

Lincoln has put in a bid for the next irrigation congress. The poultry and stock show at Hastings was well attended.

The pupils of the Ansley school have organized a dramatic club. The Masons of Osceola will celebrate St. John's day, the 27th inst.

Ice and snow are out of the way and corn husking is going forward again. The Grand Island sugar factory expects to run until the first week in February.

A well organized gang of chicken thieves are operating in portions of Adams county. Old settlers of Adams county will hold a midsummer meeting the second Thursday in June.

Sugar beet tops are selling at 50 cents a bushel at Tilden, and it is said they are worth that. The Kearney industrial school has 211 boys enrolled, a lower number than for several years.

J. R. Stiltz of Gering shipped through Sidney 60,000 pounds of alfalfa seed for the Chicago market. Callaway has organized a new social club, the object of which is to give semi-weekly dancing parties.

The Logan Valley fair association at Wakefield has been dissolved by a vote of two-thirds of the stockholders. Oliver, son of Ed J. Hall, lately deceased, will keep books at the Kearney industrial school after the first of January.

Table Rock has not yet settled the postmaster question. Two elections have been held without definite results. Mrs. J. Curry of Fremont is one of the seventy-five heirs to the Baker estate in Philadelphia, valued at \$300,000.

The North Platte Poultry and Pet Stock association will have their second annual show at Humphrey Dec. 29, 30 and 31. John Dolazel of Wilbur wants a divorce from his wife. Six months ago she ran off with another man, and has not yet returned.

The editor of the Chester Herald offers to wager \$500 on a Thayer county girl who can shuck her seventy-five bushels of corn a day. The mail carriers of Omaha and South Omaha are rustling for the purpose of capturing the national association meeting for 1898.

The man who leaves Nebraska in hopes of finding a better place, says the Stuart Ledger, would do well to purchase a return ticket. Grandpa Oakes of Garrison will soon celebrate his 91st birthday. He enjoys good health and expects to be here to celebrate his 100th anniversary.

Ed Wright, the leading merchant of Scotia, committed suicide by shooting, ill health being the cause. He had been a great sufferer for months. Mrs. Scott of Lincoln fired four shots at her husband as he was pursuing her with a big knife. She stopped his progress, but did not wound him fatally.

A considerable number of farmers about North Loup made contracts to grow seeds for a Lincoln firm and are now preparing the same for shipment. A horse buyer in Banner county pays a cents a pound, regardless of age or pedigree. It is thought they will eventually seek the market as "canned beef."

Whitcomb went to the house of a farmer in Lincoln county and gave him three hours in which to pack up and pull out. He procured a Winchester and still holds the fort. Word reaches Hemingford that True Miller, living twenty miles west, who accidentally shot himself three weeks ago, died from the effects of the wound, blood poison having set in.

C. J. Williams' store at Syracuse was robbed. Entrance was effected by way of a rear window. The cash register, containing 29 cents was taken. The register was found near the B. & M. track, west of town. Mrs. Lydia Sharp, one of the old settlers of Cuming county, died last week at the old homestead, near Beemer, of dropsy. She was born in Bedford county, Virginia, March 23, 1830. She came to Cuming county in 1863.

Thieves broke into Krug's bear ware house at Kearney and helped themselves to what bear they wanted. The police found a couple of young fellows with part of the plunder. They were locked up and, being closely questioned, one of them made confession. The traveling men's Bryan club of Lincoln is arranging a banquet to be tendered Mr. Bryan on the evening of December 28, previous to his departure on his lecture tour. All the incoming state officers will be present, and many of the leading bimetalists of the country have been invited.

C. H. Morrell reports that yesterday he sold to Kansas City men, ten residence lots in Havelock, with an agreement that a building to cost not less than \$1,000 should be erected on each lot by July 1, 1897. The purchasers were well pleased with Havelock, and feel confident it will in the near future become a manufacturing center. They gave assurances that they would build twenty houses in Havelock in the year 1897. -From Nebraska State Journal.

Ed Cartwright, a resident of Nebraska since 1858, and a member of the First Nebraska cavalry, died at his home in Wilbur last week, aged 75 years. He was the inventor of the Cartwright breaking plow, which was such a boon to the pioneers in turning over the virgin soil. If findings of the joint commission between this state and South Dakota are confirmed by the Nebraska legislature, the state will come into control of the Grand Island, which is over 300 miles long and contains about 300,000 acres of timber. The state cedes in return a worthless sand belt opposite Hamilton, S. D.

A complaint has been filed with the state board of transportation, which was sent to the governor by the complainants. The citizens of Brock complain that the Missouri Pacific does not furnish cars sufficient for the needs of those who want to ship from that station.

Superintendent J. A. Gillespie of the institute for deaf and dumb at Omaha reports an attendance of 184 pupils during the two years. Improvements costing \$16,577 have put the institution in good condition. Needs of the next two years will involve an expenditure of about \$46,000.

Gov. Mitchell of Florida has written Gov. Holcomb, informing him that the board of trade of the city of Orlando, Fla., has called a National Good Roads congress, to be held in that city Feb. 2, 1897. He requests Gov. Holcomb to appoint delegates from Nebraska to attend the same.

The sheriff of Dakota county arrested Charles Hillman, alias Charles Cunningham, who is wanted in Sidney for obtaining money under false pretenses. He is one of a gang which, it is charged, has been operating for some time past in deeding land on which he had no title in making trades.

For yield of corn Carsten Truelsen of Sherman county leads. He has just finished gathering 5,000 bushels of corn off of 60 acres of irrigated land and did not get the water on until August 10. A portion of it went 100 bushels to the acre. He says he will get an average of 100 bushels per acre next year.

A young man, giving his name as Charlie Shipper, is in trouble at Dodge because of his inability to distinguish his own goods from those of others. He went west on a freight with a gun and some clothes belonging to E. B. Studnicka, and was captured at Lindsay and brought back to answer for his transgressions.

There are in the Norfolk asylum 142 males, 51 females; a total of 193 inmates. Fifteen deaths occurred during the biennial period, a percentage of only 8.0 of the whole number treated. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$113,000 for needs of the institution for the twenty-nine months ending Aug. 30, 1898.

A farmer near Lyons who has tried burning corn and measured its qualities as compared with coal, says that coal is the cheapest. He burned seven bushels of corn in about two days this week, besides a small amount of wood. The market value of the corn would be about 75 cents, while \$1's worth of coal and a small amount of wood would last him nearly two weeks.

The Nebraska state grange met at Curtis with a full delegation. The annual address was delivered by C. A. Hall of Pawnee City, after which the officers were elected for the ensuing year. John F. Williams of Culbertson was elected master of the state grange, E. H. Hanson of Curtis overseer, A. M. Hovey of Wamego lecturer, C. Travelple of Kearney steward.

Farmers in the vicinity of Prosser met and completed the organization of the Farmers' Grain and Supply company. The stock is limited to 1,000 shares, at \$5 each, the duration of the company to be for forty years. Nine members constitute the board of directors, to be elected annually on the first Monday in December. Charles Moritz was elected treasurer, and business manager for the ensuing year.

Thomas Starkey, junior member of the firm of Starkey & Co., proprietors of the North Bend roller mills, met instant death by being wound around a shaft in the third story of the mill. He was placing a belt when his clothing caught in a cog wheel and the force of the evolution of the shaft could not be resisted. He was dead before the machinery could be stopped. He leaves a wife and three young children.

M. H. Redfield, county clerk of Douglas county, at the session of the association of county commissioners held at Lincoln, read an instructive paper on the revenue laws of Nebraska, touching upon defects therein and making recommendations and suggestions that will doubtless be embodied in legislation at the coming session of the legislature. In an exhaustive discussion he points out weak spots in our revenue system, and offers remedies for correcting the same. He would have, among other things, one assessor to a county, more stringent penalties, a basis for valuation and support to tax deers.

As a result of the Nebraska Club's after election advertisement in the eastern farm and home journals, recently referred to in these columns, Secretary Williamson reports the inquiries for information concerning Nebraska are reaching him at the rate of from three to five per day, and the correspondence and mailing of printed matter is becoming something considerable. Arrangements have been made increasing the number of eastern publications running the standing advertisement to thirty publications with a monthly circulation of 150,000 and nearly three-quarters of a million readers. These inquiries the secretary also refers to the various local County Clubs, giving the local real estate dealers, banks and other owners of farm lands, and others interested in the prospective new settler, an opportunity to communicate with them direct. This list naturally becomes a valuable one.

Chief Oil Inspector Edmisten has appointed Edward Lyon deputy oil inspector to succeed J. C. Dahlman of Chadron, who has been selected as one of the secretaries of the state board of transportation. Mr. Lyon is a resident of Fairbury, which is in the Fifth district.

At North Platte Judge Norris sentenced John Christy and Wm. Mason to three years in the penitentiary for grand larceny. Three persons were convicted of stealing a lot of clothing from Max Einstein of that place. A Burt county man bought a range of a travelling stove dealer last year giving his note for the same. The note now turns up for collection, but the amount has been increased. This, says the Oakland Independent, should teach people to promise the local hardware men whom you can always depend upon and who are known to be honest.

CUBAN SYMPATHY MOVES. NO GOVERNMENT ACTION YET TAKEN.

UNCLE SAM'S POSITION.

The Department of Justice Looking Up a Line of Action to Meet Any Case That May Be Officially Brought Before It—The Enrollment Movements and the Law Concerning Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The department of justice has not yet received any official information of the reported enlistment of companies of men in different parts of the country with the view of joining the insurgent forces in Cuba, nor can it be authoritatively stated just what course would be pursued by the government should these enlistments be brought officially to notice. The position taken by the government, however, in the Horsa case would seem to govern these cases. In that case the contention of the government was that under sections 5232 and 5238 the enlistment of men in this country for service in Cuba, either in behalf of the Spaniard or the insurgents, was a high misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and imprisonment not exceeding three years. Not is it necessary for a man actually to enlist, inasmuch as the law prohibits citizens under the penalties named above from enlisting or entering themselves, or hiring or retaining another person to enlist, or going beyond the limits of jurisdiction of the United States with intent to enlist as a soldier or marine or seaman, etc. This act was held in the Horsa case to be sufficiently comprehensive to warrant the arrest and punishment of the person offending, and it is believed that should any of the reported movements reach a point where proof of the facts could be obtained, the government would not hesitate to take immediate action.

MACEO'S DEATH.

His Chief of Staff Gives an Account of How He Was Killed. HAVANA, Dec. 21.—A letter from Jose Miro, General Maceo's chief of staff, dated Manago, December 15, confirms fully the reports of Maceo's death. Miro writes that Maceo was encamped near a small house and was expecting to be joined by the forces of Castillo and Sanchez. He saw the advance guard of Spanish irregular cavalry (guerrillas) belonging to Major Cirujeda's Spanish column and rode forward to meet them, believing them to be friends. A volley was discharged at him and his group and he fell in the road.

CHOCTAWS SIGN A TREATY

Allegation and Relinquishment of Tribal Government in Eight Years Assured. MUSCOGEE, I. T., Dec. 21.—The Choctaw commission signed a treaty with the Daves commission last night. The treaty provides for the allotment of lands, townships, reserve of coal fields for Choctaw schools and relinquishment of tribal government within eight years.

A Crank's Message for McKinley.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21.—A well dressed, patriarchal looking man went into a telegraph office Thursday night and attempted to send a 4,000-word dispatch to President-elect McKinley "collected" setting out a weird story of kidnapping, imprisonment in almshouses, and severe punishment of which the writer was the victim, concluding with a threat to kill one "Dr. H. L. Orth" with a billiard cue. It was not sent, but the police department was informed, and when the old man returned yesterday for an answer from Mr. McKinley he was taken into custody.

Double Tragedy in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—Anton Benning, a huckster, returned to his home about 6 o'clock last night and found the dead body of his wife on a cot in one room and in the front room the corpse of his step-brother, Henry Kemmerling, both shot through the left temple. It is believed Kemmerling killed the woman because of jealousy.

The "Dynamite Dick" Mystery.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 21.—The outlaw killed at Blackwell two weeks ago has been identified for the fourth time, this time as Buck McGregg of Lincoln county, by Mrs. McGregg, his mother, and officers of Lincoln county, yet the men who killed him insist that it is "Dynamite Dick" and claim the government reward of \$3,500.

York to Be Unduly Favored.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is rumored that the Duke of York will be promoted to be a rear admiral on New Year's day. This has caused a great deal of ill feeling, as he will thereby overstep more than a hundred captains who are his seniors.

A Frenchman Killed in a Duel.

TUNIS, Dec. 21.—The captain of the French frigate Servonette has been killed in a duel with a Tunisian official named Mazze.

Lamar's Big Annual Rabbit Hunt.

LAMAR, Col., Dec. 21.—Lamar's fifth annual rabbit hunt occurred yesterday. One hundred hunters took part and 4,397 rabbits were killed. Among the hunters were Vice President Paul Morton and other officials of the Santa Fe road, who came in a special car. The game will go to Denver for distribution among the poor of that city.

Baltimore's Sugar Refinery Absorbed.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 21.—The Baltimore Sugar Refinery company has passed into the hands of the American Sugar Refinery company, otherwise known as the "Sugar Trust."

WHAT IT WOULD MEAN.

Effect of the Recognition of the Cuban Republic by the United States. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The action of the Senate foreign committee in agreeing to report the Cameron resolution will, if completed, by action of Congress and the President, enable the present rebels to float a loan and obtain munitions of war in abundance, especially with the powerful backing of the United States. Besides, if the Cubans could then manage to put aloft a few warships or privateers their flag would then admit them to United States ports under the protection of the neutrality laws, but the United States could not, under the Geneva award, tolerate the fitting out of privateers in its ports. Furthermore, as this recognition of independence would involve the recognition of a state of war, neither the Spanish government nor the Cubans would be permitted to equip warships or military expeditions in the United States, and this country would observe strict neutrality towards both parties, just as did China and Japan in their late war.

One bad effect upon the United States itself of the proposed action would be the total loss of all of the claims for indemnity for American property destroyed during the insurrection, which may lie against Spain, for this action would relieve her at once of responsibility. What the insurgents undoubtedly expect and ardently wish for, in the opinion of the state department, is the precipitation of a war between the United States and Spain.

ROSWELL G. HARR DEAD.

Dies After a Two Weeks' Illness at Plainfield, N. J. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Roswell G. Harr died last night at 11 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks, of bronchitis and Bright's disease.

Roswell G. Harr was born November 26, 1830, in Watsville, Vt. He received his education in the public schools, and when young moved to Elyria, Ohio. In 1859 he married Miss Carrie Rinney of Elyria. In 1864 he was admitted to the bar. One year later he moved to St. Louis and went into the mining business. In 1871 he took up his home in Saginaw, Mich., from which district he was elected to Congress on the Republican ticket in 1878, and served with distinction three successive terms.

In 1890 he moved to Plainfield and became a member of the editorial staff of the New York Tribune, which position he held ever since. His joint debate in Chicago with W. H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," attracted much attention. When the national Republican campaign committee called for speakers last fall he was one of the first to respond, and made over ninety speeches in the presidential campaign before he was taken ill with bronchitis.

English Press Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The papers very generally comment upon the gravity of the situation between the United States and Spain brought about by the action of the senate foreign relations committee in agreeing to report Senator Cameron's resolution for the recognition of the Cuban republic. They agree, for the most part, in expressing the belief that President Cleveland will veto the resolution if it is sent to him, but that in the present temper of the American people the resolution will be passed by congress over the veto with the requisite majority.

Prisoner Sets Fire to a Jail.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 21.—Michael Strode, one of the desperate men who were captured in a battle of fifty shots between his companions and the police, yesterday, set fire to the jail in which he and eight other state and federal prisoners are confined. The smoke went up through the floor to the jailer's residence, and his attention was thus attracted. The fire was put out. Two hours later Strode again set fire to his bed, but the prisoners extinguished it. He appears to be insane, and is violent.

Great Western Freight Wreck.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—A bad wreck occurred on the Great Western between Rush and Savannah, twenty miles north of here, yesterday afternoon. The railway people will say nothing about the accident, but it is understood that a handcar loaded with rails was left on the main track by the section men and was struck by a freight train, which was thrown from the track. Two persons are reported to have been badly hurt. The north bound passenger train and a through freight train were delayed at Savannah ten hours on account of the wreck.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Bradstreet's says: "Wholesale trade continues of smaller volume than expected, practically the only activity in the wholesale lines being in groceries, candies, fruits and nuts. The weather has interfered with reasonable business, which at many centers is smaller than in preceding years, in that a larger proportion of purchases are of a cheap grade of goods."

Provisions for the Rebel Army.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—During the coming week large quantities of provisions, principally lard, hams and bacon, will be shipped from this city to Cuba, in order to be entered before January 1. On that date General Weyler's order raising the tariff on imported provisions goes into effect, and it is to avoid this increase that Cuban merchants have hurried their orders.

A Congressman in Police Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representative Miles Crowley of Texas forfeited \$5 collateral deposited by him in the police station as security for his appearance in police court to answer to the charge of disorderly conduct, growing out of his alleged rough handling of an old woman organ grinder.

Captain Lemon Dead.

CORONADO BEACH, Cal., Dec. 21.—Captain George E. Lemon of Washington, probably the best known pension agent in this country, and publisher of the National Tribune, died here yesterday of a complication of diseases.

OPPOSED BY TELLER. HE DON'T WANT ANY TARIFF ON SILVER.

Proposition to Incorporate It in the New Tariff Bill Characterized as a Foolish Idea—Silver Men Not to be Caught by any Such Soap—The Hearings to be Given by the Ways and Means Committee.

No Silver Tariff Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Teller, asked for his opinion of the proposition which it has been stated will be incorporated in the new tariff bill for a duty on silver, replied: "It is a very foolish idea. If they think they can catch the silver men by any such soap as that they are mistaken. It would only emphasize the claim of the gold men that silver is a mere commodity. If a duty of fifty cents per ounce was placed on silver it would not raise the price of silver a cent. The price of silver is fixed abroad where it is used. The only silver that is imported into this country is from Mexico, from which this country makes a profit in handling. That is all right and there can be no objection to it. The silver thus imported is shipped out again. The price of silver is fixed by the countries which use it for money and in the arts. We don't use more than \$10,000,000 in the arts." The hearings to be given by the ways and means committee on the tariff question promise to attract an even greater number of business men to Washington than usually gather during a revision of the tariff. The committee is already overwhelmed by applications from representatives of the various interests who are anxious to present arguments for increasing the rates. The Democratic members of the committee intend to marshal witnesses in rebuttal to advocate the continuance of the Wilson bill. They desire to have their side of the case included in the printed record of the hearings. It will be practically impossible for the committee to hear all the applicants who want to present arguments in the limited time assigned to the subject. The committee expects that those who appear will have their arguments prepared in writing, to be placed on file and printed.

VIOLATES THE LAW.

Enlisting for Cuba Unlawful and Severely Punishable. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The attention of officials here has been attracted by the stories coming from all portions of the country indicating that enlistments are going on of parties of men to go to Cuba to join the insurgents in their struggle against the Spaniards. These enlistments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws, and are prohibited under severe penalties. For accepting a commission to serve against Spain, a country with which the United States is now at peace, the penalty prescribed by section 5281, revised statutes, is \$2,000 fine and three years' imprisonment, while for enlisting anyone to enlist, the penalty is almost as heavy, being a maximum of \$1,000 fine and three years' imprisonment. The enforcement of these laws naturally falls within the functions of the United States courts, to whose knowledge the attempt at infringement is by right, but if the movement continues on as large a scale as reported it is probable that the department of justice will send instructions of a special character to all of its agents calling their attention to the proclamation issued by the President last spring, and enjoining upon them a strict enforcement of the neutrality laws.

WAR ON APPOINTMENTS.

Missouri Senators Prevent Postoffice Confirmations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate by the president yesterday were these Missouri postmasters: Charles I. Hardman of Edina, E. C. Meahan of Norborne, Luke W. Morris of Mexico, J. W. Overstreet of La Plata, A. H. O'Dowd of Weston and Kate Sullivan of Excelsior Springs. Kate Sullivan is probably the only one in the bunch that will be confirmed. Silver men who are patrons of the postoffice at La Plata have filed an emphatic protest against Overstreet, and both Senators Cockrell and Vest will probably vote against him. Charges have also been filed with senators against Luke Morris of Mexico and E. C. Meahan of Norborne. John Beard, whose nomination to be postmaster at Danville, Ill., has been five times rejected by the Senate, was sent in for the sixth time yesterday.

Isaac H. Lionberger of St. Louis for Attorney General for the Interior Department.

Isaac H. Lionberger of St. Louis for attorney general for the interior department, is one of the Missourians whose nomination will not be confirmed. Want More Cuban Information. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate committee on foreign relations held a meeting to-day which was devoted to a consideration of the Cuban resolutions, but no action was taken and the committee adjourned to meet Friday. It was said that the sentiment of the committee was favorable toward reporting one of the resolutions, though its form was not determined. The postponement of action until Friday was for the purpose of securing further information from the State department as to the situation in Cuba. There is also a desire upon the part of the members of the committee to ascertain exactly what was reported by Consul General Lee.

Sharkey Testifies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey witnesses yesterday gave no sensational testimony, but Fitzsimmons' friends say they are now able to prove a doctor performed an operation on Sharkey to produce external evidence of an apparent foul, and that he was paid \$1,000 for doctor's service. Thomas Sharkey's testimony was simply a denial of the stories told by his trainers, Billy Smith and George Allen. He never heard of a conspiracy before the fight, had no talk with Earp and bet no money on the fight. He declared Fitzsimmons struck him a foul blow in the groin.

BAD BANKING IN DENVER.

Sensational Developments in the Trial of Commercial National Wreckers. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 17.—The testimony given in the trial before Judge Hallett in the United States district court of Charles H. Dow, president, and Sidney E. McClurken, teller, of the Commercial National bank and O. E. Miller of the Hernia Treatment company, now of Chicago, charged with misappropriation of funds of the bank, has been sensational. From the testimony of other officers of the bank it has developed that at the time it was closed in 1893 Miller had overdrawn his account \$125,000, and the only security for which held by the bank was his personal notes. Miller had secured this large amount by kiting checks with the approval of President Dow. It has been shown that he shipped large sums of money east by express from time to time.

Duel to the Death.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 17.—A street duel took place at Jacksboro, Campbell county, last evening between Lincoln Baird and William Gaylor. It seems that Gaylor and Williams had quarreled about a woman, and, meeting last night, without any parleying, began shooting at each other at short range. Gaylor was shot three times, dying instantly, and Williams was shot in the breast, from the effects of which he died to-day. Both men were well to do and well known.

Stilson Hutchins Buys a Paper.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Ex-Congressman C. G. Conn of Indiana to-day sold the Washington Morning and Evening Times to Mr. Stilson Hutchins of this city. Mr. Hutchins has placed Mr. John H. Oberly, formerly commissioner of Indian affairs, in charge of the paper. The Times was established in 1884 as a co-operative enterprise by printers, but early passed into the hands of Mr. Conn, who had retired from Congress.

Francis' Confirmation Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The delay in the confirmation of David R. Francis as secretary of the interior may occasion a fight against Senator Vest by the gold Democrats of Missouri. It is said now that Mr. Francis will not be confirmed until after the Missouri legislature elects Senator Vest's successor, and confirmation may be delayed until just before the expiration of the official life of the Cleveland administration.

Mr. Allen's Irrigation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Allen, of Nebraska, introduced a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the survey of the headwaters of the principal rivers of the country for the location of available sites for reservoirs for irrigation purposes. It is proposed not to be confined to the arid regions, but to include all sections of the country.

Another Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House committee on appropriations has finished the bill for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. It carries a total of \$21,667,869, which is \$1,099,251 less than the estimates, and \$37,890 less than the appropriations for the current year.

An Aristocratic Outlaw.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 17.—Ed Myers, an aristocratic appearing young man who refuses to state where he lives, was arraigned in court yesterday charged with burglary. He emerged from the jail into the court room wearing kid gloves, gold-rimmed spectacles and a dress suit, and appeared as his own counsel.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and elsewhere.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities like Butter, Eggs, Hogs, Cattle, etc. in different locations like Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, etc.