# **OPPOSES THE TREATY** BOER GUNS REMAIN SILENT.

**Beciprocity Agreement with the Argentine** Republic Excites Opposition.

CATTLE AND COAL MEN OBJECT which the Boers did not reply, the

Treaty Reduces Tariff on Wool and Hides Imported From Argentine- Knocks Off 20 Per Cent on Rate-Nebraska, Being a Wool-Producing State, is Interested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- There is liable to be considerable opposition on the part of western senators, and especially from those living in cattle and wool producing states, against ratification of the reciprocity treaty between the Argentine Republic and the Unit-ed States. Under the terms of this convention ratification must take place before March 1 and friends of the measure are already commencing to "count noses" in an endeavor to ascertain whether they have votes enough to force ratification in the senate.

The treaty reduces the tariff on wool and hides imported from Argentine 20 per cent and this enormus reduction is what is organizing opposition to the measure, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montna, Iowa, Texas and the Dakotas are vitally interested in this question, as they represent the cattle producing and wool growing interests of the United States. Nebrasky is becoming so large a factor in the feeding of sheep that it can with entire justice be classed as a wool-producing state.

Argentine is one of the largest producers of wool in the world, statistics of last year showing that the republic had 75,000,000 sheep within its borders. Under normal conditions Argentine exports to the United States from 15,000, 900 to 20,000,000 pounds of wool per annum, but the immense foreign demand of last year cut this yearly exportation to 6,000,000 pounds. Even though our importation showed a falling off from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 pounds of wool, shepherds and wool growers are up in arms against this feature of the treaty between Argentine and the United States and they say unless something is done for their protection the wool-growers and hide-growers' industry of the country will be ruined.

According to a ruling just made by Internal Revenue Commissioner G. W Wilson, receipts for the monthly dues and assessments in fraternal life insurance companies are not required to have stamps when cashed by banks. This matter came up for decision through William F. Sharp, illustrious protector of the Royal Highlanders of Aurora, Neb., and was presented to the commissioner by Congressman Stark. It appears that J. E. Houtz. collector of internal revenue for the Nebraska district, refused to recognize the ruling made by Acting Commissioner Williamms in October last touching on this same point, which complicated matters to such an extent that an appeal was taken to Commissloner Wilson. The latter, after inquiring into the merits of the case, issued an order to Collector Houtz that the former ruling of his office must stand and that he should forthwith inform his deputies to this effect. This ruling affects all fraternal organizations having life insurances attached to membership.

# MAINE'S DEAD ON HOME SOIL.

Pay No Attention to Artillery Fire of Buller's Forces.

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- The latests cable dispatches from South Africa show that the situation at the front is practically unchanged. With the exception of desultory artillery practice, to British continue to mark time. The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December

16, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Capetown says the New Zealanders with General French at Nauuwpoort were in a tight corner December 18. They were nearly surrounded by Boers and retired under a hall of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only little loss.

Among the Boers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had joined the Orange Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Capetown from the Modder river, apparently confirming the bellef that an immediate advance of the British is projected.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Capetown, dated December 25, saying: There is no change in the situation at Modder General Methuen is well enriver. trenched and the Boers have not disturbed him.

General Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss. The war office has received a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, December 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith December 22, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathens and Oakes and Lieutenant Colonel Fawcett were wounded and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded. This engagement had not been recorded before this, A cable dispatch from Capetown, dated Wednesday, Lecember 20, says that glanders has broken out among the American mules, of which there

are 1,100 at the Stellenbosch remount farm. Twenty-six of the mules have been destroyed and seventy-eight have been isolated.

The dispatch says sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three members of the Cape Parliament are alleged to be implicated and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commander, at the same time expressing the hope that he would carry it to glory and to victory. Another member of parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition wealthy farmers are now aiding the invaders.

### **COMMAND BOER POSITION.**

British Naval Guns Make It Unpleasant for the Enemy.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Dec. 27.-The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas.

Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boer successes the Free Staters to not ex-

HOW ABOUT THE ORDER CONTINUE GRIM WORK

Yet Refuse to Quit.

Women and Children Fight Frantically

to Get to Corpses as They Are Carried

From Shaft-Families of Dead in Need

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26 .--

Work at the Brazell mines is pro-

gressing very slowly. The country

roads from Brownsville to the mine

are almost impassable and there is

no telegraph or telephone connection

with Braznell, so all news from the

mines has to be brought overland.

Four more bodies have been recover-

ed, but not identified. Some of the

families of the doomed men are in a

suffering condition and provisions are

being sent out from Brownsville merchants, as well as from Union-

The revised list of the recovered

dead, numbering fifteen, and those

missing and almost absolutely certain

to be in the mine is as follows: An-

drew Ragships, John Pokelia, Michael

Harbeck, Andrew Parabeka, George

Roselko, Henry Haggar, Peter Crosier,

George Kovitz, Joseph Potsky, Joseph

John Logos, George Wasilko, Andrew

Toursizki, Joseph Podolosky, James

The men who nave been working

since Saturday to recover the bodies

are almost exhausted, yet they refuse

to give up and keep at the grim work

doggedly, though more dead than

The fact that last Saturday was

pay day at the mine and that there

were no empty wagons to load ac-

counts for many not going into the

mine that morning. Had the accident

occurred any other day there would

have been more than 100 men in the

mine and the result would have been

day and last night were such as to

bring tears to many a stout heart. As

the burned and bleeding bodies were

carried from the shaft wives and chil-

dren would fight frantically to get

to the corpses and when held back

by strong arms would weep pitifully

morgue and find their lost ones. It is

gotten by any one who wintessed it.

Some of the bodies have been remov-

ed to their homes and will be buried

A pathetic story is told of little Al-

bert Meese, who died after being res-

cued. He lived only a few steps from

the shaft. He went to the window

Saturday morning and looked out, say-

"Papa, I guess there is no use of me going to work this morning, as

The father said he had better go and

help him feed the mules. They both

started out together and never re-

fact, the excitement caused by the

thought of the holiday festivities

Sad, sad is the Christmas day to

In

all

turned to their home alive again.

many a family about Braznell.

terrible accident has driven

The scene about the morgue yester

even more appalling than it is.

Andrew

George Vosylko, Andrew Rapsch.

Known to be missing: John Budas,

William Thomas, Michael

Magic

Yaminszky,

Help Will Be Provided.

town.

Hagyar.

alive.

today.

ing to his father:

there is no loading."

Jokaleisky.

The State Board of Transportation Asked Broznell Mine Rescuers Almost Exhausted

for Information.

### AS TO RAILROAD FREIGHT CASE. PATHETIC SCENES ABOUT MORGUE.

The Attorney General Sends & Communication to the Secretaries Telling Them to Secure Evidence and He Will at Once Begin Prosecution Against the Railroads.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25 .- Attorney General Smyth has requested the sec cretaries of the State Board of Transportation to furnish his department with evidence that their order of 1897, which is still in effect, has or is being violated. The railroads doing business in Nebraska abandoned on December 1 the system of figuring stock rates by the carload and one the same day substituted the 100-pound rates, which, according to the findings of the secretaies of the Board of Transportation, was really an increase. The railroads made a similar change in 1897, but were forced to restore the old rates by an order of the Board of Transportation. The order still stands against the railroads and they are subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000 for each violation. Attorney General Smyth filed the

following communeation with the secretaries of the board, requesting the press to give it the date of December 19:

'LINCOLN, Dec. 19 .- To the Board of Secretaries, State Board of Transportation: Gentlemen-You, through your chairman, Hon. J. W. Edgerton, have stated to me that the railroad companies doing business in this state abandoned on December 1 carload rates per 100 pounds and thereby very considerably increased rates in that respect; that during the summer of 1897 the same companies made an attempt to make the same change; that complaint was made to you by the shippers of the state; that you investigated the matter, all the companies being present and participating in the investigation, and, that, as a result of that investigation, you made an order directing the maintaining of carload rates and forbidding the companies to substitute for them rates per 100 pounds; that by the action of the companies on December 1, referred to and plead to be allowed to euter the above, that order has been violated and is now being violated and you an occurrence that can never be forask me what remedy, if any, the state has in the premises.

"The statute seems to provide but one remedy in this case. Section 9 of article vili of chapter ixil declares in effect, that if any railroad company shall refuse to obey an order of the board it shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000 for each violation of the order.

"Section 16 provides that where the company refuses, after having received notice, to answer and an order of the board is made, that an injunction may be obtained to prevent the disobedience of the order.

"Section 17 provides that where an order is made by the board adverse to the railroad company and an appeal is taken by the company to the district court such order may be made by the court as the law shall warrant. | "In the case now under consideration I think that the only remedy which can be availed of by the board is that provided by section 9, to-wit: An action to recover in the name of the state the fine imposed by that section. "Therefore, procure, if you have not already done so, the evidence showing a violation of the board's order, lay that evidence before me and this office will take action promptly to recover the penalties imposed by the statute. Very truly yours.

# SEVEN MEN SHOT IN DALLAS.

Bloody Christmas Record for the Texas City.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26 .- Dallas has not known so many bloody affrays on Christmas in many years as have been recorded last night and today. Charles Miller shot Walter Myers dead on the street and fled. He surrendered today and claims he shot in self defense

Albert Hall got into a quarrel with two men named Edward and Murray Cecil, brothers, and shot the Cecils Edward is reported dying tonight: Murray will recover. Hall is a fugitive.

A negro, name unknown, to the police, partially wrecked a Chinese restaurant in Ervay street, with a dynamite cracker. He returned tonight and hit the Chinaman, Dock Coun, in the head with a brick. The Chinaman turned to get a revolver and the negro ran away. The Chinaman fired upon the first negro in sight and killed Jeff Thomas, an innocent bystander. The Chinaman is in jail.

John McMillan and Clay Patton are suffering from buliet wounds and Z. Phillips had a leg broken in three places by a bullet. They are white men and were attacked in different parts of the city by men who escaped and whose identity is not known.

### THIEVES STEAL MAIL POUCH.

### Found on Street by Cleveland Pollceman Empty.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- The police are hard at work today irying to discover who stole and cut open a United States mail pouch filled with outgoing The bag was either taken from mail. a mail wagon or from the Union station. It was found on the street by a policeman, empty. Subsequently it was learned that a vacant room on an upper floor at No. 32 Bank street had been used to examine the stolen mail.

The floor was littered with open letters and the other evidence that showed that the abstracted letters had been thoroughly rifled.

It is not known how much booty the thieves obtained, or how they secured the pouch. John Carroll has been arrested on suspicion. The police think he was concerned in the robbery.

# YOUNG MILITARY GOVERNOR.

# To Control Provinces of Northwestern

Luzon With Headquarters at Vigan. MANILA, Dec. 26 .-- General Young has been appointed military governor of the province of northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Thirty-third infantry, under Colonel Luther Hare, and the Third cavalry. He will, establish stations at San Fernando and Loaag. with outposts wherever needed.

The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Aparri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Neuvo Viscaya, of which Colonel Hood has been appointed military governor. General Young and Colonel Hood are establishing civil municipal gov-

ernments and the ports in northern Luzon will be open for trade about January 1.

# AMERICAN COAL FOR GENOA.

Italian Ship Loading at Philadelphia-Third Sh'pment in Month.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.-The Italian steamship Venus, Captain Tra-pani, has arrived from Ancona in balpromises to be one of the most interesting and productive meetings yet held by the Nebraska State Historical society will convene at Lincoln January 9 and 10. Tuesday evening's session will be devoted to historical papers and reminiscences. Clement Chase of Omaha will read a paper on

the life and services of Hon. Champion S. Chase; David Anderson of South Omaha on "Our First Settlement in Nebraska;" Dr. L. J. Abbott of South

DEATH OF W.C. POYNTER

Father of the Governor Passes Away at Albion.

## FORMER MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL.

A Man of Strong Personality and Settled Ideas-Long Sufferer From a Lingering Illness-Nebraska Historical Society Meeting-Other Nebraska Matters.

ALBION, Neb., Dec. 27 .- Elder W. C. Poynter, father of Governor Poynter, died at his residence in Albion. after a lingering illness, during which he suffered greatly. His early years were spent in Kentucky and later he made Illinois his home. During the last fifteen years he has lived at Albion, latterly making his home with his second son, D. J. Poynter.

For many years he was a Christian Minister, until incapacitated by age. He was a man of great force of character and intelligence. He leaves his aged wife and two sons, Governor W. A. and D. J. Poynter.

Elder Poynter was a man of strong personality, of clear logical mind and settled ideas and always had the courage of his convictions. Becoming a Christian in early life he devoted his best years to proclaiming from the pulpit the teachings of Christianity. His private life was always in full accord with his public teaching. He devoted much time and energy to the cause of education, assisting both by work and liberal denation, to the building up of Eureka college. A pioneer settler in Woodford county, Illinois, ho occupied with honor different positions of public trust. He was an associate in a public way with such men as Lincoln, David Davis, Adlai Stevenson and others in the public affairs of Illinois.

Meeting with an accident in early life, resulting in the loss of his arm, he was placed at great disadvantage. but by energy and good judgment he accomumulated a competency. He departs, having expressed himself as ready to go saving with Paul: "I ready to go, saying with Paul: have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." He was born in Barren county, Kentucky, in 1821, and came to Illinois in 1835. He was married to Huldah J. Watkins in 1840. Three sons were born of this marriage. The eldest died at the age of 12, in 1855, the second is present governor of Nebraska, the third is the editor of the Albion Argus, with whom the elder has made his home for the last six years. His wife survives him, besides the two sons.

Nebraska Historical Society. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27 .-- What

#### Coffins Transferred at Newport News to a Special Train.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 27.-The Maine's dead were brought ashore at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon on a lighter and transforred without ceremonies to a Chesapeake & Ohio special baggage train waiting to take them to Arlington. A large throng watched the transfer solemnly. The train left at 10 o'clock tonight. The coffins on the lighter were in two large blocks, completely covered with flags, on top of which were wreaths in pro-At 10 o'clock this morning fusion. an official visit was paid the Texas by the mayor, president of the Business Men's association and representatives of the military from here during the late war.

#### Movements of Mr. Bryan.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 27.-W. J. Bryan's attention was called to a dispatch from Washington, stating that he has written Congressman Daly of New Jersey that he would make sevoral speeches in the east, discussing trusts and importalism, and he was asked as to whether the report Indi cated an intention of abandoning the silver question. He replied:

"Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the east, but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions. There are three questions now prominently be fore the people, to-wit: The money question, the trust question and the Philippine question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all three questiona."

#### McKinley Saves His Life.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 27 .- William Scarborough of this city, a private of Company B, Third United States infantry, who was tried by a military court in the Philippines on a serious charge and sentenced to death, has been saved from execution by President McKinley. The president has commuted his sentence to dishonorable discharge and twenty years' imprisonment.

Fever Raging in Ladysmich. NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- A dispatch to

the Tribune from London says: The Ladysmith list shows that typhoid fever and dysentery are more effective than the Boer's artillery in reducing the strength of the garrison day by day. It is clear that General Buller will renew the attempt to relieve Ladysmith, while Lord Roberts is on the He is receiving reinforcements cea. and fresh batteries and ought to be in a position to reopen hostilities in a week or ten days, unless he waits for the siege train.

pect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvaalers uo not conceal their supicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters and Lareaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are said to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

# BRUSHES WITH INSURGENTS.

#### Several Minor Encounters With Scattered Bands Reported.

MANILA, Dec. 27-Colonel J. Franklin Bell of the Thirty-sixth infantry encountered 150 Filipinos Thursday near Alaminos, province of Zambales, and killed, wounded or captured twenty-eight of them. Our troops also obtained possession of a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition. One American was wounded.

A detachment of the Thirty-fourth infantry encountered a band of the enemy Saturday at Ariato, province of New Vicaya, and routed them, killing two and wounding or capturing thirteen. The Americans also seized a quantity of ammunition.

The Twenty-first regiment attacked Filipino outpost Sunday near Calamba, scattering them and killing five of the enemy.

The Thirty-second regiment Sunday had a brush with the enemy from the mountains northwest of Dinalupijan. One American was wounded. The troops captured 125 head of cattle and brought them to Granki, Bataan province.

One of the Rothschilds Volunteers. LONDON, Dec. 27 .- Mr. Lionel Waler Rothschild, unionist member of Parliament for the Aylesbury district of Buckinghamshire, eldest son of the first Baron Rothschild and the latter's heir, has volunteered for service in South Africa. He was born in 1868 and is unmarried.

#### Withdraw to the Mountains.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- A special to the Record from Austin, Tex., says: dispatch from Guaymas, state of Sonora, Mex., says that the force of Yaqui Indians that has been harassing General Torres' troops for the last few weeks has withdrawn into the mountains. The Indians divide into small bands at night and make raids on unprotected ranches and scouting parties of government troops. Many val-uable ranch buildings belonging to Mexicans who had left the country with their families to avoid being killed have been burned.

'C. J. SMYTH, Attorney General,

#### Brings Suit Against Banks.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 23.-Mrs. Emma F. Tannahill has brought suit in the district court, through her attorney, J. N. Killan, against three banks of this city and Henry Ragatz to restrain them from selling her dower interest in her husband's property for which they have secured a judgment and order for sale. Mrs. Tannehill seeks protection by bringing suit against these creditors, claiming homestead rights to the property, inasmuch as she has resided on it for ten years and will continue to do so. Mrs. Tannehill is the wife of John Tannehill, who left last October after, it is alleged, forging the names of a number of prominent business men, and who has not since been heard from.

#### Free Silver Republicaus.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23 .- Chairman J. N. Lyman has issued a call for a meeting of the free silver republican committee at Lincoln January 4 at 8 p. m. to consider the time and place for holding the state convention for the election of delegates to a national convention which they propose to hold next year. An effort is being made by the Lancaster county democrats to have the conventions of the three fusion parties held in Lincoln March 19. Bryan's birthday. This would necessitate holding another convention later in the year for nominating state officers.

#### Law Presumes Him Dead Now.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 25 .- Andrew Moline, a farmer of Logan township, mysteriously disappeared in October, 1892, and no trace has been obtained of him. He left some real estate in this county and other property. The county court has appointed Charles Moline administrator or the estate on the theory that, not having been heard from for seven years, the law presumes him dead. But one other case of that kind has ever occurred here and that is now pending in the district court.

from the homes of all who live in the neighborhood, even those who have no friends killed. The search for the bodies still goes on. The mine officials admit that two

or more bodies are still in the mine, but representatives of the Slavonic society have made a house-to-house canvass and report that eight of their number alone are in the wreck and how many others they do not know.

# LAWTON FUND IS STILL GROWING.

**Committee Will Continue Work Another** Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- The total subscription to the Lawton fund up to noon of Christmas was \$14,329.55. The committee have determined to continue to work at least until January 2. when it is hoped that a sufficient fund will have been subscribed to place the widow and children of General Lawton beyond the possibility of want and enable the mother to carry out the father's fondest wishes that his children should receive a propor education.

It is proposed to continue active work in raising funds during the present week and it is probable that the subscription list will be kept open until the return of Mrs. Lawton to this country.

# MYSTERY AT KANSAS CITY.

Manager Richart of Telephone Exchange Shot by Two Men. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26,--Will-

iam H. Richart, manager of the Kansas City telephone exchange, was the victim of a mysterious shooting that occurred at Twenty-fifth street and Park avenue, in the outskirts of the city. When within two blocks of his home he was waylaid by two men and shot three times in the head, two bullets being fired into his head after he fell. His assailants then ran away without attempting robbery. His injuries are believed to be fatal. Mr. Richart had no enemies so far as known, and the police advance the theory that the assailants intended their bullets for some other man.

### Hanna Rewards Emp oyes.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- The Cleveland City Railway company, known locally as the "Little Consolidated, of which Senator Hanna is president, has distributed nearly \$5,000 among its employes in Christmas gifts. Between 800 and 900 men employed on electric and cable lines received \$5 each.

The Little Consolidated men refused to quit work during the great street railway strike last summer on the Big Consolidated lines. As a result the former company did an enormous business and in recognition of the loyalty of its employes decided to distribute the amount named among them.

last to load upward of 5,000 tons of coal for Genoa. This will be the third shipment of this kind within the period of a month. It is stated that 50.-000 tons of coal will be shipped from here to Italy for use one the railroads. American ccal is also being exported to French Mediterranean points and the British steamship Inca will soon begin loading 4,000 tons at Newport News for Marsellies.

St. Louis Does Chicago. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25 .- The fa-

mous All-Chicago association football aggregation had its measure taken by the Cycling club team of St. Louis at Athletic park today. After tiring the crack west ends of this city, the All Chicagos were confident of their ability to win from the Wheelmen, but Captain Dick Jarrett's men turned the tables on them completely. The visitors were favored by the wind during the first half and managed to score two goals to the Cycling club's one. In the second half, however, the Wheelmen played all around the visitors, scoring three goals to their one, which made the final score 4 to 3 in favor of the St. Louis team.

#### Stillwell Forced Ont.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26 .- The Times-Herald tomorrow will say: Mr. Stillwell's retirement was brought about at a meeting of the executive committee of the \$1,500,000 concern held Saturday. While the officers of the company stated tonight that Mr. Stillwell's resignation was voluntary and was given in order that he might obtain a much needed ret, it was learned that the meeting at which the matter was considered was a stormy one.

### Bubonic Plague in Australia.

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 26 .- It is reported the bubonic plague has made its appearance at Noumea, capital of the French penal colony of New Caledonia. Ten Kanakas have succumbed to the disease and four whites have been attacked. The disease is said to be spreading.

## Will Stand to Annex.

NIDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26 .- Senator Beveridge said in an interview tonight that the currency bill would undoubtedly pass the senate the first thing after the holiday recess, and that immediately thereafter the question of the Philippines would be taken up. He says the republicans of the senate will take a stand for expansion and will fight for the annexation of these islands. Mr. Beveridge thinks this issue will be one of the leading ones in the next fall campaign.

Omaha on "The Campaign of 1870, With a Character Sketch of Governor Butler;" R. W. Furnas of Brownville on "Ex-Senator Thomas W. Tipton," and John Turner of Indianola on "Pioneer Days in Boone County.'

#### They Start Out for Cuba.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27 .- Paul Van Der Voort, who starts out from New York December 30 for La Gloria, with a party of 350 people, who gather at New York, set out from Omaha last night. The colonists who accompanied him from this city are W. E. Wood, nephew of General Freight Agent Wood of the Union Pacific railway: William Carson and J. L. Ratekin, the latter formerly of the Third Nebraska volunteers: B F. Seibert, all of Omaha; Rev. Father Hovora of Saunders county; W. L. Ballard and Mr. Olsen of Oakland, Ia.; W. H. Robinson of Norfolk, J. F. Earley and Frank Jancoch of Wilber.

#### Bloodhounds for Incendiary.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Dec. 27 .- Saturday night Charles Scott, living three and one-half miles south of Franklin. lost his barn, outbuildings and a considerable amount of live stock, grain and hay by fire, plainly of incendiary Bloodhounds from Beatrice origin. were soon telegraphed for and the scent of the tracks of a mule were followed directly to the barn of a farmer living near. One of his sons, supposedly riding the mule, is suspected of firing Scott's barn.

#### Drowned in the Blue.

WILBER, Neb., Dec. 27 .- Louis Jacobs left his home Thursday morning for a hunt along the river, taking along his skates. Not returning, a search party was organized and in a little while was discovered that he had accidentaly drowned by breaking through the ice, about three miles north of town. The body was later recovered. He was 33 years old, single, a member of the local fire department and militia company and much respected.

A Good Pasture Grass for Nebraska. The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 61, treating of Hungarian brome grass. It is a dry-weather grass, imported from Russia, and has been found admirably adapted to the semi-arid region of this country. The subject matter of the bulletin comprises (1) tests of the grass on the Station farm, (2) tests by various persons throughout the State. and (3) directions for sowing and caring for the crp. The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by writing to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Nebraska.