

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. Robert Graham, aged 69, for many years president of the Kentucky university, also president of the College of the Bible and Heked, is dead at Pittsburgh, Pa. The Baldwin Automobile Manufacturing company, capitalized at \$250,000, made an assignment at Conneville, Pa. No estimates of assets or liabilities were made. The Union Pacific has awarded the contract for a cut-off from Cheyenne south, on the Denver line, a distance of eighteen miles, that will cost approximately \$2,000,000. According to the Brussels Petit Bleu, bubonic plague is raging among the British troops in Cape Colony, and many deaths that are attributed to enteric fever and dyspepsia are really due to plague. The steamer Vanderland, which arrived at New York from Antwerp and Southampton, brought thirty members of the United States commission to the Paris exposition and their families. At Tuscaloosa, Ala., a damage case has been settled for which no precedents in law could be found. O. B. Wilson was talking over a telephone during a thunder storm and was struck by lightning and killed. Mrs. Tom Arbuckle, living at Pijo, I. T., died after giving birth to four babies, two boys and two girls. The babes are doing well. This makes fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, and all are living. At Hartford City, Ind., the American Window Glass company and the Independent Manufacturers' association agreed to close their plants April 1, instead of June 1. Eighty factories and about 30,000 workmen will be affected. "Boss" Shepard has been buried in the heart of the Sierra Madre of Mexico ever since leaving Washington, D. C., many years ago, and he has made another fortune of several millions of dollars since locating in Mexico. The special committee which recently investigated the West Point Military academy unanimously requested Congressman Smith of Iowa to prepare their report and to formulate legislation which will stop hazing at West Point. The Porto Rican house has passed a bill authorizing the treasurer to float a loan of \$2,000,000 in the United States and Europe. The funds thus raised will be loaned by the government to planters to relieve agricultural depression. At a meeting of the National Window Glass Jobbers' association at Pittsburg, the price list was revised so as to agree with the advance announced last week by the manufacturers. It is understood there will be no change made in discounts. The Arkansas house spent an hour discussing a resolution extending sympathy to the Filipinos "in their heroic struggle for freedom." The resolution was amended so as to include the Boers, by a vote of 53 to 39, and was then adopted amid cheers. John H. Russell, once famous as the manager of "Russell's Comedians," "The City Directory" and "Natural Gas," farcical productions of the type made famous by Charles H. Hoyt, though lighter in plot than Hoyt's farces, died at the State hospital in Middletown, N. Y., where he had been confined for five or six years with softening of the brain. W. J. Bryan, it is said, will soon start for Europe. It is his purpose to call upon President Kruger, but this ultimate object is a tour of the continent. He may visit all the British Isles, and especially Ireland. The success of his newspaper, the Commoner, has been so great at the outset that he feels warranted in going abroad in quest of material for a series of letters for his new paper, in the course of which it is said to be his intention to treat on imperialism as he finds it and to make a special study of colonial dependencies. Samuel Gao Moy, generally known as Sam Moy, the "king of Chinatown," and one of the best known Chinamen in the west, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Chicago, scheduling liabilities of \$13,067 and exempt assets of \$105. George West, known the world over as a trainer and driver of trotting horses, died at his home in Chicago after a long illness. Queen Victoria was the owner in fee simple of much real estate in New York city below Grand street. At one time she owned the Bowling Green offices, 11 Broadway. George M. Gabrieth was shot and instantly killed by his brother-in-law, C. E. Cox, at Colorado Springs. The 2,780-pound steer purchased at the Pittsburg live stock show in November was slaughtered in Philadelphia. The dressed beef that came from him was 1,971 pounds in weight. J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York have purchased 75,000 acres of coal land in Green county, Pennsylvania. John Sheridan, who has been in charge of the money order department of the Havana, Cuba, postoffice, was arrested and confessed to the theft of \$1,300 last month. Sheridan was appointed from Boston. L. C. Sutton, a well known saloon man, was fatally stabbed at St. Joseph, Mo., by four robbers, who attempted to hold him up. The Saxon loan of 60,000,000 marks, in three per cent renties, has been heavily over-subscribed. The books have been closed at Berlin. Conductor Steve Gage of the Green Bay & Western road was killed at Arcadia, Wis. Colonel F. F. Hillier, chief clerk of the bureau of ethnology of the Smithsonian institution, died at Washington, D. C., aged 70 years. He was well known as a magazine writer and lecturer.

IN MEMORY OF QUEEN

Most Imposing Display Ever Bestowed Upon Any European Monarch.

LONDON HANGS OUT ITS MOURNING

Houses Along the Funeral March Draped for the State Occasion—Line of Battleships Eight Miles Long—Massive Floral Tributes Received. LONDON, Jan. 30.—In London active preparations are being made all along the route of the queen's funeral. Houses are being draped and seating accommodation is being provided. A committee of women has obtained leave to hang a line of evergreens along the line, one to be fixed to each lamp-post, each to be three feet in diameter. Of all the ceremonies no doubt the naval parade will be the finest pageant. The Alberta, bearing the body, will slowly steam along a line of battleships extending eight miles. Facing these giants of the British navy will be smaller vessels and numerous foreign battleships. Whatever the weather may be the spectacle of the body of Victoria traveling a line of warships, the guns all booming, will be unique. The compulsory absence of the duke of Cornwall and York from the ceremonies is the occasion of extreme regret and of many expressions of sympathy, although no anxiety is felt regarding him, as the malady, measles, is not dangerous. King Edward received Lord Salisbury and several other members of the cabinet yesterday at Marlborough house. He will hold a privy council at St. James palace tomorrow to sanction finally the arrangements for the funeral, and will then return to Osborne. The wreath sent by the king of Portugal was so large that it could not be placed in the Chapele Ardent. It is in the form of a cushion of violets supporting a cross surmounted by a crown of lilies of the valley. The mikado wired such imperative orders to the Japanese legation for the presence of a Japanese warship to the naval display that the battleship Hatsuse, now being completed at the Elswick works, Newcastle, one of the largest battleships in the world, having 15,200 tons displacement, has sailed for Portsmouth, although hardly in condition to do so. The following is the order of the foreign warships at the pageant: The Baden, Prince Henry of Prussia's flagship; the Hagen, the Victoria Louise and the Nympe, German; the Dupuy de Lome, French; the Hatsuse, Japanese, and the Don Carlos I, Portuguese. About 3,500 troops will be engaged in the procession from Osborne to Cowes. Ten thousand volunteers will be employed along the route in London in addition to 20,000 regulars. Some disappointment is likely to be caused by the statement that no photographs will be allowed to be taken of the procession from Osborne to Cowes. The following is the inscription on the coffin of Queen Victoria: DEPOSITUM SERENISSIMAE POTENTISSIMAE ET EXCELSISSIMAE PRINCIPIS, VICTORIAE, DEI GRATIA BRITANNIANUM REGINAE FIDELI DEFENSORIS ET INDIE IMPERATRICE OBIT XXII. DIE JANUARII. ANNO DOMINI MDCCCIII. AETATIS SUAE LXXXII. REGNIQUE SUL LXIV. The lord marshal, the duke of Norfolk, was unable to see King Edward yesterday in order to obtain his majesty's final sanction to the program. "Queen Victoria's explicit directions as to her funeral were written in 1862," says Truth, "and have not been altered in any material respect. It was her wish that the ceremonial should copy the burial of Prince Albert as far as possible. The queen will be the first English sovereign not buried at night and by torchlight."

MRS. SNELL'S WILL STANDS.

Mrs. Stone Failed to Prove She Was Her Daughter. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Henrietta Snell's will stands. The jury tonight agreed upon the verdict, rejecting the claim of Mrs. Mary Snell Stone to a share in the estate. By its verdict the jury holds that Mrs. Snell was sane when she made the instrument leaving \$800,000 to her grand-children and that Mrs. Stone's claim to be her child was not proved. The trial, which has been running for three weeks was the second sensation that the Snell family has furnished. The first was the murder of the wealthy millionaire, Amos J. Snell, on the night of February 7, 1888. In his life he recognized Mary Snell Stone, the wife of A. J. Stone, as his daughter, and left to her a proportionate share of his estate. The first knowledge that the public had that his favorite child was not the daughter of Henrietta Snell came with the filing of the will of the widow a year ago. Kruger's Eyes All Right. BERLIN, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from The Hague says Mr. Kruger's ailment consisted of a muscular contraction of the eyelid, which the recent slight operation has entirely cured. Mr. Bryan Will Be There. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 30.—The following list of toasts for the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln banquet, which is to be held here on Lincoln's birthday, has been given out: William J. Bryan, "Jefferson;" John P. Altgeld, "Jackson;" Charles A. Towne, "Lincoln;" Senator-elect Carmack of Tennessee, "Jefferson to Lincoln;" Senator Pettigrew, "Lincoln Down to Hanna;" Representative De Armond of Missouri, "Our government should be controlled by the Ballot Box and Not by the Musket."

DENONCE VICTORIAN REIGN.

Irish Societies Pass Resolutions Severely Arraigning Her Rule. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—At the regular monthly meeting of the United Irish-American societies, sixty-eight organizations being present, resolutions were passed unanimously reading in part as follows: The population of Ireland, a land flowing with milk and honey and capable, according to the best authorities, of supporting more than 20,000,000 of people in ease and comfort, has been reduced from 8,500,000 to less than 4,500,000 of people. The actual number of Irish people who have died of starvation in the midst of plenty during Queen Victoria's reign is more than 1,250,000, more than 4,000,000, according to the same authority, have been compelled to emigrate from Ireland to foreign countries, the manufacturing industries of the country have been steadily discouraged and as far as possible stamped out. Everything which could be done to impoverish and depopulate the country—to root out the people from their native soil and drive them to seek other homes in alien towns; to break their spirit and make of themselves outcasts—has been done under Victoria's reign and with her full connivance and consent. We denounce the reign of Victoria as one long act of bloodshed, murder, cruelty and cant, and insist that when its history is truly written and the influence of snobbery, funkneyism and toadyism is removed it will be looked back upon as one in which English wealth and power both properly passed their zenith and are on a rapid and permanent decline—as one which, despite the material progress made by England in the earlier and middle part thereof, greater injustice, more cruelty, grosser wrong, were inflicted upon humanity in general and upon the Irish in particular than in the reign of any other English monarch. BURNS UP HALF A MILLION. Des Moines Business Interests Hard Hit by Early Morning Blaze. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 30.—Fire which broke out in Frankel Bros. department store, at the corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, destroyed over \$500,000 worth of property. The fire was first discovered at 3:05 a. m. in the corner of the clothing department. It was but a moment before the whole building was in flames. Every fireman available in the city was ordered out, but the structure was doomed before they arrived and their attention was largely devoted to saving the adjoining structures. MADE READY FOR MRS. NATION. Arkansas City Saloon Keepers Entrenching and Prepare for Assault. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 30.—A special to the Star from Arkansas City, Kan., says: This morning a report that Mrs. Carrie Nation would be in this city about the middle of this week was circulated and immediately the joint keepers began making preparations to prevent her from destroying their property. Barricades that can be put in place at a moment's notice have been constructed and sentries will be placed about town to give warning of her approach. Get the Maximum Sentence. PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 30.—Walter C. McAlister, William A. Death and Andrew J. Campbell, who were found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Jennie Boschleter on October 18, 1900, by the administration of cholera, and subsequent assault, together with George J. Kerr, who pleaded non vult to condone to a charge of assault, were brought into court by Judge Dixon. McAlister, Campbell and Death were each sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment at hard labor and Kerr to fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor. The sentences of all the men are the full terms of imprisonment which the law provides. Honor Done to Dead Artist. ROME, Jan. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies was crowded today when president, Signor Vitti, the minister of education, Signor Gallo, and deputies of all parties eulogized the late Giuseppe Verdi. It was decided to drape the chamber in mourning for a week, to send a delegation to the funeral and to hold a solemn memorial celebration, a month after the funeral, which, in accordance with Verdi's request, will be most simple. Appointee's Formal Demand. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 30.—In the struggle between the appointees of ex-Governor Herried and those of Governor Lee for control of the State Board of Charities and Corrections the appointees of the former, at the meeting of the board here, formally demanded that Governor Lee's appointees surrender the offices to them. The demand was refused. National Guards to See It. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Colonel Daniel Blodgett of the Illinois National Guard called upon some of the Panamerican exposition officials and suggested a scheme to mobilize the national guard of as many states as possible at the exposition upon a certain week. The exposition authorities endorse the suggestion and will try to arrange for a military week. Admiral Kautz Retired. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Rear Admiral Kautz, who has just been relieved from command of the Pacific station, was placed on the retired list today, on account of age. He has had a long and distinguished career, of which nearly eighteen years was spent at sea. During the Samoan trouble about two years ago Admiral Kautz was in command of the American forces in that quarter, and it was mainly through his firmness and conservatism that serious international complications were averted.

THE REBELS DISPersed

Opposition in Funston's District is Confined to Small Banda. COMMISSION WORKING ON LAWS. General and Civil Code About Complete—Only Two Object to Church Property Taxation Clauses—The Situation in General. MANILA, Jan. 29.—General Funston reports that practically all the organized insurrectionists in his district have been dispersed, with the exception of disconnected bands in the mountains. Sixty-five more rebels in the island of Panay have surrendered to the United States authorities at Cabatuan. George T. Rice, editor of the Daily Bulletin, who was ordered by General MacArthur to be deported because of the publication in his paper of allegations against Lieutenant Commander William Braunersecuter, captain of the port, sailed today. It was ordered that he be held as a prisoner until his arrival at San Francisco. The Philippine commission has passed the act annulling that portion of the Spanish code which disqualified judges and magistrates for trying certain cases on account of alleged incompetency. The act declares that the judges are incompetent only when pecuniarily interested in the litigation or related to the litigant. The general criminal and civil codes are almost completed. The hearing on the municipal government bill was finished today and the measure will be enacted on Wednesday. Only two natives objected to the church property taxation feature and no objection was entered on behalf of the church or other organization. Reports from southern Luzon say there is much disaffection in the inswore allegiance to the United States in a church at Malabon on Sunday. Gallies camp near San Antonio was surprised and attacked on Friday by a detachment of the Fifteenth infantry. The insurgents escaped, but a score of houses were destroyed. Detachments of the Fourth infantry and of the Fourth and Sixth cavalry, with a platoon of marines, have captured 140 identified insurgents and lardons in Cavite province. Twenty wire repairs were attacked recently south of San Pablo, by 300 insurgents, half of them armed with rifles. Two Americans were wounded and one was captured, but was subsequently rescued by reinforcements of the Forty-ninth regiment. One native was killed, seven wounded and a number captured. The Cebu police have been compelled to swear allegiance or be deported. They chose the former. Minor insurgent activities continued in Cebu and Bohol. General MacArthur this evening reviewed and addressed the Eleventh cavalry. He lightly complimented the troops, who are the only cavalry volunteers in the islands prior to their departure. OBJECTS TO THE TERMS. China Refuses Peace Conditions Offered by Russia in Respect to Manchuria. LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Daily News publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent: "Sheng, the tual, has received a telegram from Li Hung Chang saying that the Russian representatives in Manchuria presented to Tseng Chi, the Tartar general at Sheng King, nine peace conditions, restoring Manchuria to China, but giving Russia absolute control of the province, the undertaking in case of war to support China. "As Tseng Chi rejected these conditions Li Hung Chang ordered Cho Ha Pau, the new Tartar general at Hai Lung Kang, to undertake the negotiations." "Strong evidence exists," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring yesterday, "that negotiations are on foot between China and Russia with regard to the cessation of three eastern provinces."

ARMONR LEGATEES GET THIS

Widow, Son and Two Grand Sons Have Claim on the Estate. CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The will of the late millionaire packer and grain dealer, Philip D. Armour, disposes of an estate valued at \$15,000,000, according to statements made in an application for letters testamentary, filed in the probate court here today by Malvina B. Armour, widow of deceased, and J. Ogden Armour, his son. Mrs. Armour and J. Ogden Armour are made executrix and executor, and are named as legatees, each receiving one-half of the estate. Go to Quell Creeks. MUSKOGEE, I. T., Jan. 28.—United States Marshal Bennett, with six deputies and Constable Hubbard, United States Commissioner Sansan and T. W. Gullick, left today for Henrietta, sixty miles distant, where they will join the troops sent to quell the Creeks. They will go overland and took a camping outfit, commissary, twenty Winchester and plenty of ammunition. Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balances, \$150,000,000; gold, \$70,751,363. Li Hung May Die. SHANGHAI, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the North China Daily News of this city from Pekin says that Li Hung Chang is suffering from fever and is delirious, his life being despaired of.

FILIPINOS HAVE AN INNING.

Senate Hears Message from Federal Party's Directors at Manila. WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—When the senate convened today the presiding officer, Mr. Frye, called attention to the following cablegram, which was read: MANILA, Jan. 29.—President of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, Washington: Accessions to federal party by thousands in all parts of the archipelago. Attitude of hitherto irreconcilable press and the general public opinion show that labors of party to bring peace will soon be crowned with success. Until now political parties have attempted formation on plans more or less questioning American sovereignty. Our platform makes main plank sovereignty of United States, with liberty to each citizen to pursue peacefully his political ideas. Hour of peace has sounded. On our platform are grouped many Filipinos of hitherto irreconcilable ideas, but some more obstinate decline to join, for though willing to accept sovereignty of United States, the prospect of indefinite continuance of military government makes them distrust purposes of the United States and delays their submission. Adjournment of present congress without giving president authority to establish purely civil government with usual powers, and postponement for at least a year of such government until new congress, will certainly confirm this distrust. Directory of the federal party believes conferring such authority on president would inspire confidence, hasten acceptance of sovereignty of union and the coming of peace. Directory, therefore, prays both houses of congress to authorize President McKinley to establish civil government whenever he believes it opportune. FRANK H. BOURNE, DR. PABDO DE TAVERO, FLORENTINO TORRES, JOSE NAR TOMAS DEL ROSARIO, C. S. ARELLANO. Directors of Federal Party. ENGLAND MAY DECLARE WAR. Action of the Venezuelan Authorities May Bring on Conflict. NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Mr. Pulido, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, received advices by mail several days ago announcing that a peaceful condition of affairs prevails. It is learned now that the claim of Venezuela to Pato Island, from which the Venezuelan gunboat Angusto took several British subjects, is contested by Great Britain and that the question of the nation to which the island belongs has never been satisfied. This fact will have an important bearing, of course, in connection with the representations which the British government will make to Venezuela. Great Britain, if it insists on its sovereignty over the island, can declare the act of the gunboat an act of war and demand instant reparation. PROCLAIMING THE NEW KING. Ceremony Being Repeated at Important Points in the Kingdom. LONDON, Jan. 29.—The ceremony of proclaiming King Edward VII as king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India continues in all centers of the kingdom. The impressive function took place in the royal borough of Windsor at noon. Thousands witnessed the historic proceedings. The mayor read the proclamation from the base of the queen's statue on Castle Hill and the recorder read it at Henry VIII's tomb. ALL BUT ONE READY TO SELL. Fifteen Members Ready to Dispose of Danish West Indies. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29.—It appears that only a single member out of the fifteen comprising the finance committee of the Folkething opposes the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The objector is starting a newspaper campaign in favor of their retention, but the finance committee of the Landsting will shortly report in favor of the sale of the islands. The agitation of the inhabitants of the islands against their sale is largely artificial. Tried New Training Ships. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The naval board of construction today prepared estimates of cost and outlined the work for constructing two new training ships for the navy. The vessels are to have a steaming speed of between nine and ten knots each, on a displacement of about 2,000 tons, besides having a complete sailing equipment. One is to be built of wood and the other of steel, and the cost is estimated at about \$900,000 each. Finds Mrs. Keeley Was Cruel. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—The report of the legislative commission which has visited the state institutions was handed to Governor Durbin tonight. The report charges that Mrs. Sarah Keeley, superintendent of the Indiana woman's prison and girls' industrial school, has been guilty of stripping girls naked and flogging them with machine lashes on their naked backs. The report also charges cruel treatment in other ways. After Spanish Sharpers. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—Upon complaint of Minister Storer of numerous swindles operated through the mails upon citizens of the United States by persons in Spain, the post-office department recently communicated with the director general of posts of Madrid requesting that some action be taken in the matter. The director general has replied that Spanish authorities are willing to cooperate with the United States officials in the prosecution of the guilty persons, but they need some clue for a basis of action.

CUTTING DOWN RATES

Bills Before the Senate to Reduce the Cost of Public Service. FOUR MEASURES ARE INTRODUCED. Some of the Provisions of the Maximum Freight Rate Bill of Senator Weber—Miscellaneous Matters in Nebraska Here and There. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 28.—Railroads and telephones are the burdens of four bills introduced in the state senate. Senator Weber is father of three of them. His telephone bill would reduce rates 25 per cent from those fixed, published, charged, demanded or received January 1, 1901, under penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 for the first offense, the limit being \$5,000 for the third offense or any one thereafter. Senator Paschal would fix rates at \$1.50 per month for each telephone used in private residences and \$2 for each in a business house or office. The maximum freight rate bill of Senator Weber contains the following provisions: "The maximum rate for the transportation of hard and soft lumber, lath, shingles, doors, sash and blinds, salt, lime, cement and stucco shall be 85 per cent of the rate which the railroad or railway company carrying the commodities, goods or merchandise published on the first day of December, 1899, as its charge for the transportation of like commodities, goods or merchandise, as shown by its printed sheet of rates or tariff sheets. "The maximum rate for the transportation of horses, mules and cattle shall be 85 per cent of the rate which the railroad or railway company carrying the commodities, goods or merchandise published on the first day of December, 1899, as its charge for the transportation of like commodities, goods or merchandise, as shown by its printed sheet of rates or tariff sheets. "The maximum rate for the transportation of hogs and sheep shall be 85 per cent of the rate which the railroad or railway company carrying the commodities, goods or merchandise published on the first day of December, 1899, as its charge for the transportation of like commodities, goods or merchandise, as shown by its printed sheet of rates or tariff sheets. "Section 3—No railroad or railway company shall grant or allow to any person, company or association upon the transportation of freight, either directly or indirectly, any secret rate, rebate, drawback, unreasonable allowance for use of cars or undue advantage whatever, or directly or indirectly charge to or receive from any person, or persons, or association, or corporation any greater or less sum, compensation or reward than is charged to or received from any other person or persons, association or corporation for like services in the receiving, transporting, storing, delivering or hauling of freights. "Section 4—No railroad or railway company shall give or promise to give any privilege, favor or right to any shipper of freight over its line which it denies, refuses or withholds from any other shipper of freight over its line. "Section 5—Any railroad or railway company which shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall pay to the state a sum not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for the first violation; for the second violation not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000; for the third violation not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; and for every subsequent violation the sum of \$10,000 to be recovered by or through civil suit, and a recovery may be had in one action for as many violations of this act as the defendant company was guilty of when the action was commenced. "Section 6—It is hereby made the duty of the attorney general to institute in the supreme court and of each county attorney to institute in the county or district court of his county such action as may be proper and necessary to enforce the provision of, and collect the penalties imposed by, this act. "Section 7—Whenever an action is brought against any railroad or railway company for having charged, demanded or received, either directly or indirectly, a higher or greater rate for transporting any of the commodities, goods or merchandise named herein than that fixed by this act, the defendant company shall have the right to prove, if it can, upon proper allegations first made in its answer, the unreasonableness of such rate, and such proof shall constitute a complete defense to the action. Child Accidentally Shot. OSCEOLA, Neb., Jan. 28.—Word has just been brought to town of an accident that occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Christianson, a few miles from town, the other day. The children were out playing with an air gun, and did not know it was loaded. It exploded and a little six-year-old boy got the charge in the face and it is sure that the left eye will be destroyed, and may be the right one. Smallpox at Angus. EDGAR, Neb., Jan. 28.—At Angus, a little town six miles south of here, there are several families afflicted with the smallpox. With exception of two persons the cases are of the mild type. No cases have developed here since more than a month ago. Helping the Indians. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Congressman Robinson of Nebraska appeared before the committee on Indian affairs and in behalf of a bill which he introduced for the relief of Joseph M. Campbell and Stephen Blacksmith, members of the Santee Sioux tribe of Indians, residing on the agency in Knox county, Nebraska. The bill gives the Indians the right to purchase the land occupied by their homes on the agency. The committee unanimously agreed to report the bill favorably.