Early Pay for Teachers.

cember warrants on Saturday in order to

enable them to spend them for Christmas

meeting during the latter part of the week

City Hall Notes.

cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grip and all throat and lung diseases.

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Excitement Among Prospectors Re-

garding the Discovery of Rich

Gold-Bearing Phonolite Ore.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 19 .- (Special.)-

Since the first announcement made three

weeks ago by A. U. Pryce of Colorado that

he had discovered rich bodies of phonolite

ore west of Deadwood there has been but

little else talked of in the mining circles of

The board will hold a special

more guilty than himself.

to pass the monthly payroll.

ROMANCE OF THE LAVA BEDS Shortly after hostilities began the govern-

Thrilling Experience of We-Ne-Ma, the Modoc Girl Who Loved a White Man.

TWILIGHT OF LIFE MADE COMFORTABLE

Bisked Her Life Many Times to Save Mer Husband's Countrymen from the Treachery and Fury of Her Own Race.

The recent death of Scar-Faced Charley (Ming-ko-dum), who was one of the subchiefs in the Modoc tribe in northern California during the Indian warfare against troops under the lead of General E. R. S Canby in 1872 and 1873, and who was a life prisoner for his complicity in the intrigue that lured General Camby and his officers to massacre among the lava beds in northern California on April 11, 1873, has revived memories of those days and events. The wonderfully romantic history of Wi-ne-ma is brought to mind. She is known from San Diego to Vancouver as the Pocahontas of the Pacific coast, relates a correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, and it is safe to say that for twenty-five years she has been regarded in California as the ideal good Indian. Certain it is that no savage is more generally known and popular than this squaw.

At about the year 1842 there was born in one of the most desolate regions of the union-the lava beds that extend from northern California into southern Oregon-an Indian girl. Her father was Se Cot, an intractable Modoc sub-chief, who lost his life in an attack upon a party of whites emigrating to the Pacific coast in 1850. Along about 1857, when adventurous white men seeking gold began to penetrate the Modoc lava bed region by the several hundreds every year, there came that way a certain young Kentuckian who had been an army sergeant stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. He was Frank Riddle. He had refreshment at the miserable home of the squaw widow Se Cot and soon took a fancy to her daughter, Wi-ne-ma, then 15 years old and famous in that region as the best looking and most agreeable Indian girl in California. Riddle got money in gold mining in southern Oregon and soon married the handsome Modoc girl. The couple took up their abode near the gold diggings and the young wife began to learn her husband's language. While she visited her savage brothers and sisters occasionally and bore them gifts, she became weaned to the life and thoughts of white people. But she never dared, on pain of assassination or poisoning, to reveal her change of faith or to show that she really loved a white man.

Invasion of the Whites. In 1860, when gold was discovered in large quantities in the Klamath region and thousands of venturesome Americans rushed through northern California and across the lava beds, the anger of the Modocs was roused to fullest pitch by the lawlessness of the invading whites. In June, 1860, the Modoes lured fourteen gold miners into a narnow canyon and there, after unspeakable erraties extending over two days, let the e men die. The news of the murders by the Modocs got abroad a month later and set on fire the whole white population of northern California and southern Oregon. In August a band of seventy-five whites left Yreka, Cal., to punish the Modoc savages for the act. The avengers were led by Ben Wright, an old mountaineer, who had hunted and fought Indians with Kit Carson; Jim Beckwith, John Scott and Jim Bridger. After a lorg chase through the rough country, which was not productive of good results, the chiefs were invited to meet the whites and make a treaty. This they agreed to do and the warring parties went into camp near each other on Lost river, the Indians out- little children of Wi-ne-ma and Riddle were settled at last Thursday's exposition meetnumbering the white men by three to rue. Early on the morning of the conference a young Modoc squaw, breathless, her clothing torn and her feet bleeding, came into the Wright camp and asked to see the leader. She had run and walked some nine miles across the ragged mountain trall. Her errand was to warn the invaders against treachery. The night before she learned at the council fire that her people intended to surround the white men during the conference and put them to death. Wright and his men met cunning with cunning. They went into ambush near the place of conference and when the unsuspecting Modoes fell into the trap but two escaped from the slaughter that ensued. This affair is known in the history of Northern Califor-

have been forfelted. Trouble Brewing. The

nia as the Ben Wright massacre.

Eleven and a half years passed. The Modoes had been confined by the government to a defined reservation and treaties were made with them which were repeatedly broken. The tribe were the prey of post traders, contractors and of almost every white man who came in contact with them. The only one of the hated white race in Judge Elijah Steele. To this man they went for counsel and advice, but in the lapse of as in the Indian mode of reasoning the death of a single white man erases the first under the injuries, the Modocs were awakened to fury and declared vengeance on their oppressors. The memory of any detail of the Wright affair was never allowed to fade. At every council Captain Jack or Scar Faced Charley called upon the revengeful Modocs to remember the August day when the pale faces had killed their fathers and brothers. At last in January, 1873, the whites in northern California knew that another Indian war was at hand.



ment appointed a peace commissioner to confer with the rebellious redskins and endeavor to make peace. In the meantime Riddle and other squaw men on the reservation used their influence toward a settlement of the difficulty, but to no effect. The turbulent warriors led by Captain Jack were bent on a slaughter. When the peace commissioners arrived on the ground the Indians refused to treat with them. They did, however, finally agree to surrender to Judge Steele and two other men of that region and arranged to give up their arms the following day. When Steele and his companions went to the agreed place of surender not an Indian was in sight and they returned to the military camp. Steele then agreed to go alone and interview the war chief. That night Steele went through an experience few men have endured. While alking to him in pacific terms in the Chinook jargon they were discussing in their own tongue the advisability of murdering is to be considerably increased in amount, their vistor. Steele understood sufficiently their language to comprehend his danger, but did not betray his knowledge. The chiefs finally decided to spare his life on condition of his bringing the commissioners divided. It has been brought to a head beand commanding officers of the troops to cause of the fact that within the next few confer with them

Unheeded Warnings.

But for the efforts of the brave squaw, Wine-ma, war would have broken out long before. Many times she took the weapons from the hands of the warriors bent on the from the hands of the warriors bent on the destruction of settlers in the region and it city treasurer. It will be made in order of the trouble brewing. Her influence with the treasurer's bond shall be in a sum equal her people began to wane as their rage to twice the amount of the moneys that against the whites increased. Then, too, are in his hands at any time. It Her food was poisoned by Modocs and she was compelled to sleep in secret places for fear of death from her own brothers and relatives for her suspected undue liking for white people. Colonel A. B. Meacham, who white people. Colonel A. B. Meacham, who was in command of the military post, was a humane man and did all in his power to treasurer. It is simply good business right the wrongs of his dusky wards. This man Wi-ne-ma revered and when the second peace commission was appointed did all in her power to prevent him from attending the council with the chiefs. She grasped his horse by the bridle, begging Meacham and Canby not to meet Jack and his band. When she found entreaty was in vain the devoted woman mounted her pony and rode with the ill fated party to the

The story of that meeting has been told many times. When Meacham was attacked by the bloodthirsty Sconchin, Wi-ne-ma threw herself on the savage and begged him to spare the life of her white friend. Others coming up Wi-ne-ma ran from warrior to warrior, turning aside their weapons. At last one of the many bullets struck Meacham senseless and the quick witted squaw turned aside the weapon aimed to finish his life with the words, "Him dead! No use shoot." Sconchin tried to scalp Meacham, when Wine-ma grasped the knife. The enraged buck struck her a terrible blow, almost knocking her senseless. Again the wit of the woman came into play. "The soldiers are coming up," she cried and the next moment a detachment of troops did appear. Amid curses from the enraged troopers a dozen weapons were leveled at the breast of the brave squaw. Looking the mounted men straight in the face she cried, "No shoot me! I to open up their establishments upon Jantried to save them!" Then came from the uary 1. When the office of the fire and ranks the words of an enlisted man, "The

man who harms her I'll kill!" Bereft of Family and Home.

was riding horseback and was shot dead to pass on some of them. from ambush by a Modoc. The body was dragged many miles over the trail by the ber of liquor licenses," says a member of frightened horse. When the horse was the board. "I believe that a good many sastopped the head and shoulders of the loon men held off because they were in the Black Hills have small seams and small corpse were so horribly mutilated that the body was unrecognizable. Then the three beld next year or not. That question was brown or reddish oxide of iron. It resembles very closely the "blue ore" which united States is one that tends towards the united States is one that tends towards the sembles very closely the "blue ore" which murdered as they slept burned in the rude family dwelling. Wine-ma, under the cover of darkness, and eluding the hostile members of her own race and family, made her way across the desolate lava beds to the government post. She was sick and broken hearted at the fate of all her family, but she nevertheless became the constant and devoted nurse of Colonel Meacham as he lay in the hospital recovering from his six gunshot wounds. It protests against the 1899 assessment roll was eleven weeks before the colonel was that has just passed from the hands of the able to leave his bed. By that time Wi- Board of Review. The sitting will conne-ma war almost a helpless invalid. She tinue until Friday, as the law requires that was an important witness for the government in the trials of Captain Jack and his Councilman Mount has been elected as subordinate chiefs for the murder of General Canby and other officers and for this she herself was shot through the chest as squaw who conveyed the timely warning to she sat one evening by the window of her her white friends was Wi-ne-ma, the wife lonely home. Colonel Meacham gave the found but little work to do. The number of Frank Riddle. This fact was never Little Woman Chief liberally from his found out by her people, else her life would means and the soldiers at the post saw that she never lacked medical attendance and year ago. A full third of the protests were

Wi-ne-ma, now repudiated by her Indian relatives, and in constant fear of assassination among the revengeful and suspicious Modocs, went to live at a lumber camp up the Coyote mountains in southern Oregon. She has never been well since the Modoc war and her severe wounding at that time. Colonel Meacham remembered her with frewhom they had confidence was the late quent gifts of money while he lived, but he died in 1888. Sine that time We-ne-ma had aged very fast. She is now almost time they even contemplated taking his life, perfectly helpless. Some of the soldlers who took part in the warfare among the lava beds, and knew that she suffered because wrongs perpetrated by many. Sullen at of her devotion to the white people, used to send her occasional remembrances. In 1890 General John C. Fremont, then living in Los Angeles, brought Wi-ne-ma's case to the attention of the late Senator Leland Stanford. The latter provided means for bringing the woman down from her home in the mountain lumber camp in Oregon, and had a little house built for Wine-ma among the hills of Sonoma county, California, while several wealthy ladies of San Francisco provided the Indian woman with a faithful attendant and the comforts of a home. It is said that Wi-ne-ma is gradually losing her health, and her death has been expected for several weeks. Through the kindness of Mrs. Stanford (widow of the late senator) Wi-ne-ma's last days are made as pleasant as possible by trained nurses and all that cheers a sick

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy when croup rages. It cures at once.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Civil War Rememthe General Government WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- (Special.) - The following western pensions have been granted:

Issue of December 8: Nebraska: Original—Benjamin Shell, Geneva, \$8; Mark H. Forscutt, Nebraska City, \$8; Frederick M. Young, Marquette, \$8. lead, Deshler, \$30.

Iowa: Original—Daniel H. Sumner, Selma, \$6: Adrian Gillet, Soldiers' Home, Marshall, \$6: William Bandfield, Boonsboro, \$6. Additional—Feese G. Scaman, Farlin, \$4 to \$8. Increase—Ira O'Neal, Colesburg, \$6 to \$10; Daniel P. Marshall, Urbana, \$8 to \$10 original widows, etc.—Special, December 9, minor of John Boden, Coal Field, \$10; minor of Nelson Patts, Anamosa, \$10; Hulda Sad-ler, Cedar Rapids, \$8; George W. Adams, father, Holmes, \$12. South Dakota: Increase—David R. Minium,

Wolsey, \$5 to \$10; August Hanebuth, Water-Colorado: Original—Peter Brillhart, Soldiers' Home, Rio Grande, \$6; Chesper E. Church, Olathe, \$6; Samuel G. Parker, Hotchkiss, \$6; John Schoffeld, Colorado Springs, \$6.

Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne should be in every household. It is strictly pure and naturally fermented.

NEW BOND FOR TREASURER

Board of Education Will Ask Edwards to Increase His Surety.

INCREASE IN RESPONSIBILITY COMING

Proceeds of Sale of High School Bonds Will Give the Treasurer Unusual Amount of Money to Care For.

City Treasurer Edwards may be asked by the Board of Education to furnish a new bond, one from some guaranty company, as treasurer of the Omaha school district. This is to replace the present personal bond in perhaps to \$350,000 or \$400,000.

This matter has been considered for some time by the board members without regard to the factions into which the board is months the treasurer will have in his charge the proceeds from the \$250,000 school bonds which were voted at the last election and which are to be shortly placed upon the market. The major part of the money will be in his hands for several months.

to conform with the law that requires that also be an extension of the policy inaugurated by the city in demanding of the city treasurer a bond from some guaranty company.

Regarding the matter, one of the board policy. I believe that if the city and state when Bolln and Bartley were in office their defalcations would never have occurred. Consequently it seems to me that it is nothing more or less than business sense for the Board of Education to adopt the plan that is the safest, and thereby establish a precident."

VIADUCT PLANS NOT SATISFACTORY.

Engineer Rosewater Returns the Drafts Sent Up by Railroads. Chief Engineers Berry and Weeks of the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads, respectively, had a conference of some length with City Engineer Rosewater regarding the south of this same city, composed entirely Sixteenth street viaduct. City Engineer of this kind of rock. Rosewater expressed himself as dissatisfied with several of the main features in the structure the roads proposed to build, but the railroad engineers did not feel that they had the authority to make the desired changes. Consequently the city engineer was asked to send his objections to the roads in the near future.

Applications for License.

Last Saturday was the last day upon which saloon keepers could file their applications for saloon licenses in order to enable then police commissioners closed on that day 222 applications for licenses and forty-three for druggists' permits had been filed. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will The same day Wi-ne-ma's husband Riddle | hold a meeting about the middle of the week

> "I look for the filing of an additional numing. Now that it seems certain that an other show is to be held. I expect to see quite a number of additional applications filed. These men will not be able to open their saloons for a couple of days after the first of the year, but they will neverthe less come to the front with their money."

Looking Over the Tax Roll. The city council has commenced its sitting as a Board of Equalization to consider the meeting shall last five days at least. chairman of the board.

No very great number of protests are expected, chiefly for the reason that the Board of Review in its month's sitting of protests filed with the latter board was but eighty-four against several hundred a turned down and small reductions were made in the assessments complained of in the remainder. The total paring down on real estate amounted to but \$130,070. asmuch as a portion of this reduction was made on improvements, which was in many cases added to the personal tax, the latter item will show an increase.

Mortality Statistics. The following births and deaths were reported to the health commissioner during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yes-

Births-Terrance Shields, 1613 Oak, girl Charles Midlinger, 1035 Atlas, girl; John Dinneen, 2749 South Thirteenth, girl; John Krauss, 2316 Boulevard, girl; John Bonner, Fifteenth and Castellar, boy; W. S. Cody 3220 North Twenty-fifth, girl; John Mc Gough, 2120 Vinton, girl; Max F. Goebel, 2512 Parker, boy; Dick Dixon, 1605 Dodge, boy; C. J. Jensen, \$934 Decatur, boy; Martin Cavanaugh, 2563 Poppleton avenue, girl; W E. Johnson, 602 South Twenty-ninth, girl. Deaths-Patrick Rooney, 547 South Twenty-fifth avenue, 66 years; Lawrence Doyle 3034 South Fourteenth, 4 years; Mary Esther James, 1936 South Fourteenth, 35 years; Mary Olsen, Douglas county, 64 years; Margaret Hubbard Atwood, 2801 Woolworth ave nue, 25 years; Harriet Merchant, 320 South

Charter Subcommittees. Chairman Burmester of the joint charter revision committee has appointed the following subcommittees to consider proposed amendments:

On Election-A. C. Powers, Fred M Youngs, J. M. Gillan. On Taxes and Finances-Fred J. Sackett A. P. Tukey, John N. Westberg. On Improvements-Andrew Rosewater, C.

W. Hull, J. W. Robbins. Persons who are interested in having changes made in the present charter are requested to file their amendments in written

form with City Clerk Higby. Night School Attendance.

During the last week or so the attendance at the night schools has somewhat decreased, owing to the fact that many of the pupils are working at night in the stores where they are employed-the result of the approach of the Christmas holidays. Superintendent of Schools Pearse anticipated this decreased attendance and is confident that after the holidays the number of scholars will again be as great as it was shortly after the schools were opened.

Cox Asks a Rehearing. Former Captain Cox of the police force has filed with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners a motion for a rehearing on the charges which last week resulted in his dismissal from the police force. The grounds for the motion are substantially the objections that were made by Cox be fore, during and at the conclusion of the MUSIC and An hearing. He charges in addition, hew-

ever, that he was prevented from having fair trial because of the prejudice of Mayor Moores and certain members of the

board against him. He also declares that the mayor and others of the board openly and apparently displayed a partiality for Train of the War. the other officers, who were not discharged, but whom, he says, were equally if not

Heavy Export Balance in Our Favor Expected to Bring About a January Boom.

Fred Siman has been granted a permit to erect a \$1,500 one-and-a-half story frame cot-tage at 3511 South Twentieth street. Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It

In our last advices we intimated that al-In our last advices we intimated that although December is usually a month of contracted operations, yet the anticipation of a boom in January is now so confident and general that it would not be surprising if as we approach the end of the month there should be considerable buying, anticipatory of the expected January rise. That suggestion seems to have been acted upon by numerous operators during the last week. Contrafy to the expectation of many, there Contrary to the expectation of many, there has been a very marked spurt in buying and the transactions on the exchange have risen to a volume rarely, if ever, reached in the closing month of the year. It has been attended with a material rise in prices; but with some notable exceptions to that rule. On some stocks the improved prices

the northern hills. It is practically a new thing, although it has been known for years that phonolite existed in some parts of the hills. Dr. Walter P. Jenny has been secured by parties to make an expert examination of some of the most promising phonolite districts and he has made the encouraging report that phonolite ore is found in a dozen or more places, that it is very common and that great things may be expected when the developments have progressed a little farther. Dr. Jenny has received numerous samples of phonolite ore taken from Rutabaga gulch, two miles west of Central City; from Annie creek, Squaw creek, Long Valley and other districts. He has secured assays from some of the samples which have gone from \$2 to \$112 a ton gold and when the pieces of rock are put into a furnace they sweat bands of gold. Dr. Jenny states that phonolite ore exists in the northern part of the Hills, from the Wyoming line on the west nearly to Piedmont and Tilford on the east. West of Spearfish there are three black buttes of phonolite and there is also a large butte Phonolite is known to miners as the dark

colored, flinty porphyry and it has been shunned to a great extent because of its hardness to mine. It is a variety of volcanic rock and is found in many shades of color, commonly gray, dark slate and olive green to almost black. There are two kinds in writing and an answer has been promised of phonolite rock, that which has a fine grain, somewhat flinty in appearance and that which has a rough fracture and a finely grained crystalline structure. Both varieties carry gold. Dr. Jenny, in advising prospectors how to find phonolite ore, gives it as his experience in the Cripple Creek district, that it is best to follow the verticals which cut through the rock. Watch closely for cross verticals and prospect very carefully the points of intersection where belts of verticals with different courses cross or intersect. Phonolite. when not mineralized, is difficult to break, while mineralized phonolite shatters into small fragments with a stroke of the hammer. The phonolite ores found thus far in

> uby Basin district. The peculiarity exsts in this kind of rock, that it is liable to carry the gold in spots, in one place being low grade and a few feet beyond becoming suddenly very rich. A vertical that gives only low values at the surface may become very rich with more depth.

> There is reason to believe that this prospecting for phonolite ore will result in the finding of very rich deposits. It was only a few years ago that the first values were found in the refractory ores and the first discoveries were on rock which did not go over \$10 a ton gold. Prospecting continued and now the refractory ore mines are the richest producers in the hills. Already rich assays have been obtained from the different phonolite discoveries, nearly all of them having been made on the surface. Many inquiries are being made from mining capitalists from all parts of the country in regard to the discovery and it will be an easy matter to get capital interested in the phonolite districts.

> Game Law is Faulty. DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 19 .- (Special.)-The approaching legislature will be asked by the representatives of the Black Hills people to make the present game law of the state more effective. The Black Hills are the home of the deer and the antelope and the present law does not prevent their unrestricted slaughter. There are no game wardens in the hills and the legislature will be asked to have them appointed.

> When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles cured by this than all others combined.

Unexampled Stimulus to Trade Comes in

ALL LINES FEEL NEW HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Acquisition of New Territory and

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., writes of the situation in Wall street

have brought out realizing, but whether by bona fide sellers or by buyers who want to keep down prices in order to fill their lines is not entirely apparent. From this cause the market has been "spotty"—strong as a rule and weak on certain exceptional lines.

There can be no question that there is a

There can be no question that there is a general feeling that the disbursement of investment earnings next month ought to be unusually large and that, in the absence of any imposing new creations of corporate cap ital, the demand for the reinvestment of divi dend and interest will be unusually impor-tant. This feeling is not confined to the fixed speculative element of Wall street It seems to have reached the outside public as well. From a variety of indications appearing on the surface of business it appears to have got into the heads of outside observers that we are drifting into a great financial and commercial boom, which will have an important effect in stimulating a rise in securities. The question is not a much as to what good reason there may be for such an expectation as what effect the cherishing of it is likely to have upon the speculative element. I do not undertake to prophesy on this matter; but if this feeling does not result in an active speculative campaign it can only be because the public has become much more cautious and conservative than it has been accustomed to be. The public imagination is not merely affected by the evidences of returning business activity is becoming actuated more and more by feeling that we are entering upon an extraordinary era of national prosperity. The remarkable expansion of our exports, shown in a valuation of \$130,000,000 for November—

by far the largest in the records of the nation—is linked with the prospects suggested by the policy of external expansion; and a great national hope is the result, which appeals to the public imagination and pre-disposes those who have means awaiting em-ployment to participate in movements which look to a rise in values and an increase of activity in industrial and transportation corporations. It is undeniable that a feeling of this kind is steadily taking possession of the public mind; and it is not apparent what influences are at hand to arrest its growth. It is not impossible that it may widen into an unreasonable expansion of speculation. uch results very frequently follow national victories and especially when they bring annexations of territory and open new fields for commercial enterprise. There have been past periods when such conditions as now exist would have developed speculation in its wildest form; but the experience of the last five years has taught our people much prac-tical wisdom and that fact may be expected to exert some restraining influence. But making all allowance for conservative relly expanding importance. The situation is attended with a growing realization of the magnitude of the national production, wealth and international significance. Reflecting men see that, ten years hence, we shall be a nation of 100,000,000 people, surpassing all other countries in wealth and international importance. Hitherto they have not dreamed of what the United States is to the rest of the world; and now that their eyes are open to the inevitable expansion of our commerce and power a great hope is inspiring the public consciousness. This new inspira-tion must henceforth be a great impulsive force behind the industry and wealth of the country; and its effects can hardly fall anything short of a great bound in national en-

terprise. At the moment we are only in the beginning of this national awakening and any extraordinary manifestation of the speculative spirit is therefore perhaps not to be expected as an immediate result. These factors, however, may be expected to consti-tute a "bull" element in the securities market, giving it permanent strength and pushing it steadily toward a great speculative culmination. I look for an exhibition of the effects of this tendency with the opening of the new year. How far it may affect rices I will not venture to indicate.
The effect of the American-Spanish war is going to be farther reaching than even dreamers of America's destiny have ever pic-tured. It will in the end lead to a com-

mercial revolution amongst nations. As a result of the war we have gained the Philippine islands and thereby made the Pacific ocean of vastly more importance to us than it otherwise would have been. It gives us a front door entrance to China and Asia for the distribution of our products and manu-factured goods, which in time will be su-perior to that of our European competitors. Our great railroads now center at Chicago which place has been important through its connection with the lakes. The lakes and the railroads together have developed

Slippers are no good—

For street wear this thawing weatherbut for Christmas giving they are the thing-and our line is complete-not only in men's, but women's and children's as well-We show everything that is desirable or popular in warm slippers-red, brown and blacks, with fur trimming-Romeo and low cuts-Our children's slippers show the same style as those for men and women-of course our prices are of the right sort-From now until Christmas we're going to keep open evenings.

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this country, whereas the next great devel-opments will not be where the lakes are ocated but will be between ocean and ocean from the Atlantic to the Pacific-which will make the railroads that span that territory the great highways of the world. The re-sult of the war must force the building of the Panama and Nicaragua canal in the interests of this country and when completed they will make the Caribbean sea the rendezvou of the world's commerce, as they will furnish by far the nearest and cheapest mode of transportation to supply the 800,000,-000 of people at the eastern side of the Pa-cific. The Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Caribbean sea together are going to be more important in our future progress of development than can be imagined by the most

enthusiastic.
The subjoined statement, showing the imports and exports of goods for the twelve months ending November 30, for each of the last six years, illustrates the extraordinary rate at which our exports have been gaining upon our imports for the last three

154-95 ... \$ 801,604,000 \$ 817,208,000 \$ 15,604,000 1893-94 ... 604,102,000 833,777,000 169,675,000 1852-93 ... 791,450,000 870,102,000 78,652,000

Totals .\$2,257,156,000 \$2,521,087,000 \$ 263,931,000 For the last three years the exports of perchandise exceeded the imports of the ike class by \$1,249,542,000, while for the three previous years the surplus of exports was only \$263,931,000. The United States exports for 1898 will amount to \$1,200,000,000. Those of Great Britain for the first ten months of this year amount to \$962,500,000, or at the rate of \$1,155,000,000. These figures represent mestic products alone, while those for the United States include re-exports of foreign goods. England's exports of foreign and colonial products are running at the rate of \$300,000,000 per year, which carries up its current total export trade to \$1,455,000,000. or \$255,000,000 more than ours. We now rank ond in magnitude among the exporting

SAC AND FOX INDIAN AGENT. W. G. Mallin of Iowa Confirmed by

Senate-Beede Inspector. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The senate today confirmed these nominations: W. G. Mallin, to be agent of the Indians of the Sac and Fox agency in Iowa. C. Beede, Iowa, to be Indian inspector. W. H. Graves of Colorado, Indian in-

spector and irrigation engineer. Also a number of army and navy promo-

New Yorkers Traverse Nebrasks. DENVER, Dec. 19.-The special train on he Burlington railroad carrying homeward Colonel Barber and staff and Companies I and L of the First New York regiment of volunteers reached Hastings, Neb., at

almost abnormally only certain localities of 7 o'clock this morning and is due in Chicago early tomorrow. The second section, carrying Companies A. B and D. under command of Lieutenant Colonel Stackpole, is several hours behind the first section. It passed Oxford, Neb., at 10 a. m., today.

> CHURCH CENSUS OF OMAHA Rev. J. M. Wilson Wants to Get Some

Detailed Information on that Point. At the regular meeting of the Omaha Minsterial union yesterday morning Rev. J. M.

Wilson of the Castellar Presbyterian church liscussed at length the matter of a religious and sociological census of the city. The minister showed considerable enthusiasm for the subject and in a measure communiated this interest to the other pastors present. He read lengthy reports of the work as it is being conducted in New York City and thought the plan used there would be feasible in this city.

Mr. Wilson distributed among the pastors ies of blanks which use in Omaha and in the country precincts Totals .\$2,066,219,000 \$3,315,761,000 \$1,249,542,000 of the county as outlining his theory, and it is his plan to have canvassers visit every home in the city and obtain the information outlined in these blanks. A synopsis of this desired information is as follows: Names of the heads of the family, nationality, whether bred in the city, what church is attended or preferred, address, occupation and where employed; children over twelve years, whether they are attending school, where they are working if employed, what Sunday school or church they attend and what club they are affiliated with; children under 12 years treated in same manner; boarders and help, same as in heads of family; how many in the family use the public library, and whether the

family possesses a bible. It is proposed that this information shall be collected, if possible, by voluntary workers ,under the direction of a central organization. The work is to be strictly undenominational, and it is hoped to have the cooperation of all church organizations, public charities, and all interested in sociological subjects. Families without a church home, but with a preference, are to be reported to the preferred organization, while those without preference are to be looked after by the

denomination listing the family. The subject seemed to possess so much of importance that the union would not undertake at today's meeting to pass upon it definitely, but it was voted that it be made the special order of business at the next monthly meeting, an effort to be made in the meantime to secure an attendance of all the ministers in the city at that meeting.

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