

NEWS OF THE WORLD

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN.

Most Important Events of the Past Six Days Carefully Collected and Condensed—Foreign and Domestic Doings Chronicled for Busy People to Read.

Wheat reached \$1.10 on change at Chicago Friday.

Chris Merry, the Chicago wife murderer, will hang February 18.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the arctic explorer, has returned to London.

Earthquake shocks scared the inhabitants of Tehuantepec, Mexico.

The cotton mill strikers are encouraged to keep up the strike by offers of aid.

The anniversary of the execution of Charles I was celebrated in London January 29.

Great Britain has again declined to reopen the sealing question, and it is considered settled.

Fitzsimmons has declined to accept Corbett's final offer to fight for \$25,000, and he is to go to Fitz with no loss.

Rev. Newton Mann of Unity church Omaha, in his sermon of last Sunday, favored Sunday opening of the exposition.

It is said that Captain Adrian C. Anson will retire from the ball field on which he has made such a glorious record.

It is said that two Cuban insurgents who have surrendered to the Spanish, have agreed to murder General Gomez for money.

The Chicago produce exchange has been dissolved owing to the continued strike between the butter and egg and butterine people.

The Nebraska, Kansas and Gulf railway has been incorporated under the laws of Kansas. It is to run south to Gulf of Mexico from Niobrara, Neb.

Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, who some time ago shot herself accidentally, is again in a serious condition and may die from the effects of the wound.

Daniel Lawrence Braine, rear admiral U. S. A., died at his home in Brooklyn. He was a midshipman during the Mexico war and a commander during the civil war. He was born in 1829.

The Ohio law, which declares that the sum of \$5,000 may be collected from a county by the heirs of a person lynched has been declared unconstitutional.

An examination of the ruins of the Union elevator, recently burned at St. Louis, shows that at least 200,000 of the 280,000 bushels of wheat can be saved.

Spreading rails caused a wreck on the Maine Central tracks at Arons Basin Mills, Me. In which Jennie S. Murray and Mrs. D. Cunningham were killed, and a number of others injured.

Ellen Nicholson of Ottumwa, Ia., is dead as the result of a criminal operation. Dr. Whittaker and William Sowers had been arrested, charged with her murder. Sowers was engaged to the girl.

A Madrid dispatch says it is understood that the supreme war council will sentence Lieutenant-General Weyler to three months imprisonment, but that the government will grant him a pardon.

The case of Sheriff John Martin and his eighty deputies, charged with murder and feloniously wounding of a score of striking miners at Latimer, Pa., on September 10, 1897, is now on trial at Wilkesbarre. Able counsel has been employed on both sides.

Eugene V. Debs has issued a plea to the public in behalf of Salter T. Worden, who is under sentence of death for train wrecking near Sacramento, Cal., during the railroad strike of 1896. Mr. Debs asserts that Worden is the victim of a conspiracy of railroad detectives, and that it is believed the condemned man was but a tool in the detectives' hands.

The interstate joint convention of bituminous coal operators and miners held in Chicago has come to an end. The miners were jubilant over the result of their ten days' session, for it means to nearly 200,000 soft coal miners an advance of ten cents per ton and a uniform day of eight hours at uniform day wages. And the operators congratulate one another with a victory over themselves.

In order to capture General Aranguren, the "Sheridan of Cuba," the Spaniards murdered every one in sight. His sweetheart was shot down, and a volley fired on the house in which Aranguren was, and all the inmates were killed, except Aranguren, who was wounded, and later killed in cold blood. A little child who happened to be on the outside of the house when the Spanish arrived, became frightened and started toward the house. She was shot down. Aranguren was betrayed by a negro named Morales.

A plan is now on foot in Buffalo, N. Y., which will bring to that city 300,000 Masons for a brilliant end of the century demonstration of the strength of the order in the new world. It is proposed to have one of the Pan American exposition buildings built as a reproduction of Solomon's temple, with treasure rooms to display the priceless relics and rare jewels which have been accumulated by the order during the centuries of its existence. Masons all over the country are encouraging the project.

It is said that Thomas E. Watson will be nominated by the populists of Georgia for governor.

The national bank of Paola, Kansas, has suspended. No statement of assets or liabilities is made.

The first session of the national stock growers association at Denver was attended by about 1,000 delegates.

The Mississippi river is rising at Memphis at a rapid rate, and fears are entertained of a disastrous flood.

The Great Eastern block in Spokane, six-stories high, is burning this Tuesday morning. It is feared the loss of life will be great.

Owing to brawling riots in Italy, it has been decided to call out one class of the reserves.

A majority of the English engineers have voted to end the strike which has been on so long.

The emperor's birthday was more generally observed by the Germans this year than hitherto.

Omaha is to fill the gap in the western league of ball clubs caused by the dropping out of Grand Rapids.

The Spanish battleship Viscaya, of 7,000 tons displacement, has been ordered to visit American ports.

The Kentucky senate passed the house resolution calling on United States Senator Lindsay to resign.

The Leiter crowd commenced to boom wheat on change at Chicago Friday and January option went skyward.

The steamer City of Duluth is reported fast on a bar off St. Joseph, Mich., and is threatened with destruction.

Word comes to Seattle, Wash., that the steamer Corona, carrying 225 passengers went down, but all on board were rescued.

Judge Lewis E. McComas has by the Maryland legislature been elected to the United States senate to succeed Arthur P. Gorman.

The strikers in the cotton mill districts in New England are beginning to feel privations but seem firm to keep up the strike.

Charles L. Draper, who murdered Charles L. Hastings at Jacksonville, Ill., on March 30, 1897, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Union elevator in St. Louis, the largest there, burned to the ground. It contained 1,250,000 bushels of grain. The loss is not far from \$1,000,000.

The torpedo boat Winslow, now at Newport, R. I., has been ordered to Key West. She carries four of the latest improved white head torpedoes.

Isaac E. Adams, once a well known and wealthy lawyer of Chicago, was at New York committed to Bellevue hospital for examination as to his insanity.

Lord Wm. Neville, fourth son of the Marquis of Abergavenny, was arrested at London charged with fraud in connection with a suit against a money loaner.

Sheriff Creamer of Kings County, New York, has levied on the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad Company in an execution in the sum of \$327,917, in a foreclosure suit.

Tuesday California commenced the celebration of her golden jubilee. The celebration is in honor of the half-century mark since the discovery of gold in California.

A new innovation has been added to the curriculum of Lombard university, Galesburg, Ill. Dancing lessons are to be given. The university is supported by the universalists.

Mrs. Minnie Cushman, a handsome white woman, was recently clandestinely married to a full blooded Piegian Indian. She has been a teacher at Fort Shaw, Montana.

The live-stock growers' convention recently held in Denver, closed with a grand free barbecue at which 20,000 people participated. Wild disorder marked the closing scenes.

Richard J. Holloran, a St. Louis policeman, was mortally shot by Miss Nellie Mann, because she refused to marry her. She then shot herself. They were lovers. Neither can live.

Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, speaking at Chiswick, said he thought during the next twelve months the government might take steps to establish a gold standard in India.

Several isolated outrages were perpetrated at Algiers. A number of Jews were stoned and badly injured. A native, a Spaniard, fired at a French non-commissioned officer, missing him, but wounding a lady.

The coal operators will shortly advance the price of their product 25c a ton as the result of the recent joint conference of operators and miners which commended to make an advance of 10 cents a ton for mining.

H. Maitland Kersey, a capitalist, is defendant in a damage suit. The cook at the Waldorf hotel, New York says he tried to kiss her, and because she refused to let him he slapped her in the face. She wants \$5,000.

The Niagara river was in a rage Tuesday, caused by the high wind. The water rose in the gorge about twenty-five feet. It swept over the maid of the mist landings and did much damage. The scene looking on the American and Canadian sides was a wild one.

During a heavy gale at St. Louis, August Weymeyer, a carpenter, was killed by being blown from the roof of the Shields school, and Thomas J. Peters was also killed by being blown from a porch. The velocity of the wind was almost as great as it was during the tornado.

Spanish people, especially those who are supposed to be leaders of public opinion, say that the dispatch of the battleship Maine to Havana cannot but lead to a conflict. All is tranquil at Havana, however. On its arrival at Havana, the Maine was extended the usual courtesies. The crew and marines will not go ashore at present, to avoid possible friction.

Judge Barclay's Retirement.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26.—Shepherd Barclay, chief justice of the supreme court, announced to-day that he would positively retire from the bench within two weeks.

School Fight.

MACON, Mo., Jan. 26.—Austin E. Park, principal of the public schools at New Cambria, Macon county, struck Fred White, 23 years old, twice over the head with an iron poker yesterday afternoon, knocking him senseless, and he has not recovered consciousness. Young White, who was not attending school, was snow-balling with the pupils on the school grounds and was ordered off. William White, the injured boy's father, hunted Park up and a fight between them occurred, Park getting the worst of it. Park was placed under arrest.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAT

WEEK'S DOINGS OF NATIONAL-ALLOWMAKERS.

A General Resume of the Most Important Labors of the House and Senate—Executive and Departmental Actions Noted Briefly.

C. A. Atkinson of Lincoln has secured a \$3,500 position in the department of justice.

Representative Maxwell has introduced a bill to amend the laws relating to Indian depredation claims.

Comptroller of the Currency Dawes has decided to appoint George E. Colton of David City, Neb., bank examiner.

Judge Stark has presented a petition of the business men's association of Wymore praying for the passage of the bankruptcy bill.

Representative Mercer has introduced a bill to extend the time for the construction of the bridge across the Missouri river between Omaha and Council Bluffs to July 1, 1902.

Secretary Bliss has recommended to congress that an appropriation of \$30,000 be made to continue irrigation work on the Navajo Indian reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Judge Strode has presented petitions of citizens of Lincoln and Table Rock in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, belligerent rights to the Cubans, against interstate gambling, etc.

Representative Stark has introduced a joint resolution to provide new and better guns for the Nebraska national guards and will endeavor to have the resolution referred to the militia committee of which he is a member.

Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor has been elected a member of the Institute of France. He has also been informed that he has been elected an honorary member of the imperial academy of science of Russia.

The proposed cut in mail deliveries in the large cities of the east, which was to become operative on February 1 in order to avoid a deficiency in the present appropriation, will not become operative at that time. It has been decided that the best interests of the service require that the proposed reduction be held in abeyance for a time at least.

A table has been prepared by Chief Mechen of the free delivery division of the post office department, comparing the cost of the free delivery service at fifty of the largest postoffices for the fiscal year of 1890-'91. It shows that the percentage of increase in the cost of free delivery during the six years covered by the table has been 24.6 per cent, while the population has increased 35.62 and the gross receipts have increased 28.48 per cent.

In the presence of the entire California congressional delegation, Justice McKenna of the supreme court and Mrs. Leland Stanford and other ladies, President McKinley, at 11:08 Saturday night touched a telegraph key at the White house and opened the California golden jubilee at San Francisco. Messages of felicitations and congratulations were exchanged between the president and Mayor Phelan of San Francisco and officials of the California jubilee association.

The determination was reached by leaders in the house Saturday that the Teller resolution for the payment of bonds in silver passed by the senate should be disposed of by the house on Monday in order that the attitude of that branch of congress might be placed before the country immediately. This conclusion was reached after numerous conferences between Speaker Reed, Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, Messrs. Dalzell and Henderson of the rules committee, and other influential members of the house.

Senator Thurston has introduced a bill to authorize the holding of a special term of court at Omaha before the regular May session. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee. It is not thought that it will be favorably reported as the committee is known to be averse to such authorizations and have refused to grant such bills passage when they have appeared for other states.

Congressman Stark presented the petition of fifty-five citizens of Saline county, Neb., protesting against the enactment of a general banking law. Senator Allen, a petition of citizens of Valentine, Neb., in favor of a bill to cede to the city certain government land lying adjacent; Representative Mercer a bill to pension William Gross of Blair at \$25 per month.

An anti-trust bill, explicit in its terms and naming a penalty of \$10,000 fine or from two to fifteen years imprisonment, has been introduced in the house by Mr. Greene of Nebraska, it makes it a felony to monopolize or combine or conspire with any others to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce among the states, or with foreign nations, and the making of every contract, agreement, or combination entered into by any persons, firms, corporations or combinations of persons as a trust or otherwise, to restrain trade or commerce or limit or control the output or price of any article of commerce. The bill confers jurisdiction on the several circuit and district courts of the United States and any state court having common law jurisdiction and forfeits to the United States property owned under such contracts, etc., and in course of transit into a state or to a foreign country.

The free homestead bill, giving over 15,000,000 acres of public lands for settlers, was ordered favorably reported to the house by the public lands committee.

The house committee on Pacific railroads has agreed to report with amendments the resolutions relating to the sale of the Kansas Pacific line. The resolution as agreed upon authorizes the president in his discretion to buy in the property for the government and also to acquire prior liens, if necessary, to protect the government's interests, and, if purchased, to dispose of the road to the best interests of the United States.

The Chicago representatives upon the floor made no attempt to recall the legislation providing for the establishment of an Indian supply depot at Omaha.

Senators Mason and Butler have been delegated the task of framing a postal savings bank bill to supplant the numerous measures on that subject now before the committee.

By a vote of forty-seven to thirty-two the senate last Friday passed the Teller resolution calling for payment of government obligations, principal and interest, at the option of the government, in silver dollars. All efforts to amend the resolution were voted down.

A decision is expected soon by Mr. Hermann, the commissioner of the general land office, in what is known as the Archbishop Ireland case, involving title to a large tract of land in Minnesota on which there are a number of settlers. The case, it is said, presents some unusual features and some important questions of law are involved.

The delegation of the Lower Breule Indians from the Rosebud agency are in Washington consulting with the Indian officers. It is more than probable that while there the delegation will confer with officials upon the proposition to open a cattle trail through their reservation, as the scheme is favored by the secretary of the interior.

Senator Rawlins has reported favorably the bill providing for the purchase of sites and erection of government buildings at Hastings and Norfolk, Neb. The bill will probably be called up early by Senator Allen and pass the senate. They will then go to the house to be filed away with the hundreds of others public building bills in the house committee.

Under the parliamentary action of discussing the Indian appropriation bill, the house devoted almost the entire day of Tuesday to a political debate in which the main question was whether prosperity had come to the country as the result of the advent to power of the present administration, the republicans maintaining and the democrats denying the existence of prosperity.

A telegram from Consul-General Lee was received at the state department at 2 o'clock Tuesday and was carried by Assistant Secretary Day over to the White house for the information of the president. In the telegram General Lee said that the Maine had been received with every courtesy. The commanders of the German and Spanish ships of war in the harbor had called upon the commander of the Maine, who had returned their calls; the Spanish forts had fired salutes and all the ceremonies called for by naval etiquette had been observed.

In the senate on Tuesday in an extended debate on the Teller resolution, the session was characterized by acrimony and bitterness. The feature of the discussion was a speech delivered by Mr. Teller, the author of the resolution, his statement calling out a suggestion from Mr. Hoar that the (Teller) ought to have them stricken from the record. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Spooner, Mr. Vest admitted that he thought the system of coinage referred to in the resolution meant the free and unlimited coinage of silver, that administration apparently giving satisfaction to the opponents of the measure.

Bright, springlike weather greeted Hawaii's ruler on his first day at the capital. President Dole was kept very busy during the forenoon receiving callers. Minister Hatch was early on hand and was followed by ex-Minister Thurston, Senator Morgan of Alabama, who paid an extended visit to the islands during the last summer, and Mr. Crosby S. Noyes of Washington. President and Mrs. Dole have received many invitations to social functions during their stay here. Mrs. Dole went to call on a number of friends, in company with Mrs. Hatch, the wife of the Hawaiian minister.

The officials are pleased at the success attending their movement in dispatching the Maine to Havana and at the reception accorded the ship at that port. The report that British and French warships are to join the American and German warships in Havana harbor are regarded as highly favorable.

Representative Mercer Wednesday made a fruitless effort to secure the adoption of an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill granting \$5,000 for the expenses of holding an Indian exhibit at the trans-Mississippi exposition. Mr. Mercer, feeling sure from the beginning that his proposed amendment would be ruled out on a point of order, stated that the members who were protesting against the enormous yearly outlay for the Indians could pass this amendment and at a small cost could see for themselves by viewing the exhibition just what progress the Indians had made since the conquest of America. The amendment was then ruled out of order.

The house of representatives Monday buried the Teller resolution, declaring the bonds of the United States payable in silver, under a majority of fifty votes, the vote being 182 to 132. The republicans were solidly arrayed in opposition with two exceptions, Mr. Linney of North Carolina, who voted with the democrats and populists, and Mr. White of North Carolina, the only colored member of the house, who answered "present" when his name was called. The desertions from the democratic side were Mr. McAleer of Pennsylvania and Mr. Elliott of South Carolina. Speaker Reed, although it is not customary for him to vote, had his name called and amid the cheers of his followers went on record in opposition to the resolution.

Assistant Secretary Howell has received a telegram stating that the board of general appraisers at New York decided the cases which they have had under consideration for some time involving the construction of section 22 of the new tariff act. The board in effect sustains the opinion of the attorney-general in which he held that the discriminating duty of 10 per cent does not attach to the goods of foreign men or production brought into the United States in transit from contiguous foreign country. This decision apparently settles the question involved, as the department will not take an appeal.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER THE STATE.

A Complete Review of the Past Week's Happenings in the Tree Planters' State—Sacnet Summary of the Most Important News.

Clem Wilson of Johnson has purchased an outfit and will give Johnson its second paper.

The Lincoln Traction company will extend their line from University Place to Havelock.

In a fight with tramps at Haigler, one of the genets of the road shot D. Benton, it is thought fatally.

Laban Colwell, a farmer near Osceola, got his arm caught in a corn sheller and it had to be amputated at a point just below the elbow.

County treasurers who come in to settle with the state have the right of way at the auditor's office these days. A crowd of treasurers occupy the auditor's office every day.

The three-story stone grist mill at Weeping Water was recently destroyed by fire. The mill had just been remodeled at the cost of \$3,500, and was just getting in working order.

Attorneys of ex-State Treasurer Bartley are preparing a motion for a rehearing which will be filed in the supreme court before the expiration of the forty days allowed for filing such a motion.

Sol Parker, living three miles northwest of Humboldt, while breaking a young colt, was thrown from a cart to which the colt was hitched into a barbed wire fence and almost killed.

Governor Holcomb has written to the state exposition committee that the scale of prices for plastering obtained in Omaha must, under the commission, be paid to plasterers engaged on the Nebraska building.

A. K. Gift of Dawson county has reported for duty as draughtsman in the office of Land Commissioner Wolfe. Alex Schlegel will remain a short time in order to assist Mr. Gift in familiarizing himself with the work.

Wm. Harlan, 19 years old, working for Fred Stahlhut, a milkman of Nebraska City, during the absence of his employer stole \$45 in money, a gold watch and a gold ring. He made his escape but was later captured at Hamburg.

Harry H. Barth of Lincoln, chairman of the violation committee of the Nebraska state board of pharmacy, recently made a trip to the western part of the state. In several towns he caught people selling drugs without having a registered druggist in charge. In each case the parties were prosecuted and paid a heavy fine and costs.

It is now generally believed at Columbus that J. T. Clark, who disappeared mysteriously about the 10th inst., has gone to Africa to engage in missionary work. Mr. Clark had lived in Columbus for the past fifteen years and was a highly educated man. He had read much about the missionary work being done in Africa recently and had frequently expressed a desire to go there. He had about \$800 when he left.

A Lincoln lady had an experience last week which was quite amusing, but caused several unfavorable comments to be made concerning the delivery of city mail. She mailed a number of invitations to a party. Some of them were delivered the same afternoon. Others reached their destination in three days and it took two four days to get twelve blocks from the government building.

The beet raisers' association had a called meeting in Grand Island recently at which it was decided unanimously to no to accept the contract submitted by the Oxnard company, but to insist on a straight price of \$1 per ton without the Hawaiian clause providing that in case of annexation the rate be 50 cents less per ton. The association finally resolved to raise beets this year, notwithstanding a telegram was received from Mr. Oxnard stating that if the contract were not accepted only one factory would be in operation in Nebraska this year. The same contract has been submitted to the farmers at Norfolk. It is believed that the annexation clause of the contract will finally be withdrawn and that in that case the factory will have all the beets needed.

Secretary Hall of the state banking board believes in the efficacy of newspapers as advertising mediums. Recently the state papers contained an item showing that a Washington man had written Secretary Hall to get the value of a bank note issued by a Tekamah "wild cat" bank in 1857. Mr. Hall has since received several offers from owners of similar relics. A lady of Omaha sent in a \$5 note issued by the old Tekamah bank in 1857, and a citizen of Arcadia wrote and offered a note on an old Wisconsin bank. Secretary Hall did not intend to redeem all the "wild cat," "red dog," or "blue pup" money in the country. He merely wanted one note issued by the old Tekamah bank and he has already secured the relic.

C. D. Christensen, section foreman on the Union Pacific near Genoa, on the Cedar Rapids branch, was injured by falling from a hand car while inspecting the track. The car ran over him and the cog wheels badly ground his face and neck, tearing the flesh from the bones in some places. One eye is very badly injured.

Applications from 255 schools for space in the trans-Mississippi educational exhibit are on file in the state superintendent's office. The applications represent 3,100 teachers, or 25 per cent of the state's teaching force.

\$2,000 worth of stamps were stolen from the Canton, Miss., postoffice.

The beet growers of Hall county have organized for mutual protection and advancement.

Some time ago Ben W. Gist, a young man of Falls City arrived at the age of majority and came into possession of an estate worth \$25,000. His pace was too swift and a guardian has been appointed for him on the ground of his being a spendthrift.

Deputy Attorney General Ed P. Smith and Alex Schlegel of the land commissioner's office went to Nebraska City to appear for the state in a suit involving the title and possession of some land along the Missouri river acquired by accretion.

No motion for a rehearing in the case of ex-State Treasurer Bartley has yet been filed in the supreme court, but attorneys for the bondsmen in the Barrett Scott case appeared with such a motion and a voluminous brief in support of it. As the Barrett Scott case involved almost the same question that arose in the Bartley case and reached the supreme court first, it was considered of great importance.

Michael Haggerty has sued the Omaha Street Railway company in an action to recover the sum of \$10,000 alleged damages. The plaintiff avers that he is a man with one leg and that he walks upon crutches. He says that on December 22, 1892, he boarded a car on 13th and Dodge streets and that he was thrown to the ground by reason of a sudden jerk of the car. He fell to the ground and injured the stump of his leg and also maimed his shoulder in such a manner that he will henceforth be prevented from using his crutches.

Six tramps were put off the train at Franklin and they at once scattered over town, begging and stealing. Inside of an hour they had stolen from two stores, from one some clothing and another a full bolt of cloth and some other smaller articles. The marshal caught one of them, and arrested holding him a short time thought best to run him out of town, which was done. On a few minutes was given him to go, and he improved his time by running until he was out of sight. He joined his companions.

The first day's session of the Nebraska state press association, held at the Lincoln hotel at 2 p. m., Tuesday, was a splendid one. The address of President Kimmel of the McCook Tribune was vigorous and inspiring. The only Ross Hammond had a paper on "Strictly Business," which was on the line of giving about \$10 worth of advertising to a show for about \$2 worth of tickets, with the privilege of being called a dead-head in addition. The matter of charging for local entertainments was also discussed and the editors who did charge seemed to have the best of the argument. In the evening the editors attended the Oliver theatre in a body, guests of the management.

Wednesday's session of the Nebraska press association was a hummer. At the morning session the subject of "Ready-Prints" was handled by Clark Perkins of the St. Paul Republican. The discussion on this paper was sidetracked by that on the loud bill, the publishers readily turning from an alleged to a real danger. After quite a lengthy discussion the matter was finally settled by the adoption of a resolution opposing the bill in its present form. A very able paper on "Independent Journalism" was read by Edgar Howard of the Papillion Times. Mr. Howard took an advanced position and prodded his fellow editors to stand more on their rights. At the business meeting Edgar Howard was elected president. The district vice presidents are: First, J. W. Barnhart, Auburn Herald; second, L. A. Williams, Blair Pilot; third, E. Cunningham, Wayne Republican; fourth, T. J. Pickett, Wahoo Wasp; fifth, F. M. Kimmel, McCook Tribune; sixth, Clark Perkins, St. Paul Republican; secretary-treasurer, F. N. Merwin, Nebraska Editor, Beaver City; corresponding secretary, W. H. Huse, Norfolk News. An effort was made to give a salary to the secretary-treasurer, but Mr. Merwin steadfastly declined, and as a counter proposition suggested reducing the membership fee. On Mr. Merwin's insistence that he would not accept pay the matter was dropped. In the evening the editors and their wives were treated to a banquet at the Lincoln hotel tendered by the State Journal. Thursday the editors went to Omaha over the Burlington and spent the day as guests of the Omaha World-Herald. The membership this year consisted of 67 old and 66 new members, a total of 133, the largest yet attained.

Dr. Nansen Sails Away.

New York, Jan. 31.—Before Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Arctic explorer, sailed over the Campania to-day for Liverpool, he said: "I am going direct to London, where I shall deliver lectures. Then I leave for Christiania, where I intend to prepare a scientific report of my expedition. It is possible that I may return to this country." Dr. Nansen denied that he had any intention of accompanying Lieutenant Peary on his next polar expedition.

Good habits are natural, bad ones are not; nobody likes bad habits.

Murder in First Degree.

KINSLEY, Kan., Jan. 31.—The jury in the case of Richard St. Clair, who was charged with murdering Joseph Brockman, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The crime was committed in Kinsley last October and was cold blooded.

Not the Man.

The Coroner—We found nothing in the man's pockets, ma'am, except three buttons, one handkerchief and a receipted bill. The Robbing Inquirer—A receipted bill? Then 'taint my husband.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.