

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK, TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

Washington

President Taft has concluded his inspection of the Panama canal and is on his way home aboard the battleship Arkansas.

The United States signal corps has announced that aeroplanes can be used to discover the whereabouts and movements of submarines.

Ernest Baumann, secretary of the Swiss legation in Paris, has been transferred to Washington.

President Taft will issue an order to January abolishing many customs houses for the sake of economy.

A protest has been filed in congress by the legislature of Georgia against the course taken by congress in proposing to the state a constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of senators.

Legal battle over the validity of the indictments against the United Shoe Machinery company under the Sherman anti-trust law has begun in the United States Supreme court in Washington.

Domestic

The United States Steel corporation, pursuant to its profit sharing plan, adopted in 1903, will offer to its employees in January the privilege of subscribing to preferred and common shares on the basis of \$109 for the preferred and \$66 for the common.

The annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation opened in Boston, the topic for discussion the first day being factory inspection.

Governor Clark of Alaska in his annual report urged the speedy enactment of legislation permitting the working of the Alaskan lands.

The Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake company is alleged to be violating the Sherman law, in a petition in equity filed in the United States district court in Detroit, Mich.

Stories of perilous adventure in the jungles of Brazil, which included a night escape from cannibals nine days after they had begun to fatten him for a tribal feast, were told by Guy de Vilpoleon, newspaper correspondent and explorer, who arrived in San Francisco on the Pacific mail steamer City of Sydney.

Because three cases of bubonic plague exist at Hilo orders from Washington are that all vessels from Hawaiian islands must be fumigated on arrival at San Francisco.

Physicians are astounded at the case of Miss Ida Schooler of Washington, who lived ten months with a fractured skull, but who finally succumbed to her injuries.

Not one member of the Ninth Kansas cavalry, one of the state's most active regiments in the Civil war, is drawing a pension.

With the police said to be almost powerless to stop it, automobile theft has become so general in New York that the total value of automobile property stolen in that city in the last five years is more than one million dollars.

Mrs. P. H. Ludwig of Norwood Park, Ill., was killed and three others were injured, two possibly fatally, when a north-bound Chicago and Northwestern train crashed into an automobile in a funeral procession at Valley Junction, near Waukegan, Ill.

Representatives of 200,000 garment workers in New York city met with national officers and appointed a committee to set a date for a general strike in New York.

Six persons were fatally injured and a score seriously hurt at Elkin, Ga., when a section of a school building in which a Christmas entertainment was being given collapsed.

With a gay party gathered in Taylorville, Ill., for the wedding of Miss Elsie Batea to Ora Redfern, John Belder, a carpenter, who is said to have been drinking heavily, drew a revolver just as Rev. M. G. Coleman was about to unite the couple, shot his mother-in-law, Mrs. Erma Fisher, aged sixty-eight, in the abdomen, and was himself shot near the heart in battle with the police.

A special jury grand jury impaneled at St. Charles, Mo., to investigate the death of John Hall, who was shot while hunting, exonerated Charles and Oscar Deeroy, brothers.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers met in Chicago and discussed the advisability of having in this country a gas tractor contest.

Henry Luke, while employed as a truck man on the Santa Fe at Streator, Ill., was engulfed when the earth under his feet gave away and he was precipitated into a bed of quicksand. Luke's companions were near by, but he disappeared before they could reach him.

Following a crusade against alleged bootleggers by the city officials of Leslie, Ark., property of the mayor and city attorney has been dynamited.

Foreign

An official bulletin concerning the condition of the viceroy of India, Baron Hardinge, who was severely injured by a bomb thrown by an Indian fanatic Monday, describes his progress as satisfactory.

In addition to the troubles imposed upon it by the revolution, the Mexican government was called upon to face the greatest strike in its history when thousands of men employed in the shops of the National railway went out because their demands for an increase in pay had not been granted.

The Kaiser's fifth grandson was born to Princess Auguste Wilhelme at her palace on Wilhelmstrasse, in Berlin. The event was announced by salutes of 72 guns in both Berlin and Potsdam garrisons.

Nearly a score of athletes plunged into the freezing waters of Dorchester bay to compete in 25, 50 and 100 yard swimming races. Although the men had to combat floating ice, every contestant finished.

The examination in Rome of Henry dal Ferro, a young anarchist who recently attempted to commit suicide rather than carry out a mission imposed upon him by the anarchists to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, revealed the existence of a deep plot to kill the king. Five other anarchists have been arrested for alleged complicity in the plot.

An attempt was made in Tokyo to assassinate Prince Aritomo Yamagata, the president of the Japanese privy council and supreme military councillor of Japan. The prince escaped unhurt. His assailant tried to commit suicide, but was arrested.

Mexican rebels commanded by Gen. Pascual Orozco, Jr., have captured Casas Grandes, the most important town of the lumbering and ranching district south of Juarez. The capture was effected after the rebels had defeated a force of 1,000 federals at Ascencion and taken the federal commander, Gen. Jose Blanco, prisoner.

The British schooners Cartagena and Georgiana founded in the Gulf of Mexico between the Cayman islands and Jamaica during the recent West Indian storm. All on board both boats, twenty-two in number, were drowned.

Mme. Block, novelist, who July 31 shot and killed Mrs. Minnie Bridgeman, wife of James E. Bridgeman, an employe of the Paris branch of an American life insurance company, was acquitted in the assize court in Paris of the charge of homicide.

Personal

Mrs. Payne Whitney, wife of the well-known New York capitalist, who has been dangerously ill following the birth and subsequent death of her child, is much improved. The attending physician states that there is no longer any doubt that Mrs. Whitney would recover.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president-elect, has selected as her personal secretary at the White House Miss Isabella Hagner, who served in the same capacity for Mrs. Roosevelt when her husband was president.

Samuel and William Muncy, who claim to be the oldest twins in the world, celebrated their ninety-fourth birthday Christmas in Babylon, N. Y. There was a family reunion.

Vincent Astor, the new head of the wealthy family, has ordered an increase of wages for employes of the Astor estate at Rhinebeck, N. Y., to take effect the first of the year. There are more than 1,000 employes on the estate, known as Fernald, and every class of workman is to benefit by the increase.

GIVEN GREAT OVATION

WILSON WARMLY WELCOMED IN OLD HOME TOWN.

FIFTY-SIX YEARS OLD SATURDAY

Greeted With Enthusiasm Along Entire Route to Old Home.—Eighth Virginia Son Elected President.

Staunton, Va.—Virginia welcomed home Friday night Governor Woodrow Wilson, the eighth of its native sons to be chosen president of the United States.

From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capital, until 9 o'clock, when he reached the little parsonage where he was born just fifty-six years ago Saturday, the reception given him was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display.

Escorted by troops of cavalry, militia and a torchlight procession in which practically the whole town participated, the governor and Mrs. Wilson motored through the streets of Staunton to the home of Rev. Dr. A. N. Frazer, pastor of the new Presbyterian church, where Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the president-elect, lived in 1856.

Receives Hearty Cheers. With Mrs. Wilson the president-elect paused for a minute at the illuminated portico. The band struck up "Dixie." The governor turned and waved his hat to the crowd and a spontaneous shout of welcome echoed in the winter air.

"It's fine to be back again," exclaimed the president-elect, as he stepped indoors. Suffering still from the effect of his cold, he retired immediately to the room in which he was born to rest for the night, when the chief program of the jubilee will be carried out.

Outside the crowds hurried from the streets, which were alive with colors and flags and electrical displays. From far and wide native children of Staunton had come to greet their fellow townsman.

Dynamite Jury Still Deliberating. Indianapolis, Ind.—Fifteen hours' deliberation by the jury in the "dynamite conspiracy" case up to tonight had failed to result in the return of any verdicts.

Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson, after convening court to receive any reports from the jurors, ordered an adjournment to 9:30 o'clock tomorrow, with the understanding that the verdicts should be found, would not be returned until that time.

While government officials expressed confidence that the jury would report tomorrow, attorneys for the defense stated it may require a longer time. There are twenty-six offenses charged against each of the defendants, and the jury, if it chooses, may ballot on each charge, as to each defendant, making a total of 1,010 charges thus to be disposed of.

All the deliberations of the jurors are conducted in a room near their living quarters on the third floor of the federal building, which is reached by a private stairway cut off from the rest of the building. That there may be no basis for any reports as to the jurors' progress every approach leading to their quarters is guarded.

No Record Found of Death of Horne. Minneapolis.—Police of the Twin cities have been unable to find any record of the death of Daniel Horne of Decorah, Ia., whose mother declares that he was murdered here a month ago in order to obtain his life insurance.

In her letter to the police here she declared the cause of her son's death was attributed to pneumonia, but that she believes he was poisoned.

Turkey's Answer Due.

London.—Turkey's reply to the demands made several days ago by the Balkan allies as a basis for peace in southeastern Europe will be delivered Saturday to the peace conference in St. James palace. Interest, however, again has shifted from this phase of the situation and is centered in the question of what are the intentions of Austria with respect to the Balkans.

Wife Murder and Suicide. Davenport, Ia.—G. W. Griffith, aged 35 years, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at their home in Rock Island early today.

Woman Loses Her Jewelry. Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Nina Hanna reported to the police that while she was away from home robbers entered and stole \$7,000 worth of jewelry from her apartment.

Suicide in County Jail. Mason, Mich.—George Brown, 27 years old, awaiting transfer to the Ionia reformatory to serve a two to five years' sentence for breaking into a store and stealing a pair of shoes, drank poison with fatal effect in the county jail.

Labor Law Violation. St. Louis, Mo.—Federal warrants were issued Friday for the arrest of George and Nicholas Tompras, brothers, on charges of violating the United States contract labor laws.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The grocery and general store merchants of Ansley have agreed to sell for cash only, beginning January 1, 1913.

A fine plush robe, leather lined, was the Christmas present given by the pupils of the Baptist church at Surprise to their pastor, Rev. C. J. Johnson.

Deputy Attorney General Ayres has been asked by the legal department of the state of Arkansas to review a brief in a taxation case in which the southern state is greatly interested.

A. J. Denton, who was killed in the automobile accident of Dorchester, was a resident of Nebraska City. He moved there several years ago, looking after interests of the grain firm in that part of the country.

The farmers near Edgar have all their corn husked and cribbed and quite a number have brought their corn to the elevators and sold it they could spare at from 37 to 40 cents a bushel.

Adjutant General Phelps has decided to permit the organization of an infantry guard at Grand Island and a similar organization at Columbus. Fourteen years ago a company of the guard went out of existence at Grand Island and seven years ago one was mustered out at Columbus. The two new companies will make a total of twenty-five infantry companies in the guard.

The Nebraska legislature probably will be urged to double the appropriation for maintaining the plant for manufacturing anti-cholera serum at the state farm. At the last session \$15,000 was appropriated for this purpose and now the demand is for \$30,000. Frank Crocker of Filley, president of the Nebraska Swine Breeders' association, says the farmers of this state have lost no less than \$5,000,000 worth of hogs this year from cholera.

A big prairie fire swept over the south table in Deuel county from the edge of the canyons to the river in the direction of Ogallala. Mrs. Peter Matson was fatally burned as a result of the fire's ravages. She was back-firing with her husband some distance from the house when a sudden gust of wind from a new direction swept the fire behind her and before she could get out of its path was overtaken by the flames and enveloped in the suddenly kindled blaze.

The model which was used by the sculptor Daniel Chester French in making the Lincoln statue on the Capitol grounds in Lincoln is now on exhibition in the art institute building in Chicago. Although several residents of Lincoln, who have seen the model there, have complained to Secretary of State Wait that it is an infringement on the contract with the artist, Mr. Wait is not alarmed and blandly states that as a model it is an excellent advertisement for the original.

With Rev. Dr. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln and Rev. Messrs. Michelmann, I. N. Augustine and L. L. Lipe of Grand Island, the latter the pastor of the church, officiating, the new pipe organ presented by Mrs. Louise Hedde, a new bell weighing 2,500 pounds presented by John Riemers, a new altar presented by C. S. Hansen, a pulpit presented by Mrs. George Wilson and a set of choir chairs presented by Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler were dedicated at the English Lutheran church in Grand Island.

The annual display of draft horses was held in McCook December 20 in conjunction with the Farmers' Institute session. Despite the cold weather a large number of colts were brought in. The strongest class were the weanling Shires of which there were eleven. These were all heavy-boned drafty colts and uniform in color markings. The judge spoke very favorably of the quality displayed in these youngsters. A large class of yearling Percherons drew a good deal of attention.

Of the many Christmas presents received by the inmates of the state house, one in particular which has attracted attention in a book received by Miss Nellie Leach in the office of the secretary of state. It is a book of poems entitled, "Hugo Devine's Addresses," and was printed in 1762.

Members of the state bar committee decided at a meeting held in Lincoln to hear the case of which Attorneys Burton and Dolezal of Dodge county are accused of attempting to deceive the state supreme court at Fremont on January 27. Part of the evidence will be submitted by affidavit and witnesses will be examined.

The attorney general has filed briefs with the state supreme court in the Pruyn and Stehr cases, both of which will be heard at the January 7 sitting of the tribunal. Pruyn was convicted of the murder of Michael Gorey, a North Bend saloonkeeper. Stehr is accused of causing the death of his stepchild while the family was residing at Norfolk. He was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced from one to ten years in the state penitentiary.

Fire originating from a defective flue partially destroyed the barber shop building owned by C. L. Narber in Ashland. When discovered the flames had made a big headway and were subdued with difficulty by the fire department.

Superintendent N. C. Abbott of the public schools of Plattsmouth has handed in his resignation, to take effect January 1. Professor Abbott, who has been there for the past two years has met with great success as an instructor, and takes with him the appreciation of the public for his services.

AS TO LEGISLATURE

NAME AND RESIDENCE OF THOSE CHOSEN TO MAKE LAWS.

SENATE IS 18 REP. AND 15 DEM.

In the Lower Branch There Are Fifty-four Democrats and Fifty-six Republicans Named.

The Senate. (18 rep., 15 dem.)

- Dist. 1—Walter Klechel (r.), Johnson. 2—H. H. Bartling (r.), Nebraska City. 3—E. S. Placost (d.), Wahoo. 4—C. L. Saunders (r.), Omaha. 5—N. P. Dost (r.), Omaha. 6—J. H. Crossman (d.), Omaha. 7—H. McFarland (r.), Omaha. 8—Fred Maarmann (r.), Omaha. 9—Geo. F. Woiz (r.), Fremont. 10—H. P. Stannway (r.), Wakarusa. 11—P. H. Koll (d.), Wayne. 12—J. M. Talbot (d.), Crofton. 13—J. H. Kemp (r.), Fullerton. 14—E. J. Hule (d.), Norfolk. 15—Chas. Krumholz (d.), Shelby. 16—W. H. Smith (d.), Seward. 17—H. V. Hoagland (r.), Lincoln. 18—J. T. Marshall (r.), Panora. 19—Jacob Klein (d.), Beatrice. 20—John Heasly (r.), Fairbury. 21—E. H. Spick (r.), Wilber. 22—Joshua Cox (d.), York. 23—R. H. West (d.), Wood River. 24—Will Brookley (d.), Edgar. 25—G. W. Hummel (r.), Reed Cloud. 26—J. M. Grace (d.), Mascot. 27—Peter Wink (d.), Kearney. 28—J. A. Ollis (d.), Ord. 29—J. M. Robertson (d.), Joy. 30—W. V. Hoagland (r.), North Platte. 31—John Cordal (r.), McCook. 32—E. K. Bushie (r.), Kimball. 33—W. H. Heynolds (r.), Chadron.

The House. (54 dem., 46 rep.)

- 1—G. H. Farnstead (d.), Falls City. 2—W. M. Kaufman (d.), Brownville. 3—O. C. Ayres (r.), Humboldt. 4—G. W. Potts (d.), Dubois. 5—E. A. Corbin (d.), Carroll. 6—F. A. Ruster (d.), Syracuse. 7—J. J. Gustin (d.), Murdock. 8—C. H. Busch (d.), Nebraska City. 9—J. M. Gates (d.), Crook. 10—Ira Flanagan (r.), Omaha. 11—E. A. Smith (r.), Omaha. 12—J. A. Davis (r.), Omaha. 13—Edward Simon (r.), Omaha. 14—M. L. Sugarman (r.), Omaha. 15—Michael Lee (r.), Omaha. 16—H. A. Foster (r.), Omaha. 17—N. J. Anderson (r.), Omaha. 18—Frank C. Yates (r.), Omaha. 19—C. D. Drueslow (r.), Omaha. 20—J. B. Starnes (r.), Omaha. 21—S. G. Hoff (r.), Florence. 22—C. C. VanDeusen (d.), Kennard. 23—W. W. Orr (d.), Craig. 24—J. McAllister (d.), Dakota City. 25—G. L. Wood (r.), Ponca. 26—Henry Korff (d.), Hartington. 27—H. E. Banks (d.), Wahoo. 28—F. H. Bolten (d.), Crofton. 29—W. A. Elwood (r.), Oskdale. 30—George Fox (d.), Osmond. 31—E. E. Corbett (d.), Carroll. 32—Con McCarthy (d.), Bancroft. 33—Alan Pflger (d.), Pender. 34—W. F. Fisher (d.), Peterburg. 35—Jas. S. Nicholas (r.), Omaha. 36—Chas. Schueth (d.), Humphrey. 37—R. C. Regan (d.), Platte Center. 38—J. B. Swales (d.), Beatrice. 39—M. E. Shipley (d.), Hooper. 40—W. W. Loney (d.), Fremont. 41—C. H. Gustafson (r.), Mead. 42—W. C. Elmendorf (d.), Valparaiso. 43—H. Mockett (r.), Lincoln. 44—C. K. Quigley (r.), Lincoln. 45—H. C. Eureka (r.), Lincoln. 46—J. W. Richardson (r.), Lincoln. 47—R. B. Buckner (r.), Waverly. 48—Edwin Jarry (r.), Lincoln. 49—J. W. Allen (r.), Beatrice. 50—F. W. Schupp (d.), Virginia. 51—Henry Helliger (d.), Plymouth. 52—William Grouber (d.), Byron. 53—J. W. McKinnon (d.), Beatrice. 54—M. J. Murphy (d.), Friend. 55—Phillip Mauer (d.), Beaver Crossing. 56—John Hasik (r.), Abie. 57—C. W. Fuller (d.), Seward. 58—J. M. Norton (d.), Polk. 59—Charles Keckley (d.), York. 60—J. E. Foulon (r.), Fairmont. 61—C. Palmer (d.), Clay Center. 62—W. J. Coleman (r.), Geneva. 63—T. M. Scott (d.), Aurora. 64—George Jackson (r.), Nelson. 65—A. F. Heartwell (r.). 66—E. P. Hubbard (d.), Juniata. 67—J. C. Snyder (d.), Hastings. 68—W. C. Kelley (d.), Albia. 69—M. H. O'Malley (d.), Albia. 70—James Stephens (r.), Central City. 71—K. C. Knudson (d.), Chadron. 72—S. M. Fries (d.), Dannebrog. 73—R. S. McCarthy (d.), Spalding. 74—D. H. Cronin (r.), O'Neill. 75—Christ Anderson (d.), Beatrice. 76—W. H. Chappell (r.), Ender's Lake. 77—D. E. Mather (d.), Aresida. 78—C. W. Trumble (d.), Hazard. 79—James Haggerty (r.), Sargent. 80—Geo. Greenwood (d.), Broken Bow. 81—M. A. Hostetler (r.), Shelton. 82—J. C. Harris (r.), Lincoln. 83—Chris Anderson (r.), Norman. 84—A. Erickson (r.), Campbell. 85—T. S. Herdin (r.), Albia. 86—P. C. Funk (d.), Hanksville. 87—L. L. Jones (d.), Hendley. 88—W. A. Reynolds (r.), Indianapolis. 89—James Pearson (d.), Moorhead. 90—W. M. Stebbins (r.), Gothenburg. 91—Harry Stevens (r.), Maxwell. 92—W. Z. Taylor (r.), Culbertson. 93—Fred Hoffmeister (d.), Imperial. 94—Jason Baker (r.), Seneca. 95—A. W. Morris (r.), Wood Lake. 96—E. D. Millery (r.), Alliance. 97—H. E. Reische (d.), Chadron. 98—F. E. Stearns (r.), Scotts Bluff. 99—Lewis Drott (d.), Sexton. 100—E. M. Searle, sr. (r.), Ogallala.

School Girl on "Nebraska."

A we Mississipp school girl, not yet 10 years of age, but who is said to be exceedingly bright for her age, was given a theme to write the other day on "Nebraska." The little one had been studying about the state in her geography lesson and the things she remembered were put down in such a concise way that her production was sent to the secretary of state with the compliments of the officials of the Mississippi school the little woman attends.

Savings Banks Increase.

The number of savings banks in the state has increased since the bank guaranty law went into effect, according to Secretary Royce of the state banking board. There are now twenty such institutions in Nebraska, all of which are operating, as far as their deposits are concerned, under the protective measure.

Work of Chadron School.

A total of 495 students attended the normal school at Chadron the year past, according to a report filed with the governor by the head of that institution. This was a great gain over the previous year and indicates, according to the principal, that the coming session of the legislature will have to provide for several wants of the school. A new gymnasium and a girls' dormitory are needed, according to the report, and should be looked after when the lawmakers make up their budget of appropriations.

STATE'S STATISTICS.

Standing of Nebraska Compared With Older Commonwealths.

Though tenth in population among the twelve states of the middle west, which include Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, the Dakotas, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota, Nebraska is third in number of cattle, fifth in number of swine, fourth in wheat production, fifth in corn production and sixth in oat production. These facts were made public by S. C. Bassett of Gibbon, in an address on Nebraska's rank, made before the Nebraska Farmers' congress in Omaha last week.

In comparison with the United States in total population, rural population and era, Mr. Bassett offered these figures:

Nebraska has 1.3% of total population, 1.7% of the rural population and 2.5% of the land area, yet Nebraska produces 7% of the corn, 7% of the wheat and 5% of the oats.

Nebraska produced five per cent of the entire corn crop of North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Australia. A very remarkable showing, asserted Mr. Bassett.

That Omaha makes possible the marketing of these crops is urged in favor of the co-operation of the state and metropolis. On account of this gigantic production, Omaha is the second live stock market of the world, the fifth primary grain market and the fifth primary grain market for corn. And Omaha ranks first as a creamery butter producing center, more than 20,000,000 pounds annually being shipped from Omaha.

State School Funds.

Nebraska's temporary school fund appropriated for the last six months of 1912, amounting to \$328,104, will be distributed on the basis of slightly over 87 cents to each child of school age enrolled in the state. The aggregate number of pupils in the state is 376,476. Lancaster county has 21,222 school children and will get \$18,544 of the fund. Douglas, with 42,236 pupils, will receive \$36,907. Gage is the third county in school population, having 9,232 pupils, and will be entitled to \$8,067.

For Referendum Vote.

At the session of the executive committee of the teachers' association in Lincoln, it was decided to send ballots for the referendum vote to teachers qualified to vote, on January 15, to require that they be returned by February 3 and to canvass them in Lincoln on February 9. No ballots post-marked after February 3 will be counted.

Lincoln Firemen Elated.

Lincoln firemen are elated over the prospects of getting a double shift system for the department. For several years the men have been working to get the single shift system. The new arrangement is a feature of the charter to be submitted to the city council.

New Pierce Bank.

The Farmers and Merchants bank is a new institution filing with the secretary of the banking board. The bank is situated in Pierce and is incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The officers are M. Inhelder, president; Charles Schram, vice president, and B. J. Inhelder, cashier.

New Statutes Ready.

The new statutes prepared by the codification committee and sent out in advance of the regular edition are being delivered, a copy being received at the office of the supreme court clerk. The volume contains 2,156 pages. The introduction shows that since 1866 2,470 laws of a general nature have been published in the different statutes. It will now be up to the legislature to accept in whole or part the work of the committee.

To Investigate School Children.

Because, as they complain in their letter, the heads of several children attending school at the present time resemble "moving picture shows" one district of the state has asked the state superintendent to send a health inspector there at once to make investigation of the matter.

Milford Soldiers' Home.

At the Milford soldiers' home, from which the biennial report has been received, there are 148 inmates. Twenty-eight died during the two-year period just ended. A total of \$66,900 is asked for the coming two years, or an increase of about \$10,000 over the cost of operation for the two years previous.

County Superintendents Meeting.

County superintendents of the state will hold their annual meeting in Lincoln January 7 and 8. Matters in connection with the work of these officials will be discussed at the gathering.

Finances of State

Deposits in state banks decreased in 1912 more than \$3,000,000 from September 4 to November 26, reserves fell off about 6 per cent, and loans and discounts increased upwards of \$4,200,000 in the same period. Despite the fact, however, according to Secretary Royce of the state banking board, the record for the entire year shows the bank rolls of the state were shoved upward perceptibly. Deposits of the state aggregated \$82,527,894 on November 26, or about \$8,638,000 more than a year previous.