naska: Fair; Colder,

TO TAP THE GOULD PURSE

Count and Countess Boni Can't Live

on a Paltry Quarter Mil-

Hon a Year.

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Comtesse de Castellane will sail for New

Count Boni has been successful before

determined stand taken by the Gould

family toward him in the recent litigation

Count Bonl hopes he will be able to

negotiate a large loan on long terms to

creditors will get the major part of his

wife's \$800,000 income. It is said that the

countess is hopeful, for her part, to induce

her husband to remain a year or two in

then be of necessity be curbed. She is

Transport Indiana Arrives, from

Philippines with Bodies of

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 .- The trans-

port Indiana brought from Manila the

Samuel Tweek, Company C, Thirty-

voyage; D. A Broader, private, Forty-

third infantry; William E. Candy, private,

Thirty-third infantry; James McLaughlin,

Ricks, private, Twenty-sixth infantry;

Clarence E. Creighton, private, Thirty-third

infantry; William D. Gregory, corporal,

Thirty-eighth infantry: James Dunn, Com-

pany B, Engineer corps; M. E. Matthews,

SCHWAB TO BE PRESIDENT

Believed that He Will Be Chief Ex-

poration.

ecutive of New Steel Cor-

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 .- A news associa-

ion of this city today says: It is prac-

ically settled that President Schwab of the

Carnegie Steel company will be selected as

president of the United States Steel cor

poration, and there is semi-official author-

ity for the statement that Elbert H. Gary,

president of the Federal Steel company,

will be named for the chairmanship of the

executive committee. Until today it was

placed at the head of this committee, but

the change in the program is said to be

duties of that important position. It ap-

of the Carnegie company will be secretary

OFFICERS ARE GIVEN PLACES

Department Details Several for Four

and Inspector Generals.

Years' Service with Adjutant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-The following-

named officers today were detailed for duty

inspector general's department, under the

Adjutant General's Department-Majors

J. H. Dorst, James Parker, W. E. Wilder

Inspector General's Department-Majors

PROUD LOVER'S PITEOUS END

Murder Prompted by infatuation

for Lillian Costlow.

COLUMBUS, O., March 1 .- At 12:09 this

morning, in the electrocuting chair, Rosyln

Ferrell paid the penalty for murdering

Charles Lane, a fellow employe of the

Adams Express company on the Pennsyl-

vania road. Ferrell while in the chair

Lovers Whose Parents Oppose Mar-

riage Shoot One Another

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 28.-A special to the

Chieftain from La Junia, Colo., says: The bodies of Louis Burch and Addie Taylor,

both 18 years of age, residents of La Junta.

were found in an abandoned house a mile

They were locked in each other's arms

and each had been shot through the head

Parental opposition to their marriage

north of town

caused the double suicide.

to Death.

Roslyn Ferrell Electrocuted for

of the combined company.

private, Company A, Third cavalry.

Leonard

Wenzel

infantry;

War Victims.

8 n. m..... 32

1 n. m..... 38

yearly allowance.

their purse to him.

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SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

Forecast Jahutery Hov. Senatorial Situation Shows No Sign of Being Unraveled.

9 a. m..... 33 THOMPSON AND MEIKLEJOHN IN TIEUP

Vote Shows Existence of an Understanding Between Them.

CAUCUS AT PRESENT IS POWERLESS

Members Decline to Attend Its Meetings Under Circumstances.

WILL TAKE TIME TO ADJUST MATTERS

Body Adjourns Until Tuesday in Hopes of Arranging Some Sort of an Agreement Among the Dissatisfied Members.

	Ballots					
	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.	33.
Allen	41	55	388	37	42	36
Berge		1	*	7	7	4
Crounse		7	7	8	- 8	H
Corrie	15	15	13	14	14	13
Dietrich				***	1	2
Harrington		1	1	5		43
Hainer	.5	75	4	4	- 13	2
Harlan	2	- 12	2	2	- 12	- 13
Hitchcock	30	55	11	21	4	
Hinshnw		13	12	11	133	133
Kinkaid	8	8	- 5	2	1	2
Martin	7	7	4	- 6	- 5	n
Meiklejohn	31	30	28	20	2818	84
Metcalfe			**	**	350	1
Morian	**		29242		12	2
Rosewater		17	14	15	13	15
Thompson, D. E.	38	37	35	37	2819	338
Thompson, W. H.	19	2	35	31	11	11
Wethereld				4	4	2

LINCOLN, Feb. 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-The ballot for United States senator today disclosed no material change beyond the withdrawal of Mead from Thompson, a vote which Douglas county had been giving the Lancaster candidate almost from the first. Trompen of Lancaster went to each of the Douglas county members with an unaccepted offer to trade for another vote for Thompson and then had himself recorded bedies of fifteen soldiers who died in the for Mr. Rosewater anyway. Miskell, who Philippines, as follows: Lieutenant J. yesterday complimented Frank Wetherald Morrison, jr., Fourth cavalry; Lieutenant again voted for Mr. Rosewater, making his Louis P. Smith; Private Herman Buchler, showing fifteen for the day, Meiklejohn Company C, Forty-second infantry; Hans took Johnson back from Crounse, going to Cofford, Company D. Forty-sixth/infantry; 24. Otherwise there was nothing of spe- P. A. Fitzgerald, Company K, Thirtycial significance disclosed. By strange ac- seventh infantry; Arthur E. Gleason, Comcident three thirteens came out simultane- pany K, Forty-sixth infantry; Guy A. Price, ously on the senatorial drawing, Currie, Hinshaw and Hitchcock each having thir-Silver, Company F, Fourth infantry;

teen votes to their credit. Tomorrow for the first time Senator ninth Steele will preside over the joint convention, Lieutenant Governor Savage having Smith, Company D. Thirty-ninth inmoved up to the governor's office by virtue | fantry; George W. Halen, Twelfth infantry; of Governor Dietrich's departure to attend Corporal Herbert Hawes, Thirty-fifth inthe McKinley inauguration at Washington, fantry; Elizabeth C. Wygant, wife of Lieu-Caucus Up in the Air.

The controversy that has arisen over the Gregory, late of the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers. participating in the caucus has practically brought the caucus to a standstill. Speaker Bears' ruling that no one is bound so long as less than sixty-seven are in attendance means that until this question is settled nothing can be accomplished, and time dovoted to caucus balloting is wasted so long as certain members assert that they will not abide by the result if particular candidates are nominated.

"I do not feel like spending any more time in the meeting," declared one republican member, "until I find out whether It is a caucus or a circus, and I think this sentiment is shared by others who are just as tired of such continued tomfoolery, although they do not want to say so right

The member speaking was not a Douglas county man, either.

When the caucus adjourned last night the question of its binding force upon those participating was still under discussion and unsettled. Convinced that no headway could be made by attending while this vital matter was undetermined the Douglas county representatives pursued the same course tonight as last night and remained

So many were the other absentees that the caucus was merely called to order to adjourn to Tuesday night. The roll was not even called, but a count showed fortyone members present. The list of legislative invalids is lengthening, Brown of Otoe being seriously iil. Marshall and pears to be settled that F. T. F. Lovejoy Spencer are also under the weather, while Baldrige and Walker, as is known, have been confined to their respective homes for some time.

Thompson-Meiklejohn Relations. That Thompson has been straining every energy to build up Mr. Melklejohn as a senatorial companion is no longer disguised. The fact that they were working together despite repeated protestations to contrary has been evident almost from for four years in the adjutant general's and the start and the extent to which their co-operation has been carried can be provisions of the act of February 2, 1901; gauged by the fact that on today's ballot twenty of Meiklejohn's thirty-four votes and S. Fountain of the cavalry, Majors R. come from the Thompson following and every one of them, with two exceptions. P. Strong, L. V. Caziarc and Sidney W. from South Platte constituencies. On the Taylor of the artillery, Majors A. C. Sharp other hand Mr. Meiklejohn has made a H. A. Greene, J. G. Ballance and C. Crane solemn pledge to the representatives of the of the infantry. Elkhorn and Union Pacific that he would at no stage enter into any combination E. D. Thomas, Cunliffe, H. Murray and with Thompson or transfer any of his votes Peter S. Bemus of the cavalry, Majors J. M. K. Davis and Ramsey D. Potts of the to him not there of their own accord. Whether this pledge has been made with a artillery, Majors F. A. Smith, Alfred Reymental reservation to be broken when the nolds and James A. Irons of the infantry. Melklejohn column comes within reach of the wire remains to be seen. Some even go so far as to assert that all the railroads are united on Meiklejohn and disunited only on Thompson, and that if they could get the caucus nomination for Meiklejohn with Thompson, they would elect Meiklejohn in joint session and leave Thompson to flounder in the quagmire unless he could secure fusion support to re-

place the anti-Thompson seceders. Thompson Tries to Explain. The Steele letter to Vice Chairman Payne of the republican national committee, setting forth in detail the reasons for the walkout of the caucus as given to the papers yesterday, has forced Mr. Thompson into print in a carefully prepared statement in his local organ, the Evening News, the supporting arm of the Lincoln Journal, which pretends to be fighting him with the other arm. His statement read as follows:

Mr. Thompson has always met the charges against him by an inqualified denial that he had anything to do with any agreement. He was asked this morning by the News if he had ever made any such admission to Mr. Steele, He said, in sub-

The only time that I have discussed the "The only time that I have discussed the matter with Mr. Steele was a few weeks ago in the governor's office, within a few feet of Mr. Dietrich and within his hearing. I did not then or at any time say to Mr. Steele what he says in his letter to Mr. Payne I did. I have spoken to the governor about the matter and he states that my

(Continued on Third age.)

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER PROCRAM IS NOW COMPLETE KILLS TWO AND BURNS TRAIN ALEDD

Committee Has All in Readiness for the Coming Inauguration.

VETERANS DECLINE SECOND INVITATION

Reject Greene's Compromising Suggestion That Each Post Send a Deputation - Workingmen Arrange for Visitors' Comfort.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-The inaugural committee has completed every detail of the program. Events to mark President Mc- and burned.

PARIS, Feb. 28.-(New York World Kinley's second induction into office have Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Comte and been outlined as follows: March 4: York Saturday on the steamship La Cham-pagne. They intend to stay in the United officials, diplomats and especially invited diately after the collision the passenger States a month. The object of the visit guests in the senate chamber.

the Gould family. He has declared openly the United States. Ceremonies in the sen- express, southbound, and the local freight, at his clubs that he can't exist on the ate attended by the president and a distinpaltry \$250,000 a year which the American guished company. courts have placed at the disposal of 12 m.—President McKinley takes the oath the time. For some reason, as yet unex-George Gould, receiver for the Comtesse de of office in the presence of the assembled plained, the express, instead of keeping to Castellane's fortune, as the limit of her multitude. Delivers inaugural address.

in raising the wind in New York, but the 7:30 p. m.-Illumination of the court of honor in front of the White House. 7:45 p. m.-Display of aerial fireworks they saw the collision was inevitable. makes it improbable that they will open from Washington monument grounds. 8 p. m .- Doors of pension office open for reception of guests of the inaugural ball. 9 p. m.-Inaugural ball opened by Presi-

the capitol up Pennsylvania avenue.

tide him over the period during which dent McKinley. Dedicatory to All Branches.

Tuesday, March 5: 10:30 a. m .- Dedicatory concert at pension office in honor of the United States army, America, as his extravagant tastes would by Marine band. 2 p. m.-Dedicatory concert at pension ofanxious to avoid also the hostility which fice in honor of the United navy, by Marine

the recent court proceedings have evoked band. in the aristocratic circles in which she 8 p. m.-Dedicatory concert at pension office in honor of the states of the union, by Marine band. BRINGING HOME THE DEAD Wednesday, March 6:

2 p. m.-Dedicatory concert at pension office in honor of the congress of the United States, by Marine band. 8 p. m.-Dedicatory concert at pension office in honor of the vice president and speaker of the house, by Marine band and grand chorus.

House Is In It, This Time.

The inaugural ceremonies proper, for the first time, will be conducted by a joint committee of senate and house, the custom heretofore being to leave the conduct of the inauguration entirely in the hands of the upper body of congress. After the delivery of his inaugural ad-

dress the vice president will administer Company K. Thirty-fifth infantry; Louis E. the oath to the senators-elect. At noon the oath will be administered Fuller in front of the main entrance to Company H. Third infantry; Charles the capitol, where a stand for this purpose has been constructed. The president will then deliver his inaugural address. He will take his lunch at the capitol before heading the brilliant inaugural parade tenant Wygant, Third infantry; Fred L. up Pennsylvania avenue to the executive monsion. General Francis V. Greene will

The following deaths occurred during the dent Mckinley will follow, escorted by troop A of Ohio The body of the parade is divided into two grand divisions, military and civic, and private, Seventeenth infantry; William will be a notable pageant in many respects. A company of volunteer troops from Porto Rico will form a part of the first brigade and be an attractive feature of the parade, as will a large detachment of sailors and

> marines. Veterans Still Decline.

Representatives of the various veteran organizations, who, through General Daniel E. Sickles, declined to participate in the inaugural ceremonies because they were dissatisfied with the place assigned them in the parade, have also declined the offer of Grand Marshal Greene to send a guard of honor of twenty men from each local post to act as an escort to the president The veterans declined to have any part in the ceremonies unless this invitation were extended to all members of the veteran organization, both local and visiting

The inaugural ball, which will be held in the great court of the pension building, will be the social feature of the ocgenerally believed that Mr. Frick would be casion. Large amounts of money are being expended in floral and other decorations. and the committee having this part of the due partly to Mr. Frick's statements to program in charge have no doubt that this friends that his other interests would not great room will eclipse in point of beauty allow him to give sufficient time to the and brilliancy anything Washington has

ever seen. Cabinet Members to Resign

President McKinley has decided to request the resignations of all the members of the cabinet, to take effect March 4. On Tuesday he will renominate them all with the exception of Attorney General Griggs. who thus far has resisted the president's importunities to remain at the head of the Department of Justice for another four It is known that Mr. Griggs has finally decided that his business interests are such that he cannot afford to remain will remain in office, however, until about

The local workingmen expect a genera influx of workingmen from the states and will establish a bureau of information at the corner of New Jersey avenue and C streets, near the Baltimore & Ohio depot, for the purpose of advising them where meals and lodging may be had at reasonable rates, also as to any other points on which information may be desired

Indians and Cowboys to Parade. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.-Zach Mulhall's famous Cowboy band of thirty-five pieces is enroute to Washington to participate in the inauguration ceremonies. Besides taking six months, besides numerous robberies. the band Mr. Mulhall has with him a dozen Cheyenne braves. Mr. Mulhall and Vice President Roosevelt are warm friends and Mr. Mulhall is desirous of showing his re-

PLACES LEE ON RETIRED LIST

Order is Issued at War Department Retiring Him and General Witson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- An order was ssued at the War department today placing Brigadier Generals Wilson and Lee on the retired list of the army.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 28. At New York-Sailed-La Gascogne, for Havre; Rhein, for Bremen. Arrived-Bovic. Liverpoo At Boston-Arrived-Ivernia, from Liver

At Rotterdam—Arrived—Potsdam, from New York, Sailed—Staatendam, for Boulogne and New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Majestic, from New York, Sailed—Belgenland, for Philadelphia; Commonwealth, for Boston, At Queenstown—Arrived—Waesland, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool, Sailed—Germanic, from Liverpool, for New York, At Genoa — Arrived—Kaiserin Maria Theresa, from New York, via Naples, At Hamburg—Arrived—Pennsylvania, from New York, via Antwerp. heresa, tron
At Hamburg Arrived Printer
At Hamburg Arrived Printer
Sew York, via Antwerp,
Sew York, via Antwerp,
At Southampton — Salled — Westernland,
At Southampton — Salled — Westernland, At Southampton - Safled - Westernland, from Antwerp.
At the Lizard-Passed-L'Aquitaine, from New York, for Havre.

Collision Near McKeesport, Pennsyl-

vania, Results in Double Disaster.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28 -Two dead, three adly hurt and a passenger train burned is the result of a head-on coilision between passenger train No. 16, southbound, and a local freight on the Pittsburg & Charleston railroad tonight at Coal Valley, five miles from McKeespert.

Dead: FRANK WHITE, engineer, MILTON S. THOMPSON, mail clerk.

C. Shaver, fireman, badly scalded and bruised.

Charles Stroud, baggagemaster, bruised Michael Kulick, Schoenville, passenger,

back hurt. None of the other passengers was burt cars took fire and were destroyed, only

is said here to be Count Boni's desire to 11:50 a. m.—Inauguration of Theodore one car escaping.

Roosevelt of New York as vice president of The train in collision were the Uniontown coming toward Pittsburg. The local was standing on a siding delivering freight at the main track, shot off onto the siding 1:30 p. m.-Inaugural parade moves from and telescoped the other train. All of the victims were of the express train, which carried between fifty and sixty passengers. The enginemen of the freight jumped when

BLACK DAMP BLOCKS THEM MERCER WILL SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

Experienced Men Working in Diamondville Mine to Recover Bodies Held in Check.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28 .- A special to the Tribune from Diamondville, Wyo., says: Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon no effort was made to open No. 6 level. At that hour

brought up late tenight. The only trouble grounds, to offer the bill as reported by seems to be in pushing back the black the house committee as an amendment to damp. To do this every room will be sealed the sundry bill, which will greatly inof where the fire originated.

not be held until more bodies have been re-covered. Tonight only two bodies, those of banks as to the procedure. The bill prothe Roni brothers, remained in the morgue, vides increases for Aberdeen, S. D.; Cresall others having been buried or shipped to President McKinley by Chief Justice away. The inquest will not be held until Dubuque, la., and Salt Lake City, Utah. more bodies have been recovered.

IN A MISSOURI PACIFIC MINE An Explosion Occurs, Killing Three

Great Damage. xplosion occurred Thursday at mine No. 5, Cadet Smith has been accepted by Secre-

Men, Injuring Others and Doing

one mile northeast of this city, which resuited in the death of three men and the Smith was the successful competitor in an probable injury to many more. STEVE DELUCAS.

BRISTO BARTO.

W. B. WELCH. All three men were shotfirers and had just gone into the mine to work when the explosion occurred. It is supposed that the tablished by Mr. Smith. The vacancy thus pit was overcharged with gas. A rescuing party is working heroically to reach the dead men, but as the force of the shock re- by competitive examination, notice of time sulted in great damage to the mine slow

progress is made The mine is the property of the Osage loal and Mining company, which is owned by the Missourt Pacific railroad.

TWO COMPANIES HAVE ORDERS

Illinois National Guard at Springfield and Taylorville Left to Guess What is Up.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28 .- A special to the Post-Dispatch from Springfield, Ill., says: Considerable excitement has been occasioned by the fact that two companies of the Hilnois National guard, Company B of Taylorville, and Company C of Springfield. both of the Fifth regiment, have been ordered to report at the armory here, at \$ o'clock tonight. The orders are that the organizations report for duty. Adjutant General Reece refuses to discuss the matter further than to say, "It may be to attend a chicken fight or a prize fight, or it may be to attend a social function." Taylorville company is reported to be upon the cars already en route here.

TWELVE BULLETS ENTER HIM and has so informed the president. He Indian Desperado Mobbed in a Farmhouse for His Three Heartless

Murders.

HOLDENVILLE, I. T., Feb. 28.-At 12:30 December 22. He was arrested early yesterday morning near Wetumka and brought States commissioner. More than a dozen bullet holes are to be seen in his body. Seventy-five or more shots were fired.

SLATER MIGHT BE MOBBED

"Slick's" Parents Seek to Have Him Tried Somewhere Else Than in Topcka.

ATCHISON, Kan., Feb. 28.-The parents of "Slick" Slater, the man in jail here on the charge of assaulting Miss Gerberick in Topeka a few days ago, visited him here today and tried to make arrangements to secure for him a change of venue to Hutchinson. They are afraid be will be the victim of a mob if he returns to Topeka,

It is thought that the change of venue may be secured, but in any event Stater will have to be taken back to Topeka to answer the charge.

PRESIDENT NASH CAN CONTEST Directors of American Smelting Com

pany Authorize Him to Fight ary of \$1,000. Any Litigation. NEW YORK, Feb. 28 .- At today's meeting of the directors of the American Smelt- | Keller, Roberts county, S. D., is changed

ing and Refining company, the resignations of H. H. Rogers and Leonard Lewisohn were master. T. J. Lawson was designated a member accepted. It was stated that the president was authorized to contest any threatened of the civil service board for the postoffice in the unused cell house, if that part eslitigation against the company. at Hastings, Neb.

Timbers.

apartments. It was located in the upper

story of the main building, almost directly

over the office and near the cell house

running down from the west end of the yard. The flames were discovered by War-

den Davis about midnight. Davis said to

"I retired early last evening and at that

time there was no fire so far as I knew in

the kitchen or any adjoining room. About

midnight I was awakened by the smok-

and noise of burning timbers. I went out

into the hall and immediately saw that the

"I called Mrs. Davis and immediately

notified all the prison guards and turnkeys

We soon had a stream running on the fire

from the pond back of the prison buildings

and in the meantime I had notified the

Lincoln fire department. The fire had gained

such headway that we were unable to check

it. It continued to spread rapidly from the

Trusty Convicts in the Kitchen.

the origin of the flames. Several trusty

convicts, who served as such under former

Warden Hopkins, prepared supper for my

family in the room at 6 o'clock, but all of

them retired to their cells early in the

evening. How the fire started is more than

From the kitchen the flames spread in al

directions, gradually eating their way west

ward through the new cell house and east-

ward through the main building. The Lin-

coln fire department responded with hose

carts and steamers, and two streams from

the pond were soon playing into the flames,

end of the main building, occupied by the

deputy warden, the chapel and containing

a reserve cell room. The woodwork in this

soaked and the firemen finally succeeded in

saving it. It is impossible tonight to esti-

Company on Guard.

governor in the absence of Governor Diet

Warden Davis took charge of the insti

Warden Davis does not anticipate that

any of the prisoners will escape. The only

possible way for them to get away would be

through the burning walls and these are

well guarded. All bedding and extra cloth-

ing was destroyed and it is probable that

These Brief Messages of the Night

Carry the News of the Sweep

of Flames.

LINCOLN, March 1 .- A fire is raging in

one of the buildings of the state peniten-

tlary, three miles south of the city. War

LINCOLN, March 1.-A telephone mes-

living apartments of the warden and is

on and if the flames can be held in check

prisoners in the cells are in no immediate

LINCOLN, March 1 .- The fire is spreading

All the convicts have been taken from their

yard. Extra guards, with shotguns, have

been placed on the walls to prevent any

LINCOLN, March 1 .- (Special Telegram.)

-Telephone report from the penitentiary

says the fire is about the cell house and

that the main building is doomed to de-

side under guard. The fire will be very

by Telephone.)-The entire cell house at the

building is gone. There is a bare possi-

bility of saving the east building, a cell

house without the furnishings necessary to

provide for convicts. This practically de-

stroys all the buildings used for the pur-

poses of a prison. The entire prison

in the yard. A company of militia, or

dered out by Lleutenant Governor Savage,

is being gathered together to prevent the

WAS THIRTY-ONE YEARS OLD

Original Contract Price Three Hun-

dred and Twelve Thousand

Dollars.

LINCOLN, March 1 .- (Special Telegram)

-The penitentiary was located at its pres

capes the fire, which appears probable.

proper is in ruins. The convicts are herded

disastrous. Origin unknown,

and several men, are on the way out.

believed the fire can be controlled.

BULLETINS

the convicts will have to sleep in tents.

TOLD IN

rarily checking their spread.

it will amount to \$300,000.

rich.

was insured.

danger.

"I have no opinion to offer regarding

time I had first discovered it.

flames were then confined to the kitchen.

a reporter for The Bee:

The Nebraska state penitentlary was destroyed by fire during the night.

The flames started about midnight in the living apartments of the warden and spread rapidly throughout the main building.

The emergency guard of the penitentiary system was quickly at work with lines of hose, but these proved inefficient and a telephone message summoned the Lincoln fire department.

All efforts to save the great stone building were unavailing. The convicts were hustled out into the yard, armed extra guards stood sentinel on the walls and the Lincoln National guard was ordered out.

The loss to the state is over \$300,000. The penitentiary cost \$312.-000 originally, and there have been additions and improvements

The number of inmates averaged 400.

POSTOFFICES GET A CHANCE STORY OF WARDEN DAVIS

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Awakened by Smell of Smoke and Crackling of the Blazing Cut on Battleships and Rivers Leaves LINCOLN, March 1 .- 3:40 a. m .- (Special

Money for Buildings. Telegram.)-The room where the fire originated was a kitchen for the warden'

St. Edward Cadet Gives Up Naval Career to Be Bank Cashier-Mis-

souri River Commission

Goes Out.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- (Special Tele-Superintendent Sneddon, accompanied by gram.)-The cut in the number of battle-Assistant Superintendent Thomas Young ships provided for in the naval bill and the and Inspector Parks, entered the mine and whittle in the rivers and harbors bill, which unsealed the sixth entry, and at 9 o'clock passed the senate today, will give Chairword was received that room No. 38 had man Mercer an opportunity to pass the been reached. It will be impossible to take omnibus bill increasing the appropriations out any bodies until room No. 45 is reached. for postoffice buildings reported from his which will be some time after midnight. | committee some days ago. It is the inten-About thirty experienced men are engaged tion of Senator Fairbanks, chairman of in the search and some bodies may be the committee on public buildings and and as the entry from the seventh level to sure its passage. Chairman Mercer said the sixth level is beyond the place where he hoped to get recognition from the the fire occurred it is the purpose of the re- speaker tomorrow to put the bill on its lief gang to take the bodies out from the passage. Should the sundry civil bill get sixth level into the seventh level. It is through the senate, as now seems probcertain that the bodies will be found back able, before the house acts on the measure Mercer will devote his time to getting investigation of the cause of the fire will votes to concur in the senate amendments,

ton, Ia.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Cadet Smith Resigns. Plerson D. Smith of St. Edward, Neb. who has been in Washington some days,

passing his time between the capital and naval academy at Annapolis, where his son. Cadet W. R. Smith, is first-classman, said today that he had finelly prevailed upon son to resign from the academy and SOUTH M'ALESTER, I. T., Feb. 28.-An adopt a business life. The resignation of tary Long of the Navy department. Young examination in Norfolk, Neb., chosen by Congressman Robinson of the Third district in June, 1899, and since September of that year he has been pursuing his studies at the naval academy. He will return at once to St. Edward to become cashier in a bank which has just been escreated by the resignation of Cadet Smith, Representative Robinson says, he will fill and place to be given upon his return to

> Nebraska. Bridge Near Burlington.

Representative Hedges' bill to authorize the Citizens' Bridge company of Burlington, la., to construct and maintain a railroad, wagon and foot passenger bridge across the Mississippi river at or near Burlington passed the senate and now goes to

the president for his signature. The senate passed the house bill refunding to Frank G. Simmons of Seward, Neb., excess postage paid on his fraternal newspaper. The bill now goes to the presi-

dent. Omaha & Northern Bill. Congressman Robinson labored with Speaker Henderson all day with the view of securing recognition for the bill for the Omaha & Northern railroad through the Omaha and Winnebago agency in Thurston county, but the speaker is averse to granting recognition, on account of the den Davis has asked for assistance and opposition, which he is afraid will defeat the Lincoln fire department, with a steamer measure. It may be possible to call the bill up tomorrow and put it upon its

assage.

John Peters of Albion, Neb., arrived in the main building. It started in the the city today. Mrs. Thurston, assisted by her sister, Miss Purman, held her last reception of the season this afternoon. It was largely at- until the Lincoln department arrives it is headway Warden Davis gave orders to re-

passage.

tended by women in the diplomatic and official circles. Eliminates Missouri Commission.

The rivers and harbors bill, which passed the senate today, eliminates the Missouri m. today Johnson Miller, a fullblood River commission, which has had charge of Creek Indian, was shot to death by a the work on the Missouri river since 1884. masked body of men. Miller was under ar- The secretary of war, by the bill, is aurest for the murder of Herbert McDade thorized to contract and superintend all attempt at escape. property heretofore under the control of the said commission, which terminates its here, pending a hearing before the United connection with the government June 30. Improvements below Sioux City have been provided for to the extent of \$262,500, which struction. The convicts are assembled outis to be expended as the secretary of war Miller was a desperado and had com- may direct. For building dams and conmitted three cold-blooded murders within structing reservoirs on the Sioux river in South Daketa, to impound water in order to secure a permanent stage of water in the Missouri river, \$52,500 is appropriated, while \$112,500 is appropriated for use above Sloux City.

New Postmasters. These postmasters were appointed:

Nebraska-C. W. Coun, Cameron, Hall ounty, vice A. A. Houghton, resigned; W. E. Alexander, Orchard, Antelope county vice S. T. Sherman resigned; George John son, Waterloo, Douglas county, vice A. I. McDougall, resigned. Iowa-A. L. Mathews, Lacrew, Lee county

Wyoming-W. B. Taylor, Sunrise, Lara-Rural free delivery service has been or-

dered established March 15 at Fayette, Fayette county, Ia. The route embraces seventy-six square miles, containing a population of 2.542. S. C. Clark, F. E. Loomis and M. Porter were appointed carriers. Becomes Presidential.

The postoffice at Hubbard, Ia., will become a presidential office April 1, at a sal-

immediately, which yet stends inside the stockade. The present building was built The name of the postoffice at Orsland. by W. H. B. Stout, being completed in 1876, the original contract price being \$312,000. Buena Vista county, Ia., is changed to Rembrandt, with George Brandold, postmaster; that time. The east cell house was built to Peever, with Rose D. Renville, post since 1891, at a cost of \$40,000. It has been used as a chapel. Nearly 400 convicts now in prison will probably be given quarters

Fire Breaks Out Near Midnight and Sweeps Through the Great Buildings.

CONVICTS ARE HUSTLED FROM THEIR CELLS

Lincoln National Guard Summoned to Corral Them in the Prison Yard.

EXTRA MEN WITH GUNS PATROL WALLS

Flames Start in Warden's Living Apartments and Sweep Furiously.

EMERGENCY BRIGADE UNABLE TO CHECK IT

City Department Hurries Out Its Steamers,

But Without Effect. LOSS TO STATE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND

Ruined Building Was Noted as One of the Finest Penal Institutions in the Country and Housed Four Hundred.

LINCOLN, March 1 .- 3:15 a. m .- (Special Telegram.)-The Nebraska state penitentiary is in ruins. Fire, which broke out shortly before midnight, swept through the great stone buildings and burned them to the ground. A company of militia is leaving on a special Burlington train to guard the convicts, who have been herded within the stone-walled prison yard.

STARTS IN THE UPPER STORY

Heat Grows Too Intense for the Convicts Huddled in the Prison

Yard.

LINCOLN, March 1 .- 2 a. m .- (Special Telegram from Penitentiary) .- The fire started from an unknown cause in the kitchen of the upper story in the main building near the cell house at the west end. The guards and prison attaches fought the flances, but were unable to subdue them. An alarm was turned in to the Lincoln department at 11:25 and the department responded. The cell house is practically destroyed and almost all of the

with the effect, however, of only tempomain building. All of the convicts are under guard in the After it was seen that the major portion of the building was doomed to destruction, yard, surrounded by buildings, but will be all efforts were concentrated on the east driven out soon

> At 2 o'clock the flames are spreading in all directions and driving the occupants out of the office

portion of the building was thoroughly Warden Davis estimates the loss at not less than \$300,000.

mate accurately the probable cost of the The main building contained the chapel, damage, but it is thought at this hour that office, library and living apartments of the warden and officers. Company F of the Nebraska National

Company F of the National guard is in Guard left for the scene at 3:30 under orders readiness to respond. Acting Governor from Lieutenant Governor Savage, acting Gilbert was called for at the Lincoln hotel to order the company out.

PROGRESS OF THE FLAMES

tution February 16. None of the property Pleaty of Water Applied by Scores of Active Men. But the Prison is

Doomed from the Start. LINCOLN, March 1 .- Fire, which started until permanent quarters can be provided in the living rooms of the warden of the state penitentiary at midnight, seems certain to destroy the entire main building.

together with the cell house and other

buildings. Just after 2 o'clock this morning a telephone message came saying the room in which the telephone instrument was located was in flames and must be vacated. This cuts off the only means of immediate comnunication with the prison, which is nearly four miles from the business district of the city. Between 1 and 2 o'clock, however, a message from a member of the fire department stated that the penitentiary proper was doomed and that the fire was spread-

burning furiously. Water has been turned ing. Before the flames had gained a great lease the convicts from the cells and march them under guard to the prison yard and there place them under double guard. The removal was accomplished safely and withcells and marched together to the prison out disorder.

Extra guards were also posted on the stockade walls, armed with shotguns, with orders to permit no escapes,

The origin of the fire is unknown. When first discovered the officers of the institu tion immediately set to work all the small fire apparatus of the prison. Water was used in abundance, but as-LINCOLN, March 1 -2:50 a. m - (Special | sistance from the city fire department was called for and a steamer and hosecart were west end is destroyed. The main center dispatched in response to a telephone mes-

Bage. A short time after midnight Warden Davis said he did not have the fire under control, but he could not tell how bad it was. Burning in the upper story and at the front of the building, its spread was slow. It was hoped that it could be confined to the front of the building. Later the report came that the fire was a very bad one.

At 1:40 a. m. the city fire department arrived and began throwing water on the walls. The flames had gained too great headway, however, and the firemen directed their efforts to saving some of the remote

shop buildings. By request of the warden Chief of Police ent site by an act of the legislature passed Hoagland sent all the available policemen in 1870. A temporary building was erected to aid in preserving order. Later, as an additional measure of Lafety, Lieutenant Governor Savage, acting in the absence of Governor Dietrich, in response to the sug-Several additions have been built since gestion of the warden, ordered out the local company of state militia.

Captain Ringer, with a majority of the members, is at the armory, and a Burlington engine and coach will start with them at 3 o'clock.

muttered only: "I have nothing to say." He had previously confessed his guilt and explained his deed by stating that he was made desperate by a need of funds for his approaching marriage to Miss Lillian Costlow. The young woman has repeatedly isited him during his incarceration. LOCKED IN DEAD ARMS