Attorney General So Holds in Answer to a Query of State Board. ONE QUESTION OF FACT TO DETERMINE State Commences Suit Against Otoc **County to Compel Correction of** Rouds Held in the School Fund. LINCOLN, May 20.-(Special.)-The State Board of Equalization will meet early next week to complete the assessment of railway property in this state. All railroads doing business in Nebraska have been assessed on last year's valuation except the Beit line of Douglas county, action regarding this damage was not very heavy. Much corn will road having been deferred by the board on have to be replanted, owing to the seed rotaccount of a difference of opinion as to ting and ravages of the cutworm. whother it should be assessed by the state or Douglas county. At the regular meeting of During the last thirty-six hours two inches the board last week Attorney Frank Ransom of rain have fallen here. While not so appeared in behalf of the county, arguing greatly needed it was not unwelcome, al that as the Belt line property was entirely though the feeling would be better had the within the boundary lines of the county it weather remained warmer. Much corn that should not be asseased by the state. Representatives of the road took a different view reports are made of some having replanted, of the matter and asked the board to make especially in the northwestern portion of the the assessment, asserting that all of the county, where two weeks ago there was an

Belt line property was owned and controlled excessive fall of rain. Small grain doing by the Missouri Pacific railroad. The question was referred to Attorney General Smyth to much seed not growing until rainfall. for an opinion. He has decided in favor of the request of the railroad people and the board will probably make the assessment on his recommendation without further discus-

The questions submitted to Attorney General Smyth were: "Is it the duty of the State Board of Equalization to assess the Omaha Belt railroad as returned to the state board by the Missouri Pacific Railroad company?" and "If the State Board of Equalization does assess the property would that interfere with or prevent action by the local authorities of Douglas county in assessing the same?"

The attorney general's written opinion on the subject, which will be submitted to the hoard next week, is as follows:

Attorney General's Opinion.

In answer to the first question, permit me to call attention to section 39 of article I, chapter ixxvii, of the Compiled Statutes, in I, chapter fixed, of the complete statutes in which it is provided that certain officers of every railroad, "where any portion of the property of said railroad company is situated in more than one county shall list and return to the auditor of public accounts $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ assessment and taxation" certain property which is afterward described in the section. This provision of the statute is very plain and needs, it seems to me, no interpretation from me.

Whether any portion of the Omaha Belt railway is situated in more than one county ground is thoroughly soaked. Corn is nearly is a question of fact which must be deter-mined by you upon the evidence before all planted, Vegetation is growing rapidly. HARVARD, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)-

I know nothing about it. Should you have any doubt as to whether or not any portion of the property of the said railroad company is situated in more than one county I think that doubt should heavy rain or succession of showers continu-be resolved in favor of the jurisdiction of ing all last night has changed the whole the board to assess. Then, if the question appearance of the county and for the time should come before the courts for decision eliminated the doubts and fears of the preand they should hold that you did not have nuthority to make the assessment, but that the assessment should be made by local authorities of Douglas county, your action would in no way interfere with the right of that county to make the assessment. If, on the other hand, you should determine not to make an assessment and the decision of the court should be that it was your duty to have made it, there would be no assessment either by you or by the local authorities of Douglas county.

Suit Against Otoe County.

Attorney General Smyth today commenced a suit in behalf of the State against the County of Otoe and its Board of Commissioners, the object of which is to compel the county commissioners to correct an alleged mistake in fifty-five \$1,000 bonds purchased by the state last February. These bonds draw 4½ per cent interest and are held as on investment of school funds. Before the bonds were purchased the understanding was that they were to be made payable after fifteen years from date. The county commissioners passed a resolution to this effect and the bonds were delivered together with 100 \$1,000 bonds, payable after twenty years. A lew weeks ago the Otoe commissioners offered to psy off \$10,000 of the bonds. It was then discovered that there was an error in all of the fifty-five \$1,000 bonds which read: "Payable at any time within fifteen years from date," instead of payable at any time after fifteen years from date. The commissioners demand the cancellation of ten of these bonds but the attorney general thinks the investment too good to be withdrawn within four months after it has been made. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds desires to keep the school fund invested and as the avenues for investment are now limited the offer of the commissioners of Otoe county was refused. Whether a mistake was made in the printing of the bonds or whether the agreement between the state board and the county commissioners has been misunderstood will be settled in court. Chancellor MacLean last night delivered an address before the graduating class of the High school at Dorchester, Neb. Chancellor MacLean will go to Reno, Nev., May 26, to speak before the graduating class of the State university. He will speak at Beaver City, May 24, and at Hastings, May 25. Student Representation at University

STATE ASSESSES BELT LINE Geoghan won second place, receiving a silver medal. In the individual cavalry drill Corporal Drain won first place and Private Noves second. The first prize in this drill was a gold medal and the second a silver medal. The companies ranked in the following order: Company B, Captain Stebbins; C. Captain Brown; A. Captain Hastie; D. Captain Whipple. The company drill was for the battalion colors and the Omaha cup won at Omaha by the Nebraska cadets six years ago in the interstate contest, MORE RAIN FALLS IN NEBRASKA. Silks Moisture Saturates the Ground and Cheers the Bucolle Heart. SYRACUSE, Neb., May 20 .- (Special Telegram.)-Nearly three inches of rain have fallen in the last twenty-four hours. The New Washable Corded storm last night was very severe, roads, fields and streams were flooded. The Silka ... Nemaha is bankful and the Valley resembles a lake. The spire of the Methodist Episcopal church was struck by lightning, but the Black Dress Taffeta-SCHUYLER, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.)-Black Peau de Sole. was planted early has come up slowly and

Plain Taffeta-19 and 27-inch. New Gronadines-late ideas-plain stripes, plaids, chenille, Mexicans, etc, well, although many fields are spotted, owing FREMONT, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-This immediate vicinity had a very heavy rain last evening. Between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. two and ninety-four one-hundredths inches of rain fell, Batistethe most of it in the first fifteen minutes. The streets were turned into rivers and water stood in pools on vacant lots and in low places. A good many sidewalks Cheviot-50-inchfloated out of their places. The railroads suffered no serious damage from washouts and trains are nearly on time today. The ground was in such condition that the greater portion of the water soaked into it. Mohair Crepe Indications all point to good crops the coming season. Corn is mostly planted. Grenadine Stripe-DAVID CITY, Neb., May 20,-(Special.)

It commenced raining here Thursday night, continued all day yesterday and is still raining today. The precipitation is about one

and one-half inches, PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 20.-(Special.) -Rain fell in copious showers in this city

vesterday, last night and today. of good. It was needed badly in this county. The rain appeared to be general and everyone is jubilant.

GENEVA, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.) - A Gloves good rain has been falling all night and the Suede Lisle New Fabric Gloves-made like a kid glove-HARVARD, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.)-Cool weather and rain still continue, the

50c and 75c government registration giving 1.46 of Kid Gloves \$1.00-Any shade-correct fitwater since Friday night. FARNAM, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-A ing glove. Every new feature in "Trefousse," "Monarch," "Dent" and "Shelbourne" Pique.

ducers. It will make a notable difference in the small grain crop. Corn planting is practically finished. LOUISVILLE, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-

Rain began falling here Thursday night and continued until this morning. Almost two inches of water fell and the ground is thoroughly soaked. Oats, wheat and meadows are in fine condition, due to the frequent rains during the last two weeks.

COZAD, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-A Commercial Travelers' Convention at Haststeady downpour of rain lasting three hours ings Comes to an End. visited this section of the country Thursday night. It is of untold value to the growing crops. The spring wheat is now in fine con dition. Many of the farmers are through

CLOSES IN EVENING WITH FINE BANQUET

planting corn. Much of the winter wheat has been plowed under and the ground Resolutions Adopted in Which the will be more rain within the next Members Pledge Them Oppose the Operation of the twenty-four hours ROSELAND, Neb., May 20,-(Special.) Numerous Trusts. Thursday night this vicinity was visited with the best rain it has had for a long HASTINGS, Neb., May 20 .- (Special Teletime. About a half inch of water fell, Fall gram.)-Hastings is still in the hands of wheat will be about half a crop. A very the Knights of the Grip, whose forces were large acreage of corn has been put in on largely increased during the last twentyaccount of the partial failure of fall wheat. four hours, until there are now nearly 255 Farmers are through planting and the prostraveling men in this city. pect for an enormous crop of corn is ex-



Eton and Blazer Jackets, silk lined-cheviots, checks, tweeds, etc. These are \$10.00 Suits-all sizes-and to close out quickly, our price Monday-\$2.98.

Tailor Suits

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1899.

New arrivals in Tailor-made Suits, Jackets and Skirts.

Tailor-made Suit \$16.00. Eton, silk lined jacket, cheviot, Venetian or Ian McLaren homespun-

skirt latest cut. The suit is stylishly braided.

Tailor-made Skirts

Cheviots, plaids, coverts, Venetians, cords, Sicilians-newest fashionbraided-satin band trimmed, lapped, etc., \$3.75, \$4.25, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00.

Jackets

Custom made Jackets for ladies and misses. \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$17.00, \$20.00.

The greatest variety of shades, in the highest grade cloth-Eton, fly front, double breasted.

Linen Skirts, Golf Skirts, Cycling Skirts All colors-in linen, crash, pique, denim and duck-\$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.25,

\$3.00. We have just opened a large variety of styles at moderate prices.

Sale of Fancy Parasols Choice Novelty Parasols-in changeable effect-fancy stripes-only \$1.25

- each Choice Novelty Parasols, in hemstitched, fancy borders and chiffon trim-
- med-only \$2.50 each. We are showing an extensive line of Novelty Parasols-new and beautiful styles-all latest shades-at from \$3.00 up to \$15.00.
- Ladies' Black Silk Umbrellas, 26-inch, steel rod, paragon frame, pretty handles-this is a special offer-only \$1.50.
- Misses' and children's Fancy Parasols, all sizes, very pretty styles-25c,
- 35c, 60c, up to \$1.75.

Resolutions were also adopted thanking Cattle and Sheep Industries Are Alone Worth

cll, the women and members of the press | General Prosperity is Everywhere in

state and Iowa.

New Railroad Plant.

Some stir is caused in this county by the building of the new railroad north from had a prosperous year.

week, closing the exercises on Thursday evening with a concert. The academy has

Atkinson When the new line was first projected there was much doubt expressed as to the scheme. Local men seemed to be to the scheme. Local men seemed to be behind it and prominent among them were making and a banquet at the close com-

some whose combined credit at a bank three years ago would not have been good for Hon, H. H. Shee Hon. H. H. Shedd and James Snell of Ashland were here yesterday looking up the

assessed valuation of Ashland precinct, pre-

mencement during several evenings this

Underwear and Corsets

That are attractive in prices and style.

Empire Gowns 65c-Embroidery trimmed, tucked, revered, cambric ruffle, best muslin. New Cambrie Gowns 90c-Tucked and lace inserted yoke, ruffled and lace edged, best

Cambric Gowns-\$1.00 and \$1.15. Two special numbers-High grade cambric and daintily trimmed and ruffled Gowns-\$1.25 and \$1.35 value.

Drawers 25c-unusual value-best light weight muslin, latest shape, deep ruffles or numerous tucks.

Drawers 50c-Ombrel-cambric-pretty embroidered, deep flounce.

Skirts 75c-Three splendid styles of fashionable skirts, lace and embroidered ttimmed, deep flounce, tucked, etc. Skirt \$1.00-Two fine features in pretty Skirts-embroldered, flounced, deep hem-

stitched flounce, etc. Summer Corsets 50c-Short, medium or

long, latest shape, best ventilated corset. Batiste Corset \$1.00-Linen batiste, light

weight and very serviceable corset,

- Linen Corsets \$1.50.
- Cycling Corset, 75c. Short French Corset, \$1.50.
- Child's Waist, gathered front, 25c,
- Blas Corset, 75c-To close out this \$1.25
- Blas Gored Corsets our price is 75c.
- Petticoats and Skirts of special interest. Washable Skirts, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50,
- Ruffled and corded cheviot, striped, batiste, deep ruffled.
- New Silk Petticoats, \$1.90; pretty stripes,
- four ruffles. Linen colored silk striped Skirt, \$2.00;
- ruffled. Silk Petticoats-all colors and styles-
- \$6.37, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00.
- Mercerized Satine Skirt, \$5,00,

Sicilian Ruffled Skirt, \$5.00. Italian Satin-something new-\$3.25.

Style-no need of making any mistake in style if you trade fiere. We are impelled by business honesty and principle to sell you the most stylish goodsthis season's goods-and therefore the most

Wash Goods

FARNAM AND FIFTEENTH

fashionable to be had. At our Gingham counter can be seen the largest and most varied assortment of Madras Gingham for ladies waists, etc., at

25c yard. Large assortment of Colored Dimity, Imported Organdy, Sheer Batiste, etc., for dresses and shirt walsts, at loc yard.

One more case of 36-inch Percale, suitable for ladies' walsts, wrappers, men's shirts, etc..sold everywhere for 10c-tomorrow, 5c yard.

Pique-Our large stock of Piques are worthy of your attention-quality and prices open for comparison-some dainty effects in colored goods for shirt waists at 20c, 25c, 35c and 40c yard. Pure white at 15c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c yard.

Graduating Dresses

White Goods for graduating dresses, party dresses and every-day dresses.

Although prices have advance! on this line our stock is large and varied enough to provide for your individual preferences at old prices.

45 and 48-inch Wosh Chiffon, Opera Batiste, Batiste Mull and Paris Muslin at 35e, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c and 80c yard.

68-inch French Organdy at 50c, 65c and 75c ward.

32-inch Persian Lawn at 20c, 25c, 30c, 25c, 40c and 50c yard.

India Linon at 10c, 1246c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 28c, 30c, 35c, 38c and 40c vard.

Ready-made Sheets and Pillow Cases

2x2½ yards Steets, marked Kelley, Stiger's Special, at 39c each.

244x214 yards Sheets, marked Kelley Stiger's Special, at 49c each.

42x36-inch Pillow Cases at 10c each. 45x36-inch Pillow Cases at 1252c each. One case of 45-inch Utica Mills Pillow Casing, worth 16 2-3c, at 12%c yard.

Linens

Visit our Linen Department and see the special values in Huck, Damask and Eath Towels, Crashes, Bed Spreads, Table Cloths and Napkins.



Over Two Millions.

CONCEDED BEST HAY COUNTY IN STATE

\$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$3 Black Taffeta, 37-inch- Colored Plain Taffetas, all shades, 27-inch. 1.35 Black Dress Goods 85c (shrunk)..... 60c Jacquards..... 1.25

46-inch..... Colored Dress Goods

49c and 75c

Bargain on center counter-Cheviots, Tweed, Checks and various Suitings-at two prices to close

In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Regents of the State university at its last meeting in this city the students

of the institution will hereafter be given representation in the control of the university. This action of the Board of Regents places the Nebraska State university in an advanced position among the universities of the country. The resolution was not made public until yesterday. It is as follows:

The students of each class in each college and school of the university and also the students in each permament school organi zation shall respectively have the privilege of electing a student delegate to represen their respective bodies in connection with the administration of the university. The election of the delegates shall be by ballo and shall be certified to by the secretary

of the organization to the chancellor. The delegate shall be a recognized channel of mmunication between the university nu thorities and their respective organizations.

"The Turn of the Tide." a nautical com edy-drama in three acts, was presented by the main current being a few rods west of the Delian society of the State university in the Missouri Pacific depot. Twenty head the chapel this evening. Those who took part of cattle are penned up in the middle of the in the performance were: Charles F. Horner, Anna Saulls, Harry Garret, C. W. Jones, E. F. Warner, Nora Pyrtle, Ruth Davis, E. M. Dunaway, Flossie Archer and V. C. Batie. of 1882.

The selection of a date for the Lancaste county republican convention will be made by the republican chatral committee next Thursday. The candidates for the various offices are generally in favor of an early con vention. All county officers, with the exception of the register of deeds, are to be elected at the fall election, including three judges of the district court.

Nearly all of the state officials left for Omaha this afternoon to attend the "dollar dinner" given by the Peter Cooper club. The Empire Rupture and Medical company f Omehs filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state this afternoon. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000. The incomparison of the factors are Andrew J. Cook, Henry J. Wernimont, Andrew E. Wallace and Auguste L. Sanabe.

The annual competitive drill by the stu dent cadets of the University of Nebraska was held at the university armory this afternoon, resulting in a victory for Company B The gold medal offered the best drilled cade: was won by Sorgeant Wooks. Sergeant Me-

Today's session of the Nebraska grand cellent. council of the United Commercial Travelera GOTHENBURG, Neb., May 20 .- (Special. was a busy one, as there was plenty of work -This section was visited by a general rain to do besides the initiating of several new of three-quarters of an inch Thursday night. which puts the ground in elegant condition members.

At 9:30 this morning the members confor growing crops. The season is quite late gregated at the council hall, where a pro and the corn planting will continue into cession was formed which proceeded to next week. Small grain is looking well and march through the main streets. It was the outlook is very flattering for a big crop. headed by the Second regiment band and Farmers are in the best of spirits and are was nearly two blocks in length. H. H. planting a very large acreage of corn. It Cherry, while acting as drum major, used is cloudy and threatening more rain. PERU, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-This a base ball bat for a baton and handled 1 with as much ease and grace as a professection was visited by a heavy rain early

sional. C. B. Flagg, supreme secretary of yesterday morning and it continued to rain Columbus, O., and John R. Corry followed at short intervals all day. This is the second close behind the band, carrying the two heavy rain of the week. large gold plated keys of the city which FAIRFIELD, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.)-

Mayor Fisher had presented to the organ-About half an inch of water came down ization. There were over 200 traveling men Thursday night, followed by light showers in line, including the famous United Comduring the early part of yesterday. At mercial Travelers Zobo band, which was a about 4 p. m. the clouds got together for a final effort and there was the heaviest howling success. After making a complete tour of the city downpour that has been seen in this section the procession stopped in front of the or-

for over a year. ganization's headquarters where the band STOCKVILLE, Nob., May 20.-(Special.) played "Georgia Camping" for nearly half There was a good rain here Thursday night. an hour. During all this time a grand cake It was a great help to the small grain. A large part of the winter wheat was winter walk was participated in by the Knights of killed and spring wheat has been suffering the Grip, who did it to the queen's taste This afforded great amusement for the hunsome from want of rain. The general condidreds of spectators who were perched in tion is better in the western part of the county than in the central part. More corn windows, on boxes, telephone poles and trucks, besides the vast throng that crowded than usual is being planted.

AINSWORTH, Neb., May 20.-(Special Felegram.)-Some very fine rains have fallen over this county within the last two days. Small grain looks well and everything the others were posing in all kinds of attiis growing nicely.

ELWOOD, Neb., May 20 .- (Special Teletudes and singing in unison with the hand. gram.)-An inch of rain fell in this locality during the last twenty-four hours with every prospect for more.

Stream Near Stella Overflows

STELLA, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.)-The Little Muddy, a half mile west of here overflowed its banks at 7 o'clock this morning and the stream is now a mile wide at this point, on the state of the order was made: stream and efforts are being made to get them loose so they can swim out. The stream is almost up to the high water mark

Teachers Chosen. SUTTON, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-The Board of Education has elected the followlimits." ing as teachers for the ensuing year: Prof F. Lehn, Osceola, superintendent; George The following resolutions were read and W. Porter, principal; Ada DuBeis, assistant adopted: Teachers: Shadrack Doty, Mary Stewart, Resolved. That the grand council of Ne Mamie Bemis, Viola Meyers, Lucile Brown, braska, United Commercial Travelers America, in convention assembled, Mary Goodrich, Anna Spiech and Mahasha

Opposition to Trusts.

Recruiting Station at Hastings

Silver.

in use by the Western Passenger association, and wish to express this in terms as plain as possible; and that the Thrail in-HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.-(Special.) Warren Deau, second lieutenant in the Sixth terchangeable mileage system would be suitable substitute. cavalry, will arrive in Hastings Monday and open a recruiting office for the purpose of Whereas, The Grand Council of Nebraska has noticed with great distress and alarm the rapid formation of trusts, now in progenlisting men for the regular army in the Philippine islands.

Graduating Exercises at Falls City. FALLS CITY, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-The sermon for the graduating class will e preached at the Methodist church Sunday (Continued on Fourth Page.)

for the courtesies extended. The newly elected officers were installed as follows by Supreme Secretary Flagg of Ohio: Grand councilor, C. E. Greene of Norolk; grand senior councilor, Theodore F

Klud of Norfolk; grand past councilor, J A. Traphagen of Hastings; grand secretary C. E. Miles of Hastings; grand treasurer W. C. Brooks of Beatrice; grand conductor, Charles N. Atchison of Beatrice; grand page, Bert Walton of Grand Island; grand entinel, C. S. Troyer of Lincoln; executive

that will relieve us from the influence of

Supreme Secretary C. B. Flagg of Columbus

O., and D. K. Clink, grand councilor for

the state of Illinois, for their timely visit

and advice. Votes of thanks were extended

by the visiting members to Past Grand

Councilor Traphagen, to the Hastings coun-

that well-known tyrant-the trust.

Holland of Hastings. Three more members were initiated in the afternoon. They were Alexander G. Muche, James G. Norton and George Buch, jr.

Close with a Banquet. At 8 o'clock tonight all members of the

United Commercial Travelers met at the ouncil hall, where they had a sociable ime until 9 o'clock, when they marched day in a body to the Bostwick hotel, where an degant banquet was in waiting. The din- higher than it did three years ago and more ng room was gloriously decorated. Everyfarms are changing hands than for many thing sparkled with the Union Commercial years past. The best of it is that most of Travelers' colors, which are blue, white and those who are buying land are the men who yellow. The ceiling and the sides of the have lived here the longest. They are incoms were studded with incandescent lights of various colors. Mottoes of greeting are using to make the purchases has been and welcome were in profusion. It was after 11 o'clock when Will J. Holland, who presided as toastmaster, called the 200 guests o order with a few words of eloquence. to balance our books."

The following toasts were then responded to: "The Union Commercial Travelers," D. L. link, grand councilor of the state of Illiiols; "Nebraska and Its Future," Charles 3. Greene of Norfolk: "Competition and Rebates," J. N. Hirschherger of Lincoln; 'Wives and Sweethearts." C. C. Patrick of Omaha; "Merchants, Wholesalers and Reailero," J. Birney of Grand Island; "Joys

nd Sorrows of a Commercial Traveler," W. Brooks of Beatrice. At the conclusion the members of the orer expressed themselves as being sorry the the sidewalks. The cake walk was a sight. affair was over, but felt as though they had received enough enjoyment during the There were big men, little men, fat men last two days to last until their next anand lean men, bebbing up and down in anything but perfect rhythm to the music, while nual meeting at Norfolk. ers.'

Locates a Burglar's Outfit.

HASTINGS, Nob., May 20.-(Special.)-J. The morning session was devoted to init! 5. Ellipti, postmaster of Trumbull, who reating six new members, as follows: W. E. ently filled two burglars full of birdshot Jenness, R. M. Sleek, George Skinner, C. R. while they were in the act of cracking a safe Rohde, Joe Kelley, J. R. Hollingsworth. in his store, uncarthed a burglar's outfit this At 2:30 the grand council met and reports of various committees were accepted. Mesweek consisting of high explosives, finished and blank keys, files, steel bars, etc. One of sages of congratulation were received from the keys that had been finished was an exact the grand councils of Wisconsin and Misfit to Martin Bros.' store. The citizens of souri. The following report by committee Trumbull are keeping a close watch for the owners of the articles and should they put "We are pleased to report to the council n an appearance they will meet with a on investigation that we find the fraternity

varm reception. in this jurisdiction to be in a prosperous and well organized condition, it having **Hastings High School Commencement** shown substantial growth during the last HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)year with a good prospect for increasing The fourteenth annual commencement of nembership. We recommend that the juris-Hastings High school will take place at the diction be not extended beyond its present

Kerr opera house next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The class exercises will e held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. and the graduating exercises on Thursday

vening. The graduating class this year onsists of fifteen members.

The annual promotional exercises of the High school and Eighth grade will be held hereby express its disapproval of the Se-bastian interchangeable mileage ticket now in the Methodist church next Tuesday even ing.

Harvard Rems.

HARVARD, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-Several new houses and substantial additions

to those already built are being contracted for this spring. The baccalaureate sermon to the graduin nearly all lines known to commer ating class of the Harvard High school will cial transactions, and that the time is a e given tomorrow evening by the Rev. R. when commercial travelers, individ 5. Osgood of the Congregational church. ually and collectively, must use every efforin their power to impede the progress and wipe out of existence formations that are taking from us situations for which we have | mains to be planted.

Party is Steadily Recovering Lost Ground.

O'NEILL, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-Ac-Politically, there is no question about the ording to conservative estimates there are in Holt county 75,000 head of cattle and 15,-000 head of sheep, representing an actual value of \$2,300,000. The number is increaswas a combined majority of 837 votes over the republicans. This was in 1893 reduced to 725, in 1896 to 551, in 1897 to 469 and in ing rapidly all the time and the people here ommittee, T. F. Bartlett of Lincoln, Jack are certain that they have the best stock county in the state on account of the immense amount of hay that is put up here and which is necessary for winter feed for

stock. There is no disputing the fact that forces" to break away from fusion, and no Holt is the best hay county in the state. No man in Holt county is preaching "pros tickets in the field this fail. The free silver day, perity" any stronger than the county treastheory is no longer a "tie that binds" the urer, who was elected two years ago as a populist. This official said to the writer tothe republican party, where they belong. "Land in this county is selling 40 per cent

Facilities for Handling Forty Thou-

being graded preparatory to the erection of

F. A. H.

sand liend at Taylor Ranch. ABBOTT, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.) -- This

creasing their holdings and the money they town boasts one of the largest sheep feedaccumulated right here in Holt county. In ing establishments in the country, the propthe meantime taxes are being paid up faster than ever before. This spring the payments 10,000 acres, fenced with fifty miles of woven are coming in so fast that we don't have time wire fencing, and barns, sheds, feed lots and. Another man who was enthusiastic over utilized in the production of heef, pork and

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the prosperity of Holt county was the banker mutton. His arrangements provide for feedfrom Stuart, a little town in the west part of the county. He said that money was getting to be a drug on the market in his locality. He said: "We used to run through our notes quite

often and notify people to come in and settle, but we don't have to do that any more. They come without notices. It has been two months since we looked over the list for the purpose of making notices. Our bank, with a capital stock of \$5,000, has \$80,000 in deposits, where two years ago it only had \$30. 000, and the money all belongs to the farm-

Some Bank Figures.

The figures from the other banks in Holt show equally good. The combined deposits nt present amount to \$230,000. One institu-tion had \$88,000 in 1896, \$101,000 in 1897, \$122,060 in 1898 and has \$169,890 at the present time. The cashier complained that there was about \$60,000 on hand without a borrower.

The mortgage record of the county also shows general prosperity. During the last half of 1898 the cancellations of farm mort gages exceeded the filings by \$80,060, while during the first four months of the present year the indebtedness on farms has been reduced \$31,000. The new mortgages filed are almost all because of the purchase of

lands in the county An O'Neill banker told today of a German farmer who came in a few days ago to pay for a piece of land that he had just bought. The old man produced \$500, the price agreed upon, the money being in bank bills in a roll, tied up with a piece of thread. When he paid it over he said

"You see what a fool I am. I could have bought that land for \$200 three years ago." "Yes, but you didn't have the \$200," said the banker

"That's so," said the farmer. "The \$200 building accupied by the drug store of A. W. was harder to get then than the \$500 is Atwood. now. The people down in my precinct all

went off on the free silver idea and we didn't have a dozen silver dollars in the neighborhoad. Now we all have money." There is much good farming land in Holt county and small grain does especially well. The crops are in fine condition and there is prospect of an abundant yield. In reason that the investment in land is so hall work was finished they repaired to a tions.

\$25. Yet they have actually made a good start on the grading of twenty miles of the road in the last month and yesterday was the first pay day of the laborers, when \$2,000 or \$3,000 in cash was distributed.

paring a petition and making other preliminary arrangements for holding a special election for the purpose of voting bonds for building a bridge across the Platte river in improvement in Holt county. In 1890 there the neighborhood of Ashland.

Will Observe Memorial Day.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-1898 to 346, while in the last election the Mcmorlal day will be appropriately observed fusion members of the legislature had less in this city. The Grand Army of the Rethan 200 majority. There is this year a public, as represented by D. S. Crawford strong inclination on the part of the "reform post of this place, has already made arrangements to that effect. Hon. John R. Hays of one need be surprised if there are three Norfolk has been engaged as orator of the

W. E. Krouse, vice president of the First fusionists together and the prevailing pros- National bank, who was so severely hurt perity has induced many to come back to two weeks ago by jumping from the train after it had left the depot, is slowly convalescing.

The city council last night acted upon the MODEL PLANT FOR SHEEP FEEDING. firemen's resolution and disbanded the chemical and hook and ladder companies and authorized the formation of new companles. The two companies will be organized with young blood.

The city council met in special session erty of Robert Taylor. This gentleman has last Wednesday evening to open the bids for the refunding of \$23,000 city bonds. Quite a number of hids were filed, but before in fact, everything that can be in any way the board convened one of the bids-which proved to be the best one-was withdrawn and two others had no certified checks, as ing 40,000 sheep, besides several hundred demanded in the call for bids. The three head of cattle and hogs. There are 1,000 which received consideration were as folacres of alfalfa, which produce five tons per lows: N. W. Harrie & Co., Chicago, par acre, and 500 acres of prairie hay land. Be- and to furnish the lithograph bonds; Adama & Gisin, West Point, \$150 premium; C. H. sides his feeding operations he makes a specialty of breeding fine sheep and has at the Imhoof, Lincoln, \$180 premium. Evidently present time something like 7,500 head of the council expected much better offers, and Merino and Leicestershire breeds, after learning that better bids could be ob-Mr. Taylor is ambitious to make his tained an adjournment was taken until last place the finest sheep feeding plant in the night, when the bid of Charles S. Kidder & world and sheepmen who have been out to see it from South Omaha speak in the high-cepted, on condition that a certified check est terms of the progress which he has made. on a bank other than their own he given.

Court at David City. **Prosperity at Plattsmouth**

DAVID CITY, Neb., May 20.-(Special.)-PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 20.-(Spe District court has been in session all this cial.)-The erection of new and the repairweek, Judge Bates presiding. There have ing and improving of old buildings is a sure sign of the prosperity which Plattsbeen three criminal cases tried. The first mouth is enjoying. The Ancient Order of was E. A. Coates, charged with chicken United Workmen have just had erected a stealing. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The next case was against W. J. large building and occupy the second story Sweenle, charged with adultery. The jury for lodge and social purposes. Robert Sherfound a verdict of guilty. The case against wood & Son have their new two-story brick B. F. Scott, a druggist of Rising City, oulding on Main street nearly completed. charged with the unlawful sale of whisky, The foundation for an addition to the was submitted to the jury yesterday even-Christian church is completed and carpenters ing. At noon the jury is still out. will commence work at once. Two lots are

Schuyler's Creamery.

a fine new church building for the Methodist SCHUYLER, Neb., May 20.—(Special.) The Schuyler Creamery company \boldsymbol{e} -tiled Episcopal society, which, it is said, will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. C. C. Parwith its patrons today for 177,078 pounds of mele has purchased the Flizgerald "forty" milk skimmed in April, as follows: Schuyand plans and specifications are being drawn ler, 51,961 pounds; Octavia, 41,442; Draper's for a fine palatial residence to cost about Bridge, 51,686, and Station No. 3, 33,259, \$25,000. Hon. S. M. Chapman has been havwhich at an average test of 3.8 yielded ing extensive improvements made on his fine 6,771.9 pounds of butterfat that was paid for residence. Senator W. H. Newell has had at the rate of 14% cents per pound, a total his home thoroughly overhauled and an adof \$964.99. The gain in April, 1898, was 25.dition bullt. F. M. Murphy has had new 000 pounds; this year a trifle over 1,000, porches and an addition built to his resi- owing to backwardness of the season. At dence. T. E. Parmele has had a new roof present rapid gains are noticeable. and skylight put on the two-story brick

No More Changes at the Asylum

HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.-(Special)-Dr. J. T. Steele, the new superintendent of

Matters of Interest at Wahoo. the Asylum for the Incurable Insane, has WAHOO, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.)-The given it out that there will not be any more Ancient Order of United Workmen members changes made at that institution for some

of this city were very busy people last time, as everything is now in first-class evening. They initiated a large number of running order. Dr. W. S. Woodward of new members. Deputy Grand Master Van Aurora, the new assistant physician, and W. Dyke of Grand Island was present and con- B. Barnes of Boone county, the new steward, While some farmers have finished the this locality there is a better profit in small ducted the work. Delegations were pres-planting of their corn considerable yet re- grain than in the eastern counties, for the ent from Ithaca and Valparaiso. After the and are very much pleased with their poal-