INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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We had a very interesting mountain last night in the Palmer House parlors Insurance men are numerous just now.

The preliminary stops were taken to organize a mutual hail insurance company, and no doubt the State Alliance will put a strong company on its feet.

County mutual fire insurance companies are springing up from all parts of the state.

An association of mutual companies was organized with Samuel Lichty of Falls City, president; W. J. Eyestone, Rising City, vice-president; E. P. Montgomery, Holdrege, secretary.

By the interest taken last night it seems that mutual insurance has come to stay, and well it should, and give the farmers their insurance at actual

OLD ENGLISH CUSTOMS.

Her Gor h pers Used to Be Kept Awake -Dogs in Church.

There was once a time a long time too extending over several centuries. when there was a salaried official in church to waken sleeping members of the congregation and to expel dogs from the sacred edifice. These individuals are alluded to in the records as sluggard wakers and dog-whippers, and the fees paid them were very liberal their annual salary being a mere pittance. The custom, which was frequent in England, was also practiced in America more than two centuries ago. Rev. Dr. Samuel Whiting a minister of Lynn Mass., was provided with a sluggard waker. one Allen Brydges, who brushed the faces of those inclined to sleep with a fox's tail fastened to a long staff, "likewise a sharpe thorne, wherewith he may prick such as be most sounde." A certain Mr. Tompkins, being thus admonished sprang up with a great deal of force and, to the wonder of all, did, so says the record of the day. 'prophaialie' exclaim in a loud voice: "Buss the woodchuck." he dreaming, as it seemed that a woodchuck had seized and bit his hand. "And I think", continues the chronicler, the will not soon againe go to sleep in meeting. The women may sometimes sleep and none know it by reason of their enormous bon-

Women as well as men served in this capacity, according to the Detroit Free Press. Betty Finch, of Warrington, occupied this position at Holy Trinity church in 1810, a comparatively late period. She walked majestically up and down the aisle during the service armed with a long stick like a fishing rod with a "bob" on the end of 'it. With this she angled for sleepers. The term bob-"s" was used for this service and Betty's son one of a family of officials, used to recite for the amusement of the tavern-goers:

My father's a clerk, My sister's a singer; My mother's a "bobber" And I am a ringer.

The dog-whipper was to be found in every county in England, and is still at his work in the churches of come remote places. Indeed, there is a church in Wales where 'lazy tongs" with spikes in the ends are etill used to drag the unconsecrated animals out of the sacred edifice. The dog-whipper at Bray, in Berkshire, was provided with a 'jerkin" to indicate his official position, at a cost of 6 shillings and 4 pence. The item paid to Richard Turner for whipping the 'doggies' out of a church at Morton, in Derbyshire, in 1622 was 1 shilli g. It is believed that the well-known sexton of Peterboro'. Old Scarlett was one of the first dog-whippers in the country. His portrait on the wall of the cathedral depicts him with a whip in his

belt. He died in 1591. . In some of the churches the dogwhipper was only allowed to drive out truant dogs, the dogs of the gentry being furnished with a pew where they were admonished to keep order. In Northorpe church which was a dependency of Northorpe hall, there was a hall pew for the Northorpe canines who were of bluer blood than the collies of the shepherd, and were highly accommodated as well as being safe from the taws of the dogwhipper.

Kansas City Produce Market by the Wastfall Commission Co.

KANS (S CITY, Mo., Dec. 17, 1892. □Snyopsis Kansas City produce market for week

ending December 17th: Apples weak with glutted market and many in bad condition. No. 1's carlots \$373.10: from store \$3.25@3.50; No. 2's cars and jobbing lots

Potatoes firmer with slight advance. Colorado car lots, 80 to 85c.; from store 90 to 95; Northern Burbanks, carlots 73 to 75c; from store, 80 to 85c; mixed Dakota's, Iowa's and Nebraska's carlots

Onlone scarce and wanted. Large dry Red Wetherfields would bring 87@90c. on track.

Cab bage quiet and weak. There has been several cars in from Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa carlots in addition to our regular California ecipts. Native selling from track at 1% to 4. California \$2,15@2,25 for 100.

Game scarce and wanted; ruling higher Prairie chickens \$4 50@5.30 per dozen; 'quafi-Frairie chickens \$\frac{2}{2} \text{-} \text{-}

to 15c.

Poultry a little weak, especially chickens.

Turkeys, dry picked, good demand, 16 to tie;
scalded one cent less.

Geese, fat well dressed, 7%8c.

Ducky, fat well dressed, 8%9c.
Chickens, best dressed 6 to 7c.

Mides best feelling prevails; green salted No.

4 to 14c; flad 34.

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Furs scarce and wanted at top prices. We look for a firm and noward tendency in all produce until after holidays.

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Miss Barton has just formed a new decorative art with special attention to painting on cloth and to all work of this kind for the making of Christmas novelties. This class is carried at any time to suit the convenience of the student. This course is proving very attractive to many ladies who do not care for and cannot use a higher form

ABOUT NEBRASKA.

University Notes.

The heavy fall of snow has left the battallion indoors for the past week and put off indefinitely the first dress parade. In spite of its large size the batallion has made rapid progress this year. On the whole the companies are in almost as good shape as they were in the spring last year.

About twenty cadets are being measured for uniforms to replace those lost in that unfortunate little fire the worst is yet to come and that a consumed. The losses, as near as can in the tailor shop.

The athletic association held a very lively meeting on Tuesday. Will Johnson, the manager of the football team was chosen delegate to the conference of the Four-State Intercollegiate Football league. The meeting will be held in Kansas City during the holidays. The conference will award the pennant and de ne the respective standing of er and also perwork of makform the very in ing a schedule for ar and detergames will be mining in what ci played. Kansas will get first place. Nebraska second, Missouri third, Iowa last. Kansas has won every game she has played. Nebraska has won a game, lost one and tied one; Missouri are very serious doubts as to whether the next Thanksgiving game will be played in Omaha. The Iowa boys swear, blow high or blow low, they in Omaha. When you consider the that each team lost about \$100, while at Kansas City on the same day there were 5,000 people present at the Kansas-Missouri game, it is not strange that this feeling exists. Young Yont, left end, has entirely recovered from his accident of the Kansas game. By the absence of the cripples in the halls all men know that the football season is over for one year.

Among the many other publicspirited acts of Benjamin Franklin, he left to the schools of Boston a fund, the interest of which was to purchase a medal as a reward of merit. In 1830 this medal was given to George Will- member of Corsica; Antonin Proust, chief says he is too fat for that kind of iams, a relative of Dr. Billings, who member for Deux Sevres; Baron Jean exercise, and hereafter he will call up has presented it to the university. It de Soubeyran, member for Lundun and is a disk of pure silver about the size Joseph Dugue de la Fauconnerie, of a dollar. On one side there are two member from Orne, all of whom are pens crossed beneath an open book. Over this is inscribed "The Gift of could not be granted without the con-Franklin." The other side has simply sent of the house as the deputies were exempt from certain legal proceed- 212 South 19th St, Lincoln. as a Reward of Merit to George Will- ings

The university studio is occupied from 3 to 5 on Fridays by a costume life class under Miss Barton.

The Hon. Seth Low, president of Columbia, and formerly the great re- Renault, Albert Grevy Beral, Theveform mayor of Brooklyn, will deliver the Charter day address. The uni- taken in the affairs of the canal comversity is very fortunate in getting pany. such a famous man as well as such a brilliant speaker for its Charter day celebration.

Newsy Notes About Nebraska Places and People.

Hastings has a new carriage factory. Corn buyers at Nelson are paying 28 cents per bushel.

The Methodists of Fairbury are to build a new parsonage.

J. H. Pope talks of building a 150barrel roller mill at Central City.

A third elevator is being erected at Bellwood by the farmers of that vicin-

Several wolves were captured in

Kimball county by a party organized for that purpose. The prisoner named Knox, who es-

friendless wanderer. York is to have a fence factory that will turn out 12,000 feet of chicken-

proof fencing per day. The eighth annual convention of the

Nebraska dairymen's association will be held in Minden. December 20, 21, Captain S. T. Leaming of Decatur is

an applicant for the appointment as United States Indian agent for the Omaha and Winnebago agencies.

The Maverick bank at Gordon last week released sixty chattle mortgages against residents in the western part of Cherry county, amounting to \$10,-

Speaking of mammoth hogs, says the Oxford Standard, the climax was reached Monday of this week when F. A. Wood sold three prodigious pork-

ers, weighing 1,580 pounds. The market price that day was 5 cents per pound, so that the trio brough the phenomenal price of \$76.50. This handsome figure is undobtedly the most ever paid for the same number of hogs in Oxford before.

As Albert Wilson, a farmer living eight miles northwest of Harvard, was driving into his yard with a team attached to a heavy spring wagen, his little son, seven years old, ran out to meet him. The boy caught hold the rear end of the wagon and his right foot slipped into the wheel. The boy was drawn up over the wheel and between it and the body of the wagon and had his limb literally torn off at the knee, nothing but a few ligaments holding it.

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and unique class. The work is in THE REPUBLIC IN A MOST CRIT- the wareroom to see that the doors ICAL SITUATION.

Banking Houses in the World Prediets Chaos at Any Moment-An American Implicated - Some Notable Ex-Cabinet Officers to Be Prosecuted.

Pants. Dec. 21. - The political turmoil in France does not diminish, and predictions are freely made that revolution is not improbable. The head of one of the greatest banking houses the world, with headquarters in 1 s, said yesterday to one of Zinck, postoffice fixtures and stock. side of France have a conception of the dangers of the situation. The temper of the people is not understood; they cannot or will not discriminate between the government itself and the individuals who represent it. told. Every day adds a fresh chapter. ica, will probably soon be made known. It involves a banker of world wide reputation, as well known in New York as in Paris. He is said to have been a heavy beneficiary of the has won a geme and lost two; Iowa Panama canal company without havhas tied one game and lost two. There ing rendered any tangible quid pro quo Rumors about him were circulated in high financial circles some months ago. At that time he took an active interest in the proposed monetary conference. was inference and the co-operation of the strongest financiers was almost lost. It is needless to say that the reports connecting the banker with the Pan-

international monetary plans. M. Floquet, president of the chamber of deputies, announced to-day that he had received an application for su-thority to prosecute M. Rouvier, ex-minister of finance: M. Jules Roche.exminister of commerce; Emanuel Arene, charged with having been compromised in the scandal The application The chamber decided that the different bureaux should meet and consider the application The sitting as the best \$4.00 per trio. \$2.50 for then adjourned.

In the senate M. Derover, the president, stated that he had received a demand for the prosecution of Senators net and Deves for the part they have

Charles de Lesseps was examined yesterday in regard to statements made in 1889 to Deputy Lamarselle in which he said that in the case of the Suez canal the advertising expenses were small, but with the Panama enterprise journalists crowded the officers and had to be paid to cease attacks; that little sheets were started for blackmail, some of which were contented to receive \$5 or \$10; that society people had to be paid to speak well of the company or refrain from attacks on it, and that the contractors had enriched themselves. He did not deny any of the statements.

CROKER ON CLEVELAND. Tammany Will Not Embarrass the Pres-

ident-Elect in Any Respect. NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- The Herald this morning says: Tammany hall through Richard Croker, its official chief, declares that it has no "demands" to make of President-elect caped from the Sidney jail, is still a Cleveland, nor any suggestions to offer regarding appointments. Many rumors afloat regarding Tammany caused Mr. Croker to make the following statement: "Mr. Cleveland during his administration will receive the hearty support of the Democrats in Tammany hall. Any appointment he makes will be satisfactory to this organization. Tammany hall loyally supported Mr. Cleveland for the presidency and it will support him just as loyally in his administration. We will do all in our power to relieve him from any embarrassment in the matter of appointments. We have no requests to make."

A few minutes later, Mr. Croker said: "It is absurd to talk about any Democrat or Democrats endeavoring to embarrass Mr. Cleveland in his administration. Such a course would ruin any one politically who saw fit to attempt it.

Murdered and Shipped as Freight.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 21.-The Wabash car inspector last evening found the murdered body of an unknown man on a pile of corn in a newly received car. It had been shipped from Saronville. Neb., and received by the Wabash at Chapin, Ill., December 17. The body was covered with boards, every pocket was turned inside out, and a blow on the head had caused death.

Desperate Battle With Out aws. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 2.1-Deputy United States Marshals James Huff and W. H. Nutcher of Hyattsville, Johnson county, attempted to arrest Ira Walker, Ace Achmick and another horse thief and during the fight that followed all five were killed. The balance of the desperadoes have disappeared, but a posse will start after them at once.

"Your sealskin sacque is rather short, is it not?" "Yes; when I got it my husband was short."

Many Lose All.

STERLING, Neb., Dec. 21 .- Late last night fire started in the Renshaw mercantile store, in the business center of the town. The proprietor had gone to were secure, and falling caused the lamp to break, and in an instant almost the entire room was ablaze. As the floor had been long used and was well saturated with eils and kerosene, by the time people errived the whole building was in flames. As the town is without means of fighting fire the The Head of One of the Most Prominent flames soon spread to adjoining buildings, consuming the postoffice and contents on the east, and the saloon and billard hall and restaurant building on the west. At this point the brick building owned by Mr. Freeburn was reached and further progress of the fire was stopped. There was no perceptible breeze from any quarter, which was a very fortunate fact, as many other buildings might have been be estimated, are about as follows: First National bank in postoffice building, \$800, with \$500 insurance; V. the American delegates to the \$750, with \$500 insurance; T. P. Ren-Brussels conference: "I believe we are shaw on building. \$1,400, with \$1,040 on the eve of a revolution. Few out- insurance; J. P. Renshaw on stock, \$14,000. with \$11,000 insurance; Almina Johnson, \$250 on building, no insurance: Pearson estate, \$800 on building, with no insurance; D. F. Sunderland, \$1,000 on building, with The Panama story has not half been no insurance; John Livingston, \$350 on stock with \$300 insurance; M. M. A feature of great interest to Amer- Sandifer. \$200 on stook, covered by insurance.

No Hat Was Passed.

HASTINGS, Dec. 21 .- A frisky yearfing bull, unaccustomed to city life, broke loose from its owner on Second street yesterday afternoon, darted down the sidewalk, stampeding everything in sight, creating a sensation that will not soon be forgotten by a never will play another football game discreet enough to show a letter score of badly scared women and chilon the subject written to him by dren. The streets being crowded with fact that the attendance was so small | Secretary of the Treasury Foster. The | pedestrians loaded down with Christeffect was to discredit to some extent | mas bundles, it presented a ludicrous American motives in calling the con- sight to see them chasing themselves to get out of reach of the animal. During the confusion, the bull made several ineffectual attempts to gain ama scandal were entirely unknown in entrance into a dry goods store, when America at that time. Since then the | Chief Wanzer appeared on the scene gentleman has not in any way been and attempted to corral it. Wanzer connected with American interests in had a good hold of the short rope that encircled the bull's neck, when the animal gave a snort, head down, heels in the air, and for five minutes the chief had the hottest chase of his life. He couldn't head him off, and somehow forgot to let loose. The "Deck" Hakes of the fire department to chase that kind of cattle.

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