NEBRASKA.

LOUISVILLE had two fires in one

THE house of Asa Godding of Syra-use was struck by lightning. THE loan and building association at North Platte is in a very prosperous

THE flouring mill at Norfolk has been idle for some time on account of high water.

LINCOLN county assessors talk of raising the value of irrigated lands

from \$15 to \$20 an acre. ALONG the Platte river this year sportsmen are bagging more ducks than in any former year.

By the premature explosion of a gun a young man named Beardsley, near Fairmount, lost three fingers.

Nor a farmer in Buffalo county, says the Kearney Sun, has donated a bushel of corn to help the starving people of

FRADE WINING of Lyons has mysteriously disappeared and his wife and friends are wondering what has be-come of him.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for holding of the Table Rock Chautauqua on the grounds near that place from June 10 to 19 inclusive. MRS. MARY V. Moss wants \$25,000 damages from the Lincoln Journal for

something that paper said regarding her excommunication from church. ONE hundred and fifty cars of gravel will be shipped from Wyoming daily next season to ballast the Union Pacific

track between Cheyenne and Columbus. GENEVA merchants have suffered for the past couple of years from petty burglaries. Every once in a while some store is entered and articles of all value taken.

THE women's club of York held its first open meeting last week. An address was made by Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln on "The advantages and disadvantages of being a club woman."

MRS. L. MORAN and her daughter Frances of Crete had a narrow escape from asphyxiation in St. Joseph. They went to bed in a hotel and blew out instead of turning out the gas.

The junior endeavor society of Beaver City has raised a car of corn for the sufferers of India. The corn will be shipped free of charge by the B. & M. to Denver and thence via San Fran-

EMERSON is now the headquarters of the C., St. P., M. & O. railway bridge and carpenter crew, and the Enterprise of that place says the change will add about twenty families to Emerson's population.

Neligh is jubilant. The North Nebraska G. A. R. reunion has been located there for another year. This will be the fourth year Neligh has had the reunion and the city feels justly proud over the fact.

A Few days ago a fine set of harness was stolen from the barn of J. C. Swartz, a farmer living two miles west of Hastings. The police were notified and Wm. Hardy was arrested. He confessed and is now in jail.

REV. FATHER MURPHY of Tecumseh has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went to present his case before the apostolic delegate, Martinelli. The points at issue will probably not be decided for a month yet.

MRS. HUBER, wife of Col. John Huber Columbus, died very suddenly of eart disease. She was 64 years old ad had lived in Platte county for she was stricken with paralysis and had been in poor health since.

A LARGER number of cattle are being fed in Gage county this spring and years. The large surplus of corn, to-gether with other advantages which have been made available by farmers to shippers, is accountable for it.

The jewelry store of A. R. Weaver at Harvard was robbed of \$150 to \$200 worth of watches and jewelry, and the money drawer of Brown & Saule, who occupy one side of the room with stationery, was granted and and all the stationery. ationery, was opened, and about \$3 small change taken and some cigars.

Wonn has been received of the death of Walter S. Prickett, a prominent attorney of Alva, Cal. Mr. Prickett was one of the first attorneys in Lincoln. He was for some time in partnership with Attorney Seymour G. Wilcox, now of Omaha. He was a member of the first town council of Fairfield, and was considered one of leading attorneys of the state, and took a very prominent part in republican politics.

SOUTH OMAHA is to have a beet sugar factory. There is no longer any doubt on this question. Notices have been arepared and will be served on the res-idents of blocks 258 and 261 within a few days. Altogether about fifty families are living in little shantles on this land, which has been leased from the South Omaha land company. In the lease the company reserves the right to claim the land after giving the recurrents ten days notice. upants ten days' notice.

Two masked men entered the home of D. Jones, an old bachelor who lives a mile sonth of Wymore, knocked him down and covered his head with a sack, and then demanded that he tell them where he kept his money. He refused, whereupon they heated irons and applied them to his body, burning him in a horrible manner. This treatment lasted two hours. Then the robbers, leaving the victim in his helpless condition, locked the house and took the key with them. His recovery is doubtful.

REV. S. H. AVRES, who has been for he past three and a half years engaged a Sunday School missionary work in iarfield and surrounding counties ander the direction of the American sanday School union, will hereafter abor in Dodge and Saunders counties with headquarters at Fremont.

W. A. LAWRENCE and Dick Ball felled tree north of Elk Creek on the emaha that contained a nest of young possums. These little animals are nite a curiosity in this part of the country so the boys allowed them their

ONE of Long Pine's hotels has closed or lack of remunerative business.

Reca ,vass of the Amendment Vote Will New Interruptedly Go Forward-Legislature's Time is Up, But There is Yet a Great Deal of Work in Sight.

SENATE.—The senate on the 22d became involved in a parliamentary tangle over the bill providing for a new dormitory for the Peru normal school. Today the senate undid some of this hasty work. The dormitory appropriation was recalled, and the measure must beneeforth take its chances. The vote by which the bill was passed was reconsidered by a vote of 17 to 14. In the afternoon the senate took up regular routine work. As soon as it had been called to order the senate went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Gondring in the chair, to take up the consideration of senate file No. 239, which had been made a special order for this afternoon. Fritz of Thurston, author of the bill, tried to have the name of Feitz of Keith substituted for that of Mr. Gondring, but the motion failed to carry, and Mr. Gondring took the chair. Senate die No. 239 provides that the terms of all county officers shall be for the period of four years, and that all county officers now in office shall hold said offices without further election until 1899. In other words, the proposed law extends for two years the term of office of all county officers. The committee made short work of the bill. After it had been read Mr. Fritz offered an amendment which limited the tenure of office to a single term. It was agreed to without dissent. Then Mr. Mutz offered another amendment providing that the first election of county officers under the proposed law should be held in 1897. This was also agreed to by a vote of 14 to 7. Mr. Beal moved that the committee rise and report the bill back to the senate with the proposed law should be held in 1897. This was also agreed to by a vote of 15 to 7. Mr. Beal moved that the committee rise and report the bill back to the senate with the recommendation that the bill be indefinitely postponed. To this Mr. McGann offered an amendment that the bill be indefinitely postponed. To this Mr. McGann offered an amendment that the bill was read to 1. Senate file No. 305. introduced by Mr. Gondring, to amend the irrigation law, The Nebraska Assembly. SENATE. - The senate on the 2id became in-

SENATE.—The senate devoted the session on the 24th entirely to the several normal school propositions. It transpired very early in the day that a combination had been effected for the purpose of establishing not one, but two, normal schools, one at Scotia, and one at York. Long before the day closed, however, the combination went to pieces and all normal school bills were killed for the session. Mr. McGann said that the necessity for a normal school was apparent to everybody. Scotia was but forty miles from the geographical center of the state. It was accessible to the people of twenty counties. The buildings were sufficient for all the needs of a normal school for the coming ten needs of a normal school for the coming ten needs of a normal school for the coming ten needs of a normal school for the coming ten needs of a normal school for the school at York would be superfluens as that city was within an hour's ride of the University of Nebraska, which furnished ample facilities for the training of teachers in the south and central part of the state. There was lengthy discussion on the matter, some favoring York and others Scotia. Mr. McGann closed the debate with a plea for the Scotia proposition. At 4:20 o'clock a vote was reached on Haller's motion that the committee recommend to indefinitely postpone all normal school bills. It was agreed to by a vote of 18 to 11. This kills all normal school or propositions for this session. Mr. Osborn moved that the vote by which senate file No. 321 was passed last Monday be reconsidered. This motion was declared to be out of order until the bill was in the possession of the senate. Mr. Caldwell moved that the house be requested to return the bill to the senate. Mr. Caldwell moved that the house be requested to return the bill to the senate. He said that there was good reasons for the belief that the bill, which proposed to restrain the crime of gambling, had been passed in Ignorance of its true purport. After discussion the motion to recall the bill was agreed to, When th SENATE .- The senate devoted the

SENATE.—The senate on the 25th resolved itself into an informal sifting committee this forenoon. The approaching end of the sesitself into an informal sifting committee this forenoon. The approaching end of the session was evidenced in the hasty scramble of individual senators to get their favorite bills in under cover. Bills on third reading were taken up as soon as the chapital had said his prayers. But one hill was ready, house roll No. 144, introduced by Burkett of Lancaster. It makes grave robbing a felony instead of a misdemeanor. The bill has already passed the house and the senate sent it to the governor. Mr. Mutz brought up his bill, senate file No. 164, providing for the dividing of the Fifteenth judicial district into two districts, and moved that it be advanced to a third reading. This motion brought on a first-class controversy. The motion to advance the bill was not agreed to. Mr. Gondring asked that senate file No. 200 be engrossed for its final passage. This is one of the important bills of the session, aithough it has attacted but little attention. It authorizes the attorney general to commence an action to recover from the sureties of an official bond running to the state in the county in which the sureties reside. At present such suits have to be commenced in Lancaster county. The bill was advanced to third reading. On motion of Mr. Spencer of Lancaster, senate file No. 200 was ordered engrossed for third reading. It is a bill to require school book companies furnishing books to school districts in Nepaskas under contract to maintain a supply house at the capital of the state. Senate file No. 208, which next received consideration, provides for the exclusion of school bond taxes in the computation of aggregate school taxes. The bill was recommended for passage. The enrolled copy of the recount bill was presented and signed by the licutenant governor. The senate bill permitting criminal suits against the statutes to be brought is any county of the state was passed. The announcement that the governor had signed the recount bill was received and the sepate adjourned.

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Sexate.—The senate on the 27th did considerable business. The licutement governor
handed to the clerk and had read a communication in which he announced the appointment of Canaday of Kearney, Sykes of Adams
and Heapy of Sherman as the senate members of the recount commission, provided for
in the bill which received the approval of the
governor. The house bills received were
read the second time. Lee of Boyd moved
that house roll No. 45 be advanced to third
reading. The bill authorizes the commissioners of public lands and buildings to select
lands in the old Fort Randail military reservation as school land indemnity. The pure
food bill introduced by Mr. Murphy was
taken up, discussed and recommended for
passage. House roll No. 267, Gaffin's bill to
prevent corporations from contributing to
political organizations, or using their influence in elections was recommended to pass.
The next bill taken up was senate file No. 371.
Miller's bill providing for the taxation of express companies within the state of Nebraska
and fixing a ponalty for false statements.
Mr. Mutz moved to strike out the amendment taxing the companies 3 per
cent of the net carnings and make it
read 2 per cent of the gross carnings.
The motion was adopted. Mr. Murphy offered
an amendment exempting from the calculation of the gross carnings the amount paid by
the companies to railroads for transportation.
To this Mr. Ransom added, "and also the
amount paid by such companies to employes
for mannal labor." The amendment was
defeated, and another by Mr. Gondring
changing the 2 per cent on gross earnings to
1 per cent was adopted. The bill was recommended to pass as amended. Senate file No.
375, by Feltz, providing for a tax on telephone
companies, and containing almost exacely
the same provisions as the express company
bill, was next on the list. Mr. Talbot offered
an amendment changing the per cent from 2
to one-balf of 1 per

MEN FOR THE COUNT.

| Offered by Mr. Talbot was adopted, and the bill was recommended to pass.
| House.—In the house on the 23d the committee on privileges and elections reported house roll No. 65l, the new bill relating to the powers and duties of the atterney-general in groups affecting the state to be out. mittee on privileges and elections reported house roll No. 651, the new bill relating to the powers and duties of the attorney-geaeral in cases affecting the state, to be engrossed for third reading. The report was adopted. Bills on third reading having been taken up. House roll No. 615, the general appropriation bill, was read and put upon its passage. The vote stood 83 layes to 4 mays. Eager, Snyder of Nemaha. Wooster and Young voting against the bill. House roll No. 630, the claims appropriation bill, was read and passed by a vote of 76 to 8. House roll No. 333, providing for the payment by counties of the premium on the bonds of county treasurers, where these bonds are executed by a surety company authorized by law to execute such bonds, passed by a vote of 80 to 29. House roll number 354 provides for the payment out of the state treasurey's bond, when the bond is executed by a surety company authorized by law to execute such bond, the premium on the state treasurey's bond, when the bond is executed by a surety company authorized by law to execute such bond, the premium not to exteed one-third of 1 per cent per annum of the penalty stated in the bond. The bill carries an appropriation for the payment of such premium. It was passed by a vote of 59 to 25. House roll No. 301, by Rich to amend sections 7 and 8 of chapter lavili of the compiled statutes of Nequired from persons having contracts with the state, received 32 votes for and 38 against its passage with the emergency clause stricken out, and the fate of the bill being very uncertain. Rich moved a cail of the bouse. It was soon raised and the bill passed by a vote of 53 to 38. House roll No. 302, creating a board of public works consisting of three members in cities of the second class and village-cities of over 5,000 inhabitants, was passed with the emergency clause stricken out, by a vote of 54 to 44. House roll No. 303 provides that notaries public shall give bond for \$2,000 either in an incorporated surety company or two residents of the county. The

first thing in order in the house on the 24th, and house roll No. 474. Gaffin's bill to permit and house roll No. 474. Gaffin's bill to permit county agricultural societies to participate in the Trans-Mississippi exposition and to provide for the expense of county exhibits, was passed by a vote of 61 to 28. House roll No. 510, the bill to establish a state banking board, to define state banks, provide for a secretary for the state banking board and state bank examiners, and to provide for the regulation of such institutions, with penalties for violation, false statements or entries; also providing that receivers of such banks may give bond in incorporated surety companies, was passed after the emergency clause had been stricken out. House roll No. 313, the last of Rich's bills, providing that a receiver shall give bonds of the same kind as designated in the previous bills, was passed without the emergency clause. House roll No. 309, providing for guaranty bonds for township, city and village treasurers, received 62 ayes and 38 mays, with the emergency clause. With that clause stricken out, it received fifty-seven votes, with thirty-two negatives, and was declared passed. Webb offered a resolution providing for the printing of 30 copies of the "Blue Book," to be modeled on that of 1863. After some discussion the resolution was adopted. Alderman sent up a resolution was adopted. Alderman sent up a resolution was adopted. House roll No. 6, Hull's deficiency judgment bill, was recommended for passage as amended before being sent to the special committee, the committee substitute being gnored. The committee substitute being gnored. The committee of privileges and elections reported senate file No. 322, the new recanvass bill, for third reading. It was so ordered. Adjourned.

House.—The sifting committee of the house on the 25th reported the following bills, with the recommendation that they be ordered to county agricultural societies to participate in

the recommendation that they be ordered to third reading, in the order named: Senate files 6 and 98, house rolls 359, 625, senate files 74, 76, house rolls 32, 481, 273, 595, 277, 351, 27, 307, 578 and 549. The standing committee on agriculture reported house roll No. 545 to be placed on the general file. This is Marshall's bill giving the state board of horiticulture \$2,000 for the payment of expenses of the society. House roll No. 401, by Gaffin, limiting the tax levied by school districts, but providing that the board may borrow money on bonds which may be issued when authorized by the electors of said school district, was placed on third reading, and passed by a vote of 83 to 6. House roll No. 209, by Wimberley, to direct the application and payment of certain moneys received by the state treasurer annually, and known as the "Morrill Fund," in aid of the industrial college of the university of Nebraska, was read the third reading, in the order named: Senate treasurer annually, and known as the "Morril Fund," in aid of the Industrial college of the university of Nebraska, was rend the third time and passed with the emergency clause. House roll No. 12, by Clark of Lancaster, to amend the existing law relative to elections to correspond with a bill already passed, providing for the selection of non-partisian election boards, was passed by a vote of 84 to 8. A message was received from the governor announcing that he had signed house roll No. 93, the Trans-Mississippi exposition bill, house roll No. 15, for the relief of Boyd county, and house roll No. 4, for the relief of Rebecca Perkins. Senate file No. 382, the recount bill introduced at the suggestion of the governor, was put upon its passage. During roll call it was discovered that several members would have to be brought in before the bill could pass, and a call of the house was demanded. The bill was passed by a strictly party vote. On motion of Shull of Nemaha, the amendment to senate file No. 108, the deficiency judgment bill, exempting present contracts, adopted yesterday, was stricken out. An attempt was made to recommend the bill for passage, but it was defeated by a tievote. A message from the governor announced that he had signed senate file No. 482, the new recount bill which passed during the afternoon. The house adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

House.—Immediately after the opening exannounced that he had appointed Dobson of Fillmore, Gerdes of Richardson, Fernow of announced that he had appointed Dobson of Fillmore, Gerdes of Richardson, Fernow of Adams and Loomis of Butler as the house committee to aid in the recanvass. Mecracken moved that the committee be instructed to employ as help in the recount the present employes of the house, as far as expedient. The motion was adopted without division. Senate file No, 387 was put upon its final passage. This is the bill regulating the fiing of articles of incorporation and fixing the scale of fees for the same, it received seventy—two votes, with only eight in the negative, and was declared passed with the emergency clause. House roll No. 184, the committee substitute, extending the term of of rodemption of real estate after foreclosure to one year beyond the nine months already allowed. The bill received fifty-six votes, and was again put upon its passage, with the emergency clause stricken out. On this roll call the bill passed, House roll No. 651, the bill suggested by the governor's message, increasing the powers of the attorney general, was passed. When the committee report on house roll No. 428 was read, Pollard moved that the report be not concurred in, but that the bill be referred back to the committee of the whole for further consideration. On a rising vote the motion was lost, and the report was adopted, recommending the bill for passage. Adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday.

FOR CURRENCY REFORM.

Members of the Monetary Convention

Committee Call on the Speaker. WASHINGTON, March 27.-The memers of the committee on legislation which was appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention called on Speaker Reed to-day and talked with him concerning legislation for cur-

rency and banking reform. Mr. Reed told the committee that Mr. Reed told the committee that congress moved faster than the people in matters of legislation, and when public sentiment became crystalized in favor of any particular form of financial legislation congness would be apt to respond with little delay. If the people demanded changes in the banking system and brought pressure to bear on congress they would secure changes.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES BY SAILORS.

ACCUSED BY OAKES CREW.

Kept on Half Rations Most of the 259 Days Out From Hong Kong, While Captain Reed Was Living on Chickens and Other Good Things-He Is to Be Prosecuted.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The survivors of the crew of the clipper ship T. F. Oakes, which was towed here 259 days out from Hong Kong, allege that Captain Reed is directly responsible for the illness of all but two of the crew; that they were kept on half rations during the greater part of the trip and that the vessel could have made New York much sooner if the captain had taken advantage of favorable conditions which prevailed much of the nine months they were on the water.

"We have not decided just what charges we shall prefer against Captain Reed," said James H. Williams, secretary of the Seaman's union, "but we shall make the most serious charge against him that we can sustain by the evidence.

Joseph Robinson made the statement which will be used by the Seamen's union and the eleven other survivors who are with him in the Marine hospital will subscribe to it. Several were able to sign their names with difficulty and one is still so weak that it is question whether he will recover. our food before we had been a week out from Hong Kong," said Robinson, "and the entire crew went to Captain Reed July 7 only to be refused better provisions. Our be refused better provisions. Our condition became such that by the end of July we determined to make another demand and again the entire crew complained. From July 31 to September 27 there was an improve-ment, but on the latter date we were ment, but on the latter date we were all placed on half rations and so continued to the end. The captain did not supply the ship with enough provisions before leaving Hong Kong.

"While the men in the crew were growing weak from a lack of proper food, the captain was living on chick-

food, the captain was living on chickens and other good things. He had two crates well filled with chickens when we left port, and when the Oakes got into New York several chickens were still left. If the captain had killed them and made soup for the crew, even giving it to us but once a week, the men would have been able to retain their strength instead of coming in ill and helpless. We were so weak from hunger that often members of the crew had to grab hold of the railings to keep from falling."

CIVIL SERVICE DEFENDED.

President Proctor Welcomes the Fulles

Kind of an Investigation. WASHINGTON, March 29.-Mr. Procor, president of the civil service commission, speaking to-day of the proposed investigation of its methods. said: "We will welcome the investigation, for it is not facts but misstatements regarding the methods of the a that tend to hold it up to ridicule before the public. When the facts are known, it will be found that the commission's methods have been such as are calculated to promote the good of the service. Take the criticisms of the commission that were made in the Senate the other day, when the Allen resolution was under consideration. One thing is fortunate, and that is every act of the commission is a matter of record. Senator Allen wanted an investigation of the alleged political removals from the government service at South Omaha. Here is our minute book and it shows that seven days before the introduction of that resolution the commission ordered an investigation of those charges. One after another of the charges made about the management of the commis-sion can be readily answered by a reference to the records, and an investigation will tend, I think, to do the commission much good. It will be found that our system of examinations s practical, and calculated to discover the fitness of the applicant for the place sought, and not inclined to call for the mere literary ability.'

Lowndes Against Gorman.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 29.-Governor Lloyd W. Lowndes, Republican, has formally declared his intention to become a candidate for the United States Senatorship to succeed Arthur Pue Gorman, whose term will expire March 4, 1899. The legislature which will fill this important position will be elected next November and will meet in January, 1898.

Fort Scott Order Revoked.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 29.-Governor Leedy has changed his mind regarding the police affairs at Fort Scott. Last night he announced the appointment of a board of metropolitan police commissioners for that city. They are J. P. Robey, a silver Republican, for chairman; J. W. Bowlus, a Populist. for secretary, and W. D. Lowery, a Democrat, for the third member.

Bittinger Not After the Postoffice. Sr. Joseph, Mo., March 29.-When Major Bittinger was told yesterday afternoon of a report that he would be tendered the postmastership, he said: "Under no circumstances would I ac-cept the St. Joseph postoffice." He left last night for Washington.

To Walk Down the Ohlo.
Boston, March 29.—Captain Robert Cooke of Americus, Ga., who is at present in this city, announces that he is making arrangements to walk on the water of the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Cincinnati on a wager of \$1,000 in fifteen days. The distance is about

CIVIL SERVICE DEBATE.

Some Requirements Brought to the Attention of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 29. - Another brief discussion of the civil service occurred during the open session of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Gallinger, Republican, of New Hampshire, presented several forms issued by the civil service commission to substantiate his recent statement that certain applicants for office were required to hop on one foot for twelve feet. He said his statement had been challenged by several penny-abeen challenged by several penny-a-liners and by one member of the civil service commission. The senator read the "hopping provision" and several other sections as to the weight and height of the typesetters, which he characterized as absurd. Referring to the size and weight requirement, Mr. Gallinger said: "Phil Sheridan could Gallinger said: "Phil Sheridan could not have served the government if the civil service commission had got at him." The matter was referred to the him." The matter was referred to the civil service committee. A resolution was adopted asking the President for information as to the death of two American sailors at Santiago de Cuba; also resolutions asking the attoracy general for information of any proposition to sell the Union Pacific railroad. Owing to the public demand for copies of a recent decision of the supreme court sustaining the anti-trust laws applicable to railroads, it was determined to print the majority and minority opinions as a Senate document. A memorial from the Michigan Legislature was presented by Mr. McMillin, Republican, of Michgan, protesting against the executive order at the close of the last adminis-tration consolidating pension agencies, and, in effect, abolishing the agency

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Three Men Blown to Atoms by Nitro Glycerine-Ten Others Hurt.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29. - Three men were blown to atoms and ten other people injured by an explosion of nitro glycerine at the Repauno chemical works, near this city. The dead are: James Hamilton, aged 30 years; Charles Wright, aged 25, and J. T. Stiles, aged 28. All were married.

The explosion occurred at 12:24 o'clock, when the workmen were returning from dinner. Most of them had not reached their posts, or the loss of life would probably have been greater. The concussion was felt for miles around, and a plasterer at work on a scaffolding three-quarters of a mile away was thrown. Meanwhile a corps of men was put to work among the ruins and, after much search, the mutilated remains of the three victims were gatnered into two buckets. Wright was identified by a ring on one of the fingers, and Stiles by his shoulders, from which the head as well as the lower part of the body had

The explosion was of such terrific force that, beside totally destroying the two houses, it tore a hole fully eighty feet long and twenty-five feet wide in the ground upon which they

The cause is assigned to excessively high temperature in one of the houses quantities of the explosives being in both at times.

BUSINESS THE PAST WEEK Gradual Improvement in Different In-

dustries, Says Dun. NEW YORK, March 29.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: With confidence that better times and larger business are coming, men to throw away good investments, and the very fact that prices of products are low i regarded as a guarantee against fur-ther decline in all industrials. The number of mills and shops and hands

at work gradually increases. The grain markets have lost with out reason the gain they made the previous week. Wheat supplies are unning out but nobody believes there s coming a famine before June, when the harvesting of Southern wheat will begin. Western receipts we third smaller than last year. Western receipts were over a

Four Democrats for It.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- Four Democratic members of the House, it is understood, will vote for the Dingley tariff bill. Three of the four are in the Louisiana delegation and the other is from Texas. The Louisiana men are induced to vote for protection mainly on account of the sugar schedule of the bill, which meets their approval, while the wool schedule has won the member from Texas. There are six members of the Louisiana delegation, all of whom are in favor of protection on sugar. In order that they may put themselves on record on this policy they may offer an amendment to the sugar schedule, or a substitute for it, embodying the rates which they de-

Say They Saw an Air-Ship. BELLVILLE, Kan., March 29 .- J. A Rea, operator at the Rock Island depot; Jack Nealeigh of the Rock Island lunch room and two other men, saw, at 9:29 last evening, an airship above this city. The light appeared to be a mile above the earth, and looked half the size of a locomotive headlight.

2,400 Women Register.

WICHITA, Kan., March 29.-Registration closed here last night, and the total is larger than it has ever been before. Twenty-four hundred women have registered, which number is far greater than any previous female registration.

Populist Ticket Ruled Out. CHICAGO, March 29. - The election

board decided that the People's party in this city is not a party under the law, and refused to allow the nominees of the party's convention to go on the official ballot. The People's party indorsed in convention the regular Dem ocratic candidates for the city and town offices.

Whisky to Be Higher.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 29.-At an informal meeting of distillers and wholesale whisky dealers here it was unanimously agreed to advance the price of spirits in a few days. A Small Fortune Stolen.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 27.-Joseph Davis recently drew \$2,240, a legacy, from the bank and hid it under a carpet, placing a trunk over it. Yester-day afternoon, while the family was down town, the carpet was torn up and the money stolen.

O. G. Eckstein Secures a Divorce.

WICHITA, Kan., March 27 .- O. G. Eckstein, a well known attorney and Republican politician, was granted a divorce from his wife to-day on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

RYAN WILL BE SELECTED.

Kansas Almost Certain to Get the First Interior Assistant Secretaryship.

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- President McKinley has practically agreed to appoint Thomas Ryan of Kansas first ssistant secretary of the Interior department. He arrived at this conclusion last night and some surprise was manifest when the Kansan's name was not found in the list of new nomina-tions sent to the Senate after it met

As first assistant secretary of the interior it will be Ryan's duty to examine charges against officials and employes, instruct Indian inspectors and mines inspectors, supervise open market purchases of Indian supplies and generally matters pertaining to the Indians, supervise business relating to the distribution of certain public documents and matters relating to the government hospital for the insane Columbia institufor the insane, Columbia institu-tion for the deaf and dumb, su-pervise the Arkansas Hot Springs, the ing, the Yosemite, Sequoia and General Grant parks of California, and supervise the disbursement of the fund for a more complete endowment of ag-ricultural colleges in states and territories. In the absence of the tary, he acts in that capacity. the secre-

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Attorney General McKenna Orders Its Appeal to the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 27.-Attorney General McKenna yesterday sent instructions to District Attorney Mac-Farland at New York to take an appeal to the United States supreme court from the decision of the circuit court of appeals in the case of the United States against the Joint Traffic association. As soon as the papers reach the department of justice a motion will be made in the supreme court to advance the case on the docket, so that a speedy determination of the question involved may be had.

It is stated that the decision of the

Supreme court in the case of the Trans-Missouri Freight association covers all of the main points in the decision of Judges Wallace and Lascombe in the case of the Joint Traffic association. It also is their opinion that the passenger associations come as clearly within the prohibitions of the law as do the freight associations. It is believed that the appeal will be argued and decided before the summer recess of the court

Rockefeller with and var Wages.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 27.-It was announced to-day that John D. Rockefeller's representative at the recent meeting of the Bessemer Iron associa-tion made a fight against a reduction of the wages of ore miners. It was stated after the meeting had adjourned without reaching an agreement that the wages of men in the Rockefeller mines would not be cut.

Big Reserves in Kansas State Banks. TOPEKA, Kan., March 27 -Reports from 125 state banks in Kansas show an average reserve of 46 per cent, while

IOWA PATENT OF THE REPORT.

DES MOINES, March 19.-Henry Principal, of Des Moines, has been granted a copyright for the "Principal Tailor System of Dress Cutting." J. Cundiff, of Union, Iowa, has been

allowed a patent for a simple, strong and durable portable machine adapted to be advanced along a wire fence to weave stay wires on the fence wires.

In the list of patents issued last
week Iowa is represented by 6,
Nebraska has 2, Minnesota 8, Kansas 3, Missouri 18, New York 70. Ten thousand two hundred and eight

applications are awaiting action at Washington. The examiners of 33 divisions are less than two months in arrears with their work and in only one division is the work in arrears over two months.

Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any United States

patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents.
Thomas G. and J. Ralph Orwig. Solicitors of Patents LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET.

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