# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

ALLIANCE and Hemingford are engaged in the county seat war.

The North Nebraska Teachers' association met at Fremos; on the 1st with

a large attendance. JAMES K. HUNT, an old and wealthy

citizen of Syracuse has become insane and sent to an asylum.

The contract books of the Norfolk Beet Sugar Co., for the season of 1896, have been closed, with sufficient acreage secured to insure a longer run than any previous year. No more contracts for the Norfolk factory will be taken for the present season.

RICHARD RINGER, a merchant of Friend, who was bitten by a dog several months ago, was attacked recently with what was supposed to be a severe case of grip. Later physicians ngreed that it was a case of hydrophobia, when the victim seized a razor and almost severed his head from his body, dying at once.

MAXEY COBB, county treasurer, disappeared from Lincoln a few days ago and two days later his body was found dead near town. He had taken morphine. Financial reverses caused him to commit suicide. Recently he had settled a shortage of several thousand, growing out of the failure of a bank in which he had placed the funds.

LIZA, the seven-year-old daughter of R. L. Townley, secretary of the state banking board, left the family residence at Lincoln the other day to go to the state house on an errand, and while walking on the street railway track was struck by a car and instantly killed. The mother who was watching the child from the door witnessed the accident.

RECENTLY there was shipped from Seward by a local stockraiser a train load of fat cattle to England. The train consisted of 14 cars, 12 containing cattle, one draft horses and one feed. There were also shipped eight thoroughbred trotters in the same train. The train was elaborately decorated with banners, advertising Seward and Seward county.

A PARTY of eastern capitalists propose to crect a distillery at Fremont with a capacity of 2,000 bushels a day upon condition that they be given a suitable plant convenient to both railroads, and ont of less than 15 acres, and a bonus of \$30,000. They also agree that in case the distillery goes into the hands of the trust to return the amount of the bonus and the value of the land on which the buildings are to be erected.

LINCOLN letter carriers are represented to be jubilant over the figures given out by the United States commissioner, who has been examining the claims for overtime since 189C, when the eight-hour law went into effect. It is stated that the commissioner estimates that the employes in the Lincoln office will receive nearly \$5,000. Some of the carriers will get as much as \$600, while other claims range from

# A LETTER FROM CARLISLE. The Secretary of the Treasury Gives His

Views on the Presidency. WASHINGTON, April 6.-Secretary Carlisle has written the following letter on the subject of his candidacy for the presidential nomination at the Chicago convention:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4, 1805. Charles R. Long, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Ky.

Dear Sir: Your favor of March 3), in which ou say in substance that many of my friends in Kentucky and elsewhere desire me to become a candidate before the approaching national democratic convention for nomination to the office of president, and requesting me to give some authoritative or definite expression upon the subject, has been materially considered.

Many communications upon the same subject and similar import have been received from friends in different parts of the country, and while very grateful for these numerous expressions of confidence and esteem upon the part of my democratic fellow citizens, I have not been able to reach the conclusion that the existing conditions require me to comply with their requests by authorizing them to announce me as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

While I feel a profound interest in the welfare of my party. I am much more concerned about its declaration of principles than its selection of candidates, because, in my opluion, its failure or success at the election, as well as its capacity for useful service in the country in the future. depends upon the position it takes or omits to take upon the public questions now engaging the attention of the people, and especially the questions affecting the monetary system of the country and the character and amount of taxation to be imposed upon our citizens. Its position upon these and other subjects having been agreed upon, and clearly and distinctly announced, the convention ought to have no difficulty in selecting an acceptable candidate who will fairly represent its views, and in order that its deliberations may be embarrassed as little as possible by the contentions of rival aspirants and their friends, I think my duty to the party will be best performed by declining to participate in a contest for the nomination.

The obligations assumed when I accepted my present official position require me to devote my entire time and attention to the public interests committed to my charge, and I shall continue to discharge the duties imposed upon me to the best of my ability, and in such manner as will, in my judgment, most certainly promote the true interest of the country: and if, in the opinion of my fellow democrats of Kentucky, my services entitle me to their commendation and approval. I would regard their indorsement of my public course as an ample reward for the little I have been able to accomplished in behalf of honest administration and a sound financial policy.

With many thanks for your kind letter, I am. J. G. CARLISLE. very truly yours,

# FIRE IN A MUSEUM.

# Wild Confasion Among the Freaks and

Performers in a Chicago Playhouse. CHICAGO, April 6.- A fire which bore a very threatening aspect for a time and created a panic, broke out yesterafternoon in a Clark street dime museum. It being Easter Sunday the two small theaters in the building were entertaining audiences of more than the usual proportion, at least 1,-000 persons, who occupied every available inch of space, being present. The audiences at once made a rush for the door and for a time pandemonium reigned. The wildest confusion prevailed among the freaks and performers, but all escaped without injury, many of the actors running into the reets in their stage attire. On the third floor the collection of huge snakes was on exhibition. Among this collection was a boa constrictor 20 feet in length. A female snake charmer had charge of the reptiles, and when the fire broke out she attempted to place them in a box. Calling for assistance, a stranger climbed into the cage and offered to help capture the snakes. He picked the largest one up by the neck and no sooner had he done so than the snake, recognizing it was in the hands of a stranger, coiled its huge form about the man's arm. The snake charmer, realizing the man's danger, told him to keep a firm grip on the snake's neck. A terrific struggle then ensued, but by the combined efforts of the fair snake charmer and the obliging stranger, the boa constrictor was finally jammed into a box and secured.

# A. P. A. AND POLITICS.

Supreme President Traynor Says His Order Will Decide the Next Presidential Contest.

DETROIT, Mich., April 4.-W. H. J. Traynor, supreme president of the American Protective association, has issued a circular to the order at large upon the political situation. President Traynor declares that the A. P. A. has a cinch upon the presidential situation. and presents an exhaustive plan for the complete political organization of the order, from the primaries up. He urges the various state councils to send their representatives to the supreme council, which meets next month at Washington, pledged to such reforms as the subordinate members of the order most desire, thus avoiding the danger of strong partisans from using the order for their own ends. He makes a strong protest against the Marquette statue and esqecially warns the order to oppose the resolution of Congressman Morse, of Massachusetts, "Ac-Almighty God as knowledging the source of all power and authority in civil government, our Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations and His revealed will as the supreme authority in civil affairs." This, he says, is a remarkable and dangerous proposal to place the affairs of state in the hands of the church. The writer concludes with the declaration that the Venezuelan war scare was a misleading campaign dodge and that the Cuban and Armenian agitations while advocated by those who were sincere, were mere subterfuges to kill time until after the presidential elections and distract the attention of the people from proposed and much needed national measures of reform.

## HEAVY FAILURES.

#### The List for the Last Quarter Larger Than Ever Reported for a Like Period.

NEW YORK. April 4.-According to Bradstreet's Financial Review the first quarter of 1896 presents the largest list of actual commercial and industrial failures in business in the United States, those in which liabilities exceed assets, ever reported for a like period. The total (including financial institutions) is 4,512, or 700 more than in a like portion of 1895; 543 more than in 1894, and 1,443 more than in the first quarter of 1893, increases of 18.11 and 47 per cent. respectively. The largest preceding like total, 4,050, was reported in 1885. Liabilities of those failing this year amount to \$62,513,000, an increase of 30 per cent., as compared with a year ago; 27 per cent., as compared with the first quarter of 1894, and 60 per cent., as contrasted with three years ago.

Business failures in Canada number 781 for the past quarter, against 581 in the first quarter of 1895; with total liabilities of \$5,573,000, against \$4,253,-000 last year.

# A MADMAN'S ACT.

Kills His Wife and Mother-in-Law Then Attempts Suicide. CLINTON, Ill., April 4 .- At 4:30 yes-

# A TRAIN HELD UP.

#### Three Men Rob the Cannon Ball Express on the 'frisco Road.

LEBANON, Mo., April 2.-The eastbound cannon ball train, No. 6, on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, was held up three miles east of here early yesterday morning by three masked men, and the safe blown open and robbed. The robbers boarded the train at this place and, after reaching the scene of the robbery, held up the engineer and fireman and stopped the train and, with the engineer in front of them, marched to the express car. The messenger refusing to open the door, it was blown open with dynamite and the safe cracked and its contents removed. Several packages of valuable papers were found this morning beside the track with some money which had been overlooked in the hurry of departure. The passengers were not molested. The engine was detached and run by the robbers to Sleeper, where it was abandoned. A brakeman hurried back to the city and started Sheriff Jones and a posse on the track of the robbers.

The Wells-Fargo & Co. express officials say the amount of money secured by the robbers was only \$1,277. About 100 mounted men are in pursuit of the robbers. Road Agent Bradway is in Lebanon superintending the hunt. Bloodhounds will be put on the trail, and every means known to railroad and express secret service, as well as the local authorities, will be used to capture the outlaws.

## VENEZUELA FIRM AS EVER.

Report That Indemnity for Uruan Arrests Will Be Paid Is Denied.

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 2 .- A report reaches here from New York that the Venezuelan government here has agreed to pay Great Britain \$5,000 indemnity for the arrests in Uruan. It is claimed from the highest authority that the report is untrue. Venezuela has refused to pay one cent of indemnity for what is known as the Uruan incident as long as England claims the men were arrested on British soil; has refused to do anything in the premises unless England changes the words "British soil" in her demand to 'disputed territory." Furthermore, Venezuela will not pay any indemnity to Great Britain until after the American commission on the Venezuelan boundary makes its report. England has not yet changed the phraseology of her demand. Public opinion is strong against any payment.

# ONE AS GOOD AS THE OTHER.

### Mother and Daughter Exchange Bables Involuntarily at Birth.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 2.-Mrs. John Morton, of Irish Valley, was being delivered of a child yesterday when her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Foster, of Trevorton, who was at her mother's he attending physician mixed the body knows which belongs to which mother. At length Mrs. Morton said several sons already, and would really prefer another daughter, whereas Mrs. Foster wanted a boy. As the matter stands, Mrs. Morton does not know whether she is nursing her daughter or her granddaughter, nor does Mrs. Foster know whether she is rearing her brother or her son.

# REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Improvement Expected With Spring Weather Beginning.

NEW YORK, April 4 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The improvement expected with spring weather begins, though in some branches of business scarcely visible. As consumers make spring purchases they must lessen stocks and compel buying. The stocks taken in advance of last summer's demands have been distributed far more slowly than was expected but months of waiting have helped to lessen the load which it is hoped spring buying will clear away. The backward season has been a hindrance, as has also been the number of hands unemployed in important industries, and the low prices of farm products. Apprehension of foreign financial difficulties has hindered, but is now scarcely felt. Gold exports are rumored, but at this season are so far natural that they have no such power to cause alarm as they had in winter. The gigantic steel combination is expected to have a great influence in sustaining markets and stimulating confidence, and though such operations, often miss the success they seek, they rarely fail to kindle speculative buying for a time.

The woolen manufacture does not gain in orders and a large part of the machinery is stopped. Prices of wool have fallen 7% per cent, the average of 104 quotations being 13.02c. Cotton mills still pile up goods in advance of orders, as reduction in prices have failed as yet to stimulate buying. Cotton continues to come forward so largely that former predictions of 6,500,600 bales are remembered with derision and the outlook for the next crop continues good.

Wheat has slightly advanced and if late reports of injury from extensive frosts and storms prove correct will advance more, though western receipts continue nearly 50 per cent larger than last year, and for five weeks past have been 13,835,410 bushels, against 8,831,-372 last year, while Atlantic exports have been only 6,733,132 bushels, flour included, against 8,435,701 last year. Corn exports are larger and receipts also heavy, but pork has declined 75 cents per barrel.

## MOST FIENDISH TORTURE.

### Insurgents Strung Up for Days at a Time by Cruel Spaniards.

CLEVELAND, O., April 4.-The stories than have been told concerning the tortures inflicted by the Spaniards in Cuba are more than confirmed by Mr. F. H. Taylor, who has just arrived in this city, after a residence of three years in Havana. In answer to inquiries regarding the truth of the circulated reports he said:

The worst has not been told. I have known of prisoners being strung up by the thumbs at Moro castle and left for days at a time to the mercy of the vicious files, which were attracted in swarms by molasses, smeared upon the victim's face and chest for that purpose. Many other forms of torture are practiced upon the unfortunate rebels when taken. These outrages against humanity do occur, as any citizen of Havana can testify. In fact, if they would allow some of those persecuted wretches in the Cuban dungeons to testify, stories of fiendish torture could be unearthed which would shock the Christian world.

### EXPERT TESTIMONY.

#### Frank James Tells How to Proceed to Stop Train Robbing.

Sr. Louis, April 4.-Frank James, a brother of the famous bandit, Jesse James, when asked his opinion of the St. Louis & San Francisco train robbery, said: "When a man engages in the train robbing business he is badly bedside, was taken sick suddenly, and in need of money and will take desperalso gave birth to a child. Both ate chances to secure it. All this talk women occupied the same bed, and about some men having no sense of fear, and especially when the are babies. One of the children is a making a raid on a train, is all nonboy and the other a girl, but no- sense. I have been in some pinches and there were times when I realized fear, but there was nothing to do but she would take the girl, as she had to fight my way out. I am opposed to train robbery and the only way it will ever be stopped is to have armed guards on each train. Two or three would be sufficient, but they should be well armed and be encased in a steel cage of some kind."

\$300 to \$450.

MRS. BARBETT SCOTT lately filed suit at O'Neill against the Ancient Order of United Workmen for \$2,000, the amount of a policy held in that organization by her husband, the late Barrett Scott, and \$100 interest. Scott, prior to his flight to Mexico in 1893, was a member in good standing of the O'Neill lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen. After his flight he was expelled from the order and after his return made no move to get reinstatement.

THE Nebraska Southeastern Educational association at Lincoln elected the following officers: President, S. P. Arnot, Sterling; vice president, G. D. Hopkins, Friend; secretary, Miss Anna Howland, Lincoln; treasurer, E. A. Morgan, Nebraska City. J. W. Dinsmore, of Humboldt, and Superintendent Beeler, of Beatrice, were elected members of the executive committee. The matter of the place of holding the next session was left to the executive committee.

JOHN WIGGINS, a respected and wealthy farmer living a few miles west of St. Helena, near Hartington, was found dead the other night on the bank o. the Missouri river, about a mile from his home, with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver lying close by. Mr. Wiggins in a half dressed condition wandered from his home to the river the day before. There he shot himself. Insanity is thought to be the cause of the suicide, as he was recently pronounced insane.

MARCH did not go out like a lamb in Nebraska by any means. On the last day of the month the lamb would have found him self overwhelmed by a blizzard had he been strolling around. At Hartington the worst blizzard for years prevailed, and at Harrison the heaviest snow of the winter fell. The same was true of Hyannis, Pierce, 'O'Neill, North Platte, Creighton, Stanton, Hemingford and other points. The blizzard extended to Omaha, but was not as severe as at many other points.

A MOVEMENT has developed in Nebraska to contest the right of the govof the forts in this state. At every the secretary of war.

A TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION.

#### Four Thousand Houses Barned and 30,000 People Made Homeless

MADRID, April 6.- A terrible fire has occurred at Manila, in the Philippine islands, by which 4,000 houses were destroyed and 30,000 people left homeless. Manila is the capital of the Philippine islands, an t has a population of 100,000, or, with the surburbs, 160,000. It is one of the great emporiums of the east. The principal buildings are the cathedral, the palaces of the governor and the archbishop, a beautiful town house, ten churches of different religious orders, several monasteries and convents, the arsenal, three colleges for young men and two for young women, a supreme court, prison, civil hospital, university, a marine and a commercial school, a large theater, a custom house and a barracks. It has frequently been visited by severe and destructive earthquakes.

#### HOLMES CONFESSES ALL.

#### The Arch-Criminal Preparing the Story of Twenty Murders Committed by Him.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6. - H. H. Holmes, the convicted murderer, has made a confession in which he tells how and why he put to death no less ernment to regulate the liquor traffic than 20 men, women and children. He writes as calmly and remorselessly post the canteen, operated by privates. as he murdered, neglecting no detail. is conducted without state or county He even gives an account of six murinterference. At Fort Robinson sev. ders which he planned, but was preeral days ago county authorities issued vented from carrying out. It was warrants against the canteen owners well known that Holmes put 11 perselling liquor without a license and sons out of the world. So when his writs to confiscate the "wet" property. confession is printed there will be ac-The military authorities refused to counts of the violent deaths of nine permit the sheriff to serve his war- people whose absence from their homes rants, and that officer has appealed to and their friends has hitherto been unexplained.

terday afternoon this city was thrown into the wildest excitement by a double murder and attempted suicide. Ed Polen, formerly employed at the Illinois Central railroad in this city, murdered his wife, formerly Miss Myrtle Green, and his mother-in-law Mrs. McMullen, and then attempted suicide by throwing himself in front of an eastbound freight train. Jealousy is given as his reason for committing the horrible deed. Last night a great crowd of excited citizens assembled in front of the jail, but Mayor McGill addressed them and said Polen would die of his injuries, and the crowd finally dispersed. It was rumored late at night that Polen was taken to Decatur for safe keeping. The jail is heavily guarded and no reporters are allowed near it, however.

# A GRAND MONUMENT.

#### Bill Introduced to ' ommemorate the Serv. lces of Private Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, April 4.-Congressman Watson, of Ohio, introduced a bill in congress yesterday appropriating \$250,-000 for a monument to be erected in Washington to commemorate the services and achievements of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of the navy during the late war. "There are many monuments in Washington erected to the memory of union officers of the army and navy distinguished in the late war of the rebellion," said Mr. Watson, "but there is no monument erected to the memory of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers of the army, or enlisted men in the navy, who served in the cause of the union during the war. There is a so-called peace monument here, but that is not commemorative of the deeds of the common soldiers of the war."

## TO HONOR AMERICANS.

#### Venezuela Will Erect a Third Statue to Sons of Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, April 4.-President Crespo, of Venezuela, has taken another step toward the conspicuous honoring of American citizens by issuing a decree directing the erection of a bronze column in honor of the citizens of the United States who aided Venezuela in the first struggle for independence. The decree has just been received at the Venezuelan legation here. Venezuela has honored this government heretofore by erecting a statue of Washington and projecting another statue to President Monroe commemorative of the Monroe doctrine, so that the erection of this the friendly feeling existing.

# NATURAL COLORS PICTURED. A Chicago Man's Discovery Promises to

**Revolutionize** the Art. CHICAGO, April 2.-James W. McDonough, of Chicago, who, according to the records in the United States patent office, was the first American to make a practical telephonic receiver and transmitter, has recently perfected a process by which natural colors are photographed. The evidences of this important fact are actual photographs of landscapes, men, women and paintings, taken with an ordinary camera, developed and printed by every-day processes, but differing from ordinary photographs in that the colors, as well as the lines, lights and shades, are present.

# DIAZ ON MONROEISM.

#### Mexico's Fresident in Sympathy with the United States on This Proposition.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 1 .- The Mexican congress opened yesterday. President Diaz's message contains an extended reference to the Monroe doctrine and an emphatic declaration of sympathy therewith. Without entering into the merits of the Venezuelan controversy, he declares that every republic on the western hemisphere should announce that any attack on the part of a European power with a view to extending territory or altering republican institutions should be considered by each an individual attack.

#### Remarkable Recovery of a Young Woman Through Her Faith.

ELWOOD, Ind., April 2.-Faith and prayer has again wrought a miraculous cure. Consumption in its last stages had placed its destroying mark on Miss Bessie Dean, a young woman well known in the northeastern portion of this county. Suddenly she refused all medical attention, declared that she would be cured through her faith and through prayer. She began to grow better at once, and on vesterday was able to do light housekeeping. bronze column is a further evidence of . Her cure has created intense excitement.

# THREE INSTANTLY KILLED.

#### A Terrific Explosion Occurs in the Giles Mine at Ward, Col.

WARD, Col., April 4 .- A terrific explosion occurred yesterday in the Giles mine, 1¼ miles from this city, in which three men were instantly killed and two others badly hurt. The dead are: James Purmort, married, Mart Branson and Grant Rice. The injured: Jack Gallagher and Louis Smith. When the men went to work they took about 50 pounds of giant powder down in the mine with them, and shortly after they reached the bottom of the shaft and went to work the powder in some unknown way exploded. Purmort and Branson were blown to shreds. This is the fourth fatal explosion in the Giles mine.

# INDORSED GOV. STONE.

#### Democrats at Nevada, Mo., Want Their Chief Executive for President.

NEVADA, Mo., April 4.-Returns from the several democratic township conventions in this county, to select delegates to the county convention to be held here to select delegates to the Sedalia convention, so far as heard from, have selected solid silver delegations and instructed for Gov. W. J. Stone as a delegate-at-large to Chicago. Walker, Harwood and Schell City, the largest towns in the county outside of Nevada, indorsed Gov. Stone for president. The county convention to-day will, without doubt, be solidly for free coinage at sixteen to one ratio.

# BOYS EIGHT DAYS ADRIFT.

#### Their Father, a Schooner Captain, Died in Mid Atlantic, Leaving Them Alone.

CADIZ, Spain, April 4.-On February 18 the schooner Robin Hood, 76 tons register, Capt. Dingle, left St. Johns, Newfoundland for Lisbon with only three persons on board-the captain and his two small sons. Capt. Dingle died when the little craft was in mid Atlantic and the two children were alone eight days on board the Robin Hood with the body of their father. They were picked up and the vessel towed to this port by the British schooner Janning.

CURED OF CONSUMPTION.