

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Chicago papers are now insisting that the people of that town are not opera weary.

Associate Justice White, of the supreme court, is confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, makes the startling announcement that he will not resign, at least not just now.

The death of Edgar Straus, a violinist, well known in America, Europe and Australia, is reported from Pasadena, Cal.

Edward Judson, a New York contractor, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$648,521, of which \$606,087 is secured.

At Lockport, N. Y., John C. Lammeris, ex-county treasurer, who had been convicted of misappropriating \$2,549 of public money, was sentenced to seven years at hard labor at Auburn prison.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart the president has cancelled all his social engagements for the present. The members of the cabinet have done likewise.

Victor L. Mason, private secretary to Secretary Root, has resigned to engage in business with General Russell A. Alger. Mr. Mason served Secretary Alger in the capacity of private secretary.

The assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, reporting for the fiscal year just closed, announces that out of ninety-nine fraud orders issued only nine were for lotteries or gift enterprises.

Dr. William Brooks, director of Smith observatory, Geneva, N. Y., has just been awarded by the Paris academy of sciences, the grand Lalande prize for his numerous and brilliant astronomical discoveries.

Mr. Kurtz, the Ohio member of the national republican committee, is charged with aiding the opposition in the last election and will be called to account for it at the next meeting of the Ohio republican state central committee.

Admiral Rogers and other members of the inspection board have returned to Washington from Boston, where they went to make the trial of the battleship Kentucky. The board is now preparing the full report upon the trial.

Admiral Dewey has submitted to the president that the navy should take precedence over the army, as he ranks General Miles. This raises a question that will be of interest New Year's day at the White House reception.

Dr. L. W. Weldon, agent of the state board of health at Port Tampa City, has wired Dr. J. Y. Porter, state health officer, that the yellow fever quarantine was no longer necessary. The quarantine will be raised at once.

Federal officers at Admore, I. T., have been notified of a fight near Colbert between officers under Deputy United States Marshal Davis and a band of moonshiners, one of the latter being killed. The moonshiners are said to be surrounded.

Reports to the immigration bureau show that during the last month aliens have been deported from the United States as follows: Public charges, 301; diseased, 24; insane, 5; contract laborers, 30; returned within one year after landing, 3. Total, 363.

The Sydney, N. S. W., Herald estimates that the year's wheat crop will result in a probable exportable surplus of over 3,000,000 bushels, and anticipates that the yield will be 9.8 bushels per acre, against seven bushels in 1898, giving a total of 13,000,000 bushels, compared with 9,000,000.

William A. Goerner, the new general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, has announced the following promotions, effective December 1: Sherburn Sauborn, present general superintendent, promoted to the position of assistant general manager, with office at Chicago; Richard H. Aishton, superintendent of the Iowa division, promoted to the position of general superintendent, with office at Chicago.

William F. Miller, the New York promoter of the Franklin syndicate, for whom hundreds of detectives all over the country are on the lookout, is reported to have passed through Kansas City, en route to Vera Cruz, Mex. Paul J. Maas, a Chicago newspaper man, who is visiting friends in that city, is quoted as having seen and talked with Miller on an incoming Maple Leaf train. Miller apparently took the first train southwest. No further trace of him has been secured.

The statements of the republican and democratic state campaign committees of Ohio were filed at the office of the county clerk in Columbus as required by law. The republican committee expended, according to its report, \$91,123.97. The largest outlay was in the contest of the literary bureau, which furnished every daily and weekly republican newspaper within the state with plate service and cartoons during the campaign. The democratic committee reports receipts of \$18,149.55, and expenditures of \$17,998.58.

The job printers, pressmen and bookbinders of Omaha, have decided not to strike, employers having conceded practically all the men asked.

A cable message from General Brooke, at Havana, announces the death of Quartermaster's Employee John H. Hurst, who died on the 24th inst. of typhoid fever.

W. H. Reichers, principal of the Robertsdale, Ind., schools, was found not guilty of causing death of a pupil by whipping.

The war department has discharged from the transport service the Elder and Belgian King. These vessels were used on the Pacific coast.

President George Miller of the Hamilton club has appointed a committee of twenty-five republicans to travel to Washington under the leadership of Samuel B. Raymond, December 13, and lay persistent siege to the national committee until they consent to nominate the presidential ticket in Chicago.

THE WAR ABOUT OVER

Aguineldo's Insurrection in Luzon Appears to Be Rapidly Collapsing.

INSURGENTS GLAD TO SURRENDER

Bayambang Falls Into the Hands of American Forces—Cheering News For Friends of Peace—Largest Number of Filipino Rebels that Have Yet Captivated.

MANILA, Dec. 2.—General Conen has surrendered 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and seventy Spanish prisoners and the garrison at Bayambang, province of Nueva Vizcaya, to Lieutenant Monroe with fifty men of the Fourth cavalry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Considerable interest is felt here in the news that the insurgents at Bayambang have surrendered, particularly as the number is said to exceed that captured by the United States troops at any one time.

Bayambang is the city to which Aguinaldo at one time contemplated retreating for the purpose of locating the rebel capital after he was forced to flee from Tarlac, but the American troops pressed him so hard that he was unable to carry out his intention. General Otis' dispatch of today, repeating information received from General Lawton, said it indicated that Bayambang had been captured on the 28th of November and it is thought this is the same place referred to in the Manila dispatch. No information regarding the surrender had been received at the war department up to an early hour this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The cabinet today discussed briefly the president's message, to which the finishing touches have been placed, except to that portion relating to the Philippines. This section of the message is being held up in the hope that the president may be able to announce the complete collapse of the insurrection before it goes to congress. Members of the cabinet are unanimously of the opinion that the rebellion is on its last legs and that any day may see the end.

"The Philippine question is solving itself," is the way one member put it today. The president has decided not to send the message to congress until Tuesday, as the immediate adjournment of the senate upon the announcement of the death of Vice President Hobart would preclude its being read on Monday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: General Lawton is at Bambang, twenty miles south of Bayambang, in the Cagayan valley.

He is in telegraphic communication with the insurgents over the wire in their possession, and commanders of the opposing forces are considering propositions made by telegraph looking to the surrender of the rebels to the Americans.

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

Revenue Commission Issues New Instructions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The commissioner of internal revenue today issued a circular amending regulations as to cancellation of documentary and proprietary stamps, providing that "in all cases where documentary stamps of the denomination of 10 cents or any larger denomination, shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by the act of June 13, 1898, the person using or affixing the same shall in addition to writing or stamping thereon, with ink, the initials of his name and stamp by cutting three parallel incisions lengthwise through the stamp, beginning not more than one-fourth of an inch from one end and extending to one-fourth of an inch on the other end. Where the stamp is cancelled by cutting or perforating in any manner authorized by existing regulations as aforesaid, the mutilation hereinafter provided will not be required. This provision shall take effect and be in force on and after December 15."

IOWAN CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

A. B. Holbert of Greeley, Executive of Horse Show Association.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The German Hanoverian and Oldenburg Coach Horse Association of America held its seventh annual meeting today at the Sherman house and decided to offer cash prizes for the best display of Hanoverian and Oldenburg coach horses made at the Chicago live stock show next year. The association will, the members say, issue a stud book next year, which will be the first ever issued, embracing Hanoverian and Oldenburg coach horses.

A. B. Holbert of Greeley, Ia., was chosen president of the ensuing year, and Jephthah Crouch of Lafayette, Ind., secretary.

To Free Stock of Disease.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Dairymen and stock owners from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin met here today to discuss ways and means of eradicating tuberculosis in stock. The question of legislation tending toward the prevention and ultimate eradication of the disease will be the principal topic taken up, and it is expected that strong recommendations will be made before the session closes.

McKinley and Bradley.

CINCINNATI, D., Dec. 2.—There is a movement on this side of the river, as well as in Kentucky, to present the name of Governor Bradley for the nomination for vice president on the next ticket with McKinley. Soon after the election of Governor Bradley four years ago there were factional troubles that defeated Dr. Hunter as the republican caucus candidate for senator. It is thought there will be no doubt about Kentucky sending a solid delegation to the republican convention for McKinley and Bradley on the next ticket.

HOLD SESSION ON ROBERTS.

Prominent House Republicans Look Into His Eligibility.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At a conference of about twenty-five prominent house republicans held at the capitol tonight it was decided that the eligibility of Representative Roberts of Utah to occupy a seat in the house should be investigated and determined and that pending the decision he should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

This decision was arrived at by those present without a dissenting voice. Representative Taylor of Ohio, who will have charge of the matter in the house, explained after the conference had adjourned that this proceeding does not involve a pre-judgment of the case, but irrespective of party, will afford the members an opportunity to vote after a thorough investigation and complete presentation of the case for consideration.

Mr. Taylor had made a study of the allegations and precedents and presented them at length to his colleagues. He offered a plan of procedure which was agreed to after a general exchange of views. The procedure is to be as follows:

When Mr. Roberts appears at the bar of the house to take the oath of office it is to be made upon the ground that he is ineligible. He will then step aside and after the other members are sworn in the member making the objection—who probably will be Mr. Taylor—will recite the allegations and offer a resolution for their investigation by a special committee. This will give the house an opportunity to vote in the first instance on the question of postponing the administration of the oath until after the allegations have been investigated. The resolutions have not been formulated yet, but they will include the investigation of the charge that Mr. Roberts' alleged conviction of violation of the Edmunds act in 1889 renders him ineligible by the terms of that act, whether the fact that he is an avowed polygamist renders him ineligible and whether the state of Utah in electing him has not violated the compact by which it obtained statehood.

WILL OF HOBART IS FILED.

Widow and Son Receive the Bulk of \$2,500,000.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 2.—The will of the late Vice President Garret A. Hobart was filed in the Passaic county surrogate's office. The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be about \$2,500,000. Of the estate Mrs. Jennie Hobart, the widow, receives \$1,000,000 and one-half of the remainder after a number of bequests are paid, the son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., inheriting the other half when he attains his majority.

St. Joseph's hospital, the general hospital, the Children's Day nursery, St. Joseph's Orphan asylum and Paterson Orphan asylum, all of Paterson, receive \$5,000 each.

Hobart Tuttle, private secretary to Governor Voorhees and a brother-in-law of the vice president, receives \$20,000; A. M. Wilcox, a close friend of Mr. Hobart, receives \$10,000.

David Hobart, a brother of the late vice president, receives \$20,000 and to each of his two children is bequeathed \$10,000.

The executors of the will are the widow, Mrs. Jennie Hobart, A. A. Wilcox, E. T. Bell and Colonel William Barbour.

TO REVISE PENSION LAWS.

Senate Committee at Work Getting Evidence Ready.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senators Gallinger and Hansbrough, on behalf of the senate committee on pensions, have been engaged for the past day or two taking testimony under a resolution passed by the senate last session at the instance of Senator Hansbrough, instructing the committee to inquire into the wisdom of revising the pension laws. So far they have heard Secretary Hitchcock and Assistant Secretary Davis of the interior department, and Commissioner Evans and Assistant Commissioner Davenport, and they expected later to receive a statement from the commander of the Grand Army. The testimony of the officials examined favors a general revision of the laws by a non-partisan.

SMYTH WILL PROSECUTE.

Attorney General Will Get After Soldiers at Fort Crook.

LINCOLN, Dec. 2.—Attorney General Smyth has notified Governor Poynter that he will prosecute Fort Crook soldiers who shot and killed a deserter who was resisting arrest. A court-martial has already acquitted the soldiers and a court of Sarpy county dismissed the complaint on the ground that the civil authorities have no jurisdiction. The attorney general says that while the soldiers are subject to punishment or discharge by the military, the offense is nevertheless committed against the peace of the state, and cannot be punished except by the civil courts of Nebraska.

To Enlist More Macabebes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Word comes from the Philippines that the two companies of Macabebes scouts under Captain Batson are doing so well that it has been decided to organize a full battalion of these natives. The additional two companies will be very useful in the present campaign in tracking the fleeing remnants of Aguinaldo's disorganized army.

More Wages for Thousands.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 2.—All the cotton manufacturers of this city represented in the Fall River association today decided that they would grant an increase in wages, beginning Monday, December 11. In all about 28,000 hands will benefit by the raise.

Hayward Slightly Better.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 2.—Senator Hayward's condition is not much changed from last night except that there is a further acceleration of pulse, which indicates the existence of some fever. The paralytic conditions are unchanged.

LITTLE CHANGE IN HAYWARD.

Last Twenty-Four Hours Do Not Work Much Change.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 1.—The condition of Senator Hayward this evening shows little change from what it was twenty-four hours ago. He passed an uncomfortable night and has been very restless and uneasy today. Dr. Whitten spent most of the night at his bedside and has watched him closely during the day. At 6 o'clock tonight he issued the following bulletin:

"Senator Hayward has had a very restless day, having slept very little. His temperature is 100, pulse 89, regular and softer than in the morning; respiration 24 and still intermittent. He is more conscious of his condition, as he manifested more concern about himself. Paralysis remains the same."

The fact that the patient is more conscious of his condition is taken by Dr. Whitten as a good symptom, in that it shows that his mind is brighter and more free, indicating partial absorption of the clot, and yet if he becomes greatly concerned and worried the effect is likely to be unfavorable.

Major E. B. Hayward, the senator's brother, together with his wife, arrived from Davenport, Ia., at 9:30 this morning and has been at his brother's bedside almost the entire day. The scene in the sick room upon the major's entrance was very affecting. Senator Hayward recognized his brother instantly and apparently made a supreme effort to speak to him. Failing to utter a single intelligible word, he burst into tears and could not be quieted for some time. Mrs. Hayward was finally prevailed upon to take a few hours' rest last night and as a consequence is feeling much better physically today. However, her concern about her husband's condition is as great as ever.

LIPTON WILL CHALLENGE.

If No One Else Wants to Try for the Cup Again, He Will.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Sir Thomas Lipton, speaking at the annual dinner of the Temple Yacht club at the Hotel Cecil this evening, Lord Charles Bessborough presiding, referred in generous terms to his recent visit to the United States.

"No man," said Sir Thomas, "could have had fairer or better treatment. No man could have met with a more generous welcome than I had and received at the hands of the greatest and of the humblest in America. I can see no room for discouragement and unless some one else challenges, I shall certainly do so myself very soon. All I can say is that we had a fair and square race and got a fair and square licking."

AGUINALDO'S MOTHER ARRIVES.

Bandits Intended to Hold Her for a Ransom—To Sell to Aguinaldo.

MANILA, Dec. 1.—Aguinaldo's mother has arrived here and has been given shelter by Senor Legarde, a prominent amigo, who was secretary of the treasury before the outbreak, and who resigned when it came. It seems that Buencamino's party took refuge in a bandit village, which had offered Aguinaldo an asylum, intending to sell him to the Americans. The bandits assassinated half of Buencamino's guard and prepared to keep Aguinaldo's mother for ransom.

Bryan Takes No Part.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 1.—William J. Bryan's attention having been called by a report from Washington that it is hinted there that he was inclined to favor the nomination of Sulzer for speaker by the democratic congressional contingent, expressed himself as follows in the matter: "I have not said nor written anything for or against any candidate for speaker. I have not taken any part in the contest and shall not. The democrats in congress are entirely competent to settle the question of leadership for themselves, and I have no doubt that the caucus will make a wise selection."

Congratulations Over Samoa.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The Kolonial Zeitung today publishes a letter from Emperor William addressed to Duke Albrecht, regent of the grand duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, in which his majesty congratulates Germany on the acquisition of Samoa and expresses hopes that, with God's help, the German colonies, "sustained by the intelligent and self-sacrificing solicitude of the people and supported by a strong fleet, may, in peaceful competition with other nations, advance on the road to prosperous development and prove a blessing to the fatherland."

Horsechief Kills Himself.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 1.—A wildly tragic suicide of a Black L. L. horse-thief and alround desperado took place at noon today on a train on the Sioux City & Western near Sioux City. The smoking car of the train was crowded at the time. The man was Harry Rogers, who was being taken by Sheriff Sweeney and a deputy from Butte county, South Dakota, to the penitentiary. The prisoner was known as a dangerous man, one who would shoot or kill in a desperate attempt to make his escape.

Protest Against Seating Roberts.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 1.—At two union Thanksgiving services, which included more than thirty churches, a committee from the Ministerial union presented resolutions protesting against seating Brigham H. Roberts as congressman from Utah. The resolutions ask that if this cannot be prevented and expulsion sought, congress prepare the way for a constitutional amendment which shall forbid polygamy.

Status in Warship Race.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The cruiser New Orleans has arrived at Colombo on her way to Manila. This brings her up to the cruiser Brooklyn for the first time since their ocean race to the Philippines began. The Brooklyn arrived at Colombo yesterday and will coal probably in time to get away ahead of the New Orleans. The latter has been gaining of late, however, and has bettered her position by two days against the Brooklyn since leaving Aden. At this rate the indications are that the New Orleans will be the first to arrive at Manila.

DROUGHT IN MAINE.

HAS CAUSED AN UNSIGHTLY BEAST TO APPEAR.

Bangor's "What Is It"—Some Say the Dryness Is Responsible for the Appearance of the So-Called Pickeral Devil.

All Maine has suffered from a drouth this year for which the prohibitory liquor law is in no way responsible. All the rain that has fallen since last spring, if put together in one storm, would not equal one of the heavy falls that usually are experienced in Maine in spring and fall, and, although the summer brought many violent thunderstorms, there was little rain. Now, when the rivers, lakes and wells should be full to the brim, every water course in the state is running remarkably low, the beds of the streams showing bare, like gravelly roads, and the lakes shrunken away from their shores as though they had leaked through a hole in the center, leaving the pebbly beaches far above water, with wide margins of muddy bottom lands, from which arises a powerful stench, says New York Press.

A remarkable effect of the drouth is seen in the brook which connects Eddington and Holbrook's ponds, a few miles east of Bangor. In ordinary times this brook runs high, and is a noisy little stream, filled with the best and plumpest pickerel, the fattest muskrats and the biggest frogs to be found in all Maine. Now the two ponds have shrunk to half their natural area and the brook is reduced to a sickly rivulet, at best, and in some places is nothing more than a series of disconnected and muddy pools, wherein thousands of big pickerel have been imprisoned helplessly, there to be dipped out by poachers, while at night the muskrats splash and flounder like stranded walrus and the once big frogs wall plaintively on the slimy borders.

A week ago, while tramping along the brook, swearing at the luck, and praying for rain, Uncle Reuben Dix, the hermit fiddler of Peaked mountain, saw something struggling in the mud that attracted his attention. It was not a frog nor yet a muskrat; it was something like a fish, and yet it had legs. If Uncle Reuben had been drinking anything that day or the night before, he would have decided that the stuff wasn't first-class, but none of the Bangor sportsmen had been out that way for some time, and there wasn't even a drink of elder within ten miles, so it was a case of straight seeing, and Uncle Reuben investigated. He got a crooked stick and hauled the thing out of the mud. The creature resented this, and snapped viciously at his captor, who had to dance about lively to keep out of its way.

"Well, I'm dummed!" said Uncle Reuben, "but I didn't think allergaters ever got this fur to the north-ard." Finally he killed the creature with a stone, and lugged the carcass over to Eddington, where, after being viewed by all the curious, it was sold for fifty cents to George McMunn, a Bangor drummer, who has a fad for collecting curious reptiles, birds, etc., and by him given to his friend, P. H. McNamara of Bangor, who will have it stuffed and placed on exhibition in his place of business. The beast looks something like an alligator and something like a big lizard, and no one in Bangor can name it. It has teeth like a saw and a mouth large enough to hold a loaf of bread, as Joe Jameson, the baker, demonstrated by experiment. Uncle Reuben said it was the pickerel devil, a poisonous reptile, which often has been told of, but seldom if ever seen in Maine. The devil is said to be the direct product of a drouth, and his appearance means that all the pickerel are to die, or have died, for want of water.

Up to the time of the drouth the fishing in Eddington and Holbrook's ponds was excellent. Now there hasn't been as much as a bite in either pond for four weeks. Some say that the pickerel have left the brook and gone to the bottom of the ponds, where they find the water cooler than at the surface, and that they will not bite again till winter. Uncle Dix, however, maintains that all the fish are dead, else the pickerel devil would not have been born.

Hard on the Irish Hounds.

The Irish masters of hounds are beginning to feel the pinch of war times as well as others. Some years ago the system of registering horses for government purposes was started and many people laughed at it as a useless scheme, but now it is found to work well. Under it, the owners of horses registered receive a small sum per annum, undertaking to sell each animal at a certain price when called upon to do so. Many of the large tramway, omnibus, and others have numbers of horses so registered, and it appears that masters of hounds have also taken advantage of the scheme, receiving an allowance annually for the hunt horses. The Remount Department of Ireland, of which Prince Francis of Teek is chief, are busy taking up all available registered horses now for South Africa, and the hunt horses of the Ward Stag-hounds, the Meath Hounds, the Tipperary, and other packs have all been requisitioned. It is rather hard on the masters to have to give up the hunt horses just as the season is opening, as it will be very hard to replace them now. The average price fixed on all horses so registered is about £40.

Thunder.

Thunder can be heard at a distance of fourteen miles.

THE LATE STATE ELECTION.

The State Board Completes the Work of Canvassing the Vote.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 1.—The state canvassing board has completed the work of canvassing the vote for state officers and the figures on the candidates for judicial positions are made public. There are fifteen judicial districts in the state and twenty-eight judges were chosen. Of the number elected fifteen were republicans and thirteen fusionists.

The duties of the canvassing board were lighter than usual this year, there being only three state officers to be elected. Ordinarily it takes about a week to canvass the vote and delays are frequently caused by mistakes of the county clerks in tabulating the vote. This year all counties reported promptly and it was an easy task for the board to finish the work.

The following were elected: John S. Stull (rep), Auburn; Charles B. Letton (rep), Fairbury; Paul Jessen (rep), Nebraska City; E. P. Holmes, L. Frost, A. J. Cornish (reps), Lincoln; Benjamin S. Baker, Irving S. Baxter, Lee S. Estelle, Jacob Fawcett, William W. Keyser, Willard W. Slabough (reps), Omaha; Charles T. Dickinson (rep), Tekamah; B. F. Good (fus), Wahoo; S. H. Sornberger (fus), Wahoo; Conrad Hollenbeck (fus), Fremont; James A. Grimison (fus), Schuyler; George W. Stubbs (fus), Superior; Guy T. Graves (fus), Pender; William V. Allen (fus), Madison; Ed. L. Adams (fus), Minden; John R. Thompson (fus), Grand Island; Charles A. Munn (fus), Ord; Homer M. Sullivan (fus), Broken Bow; H. M. Grimes (rep), North Platte; George W. Norris (rep), Beaver City; William H. Westover (fus), Rushville; James J. Harrington (fus), O'Neill.

Winter Agricultural Course.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2.—The university of Nebraska has issued a circular descriptive of the winter course in the school of agriculture. The people in charge of the school realize the fact that most farmers' sons and daughters cannot afford to spend the time and money required in the preparation for and completion of the regular college course and keeping this in view they have prepared a short practical course of three months, beginning January 2, 1900, and ending March 17. It provides for studies of soils, field crops, diseases of farm animals, breeding of live stock, feeding of live stock, dairying, horticulture, agriculture, engineering, carpentry and blacksmithing, insects injurious to crops, plant pests, farm accounts and English. An explanation given in the circular of the manner in which the instruction is given shows that the student obtains much of it by means of actual practice and observation. Not that he will be expected to do the work on the farm with which he is already familiar, but such operations as stock judging, milk testing, creamery operations, tree grafting, treating sick animals, etc. No examinations are required for entrance, but a registration fee of \$1 is charged. The cost to each student last year for room rent, table board, books, etc., was about \$36.

In preparing the course of instruction the object has been to make it as practical as possible, to give the student something that will be of value to him when he returns to the farm. The instruction is given by means of lectures and actual practice. Excellent facilities have recently been provided at the state farm for giving instruction in the most practical manner. A well-equipped building has been erected, containing a dairy room, a stock-judging room and a laboratory for soil study. The methods of instruction are adapted to students of all ages, those having taken the work varying from 16 to 45 years of age.

To Senator and Mrs. Thurston.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 2.—Among the handsome presents that had found their way to the home of Senator and Mrs. Thurston before their arrival in Omaha, was a set of three massive and ornate silver salvers bearing the congratulatory cards of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gould. These had been sent to Omaha instead of Washington, where many costly testimonials of friendship had been bestowed. A carriage stood in front of the residence awaiting the departure of the bridal party for the visit down town. It was a beautiful brougham, with a gilded monogram, "J. M. T.," upon the doors. A pair of spirited Cleveland bays, resplendent in elaborately mounted harness, stood restlessly awaiting the appearance of their new master. This equipage had been purchased by a number of Senator Thurston's friends in this state and presented without ceremony.

Cut His Throat on the Train.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Dec. 2.—A man named James Rogers, on the Pacific Short Line passenger, committed suicide just before the train reached Plainview. He was in charge of Sheriff E. M. Sweeney and a deputy under a sentence for horsestealing and was en route to the Sioux Falls, S. D., penitentiary, having been convicted at Belle Fourche. He cut his throat with a pen knife and expired in a few moments.

Burned to Death With His Home.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 2.—News has reached here of the burning to death in a house of W. B. Shanklin at Kelso, Wash. He was formerly a well-to-do farmer of Madison precinct, this county. He went to Washington four years ago. His remains were found in the ruins of his home, where he was living alone. The funeral occurred at Roadhouse, Ill., where he once lived.

Funeral of Mrs. Orlando Tefft.

AVOCA, Neb., Dec. 2.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Tefft, wife of Orlando Tefft, chairman of the state republican committee, were held here at the congregational church. Rev. C. S. Harrison of York preached the sermon. Mrs. Tefft was formerly Miss Lizzie H. Kirkpatrick. She was born in Wapello, Ia., January 3, 1849, and came with her parents in 1855 to Nebraska. She was married to Mr. Tefft July 4, 1868. She had two sons, Roland, who died young, and Clarence, a graduate of the university, now a lawyer at Weeping Water.