The chance of pushing the new line through to tidewater are very favorable, and

all that is to be feared is complication at

some railroad crossing or other. Oil can be piped for 6 cents a barrel, whereas it costs between 40 and 50 cents for transportation by rail. It is manifestly ber the Standard's in-

terest that the new pipe line should not be completed or that something should happen

nony in the board remains uninterrupted.

NEGOTIATED IN PARIS.

hem at once that they had had enough

ban a majority, and the other stockholders

put their stock in trust and issued certificates

igainst it, so that it was impossible for an

outsider to acquire control. Then the Standard resorted to ruinous prices abroad, which

seemed to produce no better results. Hence

save to the future the crushing out of opposi-

NEBRASKANS IN CALIFORNIA.

ox cars and on brake beams. He said h

was searching for his aunt, Mrs. I. C. E. Cable of Nebraska, who he says he thinks

came to that place about a month ago, as she sent that address to his home folks. He

aid he had been twenty days on the trip

and during that time he had but one meal a day and had only been asleep once during

he trip. The boy was a bright eyed lad, but

own of the Oxnard Bros., writes that he

John I. Reddick of Omaha has sold 351

J. B. Gray of Superior has been visiting

James M. Patterson and his daughter

week the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge of Pasadena transmitted \$20 to that

state for the benefit of the people in the

western part. A purse of \$4, made up in the office of the Times of Visalia, was sent

o F. W. Conly, editor of the Callawa

church are now raising subscriptions to the

Ashland to Have a Picnic Park

ASHLAND, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-In

stead of building a dam to flood 500 acres

for an artificial lake in connection with

utilize the slack water in Sait creek above

plates the construction of plenic grounds

pleasant picnic grounds, the promoters will

the dam already existing. Local capital has been enlisted in the move, which contem-

asperson's grove, six miles from town, with

fifty-foot boat to ply between the grove

and the town. This boat will be here by Decoration day. A band is being organized to furnish music for the park. Much local

interest is taken in the matter.

A serious accident happened to W. E. Lud-

vig, a wheel man, when about one mile west

of this city, coming from Lincoln today, he in coasting down a steep hill, struck a bridge

throwing him over the railing to the ground

below with such violence as to dislocate his right shoulder and sprain his wrist, besides

Messrs. Arthur Pancostt, Harry Shedd,

Martin Miller, Earnest Wiggenborn, Bert Merredeth and Misses Veda Wilson, Ada Du Boise, Joe, Duty and Belle Mansfelde and

spending Sunday at home, with friends and

Hitchcock County Gets a Rain.

TRENTON, Neb., April 28.-(Special.)-

esterday afternoon the most refreshing rain

To small grain of all kinds this

since last July gladdered this section of the

omes as a priceless boon. At the presen

riting the prospects for more rain are ex-

One of the first acts of our new village

poard was to issue a call for a citizens' meet

ing to discuss the ordinance relating to the

occupation tax, which has caused the village so much trouble. The general opinion was that the only beneficial results thus far at-

tained have been the furnishing of several attorneys with fat fees in the effort to en-

orce it. A large majority voted for the epeal of the ordinance. District court convenes here May 13.

Haptized at Waterloo.

WATERLOO, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-

The Holy Baptists have been holding revival

services here for the past month, with

marked success. The following were baptised today and taken into the church: Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. D.

Died from Apop exy.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., April 28 .- (Special

Telegram.)-Hon. M. S. Price, one of Clay

county's oldest and most prominent citizens

died at his home last night from apoplexy.

Equity cases only will be heard.

Chase, and Howard Skinner.

Nellie Dean, returned to their studies the State university this afternoon, af

relatives.

ountry.

sellent.

force it.

breaking his left thumb. The wheel was

e. The Fresno district of the Ep-league of the Methodist Episcopal

Santa Barbara.

H. Pollock, of Plattsmouth, Neb.

county to the Nebraska and Califor-

expects to bring a carload of Nebraska peo-ple to that place by fall.

acres of land in the northern portion

ila Real Estate company for \$5,000

or a sojourn in Pasadena. He states

his state-

no, the beet sugar

his appearance suggested that his st ment about his hardships might be true.

The alliance, of course, will mean a vast

roadbed.

exclusive control of.

ountries.

IN THE AMERICAN SECT ON A ROW

The Origin, Progress and Pretensions of the Disciples of Koot, Morya & Co-Miracles and Messages from the Desert of Gobi.

The annual convention of the American section of the Theosophical society is in session in Boston this week. One of the principal, if not the calef, questions for consideration is whether William Q. Judge is a genuine or a bogus interpreter of mahatma messages. Since the passing of Mme. Blavatsky Mr. Judge has assumed the role of chief receiver of divine communications and asserts that none are genuine unless bearing his trade Some doubting members refuse to believe that Judge has attained that lofty perfectibility which it is said is absolutely essential to intercommunion with the Mahatma, the illusive musters discovered by Blavatsky in the remote regions of India. These theosophical Thomases insinuate that Judge is a pretender whose claims will not bear scrutiny. Representative members of American branch in New York and Brooklyn will have nothing more to do with udge, and if the charges made against him London last year are not sustained, they threaten to accede from the European and Asiatic divisions, and work out their salva tion on the American plan. On the other hand, Mr. Judge asserts he will cut loose from the doubters unless the charges are dismissed. The deliberations of the meeting will therefore be of vital interest to theophs general, and the public at large will watch ith painful eagerness the development of discord in the ranks of the godly. Last November the Westminster Gazette of London published a series of articles con-

erning the inner workings of the Theosophi cal society, its origin, practices and preten-sions. These articles were written by a person familiar with the subject treated. were copied extensively, and have not been substantially denied by the parties concerned or by revelation from a mahatma. A sum of the facts adduced is interesting connection with the promised secession is WHEREABOUTS OF THE MAHATMAS.

The creed professed by Theosophists is o interest to the general reader. credit of modernizing it belongs to Mme. Blavatsky. She claimed to have imbibed occult science as a disciple of one of the principal mahatmas. There are two mahatmas known to theosophy—Mahatma Morya and Mahatma Koot Hoomi Lal Sing. They lived during Blavatsky in the recesses of the Himalayas, but later on, as explorers penetrated that region, the mahatmas fled before the blight of approaching civilization, and at last accounts were snugly domiciled in a mys-terious oasis of the Desert of Gobi. Here they are supposed to be free to pursue their meditations, perform miracles, and transmi revelations to the initiated.

Mme. Blavatsky was a pupil of Koot, but since her death Morya seems to have taken the lead. Koot inspired the formation of the New York branch, with Mme. Bla-vatsky, Colonel Olcott and Mr. Judge as a trinity of shining lights. Through the medium of the madame a few miracles of astral transportation were effected, but the fistance to be traversed seemed to diminish their force. Accordingly in 1878 the head quarters were removed to India so as to be within reach of the fountains of inspiration As might be supposed the madame performed wonders while within the holy circle of Koot Friends, disciples and laymen thronged her headquarters and witnessed astonishing Epistles were numerous showers of roses fell from the ceiling, invisible bell chimed, and other tricks were played which confirmed the neophites and converted the In 1884 the madame appeared in London ac

companied by a Brahmin named Mohini J Chatterji, a youth with a fascinating smile dislike for handshaking. The pair astonished London and made converts rapidly. One of these, a Mr. Hodgson, became so enthusiastic that he hurried off to India to SPLIT ANONG THE THEOSOPHISTS embrace Koot and all his belongings. A REVELATION.

Just at this critical period a quarrel arosbetween Mme. Blavatsky and Mme. Coulom! manager of the Adyar branch. So when Hodgson arrived at the borders of the Desert of Gobi Mme. Coulomb put him through a course of sprouts. She chaperoned wonders were performed by Blavatsky. He was shown the mechanism by which roses fell from the ceiling, how astral bodies were all of the paraphernalia of a first-class publication of Hedgson's exposur

aused the madame to travel for her health. Chatterji returned home with his sacred hands. Olcott and Judge remained faithful. From that time on until the death of Mme Blayatsky in 1891 the Mahatmas remained n seclusion and the oasis in the Desert of Gob became as silent as a graveyard. Mean-while Mrs. Annie Besant became a prominent theesophist and was looked upon as the right ful successor of the departed madame. She looked after the London end, Mr. Judge managed the New York branch, while Colone Olcott clung to India. THE MYSTIC SEAL.

Ere the mourning period had passed Mrs Besant startled the occult world by announce ing in a speech, in London, August 30, 1891 that she had received a message from the Mabatmas in the same handwriting as those received by Mme. Blavatsky. Then aross the question, if the madame wrote the messages precipitated through her, who wrot the present messages? The Westminster Gazette asserts that William Judge was the Jim-the-Penman of the awakened mahatma to Mrs. Besant's announcement Mr Judge was in London and communed wit Mrs. Besant with a view to restoring com-munication with the mahatmas. To accomplish this Judge proposed to Mrs. Besant write a question on paper, enclose it in an envelope and place it in a cabinet in the apartments occupied by Mme. Blavatsky This was done. Judge wrote the question, closed the envelope and placed it i the cabinet. He remained in the room. Mrs. Begant did not. After a proper interval he opened the envelope and soon was able to exhibit to his delighted colleagues the words. "Yes, and hope," distinctly written in red chalk at the foot of the question. This message bore a peculiar seal, a cryptograph which was regarded as the ded as the mystic seal This and other mesof Mahatma Morya. This and other mes-sages were exhibited to the inner circles of the society, with the result of concentrating power in the hands of Judge and Mrs. Besaut The mystic seal added great importa-to the messages "precipitated" through Jud as it apparently established his position through Judg the medium through whom the voices of the oasis in the Desert of Gobi were flashed upon waiting world. But thereby hangs a tale Colonel Olcott, who lingered in India, heard of the divine revelations and hurried to London, hoping to get in on the ground floor. He saw the cryptograph seal and uttered a few low expletives. He recognized it, not as the mystic seal of the Mahatma Morya, but the seal of a ring he had engraved in Madras and presented to Mm Blavatsky. It was among the madame's jewels and mysteriously disappeared shortly after her death. Olcott reminded Judge of the missing seal and inquired if he knew its whereabouts. Judge answered in the nega-

PRECIPITATING MESSAGES. Mr. Judge worked the seal racket with great energy and dashed off Mahatma messages with neatness and dispatch. Several doubters received revelations informing them "Judge leads right. Follow him and ." Meanwhile Colonel Olcott was not He did not take to Judge's pretensions as a precipitator of Mahatma messages. It recalled that Mr. Judge tarried t Omaha on a Sunday two years ago. He was on his way to California. From that point Colonel Olcott received what purported to be Mahatma message informing him that Judge was not a forger and that the genuine seal was safe. The colonel soon learned that Judge was in California at the time the

The controversy between Colonel Olcott and

REALMS OF THE MAHATMAS dark insinustions of hocus-pocus were flung about within the society that a formal inquiry seemed inevitable. In December, 1893, Mrs. Besant went to India. There she seems to have changed her mind about the value of the new evidence, through Judge, of Mahatma Standard Company Dividing the Oil Market Lurya's actual existence. She even came to belive that the alleged messages had been with the Russian Barons. written by Mr. Judge's own hand. A split be tween the Oriental and Occidental sections of the society was imminent. She offered to turn prosecutor herself, and thereupon all the ocuments in the case were put into her hands for the purpose of drawing up her charges against Judge. In February, 1894, Colonel Olcott wrote from Agra to Mr. Judge as follows:

TRIAL OF THE CHARGES. "I place before you the following options:
"I. To retire from all offices held by you in the Theosophical society, and leave me to make a merely general public explanation; or, "2. To have a judical committee convened and make public the whole of the proceedings in detail.

'In either alternative, you will observe, a vering all the details."

While the inquiry was in progress, in ac-ordance with the second condition, Mrs. Besant retracted what she said in her speech in 1891 and made this explanation: I do nat charge, and have not charged, Mr. Judge with forging in the ordinary sense

messages received psychically from the Master in various ways, Personally I hold that this method is illegitimate. I believe that Mr. Judge wrote with his own hand, consciously or automatically I do not know, in the script adopted as that of the Master, messages which he received from the Master, or from chelas; and I know that in my own case I believed that the messages he gave me in the well known script were messages directly precipitated or directly written When I publicly said that I had eccived, after H. P. Blavatsky's death, ers in the writing that H. P. Blavatsky had be an accused of forging, I referred to letters be, at the Standard's inability to crush com-given me by Mr. Judge, and is they were in pelitors in this country, and the war of the well known script I never dreamt of challenging their source. I know now that they were not written or precipitated by the Master, and that they were done by Mr. Judge; but I also believe that the gist of these messages was psychically received, and that Mr. Judge's error lay in giving them to me in a script written by himself and not saying so. Having been myself mistaken I in turn misled the public."

JUDGE EXPLAINS. Mr. Judge appeared before his accusers in the role of injured innocence and explained

imself as follows:
"I repeat my denial of the said rumored charges of forging the said names and hand-writings of the Mahatmas, or of misusing the same. * * I admit that I have received and delivered messages from the Ma-hatmas. * They were obtained through me, but as to how they were obtained or produced, I cannot state. * * My own methods may disagree from the views of others. * * I willingly say that which I never denied, that I am a human being. full of error, liable to mistake, not infallible but just the same as any other human being to myself, or of the class of human beings

incerely forgive any one who may be thought o have injured or tried to injure me." The lofty forgiving spirit displayed by Mr. ced the investigators, as is shown

which I belong. And I freely, fully, and

That this meeting accepts with pleasure the final adjustment arrived at by Annie Besant and William Q. Judge as a final settiement of matters pending hitherto between them as prosecutor and defendant, with a hope that it may be thus buried and forgotten; and,
"Resolved, That we will join hands with

them to further the cause of genuine brother-

ood, in which we all believe." But while the adjustment satisfied the oner few, the outer multitude continued in state of obnoxious rebellion, and the breathings of discord which threaten to assume the proportions of a row in Boston will not be stilled unless Koot or Morya emerge from the Desert of Gobi and precipitate a genuine

nessage of peace and good will.

Mr. Judge replied to the accusations of the Gazette, here outlined, through the New York Sun. It is an explanation and denial in part, and a defense of his claim as the medium chosen by the Mahatmas to communicate with the worth. This is reaffirmed in The Path, edited by Judge, wherein he asserts his right to interpret all messages precipitated from the mysterious lamasery

American Section Declares Its Independence and Elects Judge President.

BOSTON, April (28,-The convention of the American section of the Theosophical society, in session today, declared in favor of the complete autonomy of the section in this country and Canada and hereafter all branches of the society in America will be under one governing body. William Q. precipitated, the trick panels in the wall-in Judge of New York was elected president for

life, he being the oldest living member. Dr. D. J. Buck of Cincinnati presided. After reports of the president and secretary had been read and other routine business cleared up, the convention discussed the strained relations of the theosophists in Europe, Asia and America. The Judge Besant episode, which was started in London in 1891 by remarks of Mrs. Begant, was incidentally touched. The charges against the judge were not sustained. convention agreed to declare itself a separate body. The convention will con

when a new constitution will be adopted. At a meeting tonight Mr. Buck presided and delivered an address on "The Mind as the Theater of Human Evolution." ers were Dr. Archibald Keightlin, London Dr. Allen Griffiths, San Francisco; President elect Judge; Mrs. A. G. Cleather, London and Claude F. Wright, New York.

Schuyler Brevities.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-Dan J. Burke, in the service of the B. & M is in the city. W. N. Combs is now driving a fine Norman

draft horse recently brought from Omana. A. Pont, editor of the Howells Journal, and James Palik of Howells are in the city. Stanislav Moloch and wife of Prague, are visiting Mrs. Moloch's parents, M.

F. Bednar and wife. The managers of the young men's meetings that have been held of late upon Sunday afternoons have arranged with a number oparties for addresses to be made in future Each address will be grounded meetings. upon thoughts in line with the avocation of the speaker and comprehend the relation of Christianity to his business. C. A. Morian delivered the first of these addresses Sunday afternoon at Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall. His subject was: "The Relation of Christianity to the Man in Business.'

Tecomsch Women Entertain.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 28.-(Special.)newly organized Woman's club, "Friends in Council," entertained its friends right royally at the home of Mrs. J. L. Chamberlain Wednesday evening. The aim and object of the club is stated to be the conduct of life in all its relations to woman. The entertainment of the evening was music, speaking and refreshments. The event was a very enjoyable one.

Rev. T. D. Davis will preach tomorrow norning at the Baptist church to the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekah. A fishing party, including Charles Campbell,

George Scott, Bert Seaver and Sam Thurber has gone over to Langdon, Mo., in search of

Ord Personal Mention

ORD, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—Mrs Percy Mount has returned from a several months' visit to her old home in Illinois. The Christian church people expect a pasor for their church soon, to remain through the summer.

Miss Musa Perry, after a week's visit with her parents, returned to Omaha, with attending school at Brownell Hall. William McMullen, who has been spending the winter with friends in the east, has returned to Ord. He expects to farm this

summer. Miss Theobald is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Perry. Rev. C. H. Maiman expects to be here Yine President Judge grew flagrant, and such | Episcopal church.

Taking Advantage of the Scarcity to Stamp Out Competition-Details of the Trust Conspiracy to Swamp the New Pipe Lines.

SECRET OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVANCE

Back of the unprecedented rise in oil prices during the past week there have been mighty forces at work, the significance of which has been very adroitly concealed, says the New York Herald.

Chief of these is the completion of the deal public explanation is found necessary; in the one case general, in the other to be full and between the Standard Oil company and the Russian companies for the division of the world's territory, which recently went into effect. Negotiations were begun a year ago, as related in the Herald, but the Standard could not carry out its part of the contract, which called for the annihilation of all comf the term, but with giving misleading form peting interests which would be liable to prove a disturbing factor in Russia's chosen half of the world.

The Standard squandered millions of money in order to bring about the desired result It put oil on the European market for less than the cost of production, but the "independents" didn't give in. They formed a sat-isfactory alliance with German refiners, and have been able to hold their own ever although many predict that the Standard's latest coup will sooner or later wipe them ou of existence.

The Russians were angry, or affected to prices between the two great powers was re opened. The Russians undertook to furnish the markets of Great Britain and the western countries of Europe, which the Standard regarded as its own chosen field and in orde to do this the Russians had to buy the better grades of oil from the Standard's competitors in America. The Standard, on the other hand, put millions of cases into the far east and found no difficulty in disposing of all i could ship, since it furnished a superior grade of oil. STANDARD AT WORK IN EARNEST.

But negotiations were finally renewed and he world was finally divided on the old basis, Russia waiving the demand that competitors in America should be disposed of The Standard, however, is understood to have given assurance that there would not long be any trouble on that score, for the developments of the past week show that it will leave no stone unturned which will give it the absolute supremacy of this part of the world.

A lot of independent Pennsylvania interests, headed by Senator Lewis Emory, are banded together into what is known as the Producers' Oil company, limited, to fight the Standard. They formed a league with certain independent refiners of Oil City and Titusville, whereby they agree to remain independent of the Standard, regardless of any pressure that might be brought to bear. In connection with certain New York mer who had formed the Columbia Oil company. an exporting concern, they organized the

United States Pipe Line company in order to build to tidewater and place themselves on a par with the Standard so far as pro and transportation were concerned. The Herald has already related the tribu lations of Senator Emory and his associates in getting their line through as far as Wilkesbarre, and how they were turned away the railroad companies except the New York Central. They made a fifty-year contract with that company to ship their oil in tank cars to Constable Hook, and they also obtained the right to run a pipe line along the Central railroad from Wilkesbarre

to Jersey City.

For a long time the independent companies had all they could do to hold their own against the Standard without trying to raise capital to complete the pipe line to Constable Hock. It required a great deal of missionary work with the German refiners before a satisfactory contract could be made with them which would give the independent American oil men a steady market which the Standard could not interfere with.

At length, a few months ago, they thought that they had such a deal, but it is now a question whether they haven't slipped their heads into a noose. It is reported in oil cir cles that the Columbia Oil company con-tracted to furnish several of the German refiners with a stipulated amount of crude of When this contract was made the price of crude oil was under \$1 per barrel.

But suppose the price of oil should go up 100 per cent, would the Columbia Oil company

be able to carry out its agreement, assuming for a moment that it agreed to deliver at a rate not much above last year's price CONTRACTS FOR FUTURE DELIVERY. It is a common thing in the oil trade make contracts for the delivery of a amount for several months ahead.

Standard does this, and it is supposed that the Columbia Oil company does. Now, on April 1 the visible supply of petroleum in Pennsylvania was the smallest for years, there being less than 5,000,000 barrels. The Standard had been selling both crude and refined oil for a year past at ruinous prices, and as this led to its use for many miscellaneous purposes, the big stock that had formerly been carried was nearly ex-

In view of recent events it would seen that the Standard let this occur with a well defined purpose. Be that as it may, it has quietly picked up considerable stock of the United States Pipe Line, and it is presumably in close touch with the company's business although it has failed thus far to obtain ; controlling interest. About the time that the independent com

anles made arrangements with the German refiners the Standard began naming the mar ket price which it would pay for crude oil at the wells. The first several advances were net with loud complaints from the refiners, the price of refined oil was kept down abroad, and it was the foreign markets tha he independent refiners chiefly depended on. If the price of crude advanced much more and refined oil was held down, something would have to break. When things got to a point where the refiners could not afford for the crude product the producers would presumably have to turn their outpu the Standard or shut down. latter, of course, disavowed any intention of njuring its weaker neighbors, but the results speak for themselves.

At length an understanding was reached with the Russian companies whereby the latter were to withdraw from western Europe and leave the Standard to put up prices to any figure that it saw fit, and make up for all the losses which it sustained during recent war of prices between the two great powers. This settlement found a scarity oil on the other side as well as in this buntry. Nearly all the oil on hand was in country. the tanks of the Standard's agents.

As the independent dealers looked around and saw the price leap upward they found no one to turn to except the Standard's agents, for the Russians had quietly with drawn. During the past week they cabled to the independent shipping firms on this side and the latter applied to he Standard. They kept raising their bids, but the Stand would evade them by informing them that just at present they have all they car supply their regular trade. foreign shippers concluded that the Standard, for some reason best known to itself, was desirous of keeping control every berrelful that it could lay its

WHAT CAUSED THE BULGE The Standard is reported to have con tracts of its own to fill two months to come, and because of the scarcity it is paying double the price for some of it. This is believed by many to account for the re-markable rise in Pipe Line certificates, and the advance of posted market prices up-

But isn't it quite possible that the trust officials thought the United States Pipe Line interests have contracted to deliver 1.000,000 barrels somewhere around \$1 a barrel, and in order to carry out their contract they must have it, whatever the price? In other words, that the inde-when they were ready, at reasonable prices. To have to pay \$1 a barrel more for 300,000 or 400,000 barrels would not be a drop in the bucket for the Standard, but for a soon to take up his work as pastor of the pendent refiners had sold what they didn't have, counting upon their ability to get it

line to fall into some such trap as this seems likely, for the latter is understood Badly Wounded by Skow's Shot but Has a to have finally obtained the necessary cap-ital to complete its pipe line to the sea-board, and the work it well under way be-tween Wilkesbarre and Easton. Many of Chance to Recover.

the pipes are on the ground and they are simply waiting for the frost to disappear. HE ADMITIS HE WENT TO STEAL FEED

> Wife and Family Destitute and the Wife an Epileptic - Sad Case of Destitution Uncovered by the Affair-Skow Gives Bath

BEATRICE, April 28 .- (Special Telegram.)

that would cripple the smaller concern.

The Standard has been able to influence every other railroad that the United States -William McMurrin, who was stot last night by J. J. Skow while attempting to steal feed pipe line has approached previous to the New Jersey Central. There is some talk among from the latter's feed lots, rested pretty wel today, and it is thought this evening that he oil men that this company may in some mysterious way render it impossible for the will recover if properly cared for. The doc new pipe line to reach tidewater, notwith-standing the ironclad contract which gives side this forenoon, but did not attempt to rethe pipe line the right of way along its move any from his hand, and it is believed that he will have but little if any use of the It is believed that the next interesting development, so far as the independent oil hand, companies are concerned, will be in connec-In a talk today with the chief of police the injured man virtually admitted that the

tion with the New Jersey Central. No doubt strong influence will be brought to bear to get around the contract by some technicality and it would be unusual if the existing harobject of his visit to the yards was to procure feed for his team. He further states that as he climbed over the fence Skow stuck the muzzle of the gun in his face and The great deal between the Standard and said: "Throw up your hands you the Russian companies for dividing the ter-Fearing the gun would be discharged, Mc-Murrin grabbed the end of it and pushed it of the entire world was begun last April in Paris under the auspices of the tussian ministry of France. The Standard downward, and received the lead of No. ad originally confined itself mostly to wesshot in his hands and body, one of the lodging in his navel and the other just below tern Europe, but finally it began to encroach upon Asia and other far eastern countries the point of the breast bone.

On visiting the injured man's home the officers found a most pitiful sight. The which the Russians had formerly enjoyed the The latter retaliated by crossing over into England and threatened to flood the United family comprises a wife and three children the former being almost an imbecile and sub-States with the products of its "gushers." Its oil, to be sure, was inferior to that of ject to frequent epileptic fits, having no less than five during the night after hearing of Pennsylvania, but still it could be used for the shooting. All that had been supplied for many purposes, and poor people would readily take it if they could get it much cheaper. morning meal was a little tea, a loaf of bread and some "greens" the woman had A fierce conflict was carried on for som picked from the commons the night before. Skow was taken from jail this forenoon and rraigned before Esquire Enlow, who placed t, and negotiations were opened for a diim under bonds of \$800 to appear next Frision of territory. The Standard was to day for preliminary hearing on a charge of have the exclusive trade of Great Britain, France, Spain and Portugal and most of assault with intent to inflict great bodily Italy and Germany, together with other Mediterranean countries, but it was to with-

IRRIGATION IN BOYD COUNTY draw entirely from Asia and other easters Will am Kearville Has a Magnificent Plant The Standard, of course, was to be unmo Ready for Operation.

ested in the United States. But, as above mentioned, the Russians insisted upon the in-BUTTE, Neb., April 28.-(Special.)-Wilependent interest in the United States being liam Kearville now has his irrigation plant rushed, so that they could not interfere with in operation on the Ponca, four miles north erritory, and the agreement was of town, and will raise a crop this year held in abeyance for sixty days for this pur whether it rains or not. The central relief ommittee has about closed up its business The Standard tried to buy up the Columbia and United States companies by offering high prices to stockholders, but it obtained less

in this county.

On the whole Boyd county has fared exceedingly well the past winter, and one farmer expressed the thoughts of several when he stated recently that a failure of crops was better for him than two years of good crops. A careful estimate of the value in money of goods, grain and cash contributed by the state and private parties to after long waiting, the American and Russian oil kings decided to form the alliance, and people of this county will show that not less than \$60,000 would cover it. A number of Stuart and Atkinson members

f the Masonic fraternity enjoyed the hospitality of the Butte lodge Saturday last. The gun club had a "shoot" Sunday, but ncrease in the revenue of both interests through the advance in prices. The records of the custom house show that the Standard make a score worthy Butte has some crack shots, when they are

exports more petroleum-annually than is con-Charles Adams, a boy living near Baker, this county, and under arrest for sneak thieving, was committed to the reform thieving, was committed to school at Kearney Saturday. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 23 .- (Special District court does not convene here until forrespondence.)-A 12-year-old tramp boy giving his name as Pearl Foote and his

June 3, Judge Kinkaid having reversed himelf several times in a vain endeavor to set nome as Superior, Neb., the county seat of the date to suit all parties. There seems Nuckells county, arrived in San Bernardino a few days ago, riding from Nebraska in just as much dissatisfaction over the latest change as there was at first A number of Woodmen visited Spencer Thursday and helped initiate some of Spencer's citizens into the mysteries of the order.

York Veterans Entertain.

YORK, Neb., April 28.-(Special.)-An pen meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic camp and the Woman's Relief corps was held in this city Friday evening, in the Ancient Order of United Workmen hall, the hall being packed. The delightful program R. J. Stewart of Bratton, Neb., who was which had been prepared was carried out. The Pembleton Drum corps opened the evening's program, and their selection was very good. Following this was a song by three veterans, Messrs. Wirt, Burton and Pembleton, which was exceptionally fine and reeived a hearty encore. The recitation by Miss Bertha Shipman, taps by Mark Pembleton and another song by the veteran trio were very fine J. W. Pope then entertained Dr. Johnson, late superintendent of the asylum at Hastings, Neb., has been stopping those present with an address on his ex-perience in West Virginia during the war e is thinking seriously of locating in that Mr. Pope made a good talk and during his nteresting narrative had the attention those present. After this Rev. J. W. Stewart made a short talk, and N. M. Myrick read a poem. The rest of the evening was

elatives in Ontario.

W. C. Huett, manager of the Merchant. hotel of Omaha, has been visiting Pasadena and is now quartered on Catalina island. pleasantly spent. m. yesterday afternoon H. Dar win McIlrath and wife, who are making the trip around the world, arrived in this city are visiting James Patterson, jr., son of Mr Patterson, at Perris.

Judge H. J. Davis of Omaha is visiting and spent a couple of hours in resting up. At 4 p. m. they left for Grand Island. were accompanied by Thomas Potter Contributions and subscriptions are still eing raised for the Nebraska sufferers, Last Omaha and Mr. Warren of Lincoln. About

ten of the boys of this place accompanied hem as far as Aurora. Rev. Mr. Lofgren of Lincoln preached at this place today to a Swedish audience, his address being in that language. A good turnout was present. County Judge A. C. Montgomery

elected by the Grand Army of the Republic ledge of this place to deliver the memorial address at Gresham on May 36. Messrs. Elroy Davis and Frank Drake, two young men of this place, left yesterday for Burlington, Ia., to attend the business college in that city.

R. Bullock and family arrived from Polk county today, where they have been at-tending the funeral of Horace Putman, who died of blood poisoning. Miss Mamie Gardner of Arkansas City

Kan., who has for some time past been the guest of Miss Cora Conaway, returned to her ome yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Smith, who have been some time, returned to

visiting in York for some their home in St. Joseph. The premium list of the twenty-third an fair of this county is out. The dates set for the same are September 10 to 13, in-An interesting suit has been pending in

he justice court of J. W. Purinton for the past few days. Both of the contestants are of Bradshaw. Stubbs & Co. of that city are suing E. W. Morrison on a promissory note which Morrison sold to them against anther party. In delivering the same to them Morrison wrote "with recourse" on the back of the note; therefore the plaintiff makes him one of the defendants. Morrison claims that it was an error in his writing ecourse," as it was his intention to write without recourse." He siso alleges that stubbs & Co. have never filed articles of partnership in this county, and that they are subject to the fine provided in such cases, udge Purinton has taken the same under advisement.

Married at Creighton CREIGHTON, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-Oliver Jacobs and Miss Annie Hajek, both of this place, were married at Brunswick last Sunday.

last campaign is preparing a high class oncert to be given here next week. The Women's Relief corps gave a calico party Monday evening at the Grand Army of the Republic hall. Dancing was the feature. A female quartet was organized from the best talent in the city Wednesday and chris-"Trilbys."

Meiklejohn quartet, which has gained

onsiderable notoriety during and since the

W. H. Irwin post No. 70, Grand Army of the Republic, attended the Baptist church this merning in a body. The paster, Rev. S. D. Badger, preached on General Grant.

Rev. R. J. Millard delivered his favorite lecture on the "Antiquity of Man" to an appreciative audience Wednesday evening at

Niobrara.

The new law governing county division, to divide making a majority vote sufficient to divide a county, is causing considerable stir in Knox. Bloomfield and the eastern part of the count are making a strong fight for division, while Niobrara, the present county seat, is trying to block the game by a county seat relocation

At a meeting of the trustees and other

members of the Congregational church last Thursday night it was shown that the church during the year, ending April 15. There are five other churches in the city.

MADE VIGOROUS WAR ON GOPHERS Buffalo County Stoys Kill the Pestiferous

Rodents by the Thousands. PECULIAR FEATURES OF THE COMPANY KEARNEY, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.) -- A year ago the board of county supervisors offered a bounty of 3 cents a head on gophers and set aside a fund for that purpose. The county clerk has now given notice that no more scalps will be received, as the fund is entirely exhausted. For the first three weeks in this month there were 3,300 scalps turned in, or nearly twice as many as last year, and quite a number of men as well as

hat the board, when it meets in June, will make another levy for that purpose.

Buffalo county's apportionment of the state relief fund was \$6,700, and it has now all been distributed. From present indica-tions there will be no need of relief from intside sources for Buffalo county this year. Gust Lee of Sweetwater was recently adjudged insone and taken to the asylum at Norfolk. The cause of his insanity is as-cribed to the hard times he has been exgoing to get a crop this year.

Affairs of the Week at Freter. EXETER, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)-Miss Morna Davis of Stanberry, Mo., who has been visiting with her sister, Miss Mertie Davis of this place, left Friday for Stromsburg. William Summers and wife were the guests

cys have made quite a little money by stching the little pests. It is quite likely

of John McLeese and family last week,
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dimick, Miss Lizzle
McNair, Miss Berkley, Charles Reid and
Palmer Rice went to Chester Friday.
Rev. William Whitaker of Emersid, Neb., as a guest of Rev. Neil Overman last week. Father Simeon was a passenger to Heartell Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Miss Pearl Rosencrans is visiting with Mrs. o Prodmores and other friends at this place. Dr. D. G. Ramsdell and W. C. Wullbrand Lincoln visitors last week, Miss Stevenson, a returned missionary, will eak in the Methodist Episcopal church Mrs. W. Woodard left Friday for Boston

Corners, N. Y., to attend the settlement of the estate of her parents, who died recently. The lecture by Rev. Charles McCurdy of athany at the Christian church last week n "Domesticity, or Some Phunny Things, as very good and was listened to by a ir sized audience. The Baptist Young People's union of this

ace will present the drama. "Our Folks," the opera house Tuesday evening, May 7. Prof. Simpson Ely of Fairfield college will give the third lecture of the Christian En-deavor course at the Chrustian church Monlay evening, May 6. Subject: "Fools and oolery.

Light Rain at Waterloo. WATERLOO, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)light rain fell this morning, followed by a

varm southeast wind. The company formed at Valley for the surpose of raising sugar beets are hard at work putting the soil in shape for seeding. There were eighteen teams employed in this work Saturday. They are plowing the soil very deep, using three-horse plows for this purpose, and started in paying \$1.25 acre, but finding it difficult to secure ecessary teams at this price, raised it to 1.50. The company has secured A. P. Aikland's 160-acre farm northeast of Valley fo his year, and if found to be a paying invest ment will go into it more extensively an-other year. M. W. G. Whitmore is one of leading spirits in this enterprise.

E. S. Flor has decided to build a brick on his lot south of the bank at Valley. John Hively has purchased a power pump and 100 feet of hose and intends irrigating ils ten-acre patch of onion sets. J. R. Watts has put out half an acre of erry bushes.

Prospects for the coming season still re

nain bright, all small grain being up and showing a strong stand. Corn planted two weeks ago is up and will be ready for culti-vating in another week. This will give the farmers a good start of the weeds. The North Bend Bleycle club, en route for Omaha, passed through here at noon today.

Pierce Paragraphs.

PIERCE, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-J. B. McDonald, Henry Mohr and Misses Grace Lee and Cornelia Enderly attended a ball for the "400" at Norfolk Friday night. Mark L. Bass took place at the Congrega tional church this evening.

The reception and ball given by Mr. and of the swellest social affairs of the season. About sixty invited guests had a most en-Mrs. L. M. Jewett returned to her home

in Wheaton, Ill., Friday after a brief visit with friends and relatives in this city. The pupils of the public schools here will entertainment on Monday the proceeds to be used in purchasing an Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morrison of Norfolk re visiting their son, J. P.

Miss Hattle Lewis of Lincoln arrived Wednesday evening and is stopping at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Powers. The village board met Thursday night and W. Goff marshal and Littell night watch. Venus Huebner returned from Hador or Monday and resumed his duties as clerk in

Mohrman's store, Mrs. W. A. Spencer returned from Omaha Wednesday,

Aurora News Notes.

AURORA, April 28 .- (Special.)-An insurweek, to be known as the Guaranty Fund Life association. It is on the plan of the Bankers' Life of Des Molnes. The officers elected were: President, W. I. Farley; vice president, E. E. Mighell; secretary, W. P. Hellings; treasurer, P. M. Green; medica director, Dr. Bricker; judicial director, How ard M. Kellogg.
A. G. Petersen, who, with his family, has been traveling nearly a year in the old country, arrived home last week.

Thomas Todd of Elgin, Ill., is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Ferguson, jr. Tilden Strickler of Lexington, Ky., iting G. W. Curry, the recent owner of On-J. H. Conlee, father of Mrs. E. W. Hurtbut, has gone to Beatrice to visit a few

Miss Addie Hite of Shenandoah, Ia., is vis ting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mrs. General Bates, president of the board Soldiers' home, presided at a meeting of the board in Grand Island Thursday Herman Kirk, the evangelist from Fair mont, has been holding a week's revival at the Christian church.

Wafted from Wilber.

WILBER, Neb., April 28.-(Special.)-Mr Herman Beat of South Omaha and Miss Anna Varsaka of Tobias were married here by County Judge Hendee. The system of water works put in at a coat of \$17,000 is just completed. The partial test already made was highly satisfac-

The water supply is inexhaustible and

brick hotel being built by a stock company. It will have all modern improvements and will be a fine chance for a good hotel man, as it will be practically the only hotel in Frank Ziska, a prominent citizen of Crete has been adjudged insane, his trouble being halucinations on the subject of Christian

of the purest quality.
Good progress is being made on the new

Two tennis courts are in full play every evening, and some of the players are become ing experts.
Hon. Tobias Castor has planted over 600 fruit and forest trees on his residence grounds and farm this season. He will prob-

sclence.

Crops in Good Condition. NEWCASTLE, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.)-Crops in this section of the country are in splendid condition, wheat measuring eight inches high. T. J. Ryan, three miles north of town, i utting in seventy-five acres of sorghum cane. Mr. Ryan has a cane mill that will turn ou

ably move back here in the fall.

500 gallons of sorghum per day, Throws from a Wagon and Killed. ELM CREEK, Neb., April 28.-(Special Telegram.)-George Weaver, a young man about 21 years of age, while returning from church today was instantly killed by being thrown from a wagon,

NEBRASKA'S NEW RAILROAD

Engineering Corps of the Iowa, Lake Superior & Gulf in the Field.

Transportation Certificates Will Be Issued in Order to Secure Part of the Funds to Construct the Line.

FREMONT, April 28 .- (Special Telegram.) -The board of directors of the Iowa, Lake Superior & Gulf Railroad company held a meeting here Friday and Eaturday. They, adopted rules and by-laws and elected J. H. Edmiston of Columbus cashier. It was deeided to commence work on the survey Monday. A corps of eight men has been amployed with instructions to tun the lines for the proposed road from a print on the southern boundary of the state where the survey periencing and the fear that he was not of the Gulf & Interstate road terminates, near Summerfield, Kan., north unrough Virginia, the eastern part of Gage, Lancaster and Saunders countles, to the Platte river. It has not yet been decided where the proposed line will cross the Platte.

The board reconsidered its decision making Yankton the northern terminus, and will decide later whether it will end there or at Sioux City. The board intends to make some negotiations for securing the control of the ifinished grade of the Norfolk & Yankton, If they cannot get possession of this on satsfactory terms they will probably go to Sloux City.

As soon as the survey across the state is completed plats showing the proposed line of read will be filed and propositions for the donations of bonds submitted to the different towns and precincts through which the line passes. The constitution and by-laws of the com-

pany provide that for all bonds donated the ompany by any municipality, the municipality shall receive an equal amount of the first mortgage bonds of the company. The amount of such bonds is limited to \$10,000 per mile of road.

Among the by-laws adopted is one provid-ing for the issue of transportation certificates, the proceeds of the sale of which are to be used in the construction of the road, and when the read is constructed will be received for one-half of the fares, freight bills r other charges due the company from the iolders

The by-laws also provide for the issue of acome construction bonds not exceeding in mount \$3,000 per mile of road, payable at any time after five years, and due in twenty, years, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable annually out of the inone of the company and receivable in paynent for tickets, freight and other charges, The directors express themselves as being onfident that work will be commenced on the

oad this year and that the many peculiar

features of the company will make it a suc-

MASS OF CONFLICTING TESTIMONY Amoavits Galore Filed in the Winnebago Indian Cases at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, April 28.—(Special.)—The vast ulk of affidavits on file in the federal court eveal two diametrically opposite stories conerning the trouble on the Winnebago Indian reservation. It is expected that the decision of the court not to interfere in the imbroglio agitating the people up in Thurston ounty may lead to further interesting developments, and, possibly, worse. At the ime of Judge Dundy's decision it was anounced around the court room that Agent W. H. Beck would continue evictions under instruction from the department at Washington. Tenants who hold through leases of the Flournov Live Stock and Real Estate empany and others are still expressing coniderable alarm.

Leases to these Indian lands one of the deral courts seems to have held invalid unless they have the consent and approval of the agent. On this point Agent Book is basng his present evictions. On the land are 233 tenants holding under the Flournoy company. From papers filed in the case it ppears that their leases involve 55,300 acres lands of the Winnebagos. Of this 37,000 cres are held by the Flourney company and its terants. Of the latter amount 19,000 cres are fenced. The company clams that 5,000 acres are in a high state of cultivation, provided with farm houses and other buildings by the company at a cost of \$80,-000. The company claims there were less than 200 acres under cultivation when it

Grafton Gossip GRAFTON, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.) -- Dr. D. B. Perry, president of Doane college, Crete, held communion services this morning

the Congregational church. Miss McNichols, a former resident of this lace, is spending the month with Miss Maudo combs.

ommenced business.

Since getting their appointment as state band to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Grafton band boys have gone zealously to work and will do the position credit. Bandy master Camp of Geneva will act as leader; and Clinton Shickley as drum major. About a dozen Genevans, headed by Dr. cogswell, visited here last night, and in mpany with an equal number from this ance company was formed in Aurora last place have gone on to a picnic on the Blue

Crop prospects are good. Winter wheat is a failure, but oats and grass are very forward. Potatoes and gardens are doing nicely,

Tramp Killed at Grand Island. GRAND ISLAND, April 28 .- (Special.)-Two tramps were run down last night by switch engine No. 1,166. August Mundt, one of them, had both legs cut off and died at 6 c'clock this morning, and Frank Godfrey, the other, lies at the Grand Island hotel con-siderably bruised, but not fatally injured, and no fears are entertained by the surgeon that e will not recover. Both men were atempting to board the fast mail for to work in the potato fields sixty miles west of that city. The switch engine was back-ing a few box cars down the yard when it struck the men. Both men came from struck the men. Both men came from Appleton, Wis. Mundt was 22 years old oday. Godfrey claims Mundt's mother is worth \$45,000 or \$50,000. She has been informed by wire of the accident. No inquest has yet been held.

Conway and the Oleomargarine. YORK, Neb., April 28 .- (Special.) -- During

the last session of the legislature of the state of Nebraska Conaway, who represented this county, caused a great deal of favorable emment in this county by his action upon he oleomargarine bill. The Cudahy Manufacturing company has forwarded to Dr. Conaway a bucket of oleo as a sample of the way it is being made at the present time. After a thorough examination of the same the doctor expressed himself it was far superior to that which was formerly sent out, and seemed pleased to learn that in the future this grade of oleo would be sold.



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