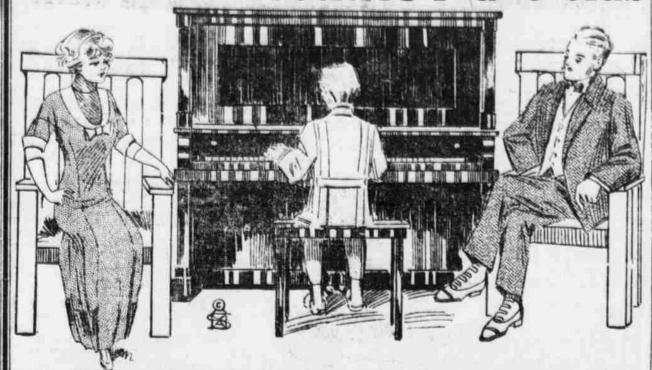
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RANDALL REPORTS ON FIRES

State Commissioner Tells of His Campaign of Education.

MANY SPEECHES OVER STATE One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-

Four Fires Reported in Nebraska During the Year and Losses Less Than Million.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 21 - (Special.)-In his report to the governor Fire Commissioner Charles L. Randall pays considerable attention to the loss sustained by fires and the falling off of the number since he took control of the office. He pays the volunteer firemen a strong tribute and urges that a law be passed at the coming session of the legislature which enable towns and villages to equip their local departments with up-to-date fire fighting

In the interest of carrying on a cam cards and over 100,000 of his recent "Ne- discussion around the state house.

only \$7,100.

He calls attention to the great danger from gasoline, not only from its firestarting qualities, but from the danger to those who may be called to fight a fire where gasoline is burning. He says that he has known the fumes of burning gasoline to penetrate through the air fifty feet and do great damage, not only to property, but to life. Some of the most severe cases of burning has been from the inhaling of gasoline som a fire. This can be communicated fifty feet or more under conditions which are apt to exist at most any fire where gasoline is burn-

During the last year 1.234 fires were reported to the fire commissioner. Last year there were 1,348. The value of the buildings on fire was \$11,373,284.38. The fire loss was \$569.068.40, about 7% per cent of value. The value of the contents of these buildings was \$6,168,397.34. The loss was \$1,314,556.98, about 21% per cent. The difference between the value of the buildings and their contents and the damage was \$15,358,056.59, and volunteer firemen of the state should be given credit for the saving of this vast amount of wealth,

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Following is a showing of the value, loss and insurance on property during the TAXI COMPANIES TO COMBINE last three years;

 Value of buildings
 \$37,721,873,29

 Value of contents
 19,954,373,54

 Insurance on buildings
 14,467,893,53

 Insurance on contents
 12,947,869,57

 Loss to buildings
 2,983,633,03
 Loss to contents ...

In speaking of the double shift for firemen, Mr. Randall says: "One of the pleasant memories of my acts when in the senate is that I used my influence and vote to bring about the double shift of firemen in the city of Omaha and I wish it were possible to have the some condi-

Lgislators May Ask Supreme Court

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-The pubpaign of education, the report shows that stitutional amendment voted on at the once.

braska Fire Scout" enrollment cards. J. F. Hagerty of Sargent, who will rep- lines in each of the cities in question. He pays a tribute to the press of the resent Custer county in the house of will be in the neighborhood of \$500.000. paign of education for fire precaution by and when his attention was called to the immense quantities and distributing turned the office into a hospital. publishing his monthly bulletins. He says matter said that he had never thought at them from Omaha, bodies will be built per day.

> returned to Omaha yesterday when the matter was brought to the attention of the auditor's office, but W. L. Minor, who will probably be the new deputy, said this morning that there would be nothing doing on the \$10 a day proposition for members of the legislature until the matter was settled by the proper authority. "It looks to me," said he, "that while the intention of the law was that the amendment should go into effect at this time, the law plainly says otherwise."

John S. Helgren, another new man in the auditor's office after the new auditor takes hold, was of the opinion that the matter would have to be settled by the courts before warrants would be drawn by the auditor

In his report to the legislature of the Auditor Barton makes his estimate on Effort Worth While," C. G. Marshall. the old law and does not include in the estimate for legislative salaries the the constitution.

NEWS NOTES OF ALLIANCE AND BOX BUTTE COUNTY

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)ctitions are being circulated in Alliance chool district No. 6 asking that a speial election be held for the purpose of replace the Central school building, recently destroyed by fire. The Elks' club, according to its usual

ustom, is arranging for its annual ball to be held on New Year's evc. Elaborate preparations are being made, and the club expects to entertain 250 members and their ladies.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Soules, Wednesday evening, their daughter, Emeretta, and John A. Henderson of Toronto, Canada, taking the yows which made them life partners. The ecremony was performed by Rev. J. B.

The marriage of Miss Emma Tash, A. Johnston Tuesday evening was one of general news purposes. the delightful social events of the season, oth Mirs Tash and Mr. Johnston being ocial favorites in All'ance. Only a few if the near relatives of the contracting carties witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. O. S. Baker, but after the wedding a reception was held amount of \$2,000 will be expended for a at the Tash home, about 100 being in at- crop expert in the county the coming

tendance. Sister Patricla, one of the teachers in president; George Huntington, vice presi-Et. Agnes' academy, is very low, her dent: S. F. Nichols, secretary; W. C. death being momentarily expected.

Grey Bonnet Company to Affiliate with Other City Lines.

Consolidation of Companies in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Kan-

sas City and Salt Lake City is Planned.

Indications point to Omalia becoming

crease in salary prescribed in the con- the idea of putting them into effect at county republican by a big majority. Omaha, being the central point, Commissioner Randall has delivered ad- last election and proclaimed by Governor will become headquarters. The purpose such a concern, taking in only first-class repairs and replacements, besides bring-State Auditor-elect W. B. Howard had ing a new industry to Omaba."

AURORA, Neb., Dec. 2L-(Special.)-The annual meeting of the Farmers' institute was held in the district court room the calling out of troops. at Aurora, December 18 and 19. The following program was rendered: "Improving the Corn Crop," Arnold Martin: "Weeding Out the Boarder Cow." W. C. Andreas; "Pure Food," W. C. Andreas; 'What Can Be Done on Twenty Acres," Arnold Martin: "Cultivating the Soll to Conserve Moisture." C. G. Marshall; "Balanced Rations," Mary Pascoe; "The amount necessary to run des legislature, Girl Who Can." Miss Beaumont; "Is the There was an unusually large crowd in

attendance at all the meetings. The amount called for in the amendment to largest meeting was held Wednesday evening when the program was preceded It looks at this time that before mem- by several excellent dialogues rendered bers of the next session will be able to by the pupils of District No. 11, who, with draw more than \$5 a day that the matter their teacher, Miss Mazie Kerr, drove will have to be submitted to the supreme ten miles in a hayrack in order to be court and an opinion handed down before present. H. H. Leymaster was elected they can see the color of the state's president for the coming year and J. D. Kerr was re-elected secretary.

During the institute an exhibit of corn. cooking and sewing was held under the direction of County Superintendent Jackson. While the exhibit was not large. yet the quality of the display was exceedingly good. Some fine, seed corn was shown, especially that of I. C. Genoways and his son of Phillips, who issuing bonds to the amount of \$22,000 to secured most of the important prizes. Superintendent Jackson is planning to hold a boys' and girls' short course next year, which will probably last a week.

NEBRASKA DAILY PAPERS

WILL FORM ASSOCIATION GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)- As a result of some correspondence between the publishers of evening daily newspapers in the smaller cities of the state, a meeting of such publishers has been called to be held at the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln, on Saturday afternoon, December 28 at 2 o'clock for the purpose of taking steps, if possible, to organize for better telegraphic and mail news aughter of Postmaster Tash, to James service for the legislative session and for

> Guard Office Hospital. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Gage County Crop Improvement association was organized here today with a membership of 500. year. Officers elected are: A. H. Kidd. Black, treasurer.

Nebraska

HENDRICKS SHOWS EXHIBITS

Omaha Man Gives Instances of Yields of Dairy Cows.

AMEND BILL IN MURDER CASE

Attorneys from Fremont Ask Permission of Court to Make Change -Adjutant General's Office Becomes Hospital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 21 .- (Special.) - in at fort to extend the education of the dairy throughout the state, W. C. Hendricks of Omaha, state dairy inspector, was a the office of Food Inspector Hansen this morning and was exhibiting some of the exhibits used by him in carrying on the work. In a test made for one year in Douglas county Mr. Hendricks showed that the best cow produces in one year .797 pounds of butter fat, and the lowest, The percentage of profit on the est cow was \$4.17 on each investment of \$1 for feed, while the lowest was only cents for the same amount invested.

The ten most profitable cows produced .002 pounds of butter fat, which broughthe owner an average of \$57.82 per cow. The best three producers of butter in the country, according to Mr. Hendricks, are a Holstein cow, which produced in one year 988 pounds of butter fat. She was closely followed by a Jersey cow, which produced 952 pounds of butter fat. A Guernsey helfer, 3 years old, raised in Nebraska and now the property of the state farm, produced 926 pounds of butter fat during the year. This helfer was originally sold by the man who raised per for \$45

"Had that man known what he should have known, or had he taken the trouble to educate himself along the lines which we are trying to instill into the minds of the farmers of the state, he would have discovered the true worth of that Guernsey heifer and it would have taken nany times \$45 to have purchased her, said Mr. Hendricks.

Would Amend Bill.

Louis Rogers, through his attorneys, W. Button and Frank Dolezel, have made application to the supreme court to withdraw the bill of exceptions filed in the "suitcase mystery murder case." for the purpose of making amendments. They set forth by affidavit that it has been discovered that through oversight the OMAHA TO BE HEADQUARTERS certificate of the judge presiding at the trial settling bill of exceptions omits to indicate and describe the exhibits referred to. The is the Fremont murder case in which the above attorneys have been cited to appear before the bar commission on disbarment proceedings.

Joe Burns Makes Visit. slators May
sk Supreme Court
to Pass on Salaries

headquarters for one of the largest tax!back to his old haunts. Senator Burns is
back to his old haunts. Senator Burns is
now a citizen of Utah, Wyoming and
Idaho, according to his own statement,
and says he is trying to cover the whole
st. Paul, Denver, Sait Lake and Kansas
City being thrown into one big concern,
City being thrown into one concern,
Ci Ex-Senator Joe Burns was at the state "Gus Uhl, president of the Shaw Taxi elect republican governors in two of them. lication in The Bee Saturday morning that line in Kansas City, will be in Omaha In my county, which has formerly been the members of the coming legislature after Christmas," said Mr. Hawke, "for strongly democratic, I went out and made might find it difficult to draw the in- the purpose of perfecting the plans with twenty speeches and we carried the Resources

Gage Crop Association. Captain Lon Kesterson of the adjudresses to over 70.000 school children and Aldrich as adopted, has stirred up not only the members of the legislature, but has sent out over 500,000 bulletins and has been the cause of a great deal of allng expenses. The combined capital of in his wrist broken and a finger also crushed by a flareback. The injuries are | LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21. Pliney Pier- January 21, next, Mayor J. W. Patterpainful, but just to keep him company state, which has assisted in the cam- representatives, was in the city today. In addition to purchasing supplies in a felon on one fluger and the two have on a charge of having violated the Mann the eight councilmen in a special meeting

The guard will be furnished identifica. public today. that the legislature should provide a sult- any time that the constitutional amend- here and complete cars assembled tion tags, according to a notice received able amount so that these papers could ment relating to an increase in salary Eventually this will result in uniform by the adjutant general from the War Joseph, Mo. last week and taken before be paid for the space taken in the work. for members of the legislature applied to equipment for each of these lines in the department this morning stating that 3,500 a United States commissioner, to whom Last year the loss of property on ac- the coming session. He thought that the various cities. The production of our had been shipped for the use of the he gave bond in the sum of \$5,000 to apcount of Fourth of July conflagrations old law still held good and that the mem- own cars will effect an enormous saving national guard of this state. These tags pear before the federal court in Februwas \$205.000, but this year the loss was bers could not draw more than the \$5 and will materially reduce the cost on are only used when the troops are at ary. war and are hung about the neck by a ribbon and serve to identify the wearer name of the bearer, his company, regi- ville, Mo., The indictment charges Pierment and state and on the reverse side Pont with having induced her to come is Held in Aurora the name of the party to be notified in indicate that the government is preparing to call on the Nebraska guard in case of CAPTAIN PURDY GUEST trouble in Mexico which would necessitate

charge about the first of the year.

will have to be amputated.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.) A report of the condition of the 604 state banks of the state of Nebraska reporting at the close of business November 26 shows the number of depositors to be 266,669 and the average reserve 23%

| per cent. | |
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| RESOURCES | 121102530 |
| Loans and discounts | 731.70 |
| Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc. | 1,006,7 |
| Due from national and state | 14 939,9 |
| Banking house, furniture and | |
| fixtures | 2,856,5 |
| Other peal catate | 289.7 |
| Current expenses, taxes and interest paid | 1,605,0 |
| Cash | 4,435,6 |
| Other assets | 51.8 |
| | |

LIABILITIES. eposits otes and bils rediscounted fils rayable. Depositors' guarantee fund.

Since December 5, 1911 INCREASES.

Loans and discounts
Rediscounts and bills payable.
DECREASES. Average reserve September 4, 1912, was

PLINEY PIERPONT INDICTED ON WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

white slave act. The indictment was made called this forenoon. Plerpont was taken into custody in St.

Miss Carolina Youngs, a schol teacher of Aftons, Wyo., was the complaining from Wyoming to Lincoln on October 28 last for immoral purposes.

OF HONOR AT BANQUET

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. II.-(Special Tel-Notes from Overton.

OVERTON, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Tel- egram.)—The Orange and Black foot ball new Rebekah lodge installed at Riverduring the evening he was presented with egram.)-Cyrel Carpenter, son of H. M. banquet given by the 1912 foot ball squad dale last night by Miss Fannie DeBow of a beautiful rocking chair. Mr. Newell Carpenter of this city, had his foot caught at the Paddock hotel this evening was Coleridge, president of the state assem- was one of the charter members of in a hay press and badly mashed. It one of the big social affairs of the season. biy, assisted by the drill team of the Omaha lodge No. 2, having located in P. L. Stephens sold his restaurant busi- Leonard Purdy of this city, captain of served after the following officers had ton county in 1868, spending a number of ness to R. V. Shelley, who will take the Cornhuskers team, was the guest of honor. About sixty were present.

New holiday haberdashery choice, exferent-The sort any man or boy would enjoy wearing. Browning, King & Co.

Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special.) -Four aspirants for the position of postmaster of Cortland to succeed A. I. Sausman, resigned, took the civil service examination here. They were R. A. Grotjan, Earl Grotjan, Miss Una Sausman and Mrs. Bert Gletty.

The co-operative store, which was leading socialists of the city, closed its doors yesterday and a petition in bankruptcy will be filed at once. Lack of business is said to have caused the store 741.390.00 to close its doors.

The controlling interest of the First \$164,175,006.01 National bank of Adams, which was owned by L. B. Howey of Lincoln and F. H. Howey of this city, has been pur-8.673.23.51 chased by Cap. 8.672.23.51 chased by Cap. 10.726.621.76 will be no change in the bank's office 174.373.72 until the annual meeting in January. chased by capitalists at Adams. There will be no change in the bank's officers

KEARNEY'S MAYOR VETOES COMPROMISE LIGHTING PLAN

Shrsrkm;d, f 51--lptb mf wffww KEARNEY, Nab., Dec. 21. - (Special Telegram.) - After having personally championed a compromise proposition between the city council and the Kearney Water and Electric Power company, now literally at swords' points in legal suits, ! in passing an ordinance to submit the proposition to the voters of the city on pont, allas Lawrence Clovis, allas Paul son vetoed the bill late last night and Adjutant General Phelos has developed Clovis, was indicted here on December 5 was sustained in his action by six of

Failure to guarantee an agreement upon reduction in price to private consumers, was given by the mayor as the cause for his action. The city is clamorto furnish not only the street lighting, but also commercial lighting and electric power. Petitions asking for the call-In case he is killed. The tag bears the witness. Her parents reside near Meads-ing of a special election to vote \$50,000 bonds for commercial lighting are now on file with the city clerk awaiting the action of the council, the company, whose contract expired last Tuesday is now furnishing street lighting to the city on the strength of its expired contract.

New Rebekah Lodge Instituted. Itising Star No. 304 is the name of the Harold Mulligan was toastmaster and Kearney lodge. A splendid banquet was that city in 1857. He moved to Washingbeen installed: Mrs. Elmer Walter, noble years on a farm. Later he moved to grand; Mrs. Amanda Presher, vice noble | Blair, retiring from active business.

grand; Mrs. W. H. Watson, chaplain Mrs. E. S. Hill, treasurer, and Mrs. Elmer-Pratt, secretary. The Kearney delegation returned to the city Friday on the motor

Veterans at Milford in Bed for Warmth

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 21.-(Special.)-Commandant Joe Teeter of the Milford Sol-\$104,175,005.04 started here about a year ago by the diers' home came to Lincoln this aftermoon for the purpose of securing repairs for the boiler at the home. This morning the grate broke and the institution is without heat.

An effort was made to secure repairs and get them out this evening so that the boller can be fixed as soon as possible. The old soldiers, who have been in the habit of going to bed in warm rooms, will have to submit to the cold sleeping quarters until the boller is fixed.

For once they will be allowed to stay in bed as long as they wish. It may be necessary to keep them there to keep

NEWS NOTES OF SEWARD AND OF SARPY COUNTY

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special.) -The corn show closed last night, having been attended by thousands of people from all over the county. H. H. Wilson and having spent three nights this week of Nebraska and Chancellor Avery were

The Burlington signal crew has placed an automatic signal at the Tipton crossing, a very dangerous place and where several bad accidents have occurred. Mrs. Rachel Meyers, aged 82 years, died at her home north of Seward Wednesday and was buried yesterday.

Stanley Matzke, while cranking his car yesterday, let go of the crank too quickly and received a bad injury to his Mrs. Sarah Thomas has purchased the Diamond cafe of W. Winkleman, who will

MR. NEWELL OF BLAIR FIFTY YEARS AN ODD FELLOW

go back to Germany.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 31.-(Special.) Thursday evening local Odd Fellows and members of the Rebekah lodge tendered a reception to J. W. Newell, it being his fiftieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship. Those attending were all neighbors, and

2 Days Closes this Sale--2 Days ALL SHOES WILL BE SOLD -- MUST BE SOLD

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leathers: during closing out sale these \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes go 490 With welt soles, \$4.00 values; pairs in this lot to select from. ing out of business sale values, in all sizes, hand turned soles. This lot contains 160 pairs of fine shoes that go on sale tomor- 980 row at Ladies' Dull Calf Button Shoes—With high toes, \$4.00 values, all sizes and widths, during closing \$1.74 out sale.
Ladies' Hand Turned Martha Washington Style Slippers \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, in all sizes, on \$1.39 sale at 946 pairs of Ladies' Extra Fine Shoes —In all leathers, hand sewed welts, in all new lasts and patterns, \$5 and \$74 makes, during closing \$1.98 out sale but sale

Ladies' Fine Cravenette Button Shoes

Round high toes, flexible, \$5.00 values, all sizes. This is one of our
finest button boots. During \$1.39 Ladies' \$1.50 Fur Trimmed Julistics—

3D FLOOR PARTON BLOCK 16th and Farnam Take Elevator Open Evenings Until Christmas

Sold in All Sizes at All Prices

Men's Pine Dress Shoes 84 and \$5 makes, made of the finest patent colt and other leathers, hand welted soles, all sizes, closing out sale \$1.48 Men's Gun Motal Button Shoes-All sizes, genuine oak sole, high toes, sewed soles, \$3.50 values, closing out sele price only \$1.69

1,000 pairs of Men's Fine Calf Dress Shoes—\$5 and \$4 makes, every pair Goodyear welts, hand made shoes, in all sizes, button and lace pattern

during closing out Boys' and Girls' Shoes—500 pairs of Children's Shoes—In all sizes and leathers, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3.25 values; every kind of Child's Shoes are \$3.0 Boys' Black School Shoes Made of the best grade of calf leather, \$2.00 values, oak soles, button and lace pat-terns, 200 pairs, during \$1.48

3D PLOOR PARTON BLOCK 16th and Farnam Take Elevator Open Evenings Until Chaletma