

Floods in Western Russia. Alexandrovsk, Government of Archangel, Russia, April 25.—(Delayed in transmission)—Reports from western Russia and Siberia tell of the sudden arrival of spring. The ice has broken up in the rivers and with the melting snows has caused abnormal high waters, which are doing great damage.

GREEK SECTION MAN KILLED.

Dill Armatas Stands on Track East of Battle Creek and is Struck. Dill Armatas, aged about 45, a Greek section man employed on the Northwestern, was killed two miles east of Battle Creek Tuesday noon by east-bound passenger train No. 6. The man did not get off the track when he saw the train coming, until the locomotive was nearly on him. Then he dropped his shovel and returned to get it. The body was brought to the Junction.

Atkinson Woman Fills the Pulpit.

Atkinson, Neb., April 25.—Special to The News: While Rev. Joseph Angell attended the meeting of the Nebraska presbytery at Wayne, Mrs. Angell took her husband's place in the pulpit for two Sundays.

Chicago Plans Aviation Meet.

Chicago, April 25.—An eight-day aviation meet at which \$100,000 will be distributed in prizes will begin here August 8. The meeting was decided upon by a committee of aviation enthusiasts.

Health Bad, Shoots Self.

Randolph, Neb., April 25.—Special to The News: W. Z. Newall, manager of the W. J. Schell Lumber company, ended his life at his home here this morning by shooting himself through the lungs. He was in bad health and was planning to move to Oregon on this account. He leaves a wife but no children. He was a member of the Royal Highlanders and the Woodman of the World. Mr. Newall came here a month and a half ago from Ellsworth, Minn.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

Arthur Black, a former South Dakotan, was assassinated at Montezuma, Colo. The only son of Finley Gunn and wife, living on a farm near Huron, was accidentally killed. Governor Vessey has appointed E. C. Sigler as county judge of McPherson county to fill a vacancy. A deal was made last week which changes the ownership and management of the Delmont Telephone company. Governor Vessey has appointed supervisors of election for the organization of Mellette county on the 25th day of May. As the result of pulling a loaded gun through a wire fence while hunting, Julius Wenzlaff of Freeman lost his life. C. M. Poe has sold the New theater at Yankton to Fred H. Hoerman of Washington, Kan., the consideration being \$33,000. By a vote of 2 to 1 in both debates the South Dakota state college won in dual intercollegiate debate with the North Dakota Agricultural college. George A. Clark, editor of the Journal Observer at Redfield, and Miss Elizabeth Gale were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Cincinnati. A freight on the South Dakota Central railway was unable to move out of Watertown Sunday because the engine had been chained to the track by the sheriff to satisfy an execution. Col. S. E. Young, superintendent of the South Dakota training school at Plankinton, died Sunday. Nimrod, an Indian policeman from Greenwood, was arrested and taken to Wagner on the charge of bigamy.

Coulon-O'Keefe a Draw.

Kansas City, Mo., April 26.—Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion of the world, and Eddie O'Keefe of Philadelphia fought ten fast rounds to a draw here.

Hogan to Fight Wolgast.

New York, April 26.—Walter "Smiley" Franey, manager of "One-Round" Hogan, is today wearing the smile that won't come off in anticipation of the victory of his man over Ad Wolgast, the world's lightweight champion. Franey earnestly believes that his protégé with the ominous sobriquet will dethrone the lightweight king when the pair throw gloves at each other for ten rounds at the Madison Athletic club. Hogan today rounded out a long sleep of preparation for his meeting with Wolgast and is now said to be in the condition commonly called "pink."

Police Stop Fight.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 26.—Young Saylor of this city easily outclassed Rouse O'Brien of Boston here in what was to have been a ten-round bout. After O'Brien had been knocked down twice and seemed to be in great distress, the police stopped the fight in the sixth round.

"Kid" Williams of Philadelphia

was no match for Jack Morgan of this city and this bout, which was scheduled for ten rounds, was stopped at the end of the third.

A Telephone Mistake.

Tilden Citizen: As showing what a repeated telephone message may develop into, the following is printed: Some days ago, a nephew of Charley Kohl arrived from Oklahoma. On the train between here and Norfolk he made a casual acquaintance of a young lady living in the neighborhood, who is a close friend of the Kohl family, and the young lady kindly took upon herself the task of apprising the Kohls that their nephew Ray was in town, waiting for a conveyance to take him to the farm. To reach its destination the message had to be repeated over two or three lines, with the result that Will Plumb was informed that Charley Kohl's baby was lost.

Will get busy with the good nature that makes him famous, he soon had all the telephones between Madison and Newman Grove asking for the lost little tot that was safe in bed and sleeping soundly.

Robbers Get Sole Proceeds.

West Point, Neb., April 25.—Word has been received here from the police department of Chicago that William Bombach, a well known "cuning county" citizen, who left West Point Monday on a trip to Germany, was robbed of his money in that city on Tuesday night. Mr. Bombach had just sold his farm and had with him \$1,000, half of which was in foreign drafts. Steps have been taken to stop payment on these. Up to this time no further particulars of the robbery have been learned.

Burns Hands, But Gets Here.

Neligh, Neb., April 25.—Special to The News: While making arrangements and getting her wearing apparel ready to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Federated clubs of the third district at Norfolk Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mrs. C. H. VanKirk of this city had an experience Sunday evening that she will not soon forget.

Mrs. VanKirk had a pair of gloves on her hands that she was washing with gasoline, but in the meantime had noticed that the oil stove had gone out, and immediately proceeded to get a match to light it. The match was struck and the gloves at once caught fire, also the pan containing the gasoline. The burns were pronounced quite painful, but not as serious as first anticipated.

A Physician bandaged the hands and she was among the many ladies of Neligh bound for Norfolk Monday morning.

Viele is On Normal Board.

A. H. Viele, president of the Norfolk board of education, was appointed a member of the state normal board by Governor C. H. Aldrich yesterday afternoon. There are five members on this board, which had charge of all the normal schools in the state. Mr. Viele received a telegram from Governor Aldrich telling him that he had been appointed on the board.

Among the first to congratulate Superintendent Bodwell of the Beatrice schools, who telephoned from Lincoln to Mr. Viele, telling him he had heard of the appointment. Mr. Bodwell was formerly superintendent of the Norfolk schools.

Mr. Viele's appointment to this board is considered a choice plum for Norfolk and an honor to the president of its educational board.

Mr. Viele succeeds Dr. Luther P. Ludden, his term beginning June 25.

NO SCRAMBLE FOR CHARTERS.

Predicted Effect of Guaranty Law Does Not Materialize.

Lincoln, April 26.—The action of the United States supreme court sustaining the validity of the Nebraska bank guaranty law, enacted at the legislative session of two years ago, has not had the predicted effect of causing a rush of national banks to voluntarily liquidate and apply for state charters. On the contrary, since the mandate of the Washington high court has been received the changes have been all the other way. Six state banks since the decision have made application to the controller of the currency to nationalize, and the impression is that the number will be increased before the machinery putting in effect the guaranty enactment is fairly put in motion. The state banks that have already applied for national charters are as follows:

The Farmers State bank of Wausa, capital stock \$50,000.

The Madison bank at Madison, capital stock \$50,000.

The Elkhorn Valley bank at Tilden, capital \$25,000.

The Belden bank at Belden, capital \$15,000.

The Farmers State bank at Laurel, capital \$25,000.

The Farmers and Traders State bank at Wakefield, capital \$40,000.

Not one application since the decision at Washington was rendered has been made from a national institution to change to a state bank and thereby come under the provisions of the guaranty law.

An attempt by the legislature, which has just concluded, to strengthen and improve the guaranty law is likely to lead to an interpretation by the supreme court of the state of the constitutionality of the proposed change. This was an amendment attached in the house to the McGrew senate bill. The house members were fearful that the McGrew bill would not stand the test of the courts, and tacked on an amendment which seeks to prevent state banks from nationalizing or liquidating by providing that any bank that is converted into a national must pay as a penalty the bank assessments for the guaranty fund from the date when the law first went into effect in 1909. This would amount to a penalty of 11-20 percent upon the deposits of all state banks. As the balance of the bill extends the date of the payments of assessments to June 1 of the year, the discrimination between the banks that remain under state charters and those that nationalize is deemed to be apparent and fatal to that section of the bill. It is believed by many that rather than run the risk of a further test in the courts, the state banking board will never attempt to enforce this provision against banks that nationalize.

If the provision is enforced a lot of banks will be penalized. In addition to the six that have already applied for national charters, twice that number, it is estimated, will make application during the year, three times the number that have made like application during any previous year.

Before state banks can advertise that their deposits are guaranteed by the state banking law they must show the banking board they have complied with the law. This may take several

months, so the few state banks that are now advertising on posters in their rooms and elsewhere that they are under the guaranty law are moving too quickly. This is the interpretation placed on the law by Secretary Roysse of the banking board.

Great Rain Hits Spots.

A great spring rain, amounting to 2.2 of an inch, fell in spots of northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota Tuesday night. The rain was showery, not being a general down-pour.

A good rain is reported in the vicinity of Dallas, in Gregory county, S. D.; a light rain fell between Inman and Valentine; Norfolk got a soaking; and in the South Platte country, a light rain fell at Superior. These were all the rains that had been reported at the Northwestern railroad headquarters in Norfolk at 9 o'clock.

The rain was needed, and will be of great benefit where it fell.

St. Charles, S. D., April 26.—Special to The News: It was cloudy all Monday afternoon and about 3 p. m. it rained not to exceed a quarter of an inch. Rain is needed. Everything is dry and small grain is starting slowly on account of no rain.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 26.—Special to The News: A steady downpour of rain began Monday evening and continued all night and until afternoon Tuesday. The ground is thoroughly soaked.

Witten, S. D., April 26.—Special to The News: Tripp county was visited by a general rain over the greater part of the county Saturday. Rain began falling in the morning and continued during the greater part of the day. Grass and small grain are looking fine and the prospects are good for a bountiful yield.

Valentine, Neb., April 26.—Special to The News: This section of the county had another good soaking, as there was a steady drizzle of a rain all Monday night and most of yesterday. This being the second rain within a week for this part of the country, everything in the growing line will be on the jump, as it relieves quite a long spell of dryness.

Women Talk of Reforms.

Declaring that their eighth annual convention was a successful one and delighted with their treatment at the hands of the Norfolk woman's club and the Norfolk people, the Third district Federation of Women's Clubs adjourned in the First Congregational church Tuesday evening.

Tuesday evening's session was one of the most interesting held by the convention. At this session Mrs. F. H. Cole of Omaha delivered the feature address of the convention. Her subject was "Civil Service."

The session was called to order at 8 o'clock and a large audience both the piano duet by Mesdames Booth and Hutchinson.

Mrs. T. J. Gist, state president of this organization, delivered the president's address at this session. She was followed by special music rendered by the Stanton ladies' quartette. After the resolutions committee made their report final adjournment was taken. No place has yet been selected to hold the next convention. Although it is customary to hold the convention at different points, many of the members are still in favor of Norfolk for the next meeting place.

Secretary Mrs. J. E. L. Fisher of Randolph is one of the strong Norfolk admirers.

"While it is customary to give everyone a chance," she said, "Norfolk is logical point to hold this convention. The railroad facilities are very good and we could not have been better treated than we have been in this city. I doubt whether Norfolk would want us again." Mrs. Fisher was assured Norfolk was always ready to welcome the club women.

During the business meeting Tuesday afternoon Mrs. F. A. Long of Madison was elected district vice president, succeeding Mrs. Carey of Bancroft, and Miss Ruth Shaw of this city was elected secretary, succeeding Mrs. Fisher of Randolph.

The feature of Tuesday afternoon's session was the address of state President Mrs. T. J. Gist of Falls City. Interesting talks were given by Mrs. F. H. Cole of Omaha, and other officers.

The subject of the endowment fund of the general federation was thoroughly gone over in an interesting address by Mrs. H. L. Keefe of Walthill. Mrs. Keefe is chairman of the state library committee and president of the Walthill club.

Immediately after the business session Tuesday afternoon, it was announced that the automobiles were ready and the ladies immediately made their way to Norfolk avenue, where on both sides of the street thirty-three cars were awaiting them. They formed in line of parade and were taken through the city and soon the machines with their load of delegates were speeding through the streets in every part of the city. The ladies were delighted with their entertainment and commented favorably on their treatment at the hands of the Commercial club.

Besides the literature brought by the literature committee on the subjects of domestic science, home economics, etc., Mrs. T. J. Gist, president of the state federation, had an interesting assortment of reading matter appealing to the women to take action in inducing railroads to improve stations and grounds. Other civic improvements suggested were:

Suggested improvements: Good roads, safe and safe Fourth of July, observe Arbor day, establish libraries, cupless fountains in schools, street cleaning, complete garbage collection, prohibitory expectation on streets, plant trees, arrange for play grounds, avoid throwing ashes in streets because it is hazardous to

automobile tires, paint telephone and telegraph poles, etc.

Among the visitors attending the convention were:

Mrs. Curtis L. Day, Pender; Mrs. L. Matthews, Fremont; Mrs. F. B. Knapp, Fremont; Mrs. Dan V. Stephens, Fremont; Mrs. W. S. Swanson, Oakland; Mary Wells, Oakland; Mrs. Alice M. Daniels, Bancroft; Mrs. Jean H. McVicker, North Bend; Mrs. Sarah E. Maccon, North Bend; Mrs. F. J. Pratt, Humphrey; Miss Anna Keogh, Humphrey; Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, West Point; Mrs. Metta D. Fisher, Randolph; Mrs. H. E. Mason, Meadow Grove; Mrs. Cecil Thornydyke, Randolph; Mrs. Frank Moore, Creighton; Mrs. R. H. Rice, Allison, Creighton; Mrs. R. H. C. Neligh; Mrs. O. A. Williams, Neligh; Mrs. W. H. Green, Creighton; Mrs. Mae Orris, Stanton; Mrs. Belle Young, Stanton; Mrs. Alice Webb, Wayne; Mrs. Jean R. Mines, Wayne; Mrs. E. R. Scheinmann, Oskdale; Mrs. Helen Tolles, Laurel; Mrs. O. B. Bowers, Tekamah; Mrs. J. A. Goodwill, Tekamah; Mrs. S. Ritchie, Neligh; Edna McLeod, Stanton; Wilda Chase, Stanton; Mrs. Gertrude Namur, Stanton; Mrs. Anna McLeod, Stanton; Mrs. B. G. Graham, Bancroft; Mrs. Alma Diers, Madison; Mrs. Grace Blackman, Madison; Mrs. C. A. Hewitt, Neligh; Mrs. Daniel Meadow Grove; Mrs. J. C. Hay, Laurel; Mrs. Cando, Laurel; Mrs. H. Oxnam, Norfolk; Mrs. F. E. Bell, Norfolk; Mrs. S. F. Erskine, Norfolk; Mrs. Willis E. Reed, Madison; Mrs. Lillie Slocum, Wisner; Mrs. Myrtle B. Kinzel, Wisner; Mrs. Harry L. Keefe, Walthill; Mrs. F. H. Cole, Omaha; Mrs. T. F. Gist, Falls City; Mrs. C. N. Erwin, Bancroft; Mrs. Mabel VanKirk, Neligh; Mrs. Sarah VanKirk, Neligh; Mrs. J. C. El-Hott, West Point; Mrs. Alice Neligh, Bancroft; Mrs. J. E. L. Carey, Bancroft; Mrs. Kelsey Trowbridge, Neligh; Mrs. Hester A. Frye, Meadow Grove; Mrs. Sarah M. Hookstra, Creighton; Mrs. W. H. Boose, Meadow Grove; Miss May Dow, Meadow Grove; Mrs. W. W. Brown, Creighton; Mrs. Calvin Keller, Creighton; Mrs. Helen Nance, Randolph; Mrs. W. J. Bogardus, Neligh; Mrs. H. L. Kindred, Meadow Grove; Mrs. L. A. Brown, Meadow Grove; Mrs. W. R. Locke, Stanton; Mrs. Edna M. Underburg, Stanton; Mrs. T. Warner, Oskdale; Mrs. G. Kelsey, Neligh; Mayme A. Manning, Stanton; Mrs. Lillie West, Bancroft; Mrs. F. A. Long, Madison; Mrs. C. L. Waffles, Neligh; Minnie E. Anthony, Wausa; Mrs. Nels Linskov, Pilger; Mrs. George W. Munger, Pilger; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Neligh; Mrs. Amy Mackey, Stanton; Mrs. Mabel Johnson, Neligh; Mrs. Clara Grant, Stanton; Mrs. Lulu Boyce, Pierce; Mrs. Aletta Thompson, Wisner; Mrs. A. R. Oleson, Wisner; Mrs. S. M. Moss, Wisner; Mrs. Jessie C. Hawkins, Wisner; Mrs. Augusta Baer, Stanton; Mrs. Edith Feyerherm, Stanton; Irene Feyerherm, Stanton; Mrs. F. H. Scott, Norfolk; Miss Bliese Monroe, Foundulac, Wis.

The afternoon's session was opened at 1:30 by a vocal solo by Mrs. Cain, Jr., of Stella. Greetings from the visiting officers followed and then the convention dived into real business, receiving the reports of more state committees. Mrs. Neligh of Bancroft, of the literature committee, Dr. Plette of Walthill of the health committee, and Mrs. Keefe of Walthill of the endowment fund and general federation committee, made interesting reports. The business meeting followed and the convention adjourned to enjoy the automobile ride under the auspices of the Norfolk Commercial club. L. P. Pasewalk having charge of this feature.

Those donating the service of the machines were: Herbert King, O. N. Stukey, A. H. Viele, H. A. Pasewalk, C. F. Shaw, W. P. Logan, Frank E. Melcher, Clarence W. Scofield, Dr. C. J. Verges, W. A. Emery, W. A. Kingsley, John Best, W. H. Parriott, A. Kohn, H. E. Hard, W. H. Blakeman, S. G. Mayer, George B. Christoph, D. Rees, George D. Butterfield, E. P. Olmsted, Henry Klug, E. M. Huntington, George Dudley, H. C. Sattler, Dr. C. A. McKim, C. B. Salter, August Klesau, Jack Koelnigstein.

Viele Gets Ludden Job.

State Journal: Governor Aldrich has got the official seal of the Rev. Luther P. Ludden of Lincoln, member of the state normal board around whom the affairs of that board have revolved with considerable speed for the past ten years. Others have tried to get the coveted lock of hair and fall, but Governor Aldrich did the trick by appointing A. H. Viele of Norfolk to succeed Mr. Ludden when the latter's term expires June 25. Mr. Viele is president of the Norfolk school board. He has been a merchant for many years and was formerly a locomotive engineer on the Northwestern railroad. He was recommended by Superintendent Waterhouse of Omaha and Superintendent Bodwell of Beatrice, and Mr. Ludden suspects that State Superintendent Crabtree knows something about how the appointment was made. Mr. Crabtree is the gentleman whom Mr. Ludden helped to relieve of the principalship of the state normal at Peru and after the removal of the people of the state elected Mr. Crabtree state superintendent.

Mr. Bodwell was in the office of the state superintendent when the appointment was announced by the governor yesterday. He said he had taught at Norfolk and he knew Mr. Viele to be a good man for the position.

Mr. Crabtree did not deny that he knew the governor, but he smilingly said he did not even know Mr. Viele, the appointee, except that he had heard him highly spoken of.

Dr. Ludden is known throughout the west. He is known as a preacher, teacher and politician. In the old days when state conventions were held he was usually a prominent figure on the stage at every republican state meet-

ing in Nebraska. He is serving his fifth year on the state normal board. Preceding his appointment on the state board he was for nine years a member of the board of education of Lincoln. This makes a total of nineteen years' service in the school board work. For eighteen years he was secretary of the Nebraska poultry society. He was president of a Lutheran orphan home at Nachusa, Ill., but resigned last year. He has dropped most of his work except the field secretaryship of the home mission board of the Lutheran church.

Ludden's Appointment.

A reporter broke the news of Dr. Ludden's deputation to him yesterday as gently as possible. The reporter found Dr. Ludden in the new office room of the state normal board in the basement of the state house. The room is to be occupied by the board tomorrow. Dr. Ludden was found on his knees on the floor of the board room. He was clad in overalls and was sandpapering paint spots on the cement floor.

"I hired janitors to do this," said Dr. Ludden gaily, "but they said they could not get the spots off the floor. They tried everything except elbow grease, and now I propose to do the work with the aid of my son."

"You will not need to do that after June 25," said the reporter in a tone of voice as solemn as the occasion required.

"Ah, ha, he has appointed, has he?" quickly replied Dr. Ludden. "I knew would not get it. I told some of the fellows it was fixed long ago. Well, I will keep right on with this work just the same so the next man will have a clean floor to walk on."

"Any way," said Mr. Ludden, "I am the only member of the board who in the past twenty years was reappointed for a five-year term. The term of each appointee is now five years. Governor Savage appointed me at a time when Johnson county and Nemaha county each asked for the place. The trouble grew so hot that the governor went outside of those two counties for a man and appointed me. I never knew anything about it till I read it in the State Journal. When I asked Governor Savage about it he said I had received the best endorsement of any candidate he had ever seen. I told him I would like to know who my friends were."

"Well, sir," replied the governor, "I myself replied your application with myself and I myself endorsed the application. The endorsement I consider one of the best I ever saw."

"Governor Mickey once told me he would not appoint me, but he did. The board stood a tie on the election of a president for the new state normal at Kearney while I was in the state of New York. Members of the board telegraphed me for my proxy, but I refused to let any one have it. Governor Mickey was anxious to see Professor Fordyce elected president of the Kearney school and when I returned to Lincoln he told me he would not reappoint me on the normal board, but some of them got busy and he did appoint me for a second term."

Under Governor Shallenberger's administration the legislature passed a bill which would have legislated Mr. Ludden and the other members of the board out of office, but the supreme court declared it unconstitutional because it did not repeal or amend the law creating the state normal board and would have left two normal boards in existence.

Norton Tells of His Experience.

Wheatland, Wyo., April 24.—Editor News: I note in your paper of April 21 that Mr. Craven was wound up on a shaft and undressed. I call to mind just such an experience when Dexter and I were doing business at the old stand. I was performing just the same stunt when my suspenders or blouse were caught on a set screw and began undressing me. But by an unearthly yell from "Old Pat" which reached the ear of Billy Schwerdtfeger, my little engineer, I was saved from being a harp player in another world. I had a little more on me than Dan did. I had a collar beside my shoes and stockings.

Respectfully yours, E. M. Norton.

Baseball Lineup is Now Assured.

Although the game between the Norfolk regulars and the high school baseball teams was called off Tuesday evening, the Norfolk team announced their lineup as follows: Hoffman, Keleher, Krahn, Gilsman, Butler, Rusk, Schelley, South, Miller, Wilde.

There are a number of other members of the team, but they have not yet been announced. W. J. Stafford was elected manager and Paul Zuelow treasurer of the club, which will hold a monster meeting in a few days. From arrangements made by the members of the club, the opening day is not far away. On this day the players and their admirers are to parade up and down Norfolk avenue, headed by the band.

KNOW HIM IN GREECE.

Dead Section Man Has Wife and Children in the Old Country.

Vassilios Armatas, the Greek laborer who was killed Tuesday afternoon by Northwestern train No. 6 near Battle Creek, was well known by Gus Cades of this city. Armatas has a wife and a number of children in Greece and was to have sent for them soon. He came to Norfolk only five months ago from South America, where he had been employed. His brother, who lives in Iowa, and his cousin, a broker of Council Bluffs, arrive in the city today to arrange for the funeral services to be held here Thursday. The remains will be interred in the Prospect Hill cemetery.

The death of Armatas was a sad one. The man and his companions, a section gang, were at work on the railroad tracks between here and Battle Creek. When No. 6 was stopped 200 yards of them, the men watched

working and hurried out of the way. Armatas left his shovel and made a spectacular leap to get it. His companions saw him jump but did not see him when the pilot of the engine struck the unfortunate foreigner in the back and threw him some distance. He was brought to the Sessions & Bell undertaking parlors, where a pocketbook was found hanging around his neck. The purse contained one lone silver dollar. A letter was found in his pocket from a relative in Greece which showed that Armatas was sending money to South America to help friends.

Armatas was about 40 years old. He was a perfectly built man. With the exception of slight scratches on his face, resulting from his fall to the ground after the train struck him, and the ribs on the back where he was struck as he stooped over to pick up his implement, there are no other wounds. The ribs were broken and severed from the backbone. Death was instantaneous.

"I knew Armatas in Greece," says Mr. Cades. "He was then a young man and also one of the most perfectly built and handsome men in my part of the country."

TILDEN MUST APPEAR.

Bribery Committee Acts on the Packer's Case.

Springfield, Ill., April 26.—The state senate bribery investigation committee decided that Edward Tilden, Chicago packer and financier, George M. Benedict and William C. Cummings, Chicago bankers, be summoned before the bar of the senate to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of that body for refusing to appear in response to subpoenas.

Kidnaping All Fake?

Omaha, April 26.—Chief of Police Donohue stated today that no further investigation would be made of the alleged kidnaping of Bernard Smyth last night. He declared he believed the whole affair to be a "fake."

Omaha, April 26.—Bernard Smyth, 19 years old, son of C. J. Smyth, a prominent and wealthy attorney of this city, was kidnaped by four men believed to be Italians late yesterday afternoon, but escaped a few hours afterward and returned home uninjured, soon after his absence had alarmed the family and the police had begun a search for him.

A few weeks ago C. J. Smyth began receiving letters signed "blank hand," demanding \$2,500 in cash and threatening the death or abduction of his son, Bernard. The matter was finally reported to the police but no clues to the writer were found.

Last evening about 6 o'clock, young Smyth left Creighton university, where he is a student, taking a car at Twenty-fourth and Cumming streets for his home on North Thirtieth street. A man apparently an Italian, boarded the same car and left it when Smyth did. When the car had gone on the man suddenly seized the boy and struck him heavily in the face. Before he recovered from the shock an automobile containing three other Italians came up.

Awakes and Gets Away.

The boy was thrown in and his face covered with a cloth saturated with chloroform, which soon rendered him unconscious. When he regained consciousness he was in an abandoned building a mile or two west of the city and his lone guard was asleep.

Young Smyth was tied but managed to slip his bonds and made his way home.

Mrs. John Schmidt.

Following the birth of her tenth child, Mrs. John Schmidt, 300 North Tenth street, died at 6:30 Wednesday morning, a tumor causing death. The child was stillborn. No funeral arrangements have been made up to the present time. Besides the husband, Mrs. Schmidt leaves eight children, five daughters and three sons—Margaret, Agnes, Clara, Robert and William, and three who are under 10 years of age.

Mrs. Herman Hoefs.

Mrs. Herman Hoefs, 510 South Third street, died from a stroke of apoplexy at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services will be held from the family home at 2 o'clock and from the Christ Lutheran church at 2:30, Thursday afternoon. Interment will be made in the New Lutheran cemetery.

Bertha Weier was born in Wismar, Pomerania, Germany, on March 12, 1861. In 1881 her parents moved direct to Norfolk from Germany and in 1886 she was united in marriage to Herman Hoefs in this city. To this union five children were born, three of whom are living. They are Emil, Oscar and Mrs. Victor Merha, all of Norfolk.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Hoefs, with her daughter, Mrs. Merha, was doing the family washing. While engaged this stroke struck at 10:30, suffering the stroke which proved fatal at 4:30.

F. K. Fulton Buys Madison Ave. Lots.

F. K. Fulton has purchased the two houses and lots, 405 and 407 Madison avenue, from Dr. C. J. Verges for \$3,500. Mr. Fulton had had the refusal of these lots at this figure, for some time, but he offered to waive his right if the Elks cared to buy at this figure. The trustees, however, did not feel that that would be fair to Mr. Fulton, who was anxious to secure the property.

Threshermen End Session.

Meeting of committees displaying the various exhibits and the continuation of registration took up the entire morning of the second day's session of the Nebraska Brotherhood of Threshermen's convention. It was estimated that 200 of the threshermen were in the city, but many had failed to register up to a late hour in the afternoon.

The afternoon session was called to order in the Auditorium at 1:30 by President Shannon and another bus-

ness meeting was held under the direction of the state officers and James Winters, representing the American Thresherman.

It was announced that during the business session several vice-presidents would be elected. These are the only elections in order. The remainder of the new officers were elected at the Lincoln convention, of which meeting this is an adjourned session.

NEED OF ORGANIZATION.

"Benefits of Organization" was the feature subject talked on in the Auditorium by the Nebraska Brotherhood of Threshermen, whose adjourned convention was called to order at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon by President F. E. Shannon of Hastings. That the threshermen and visitors seemed to enjoy inspecting Norfolk was noticeable from the fact that the Auditorium was not as well crowded as it would have been if all the delegates and visitors had attended the meeting. In all there were about 100 threshermen in the Auditorium, while half that number were busy investigating the mysteries of the threshing machines.

The registration did not begin in reality until Wednesday morning, when the Bullock offices, which are being used as the threshermen's headquarters, were well filled by delegates and Secretary E. L. Smith, who had charge of the registration, found himself a busy man.

The threshermen who did not attend Tuesday afternoon's session lost some very good information which was wholly to their benefit. The music by Voget's Beethoven quartet was splendid and Professor Voget outdid himself in a fine violin solo.

Although brief, the address of welcome delivered by C. J. Bullock for the Norfolk Commercial club was received with hearty applause.

President Shannon responded to this address and was immediately followed by the feature subject of the afternoon, "Benefits of Organization." In the discussion of this subject many prominent speakers took part, among them being Willis E. Reed of Madison; J. W. Hamer, manager of the Advance Thresher company, Lincoln; C. A. Randall, Lincoln manager of the Rumely company; James Winters, of the American Thresherman, Madison, Wis.; S. H. Powers, Gould Balance Valve company, Kellogg, Ia.

Willis E. Reed Talks.