, Wis .- A special from trict court of Douglas county against from his wounds.

FOR LAND FRAUDS

WAR ON COYOTES.

Club Organized in Custer County to

Exterminate Them.

CALLAWAY-A move is on foot to

organize a county coyote club in this

ounty, each precinct in the county

to have a club of its own, and all to

work to gether over the county. For

many months the coyotes have been

raiding the chicken yards, the pig

pens, and in several instances have

killed and devoured sheep and calves,

ral round-up will be made with the

letermination of exterminating these

posts. The animals are more numer

up during the entire night.

oles can be captured and killed,

WOMAN KILLED BY CARS.

Buggy Struck by B. & M. Passenger

Train.

AURORA-A terrible accident oc

surred at the city limits of Aurora.

Mrs. Alex Wilson and Misa Erhel, her

daughter, 19 years of age, whose home

s four miles southwest of Autora.

were on their way to the city to do

by B. & M. passenger train No. 42

house. Mrs. Wilson's neck was brok-

daughter received serious injuries, in

cluding a broken leg and bruised head,

thought she will recover. The horse

they were driving was instantly kill-

was stopped. The supposition is that

For Primary Teachers.

supervisor of primary work. Omaha

public schools, to be present and ad-

graduated from the state normal

so successfully, that of training and

fitting prospective and beginning

Boy Hurt by Cars.

NEHAWKA-Claude Johnson, a boy

the side of a freight car while switch

ed off by the cattle chute and a cou-

Has Smallpex Scare.

puarantine cards.

GENEVA-This county is having a

Adjudged Insane.

wenty-seven, of Kirkwood precinct

was brought before the insanity board

here and adjudged of unsound mind

He was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff

Smith. Mr. Gordon disappeared last

number for several months, and

hough strict search was made by

relatives, he could not be found. In

August he reappeared at his old

home. Hopes are entertained that

Prizes to Be Given.

Two prizes aggregating \$60 will be

given to Nebraska debaters this year

f they win from Kansas and Wash-

inton universities. Chancellor An-

drews has offered a prize of \$30 for

The prize will be shared equally by

the speakers. To the other team if

t wins will go a prize of \$50, also

shared equally, known as the "uni-

versity prize." Where this prize

comes from has not yet been given

Killed by a Fall.

LINWOOD-A serious accident oc-

curred one mile east of here whereby

Joseph Polifka, aged 28, lost his life,

He has been working for L. C. Sed-

licky for two years. They were haul-

ing hay. Sedlicky being about twenty

rods ahead of him on another load.

Select Omaha Architects.

Boy's Injuries Fatal.

WAHOO-The report of the board

medical treatment will restore his

BASSETT-John L. Gordon, aged

The primary teachers of the state

ome trading when they were struck

REPUTED HEAD OF CONSPIRACY TAKEN IN CHARGE.

OPERATED ON A LARGE SCALE

John A. Benson of San Francisco Accused of Bribing Officers of the Government on His Present Trip to the National Capital.

WASHINGTON-John A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, charged by the Interior department with being the head of the allogand it is proposed that these clubs be ed land frauds extending over a numorganized and on a certain day each ber of western states and territories, week during the winter months a gen- to which Secretary Hitchcock referred vigorously and at length in his annual report, was arrested here at the Wilhard hotel by Secret Service Officer ous than they have been for years, John A. Burns just as he was preparand as there is now no bounty on ing to leave the city for New York,

them, but little effort has been made : The charge on which the arrest was to kill them off. Their hideous how! made was bribery, it being alleged in the affidavit of Mr. Burns and in the may be heard in every direction as soon as the sun goes down, and is kept warrant that Benson had paid \$500 to Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the gen-The move has been started for the organization of the clubs and it is eral land office and now a cierk in that thought that by each precinct having office, on Murch 15th of this year, for an organization of its own, and elect- the purpose of extracting from bits ining its officers and helding regular formation regarding the investigation werely round ups, hundreds of coy of his operations at that time being made by the land office

The warrant was issued by United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor, and as soon as Benson had been apprehended by Officer Burns he was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have a preliminary hearing of his case postponed and the date for such hearing was fixed for December 30th. He gave bail for his appearance on that date, when the government attorneys will ask to have him held for the grand jury.

A statement was made by an officer of the government that the information obtained in regard to the alleged conspiracy implicates a number of persons at present employed in the Interion department at Washington and

Numerous arrests are expected tofollow that of Benson, in short order and some employes who may not be arrested will be dismissed from the service. It is said that Secretary Hitchcock and the special attorneys in the case have considered it absolutely necessary to the working out of the case that no action be taken with reuntil it was too late. The husband | ference to the other alleged offenders until the principals in the case had been apprehended.

The government attorneys, Mr. Arthur B. Puch, who has been the special attorney for the Interior department. on the land frauds, and Mr. Oliver Pagin, assistant attorney of the Department of Justice, who has also been employed on the case, stated in asking for a large ball bond for Benson that he had been guilty of bribery during his present visit to Washington, since last Monday; and in the Interior department itself, notwithstanding that he was aware that his connection with the alleged frauds was fully known by the Interior department.

The statement was made later that Secretary Hitchcock was so incensed at the flagrancy of this offense that he told the officers to have Benson arrested at once, although it had not been planned to have him arrested at this

CONDITIONS ARE COMPLICATED.

Navy Department is Not Giving Out Information. WASHINGTON-After a conference between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of

navigation, and Brigadier General George Elliott, commander of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the isthmus of Panama continue, General Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixie from Philadelphia when that vessel goes south with the new battalion of marines. which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the Istamus. The Dixle is now on her way

porth for this purpose. General Elliott has been anxious for some days to be given a field command and it is the present intention of the officials to grant his request.

Three Schooners go Ashore.

ST. JOHNS.-During a fierce blizzard on Sunday the schooner Susan was driven ashore off St. Johns. Its. crew, after twelve hours in an open boat, made port this morning badly frost bitten. The schooner Mary Ellen went ashore at Trepassay. The crew clung to the rocks all night and suffered terribly from exposure. The schooner Fashoda went ashore at Green's pond. The crew escaped. It is feared that the schooner Dictator has foundered with its crew.

Not to Employ Russians. LONDON-The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says that the Korean foreign office denies the reported agreement to employ Russian officers in the Korean army.

Revising the Land Laws.

WASHINGTON-The commission on public lands, recently appointed by President Roosevolt to report on the condition, operation and effect of the present land laws, and of the use, disposal and settlement of the public lands, held its first meeting Thursto the wagon. Politka was lying be- Newell, chief hydrographer of the geside the hay dead, his skull crushed, ological survey.

Marines Find Good Camp.

WASHINGTON-In a cablegram shot and instantly killed himself about of county commissioners of Saunders from Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the naval force in Atlantic-Isthmian waters, which reached the landing of the battalion of marines from the Prairie at Grogon is reported. The battalion will go into camp BLAIR-Gifford Tucker, the 12-year | at that place the medical officers hav-