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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Ex-Chief Justice Sterling R. Cockrill died at Little Rock, Ark., of pneumonia.

General Beekman de Barry, U. S. A., retired, died at his residence in Washington.

Indications point to the election of William A. Clark as senator from Montana.

Frederick Wickham of the Norwalk, O., Reflector, the oldest editor in Ohio, died, aged 89.

Charles W. Byron, a wealthy business man of St. Joseph, Mo., died suddenly of heart disease.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has acquired the Canadian Pacific Navigation company.

Grip is epidemic in New York. It is not so violent as in past years, but there is a good deal more of it.

The exports from the South German consular districts in 1900 amounted to \$40,176,933, an increase of \$1,476,823.

Hugo Bettauer, a naturalized American who is connected with the Berliner Tageblatt, has been expelled from Prussia as an obnoxious foreigner.

Samuel Lewis, the notorious money lender and usurer, who has been called the "greatest and meanest of modern Shylocks," is dead at London, England.

Grief, caused by the death of his young wife soon after marriage, impelled Robert E. Lee Pryor, of Eastbrook, W. Va., to send a bullet through his brain.

The annual cost of destructive insects to the United States is said to be \$300,000,000, and even this doesn't cover the wear and tear to our nervous systems.

The first act of Mayor Ames of Minneapolis on assuming the reins of office was to dismiss 105 policemen who were opposed to his election during the recent campaign.

It is officially reported that 400 Japanese fishermen are missing from Yokohama, and that they are supposed to have perished in a storm January 10, off the west coast.

Miffin Marsh, who sixty years ago in a modest little shop in Wheeling, W. Va., originated the "Wheeling stogie" and who was known as the "stogie king," died, aged 83 years.

A. F. Dreyer of Chicago and Olaf Bergstrom of Nebraska have made arrangements for colonizing about 100,000 acres of land in Fentress and Morgan counties, Tennessee, with Finns.

A South McAlester, I. T., dispatch says the Indian wife of N. B. Sloan, a white man, better known as Bony Sloan, would like to know what has become of him and is searching for that end.

James B. Ireland died at his home at Skillman, Ky., aged 104 years. He was possessed of all his faculties to the last, his mind, bright and clear, carrying him back to events of the early years of the last century.

Frederick Harrison, the noted English philosopher and critic, has accepted an invitation from President Gilman of Johns Hopkins university to deliver a lecture at that place during his coming visit to this country.

After three days as a refugee from justice, J. E. Wood, the Shreveport, La., absconding messenger of the Wells-Fargo Express company, committed suicide at Orange, Tex., just as the authorities were about to arrest him for his crime.

W. J. Bryan announced that the first issue of his paper, the Commoner, will appear Wednesday, January 23. The printing will be done by contract, but the mailing and all other business details will be under Mr. Bryan's supervision.

One may learn from the following press clipping what constitutes an "agreeable surprise," in the opinion of Iowa Modern Woodmen. The Lansing (Iowa) Journal says: "The Rossville Woodmen sprung an agreeable surprise on Owen Kavanaugh last Wednesday by a force of men turning out and husking thirty loads of corn for him."

Joseph Yates Pafo, for the last six years chief clerk of the comptroller of the currency, died in Washington.

The house of the Texas legislature ordered the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate charges preferred against Congressman J. W. Bailey.

Fire at Gering, Neb., destroyed half a block.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," resumed his church work in Topeka, Kan., after an absence in Europe and the east. Mr. Sheldon is preparing to make a vigorous entry into the law enforcement campaign of the state.

Mail advices from Madagascar, dated December 16, report the drowning of fifty natives from the capsizing of a barge.

Artist Zorn has compelled H. Clay Pierce of St. Louis to pay \$12,000 for three portraits, \$1,200 interest and the court costs.

King Oscar of Sweden has recovered his health and will resume the reins of government January 21.

Dispatches announce that Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet that was smashed by the Americans outside Santiago harbor, July 3, 1898, is lying at the point of death near Cadiz.

John Stevenson of Cherokee, Ia., is growing a new set of teeth in this, his 78th year. He is an inveterate tobacco chewer.

The attorney general of Ohio has brought a suit in the supreme court to test the validity of perpetual franchises in Ohio.

Lord Lionel Cecil, half-brother of the Marquis of Salisbury, is dead.

Mrs. Ann Lake, wife of William Lake, a shoemaker at Newark, N. J., dropped dead from excessive laughing. A friend told her a joke on the street and she entered Henry Westwood's bakery convulsed with uncontrollable laughter.

CONGRESS THIS WEEK

Program of Work in Both of the Legislative Bodies.

REVENUE BILL TO COME UP EARLY

Senator Aldrich to Present Measure for Reduction of War Tax Monday or Tuesday—Appropriation Bill Has House's Attention—Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The senate will take up the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill Monday as soon as possible after convening. There is little in the bill that ordinarily would create debate, but it does not seem improbable that several days may be required to act on it because of the desire on the part of some senators to postpone consideration of the ship subsidy bill as long as possible. The shipping bill will be made the unfinished business whenever in the opinion of the friends of the measure it is wise to give it that place; but, in view of the fact that it will be displaced by appropriation bills whenever senators in charge of these measures desire to take them up, it is probable that the motion to give the bill the place of vantage will be postponed until after the disposition of the executive bill.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, probably will report the war revenue reduction bill Monday or Tuesday and he will ask immediate consideration for that measure. The rules of the senate give preference to revenue bills, as they do to appropriation bills, and no order of the senate will be necessary to make a place for that bill. It is not probable that any effort will be made to displace appropriation bills with that measure, but all senators seem united in the opinion that it necessarily must become a law during the session, and if there should be an occasion when it would be necessary to decide between it and some bill other than an appropriation bill the preference almost certainly would be given to the revenue bill. The present impression, however, is that this bill will be soon disposed of. Democratic senators probably will make an effort to secure additional reductions, but failing in this will vote for the bill.

The pension and military academy appropriation bills also are on the calendar and will receive early attention. The Indian appropriation bill will be reported early in the week, but will not be pressed.

Senator Morgan has not indicated his purpose with reference to the Nicaragua canal bill, but his friends say that he will delay a reasonable time and that if England does not act upon the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty he then will move consideration of the canal bill.

The house of representatives will devote most of its attention during the coming week to appropriation bills, a series of them—District of Columbia, fortification, naval, postoffice and agriculture—being ready for consideration. At the outset, however, there will be a day or two given to other measures having right of way.

The army reorganization bill will be reported back promptly from the committee on military affairs, probably tomorrow, and sent to conference with a general disagreement to all the senate amendments. It may be reported back during the latter part of the week, and a sharp contest is promised, Richardson of Tennessee, the minority leader, having intimated that there will be a discussion of each paragraph. The District of Columbia is entitled to tomorrow and will seek to hold the day for the consideration of local measures.

The bulky postal codification bill also is before the house as a continuing order and will require much of the time not given to appropriation bills. Efforts are making to have the bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service made a special order for Tuesday.

The appropriations bills above referred to will consume the time during the rest of the week, except Friday, which is private pension day, and Saturday, when eulogies to the memory of the late Senator Gear of Iowa will be pronounced.

Headlong From a Train.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Mamie Drungould of Joliet, Ill., who arrived at the union depot this morning from Seattle en route to her home, shortly afterward made her way to the second floor of the station, opened the window and threw herself headlong onto the tracks below. She struck on her head and fractured her skull and received other injuries, from which physicians say she cannot recover. Passengers who traveled up in the same train with Mrs. Drungould say that she acted peculiar.

Though Dead, He Still Lives.

OGALLALA, Neb., Jan. 21.—John Kirkkula, a German farmer, whose home is five miles north of Ogallala, was returning home from town Saturday evening when his horse ran away, throwing him out of the wagon. He landed on his head, breaking his neck. He is alive and conscious, but the doctor pronounces his injuries fatal and that he will not live longer than two or three days. He has a wife and ten children, three of whom are married.

Actor Recovers Sanity.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 21.—Judge W. A. Wilkes, ex-county judge of this (Minnehaha) county, has returned from a visit with his son, Ernest, at the Yankton asylum. The young man is an actor of some renown and a few weeks ago became temporarily insane while with a theatrical troupe playing at Des Moines, Ia. His father reports that he has entirely recovered his mind, but the attending physician thought it better for him to be left in the asylum a couple of weeks longer to regain some of his strength.

QUEEN AT DEATH'S DOOR.

Sinking Spell and General Collapse Put an End to Hope.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 21.—12:15 a. m.—A collapse or what the physicians feared was a collapse occurred unexpectedly about 10 o'clock last evening. Arrangements were hurriedly made to provide special telephonic and telegraphic facilities. Details are not obtainable at this hour, but it is asserted that the queen's condition is chiefly due to a severe sinking spell and an increase of the paralytic symptoms.

It is understood that the physicians have resorted to artificial methods to prolong life, such as are used only in case of persons in extremis.

The Associated Press learns that the paralysis is chiefly in the face, one side of which appears to have lost all nerve power. At 6 o'clock the malady had not reached the vital organs, though it had naturally caused an almost total loss of power of speech. What was so much feared was that the brain might be attacked.

Keenly sensitive to her affliction and appearance the queen has refused to see any one but her nurses and doctors, and it is understood that the prince of Wales is the only exception to this rule, but his interview with the queen lasted only a few moments. Hence the exact nature of the malady is known to only a few, and it is the royal wish that the public be not informed of the existence of paralysis.

Arrangements have been made with a local undertaker to have all the preliminaries to burial in case of an emergency.

Immediately on the occurrence of the queen's collapse at about 10 o'clock last evening a message was sent to London, summoning the prince of Wales and Emperor William. The prince of Wales was in such a condition of health that it was utterly impossible for him to leave London at that hour, but it is hoped that he will start for Osborne house at 8 o'clock this morning.

Police Suspect Frank Shercliff of Having Shared in the Kidnaping.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.—After an apparent lull of several weeks in the Cudahy kidnaping case, the detectives have at last struck a lead which they believe will result in the apprehension of one or more of the guilty men.

The theory in brief is that Frank Shercliff, alias Ed Burke, alias Kid McCoy, the outlaw, who so successfully robbed William G. Pollock of \$15,000 worth of diamonds in the fall of 1892, was implicated with Pat Crowe in the abduction of Edward Cudahy, Jr.

For a time the case looked hopeless. Further than a firm conviction that Pat Crowe was one of the kidnapers, the police had absolutely no theories that had not been run down and exploded. Now, however, they have struck what the detectives call a "lead," and this has to do with the probable complicity of Frank Shercliff, the man of many aliases.

After generally reviewing the career of this daring criminal and his association with Crowe in the past there seems to be good reason for believing that he may have been one of Crowe's pals in the Cudahy kidnaping. In any event the detectives are giving this theory the greater part of their attention these days.

It is believed that Chief Donahue and his men will locate Shercliff within the next few days, but the chief declines to talk in detail of the possibility of immediate capture.

WORRIED ABOUT THE PRINCE.

Heir to England's Throne in an Exhausted Condition.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—In the closing moments of Queen Victoria's life another grave portent arises, namely, the serious indisposition of the prince of Wales. So worried, tired and exhausted was he last evening that he could not respond immediately to the summons from Osborne house. The most he could do was to promise that he would leave London at 8 o'clock this morning if possible. It is worthy of note that even today the London papers do not mention, by even the most veiled allusion, the fact that the queen had a paralytic stroke. Pages are devoted to the mournful scenes at Osborne house and to descriptions of occurrences here as well as to telegrams from colonies and foreign countries testifying to the sympathy everywhere evoked. According to the Daily Telegraph, Emperor William, who has expressed a desire to be received at Osborne house, not as emperor, but as grandson, said on hearing of the queen's illness:

"I am my grandmother's eldest grandchild, and my mother is unable from illness to hasten to her bedside."

Money Order Clerk's Arrest.

HAVANA, Jan. 21.—John Sheridan, who has been in charge of the money order department for the Havana postoffice, was arrested today and formally accused of the theft of \$1,300 sent from the postmaster at Guanajuamo, December 15. He has confessed. Sheridan was appointed from the Boston postoffice. He offers to refund what he has taken.

Mr. Neville Slightly Improved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Congressman Burton, who has been ill for some days with the grip and rheumatism, has improved considerably and was able to leave the hospital today.

Congressman Neville of Nebraska, though slightly improved, is still very ill.

Emperor Joseph Distressed.

VIENNA, Jan. 21.—The announcement of the dangerous illness of Queen Victoria caused a feeling of consternation in Vienna. Emperor Francis Joseph, who was profoundly moved, sent incessant messages to the British embassy yesterday for news. It is believed that the great court ball fixed for today (Monday) will be countermanded. The emperor, on receipt of a telegram from London, immediately broke up a circle which had formed after the banquet at the Hofburg.

PROTECTION ASKED FOR

Live Stock Breeders Want a Law Passed Protecting Their Industry.

FAVOR A STATE VETERINARIAN

Legislation Asked to Provide Funds for Safe-Guarding Stock Interests—Disease Carrying Off a Good Many Hogs in Platte County.

LINCOLN, Jan. 21.—The improved live stock breeders' association in session here, passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The live stock industry of Nebraska is constantly menaced by infectious, contagious and other animal diseases through interstate traffic in live stock and natural causes, thus frequently requiring stringent quarantine or hygienic regulations under qualified and competent official control, therefore,

"Resolved, That we favor the passage of a live stock law providing for a state veterinarian with abundant financial support, and with authority to act in any emergency which may arise in the live stock industry so as to protect the sound range and farm herds of the state."

"Experience With Tame Grasses and Clovers in Eastern Nebraska" was the subject of a paper given by William Ernst of Tecumseh. On account of the danger from prairie fires and the grasshopper pest in 1870, which menaced the farm of Mr. Ernst in Johnson county, he was persuaded by friends to remain, and he has since come to regard eastern Nebraska as second to no part of the union for farming and stock raising. He gave his experience with blue grass and timothy, relating how in the first years they failed to profit him, because he allowed his stock to crop the pasture too close. He contended that Nebraska is given enough rain always to maintain pasture lands if only it is not allowed to go to waste. Water does not sink through the sod so rapidly and when pasture embraces any sloping lands, furrows laid here and there, which will tend to check the draining of the water to lower ground, will afford the meadow adequate moisture. The question of kinds of grass or clover is one of growth rather than choice. The ones that grow best and are most dependable are the ones used. Alfalfa, the speaker said, was his most reliable pasture and meadow grass. His cattle pastures consisted of a mixture of English blue grass, or orchard grass, timothy and red clover. English blue grass, he said, beats all the tame grasses he ever used. It mixes well with red clover and the cattle will not bloat on the mixture. This paper was discussed by Prof. T. L. Lyon, W. A. Apperson and others.

Hogs are Dying in Platte.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.—Colonel J. E. North of Columbus was in the city and speaking of affairs in the neighborhood of his home, said: "Platte county would be in good shape were it not for a disease which has carried off the majority of the hogs of the county. It is conservative to place the figure of the loss to Platte county farmers at \$500,000 in the last three or four months. Men with droves of 400 and 500 head of hogs find themselves, now that the plague has exhausted itself, with ten or fifteen hogs, while droves of 100 and 200 head have been completely wiped out. For months the farmers have been combating the disease without apparent result and the loss in hogs is only a part of the total loss to the farmers."

Twenty Cases of Smallpox.

MINDEN, Neb., Jan. 21.—Doctors and visitors of this vicinity report that in the neighborhood of the farm of Mr. Bader, who brought the smallpox to this county and who lives ten miles northwest of Minden, there are about seventy cases of smallpox now, there being only one severe one. Mr. Bader, in his attendance at a Christmas exercise at a school house exposed nearly 100 people and nearly all have taken the disease.

Sent Back to Industrial School.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 21.—A young man by the name of Frank Waugh, second cook of the Midway hotel, who, it is charged, stole an overcoat from the chef at the hotel, has been brought back to Kearney from Republican City, where he has been staying for a month. Young Waugh was on parole from the industrial school and was sent back to the school to serve out his time.

Quarantined House Burned.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Jan. 21.—The residence of H. L. Dosssee was discovered to be on fire, and although an attempt was made to save the property, nothing could be done on account of the high wind, and the entire building was consumed in less than half an hour. The inmates were quarantined with what was pronounced smallpox, but all escaped without injury.

J. D. Bullock, who died in Liverpool, England, the other day, acted as a confederate agent in that port during our war of the rebellion and negotiated for the building of the rebel cruiser Alabama.

Crushed by the Cars.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 21.—Mrs. George Gauger was run down and seriously injured by an out-bound passenger train. The accident occurred inside the city limits. Mrs. Gauger was walking along the track going in the same direction as the train. When the engineer blew the whistle she stepped from the track, but he saw he was liable to strike her in spite of this and reversed his throttle. As the engine passed, she fell toward it. Her left arm was horribly crushed, necessitating amputation this afternoon.

Funny, but With Limitations.

One of the jokes at the Lotus club dinner to Mark Twain was perpetrated by Senator Depew, who told a story about a rural friend of his who once came to hear Mark Twain lecture in Boston. When he got back the senator asked: "Hear Mark?" "Yes." "Was he funny?" "Yes, funny; but not d—d funny." The senator learned later that his friend had strolled into Music hall and heard the Rev. Joseph Cook.

Cat Fur in Demand.

Cats are having a bad time in Germany just now. Ten thousand fur-lined great coats and as many each of fur gloves and gaiters have been ordered for the troops in China, and pussy has to shed her skin for all of it. For every greatcoat fourteen cat skins are used, two for each pair of gaiters and one for each pair of gloves. Cats are going up in the German market.

Coal Mined by Electricity.

Electric coal cutting machinery is rapidly displacing hand work and other varieties of mechanical mining appliances in the collieries of Great Britain and the United States. The coal thus mined is cleaner, the waste less and the effect of the machine on the ventilation and temperature of the mine is less than with any other mechanism.

Valuable Almanac Free.

We have received a copy of the new almanac for 1901 published by the Royal Baking Powder Co. It is an artistic and useful book and will be of interest to housekeepers. A noteworthy feature of the almanac is a prediction of the weather for every day of the year, by Prof. DeVoe, who correctly prophesied the great Galveston cyclone and other important meteorological events. We are authorized to say that any woman reader of this paper can secure a copy without cost by sending a request to the company, at 100 William St., New York.

Entitled to a Good Deal.

Adjutant General Corbin, passing along Pennsylvania avenue on his way to the war department, saw an old woman sitting on the curb with pencils to sell. The general quietly dropped a coin in her outstretched hand. His companion remarked: "General, that woman may possess more money than you have." General Corbin replied: "General Sherman once said in reply to that same remark, 'Any one who is obliged to sit outdoors to earn a living is entitled to more money than I have. And I fully agree with him.'"

The Uncomfortable Doctors.

The use of oysters has sometimes been discouraged on the ground that they were under certain conditions dangerous mediums of conveying disease, especially germs of typhoid fever. Now physicians are said to have forbidden another relish nearly as popular at this time of the year. Celery has come under the ban of the doctors, who say that it is equally well adapted to transmitting the poisonous element of the soil and carrying the germs of typhoid fever.

Special Heroism Remembered.

Twenty-five Victoria crosses have been awarded so far in the South African war. Eight have been given to captains, three to lieutenants, including the one given to Lady Roberts by proxy for her dead son, two to sergeants, four to corporals, two to majors and one each to a gunner, a driver, a trooper and a private infantryman.

POLICE OFFICER RESCUED.

Officer A. C. Swanson of the Council Bluffs Police Force Tells an Interesting Story.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1901.—(Special.)—Kindhearted Officer Swanson of the local police force is very popular in this city. He has lived here for seventeen years, and has enjoyed many high offices in social and society work. He is now Vice-President of the "Dannebrog" Brotherhood, the largest Danish secret society in America, which combines benevolent with the social features. Owing to the constant exposure and many hours on his feet, which his duty as a police officer makes unavoidable, Mr. Swanson became the victim of serious Kidney and Liver Trouble. He was very bad, but has entirely recovered. He gives the story in his own words as follows:

"I have been a sufferer for many years with Kidney and Liver Trouble, and have tried many remedies, some of which gave me temporarily relief, and others which were absolutely worthless. I began to think that there was no help for me, when my nephew gave me a part of a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills which he had left, saying that it would do no harm to try them, as they had certainly fixed him all right. What he gave me helped me so much that I felt justified in purchasing more, and I grew slowly better. It took almost two months to effect a complete cure, as mine was a very bad case, but I can cheerfully and truthfully say that I am a well man today, and I am very grateful that Dodd's Kidney Pills were thus brought to my notice."

The wonderful cures effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills in Iowa have created quite a sensation in some parts of the state. There does not seem to be any case of Lame Back, Rheumatism, Kidney or Bladder Trouble which these wonderful Pills cannot cure. They are certainly popular here, and the sale through the local druggists is very large.

Saints who carve for themselves are sure to cut their fingers.

Look out for the man who looks out for himself.

You cannot do God's work with the devil's weapons.

SUGAR FACTORY CLOSES

The Quantity of Beets Obtained Not as Large as Expected.

AMOUNT OF SUGAR TURNED OUT

Rate That the Factory Will Make Next Year—State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies—Other Nebraska Matters Here and There.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 19.—The Standard Beet Sugar company has weighed in its last beets for the season and in a few days will shut down until next fall. The quantity of beets obtained has not been as large as was expected, being in round numbers 50,000 tons gross and 39,000 net. The amount of first grade granulated sugar turned out was 5,000,000 pounds—enough to fill about 150 freight cars of ordinary capacity. There has been employed during the season an average force of 460 men, including office clerks. With the exception of the office force and weighers they worked in two twelve-hour shifts seven days a week. Aside from a few laboratory boys the lowest wages received by men in the factory were 15 cents per hour and the highest, except to foremen, weighers and especially skilled laborers was 20 cents per hour.

With the exception of a few carloads, most of the beets were received in good shape. About 12,000 tons were shipped in by rail and the balance hauled to the factory in wagons. A good many of the employes live in Fremont, going to and from their work in a special on the Elkhorn, which has made a round trip to the factory and back every morning and night. The company did not have the beets this season they wanted. Next year they will pay a flat rate of \$4 and freight on all beets under 14 per cent and 25 cents for each per cent above it, and expect to get enough beets to run the factory to its fullest capacity. A few men will be employed around the factory this winter and the coming summer to do some repairing and keep things in shape.

State Board of Agriculture.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 19.—The state board of agriculture, at its closing session, elected officers as follows: President, E. L. Vance, Pawnee City; first vice president, J. R. Cantly, Webster; second vice president, W. E. Ewing, Franklin; treasurer, E. McIntyre, Seward; secretary, Robert W. Furnas, Brownville. The latter two gentlemen were re-elected. After considerable discussion the board voted to indorse the bill now before the legislature, which provides for an appropriation for the state fair. J. C. Seacrest of Lincoln was elected a member of the board to fill the unexpired term of J. D. Macfarland, and the following men were elected to the full term: J. B. Dinsmore, Clay county; R. W. Furnas, Nemaha county; C. H. Rudge, Lancaster county; L. D. Stetson, York county; E. M. Searles, Keith county; L. L. Fletcher, Cumming county; C. M. Llewellyn, Furnas county; E. Filley, Gage county.

Appropriation for Buffalo.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 19.—The Nebraska legislature will be asked to appropriate \$50,000 for a state building and exhibit at the Pan-American exposition. F. W. Taylor, chief of concessions and formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Nebraska, has been interviewing several members of the legislature on the proposition, and it is given out on authority that a bill providing an appropriation of the dimensions named will be introduced. All states in the transmississippi region and some farther west will be asked to appropriate money for state exhibits.

State Horticultural Society.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 19.—The State Horticultural society closed its annual meeting by electing the following officers: President, G. A. Marshall, Arlington; first vice president, L. M. Russell, Wyoming; second vice president, G. S. Christ, Johnson; secretary, C. H. Barnard, Table Rock; treasurer, Peter Youngers, Jr., Geneva; board of directors, Lewis Henderson, Omaha; E. F. Stephens, Crete; W. J. Hesser, Plattsmouth. All the members of the society favored an exhibit at Buffalo. E. S. Welch of Shenandoah was made an honorary member of the society.

Dewet Greatly Incensed.

KROONSTAD, Orange River Colony, Monday, Jan. 16.—The success of the burgher peace committee in distributing among the republicans Paul Botha's book, "From Boer to Boer," has infuriated General Dewet, who, it is reported, swears he will shoot the author at the first opportunity. The refugee camp is now occupied by 2,000 persons. Another is being formed at Rhenoster. Supplies of all kinds in the towns are shortening daily.

Vaccine Produces a Kick.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Efforts are being made by the producers of vaccine to have the agricultural committees of congress omit from the forthcoming agricultural appropriation bill further provision for vaccine made and distributed by the government, on the ground that the government distribution is no longer necessary and is an interference with private enterprise.

Condition of Nebraska Banks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Nebraska, exclusive of Omaha and Lincoln, at the close of business on December 13, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been 35.51 per cent, against 42.93 per cent on September 5. Loans and discounts increased \$16,710,775 to \$18,708,883; gold coin decreased from \$747,489 to \$719,382; total specie from \$1,013,475 to \$986,151; lawful money reserve from \$1,464,461 to \$1,442,681; individual deposits from \$20,057,026 to \$19,456,685.