FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Amendment Adopted Leaving Door Open to Bimetallism by Concurrence of Leading Commercial Nations Some of the Amendments Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.-By the derisive majority of 46 to 29 the senate substitute for the house currency bill was passed by the senate today.

Prior to the final passage amendments were considered under the tenminute rule. Only two of these amend- don their heavy guns and stores." ments were adopted, one offered by the finance committee, keeping the door one by Nelson of Minnesota, providing for national banks with \$25,000 capital

smeadments offered were practically commands the Fourth division." along party lines. Chandler, republican of New Haven, voted for the bimetalile ameadment, but against the bill. Caffery, democrat of Kentucky, voted against the committee amendment, but for the bill. Kyle of South Dakota was the only senator who did not and was not saired. The free silver substitute offered by Jones, the leader of the democtatic side, was defeated by a majority of 19, the vote being 47 to 28.

The bill as passed consists of ten sections. It provides that the dollar of First of the Kind in the History of the 25 8-10 grains of gold, nine-tenths fine, shall be the standard unit of value and that all forms of United States money shall be maintained at a parity with it and that treasury notes and greenbacks appointed Charles r. Martin of Denshall be redeemable in gold.

\$100,000,000. He is empowered to sell quarters for this division of the work, bonds of the United States bearing in- which embraces all the range country, shall be the duty of the secretary of the work will be commenced at once. treasury, as fast as standard dollars are | This will be the first time in the histhe treasury notes and to issue silver census of live stock will have been Under certain provisions, too, gold cer- tation of the matter a year ago and tificates shall be assued against the gold | through the assistance of L. G. Powers, held in the treasury. No United States | Senator Wolcott, Governor Merriam ser of a denomination to exceed \$10 .- work.

The secretary of the treasury is also authorized to refund the bonded indebtedness of the United States in thirty-year bonds bearing 2 per cent interest, the principal and interest of these bonds to be paid in gold. The 2 per cent ponds shall be issued at not less than par. Any national bank, by deporiting with the United States bonds issue circulating notes to the face value. of the bonds deposited, no bank being allowed to issue circulating notes in exital stock of the bank. This amendment was offered by the

finance committee and adopted: Provisions of this act are not intended to place any obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of international himetallism, provided the same be serured by concurrent action of the leading commercial nations of the world

and at a ratio which shall insure permanence of relative value between gold and allver. The bill, as finally passed, was by 46

No Estra Pay for Luzon Service.

WASHINGTON, Feeb. 16 .- The sepste committee on military affairs today decided to report adversely the bill introduced by Senator Turner, giving sey City today. On June 8, 1896, Cohen travel pay and commutation of subsist- set out to walk from Jersey City to fore the finance committee's amendrace to officers and soldiers of the San Francisco in six months, the ment of these words of the national columnteer army who served in the terms of his wager requiring him to republican platform of 1892: "The Philippines beyond the termination of wheel his tent and equipments in a United States, from tradition and inthe Spanish war and afterward were barrow. He accomplished the task two terest, favors bimetallism. He would transported to the United States and | weeks within the time limit. mustered out in this country. The committee was informed that about \$7,000,000 would be required to make the payments provided for by the bill. oming wool growers are holding their and to the recital in this bill of the

Brings a Ghastly Cargo.

ing the bodies of 200 American soldng known that the bodies were on apard, several members of families of officers who had intended to return to New York by the transport, refused to go. At Baracoa and Mayari, on the north coast of the island, the McPherson will take on additional bodies.

Civil Service Boesn't Go.

for reorganization of the diplomatic St. Louis and Texas dealers. The first and consular service on a civil service | consignment of cavalry horses .numirasis was defeated and tabled in the bering 100, will, it is reported, leave house committee on foreign affairs Kansas City today for New Orleans. today by a tie vote of 7 to 7.

President Makes Nominations. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- The president today sent to the senate the nomination of James Allen of Kansas, to be commissioner of the International Exposition at Paris; also a number of army nominations, including Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Cummins of the holdings of the company and is given Twenty-seventh infautry, to be colonel to secure \$2,250,000 worth of 5 per cent of that regiment.

IOWAN PLACED AT THE HEAD.

Elected President of the American Car-

nation Society. BUFFALO, Feb. 16.-The American Carnation society, composed of promlows: vice president, William Weber,

distrapolis. a close second.

Des Moines Military Post. WASHINGTON, D. C., Peb. 16.-The senate committee on military affairs has favorably reported the bill for the

Moines, la.

Size Claims Foul Play. foul play.

UNLIMITED FAITH IN "BOBS."

English Do not Harbor a Doubt He Will

LONDON, Feb. 16.-Intense satisfaction continues dominant in consequence of Field Marshal Lord Roberts' plan of operations in South Africa, as revealed by the dispatches published this morning. There is no further news of British asyance into the Orange Free State or of activity at the Modder river, but a feeling of quiet confidence prevails that the strong hands of "Bobs Bahdur and the hero of Kartoum are shaping matters to-

ward a much needed decisive victory. As the St. James Gazette says: "Lord Roberts, with his own line well guarded and having little reason to fear the only defense which would be deadly. viz, a counter stroke attacking his long line as it swings round, will be able to force the moers to fight under very unfavorable conditions, or aban-

A special dispatca to the Times from Chievely, Natal, dated Tuesday, open to international bimetallism and February 13, says: "General Lyttleson has succeeded to the command of the Second division during the illin towns of not more than 4,000 inhab- ness of General Clery, who is suffering from blood poisoning. Colonel North-The vote taken on the various cott of the Rie brigade temporarily

Fears regarding a Boer attack on Zululand are somewhat allayed by a special dispatch from Durban, which says that a column of colonial scouts, after a forced march, has arrived at Eshowe, in splendid fighting form. They were pursued several times during the march by the Boers, but succeeded in repulsing them.

LIVE STOCK CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

Country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- Governor Merriam, director of the census, today ver, and secretary of the National The secretary of the treasury is to Live Stock association, a special agent set apart a fund of \$150,000,000 for the | in charge of the taking of a classified edemption of these notes and main- census of live stock for the census. tain this fund at a figure not below Martin was sworn in today. The headsecest at not exceeding 2 per cent. It will be established in Denver and active

soined to redeem an equal amount of tory of the country that a classified certificates against the silver so coined. taken. The association began the aginotes of treasury notes shall be issued and others, congress made the necesin denominations less than \$19 and sil- sary appropriation to carry out the

CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Inderstood that Mckinley Favors Free Trade With Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- Representatives Paine, Grosvenor and Dalzell, members of the ways and means committee of the house, today had a conof this country shall be permitted to ference with the president on the subject of the pending Porto Rican tariff. It is understood that the president assured them that while he was rather cess of the amount of the paid in cap- of the opinion that there should be free trade between the island and the United States, he had no disposition to intrude his views upon congress, and if it was the opinion of the committeee and a majority of both houses that there should be a small or nominal customs charge on Porto Rican goods entering the United States, he would willingly accept their judgment. It is the opinion of Messrs. Payne, Grosvenor and Dalzell that the bill, substantially as it now stands, will pass both houses and become a law.

He Was a Walker. NEW YORK, Feb. .6 .- The body of have no force or effect. Sergeant Morris J. Cohen of the Twentieth Kansas regiment of volunteers, amendment to the committee amendwho was killed in the battle of Caloocan. Philippine islands, arrived in Jer-

Expect Wool to Rise.

wool clips for 23 cents per pound. This | various platforms of political parties.' fact was ascertained by an eastern santiago de Cuta. Feb. 16.-The wool buyer, who just returned from * nited States transport McPherson, a trip over the state. He says that left today for the United States carry- some few sheepmen have contracted their spring clip for 19 and 20 cents, iers including sevnty-four who died but the majority believe wool will adof yellow fever last year. On it becom- vance to 23 and even 25 cents per pound and will not make any contracts for a cent less.

England Buying More Mules. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16 .- The British army agents have let another contract for 2,500 mules, to be delivered at this port as fast as the animals can be purchased. This order, as the last WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.-The plan one, is divided between Kansas City, for the remander of the session, but

> Must Raise: \$2,250.000. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16 .- A \$2,-560,000 mortgage was filed today in the auditor's office. It is given by the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph company to the Old Coleny Trust company of Boston. The mortgage covers | work. all the Washington and California

Harrison Robbed In Paris.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16 .- It is being related here tonight that both ex-President Harrison and his wife were systematically robbed and otherinent florists, began its annual conven- wise swindled during their visit to tion here today. These officers were Paris last summer when the general session at Des Moines, adjourned, to elected: President. Robert Holliday, was engaged in the Venezuelan claims | meet later on call of the chairman at affair. The ex-president was asked Omaha, without having perfected a Maryland; recretary. Albert Herr, about the matter tonight and he con- schedule. Several drafts of schedule Pennsylvania; treasurer, F. Dorner, In- | firmed the story, although he said he did not know that it was abroad and ed to hold the next annual meeting at Bultimore was selected as the next did not authorize it. He now thinks Denver in February, 1901. Five years

> as his valet was the swindler. Plague Loosening at Henolulu.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .-- Major S. M. Mills, Sixth artillery, commanding establishment of a military post at Des at Camp McKinley, Honolulu, reports to the War department under date of February 2 that since the date of his WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 16 .- The | last report, January 2, only two deaths Standard prints a lengthy statemnt, have occurred from bubonic plague signed by Mrs. Charles A. Chickering. and that in the last eight days, exwidow of Representative Chickering, cepting a doubtful case of the day who was killed in New York on Tues- before, no new cases and no suspects day, in which it is stated she believes have occurred. He says the condithe" Mr. Chickering was the victim of tions are most encouraging and favorable in all respects.

Chandler's Amendment For Commissioners to Bimettalic Conference Lost.

BALLOT IS 25 FOR-35 AGAINST.

Final Vote on Amendments and the Bill Yet to Come-Aldrich Says Democrats are Not Bimetalists, but Sliverites-Those Who Spoke Previous to the

on the 14th, had the financial bill under | ing signed statement: discussion. Until 2 o'clock the derule, and the debate was spirited and the case of the minor state officials, interesting. A test vote indicating ap- does not affect the merits of the case.

feated by a vote of 45 to 25. Chandler's proposition out of the way, the discussion proceeded on the amendment brought in by the finance stacles in the way of international bi-

The democratic senators arraigned the republicans for reporting the amendment, declaring they were insincere and that the propostion was intended to hoodwink the people and catch votes. No vote on the amendment was reported. The final vote on the amendments and the bill will be taken later.

Wolcott, speaking on Chandler's amendment, suggested that this was tne exising law, and asked Chandler to withdraw it, but Chandler declined, saying that if the amendment was existing law it could do no harm to adopt it.

Vest of Missouri announced his purpose to vote against both the Aldrich amendment and the Landler amendment, because ne regarded the propo- POSTAL SERVICE ON THE INCREASE sition for an international conference as a fraud and a pretext just as the adoption of the McEnery resolution after the ratification of the Paris treaty, which was merely for the purpose of supplyng some senators with a shallow ford over which to cross the stream, and had since been entirely ignored. The intention of the penddagger or a dose of prussic acid would be in disposing of animal life. It would be absurd to send a commission abroad asking for a bimetallic conference in

view of the declaration for gold. Aldrich declared that Chandler was deceiving no one with his amendment and was sure that the proposition was not one that would meet wth general approbation. Sewart referred to the amendment as a subterruge and said he would not support it.

Cuffrey of Louisiana said the country, in his opinion, had been on a gold standard since 1873, and that this bill was intended merely to perpetuate it. "The battle of the standards," declared Caffery, "was fought and lost by the silverites in 1896. The probable contest this year will only be a skirmish. The forces of the silverites have been routed and their efforts to uphold silver must meet with failure." He believed the proposed amendment was a "sop to Cerebus," and the American

people would so regard it. Teller said the republican press throughout the country was opposed to the bimetallic amendment. He said it would be ridiculous to put such an amendment on this bill, as it would The vote was taken on Chandler's

ment. It was defeated, 45 to 25. Chandler then asked Aldrich if he would consent to the interpolation be vote for the measure if his proposition

were accepted. "I object," replied Aldrich, "to the CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 16 .- Wy- re-enactment of the revised statutes He maintained there was no provision in the bill which was an obstacle | the Jameson raid; protested against to bimetallism. Allen of Nebraska de- the increasing armaments; reaffirmed clared the bill was a gold measure the liberals' gratitude to Sir Henry from core to cuticle and that it would | Campbell-Bannerman, John Morley be necessary to repeal the bill in order to obtain bimetallism.

KYLE IN REPUBLICAN CALCUS.

Committee to Arrange Business for Remainder of Session.

The republican caucus of the senate on the 15th authorized its chairman. Senator Allison, to appoint a committee to arrange the order of business the selection was not announced. Senator Cullom gave notice to the

caucus that he would call up his bill | bill: providing a form of government for the Hawadan islands and no disposiin this purpose. The caucus also discussed the ques-

tion of the division of the minor patronages of the senate, but adjourned before concluding this portion of its Senator Kyle of South Dakota at-

ceedings of the caucus for the first

QUITS TO MEET IN OMAHA.

Western League Schedule Committee to

Finish Work There. The schedule committee of the new Western League of Baseball Clubs in were under consideration. It was votplace of meeting. Indianapolis being that a young Frenchman who acted instead of three year franchises were made the rule of the association.

Coal Is Scarce in Europe. Complaints of scarcity of coal in Europe are becoming more acute and widespread, says a Washington dispatch. The representatives of the State department in all of the great manufacturing countries of the continext have already transmitted accounts of the industrial distress that has resulted from the heavy increase of price of coal in England and now Ambassador Draper, at Rome, thinks the situation in Italy is worthy the attention of coal mining enterprises in the United States.

TAYLOR TAKES INITIATIVE.

Inaugurates Legal Measures Against Beckham and Castleman.

Suit was filed in the circuit court at Louisville, Ky., by counsel for Governor Taylor seeking to restrain J. C. W. Beckham from acting as governor and General John B. Castleman from attempting to discharge the duties of adjutant general. Summons were

served on the defendants. The suit will be allotted to one of the circuit judges by a drawing. This drawing may not be held for several days. The suit is brought by Governor Taylor for himself individually and as governor of Kentucky. At Frankfort, Ky., when informed

that Judge Taft had refused jurisdic-Throughout its session the senate, tion, Governor Taylor made the follow-"The decision of Judge Taft, holding bate proceeded under the ten-minute that his court has no jurisdiction in

proximately the majority on the pas- He does not determine that the petisage of the bill was taken. Chandler, | tioners had no merits in their cases, republican of New Hampshire, offered | but only that his court could not take an amendment to authorize the presi- jurisdiction and right the wrong. If dent to appoint commissioners to any he had held that he had jurisdiction international bimetallic conference it would have all been over, for the that might be called, and it was de- outrages were so glaring that the re-The decision does not in the least af-

fect my case." The suit of Beckham against Taylor committee, provding that the provi- for the possession of the office of gov-Frankfort. Up to a late hour the sheriff had not succeeded in serving notice on Governor Taylor and the chances of his doing so did not seem bright, as all visitors to the office of the governor, or to the gubernatorial mansion, were compelled to run a gauntlet of guards who were on the lookout for gentlemen with suspicious papers. The petition in the suit holds that W. S. Taylor is not the governor of the state and that with an armed force he holds possession of the executive building. It alleges that he is drawing money without authority of law from the state treasury, pardoning convicts and doing other things that are detrimental to the welfare of the

Plan to Have as Few American Clerks as Possible.

The director general of posts of the Philippine islands has transmitted to the Postoffice department a copy of a letter written by him to General Otis, prove as effective in that office as a tension of the postal service in the bondsmen was selected in his place. American clerks are contemplated at \$601.41. all places where there is a large number of people and considerable tributary territory.

At points where troops are stationed the commanding officer will be asked to take charge of stamps and other postal supplies and to detail for this postal duty a soldier incapacitated for field services. It is desired to have as few American clerks as possible on account of the expense in salaries, natives being willing to work much cheaper. The revenues from the island of Negros for ten months have not been sufficient to pay the salary of a superintendent for two months and since the withdrawal of the greater portion of the troops from San Fernandino the revenues have amounted to scarcely \$50 a month, about onethird the salary of a superintendent

PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR.

Liberals Heet at a London Hotel and Adopt Resolutions.

Spporters of the liberal party, to the number of 300 or 400, held a private hotel, London, to protest against the government's war policy. Sir Wilfred Lawson, M. P., David Lloyd-George, M. P., and Conwright Schreiner, the husband of Olive Schreiner, the novelist, were among those present. The resolutions adopted denounced the war as a "crime and a blunder," committed at the instigation of irresponsible capitalists; demanded the publication of the full correspondence regarding and James Bryce, and decided to open a permanent fund to carry on a vigorous political propaganua for the prin-

ciples thus enunciated.

Bill to Reduce War Taxes. Representative Levy of New York has introduced a bill amending the war tariff act by reducing the tax on beer from \$2 to \$1, nxing the duty and cigarettes \$3 per 1,000, repealing the tax on tea and reducing many of the stamp taxes. Levy says as to his

"The secretary of the treasury has stated that the surplus from revenues tion was manifested to antagonize him of the government will amount to between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 this year. The daily expenditures of the government are decreasing and will continue to decrease now that the \$50,000,000.

Bi-Monthly Transport Service.

Acting upon the recommendation of Quartermaster General Ludington the secretary of war has ordered the establishment of a bi-monthly transport service between San Francisco and Manila. This action is prompted by a desire to leave nothing undone that will contribute to the health and comfort of the troops in the islands. Service will be started by the troopship Sherman, which will leave San Francisco for Manila on February 15 or 16, to be followed at regular intervals of about fifteen days by the other large ships of the Pacific transport | that the infection has broken out in

January Imports and Exports. The monthly statement of the imports and exports of the United States. issued by the bureau of statistics, shows that during January, 1900, the

figures were as follows: Merchandise, imports, \$75.826.925. of which \$32,946,280 was free of duty. The gain over Janary, 1899, was about \$17,500,000. Exports, \$117,620,920; gain over January, 1899, about \$2,000,crease, \$4,000,000; exports, \$5,691,290; increase, \$836,000. Silver, imports, \$2,-130,335; decrease, \$1,000,000; exports, \$4.599.199: decrease, \$781.000.

POSTMASTER IS SHORT

Prominent Editor and Politician Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement.

THE CASE APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS

Uncle Sam's Official at Seward Shy a Trifle Over Three Thousand Dollars-One of His Bondsmen Drops Dead When Informed of the Condition of Affairs in the Postoffice.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19.-Frank G. Sim-

mons, for many years a prominent newspaper editor and politician and for the last two years postmaster at Seward, was placed under arrest on the charge of embezzlement of government funds. A complaint, charging him with converting to his own use funds of the United States to the amount of \$3,062.38, was filed this morning with United States Commissioner Dillingslev and a warrant for his arrest was at once issued. This warrant was placed publicans would have won hands down. I in the hands of Deputy United States Marshal Moore, who brought Simmons to this city at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Simmons was appointed postmaster

at Seward in February, 1898. Previous sions are not intended to place any ob- ernor was filed in the circuit court at to that time he had for years been the editor of the Seward Reporter. It is learned here that Simmons had been in financial trouble for some time and not long ago he came to Lincoln for the purpose of squaring up some old matters. Postoffice Inspectors Sinclair and Swift have been at work on the case for several weeks and Wednesday Inspector Sinclair went to Seward and instituted a thorough investigation of Simmons' books. The investigation showed that a large shortage existed, both in the money order and in the postal fund, the latter representing the sales of stamps and the rentals of boxes. Sinclair at once confronted the postmaster and demanded a explanation, but Simmons could give none, He admitted that he had used the money, but asserted that he could make good the shortage if a little time were granted. He said he had used the money to pay off personal debts.

The inspector laid the matter before the bondsmen of the postmaster and asked them to name some man whom they desired to take temporary charge of the office. David H. Figard was appointed to take charge of the office, but he died from a sudden stroke of heart failure immediately after he left ing bill was to kill silver, and it would in which is outlined a plan for the ex- his home and John Woods, one of the

islands. His plan contemplates that The shortage of Postmaster Simmons the army shall take charge of the ser- covers a considerable period. In the vice of points where it is impracicable money order department it amounts to to employ clerks. Offices in charge of \$2,460.97, and in the postal fund to

No Chancellor Yet.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—The University Board of Regents adjourned to meet next April and there is every indication that a permanent chancellor will be chosen at that time to succeed Acting Chancellor Bessey, who desires to retire from the executive office of the institution and return to his former position at the head of the department of botany. It was the intention of the regents to make a selection at the meeting which adjourned but owing to the absence of two members of the board the mater was deferred until the next meeting. In his report to the board, Dr. Bessey requested the regents to appoint his successor as soon as possible, and there appears to be no disposition on the part of the board to delay action any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Wants Out of the Army. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.-Governor Poynter has been asked to make an attempt to secure the discharge of Benjamin Gomme of Eddyville, now serving with the British army in the Trans meeting at the Westminster Palace vaal. Gomme is said to be a naturalized citizen of the United States. Those who are asking for his release assert that he was seized while in England and forced into the British military service. Not having his naturalization papers with him at the time, he could not prove that he was a citizen of the United States. This story is not believed at the state house, for the reason that here is no such thing as compulsory enlistment in England. Governor Poynter will refer the request to Congressman Neville, who will be asked to lay the case before the proper authorities in Washington.

Swindling F.rmers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 19.-An agent for the Pierce Co-Operative Medical dispensary of Chicago, Ill., recently visited the farmers in this county and succeeded in persuading some of them to sign a paper which proved to be a note. Otto Jahn, living near Elmwood, was one of his victims. His note was sold to R. Adel McCurdy, who, on tobacco at 6 cents per pound, cigars | through his attorney, J. L. Root, brought suit before Judge Archer to collect the note of \$150. Attorneys H. D. Travis of this city and William Deles Dernier of Elmwood appeared for the defendant. After being out a few minutes the jury brought in a verdict for Jahn.

Soldier's Remains. NELSON, Neb., Feb. 19.-The remains of Sergeant Charley Mellick of war with Spain is over. The need of company H, First Nebraska, who was schools, churches and all other places the \$100,000,000 proposed to be raised killed in battle at Manila, April 23, of public assemblage closed on account by the war tax will no longer exist. reached here last week. The body will of the scarlef fever. There have been tended and participated in the pro- It is the aim of this bill to reduce tax- lie in state until that of Otto Kusten- about twenty cases. Most of the cases ation by internal revenue by at least border, which is now on the way, ar- are mild, but the board wishes to broker, to the cometery was threerives, when a double funeral will be stamp out all traces of infection.

> PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 19.-The smallpox plague in Pawnee county has not yet been completely stamped out. One new case was reported from Du Bois and two from Bookwalter. The Du Bois patient is a young child of the late Dr. McColm, who died of the disease. The name of only one of the stricken persons at Bookwalter was reported to the authorities-C. C. Mardis, a former grain dealer of that place.

Smallpox Abroad.

Burial of a Private.

Pawnee City, but is untrue.

The impression has been circulated

WAHOO, Neb., Feb. 19 .- The remains of Private Gustav Edlund of the First Nebraska, have arrived in this city and services will be held at the opera house today. Mr. Edlund died in Manila and his remains were brought to San Francisco recently. He has no near relatives in this county, but formerly lived here and the people of this city are making arrangements to give him fitting burial.

Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is

STATE MONEY COLLECTIONS.

All County Treasurers Have Now Report ed to the State Auditor.

All the county treasurers of Nebraska have reported to the state auditor concerning the amount of state money collected as taxes and turned into the treasury during the year 1899. Douglas county heads the list, being credited with depositing \$164,994.37 with the state treasurer. The individual reports show how the money was apportioned and from what sources it was derived. For compiling these reports the county treasurer of Douglas county was allowed a fee of \$2,881.32, the treasurer of Lancaster received \$1,805.32 and the treasurer of Hooker county for the same work was paid \$17.42. The treasurers of other counties received similar fee in proportion to the amount turned into the treasury. The following summary shows the amount paid by each coun-

22,375.05

2,639,26

19,008.62

Antelope

31,370,46 36,631.73 Chevenne Colfax 17,741.06 25, 636, 52 Dodge Douglas Furnas Gosper Greelev Howard Jefferson Kearney Keith Keya Paha Knox McPherson Merrick Nance ... Nemaha 40,403,91 26,598,54 4.413.29 16, 135, 34 23,128,38 29,462.03 Platte 30,748,57 Saunders Scotts Bluff 28,859.02 Seward 12,077,90 Sheridan 6.876.29 19,629,94 26,527,10 Thurston 11,975,86 Valley 18.368.98 Washington 24.549.71 Wheeler 31,494.69 York Total\$1,868,844.78 State Capital Notes.

There is a constant demand from the government for trained civil engineers from the State university. This demand has been so great that several undergraduate students have left the university to accept positions in the field. Fred B. Ryon left recently for Havana, Cuba, to fill a position in the government corps of enginers. Sev-

eral other students left last week for the Philippine islands. Prof. Barbour of the State university has in his possession a letter written by King Charles I of England in 1644. The letter belongs to James Mitchell of Wilbur and is considered a very valuable relic. The paper bears the water-marks of the royal paper makers and is of excellent quality and almost natural in color. The handwriting is bold and almost as legible as printed matter. Librarian Barrett of the State Historical society is making an effort to secure the letter as a loan for the museum.

Prepare for Soldier's Body.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 16 .-Drs. T. P. and J. S. Livingston have received a telegram from Quartermaster Long of San Francisco stating that the body of their brother, H. Guy Livingston, had been forwarded from there by express. Upon the arrival of the body here it will at once be taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Robert R. Livingston. Rev. H. B. Burgess will conduct the funeral services in the petition does not state facts suf-St. Luke's Episcopa! church. Guy ficient to constitute a cause of action Livingston was a member of Company and asks that the case be dismissed at M, First Nebraska, and while with the the costs of the state. Thurston Rifles engaged in battle at Manila was shot in the head and died.

Fever Closes Schools.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Feb. 16.-The Board of Health has ordered the

Sam Pope Ends His Life.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 16-Sam Pope committed suicide at his father's home at Lewis, Ia., by sending a 44-caliber bullet through his brain.

Pope was well known in Fremont, land office at McCook had refused to having been one of the central figures in a shooting scrape on August 8, last, growing out of trouble with his gambling partner, Edward Jerome. On that date Jerome invited him to an upstairs room and without warning shot him six times.

Skeleton is Unearthed.

GRETNA, Neb., Feb. 16 .- A rumor was current on the streets here that the remains of a dead man had been found while excavating in an old cellar under Merryman's store. It was found later that a skeleton had been unearthed, but it was one that Dr. Waters, a former occupant of the premises, has discarded. Some of the wire that had been used in making the joints was still intact.

To make law complete they should reward as well as punish.

A Nebraska Young Man Who Transgressed is Overhauled.

GRAVE CHARGES ARE AGAINST HIM.

Ho Got Away With \$5,000-Traveled Twenty Thousand Miles, but Finally Returns to His Native Country, Where He Will Have to Answer for His Mis-

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 14 .-Frederick S. Kelley, formerly an employe of a prominent insurance company in Omaha, but who left that city about two years ago when defaications amounting to about \$5,000 were about to be discovered, was arrested by detectives in this city.

The arrest was kept a secret until yesterday, when it was learned that Kelley left for Chicago in the custody of detectives. He was accompanied by his young wife, formerly of Oakland Cal. Since his departure from Omaha Kelley has traveled much and held a good position in Manila, but his love for his own country got the best of him and he returned. Three months ago he married the daughter of a prominent printer. Kelley's relatives are wealthy and prominent people of Lincoln, Neb.

H. B. Coryell of the Phenix Insurance company at Omaha, said that Kelley's supposed defalcation was discovered in April, 1898. For three years previous he had held the position of cashier and manager and received all the cash remittances from the country agencies of the company. He handled on an average \$75,000 per annum. The amount of his embezzlement when finally figured out was found to aggregate nearly \$6,000. He was bonded for \$5,000 with the Guaranty company of North America. whose headquarters are at Toronto, Can. After his disappearance the company refused to make the face of the bond good and Mr. Coryell entered suit against them in the United States court. The suit is yet pending.

As with most defalcations of magnitude it was a small and a comparatively simple thing that Kelley might have turned to one side had he kept his head that resulted in his exposure and disgrace. The management had discovered that a country agent was appar-8,826.30 ently some \$30 behind in his accounts. 23,729.14 He was called sharply to time and by return mail sent receipts, showing that he had paid the item in question. Mr. Kelley was asked by Mr. Coryell whether the money had been received or

Kelley stammered and admitted that it had. Mr. Coryell then insisted on knowing whether there were any other accounts in such a state, and Kelley, refusing to answer, abruptly left the office, promising to return and explain everything, which he failed to do.

Order for Rate Reduction.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.- The state board of transportation, without the usual recommendation from the secretaries, issued the following orders, determined on by the board at Norfolk in consequence of the hearing held

Friday last at that place: "It is, therefore, by the Nebraska state board of transportation considered, adjudged and ordered that the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company reduce the rate on first-class shipments of freight from South Sioux City to Norfolk to 35 cents per 100 pounds and other classes in the same proportion, and that said railway hereafter receive for shipment under the usual regulaitons of the road all freight which may be tendered to it for shipment from Omaha to Norfolk, and that said road is required to show cause on the 23rd day of February. 1900, why said orders should not be enforced. Dated at Lincoln, Neb., this

12th day of February, 1900. "JOHN F. CORNELL, "Chairman. "W. F. PORTER, "Secretary."

Union Pacific Files Answer.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 14.-The Union Pacific Railway company has filed its answer in the suit brought by Attorney General Smyth on behalf of the state board of transportation. In the petition the attorney general alleged that on July 17, 1897, T. H. Tibbles filed a complaint with the board, alleging that the company changed its rates on live stock from the car to the per pound plan. The board is alleged to have heard the complaint and on November 26, 1897, ordered the rates restored. The attorney general charged that the order had not been complied with in any respect and asked judgment for \$5,000 against the com-

In answer the Union Pacific says that

Funeral of a Soldier.

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 14.-The funeral of Private Arthur C. Sims, company F. First Nebraska, was held here in the Hein Opera house. Twelve hundred people were in attendance. The funeral was conducted by company F. Nebraska National Guard. Addresses were made by Rev. J. E. Fowler, Rev. procession to the emetery was threequarters of a mile long.

Ruling in Land Cases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-Repre sentative Sutherland of Nebraska has secured a ruling by the commissioner of the general land office affecting the rights of county judges in taking proof in land entries. The register of the designate County Judge Pyle of Frontier county to take final proofs even when the applicant had requested to go before him. Commissioner Hermann holds that the register has erred in this action and he is instructed in future to designate the court officer whom the applicant requests.

Nebraska in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.-Captain H. E. Palmer of Omaha arrived in the city today and will appear before the house committee on military affairs tomorrow in support of the bill for the establishment of a sanitarium for ex-union soldiers at Hot Springs.

S. D. The comptroller of the currency has approved changes in national bank officials as follows: First National bank Lincoln, Frank Parks, asisstant cashier, place W. C. Phillips; South Omaha National bank, South Omaha, Guy C. Barton, president, in place of T. A.