STEELE HEAD OF SENATE

Fairbury Member is Agreed Upon by the Republican Caucus.

SEARS FOR THE HOUSE BY ACCLAMATION

Legislators Quickly Agree on Organization — Governor in His Message Advocates Radical Changes.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican members of the senate after an unsuccessful attempt to caucus this afternoon assembled at 8 o'clock tonight and agreed on Calvin P. Steele of Fairbury for president pro-tem, John C. Fremont McKesson for secretary and A. H. Keim of Falls City, for assistant secretary. All the republican senators were present excepting John Trompen of Lancaster. Senator N. V. Harlan of York county presided.

The meeting was harmonious throughout, the only contests being over minor positions. Senator Harlan of York was chosen for permanent chairman of the caucus and Senator Oleson of Cuming for permanent secretary. C. F. Steele was placed in nomination for president of the senate by Howard Baldrige of Omaha, and there being no opposition he was chosen by a unanimous vote. F. C. F. McKesson of Lancaster and A. H. Keim were placed in nomination for secretary and the former was victorious by a vote of 12 to 6. Mr. Keim was then chosen by acclamation for first assistant secretary. Clark Robinson of Fremont was slated for sergeant-at-arms, John Patrick of Washington county for doorkeeper, W. H. Pool of Cass for enrolling and engrossing clerk, A. A. Cressman of Crete for chaplain and Harry Beebe of Stanton for custodian of the cloak room. George Crofts of Beatrice and E. Marquette of Fremont received two votes for chaplain.

The following committees were elected:

On Standing Committees — Lieutenant Governor Savage, A. H. Arends of Otoe, E. N. Allen of Furnas, H. H. Baldrige of Omaha, J. R. VanBoskirk of Box Butte, E. D. Owens of Dawson, Richard O'Neill of Lancaster and W. M. Young of Stanton.

To Apportion Employes Among Senators—Frank M. Burrill of Custer, W. H. Newell of Cass and W. H. Edgar of Gage.

On Standing Rules—N. V. Harlan of York, Frank Martin of Richardson and E. D. Owens of Dawson.

In previous sessions the senate has had two clerks for enrolling and engrossing, each receiving $3 per day. The caucus decided to combine these two positions in one at a salary of $4 per day, making a saving of $2 per day on this line of work. The caucus adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

The republican members of the house had fifty-two in their caucus, there being only one absentee. Practical agreement had had been reached in the canvassing during the afternoon on most of the positions to be filled, so that the result was decisive on most of the ballots. McCarthy of Dixon acted as caucus chairman and Andrews of Frontier as secretary, with Mead of Douglas and Cain of Richardson as teller.

The nomination of Sears for speaker came by acclamation, to which he responded his thanks briefly. The other officers agreed on are: Clerk, John Wall; first assistant, A. D. Gilmore of Nemaha; second assistant, John Barnard of Johnson; third assistant, C. E. Sandall of York; fourth assistant, H. G. Wethrell of Harlan; sergeant-at-arms, A. Wees of Frontier; chaplain, J. H. Presson of Polk; doorkeeper, A. Miller of Jefferson; postmaster, E. D. Recon of Hamilton.

The Douglas county members supported Rev. E. F. Trefz for chaplain, but failed to make him by a small margin. J. W. Armstrong was agreed on for temporary speaker.

Joint Caucus of Fusion Members.

A joint caucus of the fusion members of the legislature was held in the Grand hotel to consider the course to be taken on legislation and for the purpose of making the usual selection of caucus nominees. Senator Miller of Buffalo was chairman and Representative Murray of Thurston secretary. Frank T. Ransom of Douglas will receive the fusion vote for president pro tem of the senate. After considerable discussion the following candidates were selected as the caucus nominees: For the house: Temporary speaker, John Sprecher of Colfax; speaker, D. W. Hamilton of Butler; chief clerk, Eric Johnson of Saunders; first assistant, Daniel Herrigan of Adams; second assistant, Louis Paulson of Kearney; third assistant, J. W. Harwood of Nance; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Dowd of Cuming; assistant sergeant-at-arms, O. S. Moran of Platt; chaplain, J. M. Snyder of Sherman.

The fusion members who did not participate in the caucus were Senator Krumbach and Representative Hauks of Otoe, Boulier of Saunders, Hunter of Howard, Dahlsten of Howard and Walker of Hitchcock. The caucus also gave out the following written statement as a bluff in the interest of those fusion members whose seats are contested for fraud and other irregularities. The question of contesting Governor Dietrich's right to office was taken up in the joint conference of fusion representatives and senators and considered at some length, and it was finally decided to lay the matter over for further consideration. This action was taken that it might first be ascertained whether the republicans were intending to consider and determine the contest in the house and senate on their merits fairly and it is probable nothing further will be done in the matter if the contests are decided fairly on the evidence.

William G. Sears, the new speaker, who will preside over the house of the twenty-seventh session of the Nebraska legislature, has been known up to this time as a clear-headed and far-sighted lawyer, prominent at the Burt county bar, with incidental excursions into politics. He is an Ohio man by birth and a Pennsylvanian by education, having been raised at Meadville, Pa., where he attended the public schools. He secured his legal rudiments as a student in the law school of the State University of Kansas at Lawrence and has been practicing at his profession for sixteen years. To the core, however, he is a Nebraskan, has claimed Nebraska as his preferred residence since 1871 and has been identified with Burt county all of that time but two years. He was mayor of Tekamah three years and county attorney of Burt county six years, resigning the latter position a few days ago to avoid embarrassment with his coming term as lawmaker. He is 40 years of age, of slender build, which makes him look tall, although of medium height, of light complexion, but with a tinge of gray already appearing in his hair.

"I have made my canvass for the speakership entirely independent of the senatorial contest," said Mr. Sears, "and without promises of committee appointments or house patronage. Of course I consulted with all the men who had interests involved, but I declined to be anyone's candidate but my own and my associates' whose favor I asked. Had the speakership been made a part of the senatorial struggle I doubt whether I would have met the same success.

"No, I have no novel ideas as to the management of the business of the house. I expect to follow in the lines laid down by my predecessors and abide by established precedent. I will try to the best of my ability to conduct the sessions on a plane of absolute fairness and treat all alike without reference to partisan affiliations. I hope, however, to draw all republicans together into a harmonious majority barring discussion and diversion so that the business will be dispatched in the most businesslike manner. If fair treatment will abate factional opposition I feel sure the house willl have smooth sailing alll the time."

This is Steele's Third Term.

Senator C. F. Steele, who will act as president of the senate, is beginning his third term as representative of Jefferson county in the upper branch of the legislature. He is a furniture dealer at Fairbury, a successful merchant actively interested in the republican party. For four years he was sheriff and another four years treasurer. He is an old soldier, who came to Nebraska from Illinois thirty years ago.

"What will I do when I become acting governor?" replied Senator Steele to the query. "I hardly expect to be called into that responsible position, but if I am, I think I will retaliate in kind on Senator Talbot. You see, Talbot as president of the last senate encountered an accidental summons to the governor's chair during the Sioux Falls convention, when both the governor and lieutenant governor were out of the state. He sat down and wrote out a long pardon for me, forgiving all my sins and trarsgressions to date, and sent it to me. I shall be tempted to make out a pardon for him for all his sins of omission and commission, and especially of recanting his republicanism while holding an office to which he had been chosen by republican associates."

Governor Poynter's Message Complete.

Governor Poynter has completed his regular message to the legislature. Compared with effusions of his predecessors it is said to be short and to the point, covering about thirty pages of typewritten manuscript, making not more than 9,000 words. The message is principally a review of the work under the direct supervision of the executive during the last two years with special stress upon the various branches that have been hampered by want of legislation or by supreme court decisions invalidating legislation under which action was formerly had. Incorporated into the review are a number of recommendations for curative acts and suggestions of ways and means to improve existing methods of state administration.

"The governor has been careful in the preparation of his message," said one of his clerical staff, "and has succeeded in covering a great deal of ground in a short space. He has revised it several times and always in the direction of making it more concise. He has a faculty of condensing which Governor Holcomb did not have. Governor Holcomb re-wrote his last message several times and each time found it expanded two or three pages, until it became a ponderous document. Governor Poynter's production is an anti-expansionist message, at least in point of size."

In his message to the legislature Governor Poynter will advocate a radical change in the laws relating to the management of the Institute for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice. The principal suggestion will be that the law requiring parents to pay tuition of children in the institution be repealed. Under the existing statutes parents are required to pay $40 per year for children kept in the home, but in the event of their failure or inability to pay this amount the county from which the inmate is sent is allowed to contribute the fees.

Never Turned Into Treasury.

"Under the present system a lot of money accumulates at the home, which is never turned into the treasury," said a friend of the governor's, who is interested in the proposed change. "The constitution of the state contemplates that all money expended by the state shall come from the state treasury. The money payed for the tuition of inmates never finds its way into the treasury, but is used for purchasing supplies for the institution. We want the law requiring the payment of this fee repealed, for experience has shown that in nearly every instance the money comes from the county and not from the parent."

The trouble at the Beatrice home under the administration of Dr. B. F. Lang, all arose from the unauthorized and ill-advised expenditure of the cash fund, which was used for purchasing all sorts of supplies that were not needed. The friends of the governor insist that the proposed change is not intended as a reflection on persons who may hereafter have charge of the institution, but simply for the purpose of reducing the management of the home down to a business-like basis.

A large force of carpenters and painters were at work in the lagislative halls today getting things in readiness for the opening of the session tomorrow. Both halls have been repapered and recarpented and all the furniture looks new with a fresh coat of varnish.

No New Appointments.

No new appointments have been announced by the state officers-elect, but the applicants are in plentiful evidence. Most interest centers in the staff of the state banking board, consisting of secretary and bank examiners, who, under the law, must have had practical experience in banking. Quite a number of Omaha people are seeking these places, as well as country bankers from all parts of the state. A member of the board said today that the selections would be made and given to the public not later than Saturday.

Money and Knives Missing.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—John Keisor, who runs a general merchandise store at Maynard, was in the city this afternoon and reported to Sheriff W. D. Wheeler that someone broke into his store last night and stole between $25 and $30 in money, three jackknives and a hair-clipper. No clue to the thives has yet been found.

Turners Plan Tournament.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Delegates from the different local societies of the Turn Bezirk of the Missouri valley, with headquarters in Plattsmouth, met at Turner hall in this city last evening and outlined the exercises and rules to govern the next tournament, which will be held in St. Joe or Kansas City sometime during next July.

The societies in this district include Kansas City, Atchison, St. Joseph, Omaha, Fremont, Millard and Plattsmouth. The officers of this division all reside here and are: John P. Sattler, president; Louis Ottnat, secretary; Fred Ebinger, treasurer; Otto Wurl, district instuctor; Emil Wurl and Philip Thierolf, members of the advisory board.

DEAN EDGREN IS CALLED

Sweden Wants Him to Fill an Institute Chair of Germanic Languages.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Dean Hjalmar Edgren of the graduate school and head of the department of romance languages of the University of Nebraska, has been tendered the chair of Germanic languages in the Nobel institute at Stockholm, Sweden, and it is announced semi-officially that he has accepted. Dr. Edgren has been a member of the faculty of the Nebraska institution for over twenty-five years and has held his present title since 1885. He ranks among the foremost educators in the west and his departure from the university will be deeply regretted.

The Nobel institute was founded by the Russian oil king of that name, who gave it $140,000,000 in one donation. It is one of the leading educational institutions in Europe. Dr. Edgren served a few years as a member of its faculty before be became dean of the University of Nebraska. He was tendered a position in the Swedish institution last year, but, after a conference with the Nebraska authorities, he concluded to remain in this state. The chair of Germanic languages, however, is a much more important position than the one offered a year ago, and this fact, coupled with a desire to return to his native country, caused him to look with favor on the call.

Dean Edgren graduated from the Royal Military acedemy of Sweden in 1860 and soon afterwards came to America. In 1871 he received the degree of Ph. B. from Cornell university and the degree of Ph. D. from Yale university in 1874.

Karley's Lucky Speech.

H. F. Karley got away from a charge of grand larceny with unexpected ease in the police court yesterday afternoon. Karley was arrested last Saturday on complaint of Charles Alman, from whom it was alleged he took the sum of $65 in currency. When the case was called yesterday Judge Lewin, noticing that the complainant had not yet been sworn, asked Alman to hold up his right hand and take the oath prescribed by law. "I'm not going to swear to nothin', judge," objected the complaining witness, "because I don't know nothin'." That settled it as far as the court was concerned, and the prisoner was promptly released.

Western Philosophical Society.

The Western Philosophical association will hold its first annual meeting at the University of Nebraska tomorrow. It is expected that the session will continue until Wednesday evening. Among the speakers named on the program are Chancellor Andrews, Prof. J. E. Woodbridge of the University of Minnesota, Arthur Fairbanks of the University of Iowa, Rev. J. R. Brown of Kansas City, Prof. C. B. McAfee of Park college, Prof. D. D. Hugh of the Colorado State Normal school, W. M. Bryant of St. Louis, C. A. Ellwood of the University of Missouri, Prof. J. E. Creighton of Cornell university and J. D. Logan of the University of South Dakota.

A committee appointed by the city council is at work preparing a new Lincoln charter for submission to the legislature. Changes will be made in the revenue portion of the present charter and provision will be made for lessening the city's liability for damages on account of defective sidewalks.

ESCAPED PRISONER CAUGHT

Eric Engle, Who Sawed His Way Out of Jail at Lexington, is Retaken.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Eric Engle, in jail here awaiting trial in the district court on charge of burglarizing the Thornton jewelry store at Cozad, made his escape about 3 o'clock this morning by first sawing a bar off his cell window, crawling through the aperature thus made and then prying a bar from the outside window with one of the bars in his hand he walked to his old haunt near Elm Creek, where he expected protection. His friends there held him, however, and notified Sheriff Hays by telephone. Mr. Hays took the first train for Elm Creek, returning this afternoon with his man, whom he says will not again escape.

ELM CREEK, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Eric Engle, who last night sawed his way out of the county jail at Lexington, where he has been confined for the last month on the charge of robbing a jewelry store and the postoffice at Cozad, was captured eight miles north of here this morning by Sheriff Funk of Kearney and Constable Brown of this place. He will be taken back this afternoon by Sheriff Hays of Dawson county, who is here and has the prisoner heavily ironed and says he will be kept so until his trial.

State Historical Society.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The State Historical society, of which J. Sterling Morton is president, is to meet in Lincoln January 8 and 9. The meetings of the Territorial Pioneers are to be the same days. The program of the Historical society is:

JANUARY 8, 8 P. M.
The Beginning of a State.
President's Annual Address—J. Sterling Morton.
Biographical Sketches—Senator P. W. Hitchcock, Senator A. S. Paddock, G. M. Hitchcock, W. E. Annis.
The Grange and Farmers' Alliance.

Beginning of the Grange—R. A. Hawley.
Remarks by J. H. Dundas, J. H. Powers and others.
The Farmers' Alliance—J. M. Thompson.
Remarks by Hon. N. V. Harlan, ex-Governor Crounse and others.
Business Meeting.
JANUARY 9, 8 P. M.
Reminiscences—H. W. Hardy.
Biographical Sketches—Senator T. W. Tipton, Representative W. L. Green, R. W. Furnas, W. D. Oldham.
Freighting—H. T. Clarke.
Remarks and discussions by W. A. Paxton and others.
Early Roads and Routes in Nebraska—C. E. Persinger.
Business meeting, election of officers, etc.

Annual Rabbit Supper.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The annual rabbit supper was given Saturday evening by the Tel Jed Sokol society and was a success. The commodious hall was well filled and music, dancing and a general good time constituted the program. During the evening the so-called "skule" committee kidnaped some forty young men, who were blindfolded and stood them up against the wall until each disgorged one big silver dollar. The bandages were then removed and their eyes beheld the smiling countenance of King "Gambrinus." Thereupon he escorted all to the places of honor and urged upon them a sip of his special brew. Long tables were laid in the galleries of the hall, where 200 brer rabbits were dished up in state to the 300.

Held as Maly's Assassin.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Late Saturday night Officer Fitzpatrick arrested a tramp giving the name of Pearl Pudnet, on the suspicion of his being the man wanted for the shooting of Joe Maly, bartender in a South Omaha saloon, and former city clerk of that place.

Pudnet protested that he knew nothing of the affair, but his description so closely answered that of Stegeman, the man who fired the fatal shot and escaped, that the officer felt justified in holding him. He was lodged in jail and the South Omaha authorities notified. The prisoner admitted having been in South Omaha Saturday, but declares he caught a Burlington freight train southbound early in the evening and was kicked off at Oreapolis.

HANGS HIMSELF IN JAIL

Charles Frisch, Said to Be of Omaha, Commits Suicide in Bastile at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Frisch, about 40 years of age, committed suicide this afternoon by hanging himself from a rafter in the county jail, using an old blanket as a rope. He came to this city from Omaha ten days ago, and being penniless and his mind slightly unbalanced, he was sent to the county hospital, but escaped in a few days. Friday evening he appeared on the streets and the officers locked him up pending the action of the county commissioners. He leaves a wife and six children in Omaha.

The name Charles Frisch cannot be found in the Omaha directory and the police have no knowledge of such a man.

Many Aged People Live There.

ELK CREEK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In and within a radius of one mile of this small town live as many old people as in any community of like size in the state, so far as is known. Here are their names and ages: Andrew Phelen, 83; Berlinza Phelen, his wife, 74; F. H. Butler, 78; William Morris, 86; G. C. Brittain, 81; Eliza Brittain, his wife, 76; Mary Cody, 78; J. M. Thompson, 81; Belinda Thompson, his wife, 76; Mary Hart, 75; David Simmons, 85; Jane Simmons, his wife, 78; John Dufack, 83; Thomas Robison, 82.

Fight Fire in a Blizzard.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The York firemen had to fight a fierce fire in the binding department of the York Times late last night, when the thermometer was registering zero and the snow storm raging hardest. Valuable adjoining properties were threatened, but by diligent effort the flames were extinguished without other loss than the damage to the stock.

Tramps Tamper with a Switch.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The action of three tramps at a switch in the railroad yards here Saturday night excited suspicion and the switch was examined and found to have been choked with an obstruction, apparently for the purpose of wrecking a train that was nearly due. A search was made for the trio, but was not successful.

Society Girls Banquet Friends.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The twenty young women composing the Saturday Night club gave a banquet on the appropriate evening of last week to their men friends at the residence of Mrs. F. C. Norris. Holly, carnations, ferns and American Beauty roses were used generously in the decorations.

Schuyler Hires Additional Teachers.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The city schools have become so overcrowded that the Board of Education found it necessary to employ an additional teacher to take charge of the sixth grade work. Miss Katherine Woods has been selected.

BALM FOR WOUNDED LOVE

Aged Suitor Goes Into Court to Recover Title to a Real Estate Betrothal Gift.

After having fought the battles of life through the greater part of the outgoing century, John Kndzior, septuagenarian, begins the new cycle as plaintiff in a breach of promise suit, wherein he alleges that Josephine Vetrouski, a coy lass of tender years, has played hide-and-seek with his affections, and, incidentally, secured title to valuable realty.

It is not so much his blighted affections as his loss of land that prompted the aged man to file suit against Miss Vetrouski. The petition, which is a lengthy document, goes on to say that about February 5 of last year, the plaintiff and the defendant entered into an agreement of marriage—"engaged," as the younger folks would term it. It is further set forth that at no time, in the present opinion of the plaintiff, did the defendant have any intention to fulfil her matrimonial promise, but that she was guided solely in her demonstration of affection by a desire to secure title to lot 9, Woodlawn addition to the city of Omaha, on which is located a valuable house. The property was transferred, so the plaintiff asserts, as an evidence of good faith on his part. He had no diamond rings with which to seal the engagement, but the said Josephine was not a romantic miss, and houses and lands were quite as acceptable, so the story goes, as glittering jewel.

Guardian is Appointed.

Continuing his story, the petitioner enters into a review of his peculiar case and tells how a few days after his engagement to Miss Josephine, his daughter, Mrs. Julia Socha, went before Judge Vinsonhaler of the county court and, representing her father to be incompetent to manage his affairs, secured appointment as his guardian. Subsequently the septuagenarian came before Judge Vinsonhaler with convincing argument to the effect that he was capable of conducting his own affairs, and the guardianship order was revoked—but that is ancient history, for the ups and downs of Kndzior during the past year have been given much publicity in the newspapers from time to time.

Now the old warrior is making a century epoch by taking the initiative in a breach of promise suit—something that in the nineteenth century most always devolved upon the woman in the case. With his characteristic eye for business, the aged petitioner prays the court to set aside the title, to restrain the defendant from disposing of the disputed property and also from encumbering it with a mortgage, which it is asserted, she has been attempting to do. Judge Keysor, who was rounding out the century with a prosaic insurance case, was pressed into service long enough to issue a temporary restraining order. It is returnable January 12, at which time the merits of the case will be entered into more fully.

John Kndzior is in many ways a remarkable man. Although almost entirely without a school education, he has by native shrewdness amassed a comfortable fortune, and takes particular pride in declaring that advanced age has not made perceptible inroads upon his physical constitution. In fact, he is decidedly more than a parallel for Denman Thompson, the veteran player, who in his "Old Homestead," declares "I am sixty-seven and spry as a kitten."

For Pneumonia.

Dr. C. J. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." There is nothing so good. Dillon's drug store, South Omaha; Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha.

District Judges to Meet.

The judges of the district court will meet at the court house at 10 o'clock this morning to make the annual docket assignments and take action on such changes in the court rules as may be deemed necessary. It is understood that there will be no change in the assignment of judges and that during the next year they will occupy the same rooms in which they have been holding forth since last New Year. The most important change made last year was the addition of Judge Keysor to the equity court, there having previously been only two equity divisions.

REWARD IS DOUBLED

(Continued from First Page.)

such a serious coloring on the case that it is not right to expect Mr. Cudahy to continue his offer of $25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the men who stole his boy. It is high time the city, county and state take a hand in bringing to justice the men who dare to threaten the lives of citizens who are attempting to land dangerous criminals behind the bars.

"I have wired the governor urging him to offer a reward. A special meeting of the council has been called for this afternoon to consider the advisability of appropriating $10,000 for any person who may bring about the conviction of the kidnapers. The county will also be asked to give some money, and I have no doubt but that we will swell the sum up to $25,000. In case the legal department decides that the city cannot give money for this purpose, I will circulate a subscription paper, and am confident that I can raise $10,000 in short order.

"The eyes of the world are turned on Omaha. The theft of Eddie Cudahy was one of the most remarkable crimes of the century and it is not right that it should go unpunished. Omaha will be judged by the steps it takes in bringing the kidnapers to justice. If these men are allowed to escape punishment others will be encouraged to undertake similar crimes. It is the duty of Omaha and Nebraska to put a stop to such brigandage.

"The Cudahy family has suffered enough at the hands of these desperadoes and I feel confident that I voice the sentiment of all good citizens when I say that the city should relieve Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy of further suspense. It is not comfortable for them to be living under the threat that a bullet will end the life of one of their children in case their reward is continued. It is not a case in which they alone are interested. Law and order demand that an end be brought to such proceedings and it is time that every man in Nebraska take a hand in the affair."

KIDNAPERS' THIRD LETTER

Desperadoes Send Another Scrawl Threatening Harm to the Cudahy Household.

E. A. Cudahy received on Monday forenoon a third letter from the kidnapers reiterating the threat made on December 22 that unless the reward was withdrawn harm would come to some member of his household. Like the second, this letter was received through the mails and is postmarked "Omaha, December 22, 8 a. m." Mr. Cudahy refused to permit the reporter to see the letter, but it is understood that in the matter of character formation and general style it is almost an exact counterpart of the two first received and that there is no question as to common authorship. This third letter was not shown to the chief of police.

As to the contents of this last communication only two sentences are known. They are as follows: "If the reward is not immediately withdrawn we will get another of your kids," and "Your wife is talking too d—— much; see that she keeps her mouth shut."

The relevancy of the last sentence is not quite clear, as Mrs. Cudahy has never been quoted in the newspapers in relation to this case and if she has spoken to her personal friends about it, as she doubtless has, it is not easy to understand how the kidnapers are in a position to know about it. It is understood that this third letter will not be given to the newspapers.

MILLS OFFERS $500 REWARD

Brigadier General Tenders His Financial Aid to Discover Omaha Kidnapers.

This telegram was received Monday by E. A. Cudahy from General Anson Mills, Washington, D. C.:

"E. A. Cudahy, 518 South Thirty-seventh street, Omaha Neb.—I subscibe $500 to your proposed increase of reward to $100,000.

"ANSON MILLS,

"Brigadier General, U. S. A., Retired."

Mr. Cudahy was "not in" last night when a reporter for The Bee called to ask him about the foregoing, but General John C. Cowin, his personal counsel, was seen in reference to it. He called up Mr. Cudahy by 'phone, and after having a talk with him, said:

"Mr. Cudahy says he doesn't know what General Mills means by the words 'your proposed increase.' He says he hasn't proposed any such increase, and that this is the first notice he has received of an individual contribution to the reward fund. He has not been in correspondence with General Mills, and, so far as I know, he is not acquainted with him. He regards the action as entirely spontaneous and unsolicited on the part of General Mills.

"Mr. Cudahy further informs me that he will not withdraw his reward of $25,000 for the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers, but that his reward will be added to the reward offered today by the city council. This makes the total reward now offered $50,500."

IDENTITY OF ONE KIDNAPER

Kansas City People Believe Him to Be Ralston, Who Stole Young Beals.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—D. J. Hoff, the attorney, who with C. H. Lewis, cashier of the Union National bank, paid over the $5,000 to Ralston, the kidnaper of Beals, jr., is positive that Ralston was the prime mover in the Cudahy kidnaping.

"The night that Beals, jr., was restored to his father," said Mr. Haff, "Ralston was given a check for $5,000, with Mr. Beals' word of honor that it would be cashed at the bank at 8 o'clock next morning. That was the hour set on the time lock for the opening of the vault. Mr. Lewis and I were selected by Mr. Beals to be at the bank and cash the check. We were there a little ahead of time. Exactly at 8 o'clock Ralston came in the door. Mr. Lewis went back to the vault and while he was getting the money out I had a good chance to study the kidnaper.

"He was below the average in height and build and his complexion and hair were light. He had a low forehead. His eyes, however, particularly attracted my attention. They were on the ferret order; never still for a second. During the entire time we were in there the man never turned his back upon us. When Mr. Lewis came back with the money Ralston took it and slipped it into one of his pockets. When he went out he did not lose his alertness. He placed his hand on his hip-pocket in the backed out the door. Everything in the whole transaction convinces me that he is the same man who did the Cudahy work.

"In the first place the robberies were similar in that both boys were back at home and the money paid within forty-eight hours. The renting of a deserted house on the outskirts of the town in each robbery is another point. The last point, however, is to me most convincing. This man Ralston seemed to have a perfect mania for letter writing.

"For months after the Beals robbery Mr. Beals was continually receiving letters from him of a threatening nature. They came about every two weeks and threatened that unless he refused to prosecute Ralston's pals, then in jail, he would visit Mr. Heals again and do him more harm. Cudahy is begining to get letters already. Ralston is a wonderful criminal. He was evidently encouraged by his success in the Beals robbery, where he secured $5,000, and went in for bigger game the next time."

To New York Via Niagara Falls.

A most attractive and pleasant trip if made via the Lehigh Valley railroad. Delightful scenery. Fast trains. Dining cars; service a la carte.

Lentz Contests Tompkins' Seat.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—Congressman John J. Lentz of this district today served formal notice on Congressman-elect Emmett Tompkins that he would contest the latter's seat in the house. Mr. Lentz states that he will base his claim on charges of wholesale bribery and fraud in the counting of the ballots.

Disaster at Michigan Mine.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—A special to the News from Champion, Mich., says that at the Champion mine John Horngreen and George Williams, who were picking ore on the surface, went down with a cavein. Their bodies will not be recovered. The shaft house also dropped into the workings. The dry house is undermined and may go down, as the surface is still caving in.

Rheumatism

What is the use of telling the rheumatic that he feels as if his joints were being dislocated?

He knows that his sufferings are very much like the tortures of the rack.

What he wants to know is what will permanently cure his disease.

That, according to thousands of grateful testimonials, is

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It corrects the acidity of the blood on which the disease depends, strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys, and builds up the whole system. Try Hood's.

CUT OUT THIS COUPON

Present at Bee office or mail coupon with ten cents and get your choice of Photographic Art Studies. When ordering by mail add four cents for postage.

ART DEPARTMENT,
The Bee Publishing Company
OMAHA, NEB.

GRAIN-O
THE PURE GRAIN COFFEE

Grain-O is not a stimulant, like coffee. It is a tonic and its effects are permanent.

A successful substitute for coffee, because it has the coffee flavor that everybody likes.

Lots of coffee substitutes in the market, but only one food drink—Grain-O.

At grocers; 15c. and 25c.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine

Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of

Brent Good

See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below.

Very small and as easy to take as sugar.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION

Price 25 Cents. GENUINE MUST HAVE SIGNATURE. Purely Vegetable.

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

Weakness and Disease

May Be Successfully Fought By Electricity Properly Applied —Weak Men and Women Are Offered a Cure that is Absolute, Safe and Speedy—Dr. Bennett Guarantees His Electric Belt to Cure—If It Fails It Costs You Nothing—Read His Guarantee.

It has been proven, and you probably know by experience that you cannot fight the ills and weaknesses of men and women with drugs. The medicine taken into your stomach weakens your vitality, ruins your digestion and shortens your life. Electricity is the Fountain — the Essence—of Life; it is Life itself. It is the energy, ambition, nerve and vital force of every human being. When you are weak, physically, mentally or otherwise, it is because of lack of Electricity in your system. My Electric Belt is to supply the needed electricity. It is my own invention, and as a reward for my research, study and discovery, the United States government has given me the exclusive right to use my method of applying Electricity.

Dr. Bennett's Electric Belt

Is of Quadruple Power, yet it will not cause that frightful burning and blistering as do other belts, which have bare metal electrodes. My belt has soft, silken, chamois-covered sponge electrodes, my exclusive patent, and used on no other belt or appliance. My Belt can be renewed when burned out for only 75c; no other belt can be renewed for any price, and when burned out is worthless. My Electrical Suspensory for the perfect cure of men's ailments free to each male patient.

NOT A CENT UNLESS CURED.

I give you a written legal guarantee to refund every cent you pay for my Belt if it fails to make a cure in your case. I will give my sworn statement that I have on deposit at all times in five of the best National Banks of the country sufficient funds to cover any guarantee I make. This is certainly all you can ask. It shows my confidence in my treatment. My Quadruple Power Electric Belt stops all loss of brain power, renews youth and keeps you young and vigorous in spirit and action. Every person should have one—there are times when you need it.

Call or write today. I have written a book, "The Finding of the Fountain of Eternal Youth," sent free, postpaid, for the asking. Book explains all. Advice without cost. Sold only by

Dr. BENNETT Electric Belt Company,
Rooms 18 to 21, Douglas Block,
Dodge and 16th Streets, Omaha, Neb.

MEN NO CURE, NO PAY

If you have small, weak organs, lost power or weakening drains, our Vacuum Organ Developer will restore you without drugs or electricity; 25,000 in use; not one failure; not one returned; no C. O. D. fraud; write for particulars, sent sealed in plain envelope.
LOCAL APPLIANCE CO., 414 Charles Bldg., Denver, Colo.

FREE ELECTRIC BELT OFFER

WITH 10 DAY'S FREE WEARING TRIAL in your own home, we furnish the genuine and only HEIDELBERG ALTERNATING CURRENT ELECTRIC BELTS to any reader of this paper. No money in advance; very low cost positive guarantee. COSTS ALMOST NOTHING compared with most all other treatments. Cures when all other electric belts, appliances and remedies fail. QUICK CURE for more than 38 ailments. ONLY SURE CURE for all nervous diseases, weaknesses and disorders. For complete sealed confidential catalogue, with illustrated and explanatory matter, free, address
SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago.

SYRUP OF FIGS

Acts Pleasantly and Promptly.

Cleanses the System Gently and Effectually when bilious or costive.

Presents in the most acceptable form the laxative principles of plants known to act most beneficially.

TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS

BUY THE GENUINE — MANF'D. BY
CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

For sale by druggists – price 50¢ per bottle.

CALIFORNIA

THE BEST PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURIST EXCURSIONS
Run via the
GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE

Leave Omaha—
via Scenic Route through Colorado and Utah
WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

For information and "Tourist Dictionary" address City Ticket Office, 1323 Farnam St. Omaha, Neb.

OMAHA & ST. LOUIS R.R.
WABASH R.R.

WINTER TOURIST RATES

Special Half Rates

Tours to Florida, Key West, Cuba, Bermuda, Old Mexico, the Mediterranean and Orient.

Rates for the round trip to many points south on sale first and third Tuesday each month.

To Hot Springs, Ark., the famous Winter Resort of America, on sale every day in the year.

Tickets now on sale to all the winter resorts of the south, good returning until June 1st, 1901. For rates, descriptive matter and pamphlets and all other information call at O. & St. Louis Ticket Office, 1415 Farnam St., (Paxton Hotel Building.) or write

Harry E. Moores,
C. P. & T. A., Omaha, Neb.

You Can Buy Brains

at a meat market, or you can hire other people to think for you, or a nimble-fingered girl to write your letters, but do you know a good dictionary is a great help in writing or speaking correctly?

Probably you have a decrepit old dictionary in your office. It is so tattered and dirty that you seldom use it. Throw it in the waste basket and get a

Standard Dictionary

It is the latest out and scholars everywhere pronounce it the best. Containing over 300,000 words and having a corps of 240 editors, specialists and educated men, costing nearly a million dollars before placed before the public, it ought to be a valuable book. It is a valuable book—by far the best dictionary before the English-speaking people.

CALL ON OR WRITE THE MEGEATH STATIONERY CO. 1209 FARNAM STREET, IN REGARD TO IT.

EVERY WOMAN

is interested and should know about the wonderful

MARVEL WHIRLING SPRAY

The new Vaginal Syringe. Injection and douche. Best—safest—Most Convenient. It Cleanses Instantly.

Ask your druggist for it. If he cannot supply the MARVEL, accept no other, but send stamp for illustrated book—sealed. It gives full particulars, explains why it is invaluable to ladies. MARVEL CO., Room 22 Times Bldg., New York

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm

cures every kind of cough, la grippe, bronchitis, sore throat, croup, whooping cough, etc. Never deranges the stomach. At Druggists, 10 & 25c.