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### IN TOW FOR MANILA

GIGANTIC DOCK "DEWEY" GOES ON PERILOUS TRIP.

Many Naval Officers Fear Disaster for the Big Craft-Voyage Covers 14,000 Miles-Expedition Under Direction of Commander Hosley

The gigantic dry dock "Dewey" made an auspicious start from Annapolis, Md., Thursday afternoon on its 14,000mile trip to the Philippine islands under the direction of Commander H. H. Hos ley, U. S. N. The start was made 2:05 and at 6 o'clock the lights on the dock could be seen at a distance of eight or nine miles below Solomon's island, the starting point. There was no mishap of any kind. Three vessels in tandem

are towing the Dewey. Next to the dock

is the collier Brutus, then the collier

Caesar and in front is the tug Potomac. Commander Hosley will have his quarters on the Glacir, the supply boat, which will accompany the dock and its attendants. The huge tow line was dropped over from the Dewey at 11:30 Thursday morning, taken aboard the Brutus and made fast just as noon. Chief Boatswain Philip Mullan, U. S. N., had direct control of securing all the towing apparatus, the whole affair being under the control of the signal of Commander Hosley from the Glacir.

The Dewey will be the subject of deepest concern to the navy department and to every American sailor until she safely drops anchor in the quiet waters of Subig Bay, for many naval officers say they are really very doubtful whether the trip can be made in safety. The Havana floating dock was towed down to that part from Scotland, but that voyage was short in comparison with that lying before the Dewey, and the perils of the way were much fewer, with many more chances to make safe harbors in case of bad weather and to enable the boats to take on coal.

The tow that most nearly approximated the Dewey in American history was that of the big double turreted monitor Miantonomah in 1867. She was then the very latest type of naval architecture and was sent across the Atlantic and into the Mediterranean as a "show ship," to give the Europeans an idea of how far ahead of them the Americans had gotten as a result of the sea fighting of the civil war.

Estimates vary considerably as to the length of the cruise, but few place the time at less than three months.

### MURDERER ENDS LIFE,

#### Accused of Murdering Best Friend to Get Insurance.

A special from San Luis Potosi, Mex. says that J. C. Hills, wanted in Stor Wall County, Tex., for the murder of J. D. McGaughey, was arrested there by Deputy Sheriff Dickey and committed suicide by poisoning. Hills was accused of poisoning McGaughey, who raised him, for \$16,000 life insurance which McGaughey carried for his benefit.

Hills, who was employed in a Fort Worth bank, filed claim for the insurance, which the company held up pending an investigation. Hills then went to Mexico. He was prominent in local social and financial circles. Hills was about 30 years of age.

### CHINESE BOYCOTT WORSE.

#### Situation Develops Into an Anti-Foreign Feeling.

According to R. Van Sant, who represents a San Francisco firm at Shanghai, and who arrived here Wednesday on the steamer Coptic from the orient, the boycott in China has become so serious that a number of American houses have closed until conditions change.

Van Sant confirms the reports that the boycott has developed into an anti-foreign feeling, and affects British and German business concerns as well as American,

### Texan Killed by His Son.

Arthur Hughes, a well to do farmer of Rockwell County, Texas, was killed at the home of a married son Wednesday evening by another son, Charles Hughes, 18 years of age. The elder Hughes appeared at the home of his son greatly enraged, and, it is alleged, declared he would kill the entire family. The young man fired as his father was about to enter, killing him instantly.

### Ship and Crew Are Lost.

A Victoria, B. C., dispatch says: The British ship Pass of Melfort, from Ancon, was driven ashore on the Vancouver island coast near Uclulet Tuesday night, and was lost with all hands. She carried a crew of fifteen.

McClellan is Sworn In. George B. McClellan was Wednesday sworn in as mayor of New York City fo: the next four years.

### Sioux City Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butch steers, \$3.75@4.25. Top hogs, \$4.95.

Rich Spinster Weds Driver. Ithaca, N. Y., society was startled to learn that Miss Margaret B. Fisher, a leader in its circles, and the richest spin ster in Ithaca, owning \$100,000 worth o local real estate, had eloped with he coachman, Patrick T. Kelly, her junio: by seventeen years.

### Call Money Scarce.

At New York call money Thursday morning touched 125 per cent, breakin, all records since December, 1999, when 186 per cent was paid for call joans

#### MOSCOW LINES CUT.

### Is Fear that Situation Has Turned

for the Worse. The Associated Press correspondent at Moscow succeeded in getting the St. Petersburg bureau by telephone Wednesday evening, but he had only uttered the words, "I am going to tell you a horrible story," when he was cut off.

Since then nothing has been heard from the correspondent. The Seminovsky regiment of guards was dispatched to Moscow by train Wednesday night. This is considered rather ominous.

According to information received by the revolutionary leaders at St. Petershas been planned in Poland. The socialist revolutionaries, encouraged by the success of the insurgents in the Baltic provinces and of the situation in Moscow and in Russia generally, have decided that the yoke of the autocracy.

already has practically come into operation, bringing about half the railroads in

Poland to a standstill. An open rebellion in Poland would immensely complicate the situation for the government, for if it would gain sufficient headway to warrant reasonable hope of success it would probably draw in the entire population, and the government would have to reconquer the country.

The Associated Press learns that Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, made representations to the Russian government regarding the danger to and the necessity for the protection of the property and employes of the New Air Brake Company at Lubertzi, an industrial town near Moscow, and that he was promised that the protection desired would be given immediately in case of emergency. This perhaps accounts for the prompt action of Gen. Doubassoff, governor general at Moscow, in dispatching a squadron of dragoons to Lubertzi Tuesday.

It also is learned that there is fear that the insurgents would attempt to seize the works of the company, which contain a large stock of explosives, the mpany having been engaged in the manufacture of shrapnel for the Russian government during the war.

### SEEKS A DIVORCE.

## Sioux Falls Colony.

A decided sensation was created at Sioux Falls, S. D., Wednesday when it became known that Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, who was generally supposed to be in Europe studying vocal music, had become a member of the Sioux Falls divorce colony.

The belief that she was abroad appeared to be confirmed by an interview a day or two ago with Maj. Charles Joseph Sibley Miller, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, who may be made the defendant in an action for \$100,000 for alienating the affections of Mrs. Fitzsimmons, and who stated that he had not seen Mrs. Fitzsimmons since last June, when he alleged he escorted her to the steamer at New York and saw her safely off for if he did not produce the money. Paris.

But notwithstanding this claim, there is not the slightest doubt that Mrs. itzsimmons is now in Sioux Falls and that her object is to secure a divorce from her prize-fighter husband.

### BANKS GO UNDER.

#### Three Memphis, Tenn., Institutions Close Their Doors.

At Memphis, Tenn., the Merchants Trust Company has closed its doors and a receiver has been appointed. Felix T. Pope is president. The institution has a capital of \$200,000.

The American Savings Bank and Trust Company and the Merchants' Savings Bank have suspended. These are small institutions allied with the Merchants'

Trust Company. According to a recent statement, the Merchants' Trust Company owed depos-

itors \$605,000. The cause of the suspension of the Merchants' Trust Company is said to have been overloans on discounts.

### TEA MADE INTO TABLETS.

#### Unique Experiment of the Department of Agriculture.

The latest novel experiment to be made by the department of agriculture at Washington is that of compressing tea into tablets, one of which will make a delicious cup. As a result what would ordinarily make a big package of tea can by this new and unique method be placed in a space about the size of a safety match box. The tea is grown at the department's experimental tea gardens at

#### Summerville, S. C. Fire Panic, but No Fire.

The accidental release of the automatic sprinkler system in the clothing establishment of Hart, Schaffner & Marx at Chicago Wednesday caused a panic among the 2,000 employes of the establishment Men, women and children fought for a chance to escape from the fire they supposed had broken out, and in the crush several were injured, none seriously.

### Conductor Drops Dead.

Darius Hocum, aged 45 years, dropped lead at the Milwaukee freight office at Aberdeen, S. D., Wednesday morning of heart disease. He had been a freight conductor on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Milwaukee for the past ine years. His home is at Milbank. He ves a wife and several children.

### Mors Trouble for Castro.

The state department at Washington is informed that trouble has broken out again between Colombia and Venezuela owing to the effort of President Castro to

Stock Exchange Seat at \$97,000 A new high record price for a seat on the New York stock exchange was reported Wednesday when \$95,000 was paid. This, with the \$2,000 initiation fee, der pleaded guilty to fraudulent banking. rings it up to \$97,000.

#### ISLE IS BOILING AGAIN.

#### Domingo's Peaceful Days Come to a Sudden End.

Mail advices received at Turk's Island, Bahamas, from Monte Cristo, San Domingo, Tuesday, say that Guayubin, Dajabon and Sebaneta have taken up arms against the government and the Dominican-American fiscal convention. Gens. Demetrio Rodriguez, Joaquin Barba, Navarro Martinez and Pedro Alvares have gone with 600 men to attack Santiago, and Gen. Perico Lasala has marched on Lavega with a force of about 100

Gen. Deschamps, former vice president burg an armed rebellion on a large scale of Santo Domingo, leaves shortly on board a sailing vessel to operate against

Puerto Plata. Following the announcement at San Domingo Monday that the president of the republic, Gen. Carlos F. Morales, had the moment has come to try to cast off left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of the The tactics to be followed are the same | chief magistrate. What took place after as those adopted at Moscow, the rising to that cannot be definitely determined, but be preceded by a general strike, which it is known that a fight occurred about ten miles from San Domingo, and it is supposed that Gen. Pimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by government

> The whereabouts of the fugitive president is unknown. It is supposed that he endeavored to reach the coast and board a sloop with the object of reaching Puerto Plata, on the north coast of Santo Domingo, and there join Gov. Peres, who has been dismissed by the government from the post of governor of Puerto Plata, but who refuses to surrender his of-

> On the other hand, there are those who believe that the president is endeavoring to cross Santo Domingo by land and reach Monte Cristo, on the north coast and west of Puerto Plata, from which port it is not far distant.

> Juan F. Sanchez, former foreign minister of Santo Domingo, has also left the city. Senor Sanchez, with the American special commissioners, Commander Albert C. Dillingham and former Minister Thos. C. Dawson, and Frederico Valesquez, minister of finance, on Jan, 20 last signed the agreement between the United States and Santo Domingo providing for the fiscal protectorate of the United States over Santo Domingo.

A Washington special says: For the present there will not be any interier Bob Fitzsimmons' Wife Joins the ence by the United States in the difficulty which has arisen in Santo Domingo.

### RICH MAN THREATENED.

#### Blackmailers Demand Money of a Syracuse Millionaire.

Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthiest men in Syracuse, N. Y., and a multimillionaire, has received two strange letters from some person who pretends to be a member of the "Black Hand," threatening to blow up Crouse's house if he did not place \$2,400 in cash in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence to be called for in the night. The letters were turned over to the police. The second letter said dynamite would be used on Crouse's house and that an attempt would be made on the lives of his family

### BIG FIRE IN OREGON TOWN.

#### Nearly All the Residents of Tipton Are Homeless.

A telephone message from Sumter, Ore., states a fire Monday night destroyed a large part of the town of Tipton, thirty-one miles south of Sumter. The fire started in a hotel and rapidly spread to adjoining buildings. A blizzard accompanied by a heavy snowfall, was raging. Nearly all the people of Tipton are home-

There was little or no insurance, no fire department and little water. The loss is not known.

### EVA BOOTH IS ROBBED.

### Thief Cuts a Chatelaine Bag from

Her Wrist. Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army, had her chatelaine bag cut from her wrist during a crush at a subway station in New York. While there was considerable memoranda, papers of value to her and several dollars in the bag, her greatest loss was a wedding ring. which her father gave to her mother many years ago, and which at her mother's death was handed down to her sister. Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who was killed about two years ago in a railroad wreck.

### ROW OVER TURKEY SHOOT.

### Two Kentuckians Are Killed in a

Fight at Big Fork. In a dispute over a turkey shooting match at Big Fork, Leslie County, Ky. Monday night, John Duff and Jake Wilson sot and killed Joseph Kilson, a prominent citizen, and Alexander Little shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Roberts. Duff and Wilson were arrested, but Little es-

At Goose Creek, in a difficulty over the ownership of a broncho, William Van Over shot James Creech dead.

### One Killed in Collision.

David Hamill, of Dayton, O., was crushed to death and \$5,000 worth of property destroyed in a collision of two freight trains on the Pennsylvania Railway at Cincinnati early Wednesday. Mis taken signals caused the wreck.

### Blaze at Little Rock.

At Little Rock, Ark., a fire early Tues day destroyed an entire block with the exception of two small kuildings. The heaviest loser is Fred Roesch's carriage pository. The loss is \$100,000.

#### A Double Lynching. News of a double lynching at Barnwell,

S. C., has been received. Sheriff Creech has wired Gov. Heyward the affair was a brutal murder. The helpless prisoners secure the return to Venezuela of one were butchered in open daylight and the of his generals who had fled to Colombia. | officers were guilty of dereliction of duty.

#### Banker Gets Off Easily. E. E. Suyder, a former banker at Olin Jones County, Ia., whose failure cost the depositors \$170,000, was sentenced Tues day to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Sny

### STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

#### First Medal to Nebraska-George Poell Receives Recognition of Bravery Under Act of Congress-President Commends Recipient.

A Grand Island dispatch says: Mr. George Poell, the hero of the Powell, Neb., life saving incident and recently elected county clerk of this county, received as his choicest Christmas gift a letter from Edward A. Moscleef, secretary of the interstate commerce commission, and from President Roosevelt, advising him of the award to him of the first medal of honor given under the act of Feb. 23, 1905.

The enclosures consisted of a recommendation by the interstate commerce commission committee investigating the application for a medal of honor made by John O'Dowd, secretary of Sunflower lodge No. 277, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, of Hanover, Kan., and a statement of the facts. This committee on awards, having carefully considered all of the facts in connection with the case, unanimously agreed upon the recommendation that the first medal of honor under the act be granted to Mr. Poell. The act is for the "bestowing of bronze medals of honor upon persons who by extreme daring endanger their own lives in saving, or endeavoring to save, lives from any wreck, disaster or grave accident, or in preventing or endeavoring to prevent such wreck, disaster or grave accident, upon any railroad within the United

States engaged in interstate commerce." The statement of facts submitted by the committee of the interstate commerce commission gives practically the same statement of the facts of Fireman Poell's running out alongside the engine, standing on the pilot, grabbing the child of Mr. Paul Ussary from in front of the advancing train, sweeping it off the track and out of harm, and himself slipping and being dragged a distance of 130 feet before the engineer could bring the engine to a stop, forty feet of which was over a bridge. It related in detail how the brave fireman's leg was torn off and of his other injuries. The incident occurred on the St. Joseph and Grand Island at Powell, Neb.

this act is shown by a letter to Mr. Poell reasons for apparent delay in this mate by the secretary of the interstate commerce commission.

The many friends of Mr. Poell among railroad circles and others are but little less pleased than himself at his recogni-

# JOY MORTON SERIOUSLY HURT

#### Capitalist Thrown from His Horse on His Nebraska Estate.

Joy Morton, of Chicago, while riding Wednesday at Nebraska City, tried to make the horse take a hurdle and was thrown over its head, alighting on the back of his head on the frozen ground. He has been unconscious for eight hours, but showed some signs of improvement Wednesday evening. Physicians have been with him since the accident and they fear he has suffered from concus-

sion of the brain. Mr. Morton has been at Nebraska City spending the holidays with his wife on their large estate and expected to return to Chicago Wednesday evening. The physicians are hopeful of his recovery, but say nothing can be told definitely as

Mr. Morton keeps a stable of horses and they are in charge of English jockeys, and it was one of the hurdle racers he was riding at the time of the accident. Later word came from the Morton home that Mr. Morton's condition had so far improved that the physicians expressed the opinoin that he would recover.

### COMPETENT HELP SCARCE.

#### Beet Sugar Plant Running Night and Day.

The Standard Beet Sugar Company is having the biggest run since the Leavitt factory began at Fremont. The present eampaign will probably last until March. The company is working at full capacity both night and day. Competent help is scarce and about all who apply are taken on. Owing to the class of floating labor which the company is obliged to emand a good many men are kept on the pay | judge the birds. roll simply because there is no one to take their places. Most of the beets are raised in the western part of the state and are high grade. The company had considerable trouble in getting a supply of good water.

### Rifle and Fence Are Fatal.

Samuel Evans, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Evans, who reside two miles south of Roseland, acci dentally shot and killed himself Saturday while hunting rabbits. The lad had crawled through a barbed wire fence and attempted to pull a twenty-two caliber rifle after him. The trigger caught on the wire fence and discharged the load. The ball entered the boy's heart and

#### killed him almost instantly. Indian Died from Exposure.

The coroner's jury which held an inmuest over the body of Geo. Southwind, Winnebago Indian, who was found dead on the bank of the Missouri River | accidental discharge of a gun. The boy at South Sioux City on Christmas day, had been gathering corn and returned returned a verdict that death resulted home with his load and when taking the from exposure, the bruises on his body gun from the wagon it was discharged, being occasioned by falling down while the load taking effect in the side of his in an intoxicated condition.

### Feeders Are Busy at Colfax.

The Tolter Live Stock Company at Schuyler received a large consignment of sheep this week. They will be fed at the Crescent yards that have been leased for the purpose. A large number of cattle and sheep are being fed around there this winter, and the farmers are finding a ready market for their corn.

### Wanderer Has Returned.

S. C. Bicknell, who disappeared from Table Rock almost six weeks ago, on the night of Nov. 15, and had not been heard from in the meantime, put in an appearince there Tuesday. He gave as an ex- the road would receive in case the comcuse that he was hopelessly in debt and pany extended its line from Virginia saw no means of extrication.

### Humboldt's New City Hall.

nside of thirty days.

#### AUTOMOBILE BEATS TRAIN.

#### Locomotive Has Slight Start, but Chug Wagon Wins.

After a sixteen-mile race in an automobile with a passenger train Dr. J. S. Lat ta, of Kenesaw defeated what apparently was an attempt to kidnap the 4-year-old son of George Coffey. A few moments after the eastbound passenger train pulled out of Kenesaw Sunday afternoon Dr. Latta climbed into his touring ear and started in pursuit. The race was about even to the first station, the train moving off just before the automobile arrived. At Hastings, however, the train was overtaken and the child recovered.

Sunday morning Enock Coffey, aged 22, of Junction City, Kan., who has been visiting his brother, George Coffey, in Kenesaw, took the latter's little boy to church. When they failed to return at the expected time Mrs. Coffey became alarmed and began a search for them. Just as the train was moving off she found that the man had taken the child aboard. She immediately notified Dr. Latta by telephone and asked him to by lot. The pro rata premium will be dimake an effort to intercept them at Juniata or Hastings. The police of Hastings were also notified by telephone and they were in waiting when Dr. Latta arrived, a few moments before the departure of the train. They took possession of the child and the doctor returned it to its mother. Enoch Coffey insisted that he merely meant to take the child down the road a short distance and then return with him on a later train.

#### WARNER GOES INTO OFFICE.

#### New United States Marshal Executes Bond and Assumes Place.

United States Marshal William P. Warner, of Dakota City, took the oath of office before Judge Munger in the United States district court at Omaha Wednesday morning and at once entered upon his duties. His bond for \$25,000 is executed through the Empire State Surety Company, of New York.

No dennite appointments of deputies have yet been made, nor will there be for several days. It is probable some of the old deputies will be retained, temporarily. Mr. Warner said Wednesday morning: "I cannot say just at this time what will be done in the matter of the deputy. ships. A number of applications are on file. Such appointments will be made solely upon the question of fitness. But just at this time I do not care to make any announcements of appointments. I can say this much, that none has been made, either temporarily or permanently. That it is the first medal given under Neither can I, at this time, discuss the

### VERDICT FOR WHITTEMORE.

### Attempt to Hold Examiner Liable for

Loans in Defunct Bank Fails. After a bitterly contested trial case oc cupying a week in district court at O'Neill, the jury Saturday night in the case of Bridget Corrigan against Fred Whittemore and an eastern surety company returned a verdict for the defendants. Whittemore is a state bank examiner and the purpose of the suit was to recover from him for losses of depositors in the failure a year ago of the Elkhorn Valley Bank at O'Neill, because, as alleged, his examination was indifferent. The suit was the first of this nature in

#### the state. JAIL BREAKERS CAPTURED.

### Men Who Escaped from Kearney

Found Near Elm Creek. Fred Gillette, W. B. Warner and Fred Englebrecht, three men who broke jail in Kearney lash week, have been captured near Holdrege, where they were brought to bay in a haystack. They were pursued until nightfall by Sheriff Sammons and Chief of Police Trindle, who secured an automobile for the chase after hearing that the men had been sighted near Elm Creek. Making a stand in a haystack the trio fought off one posse with a revolver fusillade. Sheriff Gustus, of Phelps County, with several deputies, then drove down upon the exhausted men with rifles leveled and they surrendered

### Poultry Show at Fremont.

The annual exhibit of the Dodge Connty Poultry Association was held at Fremont. About 700 chickens of high degree and many more arrived during the day. As has been the case with previous shows, the largest exhibits are of Barred Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes. J. I ploy the force is constantly changing, Todd, of Atlantic, Ia., was secured to

> Chancellor Huntington to Remain Wednesday at a meeting of the specia committee of the board of trustees o Wesleyan University at University Place, Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington withdrew his resignation unconditionally and assured the committee that he is will ing to earry on the work of his office

### without assistance.

Makes Record Shoot. Capt. S. D. Davis, of the adjutant gen eral's department at Lincoln, spenta pertion of a day shooting at targets and in that time made a perfect score of 200 out of a possible 200, shooting ten shots at each target from a distance of fifty feet Each missile pinked the target within

#### a circle the size of a half dollar piece. Boy Accidentally Killed.

Marcie Knapp, the 13-year-old son of J. D. Knapp, of Ainsley, was killed by the face and head.

### Bachle Out on Fonds.

Sheriff Trude released William Bachle from the county jail at Beatrice upon receipt of an order from the supreme court stating that he had been admitted to bail pending the action of the supreme court in disposing of his case. Bachle was sentenced to a term of three years in the

#### Missouri Pacific Feeling Ground J. P. Barrett, of Omaha, traveling freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, arrived at Beatrice and called on every business man with reference to the support

penitentiary on a statutory charge.

### Has Kind Neighbors.

During husking season S. T. Mapps, of The new city hall at Humboldt is rap- York, on account of sickness, was unable dly approaching completion, being now | to gather his large crop of corn. His n the hands of the plasterers. It is neighbors last week put twenty teams and hought it will be ready for occupancy huskers in his field of corn and soon had the cribs filled to overflowing.

The twenty-first canual meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's Association will be held in the stock judging pavilion of the university farm at Lincoln, Jan. 17 and 18. Henry C. Glissman, Omaha, offers a registered Holstein calf, either sex, valued at \$50, to contestant making highest score judging Holstein cows. Messrs. J. K. Honeywell and H. C. Young, Lincoln, offer jointly a registered Jersey calf, valued at \$50, to the contestant making the highest average score judging Jersey cows. Open to members of the association who are residents of the state. The first prize will be awarded to contestant making highest average score on both breeds, and in case of tie will be drawn

vided among those scoring 75 points out

of a possible 100 points, in the propor-

tion to the number of points scored above

75; provided that of the pro rata fund no

contestant shall receive to exceed the

sum of \$15. The judging will be done on

Thursday, Jan. 18, at 3 p. m., in the

stock judging pavilion at the university,

The state board of education recently held a meeting at Kearney to look into the conditions relative to the state's property there. Neither of the buildings is in such a state of completion that the board felt justified in accepting it. All except \$1,500 of the amount due on the Kearney building was allowed, making the payment \$4,750. The money withheld is to be used in finishing the interior, which will be completed by the first of the year, and \$1,000 is to be used in painting up the exterior and washing the artificial stone with an acid solution in an effort to remove the stains. When completed the building, according to Mr. McBrien, will be one of the best owned by the state. The chapel at Peru is also in an unfinished condition, although the contractor is within sight of its completion. In both instances the bonds are kept in full force for the protection of the state until the

The annual report of E. A. Church, thief oil inspector, filed with the governor, shows that for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 he had paid more money into the state treasury than any previous incumbent of the office. During the year the receipts of the department were \$21,-115, while the expenditures were \$11,-091.69, leaving a net balance of \$10,-023.31 to be covered into the state treasury. This is an average of \$832.27 a month, or nearly \$200 a month more than any other inspector has reported. A comparative statement of the average per month, back to the time J. H. Edmisten was chief inspector under the populist administration, is as follows: J. H. Edmisten, \$192,71; J. N. Gaffin, \$255.93; E. R. Sizer, \$653.41; J. E. Hays, \$561.34; E. A. Church, \$835.27.

work is finally completed and accepted.

The official announcement of the result in the state corn growing contest for boys indicates that Robert Engel, of Saunders County, is the winner of the first prize from among 500 contestants, representing 65 counties in the corn belt of the state. Engel received a score of 84 and will be awarded a cream separator valued at \$100. The winner of the second prize is D. O. Stelk, a Hall County schoolboy, while the third prize went to Talmage Miller, of Cass County, and the fourth to Winfred Bixby, of Lancaster County. State Superintendent McBrien announced that the prizes will be distributed as soon as the necessary affidavits of parents and guardians have been received, certifying to the production of the exhibits from the seed furnished by the state department.

Gov. Mickey has secured a compilation showing the percentage of increase in the assessment of land values in the eastern counties from 1903 to 1904. It shows that some counties advanced more than twice as much as the corporations, whose average increase was 73 per cent. The governor called attention to the fact that and ducks, geese and turkeys were in the realty values used by the railways their pens when the doors were opened, In their comparison include the western counties, where land was assessed at more than one-fifth and sometimes as much as one-half before the new law took effect requiring the use of one-fifth.

> The state auditor is not authorized to issue a certificate of organization to a society whose name or title so resembles a title already in use in the state as to have a tendency to mislead the public. Under this holding of the supreme court the Western Maccabees, a fraternal beneficiary association organized at Grand Island is deprived of the right to use the word "Maccabees" in the formation of its

corporate name. Thursday Attorney General Norris Brown filed a motion for a new trial in the case of the state against the State Journal Company, involving the alleged unauthorized publication of supreme court reports. At the office of that official the statement was made that the suit is an original action in the supreme court, and, therefore, the motion for a new trial had to be filed within

three days, just as in the district court. The state board of education elected Miss Charlotte Lowe a member of the faculty in the model school at Kearney. The new instructor taught for seven years at Liverpool, England, and is a graduate of the Peru normal. In addition, she has had several years' experience in city school work in Nebraska,

The third annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Association will be held at Lincoln Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 17, 18 and 19. All meetings will be held in the assembly room of the Lindell Hotel.

The Lashara State Bank of the town of Lashara, Saunders County, has received a charter from the state banking board. The paid up capital stock is \$5,000. The incorporators are: 'F. McGiverin, J. T. Conrad, A. G. Christensen, John Foster, G. W. Feuerstein and J. W. Feuerstein.

Dr. Edward A. Ross, formerly of Cornell and Stanford Universities, and for the last five years professor of sociology in the University of Nebraska, has resigned to accept a newly established chair of sociology in the University of Wiscon-