## NEBRASKA.

Donge county will hold its fair this year Sept. 28, 29 and 30. ED. COOPER of Vesta has purchased

and cribbed 60,000 bushels of corn. LARGE flocks of wild geese have foraged in the corn fields of Cheyenne

county all winter.

The cattle fed by the Standard company at Ames consume 2,200 bushels

every twenty-four hours. LEVY OTIS, an old-time lawyer and newspaper man, died at the home of his brother in Tecumseh last week.

The people of Osceola and Polk county held a meeting for the purpose of taking action in relation to relief for India

THE goods stolen from C. Roupp's hardware store at Bloomington re-cently was found in a haystack west of

THE Chicago & Northwestern railroad system has subscribed for \$30,000 worth of stock in the Trans-Mississippi

SEVERAL of the churches of Columbus are holding a series of union revival meetings, all uniting at the Presbyte-rian church. SOUTH OMAHA is short of school room,

and a call has been issued for voting bonds in the sum of \$15,000 to supply the deficiency. SIXTEEN families in Cedar county are arranging to go south in search of homes, and will construct a huge raft

and float down the Missouri river. REV. W. I. NASH, late of Fairfax. Mo., has accepted a call from the First Baptist church at Fairbury and com-mences his ministerial duties at once.

Work has already commenced upon the framework of the new coach shop to be erected by the B. & M. at Platts-mouth in place of the one destroyed by fire at that point a month ago.

MRS. OZA N. VAUGHN has recovered her two boys, aged 2 and 4 years, from the Mother Jewels home in York, by a writ of habeas corpus. She claimed they were placed in the home without

SEVERAL petitions are being circulated throughout Cass county for signers to request the county commissioners to call a special election April 6, to vote on authority to expend \$10,000 in the erection of a new jail.

By an order from the United States court \$7,001.12 back taxes due York county from the K. C. & O. railroad is soon to be paid to the county treasurer. The court ordered that this tax should be paid out of the amount bid for the

Two-TRIBDS of the biennial legislative session has elapsed and the work is far in arrears. In the forty days which have been spent in legislative work since the session convened but three bills have found their way to the desk of the chief executive.

THE 13-year-old son of Roy Haner of Cordova, died very suddenly last week. He was kicked in the side by a horse, but the injury was not considered serious, and only a short time before his death he was talking of starting to school.

THE jury in the case of the state of ebraska vs. Raymond Musser, who Nebraska vs. Raymond Musser, who was being tried at O'Neill for the murder of George A. Spence last December, after being out about five hours returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter.

IF we are to have two soldiers' homes in this state, says the Grand Island Independent, we ought also to have two blind asylums, two deaf and dumb asylums, two penitentiaries, several reform schools and about a dozen insane asylums.

THE proposition to give the Norfolk Yankton railroad the bonds of the rfolk precinct for \$25,000 carried with a large margin over the necessary two-thirds vote, the condition being that the road is to be in operation by the first of January, 1898.

W. H. Munces of Fremont last week took the oath of office and became the judge of the United States district for Nebraska to continue during his natural life unless he resigns or is removed for cause. At the same moment W. D. McHuch, who on November 30 last took a similar oath qualifying him to serve till a judge had been regularly nominated and confirmed, again became a citilian.

J. L. Dollins of Cozad shipped 400 bushels of onions to the Omaha market. Onions were quoted at \$1.25 per bushel, which would mean a handsome figure for the lot. He raised \$00 bushels last year off seven acres of land, devoting his own time to the onion crop and renting the balance of his land, which was planted to corn, his share being 3,000 bushels. He irrigated both crops. Governor Holcoms is at work on a plan which, if carried into operation, is expected to do a great deal toward straightening out the state finances. The plan amounts to a practical funding of a large part of the state debt. If it can be successfully accomplished it will reduce the floating debt of the state below the \$1,000,000 mark and decrease the interest charges by many thousands of dollars.

As Mrs. Switz of Kearney was get-

As Mrs. Swirz of Kearney was get-ting into a buggy the horse started. Her arm was caught in the seat so she could not release it and she was thrown between the wheels. She was dragged for over half a mile before being re-leased. She was found to be severely bruised about the head and body and her clothing was torn in shreds. No bones were broken, but it is feared ahe may have sustained internal in-juries.

Following is the record of Platte county's mortgage indebtedness for February, 1807: Thirty-nine farm mortgages filed. \$38,069.74; forty-four released, \$35,447.05; five town and city mortgages filed, \$2,520; four released, \$3,685; 112 chattel mortgages filed, \$30,562.78; released, \$0,268.01.

CHEVELUE county farmers are vaccin-ting their cattle as a sure safeguard gainst blackleg.

THE Gage county February mortgage d is as follows: Farm mortgages led, forty-nine. amount, \$37,628; re-the seed, forty-four, amount \$39,753; city had cortgages filed, six, amount, \$2,750; the cortgages filed, six, amount, \$15,626; the cortgages filed in the second state of the second state

## THROUGH THE HOUSI

EXPOSITION BILL PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE.

It is Enacted by a Good Majority Notwithstanding Strong Opposition-Other Measures that Have Been Favorably Acted Upon in Both Branches - Notes.

The Nebraska Assembly.

with the stock yards bill, and after consideration in committee of the whole, which consumed practically the entire day, a bill to regulate stock yards was recommended for passage. Many amendments were offered and discussed until the noon hour. At the afternoon session Mr. Gondring offered the following as a substitute for all offered at the forenoon session: "And it shall be unlawful for the manager, owner or proprietor of any stock yard to take, make or charge any other or further charges or rates to the owner or shipper of live stock than in this act specified." The amendment was agreed to with but little discussion. Mr. Murphy then offered an amendment to the bill to the effect that the provisions of the bill should not apply to yards which for the twelve months preceding do not have an average daily receipt of 800 head of hogs. He explained that the object of the amendment was to exempt the Nebraska City stock yards from the effects of the law. The amendment was agreed to. Mr. Howell then offered an amendment fixing the price at 80 cents per 100 pounds of hay and 55 cents a bushel for corn. The bill provides that the price of hay shall be 50 cents per 100 pounds above the market price and corn 50 cents a bushel above the market price and the clerk announced it as standing 15 to 15. The correctness of the count was challenged, and another vote ordered. The second standing vote failed to decide the matter and a third vote was challenged. Then the fourth vote was taken. Before it was completed, it was seen that unless Chalrman Watson, who was known to be opposed to the amendment, voted the final vote would stand 16 to 15 in its favor. Gondring insisted that the chairman should vote and another scene of intense excitement ensued. Finally the chairman voted in the negative, thus making the vote a tie and defeating the amendment. The bill was then recommended for passage and the committee rose. sumed practically the entire day, a bill to

SENATE.—The first attempt to advance radical railroad legislation was made in the senate on the 3d. Senator because at a county moved to make the 2-cent fare bill a special order for March 6. While the attempt failed, the roil call showed a strong sentiment in favor of the bill. The bill is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any railroad corporation, operating or which shall hereafter operate, a railroad in this state to charge, colect, demand or receive for the transportation of any passenger over ten years of age, with baggage not exceeding 200 pounds in weight, on any train over its line of road in the state of Nebraska a sum exceeding 2 cents per mile." The bill will remain on general file. It is close to the foot on the list with fifty-five bills ahead of it. It will require twenty-two votes to advance it ahead of its regular place. The work of recounting the ballots cast for the constitutional amendment relating to the secretary of state. The doors stand open and any one curious to see the progress of the count is permitted to walk in and look over the shoulders of the commissioners until tired. It is stated that at the present rate of progress the count may be completed in two weeks, unless the ballots from Douglas and Lancaster counties are withheld by legal process for a longer period.

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SENATE.—The senate on the 4th gave, in the early hours, consideration to the Lincoln charter bill, during which there was quite a charter bill, during which there was quite a good deal of excitement caused by an effort to advance the measure to third reading without due consideration. Mr. Talbot spoke long and bitterly against what he characterized an attempt to railroad the characterized an attempt to some filled the galleries. At the end of his remarks Mr. Ransom spoke briefly against advancing the character. The attempt failed, for when the roll was called but fitteen senators voted for the advancement of the bill, whereas twenty-two were necessary. Senate file No. 24, introduced by Mutz, and relating to salaries of county superintendents of public instruction, was passed. The following measures were also passed. Senate file No. 166, by Canaday, and relating to teachers' institutes. It makes a few technical changes to the law. Senate file No. 255, by Ransom, relating to the manner of voting on proposed amendments to the state constitution, House roll No. 3. This is the bill repealing the law passed two years ago for the payamendments to the state constitution. House roll No. 3. This is the bill repealing the law passed two years ago for the payment of a bounty on sugar and chichory. The senate practically reconstructed the bill as it passed the house and it will have to be teturned to the lower branch before it can go to the governor. The elections reform bill entitled "An act to prevent corrupt practices in general and primary elections, to limit the expenses of candidates, to prescribe the duties of candidates and political eommittees and to provide penalties a dremedies for a violation of this act." was taken up. The bill contains twenty-two sections, some of them long. It is practically divided into three general divisions, the first nine sections pertaining to bribery of voters, the puishment for the same, and the legalized expenses of candidates. The second division, embracing sections 10 to 17 inclusive, provides the method by which candidates elected to office may be unseated upon proof of fraud in the campaign. The third division relates to the filing of reports of treasurers of political committees. One or two amendments not materially affecting the bill were agreed to and it was recommended for passage. The committee then took up the contested election expenses claims and allowed the full amount to the balliffs. stenographers and notaries, but cut the attorneys' fees from \$1,500 to \$750 on each side.

Senate.—The proposition to abolish the

SENATE.—The proposition to abolish the soldiers' home at Milford came up in the senate on the 5th. Ever since the first few days soldiers' home at Milford came up in the senate on the 5th. Ever since the first few days of the session a bill has been pending to abolish the home. The bill has been in the hands of a committee on soldiers' homes, of which Mr. Sykes of Adams county is chalrman. Nothing has been heard of the bill, but this morning Feltz and Grothan brought up the subject and insisted upon an immediate report. Their insistance brought out an animated debate, in which most of the senators on the floor participated. All the forenoon and part of the afternoon was consumed in discussion. Mr. Howell at 3 o'clock moved the previous question and it was ordered. The senate then adopted the minority report and the bill went to the general file. The penitentiary bill had been made a special order for today and the senate, after disposing of the report of the soldiers' home, went into committee of the whole upon its consideration. The bill was recommended to pass. Senate file No. 40, being an act to authorize the organization of mutual hall insurance companies was taken up. The committee made several amendments and recommended the bill for passage. Senate file No. 78, making a slight amendment to the school law, was recommended for passage. On motion of Mr. Dundas the senate agreed that when the senate adjourn it will be until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The remainder of the time was taken up in consideration of the Omaha charter bill, which was passed.

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HOUSE.—The house passed the forenoon on the 2nd in receiving reports from standing committees, and the afternoon in committee of the whole. It was a business day. Forty committees, and the afternoon in committee of the whole. It was a business day. Forty four bills were acted upon. Twenty-six were recommended for passage, four ordered to the general file and fourteen recommended for indefinite postponement. House roll No. 373, by Curtis, provides that the 12th day of February, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, shall be made a legal holiday. The report of the committee was for indefinite postponement. Jenkins moved that the report of the committee was for indefinite postponement. Jenkins moved that the report of the committee be nonconcurred in and the bill ordered to the general file. This motion prevailed. Roberts' anticigarette bill, house roll No. 477, was the subject of extended debate. The committee bad recommended it for indefinite postponement. The bill provided for licensing the sale of cigarettes and fixing the license at \$250. The bill was indefinitely postponed. The report of the committee on house roll No. 398 was for indefinite postponement. This is Waite's bill to repeal the law against horse stealing. It was ordered to the general file. Wooster of Merrick rose to a question of privilege. He said that it had come to his knowledge that the Trans-Mississippi exposition bill, house roll No. 38, had been changed outside the hall of representatives. He moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter. The motion prevailed.

t was moved and adopted that sessions herefter be held on Wednesday and Friday
ights. House roll No. 281, by Eager, prodibiting the useless waste of mutual artesian
vater in the state of Nebrasian, was recomneeded to pass. Senate file No. 1. a concurrent resolution, by Dearing, aimed at an aleged combination of persons who control the
price of grain and restrict competition in the
suying and selling of the same, was recommended to pass. The committee's substitute
for house roll No. 183, anthorizing the organzation of mutual insurance companies to insure property, against loss by fire. lightning
and cyclones, was under debate over an hour,
and a large number of amendments were
moved and adopted. The presence of several
lobbyists on the floor against a strict rule
adopted against them was the subject of comment among the members. The bill as
amended was recommended for passage.
Among other bills recommended for passage
were: To prohibit the manufacture, sale,
providing and furnishing of cigarettes; authorizing county treasurers to invest 75 per
cent of the sinking fund in registered county

SYNATE.—The senate on the 2nd wrestled providing and furnishing of cigarettes; authorizing county treasurers to invest. 75 per cent of the sinking fund in registered county warrants; reducing the salary of the commandants of soldiers' homes to \$1.500 per annum; to create municipal courts in cities of the metropolitan class; legalizing the registration of deeds; relating to the law of redemptions; granting to county courts the power to order a reference in certain cases of proceedings; authorizing county courts to require administrators with will annexed to pay money to said courts after final settlement of their accounts; relating to the fees of the sheriffs; to provide for reargument of cases in supreme court.

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HOUSE—As foreshadowing the coming of the end of the session of the house, Speaker Gaffin on the 3d nominated the sliting committee. The hour having arrived for the special order the chief cierk read house roll No. 26, by Soderman. It provides for an act enabling women possessing the necessary qualifications to vote for certain purposes, and repeals any law inconsistent therewith. It provides that any woman the age of 21 years and upward is authorized to vote for all officers and questions submitted to a vote of the people, except those voted for at a general election. There was much discussion, many members taking part. Mr. Snyder of Sherman county made these remarks: "Crawfishes invariably go backward. Not being a crawfish I am in favor of going forward. If there is a man in this house who does not admit that he owes the element of his manhood to his mother, I am ready to kick him down stairs. And yet I am not spoiling for a fight." Robertson's motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by 2 vote of 58 to 14. The bill was then amended by attaching an emergency clause, and providing that women could vote for irrigation bonds. The committee then recommended the bill for passage. House roll No. 10, a bill authorizing county commissioners to appoint judges and clerks of election, was amended to authorize county juffges instead of county commissioners to appoint them and was recommended for passage. House roll No. 187, recommended to pass, House roll No. 187, recommended to pass, provides that every railroad company snall have power to cross, intersect or unite with any other railway company's lines at any point on its route. It amends section 5220 Cobbey's consolidate statutes for 186, and repeals the section. The following bills were also recommended to pass: House roll No. 270, by McCarthy. This is a measure to appropriate \$25,000 for a state normal school at Scotia, Greeley county. Wooster's bill, house roll No. 184 as amended, reads: Section 1. Gold coin and standard silver dollars of the United States of standa he end of the session of the house, Speaker Gaffin on the 3d nominated the sifting com

house.—The Trans-Mississippl exposition bill passed the house on the 4th without the emergency clause, by a vote of 78 to 20. The committee on corporations, having in charge Straub's bill to tax and regulate the telegraph, telephone and express companies, reported all of them for indefinite postponement, but the house would not concur in this, and the bills were ordered to the general file for consideration and debate in committee of the whole. Sheldon's bill, house roll No. 47. to prohibit games, theatrical and circus entertainments on Sunday, was the topic for a lively debate. During the course of the argument Snyder of Sherman, a preacher, took a strong stand against the measure, to the surprise of every member of the house. The bill was indefinitely postponed. A number of members made explanation of their vote on the exposition bill. House roll No. 80, by Rouse, providing for an act governing habitual criminals was defeated. House roll No. 254, by Rich, providing for an appropriation of the matriculation fees of the State normal school for a library fund for the use of and support of the library of the school was passed. A large number of bills were ordered to the general file. The house then adjourned.

House.—On the opening of the house on the 5th Chaplin Mailley prayed for President McKinley and the success of his administration. Jones of Nemaha, chairman of the bill passed the house on the 4th without the

McKinley and the success of his administra-tion. Jones of Nemaha, chairman of the sifting committee, reported several bills for advancement on the general file. Clark of Richardson stated that the committee ap-pointed to inquire why the reports of the state officers had not been printed and laid advancement on the general file. Clark of Richardson stated that the committee appointed to inquire why the reports of the state officers had not been printed and laid on the desks of the members had discovered that the fault lay between ex-Land Commissioner Russell and the State Journal company. Mr. Wooster introduced a resolution that house roll No. 33, the Trans-Mississippi exposition bill as amended, be submitted to the attorney general for an opinion as to whether or not it was constitutional. The resolution was tabled. On bills on third reading house roll No. 270 was reached. This is McCarthy's measure appropriating \$25,000 for a state normal school at Scotia, Greeley county. The bill was passed. House roll No. 187 was passed. It provides that every railroad company shall have the power to cross, intersect, John and unite its railroad with any other railroad before constructed at any point upon its route, and upon the grounds of such other railroad company, with the necessary turnouts, sldings, switches and other conveniences in furtherance of the object of its connection. It is made the duty of the state board of transportation to investigate all points in the state touched by two or more railroads, at which points they receive and deliver freight. At such investigation all parties shall be allowed to appear and be heard. If it be found to the interest of shippers that such junction should be formed the board is directed to order the companies to do so, and it is the duty of said railroads to comply with the order of the board. House roll No. 3, by Dobson, which was passed, provides for the repeal of the sugar bounty law of 1813, sections 12, 13, 14, 13, 16, 17, 19, 19 and 20, of chapter vi. article iv. companies to do so, one-half to go to the informer who may bring suit to recover the same. It was recommended to pass. It provides that any person who shall by bribery, intimidation, threats of enforcing demands, withdrawal of capital, closing up of business, or bringing suit, endeavor to impede voters in

# BULL FIGHTERS KILLED.

Contests at Durango, Mexico, Marked by Fatality After Fatality.

TORREON, Mex., March 4.-At Duran go yesterday the first bull that entered the arena gored one of the fighters to leath. Another man was killed by a econd bull and a third bull killed two more men in quick succession. Eight bulls were killed and four horses were zored to death.

Died Trying to Save His Child. PERRY, Okla., March 4 -John ft.

Doreman, a farmer living northeast of here, was drowned in the Arkansas river Sunday evening, with his 6 months-old babe. Doreman was crossing the river with his wife and two children in a buggy and strdck quicksand. The buggy went down and the mother dropped her infant. It sank in the sand and the father was drowned in trying to save it.

The Liverpool Consulship Settled.

WASHINGTON, March 4.-It is whispered about among the Ohio congressional delegation that James P. Boyle, private secretary of President-elect McKinley, will be appointed consul to Liverpool, succeeding James E. Neal of Ohio. The post is one of the best consulshing in the service.

## A CALL ON M'KINLEY.

NEBRASKANS MEET THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE.

Excorted by Senator Thurston, They Visis the White House and Enjoy a Cordial Interchange of Courtesles With the New Man Installed-Nebraskans' Departure.

Nebraskans at the White House

Washington special: Residents of ebraska and their friends sojourning in Washington were given a chance to meet President McKinley today through the courtesy of Senator Thurston, who conceived the idea that as many of the sojourners here would be leaving for their homes tomorrow, it would be a gracious thing to introduce them to the president. Accordingly a telegram was sent to the white house asking if the president would receive the Nebraska delegation, and visiting friends at an hour to be named by the executive. At 3:30 o'clock a number of Nebraskans, including Church Howe, Attorney Atkinson of Lincoln, F. A. Collins, Henry T. Oxnard, General C.
J. Bilis of Fairbury, L. L. Lindsey of
Lincoln, and W. E. Peebles of Pender,
with Senator Thurston as chief of the

delegation, called upon the president and were presented to him in his pri-vate room. There was a cordial interchange of courtesies and chat on current events. Senator Allen was invited to attend with the party, but he declined. Many of the Nebraskans are already leaving for their homes and by morning but few of the old campaigners will be left.

Dawes County Farmer Finds Oil.

Crawford dispatch: James English, perhaps one of the wealthiest farmers in this neighborhood, while having a well drilled on a piece of land about two miles southeast of Crawford struck oil. The well is now fifty feet deep. Rock was struck at about twenty feet, and the drillers reported indications of oil after they had drilled about twenty feet into the rock; they went down ten feet further that day and the next marning there was about ten the next morning there was about ten feet of water in the hole, with over a foot of oil floating on the surfac. 'The oil is as clear as refined oil, and a rag saturated with it burns up as brill-iantly as if saturated with the best grades shipped in. English was in town yesterday and took out some ap-paratus for gathering a quantity of the oil, which he will send to the state university. With the apparatus at hand here it is almost impossible to measure the amount of oil floating on the water in the well, but some re-liable persons say it is about one-third oil. The report of the state university is looked forward to with much interest.

### A Man of Extensive Travel.

Since the death of Joseph Deunser at Fremont last week it has been ascertained that he was a man who had traveled very extensively. He was a '49er in California. He then went to Australia and spent several years in the mining camps and traveled about the interior of the country. On his re-turn from Australia he stopped for a time in Tahiti and other South Sea islands and lived for awhile in Honolulu. Afte putting in some time at various mining camps in Arizona, New Mexico and Montana he went back to Germany, from whence he returned and settled upon a farm in Saunders county, this state.

# Passes Over the Short Line.

General Manager Dickinson of the nion Pacific has just issued the fol

lowing order: "By assent of the Oregon Short Line railroad company trip passes of Union Pacific issue to points west of Granger, Wyo., and north or south of Ogden, Utah, granted prior to March 16, 1897, will be honored up to the dates of their expiration, but no annual or time passes of Union Pacific issue will be accepted by the Oregon Short Line railroad company on and after May 1,

# Bartley's Bondsmen.

Ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley and his bondsmen appeared before Judge Corcoran and entered bond for the appearance of Bartley on April 19. The bondsmen and the amounts in which they justified are as follows: W. A. Paxton, \$25,000; Webster Eaton, \$5,000; W. A. Hackney, \$1,000; B. R. Cowdery, \$1,000; J. B. Trickey, \$5,000; T. J. Majors, \$20,000; R. H. Townley, \$10,000; W. A. Dilworth, \$2,000.

# Affairs in a Tangle.

The state board of the league American wheelmen, comprising A. Pease of Fremont, D. A. Finch of Grand Island, D. C. Eldrege of York, and D. J. O'Brien and E. B. Henderson of Omaha, held a meeting at Omaha. The affairs of the late secretary-treasurer. W. M. McCall of Grand Island. are yet in very much of a tangle, and means were devised to straighten them

# The Omaha Exposition.

Washington dispatch: The depart ments are going right ahead with their arrangements for the Omaha exposi-tion as though nothing had heppened and the officials in charge express not the least anxiety that anything will hold up the appropriation for the gov-ernment exhibit as soon as the new congress tackles the appropriation

# Great is Nebraska,

Nebraska is first on the list in a great many things, and now comes Omaha with another list of winners. The an nual bench show at St. Louis is on, and in the list of awards that city shows up with the entire winnings of the Newfoundland class, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jackson of that city.

# Comrades Disagree

The G. A. R. posts of Lincoln and Grand Island are at quite a divergence in regard to the establishment of soldiers' homes in this state. Farragut post of Lincoln sent a letter to the Grand Island post in which it express ed sorrow and inability to "comprehend the motive of any comrade or comrades who are seeking to adandon or in otherwise cripple or restrict soldiers' home accommodations for our aged, infirm and poor comrades." Both nomes are needed and needed badly for The post is one of the best the present wants of our comrades and will be needed worse in the near future.

## THE SCHOOL FUND.

Tenor of the Joint Resolution Passed in the Senate.

Joint resolution No. 20 was read the doint resolution No. 20 was read the third time and passed in the senate on the 4th. It proposes an ammendment relating to the investment of the permanent school fund. The amendment proposed contains the following general proposed.

ral provisions:
All funds belonging to the state for educational purposes the interest and income whereof only are to be used shall be deemed trust funds held by the state and shall not be invested or loaned except on United States or state securities or registered county or school securities or registered county or school district bonds; provided that the board of educational lands and funds is empowered to sell from time to time any of the ecurities belonging to the permanent school fund and invest the proceeds in any of the securities enumerated above bearing a higher rate of interest whenever an opportunity for better investment is presented; provided further, that when any warrant upon the state treasury regularly issued in purstate treasury regularly issued in pursuance of an appropriation by the legislature and secured by a levy of a tax for its payment shall be presented to the state treasurer for payment and there shall not be any money in the proper fund to pay such warrant the board of educational lands and funds may direct the state treasurer to pay the amount due on such warrant from the amount due on such warrant from the moneys in his hands belonging to the permanent school fund, and he shall hold said warrant as an investment of said permanent school fund.

#### Improved Horse Market.

The usual spring demand for horses says a South Omaha correspondent, has set in and it appears much larger than for three years. The continued de-pression in business for several years has caused people to economize by using old, worn out stock while waiting for business to revive. Owing to the low value of all horse stock purchasers all want the best and the present boom is only in ten grades. The demand for cheaper grades is good but there is no advance in values. in values. Heavy horses of quality, weighing 1,400 and upwards, have made a substantial advance, which has the appearance of being permanent.

Ruling of Attorney General. Miss Viola Coffin, secretary of the Omaha civil service board, has received a communication from the commissioners at Washington, enclosing an sioners at Washington, enclosing an opinion by the attorney general, recently made, in which he passes upon the question whether the deputy U. S. marshals are under the protection of the civil service law. According to this decision, the office deputies and members of the clerical force are so protected but the other deputies. protected, but the other deputies are subject to removal at the whim of the

### Death by Spicide.

Louis Johnson, a Danish farmer liv ing about five miles northwest of Kennard, committed suicide by hang-ing himself in a granary on his farm. In the evening he left his home saying he was going to see a near neighbor and would return in a short time. About midnight his wife, becoming alarmed at his prolonged absence, in-stituted a search for him, and about 7 o'clock next morning found him hanging in a small back room in his granary.

# Exposition Knocked Out.

The failure of President Cleveland says a Washington dispatch, to sign the sundry civil bill knocks out the entire appropriation for the Trans-Mississippi exposition. The failure of thr

priation bills settles beyond question the immediate calling of a special ses-sion. The ground will have to be gone over again, but the Nebraska senators and house members are confident of their ability to get the appropriation for the exposition restored.

# Editor Given a Job.

Judge Munger has appointed T. J. O'Keefe, editor of the Hemingford Herald, as United States court commissioner for Box Butte county and the adjacent territory. This makes a total of sixty-two of these commissions in Nebraska. Under a recent act of congress the terms of all of these commissioners will expire June 30 next, and new appointments must be made for a term of four years, dating from July 1.

# Want Milford Home Retained.

The York post of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed resolutions condemning the proposed abandon-ment of the Milford soldiers' home. At their request Senator Conaway has introduced the resolutions in the state senate. The York post has always evinced a friendly spirit toward the Milford home and has made some substantial donations toward its support.

# Big Demand for Farm Lands.

CLARKS. Neb., March 4.—There is much activity among farmers of this locality. Every man in that line of work is preparing to do his utmost this coming season. The demand for land to farm was never so great here. Real estate agents can find renters for ten times the land at their disposal. It is safe to predict for the county the largest acreage of corn ever put in.

# Nothing in the Report.

Washington papers print the report that ex-Senator Manderson is slated for an important position. There is nothing in the report. Mr. Manderson announced months ago that he was finally out of politics and could not and would not receive the control of the contr and would not accept any position of a political character, elective or ap-

A. Ahrens of Hooper has just learned of the good fortune of his father in Germany who has fallen heir to 120,000 marks. Mr. Ahrens will visit the old country soon.

Secretary Laughland of the associ-ated charities reports that a large number of men are arriving in Omaha in anticipation of employment on ac-count of the exposition. There are a large number of them at the headquarters every evening for lodging and breakfast and none have been able to find the employment for which they were seeking. The idea that an avenue of employment is to be opened at this time is entirely erroneous, as it will be several months yet before the plans for the exposition will be so far perfected as to admit of the employment of any labor whatever.

## IT STANDS AT \$200,000.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPO-SITION BILL.

Efforts for an Additional Appropriation of \$75,000 Not Successful-Congressman Mercer Presents Reasons Why It Should Be Made-Senator Allen to Make Another Fight.

### The Trans-Mississippi Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- The question of appropriating \$75,000 additional for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition came up in the consideration of the sundry civil bill, and the house refused to concur in the senate amendment. by a vote of 49 yeas to 92 nays. Representative Mercer represented the reasons why this additional appropriation should be made, citing that the treasury department has suggested that the additional sum should be appropriated in view of the larger cost in making the exhibit on account of the distance, and that the original bill had failed to provide for the return of the exhibit. In addition to outlining what was expected of the government, he said:

"Now, this amendment, No. 48, says, 'including the return of said govern-ment exhibit." Of course, in Omaha we have a disposition to take every-thing which belongs to us, but do not care to keep this exhibit any longer than it will serve the purpose of the exposition, and the treasury department has informed me, and the exposition managers have informed me, that \$50,000 of the amount originally provided is entirely inadequate to construct a building for the fish commission and also to construct the adminis-tration buildings. I do not think the members of this house desire to see a peanut show or to see a peanut build-ing there, and I think they are great enough and magnanimous enough to give the appropriation that is provided in these amendments, providing for the return of the government exhibit to the city of Washington and wherever

else it comes from.
"Mr. Speaker, there will be an exposition of no mean proportions. It will represent the resources, industries and capabilities of twenty-four states and territories, and I desire that for once the people of the United States may look over the Allegheny mountains and may travel there and take notice of the resources of that grand Trans-Mississippi country. We expect the east to come there with its capital and with its knowledge, and we expect that after that exposition has been by the people of the United States, those grand states and territories beyond the Mississippi will have an opportunity to grow and prosper the same as eastern states have done. I trust that members of this house, irrespective of politics, will help us on

three amendments." Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, fought the senate amendments at every turn, taking the ground that the bill only called for \$200,000. Although Cannon was ar rayed on the side of no increase, it is thought that Mercer would have car-ried his point had not Hepburn of Iowa asked the question as to what Nebraska had done for the exposition. Mercer was compelled to say that nothing definite had been enacted by the state legislature. The vote being taken the senate amendment was not agreed to.

This, however, did not settle the matter, for the senate conferees have for ten hours stood for \$275,000. Senators Thurston and Allen are working hand in hand to secure this amount vo conferences have been had and a third will be ordered if necessary be-

fore the senate recedes to the house. Later in the evening the senate receded from the additional Senator Allen immediately announced that he would make a fight for a third conference.

The exposition amount of \$200,000 has been agreed to by both houses, although the senate insisted upon its amendment as long as it could consistently without endangering the passage of the bill.

# ludian Police Arrest Hogan.

PENDER, Neb., March 5 .- Some excitement prevails in Thurston county over the removal of one J. S. Hogan and his family from their allotment selection within the limits of the Farley pasture, on the Omaha reservation, by Capt. Beck's Indian police, under command of John Hilcher. Under instructions from the Indian commissioner at Washington to the former agent, Ash ley, Hogan and a few others were allowed the privilege of making selections for future allotments for their minor children, and this is the land they now occupy. The Indian police laid in ambush, expecting Hogan and his wife, who is an Omaha Indian, to return, which they did. A fight took place, and it was with considerable difficulty that Hogan was overpowered. He was bound in irons and taken to the agency.

#### kecount Commission Begins Work. LINCOLN, March 5 .- J. N. Compbell.

populist of Nance county, was selected as chairman of the commission, and J. Oberfelder of Sidney, one of the democratic members, was made secretary. After much deliberation, it was de cided to proceed with the count with open doors, as long as there was no disposition on the part of outsiders to unduly crowd the room. The commission will not give out any of the daily results of its labors, giving as the rea-son the fact that five counties have failed to forward the ballots, and that there might be danger that these ballots may be tampered with if partial cesults are given out in advance. five counties not yet reported are Douglas, Lancaster, Nuckolls, Sherman and Keya Paha.

# NEBRASKA NOTES.

Gus Schroeder of Columbus, a prominent young man, died last week at the age of 27. At the Fremont factory exhibit last week there was a wonderful display of

omemade articles. Death claimed two boys in the family of A. J. Van Buskirk in Benkleman. Searlet fever was the malady.

An attempt was made to rob Farley's bank at Marquette. The outer door of the safe was blown open, but the burglars were unable to open the inside doors and hence failed to get anything.