SEED CORN CRUSADE.

Railroads Interested As Well as the

Farmers.

Railroads have taken up the cru sade for better seed corn in Nebraska. The Northwestern and Union Pacific have sent bulletins to all agents to be posted to call the attention of the farmers to the crusade for better corn now being waged by the Commercial club of Omaha and to the necessity of testing the seed corn, especially this year.

Two hundred samples of corn from all sections of the state are now in the tester at the Commercial club and Chief Tester Campbell is eagerly watching what the result will be, as this corn comes from all sections of the state.

The entire state seems to be aroused to the necessity of testing the seed corn, and while many samples are being sent in the crusade is also having its effect in other ways because farmers in many cases are preparing to test their own corn. So many excellent authorities have shown the corn is not good for seed that all seem to have come to the conclusion ble. He then began shooting and that there is a great deal in the statement. A bad ear of corn planted will cost the farmer an average of twelve bushels per acre when his crop is harvested.

Robertson Bros., of Waterloo, seed growers, who huy from 250,000 to 300,-000 bushels of seed corn annually, have made from thirty to forty tests a day since December 1 of corn from all parts of the state. Their findings show that 50 per cent of all corp gathered before the freeze of October 13 will not grow and that of the corn which was gathered and cribbed since that time scarcely any will grow.

George Coupland, regent of the University of Nebraska, who has a large corn acreage at Elgin, says that a great deal of the corn from his section was so damp that when it was gathered and cribbed it froze so solid that crowbars had to be used to pry it apart. He says that he has his doubts about the germinating qualities of seed corn which was gathered early and that the corn which is still standing, and which is the best to be found in the state, is also in a bad way.

General Grant Cannot Come.

In reply to a letter urging him to accept an invitation to speak at the Epworth assembly next August, General Frederick D. Grant has sent the following letter to Addison Wait, deputy secretary of state:

"Headquarters Department of the Lakes, Chicago-My Dear Mr. Walt: I have just written to Mr. Jones, president of the Epworth assembly, as I write to you, in reply to your kind letter of the 12th inst., to express my deep appreciation of the high compliment paid me, in the invitation to be present during Patriotic day, August 4, next.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

William Boyd, a Pullman porter, in held at Washington in connection with the shooting of two Newark (N. J.) college men on a train near Jersey

City. Sheb Williams of Paris, Tex., is in Kansas City, Mo., to claim the body of Clay Clement, the actor and playwright, following an agreement made many years ago.

A Japanese, supposed to have been bent on the assassination of some high official, was killed at Amoy, China, by the accidental ignition of a high explosive in his clothing.

Phil Allen, Jr., wrecker of the First National bank of Mineral Point, Wis., was taken to the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to serve a sentence of ten years.

School slates and sponges have been barred by McKeesport (Pa.) health officials, who declare them to be germ breeders in scarlet fever, npon which they are waging a fight.

"I'll get you," shouted Bowman B. Seybert, aged 80, as he sat dreaming in a chair in a Butler (Pa.) livery staawoke to find himself seriously wounded.

James R. Garfield, ex-President Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, declares he is willing to lead the Republican party in Ohio against Gov. Harmon if there is popular demand for his candidacy.

Charles Smith, a painter in desperate straits, told New York physicians he was so hungry that he allowed himself to be knocked down and run over to get the price of a meal. A woman whose buggy ran over him gave him five dollars.

The Adirondack Cottage sanitarium at Saranac Lake, N. Y., founded for the treatment of tuberculosis, has received from Mrs. E. H. Harriman a letter, inclosing a check for \$25,000 and congratulating it upon the com pletion of its 25 years' existence.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma has refused the request of Texas authorities for the extradition of George Smith of Fort Gibson, Okla., wanted on the charge of stealing a bale of cotton in 1879. Gov. Haskell gave as his reason that the man was leading an honest life

Rear Admiral Harber, in command of the Pacific fleet, asserts that a clique of officers at the Mare island range of mountains that bear succesnavy yard is responsible for the stories of unseaworthiness concerning the cruisers West Virginia and Maryland. tween Bergen and Christiania was, The ships will continue the southern voyage with the fleet.

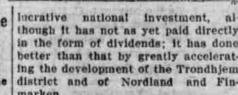
Violet Gordon Charlesworth and ing as it does for a considerable disher mother were each sentenced to tance over mountains of a height of five years' imprisonment in a London 6,000 feet and more. (England) court for fraudulently representing that the younger woman was an heiress to a great estate. On Harold Haarfager and has remained the strength of a mythical fortune of united ever since, the natural splitting \$2,500,000 the girl had borrowed many up of the country into the western, northern and eastern districts has inthousand dollars.

William Averill Harriman, son of evitably to some extent impaired the "I most deeply regret that it is im the late Edward H. Harriman, was feeling of unity in the nation. And possible for me to have the honor of tossed over the historic Yale fence by the barriers which nature had raised sophomores during the annual Washington's hirthday cane rush, and sustained a blackened eye and numerous cuts and bruises. The Yale freshmen, however, of which he is a member, were victorious over the sophomores through superior numbers.

STORK IS HEADED TOWARD HOLLAND AGAIN



The Hague .- Holland is again expecting an heir to the throne, and of course the people, who have just heard the news, hope that it will be a boy, although such a result would cause the supplanting of the beloved little Princess Juliana. Queen Wilhelmina is in excellent general health and is seen often riding in her motor car, for she has become an enthusiastic automobilist. People have been remarking of late on the wonderfully clear complexion of the queen. Some time ago she adopted the practice, which comes from the West Indies, of taking lemon baths. It is said to be a great invigorator and a wonderful help to the complexion.



In 1872 investigations were comthe storthing voted the first part of an on transport roads alone. The Graveeventual Bergen-Christiania railway, the selection from Bergen to Voss. But to the general public the continuation seemed impossible and more like one of Asbjornsen's fairy tales by Norwegian engineers and workthan anything else, for the field explorations had more than confirmed nel once made an experiment with the popular conception that the dif- Italian workmen, but they very soon ficulties to be overcome were truly proved so far inferior to the Norweformidable. The rallway which has gians that they had to be sent home just been opened follows practically the line which the engineers traced in 1874. From Voss to Opset, a distance kilometers (300 miles) and there are of about 50 kilometers (35 miles), it 178 tunnels, aggregating 36,682 meters rises with steep gradients from 339 to (119,250 feet). The total cost amount-5,100 feet, and, rising further to a max- ed to 54,000,000 kroner (\$14,580,000). imum height of nearly 8,000 feet, it it has been necessary to put up woodpasses altogether a distance of more en walls at many exposed points. than 100 kilometers through high There are three rotary snow plows of mountains, coming down to 4,800 feet American system, these having proved at Gjello. And in these inhospitable far superior to other patents which regions it was found necessary to bore have been tried. By their help and



Bramshank, after investigating the matter carefully, last spring decided that the best way to deal with the half-acre of ground surrounding his new suburban home was to seed it heavily and just let the grass grow at its own sweet will.

"If you don't cut the new grass all summer," Bramshank explained to his wife, "it gets a chance to thicken up and the next year you have a splendid lawn. I think we can stand the long grass for one season!"

"Oh, certainly," agreed Mrs. Bramshank, who has an inventive mind. And when it gets tall enough, say about August, we can hang Japanese lanters through it and give a garden party! It will be nice, too, to serve afternoon tea under the shade of the bluegrass!"

"That's all right," said Bramshank indignantly, "but I'm going to do it all the same!"

Nobody could say that Bramshank was stingy with the seed. He got a huge quantity from a dealer who was going out of business and anxious to dispose of his stock at cut rates, and he painstakingly sprinkled all of it over his yard on the theory that if a little was good a great deal was betfor.

When the first tender shoots of green began to color the ground Bramshank positively chortled with joy and pride. He took practically all the credit to himself for the rapidity and thickness of the growth, though he did grudgingly allow a triffe of it to the seed man. "He said it was a special variety of seed," Bramshank told his wife, "and I believe he was right. Just look at it!"

After a few weeks that was all the Bramshank family did-look at the lawn. Indeed, the whole suburb contracted the habit of sauntering over to look at the Bramshank place, for notody had ever seen anything like the grass that was growing there. It was Hackinny who first broke the news.

"Say, "he hailed Bramshank from the sidewalk, "when did you decide to take up truck gardening? Aren't you afraid so much grass mixed in will interfere with the vegetables?"

Bramshank after one pallid glance over his weird-looking estate reeled up against a porch pillar with a blinding light breaking over him. The reason his lawn looked so queer was that half the seed was the seed of assorted garden vegetables.

There was carelessness about the groupings which might have appealed to an artistic nature, but which only further agonized the Bramshanks. There would be a little bunch of tomato plants, say, in the middle of the awn and flanking them a thinly tered array of feathery carrot tops. Green onions, lettuce, cucumbers, muskmelons and cabbages hilarlously fraternized in the wildest confusion As he searched further Bramshank found Indian corn sturdily pushing its way up in various spots. Also there were turnips and parsley and many more things. In fact, as Mrs. Bramshank said, a banana grove was all that was lacking to make their halfacre a complete botanical collection

NORWAY'S NEW ROAD ued their exploration work, and meanwhile a national determination was slowly forming that the task of uniting eastern and western Norway should be undertaken in spite of all Christiania-Bergen Rail Line obstacles. In 1894 the storthing dethough it has not as yet paid directly cided upon the construction of a rail-Across Mountains Completed. in the form of dividends; it has done way from Voss to Taugevaud, and in better than that by greatly accelerat- 1898 the continuation of the line ing the development of the Trondhiem through Hallingdal to the junction

marken.

Christiania to Bergen recently by King Hankon was an event in the history of this country of far wider importance than any one not well acquainted with Norway, geographically and topographically, would be able to appreciate. Norway is divided into three isolated parts by the Dovre mountain and by the broad and wild sively the names of Fylefjeld and Langfjeldene. The overland route beeven more than the route to Trondhjem, a great hindrance to traffic pass-Although Norway was united into one kingdom as early as 872 by King the Gravehals tunnel, not less than the wooden walls it is believed that 5,311 yards long, besides a number of the traffic may be carried on as regu-

larly as on any other railway. shorter tunnels. **Chinese Adept Fan Makers**

Eastern and Western Parts of the district and of Nordland and Finpoint on the Christiania-Gjovik rail-Kingdom Have Easy Means of road, Roa, was decided. Communication-Event of menced with the view of discovering to be constructed and barracks for the best line for a railway between engineers and workmen built; 500, Christiania and Bergen, and in 1874 000 kroner (\$135,000) had to be spent Christiania. - The opening of the railway across the mountains from

being with you then, because of the maneuvers at Pine camp during the month of August next, which maneuvers I am to command. Sincerely FREDERICK D. GRANT. yours.

Nebraska Hardware Officers.

The Nebraska hardware dealers' convention elected the following officers: President, G. R. Wycott, Madison; vice presidents, hrnest Hoppe, Lincoln; L. Worth, Falls City; Gale Lawson, Hastings; secretary, J. Frank Barr, Lincoln (re-elected); treasurer, H. J. Hall, Lincoln (reelected); chairman executive committee, Fred Ebinger, Plainview.

What the League Wants.

Two things which the newly organ-Ized Southwestern Hard Winter Wheat Millers' league will try to bring about In the trade are the abandonment of long time sales and a shortening of the credit period extended to some classes of patrons. The committee named at Kansas City a short time ago to draft trade rules will report its recommendations at another meeting in two weeks. The rules will not apply to credits extended in local territory where a mill operates, but will be intended to make shipments to eastern consignees subject to arrival draft terms or cash on delivery.

For a Sane Fourth.

Mayor Love is already considering some plan whereby a sane Fourth of July celebration can be secured with a minimum of trouble and annovance. Last year when the plan was started citizens objected because they had not been asked to join in the movement in time. Hence the early consideration now.

A Labor Chautauqua.

A labor chautauqua is being planned for by the labor unions of Lincoln to be held during the coming summer. At a committee was appointed to make arrangements, secure speakers and set date and place. The subjects of addresses and lectures will be confined chiefly to economic topics and those of interest to union members.

The "Greater Lincoln Industrial Exposition" will be held at the Auditorium May 24 to 28. This was decided upon at a meeting of the committee in charge of the exposition at the Commercial club Thursday. A diagram of the booths will be mailed to all prospective exhibitors. A number of applications for booths have been received, but so far no space has been let. The scope of the exposition will be greater than that of the "Made in Lincoln" show last year. All articles manufactured in Lincoln will be exhibited.

EIGHT MILK MEN INDICTED

Bills Are Found Against Directors of Consolidated Exchange for Advancing Prices.

New York, Feb. 24 .-- Eight Directors of the Consolidated Milk Exchangethe institution which is said to be responsible for putting up the price of milk in this city-were indicted by the grand jury.

Each of the men is accused of alding in the restraint of trade in violation of the Donnelly act-the state law governing trusts and monopolies

Editor Anderson is Dead.

Chicago, Feb. 25 .- John Anderson, a resident of Chicago since 1844 and publisher of the Norwegian daily, Skandinaven, since 1866, died at his residence of heart disease.

THE MARKETS.

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Stockers and Feeders.... Cows and Helfers ROGS-Heavy HEEP-Wethers

between the districts have formed very serious obstacles to personal cooperation for the development of the economic resources of the country. The consequence has been that the progress has been considerably slower than it might otherwise have been. Good roads were constructed in the principal overland routes in the begin-

Much Importance.

teresting Story of Industry in Peng-Chow District.

Washington .--- Mr. Albert W. Pontlus, the American consul at Swatow, sends ning of the last century, and they an interesting report of how the Chirepresented an immense improvement nese fans are made. Fan-making, he on the ancient trails which had been writes, is of origin so ancient in southpossible only on foot or on horseback. ern China that no one knows when it But a journey of several days in a was started. Tradition has it that the carriage was expensive and entailed first fans were made in the little vilgreat loss of time and, in the winter lage of Peng-Chow, at Ampow, which time, severe hardships. In 1880 the is about three miles from Swatow. railroad to Trondhjem was completed. For hundreds of years only the women Thus the great barrier between the in the different villages through which northern parts and the southeastern the industry spread, were the fanparts of the country were overcome. makers, but so great is the demand The highest point of this road does now for these cheap fans, used as they not lie more than 4,000 feet above sea are by the millions for advertising level; but many people thought it purposes, that nearly every man, womcould not be kept open in the winter an and child works all day and half time. This fear proved groundless the night at fan-making.

and the road turned out to be a very The industry is almost confined to

Rotcatcher Issues a Defi

ture One Thousand Rodents in Three Nights.

London .- It seems that the gruesome freemasonry which binds European official executioners together causing them to intermarry and inherit the profession, is not without its parallel among ratcatchers. Hence John Jarvis, who has just been appointed official rateatcher to the London county council at a salary of \$243.12 a year, is a ratcatcher by inheritance and instinct quite as much as he is by profession.

Since 1803 each male member of his family has devoted his life to catching rats, and so it was with the greatest confidence that Jarvis issued a challenge to all the rateatchers in the kingdom to catch more of the vermin in a given time than any man living, Hightown that David Meeze has just provided that neither dogs nor ferrets were employed in the hunt. Further- | Jersey devil, which was reported to more, he said that with the assistance of his uncle, Mr. J. Dalton, he would undertake to catch 1,000 rats in three nights.

As Jarvis made these challenges he fondled half a dozen tame white rats, while his seven-year-old daughter at red wings. It is said that the animal his side played with a couple of ferrets. "I have no son to carry on the business," he said, "but Kit, there, and her younger sister both know pretty deer. It is the most extraordinary well all there is to know about catching rats.

"The means I use for catching them alive is a family secret, known only to my people for the last four gener-

London's New Official Offers to Cap- that secret is, but I don't mind letting you know that it acts very much in

door arrangement at my side. I wear noiseless boots and black clothes.

"As I walk down the passages with a bull's-eye lantern attached to my side the rats, scared by the light, scamper past me. As they run I can Son Finds \$3,400 in Small Bills Left pick them up left or right hand and drop them into the trap-door. Gradually they work their way around to the sack on my back. My! How they fight! Sometimes when I fancy I have a hundred I find half of them are killed by the time I arrive home."

That Jersey Devil Again.

Staunton, Va .- Report comes from seen what some declare is the famous have first been seen in New Jersey, whence it gets its name. Meeze says that the strange bird or beast was flying directly over him and had a head like a horse and feet and legs like a mule. It soars along on great

was seen in West Vaginia some months ago. It is suppersed to live in the mountains, feeding on bear and combination of beast and bird ever seen in these parts.

ations. I won't tell you exactly what | We trust it will not get into the butter. | farms.

Consul Pontius, at Swatow, Tells In- the Pang-Chow district, because here abounds a particular kind of bamboo especially suitable for the rigs and the handle of the fan.

For 19 years the engineers contin-

As a preparation, transport roads had

hals tunnel was constructed by a pri-

vate contracting firm; the rest of the

work was done directly by the state.

The whole road was built exclusively

men. The contractors on the blg tun-

The railroad has a length of 492

after a few weeks' trial,

The manufacture of the fan is very simple. For the frame the split bamboo is repeatedly rived until each piece is sufficiently slender and flexible. These thread-like pieces of bamboo are arranged in a row, attached to each other by a thread passed crosswise through the middle. This thread is fastened to a semi-circular strip of bamboo giving the fan its shape. The ribs are then slightly heated and bent at the ends. The fan has now the pecullar and characteriste shell-like have had to mow also such grass as shape at the top. Very flimsy sllk gauze is then pasted on the face, and a kind of tissue-like paper on the back. After the handle is attached, the border of the fan is black varnished and

the gauze is coated with a chalk-andwater mixture. The handles are made the fans is cleverly done, in some inquality fan retails for 25 cents Mexican (ten cents gold), better grades,

one to four dollars Mexican (40 cents to \$1.60). The amount now exported trustingly spread out and strangled the same way as chloroform does on a yearly amounts to about \$30,000. This human being. Over my back I fling fan trade of late has shown a decrease, a huge sack, connected with a trap- due to the importation of Japanese straw fans, which have met with a favorable demand.

MONEY HIDDEN UNDER CARPET

by Mother, Who Was Thought Penniless.

South Norwalk, Conn.-When Mrs. Frank A. Slavin died it was thought | erty. she did not have a cent. The kitchen carpet was taken up and two layers of small bills, which almost covered

the entire floor, were discovered. There was nearly a bushel of them when piled up, and they amounted to \$3,400. Her son, Charles A. Slavin, was about to vacate the house and stood in the doorway debating whether to take up or leave the kitchen carpet. He thought it might do to cover the dog kennel, and so he pulled it up.

Irish Potatoes in Cotton Land.

Osyka, Miss.-The farmers of this locality are making preparations to plant a large acreage in Irish potatoes. A truck farmers' organization has been perfected, and, in conjunction with that of the Diversified Crop Growers' association, it is expected to produce good results. The farmers Faise hair is going up in price. A are preparing to fight the boll weevil dealer says it is following beefsteak. by living on products raised on their Fram. It is proposed to spend four

for the entire western hemisphere! Now, vegetables are all very well in their place, but nobody would choose to have them scattered all over a lawn. To be sure, Bramshank could have mowed them down, but he would there was-and anyhow Mrs. Bramshank had a frugal mind. She believed in accepting the goods the fates provided, so she refused to allow the garden-lawn to be destroyed.

Bramshank said the real reason for her refusal was that she had fallen of bamboo, various kinds of hard wood, in love with two tomato plants on the bone and ivory. The hand painting on | lee side of the library window and that she could not reaist the appeal of the tances being works of art. The medium tender young carrots pathetically flourishing near the lilac bushes. There was something touching also about the manner in which the cucumber vines the struggling grass about them.

> The worst of it was that all summer Bramshank tolled in the garden he hadn't expected to have at all. It seemed rank foolishness not to take care of the enthusiastic tomatoes and other garden truck. The whole neighborhood took to running over to get parsley from the Bramshank front lawn because the idea was so unique -and not every one can pick lettuce from along the front of his town prop-

> The Bramshanks raised several bushels of tomatoes, three dozen ears of green corn, cucumbers enough to start a pickle factory and untold quantities of small truck. Bramshank had to get up an hour earlier each morning all summer long properly to care for his vegetables, besides bearing the jeers of his neighbors. And by fall there wasn't any grass at all.

This spring Bramshank is going to sod over his lawn. It will cost more, but he says it's safer.

New Arctic Expedition.

The Bulletin of the Geographical society of Italy announces another arctic expedition. The leader will be Baldwin, the leader of the arctic expedition of 1901-1902. He proposes an exploration of the polar regions and to reach the pole. He proposes to follow the route taken by Nansen in the years altogether in the search,