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OVER THE STATE.

NANCE county is to have a new court house.

FRIEND has voted water bonds to the amount of \$18,000.

THE bank of Westerville has gone into voluntary liquidation.

THE German Lutherans of Basin have decided to erect a large church.

FULLERTON is to have a brick yard with a capacity of 20,000 brick a day.

DEUEL county is out of debt and its warrants go at 100 cents on the dollar.

THE first hail storm for 1894 in Nebraska occurred last week near Dunbar.

THE streams of Boyd county are to be stocked with fish from the state hatcheries.

W. H. BOWMAN of Fullerton sold his famous trotting horse, Ontonion, to a Chicago man for \$3,500.

JOHN KELSO, caught passing counterfeit money, is in the hands of the sheriff of Hart county.

BOX BUTTE county Sunday school workers will hold a convention at Alliance in the near future.

THE ninth son came to the home of Joe Williams of Lincoln county on Washington's birthday.

MRS. BAILEY, wife of an Omaha saloon keeper, suicided the other day by swallowing carbolic acid.

EVANGELIST MISS MAY PHILLIPS of Aurora, Ill., has commenced a series of revival services in Fremont.

THE editor of the Deshler Herald threatens to leave town unless he finds a house to live in pretty soon.

GRAND ISLAND papers have been roasting a worthless fellow who insults women by exposing his person.

THE postmaster at Nebraska City has sent in his resignation. Business matters of a personal character demand his attention.

L. A. GEORGE of Lincoln, a man 54 years old, was found guilty of committing rape. Amelia Barr made the complaint.

ADOLPH NEUBERG, of Oakland, has been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum, where he was eight months about four years ago.

AN attempt was made by prisoners in the jail at Lincoln to escape. The keepers, however, got onto the racket and nipped it in the bud.

It is said that John Hollenbeck of Du Bois has fallen heir to an estate of \$500,000 left him by a relative in Virginia. He has gone to claim his fortune.

THE governor has issued an extradition warrant to the governor of Utah for the return of J. B. Finnighan, under arrest at Omaha on the charge of embezzlement.

THE livery barn of Thomas Bros. at Brewster was destroyed last week by fire. Five horses and other stock were consumed. The loss will be \$2,700, with \$1,000 insurance.

BETWEEN 500 and 600 teachers and prominent educators are expected to be present in Beatrice, March 28, 29 and 30, the date of the southeastern Nebraska educational association gathering.

ACCORDING to the Courier no tract of land midwestern to Missouri can equal the territory traversed by the railroad from Callaway to Broken Bow for barrenness and wind-swept desolation.

"KID" Johnson, who has just completed a sixty days' sentence for larceny in the cage county jail, was rearrested by Fall City authorities and given a severe sentence for burglary.

FIRE at Oakland destroyed the barn, containing a buggy and hay, owned by Ming A. Wagner. The loss is small, with no insurance. The fire was caused from a lighted cigar thrown into the hay.

AT Beatrice the attorneys for John Baker, who was recently convicted of incest, argued a motion for a new trial. Judge Habecock overruled the motion and sentenced Baker to six years in the penitentiary.

THE dwelling house of B. F. Mizer, the finest residence in Red Cloud, caught fire and was nearly destroyed. Loss \$4,500; insurance \$4,000 on building and \$500 on household goods in the British-American.

WILLIAM MOFFAT, a farmer living north of Juniata, had John Karl and wife, Fred Grouton and John Hontz arrested on the charge of forcibly entering his home and ejecting himself and family therefrom.

THE governor has, through proclamation, offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of H. C. Still of Hay Springs. His name is not known and no clue has as yet been found of him.

COUNTY ATTORNEY KALEY of Douglas county requests the governor to issue a requisition to the governor of Iowa for the apprehension and return of H. L. Wilson, who is wanted for embezzlement in South Omaha.

JOSEPH MCGRAW has filed a petition in the district court of Lancaster county praying for a judgment against the Rock Island railway for \$20,000, alleging as the cause that in December, 1892, he was struck by a passing train and was badly and permanently injured.

When a retail dealer patronizes home industry he enables the manufacturer to employ more men who in turn become his patrons. Farrell & Co.'s brand of syrups, jellies, preserves and mince meat; Morse-Coe boots and shoes for men, women and children; Consolidated Coffee Co.'s brand of coffee, extracts and yeast; Page Soap Co.'s Silver Leaf and Borax soap; American Biscuit & Manufacturing Co., Omaha, crackers.

BLAKE and Wichelow, the men arrested for robbing Luck's jewelry store at North Bend, were given a hearing before the county judge at Fremont and placed under \$1,000 bonds each to appear at the next term of the district court. In default of bonds they were remanded to the county jail.

THE country roads around Lincoln are said to be in the worst condition they have been for years. Farmers coming to town must drive through mud and water up to the hubs. Every pond and creek in the country is full and overflowing. This water is considered a sure indication of an overflowing crop of winter wheat.

BEATRICE HAS CAUSED A WOUND ON THE FOOT OF H. G. GREENFIELD OF TABLE ROCK TO BECOME DANGEROUS AND HE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL IN THE HOPE OF SAVING HIS LIFE. HE CUT HIS FOOT WITH A STALK CUTTER LAST SEPTEMBER.

WILLIAM F. COMBS was arrested in Table Rock for gambling. His preliminary trial was held before Justice Taylor. He waived examination and gave bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of the district court.

PLAINVIEW is making serious efforts to secure a normal school. A tract of land has been platted and four hundred lots placed on sale, the proceeds to go toward the erection of a building. It is stated that over \$4,000 worth of lots have been sold.

THE office of the Oakland Independent was destroyed by fire last week. The second story was occupied by the editor, Will Brewster, as a dwelling. Everything was burned. Insurance on the plant was \$1,500. The building was to have been sold at sheriff's sale next week.

ON last Wednesday, while going from north of Macon to Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carpenter of Franklin had the misfortune to lose their four months' old infant. When about four miles north of town they noticed the child was all right, and when they got to town and into one of the stores they discovered that the child was dead.

A FARMER in Gage county named Acom had his premises visited by sneak thieves. His cellar was raided and a quantity of provisions, meat and lard taken. The thieves then appropriated his horse and buggy and drove off with the articles. Mr. Acom followed their trail, and managed to recover the horse and buggy but did not get the thieves.

THERE is at least a probability that the much-talk-of college for Beatrice may yet become a reality. Miss Alice Minnick, in honor of whom it is understood the university will be named, will endow it with 100 acres of land and \$30,000. It is claimed that work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit and that the original structure will cost fully \$50,000.

MRS. J. P. SOUDENBERG, an old resident of Oakland, who was universally respected, was found lying dead in the lot back of her residence by a neighbor, Mrs. L. P. Carlson. It was evident that she had been in the act of hanging out a lot of clothes to dry when stricken. She had been subject to attacks of heart trouble for some time past and it is supposed that this was the cause of her death.

RECEIVER WESTERVELT has announced that a dividend of 25 per cent has been declared to the depositors of the Citizens National bank of Grand Island, payable about April 1. A dividend was expected about April 15. The news is received with delight, as it will do much to loosen the stringency in that community. The dividend is considered as an exceptionally early and good one.

THE annual meeting of the North-west Nebraska Irrigating association was held in Crawford last week and a large and enthusiastic delegation from the four counties of the district was present. Among the important resolutions adopted was one in favor of a general state irrigation law with provisions for experimental artesian wells in that section of Nebraska, and another favoring congressional legislation for an irrigation survey of the western states.

Mrs. HUGH NORTON of Talmage is afflicted with a rare form of disease called bone hypertrophy. All the bones are enlarging and the bones of the skull have exercised such pressure on the optic nerve as to already cause blindness of the left eye. She recently visited Kansas City and Chicago to consult with eminent specialists and receiving no encouragement, all specialists agreeing that the disease is incurable one. Medical literature cites but 100 cases of this disease.

AN unusual degree of interest is manifested in educational affairs in Nuckolls county. On March 3 the county educators were invited to Nelson by the county superintendent, Miss Celia A. Gorby. About 300 people, composed of teachers, district boards and friends of education, were present at the Nelson high school building and were entertained with a bright, interesting program of beautiful music, excellent papers and able discussions. A permanent association was organized.

THE residence of R. C. Outcalt, cashier of the defunct Capital National bank of Lincoln, was sold at Sheriff's sale for \$9,430, the purchasers being Yonker Bros. of Des Moines. The residence was sold to satisfy a judgment secured in the district court by Yonker Bros. This is one of the pieces of property transferred by Outcalt the day after the failure of the bank, and for which the depositors blame the bank examiner for not proceeding to attach as soon as he learned that the bank was insolvent.

A SMALL cyclone struck the farm of George Reitter in Cass county and tore his large barn into fragments. Mr. Reitter, who witnessed it from his residence twenty rods away, says the wind lifted a wagon near the barn just as if it were a feather, and the next instant his barn, 280 by 30 feet, was rent asunder and scattered, leaving the teams standing unharmed. The barn was built three years ago and was exceptionally strong, and noted for its size and interior arrangements for housing stock. It was insured for \$900.

C. W. BAILEY, a young farmer of Prairie Creek township, Nance county, while engaged in a quarrel with William Murphy, who hails from Colorado, was shot and severely wounded. The quarrel was over some cattle, which Murphy was holding, getting into Bailey's corn and Bailey shutting them up. Murphy undertook to take the cattle out of the lot by force, while Bailey resisted. Murphy then went away, procured a 38-caliber revolver, returned and renewed hostilities, which resulted in the shooting of Bailey. Murphy was arrested.

IT is suspected that incendiaries caused the destruction of the \$15,000 mill at Dawson. There was no insurance on the burned building.

HYDROPHOBIA has appeared among the canines of Gering, and the Courier advocates general extermination of the dog family as the only sure cure.

THE city council of Crete, by unanimous vote, telegraphed the following to the president: "Be it resolved by the mayor and council of the city of Crete that this 'body joins with the rest of the state in earnestly requesting the appointment of Dr. George L. Niller of Omaha to the vacancy on the Interstate Commerce commission."

DAN COUGHLIN ACQUITTED.

He is Found Not Guilty of the Murder of Dr. Cronin.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The happiest man on earth at 6:35 o'clock last night was Daniel Coughlin. When the clerk read out the words: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Daniel Coughlin, not guilty," a warm flush went over his face, which before had been of deadly white. He half rose in his chair and was the next instant pushed back by Attorney David, the law partner of Mr. Donahoe, who has so stoutly defended him throughout the long trial. Then it was a push that almost pushed the happy man off his feet. Newspaper men, old-time friends of the prisoner before his troubles, came upon him in a body and nearly wrung his hand off. "It's all right, boys, all right," gasped Coughlin, as he reached for three or four hands at once. "It's all right boys, I won't forget you. You treated me all right."

Then the prisoner worked his way up to the jury box and shook hands with as many of the men as he could reach, but the crowd was too much for him, and yelling and cheering to show its delight, it pushed him away from the box. He gave up the effort to greet the men who have given him freedom, and in company with the bailiffs started to leave the room, passing behind Judge Tuthill's chair. Just as he was directly behind the judge, a cry of "Make way there; open up a passage; make way," was heard, and two stalwart bailiffs pushed through the crowd and close behind them, her hat away, her veil half up, and gasping with sobs that choked her, came Mrs. Coughlin. Dan was striding to liberty as though he wore seven-league boots.

"Dan, come back, here's your wife," called fifty voices, and Coughlin retraced his steps. Just at the foot of the little flight of stairs leading up to the judge's rostrum he met his wife. The woman gave an incoherent cry, her arms went up, fastened themselves around her husband's neck, and then she gave way utterly. She only said "Dan, O, Dan," but nowhere, not even in Dan Coughlin's heart, was there such joy as in the bosom of the little woman who was clasped tight against her husband's heart, and then the two rooked to and fro until the woman was able to stifle her emotion and then she was led away by Coughlin's father, who was happy enough to dance a jig.

Attorney Donald Donahoe, who had, with ex-Judge Wing, defended the prisoner, was the recipient of a shower of congratulations from friends and fellow attorneys. "It is just as I expected," he said.

Neither Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Bottom nor Associate Prosecutor Scanlan would express an opinion as to the verdict. "It was a surprise," they both asserted, but further than that they declined to talk to interviewers. The jurors refused to talk with reporters.

The jury was out just eight hours. The verdict was not expected so soon, and created a great surprise, as a disagreement was almost believed to be certain.

THE IMMIGRATION OF 1893.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A statement has been prepared by the immigration bureau showing that 431,713 immigrants arrived at the ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore during 1893. This represents at least four-fifths of the whole number which arrived at all American ports. The ports of embarkation are given as follows: Liverpool and Queenstown, 101,051; Bremen, 93,739; Naples and Marseilles, 50,005; Rotterdam and Antwerp, 33,442; Hamburg, 27,167; and Boulogne, 26,073; Glasgow and Londonderry, 24,683; Rensberg and Guldensborg, Sweden, and Christiania and Christianland, Norway, 20,185; Havre, 15,637; Southampton, 11,280.

St. Louis's New Postmaster Named.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The president has nominated James L. Carlisle to be postmaster at St. Louis and John C. O'Donnell to be postmaster at Pittsburg, Pa. The president has appointed Walter L. Wilson of West Virginia the son of a chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee; Lewis Green Stevenson of Illinois, son of Vice President Stevenson; Henry A. Dent of Alabama, Philip M. Mohun of the district of Columbia, William Jackson, little of New York and Samuel McGowan of South Carolina, to be assistant paymasters in the navy.

Twenty Thousand Bids for Land.

GUTHRIE, Ok., March 10.—The governor has just awarded a batch of Cherokee Strip school lands to bidders. Over 20,000 bids have been received for various sections, some single quarter sections having as high as 350, and the offers for three years leases are in many cases more than the value of the land. It will take a large force of clerks several months to complete the work of awarding bids.

Senator Aldrich May Retire.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., March 10.—Senator Aldrich has notified the state central committee that he intends to resign from the United States senate if the legislature elected by the people next month is Republican.

Kearsarge Contract Awarded.

BOSTON, March 10.—The contract for raising the wrecked United States steamship Kearsarge has been awarded to the Boston Towboat company, of this city.

Amick Vindicated Everywhere.

St. Louis, March 12th.—Judgment was rendered yesterday in favor of Dr. Amick, of Cincinnati, against the St. Louis Clinique. This medical journal questioned the merits of his treatment for Consumption, which many physicians here say is the only cure for this disease. Amick keeps his formula to himself, and sends, free, medicines proving to the consumptive he can be cured. All this is against the medical code, hence the attack and vindication.

Hazing Made a Criminal Offense.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 10.—The senate committee on judiciary, without a dissenting vote, has agreed to report out Senator Coggeshall's bill defining hazing as a criminal offense.

WAITING FOR ESTIMATES.

MEETING OF THE FULL SENATE TARIFF COMMITTEE.

DETAILS OF THE BILL DISCUSSED.

If the Importations Are the Same as Last Year It Will Raise \$383,135,000 Revenue—This Added to Other Sources Will Bring the Total Revenue Up to \$493,500,000—May Be Modified.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—When the senate committee of finance met today for the purpose of discussing the tariff bill as presented by the majority only seven members were present, Messrs. Jones of Nevada, Vance, McPherson and Sherman being the absentees. Those present examined the details of the bill and discussed its salient features, but in the absence of figures showing the effect of the bill in the production of revenue, they adjourned until Monday morning, when the statements will be ready. There statements have been prepared under the auspices of the committee and show that the revenue will be \$383,500,000, if the importations prove to be of the same quantity and value as those of the last fiscal year. The amount added to the receipts from the postoffice department and from miscellaneous sources, will bring the government revenue up to \$493,500,000. Under the senate bill the customs receipts, it is estimated, will amount to \$165,000,000 as compared to \$124,000,000 under the Wilson bill and \$193,000,000 under the McKinley law and those from the internal revenue portion about \$199,000,000 compared to \$160,000,000 received last year from this source, the income tax being estimated at \$30,000,000, spirits at \$20,000,000 and cigars at \$9,000,000.

A member said after the committee adjourned that they would begin work Monday morning and might conclude it next week. The Republican members will make an effort to secure some changes and if they meet with success, in a few, will probably try to secure others. They are hopeful, from assurances which Senator McPherson is said to have given persons who have called upon him that he will join with them in trying to secure the modification of several schedules.

THE BOMB WAS LOADED.

A New York Boy Terribly Maimed—The Explosive Hidden By Anarchists.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Joseph Hoffman, aged 13, and Charles and Frank Oberly, while playing on the sand lots of Williamsburg today, turned up the sand near the massive boulder, and found a box containing six bombs. The Hoffman boy, being the oldest, took charge of the find and examined the bombs carefully. Finally he picked up one of the bombs and said he was going to hurl it against the boulder. The other boys ran away and had gone about a hundred feet when Hoffman threw the bomb at the boulder.

The Oberly boys say they felt as though the earth had opened under them and when they turned Hoffman was lying on the ground screaming at the top of his voice. All the skin of his face and hands was peeled off and he was terribly wounded on the body and limbs.

The police have the box containing the five bombs which are of tin and oblong. About three months ago half a dozen bombs were found in the lots, but the police were unable to find the makers of them.

The district abounds in anarchistic societies and in the vicinity is the home of John Most.

WAS M'KANE A DEFAULTER?

Accounts of the Ex-Boss Short a Large Sum—Township Bonds Missing.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Lawyer O'Ferrall and the citizens committee of Gravesend who have been investigating the acts of John Y. McKane, the imprisoned ex-boss, allege that the chief failed to account January 10 last regarding the disposition of \$500,000 of town bonds as required by law. It is reported that a portion if not all the bonds have been hypothecated and there is an apparent shortage in his accounts of \$200,000.

McKane's friends say the apparent deficit is due solely to the lack of business methods in conducting the affairs of the town.

Inmates of Soldiers' Homes May Vote.

WICHITA, Kan., March 12.—In the federal court yesterday Judge Williams handed down a decision holding that inmates of Kansas soldiers' homes may vote at any election held in the precinct in which their home is located. The state constitution holds that any inmate of an asylum or almshouse, supported at the public expense, cannot exercise his franchise. The decision renders unconstitutional the Populist act of 1893, which expressly provided that inmates of soldiers' homes shall not be allowed to cast a ballot.

A Chinaman in a Divorce Court.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Yue Lee, a Chinese gambler of Mott street, enjoys the distinction of being the first Chinaman to secure a divorce in the courts of this city. He appeared in court in a gorgeous costume of changeable colored silk in which the predominant color was purple. His pig tail was bound with purple ribbons. His wife, an American girl named Louise Schneider, had eloped with another Chinaman.

A dispatch from Singapore says that in consequence of the scarcity of Mexican dollars, there is urgent local demand for the coinage of a British dollar. The banks and merchants are almost unanimously in favor of the proposal.

HAWAIIANS FEAR TREACHERY.

Recent Arrivals From America Believed to Be Royalist Importations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Mail advices from Honolulu up to last Saturday report that, owing to the arrival from America on every incoming vessel of men with no visible means of support and no purposes, the council, March 1, passed an order requiring all arrivals to furnish good evidence that they were coming with no hostile intent and providing for the deportation of certain suspected persons. This order was the result of fear of members of the provisional government that the Royalists were importing men to aid them in a coup.

The annexation club has been merged into a new union party and will oppose the importation of any more Chinese laborers.

F. M. Hatch, formerly vice president of the provisional government and a member of the advisory council, has been appointed minister of foreign affairs in the place of President Dole, who found the duties of his two offices required too much of his time. D. B. Smith, the American league candidate, was defeated for the place in the advisory council, it being generally understood that he was bound by an oath to the league that would conflict with his oath as counselor.

Some of the leading Chinese merchants have openly announced their intention of calling on their government for aid in the event of a Chinese registration law and have more than hinted that a man-of-war will be sent to enforce their demands. They have already declared a boycott against a prominent local merchant, a member of the advisory council, claiming that he is working against their interests. They threaten other boycotts against white merchant, the Portuguese have also held a mass meeting and protested vigorously against the introduction of any more Asiatic labor.

TO SUPPRESS LOTTERIES.

Kansas Methodists Will Take the Gambling Issue Into Legislative Politics.

ABILENE, Kas., March 12.—Bishop Vincent opened to-day's session of the Kansas Methodist conference with a lecture on preacher's department. The following were made superannuates: James Marvin, S. M. Hopkins, John Moorhead, C. F. Teeton and O. G. Robb. Routine reports occupied most of the day. The following resolutions were adopted regarding the lotteries in Kansas City:

Resolved, That we deplore the establishment of lotteries in our state and urge that all lawful means be used to uproot them.

Resolved, That we demand that only such men be elected to the next legislature as are known to be in favor of the suppression of lotteries and that no man who has any connection with them be approved for any state office.

This afternoon the memorial sermons in memory of the Revs. Davis, Markham and Spencer were preached.

EDITOR VS. LEGISLATOR.

State Senator Brower of Iowa Strikes a Newspaper Man Three Times.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 12.—In the cloak room during the discussion of the temperance bill to-day, S. H. Shoemaker, editor of the Hampton Chronicle, spoke to Senator Brower. The latter asked if he was not editor of the Chronicle, and then said he desired nothing to do with him.

Shoemaker followed Brower and asked if he had not promised to retain the present prohibition law if elected. Brower replied that he had not and any man who said so was a liar.

A heated discussion ensued and Shoemaker said Brower was a liar. He had severely struck him in the eye and followed it up with two more blows. Before any serious damage was done the men were separated.

AN ORIGINAL ROBBER.

A Cincinnati Man Decoyed Into a Hall by an Appeal to His Heroism.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Frank Cleue of Cincinnati, who had stopped in Chicago to see the sights on his way to the mid-winter fair, was walking on West Madison street when a well dressed young woman rushed out from a hallway, exclaiming that the house was on fire and her children were in peril. Cleue ran in the hallway and turned to ask the young woman on which floor the fire was. For answer he received a stunning blow in the face from the woman, who seized his pocket book and ran out on the street, slamming the door after her. When Cleue reached the door he found it locked, leaving him a prisoner.

Mills Resume at Reduced Wages.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 12.—The employees of the E. L. Sayle and company woolen mills at Pascongh have been notified that the mills start up at full time Monday after a shut down of several months under a ten per cent cut down. The William Orrell woolen mill at Glendale, which has been partly shut down for several months, will start on full time Monday under a ten per cent reduction of wages.

The Extreme Penalty for Rainey.

PAOLA, Kan., March 12.—The judge overruled the motion for a new trial for Jay Rainey, convicted of murder of his sweetheart, and when Rainey asked for mercy, replied that even if such were meted there was but one sentence possible under the jury's verdict. He then sentenced the prisoner to one year in the penitentiary, he then, whenever the governor should so will, to be hanged.

Twelve Horses Burned.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 12.—The stable owned by the Fulton transfer company at Twenty-fourth and Central streets, together with twelve horses, was consumed by fire last night. The loss is about \$3,000 and was fully covered by insurance.

Lieutenant T. F. Brainerd, the hero of the Kearsarge wreck, had an interview with Secretary Herbert, and has been ordered to accompany the party which will start at once for Roncador Reef to float the vessel.

KANSAS RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Report of the State Board of Railway Commissioners.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 8.—The eleventh annual report of the Kansas state board of railroad commissioners has been printed and is ready for distribution.

"We note with regret a marked increase of accidents," the board continues. "The total number of casualties on all the roads running into this state for the year ending June 30, 1893 was 2,213, while the number for the year ending June 30, 1892, 3,022, an increase of 33 per cent. We expected this would be accounted for by the increase in the number of passengers carried, but an examination of the reports shows that the increase of passenger traffic over the increase of lines of road was only 11 per cent during the same period. Some means should be adopted for the better protection of human life. Inside the boundaries of the state alone 130 persons have been killed and 736 injured during the twelve months—a total of 839, equal to a small army. It would seem that safety appliances and other means and precautions could be used in making human life and limb more sacred."

"The total number of miles of railroad within the state, as reported to this office for the year ending June 30, 1893, was 8,906.06 miles.

"The total passenger earnings of the several roads for the year ending June 30, 1893 were \$40,570,944; for the preceding year, \$37,426,767; increase, \$3,154,177. The total freight earnings for the year ending June 30, 1893, were \$105,545,789; for the preceding year, \$100,704,127; increase, \$4,841,662. The total income from bonds, stocks, rentals, etc., was \$7,478,267; net income, \$11,393,800; dividends paid, \$6,183,023; net surplus for the year, \$5,210,777. Dividends were paid by four roads as follows: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 5 per cent on common account, \$3,829,221; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, 4 per cent on common account, \$1,846,232; Chicago Great Western, \$379,080; Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, 5 per cent on preferred account, \$137,490.

TO AVOID MISTAKES.

Notices of Reduction of Pension Now Made by Registered Letters.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Hereafter all notices of reduction of pensions will be sent to pensioners by registered letters. This plan has been adopted by Commissioner Lochren and necessary arrangements have been made with the postoffice department. The first batch was sent out this morning. No notices have been sent out during the past few days pending the completion of the arrangements. The number mailed to-day and to-morrow will probably aggregate 800, but after that daily arrangements provide for between 225 and 300. It was stated at the bureau yesterday that a margin of nine or ten days in addition to the required thirty days from time of receipt of notice in which additional evidence could be filed would undoubtedly be allowed. Further time will be given if asked for by the pensioner.

Illustrated Book Free.

The new Hutchins house at Houston, Texas, is still sending free to all who write for it, a beautifully illustrated book describing Houston, Houston Heights and South Texas. The only real estate activity in the United States is in the Texas coast country.

For the Benefit of Farmers.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary Morton has just added a new division to the weather bureau to be devoted to the subject of "metereology in its relation to agricultural soils." It is to study the climatic conditions of heat and moisture under the surface of the ground and the relation of these conditions to crop production. The secretary has appointed to be chief of the new division, Professor Milton Whitney of Maryland, late of Johns Hopkins university.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA.

Butter—Creamery print..... 20 1/2 21 1/2
Butter—Country country..... 15 1/2 16 1/2
Eggs—Fresh by weight..... 12 1/2 13 1/2
Honey—Per lb..... 15 1/2 16 1/2
Chickens—Dressed, per lb..... 8 1/2 9 1/2
Geese—Per lb..... 7 1/2 8 1/2
Turkeys—Per lb..... 8 1/2 9 1/2
Ducks—Per lb..... 7 1/2 8 1/2
Oysters..... 3 1/2 4 1/2
Apples—Per box..... 2 1/2 3 1/2
Oranges—Florida..... 70 75 7