Extent in Nebraska. RAILROADS SAVE IT FROM ACTUAL LOSS

Amount of Commercial Business Transacted Not Enough to Warrant Keeping Many of the Offices Open.

LINCOLN, Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-The hearing of the telegraph case on the Feltz complaint was taken up before the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation this afternoon. C. B. Horton, assistant superintendent of the western division of the Western Union, was on the stand most of the time, and gave many of the details of the business of his company in this state. He said that a great many of the offices were maintained at a loss. Of the 609 offices in the state, only eight went above \$200 per month in gross carnings. The receipts of nine offices ranged from \$100 to \$200 per month, eighty-two took in less than \$2 per month each, while 106 ranged from \$2 to \$5 per month. There were 679 men employed by the company in the state, and if it were not for the contracts with the railroad comwould be at a positive loss.

The witness, in answer to a question re garding the taxes paid by the company, said that taxation was not avoided. He said that the contracts with the railroads provided that the telegraph lines should be assessed along with the railroad lines along which they run, and that the amount of the taxes thus paid by the railroads was deducted from the rentals stipulated to be paid for

Mr. Dickey was recalled and testified that the plant of the Western Union in this state cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, and that while it was probably not worth that much at the present time in cash, it was probably worth that much to the company when the value of the through business and connections was taken into consideration. He told something of the increase of business since 1896, and said that there had bee some increase in the amount of salary paid

Mr. Wolfenbarger asked when the com y commenced to increase salaries, but Dickey said he could not tell exactly when prosperity struck the company. Some increases of salary were from pro motions and others because of the merit of

VALUATION FOR TAXATION.

J. A. Abbott, bookkeeper in the state auditor's office, was called and testified on to how the State Board of Equalization had placed the valuation of the railroads and telegraph lines of the state. He said the the figures for 1897 were the same as thos of 1896, so far as the railroads were con erned, no increase baving been made. board had, however, ascertained that cer tain telegraph lines had not been listed b the railroads for texation in 1896, and i was the valuation of these lines in 1897 that made the increase in the total valuation which was credited to the railroad lines The lines which had been missed in 1896 were along the B. & M. and Missouri

This testimony by Bookkeeper Abbott did not agree with the statement just published by the State Board of Transportation, in which the Board of Equalization is given credit for having made a large increase in the valuation of the railroads of the state And yet this testimony was given before the secretaries, who certified to the report and a large number of printed copies of the report were on the table near which the witnesses and presiding officers sat. Abboti said that his data were taken from the rec ords in the office of the auditor.

was shown that the valuation of tele graph lines was at the rate of \$40 per mile for lines with single wire, \$50 for double wire lines and \$10 per mile for each additional

wire,
After the hearing had progressed thus far Mr. Wolfenbarger, on behalf of Schator Feltz, asked for a continuance of the case until the 16th of March, in order that he make a further investigation. Mr. Wolfenbarger had only been called into the case yesterday and was the only attorney appearing for the complainant. It has been stipulated that the same ruling shall be made in regard to the Postal company as in the case of the Western Union, so that i will not be found necessary to examine into the affairs of the former company.

CUBAN RELIEF ARRANGEMENTS The Cuban Relief commission has received a donation of 1,200 bushels of corn from Staplehurst and has received notice that the citizens of Gothenburg have a car load ready for shipment. A cash donation of \$25 was received today from O. R. Beebe of Cambridge on behalf of the Methodist church of that place. The commission has received notice that while the railroads have made no concerted agreement regarding the free transportation of relief supplies, each company has agreed to take care of all the

shipments turned over to it, so that the transportation is now insured. The damage case of John Lefferdink against A. E. Van Berg was decided in district court today, the jury finding in favor of the defendant, Van Berg. The damage suit was the result of a collision between the two men in Hickman, Neb., January 7, 1897. They had had trouble before the accident happened and were not on speaking terms The owners of the Hickman Enterprise became involved in a quarrel and as Lefferdink was leaving the scene of the disturbance where he had been a spectator he saw Van Berg coming toward him. Neither man evinced a desire to allow the other to pass and as a consequence Lefferdink, being much the lighter of the two, went off the walk into the snow. He set up that he had contracted rheumatism as a result of the collision and that he was unable to work. His suit was for \$5,000.

The Lincoln Traction company of this city has discontinued the operation of cars on the Bethany line. Bethany is a suburb of Lincoln and the seat of Cotner university. This action was taken as an immediate re-sult of a controversy with the Missouri Pacific road, which wants the street car com pany to put in a better crossing where the

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lin dell—Frank L. Gregory, G. G. Wallace and wife, Lou Levy, T. F. Andrews, J. O. Butler and James Allan. At the Lincoln—J. J. Dickey, Frank Miles, C. B. Horton, E. Wakeley and T. H. Thorpe.

Bellevue Briefs. BELLEVUE, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) Rev. Charles E. Schaible of Creston, Ia., delivered a lecture on "The Yellowstone Park" Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. An informal reception followed the address and the large audience availed itself of the opportunity afforded to

examine the geological specimens and pho

Many People Cannot Drink

coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer to-day. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

Try Grain-O!

Insist that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O Accept no imitation.

The Teachers Resding circle held its reg-ular monthly meeting with fifteen members present. John Goss presiding. "Whittier, the Quaker Poet," was the subject for the meeting. There was a general discussion of his life and writings, followed by a crit-ical analysis of his "Tent on the Beach." Monday evening a valentine social was given at the home of Mr. William Wallace. given at the home of Mr. William wallace. The sale of valentines and games gave en-tortainment to those present.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN. Meeting at Grand Island Proves

Pleasant and Profitable. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 16,-(Special.) -After a short session this morning, the argual convention of the Nebraska County commissioners' association closed, to meet adjourned meeting at Omaha early in Sepember. After the business session the visitng delegates were given a drive about the ity and to the sugar factory.

there was throughout the session a lively participation in the discussions. One of the important matters considered was the revismatter was referred to a special committee on legislation, which consists of Beckman of The following officers were elected for the ensulog year: Fred Beckman of Lancaster, president; S. B. Morehead of Boone, vice president; Will Brookley of Adams, secre-tary; Thomas Hoctor of Douglas, treasurer. A vote of thanks was tendered to the tality and to N. Fodrea for information furnished. Mr. Fodrea, a resident of this city, was for many years county treasury examiner and is well informed on county He attended the meeting and was

Among those present were the following: S. B. Morehead of Boone county, A. C. Johnson, J. J. Hughes, H. W. Winter of Madison; P. Folter, G. W. Young and J. C. Have of Cass, J. W. Schmidt of Dawes, E. M. Sten-berg, Thomas Hoctor, Henry E. Ostrom and and Charles P. Jones of Stanton, G. Schmidt and W. C. Beers of Thayer, Will Brookley, Frank Phillips, T. J. Cooperrider of Adams. L. G. Brian of Boone, M. Halderness of Butler, F. Collins of Nuckolls, J. M. Jones, John Yohe, A. H. Olmstead, Leroy Payne and B. A. Skiener of Gage, E. W. Hooker of Dodge, Charles Ewing, Pat Hoye, Thomas Gosnell, D. M. Alter, H. Rief, C. D. Woodward of Hall, G. W. Welton of ---, Lemans Bethton of Sherman.

J. STERLING MORTON EXPLAINS.

Tells How He Came to Be Charged with Plaglarism. NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-Asked today by a representative of The Bee as to the charge of the plagiarism of the the Tree," preferred against him by Rev.

"I never read the verses, 'What Do We lant When We Plant the Tree,' or any ther poetry before any grange or other now a hardware merchant in Crawford. sociation or audience, nor have I ever ublished them over my own name or laimed to be their author. I am as inapable of vershication as a perfectly deaf man is of hearing music or a completely printed many thousand copies of those erses and also of the Anthem for Arbor Day, upon gilt-edged cards and circulated them among the schools of the different states for use at Arbor day plantings and celebrations. Some weeks or months since a friendly and facetious newspaper correwriting verses,' and, leaving out my Overand Theater, attached the verses in ques-

all the states of the American union."

IMPEACH LINCOLN'S MAYOR. State Capital's Municipal Executive

Called to Account. LINCOLN, Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-The city council held a special meeting th's forceoon, all but one of the councilmen being present. Charges were preferred against Mayor F. A. Graham and Exciseman B. Vaill and impeachment proceedings will be commenced against these two officials The resolution to bring the proceedings was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present. The mayor is charged with allow-ing the salocos to remain open after hours and on Sundays, allowing houses of prosti-tution to be openly run, and gambling houses to be conducted. He is charged with selling positions to people desiring appointments, extorting and allowing to be extorted money from the employes of city departments, the specifications asserting that \$50 was the ordinary price charged for positions, while \$525 was taken from Chief of Police Melick to insure his retention in office. The articles also charge that the at the mayor conspired to destroy one of the city testify

Exciseman Vaill is charged with using his The date of his hearing is set for February 28. While there was no vote against the preposed proceedings, four out of the foureen councilmen, are known to be against the impeachment.

YEISER ARGUES TELEPHONE CASE. No Decision in Case Rendered by the

Court. LINCOLN, Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-In the supreme court this morning the Creighton theater and the Yeiser telephone cases were argued. In the latter Mr. Yeiser made his own argument, contending not for a general reduction of rates, but for a re-duction in price of individual telephones. At noon no decision had been handed down by the court.

Thief Arrested at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Officer Brady arrested a man at the Meridian hotel this morning on a description wired from the Grand Island authorities who was wanted for larceny from the person. The man gave the name of James Hall, and the watch and chain were found concealed in and some empty. The sheriff took the stuff, the bed clothes. Chief of Police Meyers along with the parties, to Papillion, before came up from the Sugar City at 2 o'clock and identified the man and property and took them back this evening. The watch was taken from a traveling man and was valued at over \$100.

Cattle Doing Well.

MULLEN, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) -- On the ranches west of here in Grant and Sheridan counties cattle are all looking well. Stockmen have been obliged to feed hay to their stock nearly all winter, as the range has been covered with snow ever since the 26th of October until recently. At present the range is entirely bare from snow and stockmen have put their cattle on the range

Decatur Notes. DECATUR, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-The old soldiers held a campfire at the home of ex-Commander G. J. White last night. Lert Coltrell, the gambler who had charge of the little red cottage, is gone. The re-port got out that the Methodist people had filed affidavits with the grand jury to affidavita with the grand jury to have

Chadron Will Be Right in the Van at the Exposition.

Relies from the Battle of Wounded Knee and Geological Specimens from the Bad Lands and

VERY FINE COLLECTION OF CURIOSITIES

Black Hills.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-Chadron will be represented at the Transmississippi Exposition and in a manner which will be bound to attract attention to this city. The exhibit will be in the shape Secretary Brookley reports the meeting of the Ryan collection of Indian curios, the have been one of the most profitable in largest collection of its kind in the United the history of the organization. Quite a States, comprising, as it does, Indian relics number of new members were added and Bad Lands fossils, Black Hills rubies, wild west taxidermy specimens, wonderful petrifactions, beautiful minerals, magnificent ion of the laws relating to assessments, it beadwork, western curiosities of all kinds being the unanimous opinion that there was and a large collection of valuable ancient a lack of equality in the present laws. The firearms, all collected in this city and vifirearms, all collected in this city and vicinity by P. Ryan, while a resident of Chad-Lancaster, Beckley of Sarpy, Young of Caes, ron, during which time he has been em-Ostrom of Douglas and Johnson of Madison. ployed as a brakeman on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad. Mr. Ryan left with his collection for St. Joseph the first of the week, where he will remain with it until the opening of the exposition. From a historic and educational standpoint the Ryan collection has no peer. It comprises 5,000 pieces of Indian manufacture, covering every article made by the Sloux tribe, and is an object lesson representation of Indian life from the cradle to the grave. Mr. Ryan's collection has long been an object of inter-est to every visitor to this city and was displayed in one of the largest store buildfreely called upon for points pertinent to the ings in the city. One of the articles con-tained in it which is of more than passing interest is the ghost shirt of Big Foot, the leader of the Sioux uprising of seven years ago. It is soiled and stained with blood, and was cut from Big Foot's body by Dr. J. H. McKnight of Long Pine, Neb., after it was rg, Thomas Hoctor, Henry E. Ostrom and ter Hofelt of Douglas, D. E. Price and G. Vorhes of Hamilton, Fred Beckman Laucaster, Dan Bigley, M. J. Connor, D. Wounded Knee. There is the genuine In-discussion and dian tepes in which Chief Red Cloud made beaded leggings, vests, sashes, squaw' dresses; in fact, every article of Indian man ufacture. In the collection of historical valuable specimens, including some firearms

> war together. The Ryan collection will be a conspicu ous feature of the Transmississippi Exposi-tion. J. F. Ballinger, Elkhorn agent at Rapid City, S. D., is associated with Mr. Ryan.

which the reds and the "palefaces" waged

The State Bank of Crawford, which wen down in the Grable crash, has passed into the hands of John H. Jones of Rushville. a republican, who was appointed by Judge W. H. Westover. Mr. Jones was formerly seem, "What do We Plant When We Plant cashier of the First National Bank of Rushville and later cashier of the Rushville Bank J. B. Kenyon of Syracuse, N. Y., in the dis- ing company. Among the applicants for the patches of last Saturday, ex-Secretary J. ceceivership were Andrew M. Morrissey. sterling Morton made the following state-ment: Chadron attorney; A. E. Hobson, formerly assistant cashier of the State Bank of Crawford and R. G. Smith, formerly cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Crawford and George H. Babcock, one of the leading attorneys of this city, has been appointed United States court commissioner by Judge

W. H. Munger of the United States court. The appointment gives universal satisfac-tion in this section, Mr. Babcock being one dumb man is of singing songs. But, as the tion in this section, Mr. Babcock being one author and founder of Arbor day, I have of the prominent republican workers in Dawes county. The Chadron Recorder is still being issued under the direction of Messrs. Taylor and Kendall, despite the foreclosure proceedings instituted by Dr. J. S. Romine a short time ago. It is the belief that the Recorder will

overcome the difficulties which it has enspondent alleged that since my retirement from the Department of Agriculture I was amusing myself by 'building theaters and writing versus,' and leading the statement of the amusing the difference of the countered and continue under the present management.

The Red Cross society of this city has The Red Cross society of this city has elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Mrs. Minnie Crites; vice plagiarism kindly and piously promulgated from Syracuse, N. Y., through the Associated Press, by Rev. Mr. Kenyon who is blocked.

Press, by Rev. Mr. Kenyon, who is himself, according to the telegram, by his own admission, a poet of large local renown. The meeting with considerable success finaneven through scandalous methods—will probably be perceptible at the celebrations and tree plantings of Arbor day 1808 in several social and tree plantings of Arbor day 1808 in several social and tree plantings of Arbor day 1808 in several several social and tree plantings of Arbor day 1808 in several and the Red Cross women confidently expect a snug addition to their Cuban fund.

Hockenberger Trial. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 16.-(Special.) -The trial of E. C. Hockenberger on the charge of embezzlement was continued today. The state rested at 10 o'clock this morning and after a short consultation the defense began the taking of testimony. The was able at this time to show up all of the receipts in the treasurer's office made by Hockenberger as secretary of the Brard of Education to Hockenberger as county treasurer and also the payments in the city treasurer's office from Hockenberger, secretary, to the school district treasurer. It was shown through Witness West more conclusively than was done at the previous trial that on two payments by the secretary of the school board to the school treasurer the amounts were an even \$1,000 less than the amounts collected by Hockenberger secretary from Hockenberger treasurer. This was possible from the fact that whereas at the previous trial Mr. West refused to testify he fully identified his handwriting wells in order that a new one might be put | et this time and Miss West, his daughter down in another location. The date for the and deputy, identified the entries made by hearing is set for March 3. her.

Exciseman Valli is charged with using his position to extort money from the policemen and firemen, and with allowing the saloons to run illegally and to operate wine rooms. The date of his hearing is set for February and the control of the contro followed by Thompson and Horth for the defense and again argued for the close. The case was submitted to the jury at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

> "Temperance Halls" Raided SPRINGFIELD, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) -Sheriff Startzer was in town with warrants for the arrest of George Schular and H. C. Bancroft for selling liquor without a license. The parties have been running "temperance halls" since the town went dry last spring, but it has for a long time been generally understood that they were dealing out something stronger than that usually found in temperance halls. The temperance element of the village, which elected a dry board, has been punching up its seem-ingly indifferent servants and has finally succeeded in getting them to act. has been a standing offer of \$50 for that would convict the parties arrested, but has stood so far without any takers. The sheriff was also armed with search warrants for both places and succeeded in digging up a wagonload of effects, including bottles. beer kegs, jugs and beer cases, some full and some empty. The sheriff took the stuff.

County Judge Howard for arraignment. Recovers Stolen Horses. GORDON, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-City Marshal George Stannard and the sheriff from Douglas, Wyo., went to the Morgan place, ten miles southeast of Gordon, today and found two stolen horses belonging to parties in Lusk, which they brought to town. The horses were brought there a short time ago by Maston Burnett, a son-in-law of Mrs. Morgan. Burnett went Lusk a few days ago with four horses stolen from parties near Gordon and the officers at Lusk were telegraphed to arrest him this morning. It is expected that he will be brought back to Gordon tomorrow

Clay County Farmers' Institute. CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) -The Farmers' institute of Clay county commenced its annual meeting here yesterday.

O. C. Williams was elected secretary. The first paper was on "Datrying," by Hon. William Ashby of Spring Ranche. He dealt principally with the proper method of feed-

lowed by an interesting discussion. H. F. Stouffer addressed the pleting on the same Stoufer addressed the spexing on the same subject. At the evening assion a paper by Prof. Sherman of Fairfield on "Agriculture as a Learned Profession" was full of good sense and was highly approciated. He claimed that the public schools furnished the mental power necessary to make a successful farmer. C. E. Lewis spoke on "Gardening" and George F. Warren read & well written paper on "Fruit Growing." The discussions which followed each subject shows that great in-

terest is taken among the farmers to im-

prove in every respect possible. Sterling Morton as Editor. NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 16.-(Special Telegram.)-This city is to have another daily newspaper, with garagecretary Morton as editor. The articles at incorporation of the Morton Brothers' Printing company were drawn up today. In addition to doing a general job printing and lithographing business one of the objects of the corporation is to conduct a daily newspaper in Nebraska City. The capital stock of the new company is \$25,000, fully paid. J. Sterling Morton, hie four cone-Joy, Paul, Mark and Carl-Donald Maccuaig, N. A. Duff and several other prominent business men of this city are the incorporators. The name of the paper has not yet been decided upon. The first issue will appear about April 1. The paper will be a stanch advocate of the principles of mocracy, including sound money.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)—The case of the state against Fred Mecklinberg, which has been on trial for the last two days, was concluded today and the county judge discharged the defendant. Some time ago J. X. Relff had the defendant arrested, charged with the burning of twenty tons of hay. About twenty-five witnesses were examined, and a great deal of interest centered in the trial, as the parties are both prominent and old neighbors, F. A. McCormick, cashier of the Iowa State National tank of Sloux City, was today served with papers notifying him that he had been sued by James Cunningham for \$150 for failing to release a chattel mortgage which had been paid. McCormick was in

Columbus Cullings

town on business and had to remain.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 16.-(Special.)-All of the banks of this city have reduced move that they find it a very unprofitable and the upset price will be \$8,000,000. business to have so large a capital stock. The reduction is just about 50 per cent. The school meeting of lust night, which was called for the purpose of discussing the matter of a new school house for the city, was adjourned until Thursday evening, about which are woven tales of daring and deeds of bravery on many battlefields in It is generally believed that a new building will be built, as the rooms have been in crowded condition for some time.

Hustle for Farm Lands. TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) The yearly hustle by reaters for farm lands has commenced in Johnson county and it is more vigorous than ever this year. Farm property seems to be very desirable just now, noth to buyers and renters. The prospects exceedingly bright for crops for this are exceedingly bright for crops time of year. Moisture in plotty has filled the ground, putting the same in prime condition for spring work. The wheat has appeared and looks vigorous and thrifty.

Bridge Goes Out. SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-Two hundred and forty feet of the Platte river wagon bridge at this point was taken out by a sudden rise caused by the breaking up of Loup river. The part taken out was a portion of the low bridge built with a view to high water carrying the ice over without injury to the same.

Mysterious Disappearance. TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-Friends traced him as far as Lincoln.

Harvard's New Postmaster. HARVARD, Neb., Feb. 16.-(Special.)-Griff J. Thomas, editor of the Harvard Courier, takes possession of the postoffice today as the newly appointed postmester. H. teined to assist Mr. Thomas in the post-

Clay County Poultry Show. CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.) -The Clay County Poultry association is ready been held, from which neat sums holding its first annual exhibition here. The Omaha does, and enjoys just as favorable other equipment for his line, were realized. One of the social events of entries exceed anticipations, both as to quantation of the second will be given by the social events of entries exceed anticipations, both as to quantations. the season will be given by this society in tity and quality. The poultry industry has the Opera house Thursday night of this reached large proportions in this county and week. It promises to be largely attended is very profitable.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy s a medicine of great worth and merit. Try it when you have a cough or cold and you are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords. It is pleasant to take and can always be depended upon. Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were is sued yesterday by the county judge: Name and Address. Ellias Meyer, Omaha ... Anna Bloom, Omaha ... Charles H. Roesle, St. Joseph, Mo...... Bessie Hill, St. Joseph, Mo..... John Dowling, Omaha Lenn Hans, Omaha ... Charles J. Fosselman, Waverly, Ia..... Dorint'ia Covert, Waverly, Ia..... Ludwig A. Landen, Omaha Christena Johnson, Omaha James H. Donnelly, Omaha..... Margaret Banes, Omaha

Threatening, with Rain or Snow; Colder and Variable Winds. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.-Forecast for

For Nebraska-Threatening weather, with ight snow or rain in northern portion; older in western portion; variable winds, west or west.

For Kansas-Light rain; clearing Thursday afternoon; slightly cooler; variable winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Wyoming-Light snow in the early morning, followed by fair; westerly winds.

Local Record.
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU,
OMAHA, Feb. 16.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with the corresponding day of the last three years; sponding day of the list three years:

| 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895,
| Maximum temperature | 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895,
| Maximum temperature | 1897, 1896, 1897,
| Maximum temperature | 1897, 1897, 1897,
| 1897,

Deficiency since (March 1......16.46 inches Excess for cor. period, 1896......4.79 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1895...11.57 inches Reports from Stations at S p. m.

BTATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER. Omahn, clear North Platte, cloudy Salt Lake City, answing Cheyenne, partly cloudy Rapid City, snowing Huron, cloudy Chicago, clear Williston, partly cloudy St. Louis, clear ...
St. Paul, cloudy
Davenport, clear
Helens, partly clos
Kansas City, clear
Havre, enowing ...
Bismarck, cloudy
Galveston, raining

Alvin W. Krech Appears and Buys in the Property.

BRINGS FACE OF THE GOVERNMENT LIEN

Representative of the Reorganization Committee of the Union Pacific the Only Bidder.

TOPEKA, Feb. 16.-The government lien n the Union Pacific line in Kansas was wiped out this morning at the Union Pacific station in this city. The Kansas Pacific road rate of 45 cents from Chicago through to was bought in by Alvin W. Krech, representing the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific for \$6,303,000. There was no competition at the sale, Mr. Krech was the only bidder.

Mr. Krech was the only bidder. He waited until Judge W. D. Cornish of St. Paul finished reading the long-drawn-out decree of ability to handle all the traffic it can secur foreclosure and then quietly stepped up to at these figures. the special master and said:

"On the part of the reorganization comroad.

Ten feet away the bid was not heard, but road deal. Judge Cornish then repeated the as soon as President Burt gets through with "I am offered \$6,303,000 for this property

by Mr. Alvin W. Krech, representing the re-organization committee," said he. "Are there any other bidders? this property described in the decree sold to Mr Alvin W. Krech on the part of the reorganization committee

The party left Topeka this afternoon and went to Salina, where Friday the third sale will take place. This will be the sale of the middle division of the road a distance of 254 miles, under a special mortgage. Kreeh will buy the property, paying the upset price of \$5,300,000. On Saturday the en-tire line of the Kansas Pacific from Kansas City to Denver will be formally sold at the their capital stock to the uniform amount Union Pacific station in North Topeka. This of \$50,000 and say as their reason for this will be under the consolidation mortgage

PORT ARTHUR AND BOYCOTT

Action of the Road Commented on

straining the Santa Fe from declaring a boycott on the new line is variously comnot a great surprise, as similar action about a year ago, when the Lake Shore attempted a boycott on the Clover Leaf, has formed a precedent which any railroad company against which a boycott may be declared is not slow to take advantage of. There is no doubt among railroaders here that it was the boycott against the Port Arthur route that forced it to replace the differential of 3 cents between Kansas City and Omaha on shipments from the south to the detriment of the business interests of this city.

It is generally believed that the boycott against the Port Arthur route will be effectually broken by federal interference s far as the actual interenange of business between the Port Arthur route and the connecting lines is concerned, but it is not doubted but that the competing and connecting lines will harass the new line as much as possible until its officers decide to join the freight and traffic associations from which the new line has persistently held A prominent railroader said to The Ber

Charles Frohman, a young married man, has "The Memph's road is for Kansas City first, 100 pounds from Chicago to Liverpool. The disappeared from Sterling and no account last and all the time, and it has the power proportion of this to be secured by the roads can be given for his sudden departure. No of bringing the other lines to work against word was left to his family or friends and any line that attempts to give any other he was not in debt and was of sound mind, city as favorable rates as Kansas City enjoys. That is the secret of the boycott movement against the Port Arthur Route. It is too bad that the Port Arthur Route ever abolished the differential if it was no going to be able to make its stand good. It has had to recede from its position be-cause it was not strong enough to fight the combined southwestern lines out of Kansas | made two attempts to have that decision set S. Freeman the former deputy, will be re- City, which are against Omaha. There is aside, no good reason why Omaha should not enthe same rates on sugar, molasses, rice d coffee from New Orleans and other southern points as does Kansis City. Kansas City gets the same rates on cattle from Wyoming and other western points that rates from the north. Now just why Omiha Charles C. Madsen, who for several years should not receive the same rates from the has been a clerk in the office of District lines boycott any road that attempts to place Omahu and Kansas City on the same basis.

NORTHWESTERN'S TRACK CHANGES

Improvements Made and in Proces Across the State of Iowa. The Northwestern has now practically completed the work of shortening its line between Missouri Valley and Council Bluffs, kinks and curves now in the track in taking out all unnecessary curves and vicinity. straightening the track. With this work has been carried on the work of placing division of the main line. This work has been steadily pushed since last fall from east to west and the block signals now reach as far as Council Bluffs. With this system it will be absolutely impossible, if the oper

time and a greater degree of safety will be reached by all classes of travel. FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. no let-up in the work of double-tracking the Northwestern's main line across lowa and the work that is now more than be begun. One of the first of these im-provements will be double-tracking what is be begun. One of the first of these improvements will be double-tracking what is called the Linu county cut-off. This is a Stoux City short section of road running across Linu St. Joseph. For South Dakota-Light snow, solder; northwest to north winds.

For Iova-Increasing cloudines and light short section of road running across Linn county south of Cedar Rapids and over snow or rain; southeasterly winds.

For Missouri-Shovers, probably clearing which freight trains are operated. At presented the county south of Cedar Rapids and over the county south county south of Cedar Rapids and over Thursday afternoon; warmer in eastern por-tion, colder in western portion Thursday night; southeasterly winds, becoming south-are times when freights are held up at one or the other end of the cut-off for hours, waiting for the glut of traffic moving in one direction to get over the cut-off, with its single track. Following this improvement the Clinton yards are to be enlarged. The yards are unable to accommodate business coming into them and it is not an unusual the approaches to the yards because there is not room in them to take care of the

cars. The improvements will be carried for-27 ward without interfering with expense will day, be considerable, but not nearly so much as for the construction of an entirely new line because there will be no right of way to procure and the old roadbed will serve in J. B. Pugh, a lawyer of this city, died at part for the new track.

Elkhorn's New Paper.

A new and improved form of railway advertising has just made its appearance in local railway circles. It is a journal of four pages of seven columns each, published by J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Fremont, Eikhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, and devoted to spreading the fame and increasing the interests of Nebraska farms. It is called "North Nebraska Re-morning. He sources," and is to be published monthly weeks only.

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tographs of the park the lecturer had brought with him.

The Teachers' Reading circle held its reg.

The Teachers' Reading circle held its reg. of Nebraska crops for 1897 compiled and published by The Bee, a letter from Senator Allen to the new paper on the agricultural interests of the state, some plotures of Ne-braska farms and an illustrated article on the exposition. Subsequent issues will con-tain letters from Milton Declittle, Governor folcomb, Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, ex-Governor Furnas and other promi-nent Nebraskans on the farming interests of the state, and a special article by Hon. W. A. Poynter on the dairy interests of Nebraska.

GULF ROAD TUMBLES DOWN RATES

Springs a Surprise on the Chicago-Eastern Lines on Meat Traffic. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.-The Kansas City. Pittsburg & Gulf road continues to give its competitors the greatest concern. To secure the meat traffic of Chicago it has made a Amsterdam. This is 331/4 cents less than the rate direct lines from Chicago to New York have been making. It is a rate with business altogether than attempt to do so The Kaneas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, on the other hand, says it is but a question of

Question of the Fast Trains. The meeting of President Burt of the mittee I bid \$6,303,000 for the Kansas Pacific, Union Pacific, Vice President Harris of the Burlington, President Hughitt of the Northwestern, Cable of the Rock Island and Ripit was one of the final steps in the big raft- ley of the Santa Fe will be held in Chicago matters pertaining to the purchase of the Kansas Pacific road. At this president's meeting it is expected that final action will be taken regarding the fast train service ere any other bidders? among western lines. The general passenger "There being no other bidders, I declare agent of one of the lines has expressed his opinion that the ultimate outcome of the controversy will be that excess fare will be charged on the trains of the Northwestern-Union Pacific and of the Burlington because of their superior attractions for first class travel between Chicago and Denver. Whether this course will or will not be put sued it is known that Vice President Paul Morton of the Santa Fe is pronounced in his demands that there must ferential in rates allowed his line.

Rock Island Changes Time. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific rall oad has made an important change in the unning time of its train, No. 3. The change s effective this evening. Train No. 3 has been changed to arrive in Omaha at 8:50 Local Railroad Men.

The action of the Port Arthur route in securing an order from a federal court restate of Iowa, the train now leaving Rock Island, Ill., at about 8 o'clock in the mornmented on in local railway circles. The course pursued by the Port Arthur route is change gi es a person an opportunity to spen 1 three hours in Des Moines during the businces portion of the day, by leaving here in the morning and returning in the evening.

> iving at Des Moines at 12:45 p. m. "Katy" Route Has a Surplus, CHICAGO, Feb. 16 .- Gross earnings of the M'ssouri, Kansas & Texas road for the mouth of December were: \$1.184.358; operating expenses, \$789.710; net carnings, \$394, 649; interest on bonds and rentals, \$285,566 surplus, \$109,083. For the six months ended December 31 gross earnings were \$7,044,473; operating expenses and taxes, \$4,312,180; net \$2,732,292; interest and rentals, \$1,713,612; eurplus, \$1,018,610.

Train No. 4 leaves here at 7:20 a. m., ar-

Leiter Gets Low Rates. CHICAGO, Feb. 16 .- Grain rates from Chieago to the seaboard are again going to pieces. The chipment of Leiter wheat is the cause. It has been established to the satisof all concerned that the rate made

Anti-Scalping Law Stands. CHICAGO, Feb. 16 .- The supreme court of llinois has refused to entertain a motion for rehearing of the anti-ticket scalping law of the state. In 1894 the court rendered a

from Chleago to the seaboard is 15 cents,

Railway Notes and Personals. S. Bamberger, president of the Salt Lake & Ogden railway, is in the city, enroute east-ward from Salt Lake City. While in the ward from Salt Lake City. While in the east he will buy new rails, new cars and

Superintendent Richardson of the Pullman cannot understand. Yet the Kansas City Palace Car company here, has been promoted ines boycott any road that attempts to to the position of Pullman conductor, and has been given charge of a car out of

A party of surveyor's are at work on the Burlington's new line mear Seward, Neb., and it is reported from there that the com-pany will soon begin work straightening the line for about a mile east of the station there. It is said the line can be considerably shortened by taking out a few of the

WESTERN PACKING HOUSE OUTPUT

block signal towers throughout the Iowa Increase in the Number of Receipts Over Last Year.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)-Price Current sava: Western pack ing, 455,000 hogs, compared with like num ators properly attend to their work, for two ber the preceding week and 380,000 last trains to be in the same block at the same year. From November the total is 7,495,000, against 6,195,000 a year ago. Quality very satisfactory. Prominent places compare as

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DEATH RECORD.

William Hogue

GORDON, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-William Hogue, one of Gordon's oldest and most respected citizens, died today at noon after a prolonged illness of three months, in which he literally starved to death. He was a prominent republican coming into them and it is not an unusual and served two terms as postmaster under thing to find half a dozen trains blocking Harrison. He was an old soldier and a member of the Eighty-third Pennsylvania infantry, He lost a leg at the battle of Maivern Hill. The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member, at 11 a. m. Fri

J. B. Pugh.

MINDEN, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special.)-Hon. the home of J. B. Scott in Minden on Sunday morning, in the 42d year of his age, and was buried under the auspices of the Kearney County Bar association.

George W. Avery. FAIRFIELD, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-George W. Avery, postmaster and for many years a leading citizen and politician, died suddenly of heart disease this morning. He had been postmaster a few

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CHICAGO, Feb. 16.-The first corn conention ever held in the United States began today at the Great Northern hotel. About 150 delegates are present, and more are expected. Nearly all the middle-western states are represented, as well as a few of the far western commonwealths. Arrangements have been made for giving a practical demonstration of the value of corn as food, a kitchen having been opened and bread, crackers and a number of table delicacies are to be had for the asking.

F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, was chosen chairman of the convention. He said: The object of our coming together is to

confer about the ways and means by which America's premier crop and wonderful cereal may be better understood and appreciated by the world at large. We are satisfied that scarcely one person in a hundred thousand comprehends the magnitude of its product, its money value, its innumerable uses and possibilities, or its wholesomeness as a universal food for animal and man. The central-western states are the home and habitat of Indian corn. The government's statistics show the acreage devoted to corn to have been in recent years about 10 per cent greater than the aggregate devoted to wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes; in 1896 the acreage was 18 per cent greater. The casual newspaper reader would suppose that there was no other which could rightly be compared with wheat. Statistics, however, show that during the last decade the value, one year with another of our corn crp. has been nearly double—39 per cent greater than that of our wheat. The value of the corn crop in this decade has been about the same as the combined values of wheat, dats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes produced in the same period. cereal may be better understood and apas the combined values of wheat, oars, par-ley, buckwheat and potatoes produced in the

PRODUCT COMPARED WITH SILVER. PRODUCT COMPARED WITH SILVER.

In the last three or four years we have heard much of silver and its importance, and from the attention, oratory and printers' ink devoted to it, we might suppose that it was the one interest before which all others paled and sank into insignificance. The average annual product of American silver mines, however, during the three years ending with 1895, was less than \$46,500,000, while the average value of American corn for each of the last ten years has been nearly \$553,000,000, or more than thirteen and a half times the value of all our silver, which, in the minds of so many, is endowed with well-nigh God-like attributes. Adding to the silver the output of god, we annually produced corn worth more than seven times as much as both these precious and much-coveted metals.

coveted metals.

I am proud to come from a state regarded by many of the benighted and unsophisticated as something of a desert, which, while being transformed from a buffalo range into the wonderful garden it is coming to be, has in twenty-five years produced corn that in the fields had a value of more than \$25,-600,000, and in the last two years had an output of \$75,000,000 bushels.

These few simple facts afford ample justification for our meeting here to devise ways fication for our meeting here to devise ways and means by and through which corn shalk obtain a wider recognition and the appre-ciation which its merits should command.

follows: President, Colonel Clark E. Carrof Galesburg, Ill.; vice president, John Cownie, South Amana, Ia.; secretary, B. W. Snow, Chicago; treasurer, Andrew Langdon, Plans were mapped out for extensive exhibits of corn products at the Omaha and Buffalo expositions, and at the Paris ex-

The executive committee elected officers as

position in 1900. executive committee will meet in Omaha next November.

Spanish Ambassador Expresses Regret LONDON. Feb. 16,-A representative of the Associated Press communicated the news of the disaster to the Maine to the Spanish ambassidor here, Count de Rascon, who was without information on the subject. After expressing regret at the awful occurrence, he ambassador said that the explosion must been due to an unaccountable accident. as the visit of the Maine to Havana was of

an entirely friendly nature. Spanish Cruiser Expected. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.-The Spanish arnored cruiser Vizcaya, with a crew of 484

men, is expected to arrive in New York harbor at any time now. The Vizcaya comes here on a visit of courtesy, a reciprocal comnliment for what has turned out to be the lisastrous visit of the war ship Maine to Hayana,

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