

Summary of the Commission Plan. Following is a brief summary of the new law regarding the commission form of government for cities of Norfolk's class in Nebraska.

Any citizen in Nebraska, with a population of 5,000 or more, may adopt the provisions of the act. In order to determine this question a petition that the same be submitted to the people, signed by electors aggregating 20 per cent in number of the voters cast at the last general election for mayor shall be filed with the city clerk, and it then becomes the duty of the mayor to cause notice to be given of special election to be held not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of giving such notice, at which election the question of adopting the commission form of government shall be submitted to the voters of the city.

If the plan is adopted by a majority vote, the question cannot be again submitted until after two years. If adopted, then at the next regular city election three councilmen shall be elected at large, provided such plan is adopted thirty days prior to such general election. Such councilmen shall be nominated at a primary election to be held the third Tuesday before such general election, and no name shall be printed on the primary ballot except those who file a request therefor with the city clerk at least ten days prior to such primary election, or are nominated by a petition signed by at least twenty-five voters, to be filed with the city clerk at least ten days prior to the same time. At such primary election each elector shall vote for three candidates, and the six candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the candidates at the regular city election.

How They're Elected. At the regular city election only the six names shall be placed on the official ballot, each elector shall vote for three candidates, and the three receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. As soon as such councilmen qualify, by giving bond and subscribing to an oath as now provided by law, the terms of office of all councilmen theretofore elected shall terminate. The term of office of such councilmen shall be for two years, and any one or all are subject to be recalled when a petition is presented to the clerk signed by 30 per cent of the number of votes cast at the last preceding regular city election, and the vote on the recall and the candidates to succeed them shall be held and called in the same manner as regular elections under this act, with the primary election first for nomination of candidates.

Such councilmen have all the powers of the mayor and council of cities under the present system, including that of all other city officers. For administrative purposes, said councilmen shall divide the affairs of the city into three departments as follows: 1. Department of public affairs and public safety; 2. Department of accounts and finances; 3. Department of streets, public improvements and public property. This shall be done at the first meeting of the council, and one councilman shall be chosen to be the head of each department. Such council shall prescribe the duties of each and shall elect by a majority vote a president of the council, who shall be styled and known as the mayor of the city, and such mayor shall be superintendent of the first department named, and the superintendent of the second department shall be vice-president and perform the duties of president in his absence. Vacancies in the council are filled by the remaining members.

The council may employ such officers and employees as in their judgment are necessary for the economical needs of the city, fix their salaries and may discharge them at any time. They shall hold regular meetings at such times as they may fix. Any officer or employee of the city, who, by solicitation or otherwise, shall exert his influence directly or indirectly to influence any other officer or employee of the city to adopt his political views, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding \$100 or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

All general laws and ordinances remain in force, not in conflict with this act. The initiative and referendum rights are given to the people under this act. Two commissioners receive \$200 a year, and one, the chairman or mayor, \$500. Advantages Claimed for It. Some of the advantages of the commission form of government for Norfolk are pointed out as follows: The number of the councilmen are reduced from eight to three, which will expedite the transaction of business and do away with many a midnight session. A reduction of the salaries of mayor and councilmen from \$1,500 to \$1,100 per annum. An opportunity to reduce number of officers and employees by adopting a business system of transaction of the affairs of the city, to the end that the salary budget at the present time may be reduced and more efficient and effective service received. It takes the city's affairs and business entirely out of politics. Councilmen are elected at large instead of by wards, and thus each councilman represents the whole city and not a particular ward. Officers and employees can be selected wholly on account of their efficiency and worth to the city, and not as a reward for political support. Officers and employees can be discharged at any time for inefficiency or neglect of duty. Citizens having grievances or matters needing attention can at once reach the one who has power to act; that is, the head of the department under which the matter comes, who alone is responsible for the conduct of his department. The expense of a general election every other year is saved. Nomination of councilmen by primary election. Privilege of the initiative and referendum and recall.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: Late Saturday evening Henry L. Bruhn, a resident of Tilden, who was in town doing contract work, was thrown from his wagon and dragged for a number of blocks. When rescued and taken from beneath the wagon he was found to be almost dead,

and expired a few minutes after being released. He was a man of 40 years of age and unmarried. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. His brothers living in Iowa were notified, and they removed the body to that state for interment.

VIOLET IS STILL UNFOUND.

Chicago Police Will Try to Locate Her in Distant Cities. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Undaunted by fruitless investigation of misleading clues in their search for missing Violet Buehler, the police prepared today to extend their efforts to half a dozen states.

Both Inspector Hunt and Captain O'Brien have many letters in their possession from persons who believe they have seen the missing girl and it is the belief that at least one of these may prove valuable. They intend to let none go uninvestigated. Letters have been received from Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and as far as Utah and North Dakota. It is the intention of the detective department here to ask the police in every city from which letters have been received, to make inquiries if there is any foundation for them.

Mrs. Buehler spent the day yesterday with detectives investigating clues in and about Evanston in hope of finding her foster daughter but they proved unavailing. Canning Factory Is Assured. A telegram announcing that this deal, one of the most important in Norfolk's career, will be closed, has just been received by H. A. Pasewalk, president of the Norfolk Industrial company, from A. F. Wentworth, who was in the city recently negotiating the proposition. His telegram follows: May Employ 250 People. Will close deal according to lease I have. Will be in your town in about two weeks. Will forward papers in few days as soon as I can get parties together and in the meantime I wish you all the compliments of the season.

This means that Norfolk is to have a canning factory which, in the busy season of the year, will probably employ as high as 250 people. Other Factories to Follow. The company this year will can only sweet corn and about 1,100 acres of that crop are needed from farmers in this vicinity to keep the plant going. Next year other vegetables will be put up.

The present plans of the company are that later a textile factory, to knit sweaters and other garments, and a candy factory will be established in order to employ the canning plant force the year around. Farmers Welcome It. Norfolk farmers are enthusiastic over the prospects of a canning factory for this city. A substantial number of contracts have already been signed by farmers, who agree to raise sweet corn to be canned at the factory. The Wentworth company will have no trouble in getting all the sweet corn it can use in its factory, says a prominent Norfolk farmer. "I am going to put in 100 acres of sweet corn which I intend to raise for this factory," says another farmer.

Sore Thumb Causes Amputation. Following an attack of blood poisoning that resulted from a scratched thumb, the arm of Mrs. W. F. Sachtjen, near Madison, was amputated Monday night. Tuesday morning her temperature had gone down somewhat and there seemed some hope of saving her life. The arm was removed between the elbow and shoulder. Mrs. Sachtjen was still alive at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, but very grave doubts were entertained as to her recovery. An Omaha surgeon performed the operation.

Only 16 Below Zero. The weather man said it would be warmer, and it was—2 degrees. The mercury only got down to 16 below during the night. Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 2.—The coldest weather of the winter was registered here this morning when the thermometer dropped to 12 degrees below zero. A Michigan Bank Fails. Albion, Mich., Jan. 2.—The Albion National bank was closed today. A notice posted on the door says that the bank is in the hands of the comptroller of the currency. The bank's deposits are said to have fallen from \$246,000 on Sept. 1, 1910, to about \$200,000 at the present time. W. O. Donoghue is president and H. M. Deering cashier.

ARE TO ATTACK HARMON. "Progressive" Democrats in His Own State Meet to Confer. Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Delegates to the conference of progressive democrats scheduled to open here today, began to arrive this morning. Just what would be done was a matter that caused much speculation even among those who called the conference. That the doctrine advocated by Gov. Judson Harmon would be condemned was the belief of former Congressman Lantz and others, although they insisted that Harmon would not be made an issue personally. No candidate would be endorsed for the democratic nomination for president, it seemed. "Progressive planks in the democratic platform is what this organization will endeavor to obtain," said Mr. Lantz. "As soon as the permanent organization is formed and Ohio sufficiently covered, the movement will be carried throughout the union. It has been stated that we are attacking Gov. Harmon. This is untrue. Some of his ideas may not be in accord with the ideas of 'progressive' democratic leaders and other people interested in

several miles up and down hill using acetylene gas for power until he arrived near a church which carried the only supply of gasoline in that vicinity. He made the run of 126 miles in four and one-half hours, which included the time spent on two ferries at Rhinehart and Roundout and one-half an hour waiting for one of the ferries. Recently in Detroit, automobile engineers pronounced acetylene too weak a combustible to compete with gasoline as a source of engine power, Mr. Leggett's performance to the contrary, notwithstanding. Kentucky Legislature Meets. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2.—With the democrats in complete control of both houses, the first session of the Kentucky legislature in 1912 convened today. The democrats are pledged to begin bringing about a more practical school system, good roads, revision of the state tax system, a non-partisan prison commission, the overthrow of the lobby, a direct primary law and a corrupt practices act. Veeder Resumes Stand. Chicago, Jan. 2.—When the trial of the ten Chicago meat packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law, was resumed today, Henry Veeder, secretary of the old pool in existence between 1893 and 1896 and which the government declares fixed the price of fresh meat by ballot, continued his story of the inside workings of the alleged combination.

Billie Burke Quiets 'Em. Waives Through Water With Skirts Rolled Up to Assure Those in Fear. Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Miss Billie Burke rolled up her—no, she didn't roll them up; she just held them up. She held up her skirts and waded through the flood that covered the stage of the Broad street theater. The sight of Miss Billie holding up her skirts reassured the big audience that had become curious, to say the least, at the phenomena of a miniature Niagara pouring into the footlight trough. The flood was so large that several members of the orchestra were astonished out of their time when it first flowed under the curtain. It was between the acts in the performance of "The Runaway" when somebody by accident set off the automatic fire sprinkler on the stage. People were reaching for their overcoats when the curtain went up and Miss Billie came paddling to the front. "You see what has happened," she said, pointing to the drenched stage. "The automatic sprinkler heads have been dislodged and although some damage has been done, we hope to resume the performance in a few minutes."

And after a wait of a quarter of an hour the play proceeded without traces of the curious accident. A Train Is Burned. St. Peters, Mo., Jan. 2.—Wabash passenger train No. 1, from St. Louis to Kansas City, left the track at the station here at 11 o'clock, and from ten to fourteen persons were injured. All but two coaches turned over, and eight of them were burned. One of the sleepers crashed into the little station and toppled it over. BRYAN RAPS HARMON. Says He Is Being Supported by Wall Street. Lincoln, Dec. 29.—W. J. Bryan in his Commoner today flays Gov. Harmon of Ohio for playing a dual role in democratic politics by assuming to be progressive when he is in reality reactionary and derives his strongest support from Wall street. AGED 94, SWIMS WITH EASE. Oldest Member of California Swimming Club, Takes Part. San Diego, Cal., Jan. 2.—A feature of the New Years plunge of the San Diego Swimming club was the presence and activity of its oldest member, O. J. Stough, 94 years old. He swam with as much ease and vigor as any of the younger men, for half an hour. He Must Be Cautious. But there is another objection, to this ordinance, it includes the improvement of a street that will not be of much public benefit, and it contemplates the voting of bonds to pay for the intersections; bonds that will have to be paid by general tax upon all of the property of the city. The protests of those who object to the city establishing the precedent of voting bonds to pay for the intersections of any or all the streets; streets used only on the principal by those living upon them, and not the general public throughout, is entitled to consideration; the policy of so doing is doubtful. The people of the city have just expressed themselves as opposed to increasing their bonded indebtedness, and those most active in opposition to the voting of the bonds are somewhat inconsistent in now urging upon the city another bonded debt, that certainly promises much less benefit to the general public than the one voted down; and after the manifest disapproval of the citizens of further bonded indebtedness, it is expected that the recent special election, as executive officer of the city cannot but realize that it is his duty to move with great caution in any matter that has for its aim and object an improvement that will increase the bonded indebtedness of the city. It is true that these side streets may be improved, when a petition is presented signed by three-fourths of the owners of property abutting upon the street, asking that the street be paved at the cost of the property owners, including the intersections. The council is authorized to so order the paving without expense to the city, and this is but reasonable; the taxpayers at the Junction, or South Norfolk, or in Edgewater Park or elsewhere should not be compelled to assist in paving North Ninth street or any other street that are not of general public benefit. It is estimated that it will take at least \$20,000.00 to pay for the inter-

sections in the Paving District No. 2 as proposed, and a portion of it at least is unnecessary; then if the action of the council in so forming the district, and the other reasons suggested should not be upheld, not only the costs of the intersections, but of the entire paving as well will be saddled upon the city. Expects Public Approval. Under the circumstances I believe I will be derelict in duty if I fail to exercise the power conferred upon me in an attempt to prevent it, and I doubt not that my action in so doing will meet the hearty approval and approbation of the people of the city who so lately expressed themselves as opposed to any increase in our bonded indebtedness, even for a purpose all I framed men concede to be necessary. In regard further to the proposed paving district, I look upon the extension of the paving west on Norfolk avenue as in the nature of a luxury at this time, and the extension of the paving up ninth street an unwarranted creation of a public debt at this time, since the condition of several of the streets leading to the depot at South Norfolk is such as to make them at times almost impassable, and to call loudly for paving at the first moment the public mind is in condition to sanction further bonded indebtedness against the city, which of course will be necessary to furnish funds to pave the intersections of streets and alleys and spaces opposite, unless of course, the paving district can be created upon a petition signed by three-fourths of the abutting owners. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official signature, at the mayor's office in the city of Norfolk, Madison county, Neb., this 30th day of December, 1911. John Friday, Mayor. Councilmen Are Surprised. "I don't like to see that," said Councilman P. J. Fuesler, when he heard that the mayor had vetoed the paving ordinance. "This is the first I have heard of it," said the councilman. "The election is over now, and there is no use acting that way about it. I don't know what reasons he had for vetoing the ordinance. It was passed regularly by the council."

"I never heard of the ordinance being vetoed," says Councilman Verges. "The mayor told me that he would not sign it until he heard something definite about a paved street to South Norfolk, but he never mentioned anything about vetoing the ordinance."

Threats Were Made. The mayor intimated that he would veto the ordinance before the election for the \$75,000 municipal light bonds. "If the bonds fail to carry, there will be no paving," is the gist of the intimation credited to him. Friends of the mayor also declared on several occasions before the bond election that if the bonds failed carriage the paving of West Norfolk avenue and North Ninth street would be blocked. Norfolk May Get Brewery. West Point, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: It is rumored that the West Point Brewing association is considering seriously the removal of its entire extensive plant to Norfolk. It is understood that a cash bonus has been offered by business men of Norfolk of such size as to make the proposition very attractive. The threatened loss of this institution is regretted by the citizens of West Point, as it gives steady employment to a number of families. The loss of the brewery would also materially affect the municipal revenues of the city, and altogether would be regarded as a distinct calamity by the people here. The matter will be finally settled at the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 8. Judge Welch's Court Dates. Judge A. A. Welch has announced court dates for the year in the Ninth judicial district as follows: Pierce, Jan. 29, Sept. 19; Wayne, Feb. 19, Nov. 7; Antelope, March 4, Sept. 3; Knox, April 3; Oct. 3; Madison, April 23; Nov. 25. Equity, first week; jury, Monday of second week of each term; naturalizations first day of each term after April 1, and in Pierce May 13, Antelope May 15, Wayne May 20. Warden O'Brien Brings Birds. State Game Warden O'Brien of Lincoln added color to the show room of the annual exhibit of the Northeastern Nebraska Poultry association last night by putting on display six varieties of pheasants. A fine park-like cage, with evergreens, had been constructed for the state birds, and when they were deposited in their new home their beautiful colors brought forth much admiration. Among the foreign birds are the silver laced pheasants, golden pheasants, synchro's, China's ring neck, Lady Amherst and the Reeves.

The state birds take kindly to their new home and are strutting about on the sandy floor displaying the fine points to many of those already visiting the chicken show. Warden O'Brien left this morning for Lincoln and will return shortly to resume charge of the state display. Judge Scharf arrived during the afternoon and the judging of the birds will commence this evening. Over 400 birds are already on exhibition at the show, and reports from many of those who have filed their entries show that by tonight all will have arrived. The first excitement of the show occurred at noon when a smart bantam rooster escaped from his pen and gave the show officials fifteen minutes' chase. So excited became the other birds in the cages that the noise was deafening. Vice-President Davenport, with the assistance of Treasurer Mathewson and other officials, captured the king of the little chicken variety in a corner near the state exhibit. The rooster was entered by Mr. Davenport. A feature of this year's show is the

pen arrangement, which is both unique and convenient. Alleys have been arranged, and each variety has been put in its respective alley. The show room will be well filled, with little room to spare, by this evening. The prize winners will probably not be announced before Friday night. WEDNESDAY WRINKLES. Miss Mae Shively returned to Peru to resume her studies. Mrs. G. O. Rankin will return to her home in Scribner. Harry and Hans Thompson are here visiting with the O. N. Stuckey family. Herbert Frederick of Foster has resumed his studies at the Norfolk business college. Mrs. A. P. Larsen and Miss Olga Grauel left for Chicago this noon to be gone for a week. Miss Bernadine French of Clearwater and Miss Margarite Haneman of Ewing are visiting with Miss Leila Scott. Mrs. M. Johnson left on the Union Pacific for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will visit friends for the next three months. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whelan, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Schlack of Hoskins, a son. The Trinity guild will meet with Mrs. Braden Thursday afternoon. John Potthome has resumed his position as drug clerk in the C. J. Fleming department will hold a regular meeting tonight. The West Side Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koenigstein on Thursday evening. W. W. Dellart, who underwent an operation for gallstones at Omaha last Saturday, is reported to be resting as well as could be expected. Freeman H. J. Lensch of the North-western road is suffering from a badly injured eye. A hot cinder fell in Lensch's eye at Neligh recently. Ladies' Aid society of the First Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Edwin Booth, Jr., Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. W. H. Blakeham assisting. A "hot wienie" social will be given at the home of J. Ballantyne by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. There will be no charge and the public is welcome.

Ray F. Lucas is laid up at a South Norfolk boarding house, suffering from an injured eye. Lucas was breaking an coal on an engine at Humphrey and a piece of the coal struck him in the eye. Water pipes in the Emil Wachter home played havoc this morning. All the pipes were frozen and bursted. The cellar was filled with water and the furnace was flooded. No one was at home. The ladies of the Maccabees held their first meeting in their new hall in the Schenkel building Tuesday night. The officers who were elected two weeks ago are to be installed in about a week. Invoicing of stock in Norfolk stores is in full swing now. Clerks are neck deep in the annual work and business men have their hands full. Spring goods are being put in place ready for early display. Members of old company L, volunteer veterans of the Spanish-American war, are arranging to form a local branch of the national organization here. A meeting and celebration is scheduled for Jan. 18. Rabbits are plentiful around Norfolk. The Munsterman brothers returned from a rabbit hunting expedition yesterday afternoon and report bagging five cottontails and one large jack with the assistance of a small caliber rifle. Miss Carrie Brush, teacher of the second grade of the Grant school has tendered her resignation because of the illness of her mother. Miss Brush is now at Boise, Ida., with her mother and she finds it impossible to resume her work in Norfolk on that account. No teacher has yet been elected to succeed her. Miss Laura Durland is temporary teacher of Miss Brush's room. Services over the remains of Mrs. Ransom Stitt, mother of James C. Stitt, were held at the family home on south Eighth street Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick of the First Methodist church. The remains were taken to Lincoln Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stitt accompanied them. Curtiss Stitt, another son, had made all necessary arrangements at Lincoln and met the party there. Charles Stitt, a son living in Iowa, was unable to be present because of illness. KANSAS TOWNS ARE SUFFERING. Snowbound and Without Railroad Service, They're in Bad Way. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—Snowbound and cut off from railway communication with the outside world for over a week, the people of the town of Dighton, county seat of Lane county, in western Kansas, through the Dighton commercial club today appealed by telegram to the state public utilities commission for aid. Healy and Jetmore also have been without railway service for a week. The last train into any of the three towns came Dec. 26. They report they are short of provisions and that great aid comes soon there will be less suffering. In the face of the lowest temperatures the district has had in many years they are almost out of coal. The towns are on a branch line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. Cumming County Pioneer. West Point, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mark Brun, an old settler, was held yesterday, the remains being interred in St. Michael's cemetery. Requiem mass

was celebrated at St. Mary's church, Dean Ruesing officiating. The deceased was one of the earliest settlers of Cumming county and was 83 years of age. He leaves an aged widow and one son. He was possessed of a valuable estate. Mr. Brun was a native of Switzerland. La Follette Ends Tour. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 3.—Senator La Follette entered on the last stage of his tour through Michigan at 7 o'clock this morning when he departed for Kalamazoo, where he will make an address. He leaves early in the afternoon for Chicago. NEW WITNESS ON DYNAMITING (Continued from page 1.) alleged by Detective Burns to have significance in Bookwalter's dropping his dynamiting inquiry two years ago and following Burns to Philadelphia. He will arrive there late tonight, and it is believed will examine the labor union affiliations of Hugo Thorsch, who, prior to seven years ago, published a labor paper in Philadelphia. He is now associated with Bookwalter in the printing firm in which, according to Burns, Gompers was concerned. Thorsch in a statement to day denied partnership with Gompers or seeking the labor leader's influence in getting printing contracts. Might Have Prevented It? He said that the reason why he removed his business to Indianapolis seven years ago was that the national union of carpenters and joiners transferred its headquarters. He had obtained printing orders from Frank Duffy, secretary of the carpenters' union in Philadelphia and he was advised, he said, that other labor organizations purposed to imitate the carpenters and move their headquarters offices to Indianapolis. Duffy was treasurer of the McNamara defense fund board. "After I came here and as other labor unions moved their national offices here," said Thorsch, "I succeeded in getting big orders from the unions of teamsters, barbers, carpenters and coal miners. John Mitchell is a good friend of mine and he was president of the mine workers' union. I never got any business from the iron workers, though I often asked John J. McNamara for printing work." At none of the various national union headquarters in this city today was it possible to obtain a statement confirming charges that labor officials were advised of the dynamite operations of John J. McNamara two years ago and that if they had acted then might have prevented the Los Angeles Times explosion and the attendant loss of twenty-one lives. No affirmation was issued of Bookwalter's statement he told "a score of national labor leaders" that his investigation of local explosions had conclusively exposed the guilt of McNamara a year before the Los Angeles disaster. KNEW OF GUILT? Ex-Mayor Bookwalter Says He Told Labor Chiefs. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4.—National labor officials affiliated with Samuel Gompers and the American Federation of Labor were informed two years ago by Charles A. Bookwalter, who as mayor at that time conducted a secret investigation, that John J. McNamara had directed a series of dynamite explosions. This was made known by Bookwalter when he was informed that the government's investigation here embraced an inquiry into the circumstances of the four explosions directed against Albert Von Sprecklen, a general contractor, on account of labor troubles. CHEER BRYAN'S NAME. Progressive Democrats of Ohio do not Attack Gov. Harmon. Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The progressive democratic league of Ohio came into being here at a conference of democrats of nearly every county of the state. Although many of the conferees had entered the gathering with the avowed intention of declaring against the presidential candidacy of Gov. Judson Harmon, the executive's name was mentioned only once and the organization satisfied itself with the adoption of resolutions urging the members to work against the choice of any delegate to either state or national convention who had not proved himself a tried and true democrat. The name of William J. Bryan, heralded as "ablest to represent the progressive ideals in any party," was received with applause by the speakers who fanned the democratic ardor while awaiting the report of the resolutions committee. Saloon Fight at Jordan. Jordan, S. D., Jan. 3.—Jacob Dickman was badly mutilated in a cutting scrape by Charles Black in a saloon fight. DENIES PACKERS FIXED 'EM. Veeder Says Prices Were Not Regulated by the Combine. Chicago, Jan. 3.—Flat denials of the government's contention that the old packers' pool in the period between 1893 and 1902 attempted to fix the price of fresh meats or the price to be paid for live stock were made by Henry Veeder on cross-examination today in the trial of the ten Chicago packers. He declared that the only object of the combine of the packers was to regulate the amount of fresh meat to be shipped into the different markets. The witness said that each of the agreements made by the packers in the period described contained a provision that no effort should be made to fix prices.