THE INDIAN RELIGIOUS CRAZE

A Young Lady Teacher in South Dakota Writes a Graphic Account.

THEY CAN THINK OF NOTHING ELSE.

All Work Abandoned and the School Attendance Lessened—Sitting Bull the Guiding Spirit in the Whole Affair.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Miss Lizzie Goodin, a Des Moines young lady who occupies a position in an Indian school on the Cheyenne river agency reservation located at Fort Bennett, South Dakota, in a letter to a friend in this city gives a graphic and interesting account of the spread of the religious craze which within the past twelve months has taken possession of the Indian tribes of the northwest and to which the Indians on the southwest reservations are rapidly becoming converts. Miss Goodin says that the belief that an Almighty Messiah will soon appear and deliver the continent to the Indians, sending the whites back across the seas, and restoring the conditions which existed when the Mayflower landed pervades all the northern tribes. It is the all absorbing theme. The Indians talk of nothing else—think of nothing else. The Indians, almost without a single exception, believe the story of the appearance of the Messiah to Sitting Bull, the prophet and apostle of the first religious revelation an American Indian has ever professed. "Sitting Bull" is a great chief and "medicine man" and is all powerful among some of the tribes. They believe in his power and his influence upon them is astonishing and he maintains it by a species of mesmerism easily calculated to inspire them with awe. Miss Goodin says the Cheyenne river Indians have all gone wild or crazy of late over this religious craze. One of them recently claimed to have been in a trance and seen the Holy Ghost and conversed with Him and that it was revealed to him (the Indian) that the Messiah was soon coming to wipe out all the white people from the face of the earth, and replenish the country with forests and wild game. The result of this fanaticism is that the Indian's don't want to go to school, to work or do anything but dance the new "Spirit dance," which they have recently instituted. They have been dancing now for more than a month, day and night, notwithstanding there are 550 soldiers and a large police force on the reservation to stop them.

Sitting Bull is a shrewd and cunning Indian. A Carlisle boy, who denounced the fraud and wished to investigate it for himself, appeared before him at one of the dances and asked him to exhibit his powers. Firstly, he has a number of songs entirely unknown to the Indians, which he says he learned at the dance he attended in the "spirit land." These he continuously chants. When the young man appeared before him he began singing and incidently seized him by his left foot. Immediately a sensation like an electric shock passed over him, and all the lights changed to a green or purple hue. Then Sitting Bull blew upon the crown of his naked head and he became cold. He asked the subject to put his arms about him, but on attempting to do so his arms flew back and drooped helpless at his side. All these experiments were made in the presence of the assembled Indians, and the effect upon their ignorant minds can be easily imagined. Undoubtedly Sitting Bull possesses mesmeric powers to some degree, and finds the Indians' minds a fertile field to work upon. He surrounds this power with the story of the Messiah and appeals to the Indian hatred of the white man to more easily influence them. The whole story originated with Sitting Bull, and the prophets of the north are but his apostles. They have not the power ascribed to him, and only arouse the Indians by the excitement of the dance and the story of the future which awaits then. Sitting Bull is a very ordinary looking man, a little below the medium in neighth and dresses in customary leggins and blankets. As a result of this excitement the Indians abandon their crops, and meet and discuss the subject the greater part of the time. The older Indians are fully convinced of the certainty of the prophecy, while the younger and more progressive accept it out of fear.

As yet there has been no evidence of an outbreak among the Indians. In fact Sitting Bull urges upon the Indians the necessity of being peaceable, saying Christ does not wish the Indians to kill the whites, for he will remove them across the ocean.

A Fuel Famine.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The local fuel dealers today have been unable to fill orders for wood and hard coal sent from smaller towns because, as they claim, the railroad companies have been giving more attention to the shipment of grain east than to bringing fuel west. There is but a limited supply at any of the towns on west or north lines for fifty to a hundred miles. The bins here do not contain enough to last three days, even should present fine weather continue, and in the event of cold weather many would be without fuel of any kind.

Scalped Tickets Are Good.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 13.—The supreme court has handed down a decision which settles the question of the validity of railroad tickets purchased of a ticket broker or scalper and the liability of the railroad company to accept such ticket when offered by and innocent purchaser. The supreme court reverses the decision of the lower court that the holder of such ticket could not recover, and holds that a return trip ticket used by a purchaser in going to a station named on it and then sold and transferred is valid in the hands of the holder.

Ex-Naval Officer Dead.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Nov. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Captain G. W. Fenton, formerly of the United States navy, died at his home in this city Monday night after a continued illness from heart disease. For a number of years he made this city his home and was among its most highly respected citizens. For several years he has been in the employ of the government on bridge construction, and at the time of his death was superintendent of construction of the government bridge being built across the Mississippi at Memphis, Tenn.

Notable Horse Sale.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 12.—The most prominent sale of trotting horses held in central Illinois for some time took place at the farm of Colonel J. V. Stryker near this city today. The sale aggregated $15,000. Eleven head of horses brought $10,840. Anthony A, a three-year-old bay, sired by Antonio, sold to J. B. Barnes of Springfield for $3,125.

After the Gamblers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—In accordance with the suggestions of Judge Tuley the grand jury today took up the matter of gambling and has so far returned thirty indictments against members of the fraternity in the city.

Re-Elected Despite the Prince.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Herr Von Boettischer has been re-elected chief burgomaster of Magdeburg in spite of the opposition of Prince Hohenlohe-Ingelfingen.

The Tolstoi Reforms a Failure.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Reports from the provinces indicate that the Tolstoi government reforms have proved a failure.

Twelve Persons Injured.

EDINBURG, Nov. 12.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—A collision took place yesterday near Georgia station, on the Edinburg suburban railway. Twelve persons were badly injured.

Ingalls will Fight for Re-election.

ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE].—It is announced tonight that Senator Ingalls will make a fight for re-election, notwithstanding the success of the farmers' alliance at the recent election. W. J. Buchan, the chairman of the republican state central committee, who was closeted with the senator at his residence all day yesterday, says positively that the senator will be re-elected. He reasons that as eight out of ten of the alliance members were formerly republicans they will vote for Ingalls. Buchan says Ingalls will get 75 votes on the first ballot, and the other 8 necessary to elect after a few ballots. Buchan says he will maintain the republican party organization and keep the office of the state central committee open until after the senatorial election.

STATE NEWS.

A Golden Wedding.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Nov. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A pleasant social event in this city last night was the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ayres, sr. Many friends from abroad were in attendance.

Wilber Votes for a Distillery.

WILBER, Neb., Nov. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Yesterday Wilber precinct voted $6,000 bonds to aid the Kentucky distillery company in erecting a sour mash distillery with a capacity of 200 bushels per day.

The contract has been let for rebuilding the brewery that was burned down here some two months ago.

Four Crooks at Large.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—Today four crooks who had been safely housed in the city jail, for several days gained freedom through an oversight of Marshal Ketchum. They were run in last week for stealing an overcoat and various articles of men's wear. Owing to a delay in filing the charge they were helped out on habeas corpus proceedings. Their names are James Henderson, Ed Stevens, James Foley and John Monahan. They started eastward.

The Alliance Work on Alleged Frauds

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The secret committee of the alliance is still at work getting affidavits of alleged frauds in the precincts and counties where Boyd polled heavy votes. Tonight the alliance leaders delare that there was not a legal vote cast in Norfolk and the returns of that city are to be thrown out entirely in the new count. It is claimed that there was not a single voter registered there this fall in accordance with the law, and consequently the 800 votes cast are illegal. In Beatrice and three neighboring precincts it is claimed that there were more aggregated votes for governor than any other official. The leaders here say that they have already commenced action to contest these returns. Saline county is to be tackled next, as there are thirteen more votes reported there for governor than there should be. It is alleged that in Omaha fifteen Swedes in one precinct made affidavits to having voted for Powers and yet only five votes appeared for Powers on the returns. The alliance people seem to mean business. They consider last night's jubilee at Omaha by the democaats as decidedly premature.

Equal Rights Convention at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—At the Nebraska Equal Rights convention today the following officers were elected: Mrs. Clara B. Colby, state president; Mrs. Smith Haworth, Chadron, vice president; Miss Mary Ripley, Kearney, recording secretary; Mrs. E. W. Demere, Roca, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. J. Eldridge, Lincoln, treasurer; Mrs. Jennnie F. Holmes, Tecumseh, chairman executive committee.

District presidents were chosen as follows: First district, Mrs. Lucinda Russell, Tecumseh; Second, Mrs. E. L. Warren, Roca; Third, Eleanor Daily, M. D., Omaha; Fourth, Mrs. W. F. Roseman, Fremont; Fifth, Mrs. G. McDowell, Fairbury; Sixth, Mrs. M. Todd, Milford; Seventh, Mrs. H. M. Abbott, Pender; Eighth, Mrs. V. M. Goff, Minden; Ninth, Mrs. F. M. Southard, St. Paul; Tenth, Mrs. Richardson, Going; Eleventh, Mrs. A. F. Pruitt, Arapahoe; Twelfth, Mrs. M. Carter, Kirkwood.

There were also selected the following superintendents of departments: Legislation, Jennie F. Holmes, Tecumseh; representation before influential bodies, Esther L. Warner, Rocca; social science, Mary A. Ripley, Kearney; education, Mrs. Theron Nye, Fremon; domestic, Mrs. A. W. Graves, Pender.

The afternoon was devoted to general business discussion of plans of work, etc. To-night Mr. Colby and Mrs. Isabel Bond of Dakota addressed a large audience.

THE SPEED RING.

Nashville Races.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 12.—Summary of today's races:

Two-year-olds, nine-sixteenths of a mile—Onlight won, Laura Doxey second, Katuna third. Time—59¾.

Three-year-olds and upward, fifteen-sixteenths of a mile—Little Crete won, St. Albans second, Labrador third. Time—1:40¾.

Three-year-olds and upward, five-eighths of a mile—Mark S won, Billy Parker second, Burt third. Time—1:07¾.

Three-year-olds and upward, three-fourths of a mile—Lady Blackburn won, Miss Mary second, Frank Shaw third. Time—1:18¾.

Three-year-olds and upward, eleven-sixteenths of a mile—Event won, Haramboure second, Red Fox third. Time—1:13¼.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions were granted today as follows to Nebraskans: Original—Thomas H. McClintock, Litchfield; Jacob J. Kelser, Morse Bluffs; William Anderson, Grand Island; Abram N. Welroth, Edgar, Reissue—Adam Wenzel, Dakota City. Increase—William D. Ferris, Republican City; Mitchell Fessier, Sutton; David M. Dennis, Battle Creek; John H. Smith, Cedar Rapids; Willis J. Peake, Middlebury; James M. Nelson, Trenton; Ashbel S. Isham, Chadron. Original widows, etc.—Elizabeth, mother of William C. Wagener, Bellwood; Ira B., father of William A. Blodgett, Litchfield; Francis C. Sisson, St. Edward.

Iowa: Original—Laroy Hallowell, Sumner; Michael Lessick, Prole; Arthur Patterson; Red Oak; Henry Bucher, Farlin; Curtis Knight, Ames; A. J. Parker, Corning; John Conway, Marshalltown; John Monk, Lenox; Jonathan Clark, Linden; Simon Gifford, St. Lucas; John S. Barnard, Weldon; Edgar E. Buell, Elma; George H. Cook, Pringhar; James Stuckel, Stone City; Martin L. Lenard, Des Moines; Alexander Junna, Indianola. Increase—Joshua Conard, Murray; William Saliner, Hawkeye; Robert Walthall, Corning; William Bennett, Leon; John H. Bengar, Rhodes; John Bennett, Leon; Harvey D. Vickers, Farmington; Andrew Macumber, Winterset; John Dutcher, Horner; Francis H. Thompson, Rock Rapids. Reissue—James P. Turker, Keokuk. Original widows, etc.—Elizabeth, widow of Constantin Hinkel, Muscatine; minor of Sebastian Schwendinger, Keokuk.

North Dakota: Joseph Redoute, Hampton.

South Dakota: Original—Franklin Walker, Clark. Inclease, special actw William Elmendorf, Rapid City. Reissue—Elmer Strickland, Bonilla.

Powderly Again.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 12.—In the Knights of Labor general assembly today congratulatory telegrams were received from various other bodies of organized labor and a delegation from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and delivered an address of welcome from the temperance standpoint. Various reports were read and committees were appointed. There is no talk yet of candidates, but it is the universal feeling that Powderly will be re-elected.

The McPherson County Vote.

MCPHERSON, Neb, Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Following is the vote of McPherson county: Richards 29, Boyd 7, Powers 13; Dorsey 30, Thompson 7, Kem 13. For prohibition 18, against 20; for high license 24, against 12. Senator Thirtieth district—Dougherty 32, Stevons 17. Representative Fifty-fourth district—McCandless 31, Purnell 13.

Hon. O. G. Campbell Killed.

OLATHE, Kan., Nov. 12.—Hon. D. G. Campbell, aged seventy, a prominent temperance lecturer of this state, was run over and killed by a train yesterday.

Hope for Consumptives.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—Prof. Koch's report on his consumption cure will appear at the end of the week in the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift.

The particulars were published today of a case of lupus of the face treated by Dr. Libbertz in Frankfort by Koch's method. The case is progressing satisfactorily. The first effect of the treatment was to cause the lupus ulcers to swell and discharge a serous liquid, after which scabs formed as in eruptive fevers. The doctor will renew the injection when the scabs fall.

Minister von Gossler has given 300,000 marks for the erection of a special hospital for the treatment of consumptives by the Koch method.

DEATH-DEALING MECHANISM.

General Benet Talks of the Necessity of Experiments with Guns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The annual report of General Benet, chief of the bureau of ordinance, shows that the bureau expended during the last year $2,289,920, leaving a credit in the treasury of $3,994,484. On the subject of smokeless powder General Benet says: "Though some astonishing results have been obtained in experiments abroad, it cannot yet be said with certainty that these new explosives will eventually supercede the present powders. The performances of Maxim (American) and Wetteren (Belgian) are fairly comparable with those claimed to be obtained abroad and it is hoped one of these can be developed into thoroughly satisfactory small arms powder."

With reference to the procurement of modern small bored rifles for the army, General Benet says the lack of sufficient quantity of suitable smokeless powder delays perfecting the 30-calibre barrel, but it will be complete by the time suitable magazine mechanism is selected. It seems peculiarly necessary, now that the change in the calibre is contemplated, that the present Springfield single loading system should be replaced, if possible, by an equally efficient magazine system. The board should be convened to select a suitable magazine mechanism after a full and free competition among all the best existing systems.

A Talk with Congressman Dorsey.

Hon. George W. E. Dorsey of Fremont and Jack McCall of Cozard passed through Omaha yesterday afternoon, on their way to Chicago.

"What do you think of the situation?" THE BEE reporter asked Mr. Dorsey.

"I believe," said the congressman from the Big Third, as an assumed expression of great satisfaction spread itself over his face, "that the price of corn is going to be very high and we farmers who have been lucky enough to raise a grood crop will strike it rich. With plenty of corn on hand and the price going up we are all right."

"But how about the politics of the country?"

"O, you want to talk politics. Well, I don't know anything about it. Since the fourth of this month I have been interested in opening up a large ranch. I have hunted up a pair of high topped boots I used to wear and have become a farmer."

"The price of corn is going to be high, isn't it? Yes, of course it is, and that suits me and all farmers like Jack McCall here and myself."

Mr. Dorsey was in excellent spirits and seemed to look upon the political cyclone as a monumental joke.

Erickson Will Recover.

F. A. Erickson, the motor conductor who fell from his train Tuesday morning, has recovered consciousness, but can throw no light on the strange accident. He says he was sick in the morning when he went to work, and felt very badly when he reached Hanscom park on his last run, but that is the last he remembers.

The attending physician is of the opinion that Erickson had a fainting spell and fell from the car. He has a badly contused scalp wound, and while his condition is serious it is believed that he will recover. His skull was not fractured as was feared at first. The wound was apparently caused by contact with the car step. Erickson was resting quite easy yesterday.

Dispensing with Inspectors.

At a special meeting of the board of public work, attended by Chairman Birkhauser and Mr. Furay a resolution offered by the latter and unanimously adopted reads:

Resolved, That in view of the near completion of most of the public work requiring supervision by inspectors, the chairman of this board be and hereby is authorized and instructed to suspend the services of all inspectors immediately upon the completion of their ability to further perform service for the city.

A number of final estimates were approved.

He Chose Death.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—The stockholders of the defunct Hall-Wells hardware company held a meeting yesterday and examined the books, finding a shortage of nearly $100,000. Shelby Jones, the treasurer of the concern was charged with the responsibility of the shortage. He denied it. Last night he suicided leaving a note that he could not stand the unjust accusations. The stockholders all say he was responsible.

Washed Overboard and Drowned.

FATHER POINT, Quebec, Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Captain Lindall, commander, and a quartermaster of the steamer Vancouver, which passed inward this morning from Liverpool, were washed overboard and drowned on Friday last. The vessel's bridge, chart room and decks were completely swept of everything. Tremendously rough weather was experienced during the voyage.

The Death Roll.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 12.—Judge Sandel, associate justice of the supreme court of Arkansas, died today. He was United States attorney of the Western district of Arkansas under Cleveland's administration.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 12.—The bishop of Rio de Janeiro is dead.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Dr. Harray, secretary of the Congregational union, is dead.

Met a Twister.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 12.—The steamer, Gussie, from Nicaragua, fears for the safety of which have been entertained arrived today in a battered condition. She reports a terrific hurricane delayed her. The town of Cape Gracios is a complete wreck, every house having been shattered by the wind.

A Deserted Baby.

At 11 o'clock last night some one left a fine baby boy about four days old at the doorway of Mrs. Hom's residence, Twenty-seventh and Caldwell streets. Whoever it was rapped vigorously on the door and then disappeared. In a basket with the baby was a quantity of clothing and $10.

Balfour Takes a Vacation.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Balfour has started for the west of England to take a short holiday, his doctors having advised him that a respite from business and a change of air would best aid him to recover from the fatigue resulting from his Irish tour.

Expressmen and the Lottery.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The board of managers of the Adams express company adopted a resolution making the postoffice department regulation as to the application of the anti-lottery law applicable to its employes.

Found Guilty.

SAN ANTONIA, Texas, Nov. 12.—Lieutenant Turner, adjutant of the eighteenth infantry, who embezzled the band funds has been found guilty and sentenced to dishonorable dismissal from the army.

Jumped the Track.

LEBANON, Pa., Nov. 12.—An evening passenger train on the Reading road jumped the track near Anville and went down an embankment. Seven persons were seriously but not fatally injured.

The Republican Wins.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Nov. 12.—Complete official returns of the Third congressional district gives Henderson (rep) a majority of 196 over Couch (dem).

Flour Mills Closing.

OPORTO, Nov. 12.—The flour mills here are closing in consequence of a decree prohibiting the importation of foreign wheat.

FROM THE HAWKEYE STATE.

A Movement on Foot for the Establishment of a Dairy School.

ITS LOCATION WILL BE AT AMES.

Governor Boies' Private Secretary Signs the Thanksgiving Proclamation Instead of the Secretary of State.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At the recent annual convention of Iowa dairymen at Fort Dodge the urgent need of a dairy school in Iowa was discussed, and as a result a committee was appointed to lay the matter before the trustees of the agricultural college at Ames and to insist upon the establishment of such a school at the college. The committee, consisting of Dairy Commissioner A. C. Tupper, J. W. Johnson, secretary of the Dairymen's association, and O. T. Denison of this city, president, met the trustees at the college yesterday. The trustees are ready and willing to do all in their power to at once put a school in operation from the funds provided by the late congressional appropriation, known as the "Morrill bill," which gives to each agricultural college in the states and territories the sum of $15,000 per year and an additional $1,000 each year until the sum amounts to $25,000 per year.

An Old Custom Changed.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Governor Boies has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation and the document is signed by Horace Boies as governor, and "C. D. Horn, private secretary." The usual custom has been for such proclamations to be signed by the governor and attested by the secretary of state. The present secretary of state is a republican, while the private secretary is a democrat, hence the change.

A Romantic Story.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 11.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A pretty story of romance in real life is told by a popular preacher of one of this city's churches. On Wednesday afternoon of last week a young man called on the minister and engaged him to go into the country to perform a marriage ceremony. They went, and as they neared the farm house where lived the prospective bride the outward signs of the anticipated event were plainly visible, and all things were evidently in readiness. The young man and minister were admitted by the young lady and ushered into the emidst of crowded parlors where the guests were assembled. But they were greeted with illdisguised astonishment and surprise, and evidently all was not as it was expected to be. The minister was called into a side room and the lady of the house informed him that the young man who accompanied him was not the expected future son-in-law. He was a former suitor of the daughter who had been frowned upon by the parents. Another preacher and the man they had chosen for their daughter were momentarially expected to arrive. The avoidance of a scene was desirable. Then the daughter, dressed in all her bridal finery, was called in, and declared she had resolved not to marry the man her parents had selected for her husband. She had accordingly sent for the man of her choice and he was on hand with a clergyman. There was no reason why the ceremony should be delayed. Then the other prospective bridegroom and another minister appeared on the scene. Matters were brought to a crisis, and a general council was held to arrive at a solution. The bride was determined and the parents wete insistent. Finally the ministers got together. The young man who was the choice of the parents was asked if he really loved the girl, and at once protested his undying affection. "Then," said the clergyman who had accompanied him, "if you really love her you must wish for her happiness. She wishes to marry the man of her choice, and it would seem to be your duty to allow her to do so." With poor, but becoming grace the rejected young man acquiesced, and the wedding festivities went gaily on, the vanquished lover sitting by and witnessing the union of his rival and the woman he had hoped to call his own.

An Ancient Mormon Cemetery.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 12. | [Special to THE BEE.]—About two miles from Talmage, Union county, Iowa, is an old Mormon cemetery, which is all that is left of the old Mormon settlement in 1846. Several hundred Mormons remained there during the latter part of that year and all of 1847. It was called Mount Pisgah, but was finally abandoned and the survivors pushed on to Salt Lake. But their dead were left and the graves remained unmarked until two years ago, when a plain monument about eight feet high was erected. It bears this inscription: "This monument erected in 1888 in memory of those members of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who died in 1846-47-48 during their exodus to seek a home beyond the Rocky mountains." Buried here is William Hartington, first presiding elder of the temporary settlement of Mount Pisgah. Then follow the names of sixty others, and it is said three hundred are buried there. But there is no surface sign of a single grave, all being grown over by hazel brush and grass. The little burying ground is on a hillside sloping to the west, overlooking the valley of a small stream, where cattle graze and flowers bloom in their season. The ground is enclosed by a wire fence and forms a portion of a farm.

The German Diet Opened.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The emperor opened the diet of Prussia today in a speech from the throne. His majesty said in view of the friendly relations of Prussia with all foreign states which relations have been further strengthened this year, the country he said could look forward with confidence to the further preservation of the peace.

The speech deals almost exclusively with home affairs and emphasizes the necessity for improving direct taxation. It says that the income tax bill will be submitted to the diet, which is intended to effect an equitable distribution of taxation by compelling all persons to make a declaration of the amount of their income. It is otherwise intended to organize a system of assessment taxation. It is calculated that by the extension of the legacy duty, combined with the repeal of the duty on small bequests, funded property may be brought more within the reach of taxation. The condition of the finances, the speech declares, does not demand any immediate augmenting of the revenue, while on the other hand, it will not permit any reduction in the receipts. Elementary education will be wholly free. The speech says that the development of the regulations affecting workingmen demands attention and that an increase in the number of suspensions and reorganization of the system of trade inspection is necessary. Emper William read his speech the in white hall. He was cheered on entering the hall and the reading of the speech was frequently interrupted by applause, the emperor's pacific declarations regarding Prussia's foreign relations being especially approved.

A Lincoln Man in Trouble.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—G. W. Johnson of Lincoln, Neb., who was arrested last night by a United States deputy marshal at Belvidere, Ill., charged with perjury in connection with a pension claim, was this morning brought before Commissioner Heyne and held in bail of $1,000. The prisoner will be given a reasonable time to procure bail and be taken back to Lincoln where he is under indictment.

The Director Resigns.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—M. Junge, director of the institute of husbandry, whose errors were the main cause of the students' riots, has resigned his office.

Circular From Gladstone.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—[Special cablegram to THE BEE.]—Mr. Gladstone, in a circular, urges his supporters to attend the opening of the coming session of parliament.

Persistent Incendiarism.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Another Dupont barn, the fourth within a year, was burned by incendiaries this morning. By these four fires the Duponts lost forty-two head of valuable horses and cattle and over $40,000 in other property. A reward of $3,000 for the discovery of the incendiaries has been standing for months. Matches were found about some of the powder mills one morning last summer, presumably placed there by the same vindictive hands.

THE VEXATIOUS LAW'S DELAY.

How it Prevents the Helfenstein Case from Coming to Trial.

In the United States court the morning session was taken up in consultation between forty or more attorneys for the defense in the Helfenstein cases and the attorneys for the plaintiff, concerning the signing for a stipulation allowing the latter to introduce certified copies of documents in evidence instead of the originals.

Pending the agreement the court adjourned until afternoon, when the attorneys again appeared and decided to consolidate 109 of the cases. The case against Byron Reed will be the first tried. This will be a test case up to the point where he parted with his portion of the land in dispute. The numerous attorneys for the numerous defendants have agreed that John D. Howe, William Baird, Judge G. B. Lake and E. R. Duffin act as counsel to conduct the case now on trial.

In opening, Judge Duffin said: "The thousands of Omaha citizens who claim title to this land know that in 1854 a small settlement was located where the flourishing city of Omaha now stands. At that time the land was not surveyed, but an organization was formed and this land divided up, some 2,000 acres. Robert Shields became the owner of ten of the lots or subdivisions, which he afterwards sold to one Beasman. He then went to Sarpy county, returning in 1857. On September 21 he repurchased from Mr. Beasman and filed his pre-emption on the land now in controversy. In November 1857 he proved up on this land, but in May of that year the city of Omaha claimed it and an entry was made for the benefit of the claimants who were residing thereon. The citizens filed a protest against the issuing of a patent to Mr. Shields.

In March, 1858, the general land office caused an investigation of the case, and on May 6 the contest was began and continued for a month. The result was that the commissioner directed that Shields' pre-emption entry should be cancelled. Parties who were interested appealed to the secretary of the interior, Jacob Thompson. He reviewed the case and decided on June 12, 1859, that Shields' entry was fraudulent and that the land should be restored to the dublic domain. The land was then offered for sale and the following year sold to E. B. Smith and a Mr. Morrell, who in turn sold to other parties, who for years occupied a quiet and undisturbed possession. This being the case, after the sale to Smith and Morrell, the government had no title to the premises.

"In 1861 Caleb Smith, a new secretary of the interior, took possession of the office, and looking over the musty records found these contest papers. Alone and without giving any notice, he reviewed the case and decided that all of the former decisions were wrong. He entered an order that the sale to Smith and Monell was wrong and that the patent should issue to Robert Shields on his pre-emption entry. He had no more right to do so than President Cleveland would have had to set aside the emancipation proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln.

"So much for that part of the case. Now let us look at the claims of Mr. Helfenstein. Three days after Shield is made his entry, Helfenstein, Gore & Co. of St. Louis commenced suit against Robert Shields. That suit went to judgment and in April, 1858, Helfenstein, Gore & Co., secured a judgment against Shields for the sum of $.,200.

"Helfenstein claims that an execution was issued and the land attached and sold, but we have no record of this, as an entry in the court journal shows that the execution was returned, endorsed "$65 collected." This might have been paid in cash.

"If the sheriff sale was made no sheriff deed was filed until June, 1863, nearly five years after the judgment was obtained. The sheriff who made the sale, if one was made, was out of office, but by a statute that was then in force the sheriff then in office might make the deed.

"An affidavit was made by Helfenstein's lawyer, and without notice to Shields to contest or offer other evidence, the court made the deed and it was spread upon the records of this county. This is the deed upon which Helfenstein vests his title to the land and lots that he is now trying to wrest from the public.

"Now after these lands have been subdivided and have been held by lawful purchasers for thirty-two years, this man comes in with his trumped-up sheriff's deed and asks that all of the property, worth millions of dollars, be given to him, simply because Robert Shield owed him $65 at one time.

"There is another defense and that is the statute of limitations. Shall we ask you, gentlemen of the jury, to turn out these men who have invested their money, paved streets and built their homes, while this man has sat quietly by, awaiting for this property to increase in value! But this is not all. In addition to wanting the land, this man Helfenstein even wants these home owners to pay him thousands of dollars of rents and profits."

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Judge Dundy concluded not to hear any testimony until this morning, when the prosecution will open by introducing a lot of documentary evidence.

The federal grand jury has returned indictments against the following parties who had been bound over to appear at this term: Neal Walters of Sparta, the postmaster who was charged with making false returns of stamps sold and cancelled; George E. Fox of Champion, a clerk in the postoffice, who was charged with opening letters and appropriating a draft for $50; Gottfried Siegenthaler of Friend, for sending obscene matter through the mails; "Dr." Harlowe Davis, the spiritualist, who, with his wife, was arrested for sending obscene and threatening letters through the mails.

Going After the Slave Owner.

A deputy marshal will go to the home of the Willifords in Fillmore county and when he returns he will not only bring Till, the colored boy, but old man Williford will also come along. The writ of habeas corpus was returnable yesterday, but Williford seems to ignore the mandate of Judge Dundy's court, as he has written a letter in which he states that owing to a shortage of crops he is unable to visit Omaha this fall. He also adds that if Till is wanted the court will have to send for him. It will be remembered that Williford is the man who is charged with violating the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

What an Independent Says.

One of the leading independents, in speaking of the meeting held at Gate City hall Tuesday night to consider the advisability of Powers instituting a contest, said: "The meeting was an informal affair and no person was responsible for its being held. We simply met, a few of us, and talked the situation over. We do not blame anyone for the light vote cast in Douglas county, only we say that a great many people lied to us about how they intended to vote. We know nothing about any contest and will not until we hear from the state executive committee."

Yardly Must Go.

Word has been received that extradition papers for John W. Yardley, the local prohibition worker and ex-Montreal embezzler, are on the way here from Washington. The case has been put into the hands of U. S. District Attorney Baker, who will file a Canadian complaint against Yardley. The defendent will be taken before the United States court today and then removed to the county jail to await the arrival of the long expected papers.

Yardley still maintains a bold front, and insists that he cannot be taken back to Montreal to answer for his crime.

Detective Bowman, of Chicago, who ran down the prisoner, is still in the city, facilitating the preparations for the extradition of Yardley, who is as yet confined in the city jail.

The Supporting Wires Broke.

The supporting wires on the South Eleventh street motor line broke last night at the Eleventh street viaduct and permitted the line wire to fall almost to the pavement. After two hours' hard work the wires were repaired and the trains moved off as usual.

Admission of Female Delegates.

The First Methodist church people voted last night upon the question of admitting women as delegates to the general conferences of the church. The vote stood 18 against and 32 for the admission of women.

Christol vs McMahon.

E. Temple, who is here prospecting in the interests of the Bostonian opera company of Boston, and P. B. Murphy of the Drum, this city, called at THE BEE office last night and deposited with the sporting editor $250 each, binding a Graeco-Roman wrestling between T. J. McMahon of Canada and Lucien Marc Christol of Paris, France, McMahon to throw Christol five times in one hour or forfeit the stakes and entire gate receipts. Christol on gaining the full hour shall be declared the winner. Christol is in the city and has been here for several days, preparing for a match with Sarakichi, the Jap, the two athletes having posted a forfeit some weeks since in Denver. Mr. Temple said he would have McMahon here in readiness for business on the night of the match, which has been fixed for next Wednesday night, either in private or public, which is to be hereafter decided upon. The following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed, Mr. Temple signing for McMahon:

Articles of agreement this 12th day of November entered into by and between T. J. McMahon, of the first part, and Marc Christol of the second part, for a Graeco-Roman wrestling match for $250 a side, to take place in Omaha within the next ten days, McMahon agreeing to throw Christol five times within one hour, Christol winning if he gains a fall in the hour. It is further agreed that the entire gate receipts shall be awarded to the winner, the referee to be mutually agreed upon on the evening of the match, S. G. V. Griswold to be the final stake-holder.

Witnesseth: L. M. CHRISTOL, S. G. V. GRISWOLD, T. J. MCMAHON, R. L. GREENE.

A Lost Boy.

Charles Nichols, a boy fourteen years old, who lives at Springfield, Neb., came to Omaha with his father and a delegation of democrats last Tuesday night to assist in the democratic jubilee. The boy got separated from his father and the friends who came with them, and he has not been seen since by any of the family or anyone who knew him in Springfield. The boy's father is becoming very much alarmed about his son's absence and he came to Omaha last night and had the police undertake to find the boy. The lad has dark hair and eyes and wore a brown suit of clothing and a soft hat.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

C. L. Mead of New York is at the Millard.

J. D. Brewer of Albion is at the Merchants.

James Kennard of Rico, Colo., is at the Murray.

T. Farrell of Portland, Ore., is at the Paxton.

W. F. Johnson of Chicago is a Millard guest.

T. McCarthy of San Francisco is at the Casey.

H. G. Mohn of Kansas City is at the Barker.

A. J. Snowden of Kearney is registered at the Casey.

A. J. Conlee of Beatrice is in the city, at the Casey.

J. M. Scott of Denuer was at the Paxoon last night.

Robert Sharp of Scotia is registered at the Merchants.

H. H. Day of Tekamah is in the city, at the Merchants.

T. J. McMahon of Syracuse, N. Y., is at the Barker.

H. R. Jackson of Lincoln is in the city, at the Barker.

A. L. Clarke of Hastings is in the city, at the Millard.

John H. Durbin of Cheyenne is in the city, at the Paxton.

C. W. Higgenson of Chicago is registered at the Paxton.

R. D. Jordan of Portland, Ore., was at the Casey last night.

R. C. Smith of Aurora was at the Merchants last night.

Dr. Leas of Chanron was in the city yesterday on business.

E. T. Ziegler of Cincinnati was at the Barker last night.

E. H. Way of Cleveland, O., was at the Millard last night.

C. E. Brown of New York is in the city, registered at the Murray.

N. O. Gentzke and August Kleine of West Point spent yesterday in Omaha seeing the sights.

C. M. Drake of Philadelphia was at the Murray last night. F. C. Fallett of St. Louis is in the city, at the Murray.

J. E. Hootz, a leading capitalist of Lincoln, accompanied by his wife and daughter and his sister, Mrs. Leming, passed through Omaha yesterday on the way to Chicago.

C. T. Boggs, president of the Lincoln national bank of Lincoln, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Unland, passed through Omaha yesterday going to Havana, Ill., where their father lies at the point of death.

Nebraska People Abroad.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 12.—P. Barton of Lincoln is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLinis of Fairbury are at the Chesterfield.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 12.—Miss Ameli a Boehl of the South Side has just returned to her home, after a pleasant visit of two months to relatives and friends in Omaha.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—G. T. Crandall of Omaha is at the Tremont. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nye of Fremont and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riley of Omaha are at the Palmer. F. G. Odell of Lincoln is at the Sherman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—L. D. Drake of Omaha is at the Coates. Mrs. Jerome Cullerton of Nebraska is visiting friends in Kausas City, Kan. Rev. Harnes left last night for Omaha to attenn the funeral of Rev. C. Helms, who died in that city Sunday.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 12.—R. B. Sutherland, division superintendent of the Union Pacific railway at Lincoln, and A. M. Berry, agent of the Union Pacific railway at Fairbury, Ne