LOCAL SEPARATORS FIND MANY CHAMPIONS

Advocates Hold They Are of Benefit to the Producers of Milk and Do Not Interfere with the Farmers' Profit.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23 .- (Special.) -- One matter that was discussed during the session of the State Dairymen's association today and on which there was much difference of opinion was that of the establishment of separator stations, with a central creamery to bodle the combined product. The operators of the old style creameries are firm in the belief that the most successful factory is the one that is surrounded by a good territory where the cream can be gathered from the farms and bouled to the factory and there made into butter. They hold that the establishment of the creamery in the neighborhood gives the farmers more confidence in it and they are more willing and anxious to provide the necessary milch cows and sell their cream to the gatherers. They look upon it more as a home institution. On the other hand the advocates of the separator system argue that by having a separator station in each town or village they are enabled to handle the territory in a more convenient way, have the stations closer to the patrons and that the butter product turned out is fresher and better than when made from new milk hauled in every day than it possibly onn be where the cream is kept for several days and then is hauled to the creamery, which in many cases is a long distance away from the farmer. They also hold that under the separator system the expense is lessened and the operators are thereby enabled to pay a better price to the farmer. It is not necessary to keep up large buildings, ice houses, etc., and there is that so much expense for labor. A central factory can also market its product with less expense than can the same amount of butte be rold by a number of small factories. The say that a separator station can be estab-lished in every little town, and that there is no reason why the farmers should not look upon them as cormanient home institutions. A gentleman representing sarge creamery in terests in Kanaas was present at the session of the association, and he said that in his locality the separator idea was growing in favor, especially in the small towns. A place that only has one or two stores and a blacksmith shop can secure a separator station which not only results in a great convenience to the farmers, but draws trade to the busi-ness men. In many instances a merchant in a small town puts up a small building, pro-cures a separator in connection with some creamery within chipping distance, carries the cream accounts on his books, sells goods to the same farmers, and makes monthly settlements. It is more satisfactory to the mer-chant than the handling of country butter, and more satisfactory to the farmer than and more satisfactory to the farmer than the court. At noon the attorneys had not either home butter making or selling cream agreed upon the referee. to cream gatherers.

The association closed its session with the following program: Report of committees, paper on "Milk Fever," by Dr. A. T. Peters;
"Feeding Problems," Prof. T. L. Haecker;
"Poultry Side of Farm Life," Mrs. Nellie
Hawks; "Wherein it Pays to Patronize a
Creamery," E. F. Howe; "How to Make a
Success of the Creamery business," C. F.
Englebaurt.

The following officers were elected: President, George E. Hankell, Boacrice; vice president; C. A. Clark, Ravenna; secretary, H. Vaughan; directors, Charles Harding, Norfolk; S.-C. Bassett, Gibbon; W. A. Poynter, Albion; George S. Merrill, Minden; B. R. Stouffer, Bellevue.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

tactive preparations are being made for the meeting of the State Teachers' association, which occurs here next week. The indications now are that the attendance will be much larger than ever before. It is believed that the prospect of having an educational congress at Omaha next year is already hav-ing a good effect among the teachers of the which will result in most of them coming to the state meeting or joining the state association, in order that they may join in the discussions and uid in the arrangements for the big meeting next year.

Every effort has been made to provide acodations for the visitors and arrangements have been made for several events of an entertaining as well as instructive The latest announcement is that every member of the association will be en-titled to a complimentary ticket to the Haydon art exhibition. The visitors will also be taken to visit the various state institu-tions and schools here, and it is believed that the session will be full of both pleasure and profit to the teachers of the state. GOVERNOR DID NOT APPEAR.

Governor James Sheakley of Aluska tele graphed Governor Holcomb from Denver yesterday that he would pass through here to day. This forenoon a telephone message was received from the train dispatcher of B. & M. saying that Governor Sheakley and his party were on board the train that arrives here at 10:35 a. m. Adjutant General Barry and Major Fetchet of Governor Holcomb's staff went to meet the train, while the governor himself followed shortly after. When the train got in Barry and Fetchet, not knowing the people that they were to not knowing the people that they were to meet, questioned every stranger that got off the train. No one acknowledged the honor of being the governor of Alaska and the receiving party went through the train with the same result. About this time a mes-sage was received stating that Governor Sheakley had taken the Union Pacific from Denver and had gone east by way of Omaha Governor Holcomb and his two distinguished alds now feel that a good joke was played on them by somebody and the next dignitary who advertises that he will come here will be required to furnish a bond for his appearance before a military escort is pro-

The Omaha Tent and Rubber company with \$25,000 capital stock, filed articles of in-sorporation today, with L. M. Rawitzer, H. S. McDonald and A. H. Rawitzer as incorpora-

The following notaries were commissioned resterday: H. A. Lotspeich, Alliance; W. W. Watson, Fairbury; John Muldeen, Lincoln; Lee Nunn, Redington; H. B. Waldron, Ben-sington; J. J. Roberts, Lincoln; W. H. Platt,

Grand Island. The New Verdon Creamery company filed articles of incorporation today. The stock-bolders are J. D. Griffiths, M. Meliza, A. B. Poutch, R. N. Cox, John I. Wachter, F. D.

Foley, B. F. Wiser, George P. Adams, George Linn, J. W. Bowen, J. B. Ramsay, Ferd. Friedley, A. Zook, Stung & Timmerman. The State Board of Health met this after-noon and appointed Dr. O. Grothm of St. Paul, to succeed F. D. Halderman of Ord. and H. B. Cummings of Seward, to succeed C. F. Stewart of Auburn, as secretaries of the board. The appointment of Cummings the board. The appointment of Cummings is on the application of the State Eclectic

Medical association and gives that school representation on the board. The Board of Public Lauds and Buildings held a meeting this afternoon and discussed the shortage that occurs in the accounts of Dr. Fall, late superintendent of the Heatrice Home for the Feeble Minded. It was de-cided to make a formal demand on Dr. Fall for the \$150 due, and in case of his refusal or fallure to pay, then a suit is to be com menced against him for the recovery of the money. It is reported that Dr. Fall is holding back money on the pretext that he in-tends to pay it to an employe who was in the institution under his regime. The board, however, does not admit that it is a part of the doctors' duty to pay out money to state employes at this time, but holds that he should at once pay it into the state treasury. The adjutant general of the Nebraska Na

tional Guard within a few days will issue his ennual report, in which he will show that



CREAMERIES AND FARMERS

the guard has decreased in strength to the last year, two companies having been mustered out of service. The guard now includes two regiments, in which are twenty-two companies of infantry, one of cavalry and occ of light artillery. There are ninety-five commissioned officers, 224 noncommissioned, seventy musicians and 767 privates.

W. E. Callb. clerk for Herytrasys Brothers.

W. E. Cobb, clerk for Hargreaves Brothers, wholesale grocers, was arrested tonight on the charge of having embezzled \$1,500 from his employers. In default of ball Cobb has been committed to jail. LINCOLN LOCAL NOTES. Burglars entered the house of Arthur Ben-

nett last night and carried away many arti-cles of wearing apporel, besides a jewel case, a pearl ring, gold plus and some other jew-elry. Entrance was made by prying the front door open.

Dr. B. F. West appeared in police court today to answer the complaint of Health

Officer Robbe, who charges him with failure to report a diphtheria case. Dr. West gave bonds for his appearance in court tomorrow morning. Several arrests of this nature have

been made recently.

Omaha people at the botels: J. A. Epeneter, J. J. Boucher, C. C. Wright, J. C. Tyrrell, J. E. Hall. At the Lincoln: O. W. Hingle, G. W. Holdrege, F. W. Bodie, T. E. Roberts, Frank Waring.

DAY'S EVENTS AT GRAND ISLAND. City Council Appropriates Money to Help the Firemen.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special. -The city council last evening oppropriated \$125 to defray the expenses of a delegation to the firemen's convention at Kearney, the delegation to consist of twenty-five members. Expert Accountant N. Fodrea presented a report of his findings in the records of City

Treasurer King for the two years ending May 5, 1897. The report showed that there had been one or two minor errors in the for-warding figures and one or two instances where the treasurer collected 1 or 2 cents too little. The substance of the report was that the treasurer was just 1 cent out in his record for the two years.

A warrant the been out for some days for

the arrest of Joseph Spetts of Wood River on the charge of having taken from Mrs. Herman Glade, a widow living northeast of Wood River, \$100 and some jewelry. It appears that Spelts bad been assisting in managing Mrs. Glade's affairs and on one evening when the two were going home from Wood River a quarrel took place, Mr. Spelts leaving the buggy. Spelts has not been seen since, nor did Mrs. Glade ever receive the money and the watch she had entrusted to his cure. the watch she had entrusted to his care. Yesterday Mrs. Glade learned that the man had gone to Missouri and she at once came to this city last evening to consult with the county attorney. The latter states that while a warrant has been out for some time for his arrest, no active steps had yet been taken to bring him back from Missouri. Mr. Spelts is a man of over 40 years of age.

NO JURY TO HEAR MOORES CASE. Attorneys Instructed to Agree on a

Referee. LINCOLN, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-The supreme court this morning denied the motion of Moores for a trial by jury and directed the attorneys to agree upon a referee before whom testimony could be taken in the case, and whose findings, both as to the law and facts, should be submitted to

Case Heard in Chambers.

ALLIANCE Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-Last week Judge Kinksid held a term of court in Chambers at this place to hear an equity case which involved the rights of every person living and owning land in township No. 24, range No. 47, near this place. A man named Duhan, through ex-County Surveyor Hazard, located and Surveyor Hazard, squatted upon a tract of land belonging to the Kara Cattle company, claiming error in the description of the land as claimed by the Kara company. The tract is a piece of hay land and has been deeded for nearly ten years and was inclosed with a fence. Every quarter section of land in the townhas been settled upon and located from regular government corners in said township and no dispute ever arose until Hazard run in a line and built his own corners (admitting on the witness stand that he did so) and located this man Duhan. The court took the case under advisement.

PLATTEMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—What came near being a fatal accident occurred here this afternoon. While coasting on the long Main street hill a toboggan carrying four young boys ran into a sleigh crossing the path and the two front lads were thrown against the iron braces with sufficient force to inflict severe scalpd wounds and render them unconscious for some time. The two boys in the rear escaped with nothing worse than a bad fright. The two injured lads were taken to a doctor's office nearby, where their wounds were dressed and their parents summonel to look after them. Max Chapman, the larger of the two, was able to walk home with assistance, but the wounds sustained by the younger, Tom Swearengen, necessitated taking several stitches and left him in a critical condition.

Reunion for Fort Crook.

FORT (ROOK, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The organization krown as the United States have in the United States have in the United States does not the States of the United States have in the United States have in the United States have in the past expressed themselves as opposed to pooling between railroads.

Because the United States have in the United States of the United States have in the United States of the United States of the United States have in the United States of th

The organization known as the United States Regular Army and Navy Veterans, composed of soldiers and sailors who have served at least one enlistment in the United States service, will be in evidence here on New Miles' command will give its second annual ball and supper at the post hall. The large mers hell will be elaborately decorated for the occasion and the music will be furnished

by the regimental orchestra. TILDEN, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-C. H. Calvin of this place narrowly escaped burning out this morning. He accidently dropped a lighted inatern in the hay in his constable. The burner came off and the oil spread over the hay, which caught fire. For unately some old horse blankets were bondy Calvin succeeded with smothering the flames before any damage

Milford Notes.

MILFORD, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-Thieves forced the doors of the postoffice, blew open and ruined the safe, and took about \$500 worth of stamps last night. The new, complete ret of fusion officers-elect for Seward county take possession

January 1 More then twice the usual number of cattle and sheep are being fed here.

Court at Osceola. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 23,-(Special.)-In the district court the case of Josle L. Frawley against Freeman J. Hahn has been on trial the last thre days. This is a case in which the sheriff, F. J. Hahn, attached a lot of goods and sold them, the Farmers and Merchants bank of Stromsburg going on the indemnity bond. Mrs. Frawley chains they

Lumber Yard Closed.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 23 -- (Special.)-The lumber yard of John Batten has been closed under chattel mortgage. Liabilities are not figured up. Mr. Batten is seriously ill and had been unable to attend to the business. The cleaning up has been done by the creditors upon the personal request of Mr. Bat-

Hurt in a Runaway. FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-

Yesterday during the noon hour Fred Usher, a boy about 15 years old, hitched a young horse to a sleigh to give some of his young friends a ride. The horse became frightened and ran away, throwing Usher out against a tree. He was unconscious for some time.

Revival Services. NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-

Evangelist Nunce is holding an interesting series of union revival services here and is securing many conversions. Rev. H. J. Mott of Hastings has also commenced a religious crusade in the interest of the Society of

SHELTON, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)— A telegram received here this evening announces the burning to death at Billings, Mont., in his own store, of John F. Pines. He was long a prominent business man of

MOVE ON POOLING QUESTION

Report of Minority Committee to National Board of Trade.

SOME AHGUMENTS ON THE OTHER SIDE

Objections to Adopting the Report of the Special Committee - Full Text of the Minority Report.

Ever since the meeting of the National Board of Trade in Washington last week there has been a great deal of matter regarding the pooling of earnings or tonnage among rellroads published in the press. As the majority report of a special committee on railroads favored the bill allowing pooling that side has received the bulk of attention. In order that the readers of The Bee may know something of the other side of the question the report of the minority of that committee and some arguments

and is as follows;

We do not concur in the clause of the majority report, which directly or indirectly endorses the legalizing of pooling of earnings or tonname between railroads, and submit the following resolutions in lieu of the sections referring to pooling:

Resolved, That any law legalizing pooling of the tonnage or earnings between railroads is against public policy, destructive to legitimate and beneficial competition, and cannot but result in unjust discrimination.

Resolved, That the Nathmal Board of Trade disapproves and is opposed to all propositions to so amend the interstate commerce law as to permit pooling.

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Mr. Chairman: I move the adoption of the foregoing resolutions as a sanstitute for section 1 of the report of the majority committee, or so much of that report as covers the question of pooling. There are four members of your committee on railroads who are opposed to any law legalizing pools. Not only are we opposed to such a may personally, but we are here under instructions to oppose such a measure, by resolutions of our respective organizations. What I may say as to why I oppose the measure are my own views only, and have not been submitted to the other members measure are my own views only, and have not been submitted to the other memoers of the committee. I am opposed to action being taken here endorsing the legalizing of pooling of older earnings or tonnace between railroads, because on this question of national importance and of special importance to the territory west of the Mississippi river and of Chicago, the National Board of Trade is not a representative body.

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It is my understanding that we have represented here twenty-nine commercial organizations, two of which have interests both east and west, only four of the twenty-nine are from west of the Indiana-Il ho sine, and two only from south of the Onloriver. We have three organizations representing the city of Boston, three representing the city of Philadephia, and out six representing the city of Philadephia, and out six representing the entire territory west of Indiana and south of the Onlo-the territory which produces three-fourths of the grain and live stock and all of the cotton of the United States—is represented in this association by delegates from six cities only, namely, Chicago, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, New Orleans and Atlanta, yet, we are assed to recommend legislation that may decrease the value of every busined of grain, of every pound of cotton, every head of live stock produced in that territory, by enabling the transportation lines to divide the transc of that great territory among themselves, upon such basis as they mu ually agree. Is it just to recomlines to divide the traffic of that great territory among themselves, upon such basis as
they mu utily agree, is it just to recommend legislation that may so materially
affect these people who are not represented
here at this meeting, when we do not know
what the effect of such legislation may be
to them? Is there any one here who can
say beyond question of a doubt that these
people will not be injured? I hardly
think so,
I am opposed to the legalizing of pooling
between railroads:

petween railroads; Because pooling of tonnage or of earnings is contrary to the statutes of various states, particularly in the west, and uniformity is needed between state and national legislation upon transportation questions.

Because eighty-seven of the commercial bodies of the United States have in the

grocer of Atlanta said, "Pooling contracts," and are always entered into for that express purpose, Where pooling is possible, competition is impossible, consequently it is in contravention to public policy." Similar testimony was given by a leading attorney of Atlanta by various grain and flour testimony was given by a leading attorney of Atlania, by various grain and flour dealers and others of the same city, by farmers in Indiana and Wisconsin, by merchants of Nashville, and Mr. Richard P. Mayo, jr., an ex-railroad commissioner of Illinois, said, "Pooling of earnings or business should be prohibited by law."

Because in answer to inquiries of the interstate Commission sent to all

Because in answer to inquiries of the Interstate Commerce commission sent to all the commercial organizations of the United States, to the state railroad commissioners, the various shippers to railroad officials, and railroad association officials, and others, answers as published in the sixth annual raport show that but two commercial organizations and three shippers favored legalizing pools. Sixteen of the favorable answers were from railroad officials, four from railroad association officials and one from the editor of a railway newspiper. Out of the thirty-seven favorable answers, twenty-one were directly interested in railroads.

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Because in the latest testimony taken on
the subject of pooling by the senate committee in April. 1897, but one shipper testified at all He, while practically controlling all the elevators on a western line,
including a large elevator in Chicago, is one
of the largest handlers of grain in the
United States, and is noted among als competitors as scidom, if ever, paying tariff,
Yet he testified in favor of legalizing pools,
while our friends on the other side say
they want pools legalized in the interests
of the small dealer. Is it possible this
gentleman favors pools for the same reason?

Because it would place in the hands of Hecause it would place in the hands of railroad associations the power to discriminate unjustly against commistees—would enable them to give a minimum service for a maximum carrie. Would have a tendency to retard improvements in facilities; would increase time of short lines in both freight and passenger service, and remove that element of competition between carriers of the greatest value to individuals and communities, namely, the best possible service.

Because, while it might remove some un

service.

Because, while it might remove some unjust discriminations between individuals in the same communities, it would increase unjust discrimination between communities, as it would be impossible to include all business and all competing communities in the same pool, and the incentive to cut rates on nonpool competitive business would be increased.

Because it would create unjust discriminations on farm products at strictly local stations not included in the pool and have a tendency to force the business to points which the railroads desired to foster, regardless of the wishes of the producer.

Because any benefit to the shippers to be derived from pooling other than to railroads, would be to the seaboard cities, to the detriment of interior cities.

Because the railroads do not need it to protect their interests and can find other means of protecting their revenue without placing the public at their mercy.

Because railroad earnings and prices of railroad securities show that they have profited as greatly by the return of prosperity as have other lines of trade, and most of the troubles complained of by them have not been confined to railroad investments alone, but have applied to an even greater extent to other lines of trade.

Because it would injure the stock raisers of Texas and Okiahema, the corn producer of Iowa and Missouri, the wheat raiser of Kansas and Nebraska, the wholesale merchants and manufacturers of St. Louis and Chicago, Kansas City, Denver and the west; the retail merchant and the consumer everywhere.

to secure the repeal of a law, once enacted, legalizing pools. Even through the strong and efficient lobby at Washington, constant advocacy by railroad officials and association officials, everywhere possible, the maintenance of a press bureau for the circulation of literature advocating pools, and with practically no synchiatic work on behalf of the shippers, the fallroads have been unable to secure any change in the fifth section in more than ten years. With no organized effort on the other side, and with the influence of the railroad interests to maintain a pooling lawlimen once enacted, it would be practically impossible to secure a change. For these passens and many others I am opposed to any recommendation legalizing pools.

WOMEN TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE. Messersmith Gang of Burglars May

Yet Be Googleted. The case of burglary, in which Naomi Alphman, Jane Anderson, Ralph Memersmith, Temer Ryan and John Kelly are charged with breaking into the store of H. R. Baldwin, 1516 North Twenty-fourth street, and the residence of Mrs. Effic Kelly, 920 North Twenty-second street, came up for trial be-fore Judge Gordon yesterday at 11 o'clock. The Alphman and Anderson women have turned state's evidence against their friends and when placed on the stand this morning gave in detail the robbery of the two places. Mrs. Anderson said that the whole gang made its headquarters at her house, 1120 North Twenty-first street. The members, however, The report of the minority committee on railorads to the National Board of Trade was made by A. J. Vallandingham of St. Louis, George F. Stone of Chicago, R. C. Creer of Feorla and W. P. Trickett of Kansas City, and is as follows;

We do not see the stone of the st. Louis, George for the stone of the st. Louis, George for the street of the stone of the stone of the two places mentioned. She did not think they had had time to do any other jobs. On information given by the women, Assistant County Attorney Winter filed very complete informations against the male members of the street. ing and the police feel sanguine that every one of them will be convicted. At the conclusion of the testimony Judge

Gordon found there was little evidence im-plicating John Kelly and Thomas Ryan with the robbery of Mrs. Rifle Kelly, or the store of H. R. Baldwin, so they were accordingly discharged. Raiph Messersmith, Mrs. Jane Anderson and Naomi Alphman were each ound over to the district court on a charge of burglary, the bonds being placed at \$300

Notes from the Y. M. C .A. The lunch room will be closed on Christ-

On Christmas day the building, gym-On Christmas day the building, gymnasium and baths, will be open as usual.
At 7:30 p m, there will be a match same
of basket ball between teams from the
Omaha and South Omaha associations, followed by games, music and a general good
time in the partors, Young men away from
home, as well as all members, are especially invited.

Christmas service for men Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, W. A. Wolfe will socak.
His subject will be: "The Coming Christ."
The boys' Christmas service will be aeld.
Sunday at 3 p. m., with special addresses

lay at 3 p. m., with special addresses us are nearly completed for the New Plans are nearly completed for the New Year's calebration, which promises to sur-sars that of last year. Among the features will be a game of indoor base ball between chicago and Omaha at 2 p. m. Reception, with music, refreshments, etc., from 6 to 6 p. m. At 8 p. m. in the gymnasium, basker ball game. Calcago acainst Omain Young Men's Christian association. At 8:30 in the auditorium a spendid program will be given.

Christmas services will be held on Sun-day at 4 o'clock, Mrs. Alexander Hodge will lead. The committee hopes the Young Women's Christian association member-ship will attend. Secretary F. L. Willis and

women's Christian association membership will attend. Secretary F. L. Whils and Mrs. Johnston will sing.

The candy sale closes tomorrow night. The merchants have been very kind. Mr. Kilpatrick arranged a booth of green and red, and trade has been quite brisk. Thanks are due has many donors of candy and to those who have assisted in making and serving at this busy time.

There will be no classes next week, except the Bible class on Tuesday night and the cash girls on Thursday hight.

The gymnashum will resume work with the next year. New class work will be taken up and new members are urged to begin work promptly. The gymnashum is well equipped, well lighted, well ventilated, bright and cheerful, and offers advantages to young women and girls not to be found elsewhere in the city.

The basket buil field is in order and we are ready for both fun and work.

Woodmen Have Christmas Tree.

Alpha camp, Woodmen of the World, had a glorious Christmas tree party in the hall n the Crounse block last hight. The feature of the affair was a buge Christmas tree, which was loaded down with gifts and candy, fruit, nu's and other good things. Over 1,150 of these presents were distributed course of the evening children of the membras of the lodge and their friends. This distribution took up the greater part of the evening, and the later and of the affair was devoted to dancing. The party was attended by a large number of children and grown up folks.

Nebraska News Notes. The Kearney cotton mill is again running

North Platte for the winter. Honge cattle are enduring the severe weather finely. Feed is plentiful. The Advocate, published at Sargent, has gote the way for went of the needful. The Salvationists of Norfolk are arrang-

ing to give a Christmas dinner to the poor The Catholics of Nanonee are arranging building a handsome church and hav work on the foundation well under way. The contract has been let for the new court house at Gering. Scott's Bluff county. It will be built of brick and be a substantial

A Shelton company has secured the con tract to furnish the Union Pacific rullroad business cares and ought to recover from with several hundred cars of ice to be ship- his recent illness." Hoxie Clark left for St. ped to North Platte. Two children of Richard Stevens living near Waco died in the same hour from acarlet fever. Other members of the family

are in a critical condition. The treasurer of Cherry county has called in \$4,000 in county warrants and is paying The county is also reducing its bonded indebtednes by calling in outstanding

bonds. The Indians on the Winnehago reservation were paid off last week and \$18,000 was dis-tributed among them. There was a wild game of chuck-a-luck run by the home people on the reservation immediately following and the lodges were flush only for a short

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. Warmer in the Eastern Portion of the State. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23,-Forecast for Friday:

Nebraska-Fair: variable winds: warmer in extreme eastern portion, For Iowa-Fair; warmer; southerly winds For South Dakota-Fair: warmer in eastern portion; variable winds, For Missouri-Fair; warmer Friday night;

northeasterly winds.
For Kansas-Fair; variable winds.
For Wyoming-Fair; variable winds. Local Recird. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Omshi record of rainfall and temperature compared with the corre-sponding day of the last three years:

Maximum temperature 124 36 44 42
Minimum temperature 16 26 22 25
Average temperature 17 T T .00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and squee March 1, 186; Normal for the day...
Deficiency for the day...
Accumulated excess since March 1.
Normal rainfall for the day... Deficiency for the day 10. 67 inch Total rainfall since March 1 19.76 inches Deficiency since March 1 10.18 inches Excess for cor jeriod 1836 4.91 inches Deficiency for cor period 1836 10.73 inches

Reports from Stations at S p. m., Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER. Sail Lake City, de Cheyenne, clear Rapid City, dear Huron, cloudy Chibago, clear Willisten, clear St. Louis, clear St. Faul, partly do Dayenport, clear Helena, dear

Question That Has Had Much Discussion Judicially Settled.

turn Fare Collected and Pay Costs and Attorney's Fees -Local Opinion.

The contention between the stockmen and the railroad companies regarding the is has reached the courts. In a text case decided at Wichita, Kan., yesterday Judge Dale ruled in favor of the stockman who brought suit against the Santa Fe for having refused him a return stock pass. I. P. Campbell, the stockman, who had shipped cattle over the Santa Fe, brought the suit after being refused a roturn pass. The decision gives to him judgment against the Kettles railroad company for the return railroad All styles and kinds from fare, costs and attorney's fees.

While the situation in Kansas is somewhat different from that in this state, it is Carversbelieved that the verdict in favor of the stockman in Kansas may provoke similar A complete line of all the best brands, in cases and suits against railroad companies in Ne-brasks. In both states the railroad com-singly. Prices, 75c per panies have refused to give stockmen re-turn passes for any less shipment than two cars. In Kansas the stockmen secured the parsage of a bill by the last session of the legislature ordering the railroads to give re- An elegant line of the latturn passes to stockmen on the shipment est patterns, from \$2,75 to of one car of stock. This the railroad com- \$9.00. panies have refused to do both in Kanaas

Freight officials of Nebraska railroads expressed the belief that the decision of Judge Dale against the railroad would be overruled in a superior court. They assert that any decision compelling the tailroads to give a return pass for the shire. railreads to give a return pass for the ship-ment of one car of stock is unreasonable and 25c to \$3.00. unfair to the companies, and will be stoutly resisted. There is no doubt but that the question at issue will be fought out in the higher courts. A recent conference of gen-eral managers of western railroads held in St. Louis disclosed the fact that the pass privilege accorded to stockmen was enormously abused by both the railroads and the stockmen. The Nebraska railroads are said to be as had as the Kansas railroads in making use of the return stock shippers' privilege for extending the favor to those not entitled to it. A railroad man recently to The Bee that It was no unusual thing to find professional men wearing high hats and kid gloves riding on Nebraska trains on stock passes. He thought it might be possible that they were stock shippers returning to their homes, but he rather doubted it. The announcement that the railroads had included to abate the abuse arising from

he return stock shippers' passes by down the passes of this character has led to a pritest from the stockmen. The test case at Wichita is the result of the controversy over the refusal of the company to grant a genuine stock shipper a return pass, first round has been won by the stockman. INCREASES ITS CAPITAL STOCK. Omnha, Kansas City & Eastern Alse

Issues Bonds. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.-The stockholders of the Omala, Kancas City & Eas ern railway today voted to increase the copital mock of the railroad from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000. 000. The action in issuing first mortgage bonds at the rate of \$20,000 a mile and sec-

ond mortgage bonds at the rate of \$15,000 u mile was ratified. The additional money raised is to be used for improvements on the

Another batch of novel and interesting holiday souvenirs made their first appearance in local railway circles yesterday. The tasteful card bearing the greetings of the season issued by the attaches of the office of Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agen: Phillippi of the Missouri Pacific is the first received from any of the local offices. In all the city ticket offices this morning were received small boxes of the "Colorado Midland" brand of cigars, with the compliments of General Passenger and Ticket Agent Bailey. The first calendar ever put out by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad come into the city this morning and was much admired by the railroaders. It is on a handsome background of royal blue and is ornamented with specimens of the Beardsley

Hoxle Clark, son of S. H. H. Clark, receiver of the Union Pacific, was in the city vesterday on on errand of private nature for his father. He takes but little stock in the ru-mors that his father will be elected presi-dent of the Missouri Pacific system at the more that his father will be elected presi-dent of the Micsouri Pacific system at the next meeting of the directors of that com-pany. Regarding his father's health he pany. Regarding his lather's health he said: "He is improving in strength. He will leave St. Louis for San Antonio, Tex., today, and we hope to be able to keep him in the warmer climate of the south through-out the winter. There he will be free from

Louis last evening. Patching Up Rate Troubles. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The board of man-

agers of the Joint Traffic association held a onference today with the presidents of the trunk lines and of their immediate western onnections. Measures were taken to secure the restoration and maintenance of the established turiff on live stock, provisions and grain from western to eastern points after Jenuary 1. The standing committee on take and vail rates made a report, which was re ferred to a conference between that commit-tee and the lake managers, the question of differentials across Lake Michigan, however being referred to the managers.

Start a New Milenge Bureau. DETROIT, Dec. 23 .- Since the Central Traffic association would not agree to the change croposed in the new interchangeable mlleage ticket by the Vanderbilt and other Michigan roads a new northern mileage ticket bureau will be established, with headquarters in Detroit. Representatives of the roads in-terested will meet here next Tuesday to effect the new organization. The new ticket will be called the "Northern Interchangeable 1 000 Mile Ticket" and will be good on trains without application at stations.

Railway Notes and Personals. Western railroade have agreed on rates of one and one-third regular fare for the round one one of the following occasions: National Fanciers' association, Chicago, January 24-29; Northwest Lumbermen's association, Microeapolis, January 18-20.

Conductor Letts, employed on the Union Pacific, was thrown against the ladder of a freight cubcose yesterday and had his face badly cut. The accident happened near Korty, and was caused by the sudden breaking of the freight train into two sections. George Abbott, city passenger and ticket agent of the Union Pacific, who was so cody injured by the falling of part of the coupon ticket case on him, was resting easily at his home at Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue yesterday. The cuts and bruises about his head are healing up rapidly, but it is feared that the injuries to his back may prove to be more serious than at first

The attorneys of Nebraska railroads are inlined to the belief that the Nebraska maximum rate case will be heard over again. The decision was expected on Monday, but was not handed down. It is thought by many that the court is evenly divided on the question, and that Judge McKenna, who has just come to the bench, may have the deciding vote to cast. It is possible, however, that the announcement of the decision has merely gone over till after the holidays.

Meeting of Horticulturalists. About thirty horticulturists of Douglas county met in the Board of Trade building yesterday afternoon for the formation of a county society of horticulturists. It was explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the horticulturists of Douglas county. The suggestion met with favor from all present, no opposition being of-

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fered, and it was finally decided to appoint a committee of three to devise a plan of organization and submit a constitution and by-laws to a meeting to be held at the same place at 1:30 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, The committee appointed is John Armour, Union precinct; P. P. Mergen, West Omaha precinct, and G. W. Hervey, Omaha, It is expected that at the next meeting an organization will be perfected and officers elected.

Gambling Case Goes Over. proprietor of the cigar store located at 213 North Sixteenth street, who gave the fictitious name of Sam Jones and is charged with running a gambling house, was arraigned in police court yesterday afternoon on several new charges. He was charged with "gaming." "being a common gambler," "keeping a gambling house" and with "keeping gambling devices." Jones pleaded not guilty to each of the complaints. A hearing in the case was set for Thursday next at 2 o'clock. Six of the men caught in the place at the time it was raided by the police were also arraigned, and upon entering the plea of not guilty a hearing was set for Thursday afternoon. fictitious name of Sam Jones and is charged

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county judge: Name and Residence. Edwin Davis, jr., Sarpy county, Neb... Blanch Nelson, Council Bluffs...... Fred Carpenter, South Omaha... Annie Montague, Omaha... N. B. Washington, Omaha. Mamie L. Jewell. Omaha...

South Side Improvement Club. There will be a meeting of the South Side Improvement club tonight at Tenth and Hickory streets

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