DMAHA'S DEPOT FACILITIES

Btate Board of Transportation Considering the Matter.

BEARING OF THE UNION DEPOT PROJECT

Burlington and Union Pacific Admit the Allegations-Positions of the Other Ronds-Proceedings Had Yesterday.

The question of depot facilities for Omaha was taken up again yesterday by the State Board of Transportation at the rooms of the Commercial club. The members of the state board present were Attorney General Churchill, State Auditor Moore and Secretaries Farrell and Sutherland.

The board took up the propositions as left at the meeting in November, when the answers of the various roads to the complaint of Omaha citizens were received and filed. Attorney W. S. Strawn, representing the Rock Island, opened the meeting yesterday by making the claim that the State Board of Transportation had no authority to decide upon the location of a depot, but had only the right and authority to require the various roads to provide adequate facilities.

Attorney Andrews, representing a number of citizens who are the complainants before the board, asked if the board desired to receive evidence as to the inadequacy of the present depot facilities. Attorneys for the Burlington and the Union Pacific admitted that allegation of the complaint. The Elkhorn company denied that it was not furnishing proper depot facilities for its business. The Milwaukee denied that it was operating a railway in Omaha and the Rock Island made no answer to the charge that it did not provide proper depot facilities for its passenger traffic. On this showing the board ruled that evidence would be taken to determine the truth of the charge as to the inadequacy of the present depot facilities of

e companies in question.

John L. Webster addressed the board on the propriety of its right to suggest or recommend that the rallroads units in a union depot project. He said that the confessions Burlington and the Union Pacific that their present depot facilities are not adequate left the state board nothing to do in their case but to accept the confessions and order the companies to provide suitable and adequate depot facilities. He said it was a proper subject of inquiry for the board to determine whether other interests are prepared to go on and provide accommoda-tions for the various roads at a fixed rental or annual expense. He did not contend that the board had a right to order the roads to enter into an agreement with any other roads to occupy or build a union depot, but the board did have the right to order each road to provide proper facilities for the accommo-dation of its patrons, and might well and with propriety recommend the use of a depot, if such a structure were found to be in waiting or in process of construction, with facilities ample for the roads affected by the order of the board.

LEAVING RIGHTS OF WAY. Charles J. Greene argued that the board had no authority and that the legislature on its right of way and on its own property. He said that the Union Pacific and the Burlington owned property adjoining and could jointly build a depot, but could not be forced to leave their rights-of-way to run a half mile away into some other depot.

J. R. Webster, answering Mr. Greene said that in case a railroad.

right of way thirty feet wide through a town and had a double track on that the road could not, according to Mr. Greene's contention, be compelled to build a depot.

because it did not own ground enough for that purpose. He stated further that the Burlington did not own a right of way and had a track to the proposed depot on Mason with the introduction of evidence showing Judge Kelly of the Union Pacific said that

it was the duty of the board to first ascertain if the present passenger depot facilities in Omaha were adequate. If they were not it was then the duty of the board to make an order requiring the various roads complained against to provide proper facilities. "If it appears to the board," said he, "that the railroad companies are in good faith considering propositions to voluntarily go into the proposition to occupy the union depot at the foot of Farnam street, or elsewhere then it might work a damage to the railroads and to the city for the board to make an order requiring each road to own its own depot. In other words, an order of the board might prevent the roads from voluntarily going into the union depot by compelling them to take some action. It is conceded that the depot facilities are at present in-adequate and it is conceded that the people of Omaha want a union depot. If the board finds that the railroad companies are honestly making an effort to to into such a proposition voluntarily, would it not be best for the board to allow the rallroads the privilege of doing this without preventing them by an order?"

Attorney General Churchill announced that the board would go on and receive testimony in answer to the claims of the Milwaukee and Elkhorn roads that their depot facilities were adequate. Then the other ques-tions would come up. He intimated that the board might have authority to decide upon the location of a depot. While the statute did not give such authority in express terms it did give the board authority to require the construction and maintenance of depots for the accommodation of the public and he thought that the accommodation of the pub-lic might be materially affected by the locaof the depots. At noon the board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

SOME TESTIMONY TAKEN.

In order to get the matter into the official record, the afternoon session of the board was opened by the telling of a very old story, the introduction of evidence to show that the depot facilities at Omaha are in-

adequate.

Joseph Barker was first called and described Joseph Barker was first called and described the building used as a passenger depot at Tenth and Mason streets. He described it as a shed, rusty, rotten and dilapidated, without accommodations inside, and so close to the tracks as to be dangerous to stand

outside of it during the arrival and departure of trains.

"What would you say about the ventilation the depot?" asked the attorney. "There is no ventilation in summer and nothing but ventilation in the winter," re-plied Mr. Barker, and the laugh that followed was joined in even by the attorneys who are opposing the steps on foot looking to a betterment of the depot facilities. Mr. Barker told of the lack of accommodations for passengers at the Webster depot, particularly complaining of the lack of room in the building for the accommodation of passen-gers and the absence of train sheds or other ection on the platforms and outside of

the building. The testimony of Mr. Barker was corrob-orated and supplemented by the pictures of the depot structures painted by John L. Webster, A. P. Tukey, ex-Governor Saunders and Dan Farrell, Jr., who were called as witnesses. The attorney for the complainants offered to bring a few hundred witnesses additional if the board wanted cumulative tes-timony, but the showing made was considered sufficient for the board's present purposes and that closed the showing made by the complainants on that part of the question at

General Attorney Sterling of the Elkhorn stated that the Eikhorn people thought they would be able to show that the depot facilities offered by that company were ample and would ask leave to introduce evidence on that point. So far as the Chicago & Northwestern was concerned, he claimed that the North-western did not operate a road in Omaha and could not be bound by any order of the board in the matter. The company, however was not opposed to the union depot project in any manner and would not enter any kind of objection to the furtherance of the pro-

Arthur S. Potter, vice president and gen-eral manager of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal Railway company, was called to the stand. Mr. Strawn objected to the admission of Mr. Potter's evidence on the ground that the company represented by him was not a party to the proceedings before the board. It was shown that the company was in the proceedings and had filed an answer to the complaint, and Mr. Potter's evidence was admitted. He testified that his company owns and operates a line of railroad be tween Omaha and Council Bluffs, connecting with the various railroads in the two cities. and owns a bridge, built by the company in carrying out its general plans. The com-pany had offered to build a union passenger depot in Omaha for the use of such roads as might desire to come into it. Mr. Potter then went on to explain the plans of the company and the terms of the contract by which the depot will be placed at the disposal of the different companies. He stated that the Union Pacific receivers had endorsed the contract and proposition to use the depot, and that the matter was now waiting for the rati-fication of the courts. He had also private assurances from Mr. Cable, president of the Rock Island, and from Mr. Miller, president of the Milwaukee, that both those roads would use the depot if it were built as planned and occupied by the Union Pacific and other roads.

POSITION OF ROCK ISLAND. N. A. Lowe of Chicago, general attorney of the Rock Island road, was in the audience. He wanted to know about that promise of Mr. Cable to use the Union depot. Mr. Pot-ter stated that he had received that assur-ance from Mr. Cable a number of times within the past year, and the last time less than four months ago. Mr. Lowe stated that the Rock Island had no track in Omaha. It had an arrangement with the Union Pacific which was now the subject of a suit in court The Union Pacific was in court also on fore-closure proceedings, and the Rock Island company did not know what day its contract with the Union Pacific and its right to run into Omaha on the Union Pacific tracks might be cancelled. Under those conditions

company, and he produced a letter of recent date from President Roswell Miller, in which Mr. Miller stated that if the depot were built according to the proposed plans the Milwaukee company would occupy it on equal

street, but did own a right-of-way and had a track to the proposed depot site at Ninth and Farnam streets.

that the plans of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company for the proposed union depot are entirely feasible. Engineers were put on the stand to testify to the plans for th proaches to the depot, and the architects of the structure explained its dimensions and plans for the purpose of showing that the building will be large enough to accommodate the passenger traffic of a dozen railroads at

Omaha for the next quarter of a century.

The board adjourned at 5 o'clock to resume the hearing of the case at 9 o'clock RECEIVER IS NOW ASKED FOR

Latest Phase of the Florence Land Company Litigation. The Nebraska National bank and Rache

Crever are the joint plaintiffs in a recent application for a receiver for the Omaha and Florence Land company, which has been made prominent in the courts on account of the number of suits brought against it on various kinds of liens. It is alleged that the property is being frittered away by executions, and that what remains cannot be sold for more than \$80,000 under forced sales, although its real value is \$500,000. Inasmuch as the company is insolvent and there is no one to care for the property it is argued that the best thing that can be

done is to appoint a receiver.

In the application a brief history of the company is given. In 1886 or the following year five men, Andrew Gilchrist, Milton Hendrix, Victor G. Lantry, Hugh G. Clark and George J. Hunt, formed a pool for the purpany was later formed with a capital stock of \$200,000, of which one-fifth was held by each of the men. The scheme did not pan out after the boom days, and since that out after the boom days, and since time the stock has become scattered, time the stock has become scattled their holders either dying or transferring their

Report of Receiver Lewis. Receiver John Lewis of the Heyn Photo Supply company has filed a report, in which he announces that he has sold the stock of the company and collected some

Annual Cleaning Up at the Session Last Night.

Blds for City Funds Deposits Will Be Asked for Again-Plans for City Hall Police Station Adopted.

More than 100 documents were considered by the city council last night, and about 90 per cent of them were of no general interest, Twenty or thirty applications for reduction of taxes were placed on file, and a lot of back number routine matters were dragged from committee pigeon holes and disposed of in cleaning up the business of the year. The bond of the Klopp & Bartlett company for city printing in 1896 was approved. Sim-

Har action was taken on the other supply con-

tracts and bonds.

Mr. Stephenson represented that he owed the city about \$800 in taxes which he was entirely unable to pay. Therefore he wanted to have some of his teams given employment by the city, two-thirds of the amount thus committee and the Board of Public Works.

abolished as a useless luxury. He opined that the police force could hunt up and report defective spots in the sidewalks, and then some one could be sent out to repair them. His resolution encountered a vigorous op-position and was finally referred to the Board

of Public Works.
On recommendation of the finance com mittee, all bids for the custody of the city funds were rejected, and the comptroller was instructed to readvertise. The banks put in a uniform bid of 2 per cent on dally balances, but the committee suggested that they paid 3 per cent on the county funds and there was no reason why the city should not obtain equally favorable terms.

The special committee recently appointed

for the purpose submitted plans for the changes necessary to establish the police court and city jail in the city hall. The plans were as outlined in a previous issue of The Bee and contemplated an expenditure of \$4,890, of which \$1,055 was for plumbing. The report was adopted and the comptroller in-structed to advertise for bids.

The committee on gas and electric lights \$17 per annum on the moonlight schedule. Prince protested on the ground that he did not believe the outside company was responsible. Taylor moved that all bids be rejected and

the comptroller be instructed to readvertise for bids on a moonlight schedule. He fig-ured that the adoption of the moonlight schedule would save the city \$3,700 per year under the present contract.

Howell thought he saw a scheme to allow the Sun Vapor company to continue lighting the streets at a higher price than was now before the council. The motion to refer was lost by a tie vote and the committee's report was adopted.

Kment's ordinance levying a tax on bicycles was referred to the committee on ju-The amended ordinance defining the duties

of the city treasurer and regulating the con-duct of his office was passed. Piles of people have piles, but Dewitt's where it is claimed there is strong evidence of his guilt.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Bank Examiner McGrew of Hastings is t the Paxton Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biles of Hastings are

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cox of Sheldon are at the Dellone. nd Mrs. are gueste at the Paxton. Mr. and Mrs. Phil S. Benney of Logan, Ia., are guests at the Millard. President Barnes of the State Board of

Ten members of the Pudd'nhead Wilso company are at the Barker. Mr. J. W. Parker and wife of Denver, Colo are registered at the Barker. Ben R. Cowdery of Lincoln and R. B. Wohlquist of Hastings are registered at the Paxton Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osborn of Ellensburg.

re spending the holidays with friends in Ed A. Brown, proprietor of the Nebrasks City Press, is at the Dellone. Mrs. Brown

s with him. Nearly 100 members of the Damrosch Opera empany are making their headquarters at the

Mr. L. A. Ward, Mr. Ralph Unthank, Mr. C. J. Shipley and Mr. Ed Perry are registered at the Barker. J. S. Clancey, telegraph operator at Schuy-

ler, is at the Dellone with his bride, who was Miss La Patch of Albion. Mrs. Alexander, wife of W. R. Alexander, the Union Pacific agent at Wahoo, and Mrs W. Sanford are at the Murray.

Nebraskans at the Hotels At the Paxton-James A. Cline, Minden; F. P. Neal, Lincoln.
At the Murray-John Bratt, North Platte; H. H. Longbridge, Grand Island; G. F. Darger, Lincoln. the Millard-Mrs. Dave Baum, Mrs. Baum, E. W. Lowe, Norfolk; W. B Ion, Hastings; S. J. Titus, Holdrege. At the Dellone-William Bischof, C. L. Barber, Nebraska City; J. W. Perry, Ord; E. S. Welsh, Tobias; A. McIntyre, Hastings; J. H. Perkinson, Platte Center; J. E. Cobbey, Beatrice.

At the Mercer-W. E. Clarke, Lincoln; F. W. Williams, Hastings; H. J. Holmes, Grand Island; John H. Cryer, Cremona Farm; G. W. Miller, Wood River; J. B. Dallas, C. H. Paul, Hastings. At the Arcade-August Suckstorf, R. H. Brodhagen, William Frahl, F. Prahl, Pierce; J. C. Rogen, Ord; Frans Nelson, Hartington; V. Geist, West Point; W. H. Hayden, Hastings; P. S. Heacock, Falls City; E. G. West, Gothenburg; J. W. Kelly, Grand Island; J. Hastie, Auburn; Charles Schwinke, O. A. Jessen, Nebraska City, A. B. Terwilliger, St. Paul; F. Stewart, Cedar Rapids.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FUTURE PLANS OF THE MORMONS. ONE ENGINEER IS KILLED Interview With One of the Bishops of the Organization. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—A special to the

Journal from Topaka, Kan., says: Richard W. Hart, bishop of the Mormon church at Salt Lake City, member of the territorial legislature and a practicing lawyer of some ACME BEATS THE SUN VAPOR COMPANY note in his region, Atopped over at Newton to visit some relatives yesterday while enroute from his home to Georgia. To a representative of the tocal paper he granted an interview, in which he expressed some opin-ions which will be received with astonish-ment by people who had supposed the Mor-mon church had permanently abandoned polygamy. According to Mr. Hart's view of the situation, the church will at once take up the practice when Utah has been admitted as a state. He says: "There does not seem to be a clear conception of what Utah intends doing after January 4, when the proclamation will be issued declaring that she is a state. There seems to prevail an impression that the church has abandoned all control, and that the political parties are to take the place of the power that made a garden out of a desert. No greater emis-take can be made. There are in Utah five of our people to one gentile, and in thirteen of the twenty-one countles there is not a single man of any other faith than our Among the communications was a proposi-tion from James Stephenson, who has in-will not be a state officer of other than our vented a very novel plan for paying taxes.

faith, either elective or appointive, unless we so will it. There will not be a district judge who can escape his responsibility to the Latter Day Saints. With two exceptions there will not be a sheriff in Utah who is not

'You ask if plural marriages have been earned to be applied on his back taxes. The abandoned. That ordinance was of God, and as one of his commandments must be obeyed. President Woodruff, by divine in-struction, suspended it, but did not repeal Mercer wanted the sidewalk repair gang it. In statehood, when we are free from federal interference, the temple will witness the solemnization of marriage rites that have heretofore been suspended. The penitentiary will no more be filled with men for obeying God's law. "Those who have endured persecution for

having plural wives and raising up children to the Lord have provided for their own all these years, and hereafter their sacred

family ties will be renewed.

"This subject of plural marriage is much misunderstood. Not more than 15 per cent of our members have more than one wife. As a man prospers the church admonishes him to take unto himself additional wives, according to his prosperity, and he obeys as a religious duty, always with the advice and full consent of his first wife. They live happily together, for it is the Lord's will."

ROUNDING UP COUNTERFEITERS Nine Already Captured and Two Morof Them Located. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—By tomorrow the

recommended that the gasoline light contract for 1896 and 1897 be awarded to the Acme of counterfeiters and shovers of the queer Lighting company of St. Paul on its bid of that ever operated in the United States will be behind the bars. Two remain to be apprehended, and both are well known and so situated that they cannot get away. William P. Hazen, chief of the United States secret service, is in the city for the purpose of making final arrangements for

rounding up the gang for trial.

There were eleven men implicated, nine of whom have already been captured. They of whom have already been captured. They are George W. Dice, Kansas City; Thomas Ford and Edward A. Sentzer, Omaha; J. W. Miller and B. H. Davidson, New Orleans; J. E. Keener, Atlanta; William Graham, Paola, Kan.; and Lovell and Benfield, St. Louis. The other two, whose names are not given, are in St. Louis. Chief Hazen went before Judge Adams in the federal court raday and asked for an order to take Dice. before Judge Adams in the federal court today and asked for an order to take Dice. the leader of the gang, back to Atlanta for trial, From St. Louis Chief Hazen will go to Topeka, where he expects to get an order for the removal of Graham to Atlanta,

TRAIN CREW DISOBEYED ORDERS

Georgia Pacific division of the Southern railroad between two freight trains, two firemen of the German National. Other objectors nd a brakeman were killed, one engineer was perhaps fatally hurt and three tramps received painful hurts. The point where the wreck occurred is about seven miles from Atlanta and is this side of the Chatahoochee river. The colliding trains were the third section of No. 51, which was outbound, and an extra freight, which was inbound. Fire-man D. Wood of the third section of No. 51 and Fireman W. O. Shell of the incoming train were found with life extinct in the wreckage. Engineer Roberts was severely and perhaps fatally injured. Three tramp on the extra were more or less seriously in Wash., are at the Millard, on their wedding jured. Fireman Wood lived in Birmingham and Fireman Shell in Atlants. The blame for the accident is said to lie with the crew of No. 51, who disobeyed orders.

SENTENCED FOR ELECTION FRAUDS

Kansas City Judge of Election Given Three Months in the Penitentiary. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26 .- Judg? Neville, pecial criminal judge sitting at Independence in place of Judge Woodford, formally sentenced Henry A. C. Jeffrey to three months imprisonment this morning for ballot frauds the sentence to date from the verdict, which was returned three weeks ago. Jeffrey was the election judge in the Sixth precinct of the Second ward. The case of Thomas C. Tuck, clerk in Dr. Krueger's drug store, who was a judge in the Second ward, was continued on application of the defense until March 19. The cases of Owsley, Bristow, May, Moran, Pierce and O. W. Krueger were set for trial on Tuesday of next week. The defense refused to say whether it would be ready for

Girl's Mother Consented to Outrage CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 26 .- William Barow, a white man 22 years of age, was arrested this morning for outraging little Dosha May Purdy, a white girl aged 6 years, who is now in the hospital and it is expected will die at any moment. The girl's mother is also in jall as an accessory to the crime. The news of the fiendish act has not become generally known here, but when it is a lynching is not improbable.

Mother of Twenty-Five Children. LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 26.-Investigation following the murder last Sunday of Hester Curtis, an aged woman of this city, developed the rather remarkable fact that she had been the mother of twenty-five children, including seven pairs of twing.

Driver of a B. & M. Freight Loses His Life at Seward.

COLLISION WITH A PASSENGER TRAIN Disastrous Meeting on the Main Line Costs One Life and Results in Considerable Discomfort

to Others.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-There was

serious wreck at Seward, on the Burlington, today. It occurred about 11:30 a. m Oil Inspector Edmistan, who was on the train, says he was seated at the time with his feet on the seat in front of him, and was not very severely shaken up. Another passenger in the same car who was standing in the aisle was thrown forward quite a distance and severely injured, it was thought internally. A little girl was thrown against the stove and bruised. The engiveer of the freight train, into which the passenger ran, was killed outright, and the passenger engineer was injured. It is the opinion of Mr. Edmisten that the train was running about five times as fast as the law allows while within the limits of Seward. He believes it was going fully thirty miles an hour, while the law prescribes but six miles within the yard limits The attention of the police was this morning called to a probable case of suicide in a small hut at the west end of the O street vladuot. The victim was an old Dane named Thomas Christianson, who has lived alone in the hut for twenty years. There were no signs of foul play, but a bottle was found that had recently contained quarter-grain morphine pellets. The face of the deceased bore the yellow hue of the morphine find, and it may be that an over-dose of the drug caused death. Appearances indicate that the man had been a miser His hut and a couple of adjacent sheds were packed to the roof with a motley array of useful and useless articles. Money to the amount of \$9 was found in a pocketbook and a slip of paper stated that \$40.50 was concealed in a cigar box. There were about 100 cigar boxes in the place. The premises will be thoroughly searched by the coroner. Whither or not there be much money concealed about the place, there are treasures for the curiosity hunter. Several weapons of ancient make and a bible bearing the date of 1632 have already been unearthed. Evidently the old man believed in carrying home everything he picked up. Twenty boxes full of buttons of every con-ceivable kind were found, and of old clother there were van loads. At the time of his

death Christianson was, apparently, 70 years old. So far as known the deceased had no relatives. His "curlosity shop" will be disposed of to whoever will buy.

In the district court today new trials were granted in the cases of Krug Brewing company against Ottens & Oberfelder and Raymond Bros., against Richardson Drug company. New trials were refused in Ball against Holmes estate, and Quincy National bank against H. H. Blodgett, while a new one was ordered in West against Hunger. J. C. Crooker asks damages against the city of Lincoln for \$1,000 by reason of the city entering upon his premises near Ninth and S streets, and tearing down about 240 feet of fence, some fine shade trees, flowers and shrubbery. He also claims that the city has appropriated a portion of his lot for its own use. The city council has refused him any satisfaction. Notwithstanding the fact that Comptroller of the Currency Eckels complimented K. K. Hayden in speaking of the lattir's appointment of the receivership of the German National bank, there is considerable expressed dissatisfaction among the depositors and stockholders. They desire that President As a Result Three Men Were Killed and Four Others Injured.

ATLANTA, Gs., Dec. 26.—In a head end collision, which occurred this morning at 1:30 a.

m. between Chatahoochee and Peyton on the lits affairs must be mide the unanimous wish of the depositors and established as a contain of the constitutions. wish of the depositors and stockholders, and

should be passed around among the party, and that one of that political faith should not be given all the good things in that line. There are, also, other objectors, Capital City bank depositors, who think that Mr. Hayden cannot do justice to both in-stitutions with profit to each defunct bank. stitutions with profit to each defunct bank.
The probability is, however, that Receiver
Hayden is safely moored to both.
Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell
—George T. Moore, E. D. Cummins J. S.
Stanford, Richard Smith. At the Lincoln—
J. S. Brown, Jacob E. Markel, John C.
Wharton, John E. Wagner.

HOW CHRISTMAS WAS ENJOYED. Reports of Celebrations in Many Ne-

EXETER, Neb., Dec. 26.-(Special.)-The Congregational Sunday school gave a very fine entertainment in their church Tuesday evening. The various exercises were beautiful, and were performed by the little folks without a single blunder. Old Santa Claus came in at the close of the exercises, with his pack loaded with snowballs filled with popcorn and candy and many other little gifts for the whole school. The Baptist school had a taffy pull, which

vas greatly enjoyed by the children and old The Methodist school rendered a very ex-cellent literary program. The money which had been set aside to purchase candy, etc., for the school was put in one collection and new singing books will be purchased for

The Catholic people did not celebrate until Wednesday morning. By 6 o'clock a. m. over 200 were at the church for early mass. There were three trees, which were loaded with little gifts for the young folks. Altogether Christmas was very appropriately observed at this place.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-Christmas was observed here in three of the their presents, and those too timid were waited on. In the other churches about the same program was carried out. LA PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)— The young folks of La Platte held their big

party of the season on Christmas g. Bellevue, Fort Crook, Papillion and other places were represented. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 26.—(Special.)— The holiday festivities are in full swing in this city. Christmas eve Herbert Brown gave an "illuminated pumpkin" party to a large number of his young friends. Each guest was presented with a gift taken from a mammoth hollowed pumpkin, and the young host demonstrated his ability as an

entertainer. The Sunday schools of the Baptist, Meth-edist and Cumberland Presbyterian churches gave entertainments on Tuesday evening, all of which were largely attended and very enjoyable. Christmas trees were provided for the amusement of the young people, and candy and nuts distributed by a fur-clothed Santa Claus.

Last evening the Lutherans, Congregationaliets and Christians had their Sunday school

ntertainment. Grafton Notes and Personals. GRAFTON, Neb., Dec. 26.-(Special.)-Married this morning, in the Roman Catholic church, Father Corcoran officiating, James Lonyman and Miss Maggie Brady.
Miss Strater of Cortland, Neb., arrived this afternoon on a visit to her brother

Mr. Strater. Joe Burke came from Omaha today to spend a week with his parents. Rev. John Giffen, divinity student in the Omaha Presbyterian seminary, came in Mon-day for a week's visit with his parents. The Methodist church gave a phonograph entertainment last evening, which was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

Christmas Spree Has a Fatal Ending. gram.)-Late last night fire broke out in the upper floor of Janthon Willis' music store, caused by the overturning of a lamp by

Peter Bennett, who was under the influence of liquor. Dennis Cannon and one Hartwell were trying to put Bennett to bed when the were trying to put Bennett to bed when the accident happened. Bennett's face and hands are very badly burned, and it is feared that he cannot recover. The fire was soon extinguished, and did but little damage.

GOSSIP FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26 .- (Special.) - Brigadier General L. W. Colby, commanding the First Brigade, Nebraska National Guard, has submitted his report of the Hastings encampment of the guard to Adjutant General Barry. In his report General Colby pays a high compliment to Major Fechet, U. S. A., instructor of the guard, and to Major Stark, judge advocate general, for their work dur-ing the encampment. Otherwise the report covers much the same ground as that of Major Fechet's to the adjutant general. In con-clusion General Colby says: "I wish to commend the officers and men of the First brigade for their earnest efforts, and to con-gratulate them on the high degree of military proficiency attained. Never has the brigade been in a condition the better to merit the confidence of the state of Ne-braska, and never, I believe, have the people been more ready to rely upon their patriotvalor and efficiency in the hour of dan-C. W. Murdock, captain of battery A. Wy-

more, has been re-elected to that position. This makes Captain Murdock's service in this position continuous since the organization of the battery in 1878. F. A. Piarrou, convicted of highway robbery in Douglas county and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, has appealed his case to the supreme court on error. He was convicted December 21, the charge being hat, in company with Pat Ford and James

Galleger, he assaulted and robbed August

Volter, on the night of September 24, of \$20.75. A suspension of sentence was \$20.75. Governor Holcomb has issued a requisition for J. D. Wise, who is under arrest at Wathena, Doniphan county, Kan. Wise is the man who represented himself in Omaha as an agent of the Ladies' Home Journal, and as such committed a number of forger les. The requisition is issued in response to a telegram received by W. A. Debord from C. D. Kennedy, Wathena, saying: "Ge out complaint from Omaha, Have Wise safe."

Hudson of Omaha.

Oil Inspector Edmisten today presented E. W. Nelson of the governor's office with a handsome gold pen and case.

The agent who will go for Wise is Detective

Several Marriages in Cass County. PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The ollowing couples were married in Cass county vesterday: William H. McDaniel to Miss Mary C. Root, both of Murray; Robert Schell of Lincoln to Miss Orphia Bryan of Elmwood; Charley Barker of Missouri to Elia Stienhour of Richardson county; George Stotler to Miss Nettle Dye, bo h of Nehawka; Shellon C. Gor-man to Miss Martha Funk, both of Plattsmouth; David B. Robinson of Cedar county to Miss Edith Schrader of Eight Mile Grove; Charles F. Kreglow, Manley, to Miss Minnie Shoeman, Louisville; F. B. Hubbard to Miss Nettie Jamison of Weeping Water; Mogens Peterson, Harlan county, to Miss Anna Mogenson, of Weeping Water.
Among those spending Christmas in this

city were: Miss Alice Macomber of Omaha, with Perry Walker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman of Omaha, with A. L. Coleman and family; Ed Emery and family, accompanied by Miss Lorene Murray, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray; Mrs. A. E. Oliver and daughters of Lincoln, with C. D. Eads and family; E. J. Strught of Lincoln, with parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Strught and family: George R, Chatburns and family of Lincoln, with Byron Clark and family; H. W. Lloyd and family of Union, with M. L. Lloyd and family; Frank Hawksworth of McCook, with D. H. Hawksworth and family; J. P. Retelsdorf and wife of Malvern, Ia., with Mrs. Tom Murphy and family, while those leaving who ate their Christmas dinner out of town were: Miss Ella Ruffner at Nehawka, Ray Waterman at Crete, Miss May Patterson at Lincoln, Frank Livengs at the capital, Mrs. Joe Lloyd and daughter at Omaha, D. K. Barr at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Will Hyers at South Omaha, John Davies at Glenwood and Gus Hyers at Chicago.

Death of a Bliggard Victim FREMONT, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The remains of Dennis Killeen, who died at the asylum at Lincoln, were brought to Fremont yesterday and buried. Mr. Killeen was a brother of Thomas Killeen, ex-county clerk, and became insane from the effects of exposure in the blizzard of January, 1888. Yesterday afternoon, while- Waldo Wintersteen and another gentleman were out riding the king bolt of the buggy broke and the horses became frightened and ran. Both were thrown out and badly bruised. Mr. Wintersteen's wrist was quite seriously aprained.

Captured a Burglar at Grand Island. GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-Early yesterday morning a burglar was caught while in the act of going through Hayden Bros.' general merchandise store. Officers Fehan, Harrison and Smith made the capture. The man has not yet been arraigned, but is held in the county jail for safekeeping. He is supposed to have had a pal in a suspicious looking character who was found to be hiding in the cellar of the Koehler hotel, from which he was thrown out by the engineer.

St. Paul Knights Templar Celebrate ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The Knights Templar of Mount Ararat commandery No. 23 assembled in their asylum at 11 o'clock today for the purpose of doing honor to their grand commander, after which they repaired to the Episcopal church, where a splendid sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Maimann. After the church service the Knighte and their families returned to their asylum, where an elegant banquet had been prepared, which was heartly partaken of by all.

Johnson County Secures a Verdict TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special Telegram.)-Judge A. H. Babcock of the district court today gave a verdict favoring the thurches. At the Methodist Episcopal church | county in the case of Johnson county against there was a cantata by the Sunday school the bondsmen of D. R. Bush, ex-county scholars. After the speaking and singing by treasurer. Bush had between \$7,000 and the little folks a Santa Claus came riding \$8,000 of county securities in the Russell into church on a wheel loaded down with & Holmes bank here at the time of its candy and pop corn for the children. All the failure and lost it. The case will be taken who had the courage went to him and got to the supreme court. Safe Crackers at Fairfield.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The safe in the office of S. H. Lewis & Co., lumber desiers, was broken open Tuesday night and its contents, consisting of \$16, Christmas Wedding Bells.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 26.-(Special.)-At noon the Schell-Bryan wedding was solemnized at W. R. Bryan's residence in Cass county. Prof. Beatty of Cotner university performed the ceremony. Fifty-five guests

No Heart Palpitating

No Dyspeptic Aching

No Nerves Quaking

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were present, all relatives, and a long list of beautiful and useful presents testify the worth of the young couple among their friends. They will make Dewitt, Neb., their

At 8 o'clock Charles D. Keetle and Miss M. Lizzie Ross were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb H. Rose, by Rev. T. A. Campbell of Elmwood. The groom is a well-to-do young farmer and the beautiful bride is the daughter of Caleb Brigndler General Colby Pleased With the National Guards' Status. Rose, a wealthy stockman.

New remedies are being constantly intro-duced to the public, but Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup still maintains its pre-eminence.

Naturalist Blines' Discovery. LA PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-Aside from studying and investigating the soils and sands and fessils of Sarpy and adjoining counties La Platte's local amateur scientist, Jasper Blines, will investigate that branch of insect life which is known as the periodical cicada, or the so-called locust. Certain broods of this insect appear in certain localities every thirteen or seventeen years. To this naturalist belongs the honor of having discovered as late as August 15 a live cleada septendecim in Cass county. This was reported to the late Prof. C. V. Riley of the National museum, who pronounced the discovery of a cleada so late out of their normal time as a very noteworthy event. The periodical cleada is a perfectly harmless insect and enjoys the distinction of belonging exclusively to the United States, and of being

the longest lived insect of the world.

Travel across the Platte here is practically suspended. As this is the usual condition of affairs for at least half of the year it is quite evident that one of the enterprises demanded is a good wagon bridge. Omaha would profit greatly by this means to connect the city with Cass county.

SAVED FROM NICOTINE.

Father and Son Set Free at Ashville, North Carolina.

Little Charley Fogleman Used Tobacco Since Babyhood, and His Father Smoked and Chewed for the Past 20 Years.

"Is this true?" asked the News man at Pelham's pharmacy, as he laid down a letter in the presence of a dozen interested cus-

"Yes, it is," promptly answered the pro prietor. "It was written here on one of our letterheads and signed by J. C. Fogleman, who lives at No. 5 Buxton street. We all who lives at No. 5 Buxton street. We all know he is a man of his word.

"I am glad to hear it. You will agree with me that it is almost too good to be true." This is what the letter said:

Office of Pelham's Pharmacy, 24 Patton avenue, Asheville, N. C., September 12, 1894

—Gentlemen: My little boy, now 8 years, began chewing tobacco when 3 years old by the advice of our family physician, in the place of stronger stimulants. Four or five weeks ago I began giving him No-To-Bac, which I bought at Pelham's pharmacy, and to my great surprise, and, it is needless to say, my delight, No-To-Bac completely cured him. He does not seem to care for tobacco and is very much improved in health, cats heartily and has a much better color.

"Finding such remarkable results from the use of No-To-Bac, I began myself, and it cured me, after using tobacco, in all its various forms, for a period of twenty years.
"I take pleasure in making this plain statement of facts for the benefit of others.
(Signed) J. C. FOGLEMAN." "What's that?" asked chief of police Hawkins, whose manly form, attired in the new

police uniform, like Solomon in all his glory, came to the door. "Why, No-To-Bac cures!"
"Cures?" Why, I should say so,
have used it myself. It has cured me."

"Would you object to making a statement of the fact for publication?" "Certainly not," and the chief wrote as fellows: "Asheville, N. C., Sept. 25, 1894.-Pelham Pharmacy-I bought one box of No-To-Bac To-Bac I found I had lost the desire for to

bacco. I was cured. "I have used tobacco-chiefly chewingfor eight (8) or ten (10) years, "H. S. HAWKINS." Everybedy looked astonished and wondered

what would next turn up.
"Suppose it don't cura?" some one asked. "Then you get your money back," replied the druggist. "No-To-Bac is made by the Sterling Remedy Co. of Chicago, Montreal and New York, and as sterling in character as in name. By them every druggist in America is authorized to sell No-To-Bac under an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded. They always do the square thing. Here, read their famous booklet, "Don't To-bacco Spit and in It."

CATARRH sufferers may obtain valuably pamphlet by encloing stamp to columbia Chemical Co. Washington, D. C. No cure, no pay, This concern is reliable.

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