

Mark M. Neeves was chosen chairman and Joseph Operfelder and L. B. Carey secretaries.

Chairman Neeves briefly stated the object of the convention and introduced William E. Smythe of Omaha as the first speaker, who predicted that the present tight for irrigation in Nebraska was destined to be crowned with speedy victory. He paid a tribute to the services of Governor Furnas and Prof. Hicks and described the which had been taken to steps the enactment of comprehensive necure which should be the joint laws. productive product of representative men appointed at McCook, Sidney and Ogallala. He then dwelt at considerable length on the manner in which capital will be enlisted in irrigation enterprises in this state, stating that the wholesale merchants and capitalists join

Omaha would doubtless with the people of western Nebraska to this end. Allusion was made to the pros-pect of securing the donation of 11,050,000 acres of public land by the government as i for reservoirs and water ways, and a fund for the encouragement of irrigation He outlined a systematic effort which will shortly be made to interest eastern mortgage holders in the development of lands in which they are already interested and closed with a prediction that the members of this convention would live to see the present desert blossom with the white rose of

prosperity. Judge J. E. Cochran of the Eleventh tudicial district of Nebraska next ad-dressed the convention. He sais this movement seems to have sprung up spontaneously and that the convention no conception of the interest now felt in it throughout the state. He described his cor-respondence with members of congress in relation to the donation of public lands to the several states and denounced the claims of caster men to the effect that congress had no righ to assist in such undertakings. He proceeded to instance the appropriation of millious of dollars for the purpose of draining various central and southern states and similar aid to various schemes for internal improvement. He said, emphatically, that Nebraska had the right to demand the donation of public lands and also a direct appropriation from the state government. He urged that, instead of ap-propriating millions to prevent the waters of the Mississippi and the Missouri from inun-dation the southern states it, would be far dating the southern states, it would be far wiser to make expenditures to provide for the use of the same water in irrigating the west ern states. He made a striking comparison between Colorado and Nebraska to illustrate the prosperity which might have existed in southwestern Nebraska the past year. He urged the necessity of wise state legislation that would protect the interests of both investors and patrons in irrigation enter-

Major Joseph S. Lehew, chairman of the McCook committee on drafting a law, said that the problem of western Nebraska was whether her people should use the agencies at her command or walk out of the country. He said the only ques-tion now was one of finances, as it had been proven the water supply was amply sufficient. He hoped the present wave of popular sentiment would be wisely directed to the accomplishment of great re-sults. He emphatically stated that the committee had no pet scheme in regard to the law

to be adopted, but desired to have it express the best judgment of all parties concerned. He and his associates were present to get the sentiment of the Sidney convention and would go to Ogallala to learn the desires of that convention and heartily co-operate with the committee they shall ap-point. The other members of the McCook mmittee. Meeker of Red Willow and Morse of Dundy spoke in a similar strain. W. E. Robbins of California, a man of much practical experience on works of irrigation, said ne had carefully investigated the soil and water supply of western Nebraska and predicted an immense prosperity if the present movement succeeds. He strongly favored mutual ditch companies and the con trol of waters by the state, predicting that conservative capital would readily invest in the securities of such companies. His com-parison of the condition of California and the possibilities of Nebraska was striking Hen Henry St. Rayner spoke cloquently of the future of the western half of the state, if it could get the assistance of capital in its de-velopment. He assured the convention that state and nation had an undoubted to extend its aid and strongly cated the enactment of laws right to deprecated the enactment of laws which would discourage the investment of outside capital in Nebraska. As a striking instance of the value of irrigation he de scribed the crop raised in Scotts Bluff county on twelve acres by George W. Fairfield and stated that it brought more money than one-third of the product of Cheyenne county in the same year.

named Wishard, who had finished serving a sentence of thirty days, was about to be set free. Before giving him his liberty he was theroughly searched, and neatiy folded within his necktie was discovered a note from Shepherd to his brother appealing to him to succure and deliver to him in some way a quantity of acid, "which will work well on iron, a steel saw and a small file." Wishard was held for a time longer to prevent any collusion which might aid in liberating the murderers

Lively Times at O'Neill. O'NERLI, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to Tue Bre.]-O'Neill has been full of strangers today. The county alliance held a

meeting at the court house. Representatives Henry and Mullen were present and conferred with the members. 'The Soldiers' and Saliers' association met

at the county judg'es office and arranged for the next annual reunion, which will be held in Atkinson the first week in August. A meeting of citizens was held tonight to take stops looking towards securing a can-ning factory for the town. Parties here have been in correspondence with a Sloux Falls firm that proposes to come if sufficient inducements are given. A committee, consisting of H. C. McEvony. Sanford Parker and W. D. Mathews, was ap pointed to look the matter up and report at a

# future meeting.

The Guards' Expenses. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special to THE BEE |-The military board of the Nebraska National guards, comprising General Colby, General Viiquain, Colonel Bills, Colonel Brett and Major Watson, today completed the auditing of the bills presented by the several regiments of militin in the Inte Indian war at Pine Ridge. The aggregate was about \$40,700, but this amount was reduced to \$40,nd figures, to keep within the ap-000 in rot propriation sought. It is not believed that any difficulty will be

experienced in passing the appropriation, be-cause the general government will sooner or later liquidate the claim, as it does all claims which arise in the suppression on the part of the state of all Indian outbreaks.

#### Wiebe Has Friends.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. |- Charles A. Wiebe, the dry goods merchant who failed last Thursday, confessed judgment today in sums aggregating \$18,000 in favor of various credi-St. tors, making his total liabilities \$54,000. His assets are about \$30,000. It is the general impression here that arrangements can be made with his creditors which will enable him to resume business. Mr. Wiebe is considered a good business. All, where is com-sidered a good business man, and is noted for his kindness and generosity. He has many warm personal friends, both in this city and throughout the state, who greatly deplore the mile forth we which here constants him. the misfortune which has overtaken him.

### Claims of the Trust.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE, | - Deputy United States Marahal Mercer was in the city today and served the papers of another suit, commenced by the distillery trust against George L. Woolsey of the Nebraska City distillery. The case was brought in the United States court in the name of Weston Arnold and asks for \$10,000 and the possession of two valuable blocks of lots, the property of the distill-ing company, which the trust claims. The matter is not considered of much importance by the distilling company and is regarded as only another effort to harrass them.

# Diseased Cattle.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to TWE BEE.]-A bunch of 300 Cherkee cattle belonging to Mike Lamb have got the mange among them. Such is the statement of J. E. Blackwell, a veterinarian procured from Omaha by several large cattle owners. They are the same bunch that was ield at the line between Greeley and Boone county, nine miles northwest of here, a week ago, and the deputy sheriff, on unwarranted statement, in a letter to Lincoln, said that hey had the Texas fever among them The attle are now kept in corral by the authorties

Dorsey for the Cabinet.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 7.-[Special to THE BEE.]-A petition has been circulated in Fremont and extensively signed, asking that

THE ATCHISON'S DILEMMA. It Must Either Leave the Association or Cancel Tickets.

CANADIAN LINES ARE OBSTINATE.

They Refuse to Meet American Rates as Proposed-Eastbound Rates are Still Manipulated-Railway Notes.

Curcado, Feb. 7 .- The Atchison road finds itself in a predicament as a result of the boycott against the Jacksonville & Southeastern by Chairman Finley of the Western passenger association. Under the agreement of the association the Atchison is bound to refuse to honor Jacksonville & Southeastern tickets. Under its traffic contract with that road it is bound to honor them. To extricate itself from the dilemma it must either withdraw from the association or cancel its contract with the Jacksonville & Southeastern. It is more likely to do the former and if it does a

passenger rate war is almost certain to ensue. Chairman Finley has not yet granted the request of the Alton for authority to make a cent rate on mileage tickets, hoping the Atchison would put a curb on its unruly whole matter was discussed at a ally. The meeting of the general passenger agents of the Peoria lines today, but without much re-sult. It was agreed, however, to withdraw all round-trip tickets between Springfield and Chicago by way of Peoria, taking effect Monday, the reason being the tickets are manipulated by scalpers. For some reason it was decided to make the Jacksonville rate. by way of Peoria, apply only on continuous

**Canadian Lines are Fighters.** 

Cuicago, Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The northwestern lines are considerably exercised over the apparent double dealing of their Canadian competitors. A month ago it was decided by the eastern connections of the Canadian lines that the rates should be the same to Paul from the seaboard via Canadian lines or via Chicago. The Canadian and "Soo" lines have issued tariffs raising to a basis beginning Monday to \$120 from New York to St. Paul-the same as the rate via Chicago-an advance of 15 cents a hundred over the present Canadian rate. The Chicago fines confidently expected this would be followed by another the agreed advance from Boston. tariff would be followed quoting the agreed advance from Boston. This advance has not been made and the Canada & Atlantic does not propose even to advance the New York rate. Under this

# state of affairs the advance from New York cannot be maintained and the Chicago lines will get none of the through business

to St. Paul on account of the 15c differential of the Canadian lines. The Chicago lines see no way to settle the matter except to fight it out, a process upon which the Canadian lines seem to thrive. Working Eastern Rates. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.-|Special Telegram to

THE BEE. |-Grain rates east bound are still manipulated to almost as large an extent as heretofore. The Lackawanna is accused of doing the largest share, . Traffic is now getting so scarce that the larger roads are feeling keeniy the effect of these manipulations and, during the com-ing week, will call a halt on their weaker sisters. The matter has been a subject of re-peated conference between the trank line and

central traffic officials. They declare the manipulation will cease next week, but they propose leaving the public in the dark as to the methods to be employed until they are successful.

## THE SALES SYSTEM. A Player is Sorry to See It Done

Away With. Cuicado, Feb. 7 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The first 'active player that has

spoken without reserve on the sales system since the recent agitation is Fielder James Ryan of Chicago. Speaking of Robinson's scheme to abolish the system altogether

farmer, was colled to the door of a school house, where he was attending a spelling match, knockepsidown and fatally stabbed by William Schneffer, a discharged em-ploye. Before libeing overcome McKee drew a knifed and fatally stabbed Schaeffer. Somasfer was accompanied by three other fellewas and the people are now searching for ithem with the intention of lynching them: wa

THE POPE ON EDUCATION.

Preparing a Long Letter to Cardinal Gibbons on the Subject.

ROME, Feb. Inished the pope has finished the ong and exhaustive study he has been making of the educational question in the United States and is apparing a letter to Cardinal Ginbons upon the subject of Archbishop Ireland's discourse. The pope is highly satisfied with Cardmal Gibbons' atatement and bases his reply upon the facts set forth in the cardinal's letter.

The pope has forbidden Catholic papers ommenting on the fall of Crispi and believes the ex-premier will return to power owing to

the influence of the areibund. During his recent visit to this city Count Herbert Bismarus dined with Dr. Kurd Von Schlozer, the representative of Prussia at the vatican, but Count Herbert was not received at the vatican.

M. Pieu, a member of the right party in the French champer of deputies, while at the vatican recently, was authorized to express to his colleagues the pope's sympathy for the policy of adhesion of that party to the re-

Cardinal Jaconini will probably be appointed papal nuncio at Lisbon.

French Tax on American Pork. PARIS, Feb. 7.- One of the members of the deputies today said he was satisfied that the chamber would adopt a tax of 12 francs per 100 kilos on American pork instead of the 10 france tariff urged by United States Minisor Reid. Ex-Minister of Commerce Harrison said

that a 12 france duty means exclusion; that the deputies are protection mad. Jules Ferry in an interview said the pro-tection spirit in the United States has ad-

vanced the cause of protection in France. The temper of the chamber and senate is more in favor of protection now than in 1880, when the existing tariff was adopted. H. Berger, director of the late exposition, said today that favorable action by France on the American invitation to the Chicago exposition is certain. The only difficulty is others. apathy of merchants and

McKinley tariff, according to Berger, has somewhat chilled the ardor of those who would be exhibitors, but he thinks the feelng is changing brother of the late Robert Ray Hamilton,

now in this city, has obtained the evidence of a man establishing the identity of the body found in Montana. He was personally ac-quainted with him, and states that there is to doubt that the body was that of Hamilton. International Copyright.

Loxpon, Feb. 7 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE, |-- In the house of commons vesterday, Sir Ropes Lethridge (conservative) asked if the government's attention had been called to the American copyright bill and the effect it would have upon the British printing and publishing houses, and whether the government would facilitate the introduction into the house, a measure which would exact similar conditions from the British conyright, with extension to all countries adhering to the Berne convention. William Henry Smith, government leader, said the copyright had been beforg the American congress for three years and it, was unnecessary to con-sider Sir Robes Lethbridge's suggestion, until the act had been passed, and the shape in which it had been passed has become known.

Cleansing the French Stage. LONDON, Feb. 7.-[Special Cablegram to

THE BEE. |- The brench police authorities are reported to have under contemplation some method of restraining the exuberance of stage performances. In one of the theaters the figurantes excepte farandoles over the tops of the orchestra stalls, and the tendency is to the almost absolute absence of attire on the part of the ballet girls., M. Bourgeols, the minister of public instruction, is inclined to a more rigorous weasorship of plays and apparently is resolved, that complete nasti-ness shall be debarred from the French stage. In this he, is sustained by a powerful religious sentiment, but his sustained by a powerful as sentiment, but his scruples are not

tive Topping this morning introduced in the Colorado legislature a resolution that the state of Colorado take no part in the world's Columbian exposition to be held in Chicago and urge the citizens of Colorado to divert WANTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER their trade so far as possible to some western city other than Chicago where some interest is manifested in the great industries of the

JOWA NEWS.

Died from the Shock. BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 7. - [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE, |-This community is the ribly shocked over the death of Colonel W. B. Culbertson, a prominent lawyer here, and the distressing accompaniments to the death scene. Mrs. Erastus Chamberlain, Mr. Culbertson's law partner's mother, was so affected by the death which she witnessed that she was overcome and expired in a few moments. Mrs. Henry Wyman, whose bus-band is now in New York, was present and was also overcome and is now dying.

## The Suprepre Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Peb. 7.- Special Tele-gram to THE BEL ]-The supreme court filed he following opinions today : E, B. Jessup vs. Chicago & Northwestern railway, appellant; Hamilton district; reversed

L. Small, administrator of the estate of J. O. Small, deceased vs. B. P. Wicks and Stephen Wicks, appellants; Clinton district; ffirmed

Leta May Lathrop vs. B. H. Doty, appellant; Calhoun district; reversed. First National bank of Marshalltown vs. A. W. Wright, appellant; Polk district; re-

versed. John and Elizabeth Rea vs. E. S. Jaffray c Co, appellants; Jasper district; modified

J. F. Smith vs W. P. Blackstone et al., appellants; Guthrie district; aftirmed. H. W. Gleason vs Chicago, Milwaukee & Paul railroad, appellant; Keokuk district;

affirmed J. Van Aken et al., appellants, vs E. Clark t al.: Johnson district: affirmed

George W. Parker vs D. H. Scott et al., apellants. Clinton district; affirmed. G. W. McLuen, appellart, vs district ownship of Bear Grove et al.; Guthrie dis-G. W. rict; dismissed.

## KOCH'S REMEDY.

An American Homeopaih Claims to Have Discovered it Long Ago. CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .- (Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-An afternoon paper says that the treatment of consumption by attenuated bacilli of the disease, exploited by Dr. Koch is not new, that in fact it was discovered years ago by J. A. Biegler, a homeopathic physician of Rochester, N. Y., and has since been known to that school of practitioners. The difference in the treatment is merely in the preparation of the medicine and the mode of idministering it. The paper goes on to give

the names of patients who were far gone in consumption who have recently been cured by the Biegler method. Doctor W. D. gentry, a prominent homeopathic physician of this city, was the practitioner in these cases. Speaking of them he said :

"I have used, in this treatment, what homeopaths know as tuberculinum. This mat-ter is made by taking an atom of tuberculous issue containing the vital principles of the poison and triturating this for a long time in sugar of milk. It is then reduced by adding more milk sugar and triturating to the 100th potency. That is all of it. It is then given by the mouth instead of, as Koch gives it, with a hypodermic syringe. The first knowledge I had of this remedy I got from an article by Dr. J. A. Biegler of Rochester, N. Y., who wrote of some experiments he made with it in tupercular meningitis in the London Organum, second volume, 1879, near-ly thirteen years ago, you see. Dr. Biegler

fully explained his experiments at that time, but, on account of the radical views of the liscoverer, the profession failed to grow enthusiastic on the subject. Since Koch exploited his theory of the treatment of tuber-culosis by attenuated bacilli of the disease, however, the profession has taken the old matter up with agility and will see to it that Biegler and not Koch shall have the credit. "I am preparing a paper now, showing the superiority of Biegier's method over Koca's and the development of the latter's system of preparation of lymph from Biegler's tuber-culium."

A CRUEL EXPERIMENT.

A Great Proposed Amalgamation.

of the Missouri Pacific and the Atchison sys-

isolidated or brought under the control o

a single operating company. The executive officers of the Southern Pacific system have

part in the work and it is trustworthily stated that Senator Stanford has given his support to the scheme. As yet none of the three interests is absolutely committed to the

proposition, but all have taken it up with a degree of earnestness that argues strongly in

favor of its adoption. If the programme o

gregate capital of these roads, par value, is \$465,218,000 and the present market value of

their shares is approximately \$146,725,000.

**Caught Between the Cars.** 

on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley

while working on an excavation yesterday.

Mr. Rourke was caught between two dump

cars on the tramway used to haul earth away

and horribly crushed. Both legs and several rios were broken. His sufferings were ter-rible. The unfortunate man leaves a wife

rible. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and eight children residing at Elgin, Ill.

coast and geodetic survey and one of the

clerks to Mr. Parsons, the disbursing officer,

has been discharged. Professor Menden-hall, chief of the survey, says the amount taken is only a few hundred dollars and that

has been made good. 'The cierk's name is

Snowslides in Colorado.

another point called Little River the road is

lockaded for 500 feet. Several small snow-

lides occurred at and near the Mickey Breen

The Death Roll.

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Long Jones Thinks He Can See Through a Millstone-His Views on the Senatorial Fight-A

A VARIETY OF ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

New Bank.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE BEE, } CHICAGO, Feb. 7. }

If the testimony of two interested parties and two large communities are worth any. thing there is another cure for consumption besides Koch's lymph, and if still another testimony at hand is worth anything, Dr. Koch's discovery was no discovery at all but a straight out appropriation of information derived from the eminent professor's rival

brethren, the homeopaths. Three months ago Paul Brattstrom, a coffee dealer living at 741 West Van Buren street, bod been consigned by twelve differcut doctors to a consumptive grave. Today he is a well man. Mrs. Cora Weidinger, a widow living at 2524 Wentworth avenue was brought from South Bend, Ind., on December 14 last on her bed. She could not even sit up to be moved. She was in the breaking down state of tuberculasis with a large, freely discharging cavity in the upper lobe of the left lung. Said her doctors the She weighed ninety-five pounds and intended to be buried in this city. Today she is going about everywhere. She has had no fever for weeks; is gaining steadily in flesh cats ravenously; has stopped coughing; spits up nothing; the hectic flush is gone, and though still not strong she is getting well as fast as it is possible for one to do. There are at least two other cases, equally as bad as these, available for investigation, but these two will do for the purpose of this article, which is intended to set forth the claim made by the homeopathic physicians in this city that tuberculasis is a curable disease; has been cured by homeonathic medicine for twelve years at least, and that the remedy is that from which Prof. Koch get his idea of attenuated tubercular bacilli for the treat-

ment of consumption "Wby," said Paul Brattstrom today, as he dragged a sack of coffee across the floor of his store, "I feel like a new man. I am as well over I was in my life," and the quordam consumptive gave himself a blow on the chest that would have done harm to an athlete.

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LONG JONES' EAGLE EYE.

The eagle eye of "Long" Jones, chairman of the republican central committee, who arrived in the city this morning from Springfield, perceives a tendency in the dark clouds which, since the assembling of the fillnois legislature, have lowered on the capital, to break.

"A senator will be elected ere the next two weeks shall have passed." he exclaimed in his room at the Grand Pacific hotel. And in his voice was the ring of a prophet.

"Palmer is no longer in the race I shan't say about Oglesby or Streeter. But you may have observed that, since the beginning both republicans and Farmers' Mutual Benefit association have worked together and-well, if they should work together on a certain candidate they could elect him, couldn't they! Well, I make this prediction : The republicans will vote for the next United States senator. Who he is, I'll not say."

THE BUREAU OF PROMOTION.

Premoter General Handy of the world's fair today issued his first monthly report of progress of the bureau of promotion. The department will mail 250,000 documents per month henceforth. About three thousand mail packages will have to be mailed and add daily the year round. Communications with 10,000 daily and weekly papers and 3,000 trade papers in this country have been estab-lished. Arrangements have been made to send daily and weekly matter to these papers, also, signed articles by the chief executive officials. Considerable attention is being given to counteracting the prevailing errone-

ous opinious in Europe. A NEW BANK.

Another new bank is to be started in Chi-

A WELL CLOTHED TRAMP.

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found

H. M. Rodgers, the Would-be Suicide, Makes a Confession to the Police. west.

HE IS ALSO A HORSE THIEF AND FORGER.

The Young Man's Attempt to Dodge His Record by Self-Destruction Leads to Some Startling

Disclosures,

H. M. Rodgers, a young man who at tempted suicide Friday night by taking a dose of chloroform, is now in the city jail, and according to his own confession is impli

cated in crimes enough to send him to the penitentiary for a life time. About a week ago Rodgers came to Omaha

nd secured a situation as solicitor for the United States Mutual hfe insurance company, but he was caught a few days ago in some dishonest transactions, and Mr. Kerr, the local agent for the company, was informed by the general agent at Chicago that Rodgers was a scoundrel and that he should have nothing to do with him.

Rodgers was promptly discharged and it went hard with him. He was rooming at the residence of Mrs. Pickering, 1704 Capitol avenue. Friday evening, after being discharged, he went to a drug store and procured two ounces of chlorform. He then went back to his room and retired. Yesterday forenoon he was found by Mrs. Pickertossing on his bed in an un dition. A physician was called and by the prompt use of the stomach pump Rodgers was rescued from the grasp of the grim reaper, who was about to gather him in. Mts. Pickering and Mrs. Breen, with whom Rodgers was boarding, discovered soon after the young man had been rescued from the effects of the poison, that he had paid them in bogus orders upon the insurance company for which he was working. Three letters were also found in his room, one addressed to

inder the terrible weight that he was a fugitive from justice. In place there is \$1,000 reward offered for orse stealing.

Mrs. Breen one to Mrs. Pickering and one to Mr. Kerr, his former employer. In these letters the young man said he was tired of life, and that he could not sleep or rest pressed upon him. He stated in these letters one his arrest, and in another place he is wanted for The young man was permitted to leave the

house, however, when he recovered and the letters were taken to Mr. Kerr, his former employer. After looking the letters over Mr. Kerr decided to give them to the police. When he reached the station the officers had read the account of Rodger's attempted suicide in THE BEE, and Detective Ellis was about to go after the young man. He at once started out to find him and soon discovered Rodgers on Dodge street. The young man made a verbal con-fession to Ellis of all that he had stated in the letters written before he took the poison. He would not say where the crime was committed for which \$1,000 is offered for his arrest, but said that it was for manslaughter. He is charged with assisting in an attempt to produce a criminal operation upon a young lady. She died in her room he and the other young man impli-fied. He left his valise umbrella in the room where dead girl was found next moreing. She died in her room and implicated and 144 This crime, he says, was committed in 1887, since that time he has lost his left h and

A few days after the young lady died he was rrested and taken back to face the punishment, but by the assistance of his brothers he broke fail and escaped. Sheriff Mallon of Fremont happened to be at the city jail last night looking after some other matters, and the moment he saw Rodgers he recognized him as the voung man who broke jail at Fremont two weeks ago and who broke jail at Fremont two weeks ago and is wanted at O'Neill, Neb., for stealing a team of horses and a wagon. Rodgers stole this team near O'Neill and drove twenty miles down the road toward Norfolk, where he tried to sell the horses. Failing in this, he left the team and beat his way on freight trains to Fremont, where he was arrested and held until Sheriff McEvoney of Holt county came after him. Bodgers was placed county came after him. Rodgers was placed

in the calaboose at Fremont two weeks ago last Friday night, and the next morning when Sheriff McEvoney called for his prisoner to take

A Claim That the German's Discovery is not Original.

KOCH'S RIVAL IN CHICAGO

Mr. R. H. Lawrence, a civil engineer from Omaha, described the results of his investigations in western Nebraska and assured the onvention that irrigation was entirely practicable.

Albert Frame, county commissioner, and Joseph Heberl, president of the farmers' alliance, made carnest speeches in support of the movement.

The committee on resolutions, of which Hon. Heary St. Rayner was chairman, reported the following, which were adopted : Whereas, We are thoroughly convinced that the western half of Nebraska requires irriga-tion to assist its rich soil and superb climate

tion to assist its rich soil and superb climate in producing successful agriculture; therere be it

Resolved, by this convention, representing the remote western counties, That it hereby urges the legislature to speedily enact com-prehensive irrigation laws of a similar char-acter to those of Wyoming and Colorado and providing for the appointment of an expert state engineer and the division of the state into water districts. It is further

Resolved, That that we reiterate our faith in the grand future of this state and that we cordially invite the co-operation of both for sign and domestic capital in its development. It is further

Resolved. That we urge the legislature to memorialize congress in favor of the bill pro-yiding for the donation of the public lands to resolved, That we memorialize the legisla-

ture to make an appropriation to assist in the beginning of irrigation enterprises. The following additional resolution was

offered by L. B. Carey, editor of the Sidney Telegraph, and was adopted with cheers. Resolved, That this convention extends its thanks to The OMAHA BEE for its valiant

services rendered for the promotion of irriga-tion in Nebraska. - A resolution of thanks was also adopted

with reference to the speakers from abroad. The convention elected as its representatives to draft irrigation laws for presentation to the logislature, Messrs. Carey, Rayner and Smythe.

#### Organized Again.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 7.- (Special to THE BEE.]-Under the recent act of the legislature, the Nebraska Relief association will be reorganized, Speaker Elder of the house and Mr. Hartly, the disbursing agent of the alliance, having become members, the forme

A new purchasing committee will be ap-pointed, and possibly new officers be elected. The first meeting of the new board will be held either next Monday or Tuesday.

#### A Murderer's Appeal.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 7.- Special to The BEE. |-Sheriff Mallon last night detected a plot of Charles Shepherd, who with Christian Furst is confined in the Dodge county jail, awaiting the carrying out of a sentence of death for the murder of Carl Pulsifer, to es-cape from the jail which is to hold him until he goes forth to the scaffold. A prisoner

Congressman Dorsey be appointed to fill the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of the late Secretary Windom. Many of his fellow citizens believe that his experience in financial affairs and his two years' service a chairman of the house committee on banking and currency fit him for the duties of secre-tary of the treasury. The petition has been forwarded to President Harrison.

#### An Irrigation Committee.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Feb. 7 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-A call was made today for a special meeting of the supervisors of Sherman county on February 11 to issue \$15,000 bonds voted to the Loup City canal water power and improvement company, to aid in constructing a canal for irrigating and water power purposes beginning at or near the north line of Sherman county and terminating just east of Loup City.

#### Fire in Benedict.

BENEDICT, Neb., Feb. 7.- [Special to THE BEE. |-The fine residence of John Dalgreen seven miles northwest from Benedict, burned o the ground last night at about 6 o'clock and left the family homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, with \$1,000 insurance. By the help of the neighbors the household goods in the lower story were saved, but all the furniture and bedding was lost. The cause of the fire was a defective flue.

# Harvesting Ice.

FREMOST, Neb., Feb. 7 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-All fears of an ice famine here have now been quieted. The cold snap of the present week has been sufficient to provide in abundant supply and every available man and team in the city is now engaged in cutting the cold crystal blocks and storing them away for next summer. It is a blessing to aboring men who need work.

# Illinois Legislative Absentees.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 7 .- Among the bills ntroduced in the senate today was one prohibiting pool selling and book-making within the limits of the state. The full democratic membership was present in both houses, but there were only two republican senators preent and only about one-fifth the members of he house. In view of this Carmody the the house. In view of this Carmody (dem.) of Cook introduced in the house a res dution setting forth that the members wh are unnecessarily absent or refuse to vote upon important questions, shall not be enti-tled to compensation at such times. The reslution was referred to a committee.

In the joint session today the legislature took several ballots for United States senator, but as no quorum was present adjournnent was taken until Monday

### Fitzsimmons is Challenged.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Barney Allen, the famous Australian bookmaker tonight issued a formal challenge in behalf of Jim Hall for a fight with Bob Fitzsimmons for \$10,000 a side, Queensberry rules, before any recognized athletic club that may be agreed upon. In support of the challenge \$1,000 has been de-posited with a Chicago paper. Fitzsimmons will arrive in Chicago tomorrow

## After the Train Robbers.

TULARE, Cal., Feb. 7 .- Sheriff Kay this morning sent a posse on the trail of the Alila train robbers. It is thought there are three of them. The sheriff left here on a special train for Huron, Fresno county, to head them off. The officers are nopeful of capturing the robbers, though they had ten hours' start.

# Collector of Customs for Dakota

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. - The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Nelson E. Net son as collector of customs for the dis trict of North and South Dakota.

#### A Heavy Loss.

READING, Pa., Feb. 7 .- The loss on Stern berg & Sons' bolt and nut factory, which burned last night, is placed at \$300,000; insurance, \$175,000.

ong the clubs of the National league, Rya said this morning: # "In my opinion the sales system was and is a good thing for ball players.

for one, am sorry to see it go. A player is the last man in the world that should object I do not know of any instan in which a man was not benefited immensely by being sold. White, Hunlon, Dunlap, Clarkson, Kelly and any number of ball players have improved their finances by being cold. Dunlap espec-ally. In every instance he received an in crease in salary and also took a share of the

crease in salary and also took a share of the money paid for his release. Kelly was re-ceiving &2,500 salary when he was with Chicago and when he went to Boston this was just doubled—he signed for \$5,000 a year. Clarkson's pay was also in creased and so was that others. In fact, yo can't show me a single instance in which a player has not been greatly fited by being sold. The bene system was a good system for league players and it is the salvation of inor leagues. It helps to save clubs from failure and it acts as a big advertisement for young and unknown men who come from minor leagues into the major leagues."

# COOPER CAPERS.

A Local Preacher Brings Grief on Himself and Friends. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 7.- [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. ]-Rev. George W. Cooper Wolf, Stacyville; Michael C. Prier, New London; Horace B. Crouch, Boone; Calvin of Wapwallopen, a local preacher, was arrested at the Lehigh Valley railroad station Butler, Rodney; Benjamin F. Johnson, Fairfield (navy); James M. Barr, Waukeen; Jerre B. Freeburn, Atlantic: William Rider, this afternoon on a charge of forgery. A short time ago he gave up his minis-Montrose; George D. Rettigill, Jefferson; Martin V. B. Sigger, Carrolltown; Edward H. Squaires, Lohrville; Arthur L. Burt, terial calling and secured an agency from Davidow Brothers, jewelers this city. In payment for the Fulton; John T. Robinson, New Al bion; L. Utz, Marshalltown; Henry S. Guluck, Marion; Georgo Bron bard, Collins; William Bates, Lansing Garretson C. Walker, Missouri Valley goods be received, he gave the firm two \$200 and the other for \$300. When they fell tue it was discovered that the notes forgeries. A warrant was sworn out for Cooper and he was arrested just as he was stepping on the train. He was to have been married this week to an estimable lady of Pickett, Lebanon; William Jamison, Albia; Hiram Fairbrother, Waterloo; Harry Cole, Clarion; George S. Jowash, Robertson; Al-

this city.

# The Situation at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 7.-The members of the general assembly of both political parties have negly all left the city tonight Whether all will return before Tuesday is a matter of doubt. The Farmers' Mutual Benefit association representatives say there are no new developments in the senatorial Cockrell thinks the republicans matter. will not give a favorable answer the proposition regarding Street Moore and Steele, and says h Streetor his party will never support Palmer, Oglesby of any recognized old school democrat or repub Regarding the reports that any me lican.

bers of their organization in different parts of the country have been urging them to support either Paimer or Oglesby, Mr. Moore to-night said such recommendations were very few. President Hall of the Missouri alliance expressed a preference for Palmer and the representatives were led to believe that he been requested to do so by Presiden of the national alliance. Cockrel to Mr. Polk and has received an em Polk wrote phatic denial, the national president saying that he will never compromise on principles

#### in any way. John Sailed Alone.

New Yonk, Feb. 7.-John Montgomery Ward, the famous short stop, sailed for Europe this afternoon on the Cunard steamship, Umbria. Baseball and theatrical circles were much excited last night when the news leaked out that only John would cross the briny ocean. This was occasioned by a rumor that he was about to join his wife, Helen Dauvray, the actress, in London and forever heal the domestic complication which now and then has been talked of in the newspapers.

# Cold-Blooded Murder in Missouri.

HEALDSVILLE, Mo., Fob. 7.-There is much excitement in this (Clark) county over a cold-blooded murder committed last night near here. Lloyd McKee, a prosperous tialty insured.

popular with the large majority of theatergoers. A Dynamite Discovery.

workmen who have recently been discharged

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions

to THE BEE. |-Pensions were granted to-

day to the following Nebraskans: Original

R. Osborn, Omaha: John F. Duncan, Daven-

port; Henry M. Brooks, Seward; Phil R

Hildebrand, Hartington; James T. Wood-

ward, Tekamah; John W. Berry, Gibbon;

-Joseph A. Mall, Hebron ; James J. Spencer

Kearney; Albert Woodruff, Stanford. Original widows, etc.-Susan, widow of James G. Waits, Seward; miners of J. Kia-

(navy); William Wilson, Red Oak, erease-John T. Ruddle, Frederick; Ja

Clarion; George S. Jowash, Robertson; Al-bert D. Coleman, Cedar; Nathan Parish, Warathan; John B. Ritzman, Burlington; William B. Walker, Newton; George A. Baker, Selma; Henry C. Betty, Rnodes; Jo-seph Maniey, Pringhar. Original widows, etc.-Lucinda, widow of Ephraim Keller, Greene: Sarah E.; widow of William L. Teets, Grandview(navy); Eliza S., widow of Joseph D. Page, Bigourney (navy); Susie, widow of William W. LeVatley, Sheffield;

widow of William & LeVatley, Sheffield Phoebe A., widow of Charles E. Provost

Glenwood; Margaret L., widow of Francis M. Crane, Eddyyllet Nancy L., widow of Francis M. Thourson, VanWort.

South Dakota: Orginal-John P. Brehl, Faulkton; Elishard, Contes, Yankton. In-

Max Yet Meet.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A more dissatisfied and un-

happy lot of sports it would be hard to find

crease-Raper Elisworth, Castalia.

Increas

Peter

Henry

In

Joseph S. Tarner, :Crab Orchard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.- Special Telegram

a reward.

morning catled for prisoner him to O'Neill Rodgers had departed, leaving no token or memento behind excepting the hole through which he escaped. A re-LEEDS, Feb. 7 .- Special Cablegram to THE BEE. ]-A tin box containing dynamite ward of \$50 was offered by the sheriff of Holt ounty for Rodgers' arrest. Rodgers is twenty-one years old, of medium was discovered today concealed in the gas works of this city. It is supposed that the

size and a bright, energetic looking young man. He is of dark complexion and wears dynamite was placed where it was found by short burnside whiskers that come about to from the gas works. The police are investi-gating the outrage. The company has offered the bottom of his ears. His left hand is off est above the wrist.

Rodgers is a clever imitator of different styles of penmanship. In the forged orders given to Mrs. Breen and to Mrs. Pickering the initated Mr. Kerr's hand so perfectly that Kerr said when he saw them that had they been copies of notes or letters that he had written he would have sworn the writ--Navy, John Condon, South Omaha: John ing was his own. Rodgers was seen last night at the city jail

by a reporter for The BEE. He talked freely, but would not divulge his real name or the name of the place where his greatest crime was committed. He said: "I will not tell you now my real name. Everything has gone wrong with me, and it would be better for I were dead. I am innocent of the crime for which I am hunted, but there is no way

by which I can prove my innocence. ' "Have you kept company with the young indy whom you are charged with having murdered!" "Yes. We were very intimate, but 1 sey, Table Rock: navy. Mary J. widow of Franklin S. Batcheldor, Sartoria. Franklin S. Batcheldor, Sartoria. Iowa: Original-George A. Campbell Bagley; John Halibarger, Merrimac; John Waters, Linegrore; Joseph Noland, Pan ther; Albert T. Edwards, Vinton; Peter

swear to you now that I was not the cause of her death. I went and purchased some chloroform for her the evening she died, and was seen leaving her room that night, but I am innocent of the crime.

"Who is the guilty party!" "I do not know, That is the trouble Everything points to me, and I have no way of escaping the suspicion. I wish they had left me alone this morning: I would have een dead now and out of my misery. Rodgers is evidently very much troubled about something, but he will not reveal anything more than that which he has already

When asked about the charge of horse stealing, he said: "Oh, that don't amount to anything. I wish that was all that troub-

#### Chicago's Improvements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -The Herald will tomorrow moraing print a carefully prepared five column article making a comparison of municipal debt, population and street improvement of Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston and Cincinnati for the purpose of showing what is necessary for Chicago to do in order to get ready for the world's fair and how it may be done. The showing is favorable to Chicago in the number of miles of improved streets and the per cent of taxa tion and indebtedness.

Important Piece of Evidence Stolen Sr. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7 .- A sensation was created here today when it became generally known that the overcoat of Charles Vail who is now on trial for the murder of his wife, had been stolen from the police. It was the most important piece of evidence in possession of the prosecution, as they ex-pected to prove by it that the shot was fired by Vail out of his overcoat pocket and that it was not accidental.

# The Deadly Miners' Lamp.

WHERESHARRE, Pa., Feb. 7 .-- By an explo sion of gas in Simson & Watson's mine at Wyoning this evening Nat Cane and Charles Kirk were killed and William Ross and Lu ther Michael fatally injured. A naked miners lamp caused the explosion.

# Donohoe Won Them All.

NEWBURG, N. J., Feb. 7 .- The skating races for the amateur championship of America begun today. Joe Donohoe won all four races-quarter mile, one mile, five miles and ten miles.

## Getting Back at Chicago.

DEXYER, Colo., Feb. 7 .- On learning of the fact that a number of members of the Chi-BASGOR, Mc., Feb. 7 .-- Ex-Chief Justice cago board of trade had petitioned congress John Appieton died today, aged eighty-seven not to pass the free coinage act Representayears.

Notice That it Must Not Be Given for Any Purpose.

cago, the Commercial loan and trust com-pauy bank—with Mr. J. B. Hobbs as presi-New York, Feb. 7 .- [Special , Telegram to THE BEE. |-Little Johnny Gethins, the thir-

dent. Among the gentlemen associated with him are Wm. Deering, John Worthy, Ander-son Fowler, Postmaster Sexton, C. W. teen-year-old boy whose leg was sawed off last November in an attempt by Dr. A. M. son Fowler, Postnarder, E. W. Dobb, George W. Chamberlain, E. W. Burke, Henry Cribben, J. S. Wool-cout and many others. The capital Phelps to piece it out with the foreleg of a dog, is still bound to his cot in Charity hosacott and many others. The capital stock is \$500,000. It will be located in the pital, pale and weak from his three months, imprisonment. Dr. Phelps and the Charity southwest corner of the chamber of comhospital surgeons have refused to make an statement as to the progress or result of the nerce building on the ground floor, fronting on LaSalle street. It is to be a state bank experiment. An independent investigation of the facts in the case has, however, been made by one of the most distinguished of New York's physicians and his conclusion is that the boy and dog texture has here been uttrate is walk. In Dependence depending for its profits mainly on loans to pusiness men. Last night Charles Euchach, a tramp, torture has been utterly in vain. In Decem

stepped off the train standing the trestle at Bloomington and ber one of the daily papers, published the fact that Dr. Kelly, Dr. Phelps former assistant, orty sho forty feet into the creek bottom, His shoulder was smashed and the bone protruded through the skin. He was taken would repeat the experiment at Gouveneur hospital, December 29. The medical faculty of that hospital was at once notified by the St. Josephs hospital, where it was hat he wore seven shirts, four pairs of drawity commissioners of charities and correct ers, three vests, two coats and four pairs of socks. The surgeons say he would probably have been killed had he been dressed like tion that this experiment must not be re-peated in any city hospital or institution. This order was presumably given at the in-stigation of some of the profession. ordinary mortals.

### SEIN GRAFTERS BANQUETTED.

The Knights Templars who, a few weeks ago, participated in skin grafting operation on Sir Knight John O. Dickerson were ten-NEW YORK, Feb. 7.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE, ]-CounAng upon the acquiescence fered a magnificent reception and banquet

onight by Acaela club at the club rooms. The Acaela club is the leading Masonic soof the managers and stockholders of the Atchison company, Jay Gould and C. P. ial organization of the west and the recep-Huntington have had their lieutenasts pretion will be a memorable one. Knights from all parts of the country were present. A forpare an exhaustive analysis of the capitalization, the indebtedness, earnings and mileage nal announcement was made at the panquet that the operation on Sir Kuight Dickerson had been a complete success and that it is tems with a view of determining from them only a question of time when the afflicted a basis upon which the three systems may be brother will be among his friends again.

### A PECULIAR PATALITY. Emma Fell of 594 Seminary avenue.

Lake View, was fatally burned this morning. While walking across her parent the Feil stepped on a match, which iny on the carnet. Her clothing was set on fire, and the next instant she was enveloped in flames, all her clothing being burned from her body. She was removed to the German hospital, where she is dying.

WESTERN PEOPLE IN CHICAGO. Among the western people in Chicago were

amalgamation which has been outlined should be extended to include all the seven railways tributary, the system so formed would foot up 35,354 miles or more than one-fifth of the he following: At the Windsor -Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruce, otal railway mileage of the nation. The ag-

At the Brevoort-J. M. Bowman and W.

H. Smith, Omaha. At McCoys-T. Turner, Omaha. At the Clifton-Mrs. Hardwood, Lincoln.;

At the Grace-S. W. Case and C. A.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 7 .- (Special Tele-Smith, Omaha. gram to THE BEE.]-John Rourse, a grader employed by D. D. Streeter & Co., contractors

Smith, Omaha. At the Gault: H. Little, Omaha. At the Leland-W. R. Tait, Huron, S. D. At the Wellington-George M. Heath, Lame Springs, ia. ; Mrs. W. O. Clark, Da-Line Springs, ia. ; Mrs. W. O. Clark, Da-Line Springs, Science M. Barry, M. Stark, Da-Line Springs, Science M. Science, M. Science, M. Science, M. Science, Science, Science, Science, M. Science, M. Science, M. Science, Scie railroad, died today from injuries received kota; H. J. Adams, Omaha; Mrs. Cooper,

ewton, Ia. At the Palmer-A. A. Gillette, Stuart, Ia.: E. K. and F. Cobb, Ornaha; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry and child, Livingston, Mont. At the Grand Pacific-Joe T. Carroll, Butte, Mont.; H. Wastcoat, Ogden, Utah; Mr, and Mrs. B. McAllister, Ornaha; Mr.

and Mrs. W. S. Currier, Wyoming. At the Tremoat-John Field, Omaha. At the Sherman-A. H. Stone, Sioux Falls, Defalcation in the Geodetic Survey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .--- A defalcation has been discovered in the pay department of the

S. D. Secretary Sharp of the Union stock-yards company of South Omaha is in the city, on his way home from a pleasure trip in the east. The party consisting of Mr. Sharp, A. S. Patrick, Lew Hill, N. N. Crary and W. A. Patrick, Lew Hill, N. N. Crary and W. A. Patrick, Lew Hill, N. N. Crary and W. A. Patrick, Lew Hill, N. Crary and W. A. Patrick, J. Com-they visited New York, Baston, Washington and other castern cilies. Mr. Paston is now 

and other castern cities. Mr. Paxton is now in Lexington, Ky., attending a horse sale and looking after the interests of some blooded horses from his ranch in Nebraska. Mr. Crary is visiting friends in Baltimore and Mr. Hill is in the city with Mr. Sharp. Aretisson. OURAY, Colo., Feb. 7 .- The road between here and Ironton is completely blockaded by snowslides for a distance of 1,500 feet. At

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## Steamship Arrivals.

At London-The England from New York. At Boulogne-The Obdam from New York. At Boston-The Noseman from London, he state of Indiana from Glasgow.

At Liverpool-The Michigan from Boston,

of Jersey City, was considered. It was the effect that the fight could be It was ranged to take place in Hudson county, prob-ably at the Oakland rink which has seating capacity enough to accomodate all who com

#### The Fire Record. BUSHNELL, HL, Feb. 7 .- The business portion of the village of Ellsville, fifteen miles northwest, burned today. Loss, \$10,000; par-

happy lot of sports it would be hard to find than those 4,000 who, went to Long Island City on Thursday evening to see McCarthy and Dixon pummer each other for 84,000. All well known places where men of pugilistic inclinations resort in the city, were yesterday filled with disappointed sports, and disgust for Long Island antiorities was plainly man-ifest. There is still a strong possibility that the men will be brought together and the disappointed ones will have a chance to witness the most scientific mill ever seen in usappointed ones will need a charles to witness the most scientific mill ever seen in this country. This tip is founded on the fact that Tora O'Rourka, Dick Roche and Tim Wakely, the three men most identified with the bantams held a council in the St. James hotel last evening to talk over the possibili-ties of a meeting. The conference was short but decisive. An offer from the Hudson club,