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NEBRASKA

Dr. Oerum, of the Finsen Institute, at Copenhagen, has just carried out a number of experiments on the effect of number of experiments on the effect of light on the blood. He has found that darkness reduces the total amount of blood by 3 to 3.3 per cent., while decreasing at the same time the amount of blood contained in the heart. Red light has an effect like that of darkness, while blue light is apt to result in an excess of blood and an increase in the amount contained by the heart. Light baths are likely to increase the In the amount contained by the hourt. Light baths are likely to increase the amount of blood in the course of four hours. Darkness will increase, and intensive light will reduce the blood pressure. Animals born in the dark or in red light have a greater weight, but only half the amount of blood of those born under normal conditions.

A will dated 1745 and deposited in the bank of England, has just been discovered in the establishment. The testator left his property—worth \$25,-000—to a family named Windel, liv-ing in Fuerstenburg, a village near Baden. During all the years that the Baden. During all the years that the will was forgotten the money has been increasing at compound interest and the sum is now \$7,250,000. People at Fuerstenburg bearing the name of Windel have heard of the matter and have sent agents to London with papers that, they contend show their descent from the Windel family of the will.

As a matter of fact the great wear-ness of Tommy Atkins, is not for the mean music hall song, but for senti-mental dities bordering on the maud-in. Anyone who has attended in. Anyone who has attended a sol-diers' "sing song," will know what we mean, and we know it on the authority of a war correspondent who went through the Natal campaign that the most popular of all the camp songs was a dolorous song called "Mother." Tears and the tomb and blighted af-fections form the staple of the songs which appeal most effectively to the

Germany has appropriated 50,000 marks, or about \$12,000 to encourage potton raising in her colonies, on the condition that her manufacturers shall take a larger sum. The colonies in which Germany is experimenting with cotton are in South Africa and East Africa. On the Togo plantations where the largest success has been attained, the second year's efforts in 1902, produced a crop of 50,000 pounds double the first year's yield. The subsequent increase has not been phenomenal.

Wimborne (England) guardians resently declined an application by the medical officer of the workhouse for an increase of his salary of \$150 yearly, inclusive, so he resigned. It was depided to advertise the appointment at a salary of \$125, the guardians to provide appliances and medicines, but the board has received no applications, the medical men of the town having agreed not to apply.

A cat, which has adopted the plant of the Sandusky Foundry and Machina company as her home, undertook to lump through the flywheel on the enine. The cat got caught in the spokes, was whirled around 400 or 500 times and then through a window. With hight lives still to her credit, she hoisted her tall and started on a swift run to find another home.

Newcastle, N. S. W., is now a very important port, with its 80,000 people, and situated 102 miles by rail or sixty miles by sea from Sydney. The principle shipments are coal. Last year 1,779 vessels entered and cleared, having a combined tonnage of 2,768,401.

Large tracts of Persia are unin-habitated. The total population is bout 9,000,000, which is only fourteen to the square mile. The nomads (Arabs, Kurds, Leks, Turks, Lurs, Baluchis and Gypsies) move from place to place, acding as their animals need pasturage or as their other interests demand.

An English physician, James Cantile, speaks in strong terms of condemna-tion of the growing custom of using curants in bread and cake. The bak-ing, he says, makes them wholly im-pervious to any digestive fluid, where-tore they result in serious intestinal disturbances, especially in children.

Traders now pass freely between Calcuta and Thibet. The masses of Thibet are eager to trade with "the white people," says Consul-General Michael, of Calcutta. The important products of Thibet are borax, niter, tock salt, iron, silver, copper, gold, turquois, lapis-lazuli, musk, etc.

James J. H. Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass., is a rival of Andrew Carnegie in the giving away of libraries. He has been doing this for years. His libraries are smaller than Carnegie's gifts and are given to small communities and to ministers and educators who can not afford to purchase them.

John F. Fitzgerald, mayor of Boston, is editor of the Republic, a weekly religious newspaper. He is a Harvard graduatc, popular alike with workingmen and business men, as his successive terms in the Massachusetts senate and in congress have given evidence.

An hour's automobile ride through the streets of any city will convince the most skeptical that the fault for acci-dents does not always rest on the auto-mobile driver, and that it is little short of marvelous that more careless pedes-trains are not run down every day.

King Edward has sent \$15 to a Devizes artist named Wilishire, who painted a picture of his majesty wearing his coronation robes and forwarded it to Buckingham palace. Wiltshire is a cripple and works holding the pencil or brush between his toes.

The Bank of England is not in danger of a drought. An artesian-bored tube well, reaching to depht of 400 feet, has just been completed there. Springs have been tapped yielding a minimum supply of 100,000 gallons a

At the Norwich (England) rural council Councilor Watts reported a case of a boatman who willed and bequeathed his son, Fred to another boatman, who paid a half-crown to make the transaction, as he imagined, legal.

Of the tuberculosis patients treated in Pennsylvania's "Camp Sanatorium," which was established with the aid of the state, 75 per cent. have either re-covered or been greatly improved.

It is anounced that a Scotch com-any is about to manufacture by a new process seamless iron and steel ubes for bollers, which it is said will

Shipload after shipload of railway deepers and cold storage products is criving at Manila and other Phili-dee ports from various Australian

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER NEBRASKA BANKS MAKE BEST RECORD

Secretary Royce Issues Abstrac. Which Shows Their Excellent Condition.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27 .- Fecretary Royce of the state banking board has just finished his abstract of the condition of the banks at the close of business February 23 and the report shows the best condition yet indicated by a banking board report. The number of banks is larger, the deposits are greater, and the reserve is away above the required mark and the general condition is good. Following is the report:

Abstract from the condition of the 595 banks under state supervision:

Danks under state supervision	
Loans and discounts	654,883.83
Bonds, securities, judgments	1,099,323.79
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers.	17,064,006.39
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,880,267.69 205,390.83
Other real estate Current expenses and taxes	527,226.52
Premium on United States and	976.15
Other assets	61,504.35
Cash	3,333,263.57
TOTAL	

LIABILITIES.
 Capital stock paid in
 \$ 9,698,140,00

 Surplus fund
 2,033,604,68

 Undivided profits
 1,716,948,82

 Dividends unpaid
 10,181.11

 Deposits
 23,692,978,47
 10,181.11 63,602,278.47 54,618.46 245,550.00 Total\$77,361,322.52

This report presents a very healthy condition of the banks under state supervision. The deposits amount to \$63,602,278.47, the high water mark in the history of the state, and is an increase of \$10,750,347.75 since the report of a year ago, and an increase of \$6,-027,893.43 since the report of November

Since a year ago loans have increased \$8,317,582.34, and since the report of November last the increase in loans has been \$3,652,813.11.

The number of banks in active operations in the property of the property o

tion has increased twenty-nine since a year ago. Average reserve at date of this report was 32 per cent., being more than double the amount required by

taw.

The amount of notes and bills rediscounted and bills payable has diminished from \$360,985.02 to \$300,168.46 since the report of a year ago, a reduction of \$60,816.56.

WORK WITHOUT PAY TO REDEEM PLEDGES

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.-The Nebraska legislature will probably last for ten days more. The house this morning authorized the appointment of a committee to confer with a like committee from the senate to fix a time to quit, but the sentiment in the senate is that there will be no halt till the whole reform program has been committed.

till the whole reform program has been completed.

The pay of house members stops Wednesday, that of senators Friday.

Several hundred bills will die in the house in which they originated. The telephone lobby has proved to be the most effective, all of the various plans proposing forcing connections between the Independent and Bell lines have Independent and Bell lines have failed

failed.

Governor Sheldon said today that he would sign the railroad commission bill as soon as it reaches him. The commission will organize shortly, with H. J. Winnet, of Lincoln, as chairman. There are dozens of aplicants for the minor positions.

Lee Spraten, one of the head circle of Burlington bosses, loses his job as a member of the Omega fire and no-

a member of the Omaha fire and po-lice board tomorrow, his term expires and it was anonunced at the nor's office that another man would be named.

WHOLE CITY STIRRED **UP OVER PROPOSED** MARRIAGE COERCION

Fort Dodge, Ia., March 27.—Dissen-sion is rife in Fort Dodge today over the proposed ordinance which comes up for final vote at the regular session of the city council tonight. The opposi-tion has been bringing every influence to bear in a final effort to break the strength of the mayor in his deter-mined stand for what he calls "a crylng need," viz. to compel the hundreds of bachelors and spinsters in Fort Dodge, which town he claims has more of their kind than any other in the west,

to marry under penalty of a fine not less than \$10 nor more than \$100. The opposition has already won the The opposition has already won the support of Judge Busby, a member of the council heretofore in favor of the marriage ordinance. Spinsters and bachelors have combined their forces in battle array to support the opposition in its fight for the defeat of the measure, Mayor Bennett on the other hand is equally determined that his ideas on the subject shall become a law in Fort Dodge. With this condition of affairs in Fort Dodge the town is wrought up from one end to the other to such an extent that communities to such an extent that communities, neighborhoods and families are at war with each other in support of their views of the matter.

SUICIDE TALES SAID TO CAUSE DEATH

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—Professor John Uri Lloyd, the author, says sug-gestion plays an important part in swelling the list of suicides, murders and other violent crimes.

believes that in the police reports and newspapers, particularly in those detailing suicides and murders where poisons are used, that the name of the poison should be eliminated.

"The article should contain ne information for other would-be suicides," said Professor Lloyd. "I believe that many persons have compilited extincts."

many persons have committed suicide when despondent merely because they had been taught how to take their own

AGED 17, WEIGHT, 640 DERRICY AT FUNERAL

Appleton, Wis., March 27.—Elmert Sheppard, a negro, said to be the heav-iest person in the United States, only lest person in the United States, only 17 years of age, died today of fatty degeneration of the heart. He weighed 640 pounds, and was gaining at the rate of one pound a week. A rough box had to be made to hold the body and a derrick will be used to lower the body in the grave. It took nine men to carry the body from the house to the undertaker's waron. taker's waron.

A TRUE DISCIPLE OF DOCTOR OSLER

Omaha, Neb., March 26.—J. H. Mc-Elhany, once a man of wealth and well educated, proved himself a true dis-ciple of Dr. Osler by taking his own life in a shed at Riverview park. Mc-Elhany had just passed his sixtleth birthday and in a letter of explanation, which he left, stated that he had out-lived his usefulness and did not think it wise to longer continue the conflicts wise to longer continue the conflicts

of life. That the dead man had been a stu-dent of Shakespeare is shown in the first paragraph of this letter, which says: "To be or not to be; that is the question," and continues:
"As for myself, my decision is in the

negative and after careful considera-tion I have concluded 'tis better not to be. There was a time when I could successfully combat stings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but now when I have passed the Osler mark, I find it a losing battle and deem it expedient to stop the conflict."

McElhany had lived in Omaha thirty-

two years and at one time was a prominent contractor. His wealth was lost to him through real estate transactions.

MEANS CUT OF 25 PER

CENT. IN EXPRESS RATES Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—The senate recommended for passage the Sibley measure, making the maximum charges for express business 75 per cent of those in effect January 1, 1907. Mc-Kesson sought to amend by making the reduction 15 per cent. instead of 25, but did not succeed.

The house passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of two wings to the main building at the state

ormal school at Kearney.

The claims of the various newspapers for publishing the notices of the proposed constitutional amendment last fall, were cut squarely in two by the house. The notices were printed in from one to three papers in each coun-ty in the state and the charge made was at the regular rate for legal advertising.

OMAHA PRESBYTERIANS

GET THAW THOUSANDS Omaha, Neb., March 26.—Twenty-five thousand dollars of the Thaw fortune is being invested in the Presbyterian Theological seminary, nearing comple-tion in Omaha. This generous gift came from Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw. She owned a large business lot at the corner of Ninth and Howard streets, on which stood the old Cozzens hotel. This property she gave to the seminary, which at that time was struggling for existence. A large paper jobber purchased the corner, paying for it \$25,000. The sale was made when the new seminary building was projected and the institution is now enjoying this liberal benefaction.

JUDGE SEARS ASSAILS **EX-TREASURER STEUFER**

Lincoln, Neb., March 25—Judge Sears, of Burt county, has deluged the legislature with circulars in which he attacks ex-State Treasurer Steufer, of Cuming county, asking that what he calls a whitewash of Steufer in the legislative proceedings of 1903 be expunged.

The amended anti-pass bill was made ready for the conference committee today. It allows interchange of passes among roads for officers and agents and bars anyone from a pass who does not devote the major portion of his time to

the railroad service.

A number of loopholes were plugged up and it is believed there will be no trouble about an agreement.

SHE ASKS \$5,040 FOR BROKEN TROTH

Girl Wants Man to Pay Damages --- He Admits "Pretty Regular" Visits.

St. Louis, Mo., March 26 .- Trial of the breach of promise suit brought by Miss Gertrude Peppers, of Crescent, against George Gudermuth, jr., of Eureka, was begun in the circuit court of St. Louis

Miss Peppers asks for \$5,000 as damages against Gudermuth, and \$40 for alleged expenses incurred in preparing for the wedding. Twenty witnesses were present, a great many of whom, are neighbors of the two families.

Miss Peppers, who is a tall, slender girl, 20 years old, took the stand early in the morning and remained there until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She was cool while testifying, but at times showed signs of embarrassment, especially when reciting the story of her engagement to Gudermuth, and his breach of that engagement by failing to appear on the wedding day, Novem-

ber 1, 1905.

Miss Peppers filed suit against Gudermuth in December, 1905. She at that time also filed a separate suit against George Gudermuth, sr., the father, alleging that he had advised his son not to marry her. The case was dismissed on demurrer some time ago.

In August, 1905, she said, George proposed to her a second time. She accepted him and the wedding day was set for November 1. On that day the minister chosen to perform the ceremony and all of her nearest friends and relatives assembled at her home in answer to an institution to the real description. swer to an invitation to the wedding but the bridegroom failed to appear.

Miss Peppers stated that she did not again hear of him until last spring when he was brought before Justice Preiss in a preliminary hearing to answer another charge preferred by her Gudermuth, who has since married took the stand late in the afternoon the admitted that he went "pretty reg He admitted that he went "prety reg-ular" to the home of Miss Peppers, but denied that he had at any time been engaged to marry her. He also ad-mitted having made love to her, but said that he never intended to make her his wife. her his wife.

SIX OF FLOCK SLAIN IN WRECK DRIVES THE PASTOR MAD: DYING

Des Moines, Ia., March 26.-Rev. J. Sandell, pastor of the largest Swedish Lutheran church in Iowa, is dying with brain fever. The doctors say he cannot live out the day.

Six members of his church were killed recently in a Northwestern wreck and the effect drove the minister insane.

CANNOT PUNISH HER EX-HUSBAND

Mrs. U. G. Hoon, Now of Sioux City Loses in Supreme Court.

CHARGE WAS DESERTION

But Law Under Which She Prosecuted Was "Too Fresh"-Nebraska Tribunal Makes Tax Dodging Ruling.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25,-The supreme court holds that the state cannot prosecute Ulysses G. Hoon, on the charge of wife desertion, nor anyone else, unless it is shown that both abandonment and failure to support occured since the taking effect of the statute making that crime.

Mrs. Hoon is now a resident of Sioux Mrs. Hoon is now a resident of Sloux City, where her father, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, has charge of Grace Reformed church. The evidence in the case disclosed that Hoon left his wife and children. She appealed to her father, and the latter came down to remonstrate with Hoon. The latter said he had nothing against his wife, no charge to make, but that he simply did not love her and would no longer live with her. On being urged he agreed to pay a certain amount for her support, and she went to Sioux City under that arrangement. When Hoon failed to keep it for long, she had him failed to keep it for long, she had him Law Not Old Enough.

Hoon's attorney insisted that he could not be convicted because both abandonment and fallure to support had not occured since the law was passed. This holding the supreme court says is correct, and that Hoon has compitted by the court of the compiler of the court of the compiler of the court of the cour has committed no crime for which he may be punished. Hoon later sued for a divorce, but his wife appeared, and she secured a decree of separation from bed and board, with monthly elimony. alimony.

Because the district court judge presiding in Pierce county used one word too many in his instructions in the suit brough by L. R. Brown against the village of Pierce—which Brown lost—the plaintiff is awarded a new trial by the supreme court. Brown broke a leg in a defective sidewalk. In tel-ling the jury what it ought to consider the judge said that before recovery, Brown must prove that the walk was in "an unreasonably dangerous con-dition." The supreme court says that all he need prove was that the walk was in a dangerous condition, the word "unreasonably" making the instruction so vicious as to necessitate a new trial.

Ruling as to Paupers.

The county of Rock is held by the court to be entitled to reimbursement for caring for a pauper resident of Holt county, who strayed over into Rock and died there. The supervisors of Holt county defended on the ground that helps under township organizathat being under township organizathat being under township organiza-tion, having no levy for support of the poor, and being possessed of no poor-house, the county could not pay, and that the proper one to sue was the township where the pauper resided. The court holds to the contrary.

The Furnas County Live Stock as-sociation, is ordered to pay taxes for 1993 on the cattle then on its ranch

1903 on the cattle then on its ranch. This is a novel case of tax dodging. When the assessor came around that went the assessor came around that year the resident manager returned the the cattle as belonging to one Ryan, a nonresident, who, it was later disclosed did not own them at all, they being the property of the company. When the treasurer tried to collect by levying on the cattle he found they had been sold. The company wouldn't pay, but the court says it must, that the law being that if a man contracts to sell his property in an assumed name he is equally bound as though he had used his own, it would be scandalous to hold that similar con-sequences did not follow in dealings with the public.

20 YEARS: LUCKY HE WASN'T HUNG

Lincoln, Neb., March 26 .- George Younger, convicted of criminally saulting 15-year-old Myrtle Fur was sentenced to twenty years, the

naximum, todav.

The court told him he was fortunate that he hadn't been lynched. Younger insists he is the victim of mistaken identity. Colored friends are raising money to prosecute an appeal.

SHE ONLY WORKED HIM

FOR \$400 AND A DIVORCE Niobrara, Neb., March 25.—After a honeymoon of eighteen days, Mrs. Emma Wirth, nee Soukup, sued Joseph Wirth for divorce ana \$7,000 alimony. She has just accepted \$400 and her divorce petition will not be resisted. They were married January 1 last were married January 1 last.

FENNEM IS APPOINTED

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT Pender, Neb., March 25.—M. A. Fennem, of Thurston, has been appointed county superintendent, vice C. W. Hub-

·++++ TAKES 15 YEARS FOR THIS WOOER TO POP THE QUESTION.

Auburn, Ind., March 25—Frank-lin Wise and Miss Susanna Rich-ard, of this county, have been

married.
For eight years the bridegroom "courted another woman in the same township, but he never same township, but he never asked the "leading question," as he was unwilling to leave his fa-

she was thiving to leave his father and mother.

She married another man.

Then he paid attention to the present bride, and after another wait of seven years they married.

BAD AGAIN, DESPITE **BRAIN OPERATIONS**

Toledo, O., March 25.-Harold Hurley of this city, the first brain surgery subject in the country, after one of the most remarkable experiences that ever befell a boy, has again returned to his bad habits and been taken to Lan-caster to be reformed in the old way. The hypothesis that crime was caused by brain pressure was followed in Hur-ley's case by two operations,

TERMINAL TAXATION **BILL PASSES HOUSE**

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Under whip and spur of the previous question, made necessary by the delaying tactics of the railroad crowd, the republicans redeemed another platform pledge this morning when they passed in the house by a vote of 56 to 40, the senate bill to compel the railroads to pay their full share of municipal taxes in the state known as terminal taxation.

state known as terminal taxation.

The bill as passed amends the senate bill in several particulars, but no trouble is anticipated in getting it through the senate in its present form. The railroads died hard. Their floor leader, Hamer of Buffalo, bobbed up when clerks moved that the bill be taken up on its third reading, with a long series of amendments. He said his amendments were intended to insure amendments were intended to insure to them the full value of the property in their limits. Hamer talked for half an hour, and Cone. the fusion leader, tried to prolong the debate, both with the intent to kill off the bill.

The previous question was voted on all amendments, the bill read a third time and passed, thus ending the big fight of the session by the railroads against restrictive legislation.

Cannot Find Non Voters.

The senate this morning killed H. R. 125 which imposed a \$3 fine upon voters, to be remitted upon voting. It passed fourteen bills, among them: Permitting cities and villages to vote to build soldiers' monuments; making it a misdemeanor for intoxicated persons to get upon care; convenient sons to get upon cars; compelling the equipment of traction engines with spark arresters; permitting counties to vote to erect and maintain county high schools.

killed S. F. 192, authorizing the building of municipal telephone plants, and favorably considered a bill putting all sheriffs on salaries.

The house appropriated \$180,000 for permanent improvements at the state farm.

ANTI-PASS IS STILL AGITATING NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., March 25 .- The house Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—The house spent the entire afternoon yesterday in consideration of senate file No. 2, the anti-pass bill. The house first passed a bill of this character, but the senate refused to take it up, but passed its own measure. In its present form this bill is not satisfactory to the house, the provision relating to bona fide employes being the most objectionable, this being construed to include surgeons and ing construed to include surgeons and attorneys, no matter how small their

compensation might be.

The house does not favor allowing these people to receive passes unless they receive a salary of \$500 per year, or devote the principal part of their time to the service of the road. An am adment was adopted this afterned. amendment was adopted this afternoon providing that they shall not be in-cluded in the excepted classes unless they devote the principal part of their time to the service of the company. Numerous other amendments were offered and voted down, the committee finally rising and asking leave to sit again.

The senate recommended for passage bill fixing the maximum rates for a bill fixing the maximum rates for standard sleeping car services within the state at \$1.25 for an upper berth, \$1.50 for a lower berth and \$2.50 for a section. The bill prohibiting bucket shops or the dealing in options was also recommended for passage as was a bill providing that all foreign corporations doing business in the state shall have a resident agent upon whom service may be had.

The house has decided to remain in

may be had.

The house has decided to remain in session all day Saturday and some evening sessions will also be held. The sixty day limit for which members may draw salary will expire next Wednesday and it is thought that final adjournment will take place Friday or Saturday.

MRS. FISH DOES NOT **EXPECT TO STARVE**

New York, March 25.—A rumor that a coterie of members of the "400" had lost \$20,000,000 in Wall street trying to hold Union Pacific until it should rise to 200 is denied by Mrs. Stuy-vesant Fish. She is about the only person indicated as a member of the pool who is not in Europe. And this the pool who is not in Europe. And this is what Mrs. Fish had to say last night about the report:
"The story of my Wall street losses is

perfectly ridiculous. It is the absurd rumor of someone evidently having no knowledge of my affairs, or of someone anxious to give the impression that he

"And as for the Newport season going to be dull because of a shrinkage in Wall street stocks, well, just wait and I am quite sure we all could get see. I am quite sure we all could get credit on our last year's prompt pay-ments to our grocers, and florists, and butchers, and chauffeurs, and with plenty to eat and lots of decorations and automobiles—well, there will be good times a plenty," laughed Mrs. Fish

Fish.
"No, I do not think the 'croakers' need have any fear of a dearth of the usual summer gayeties at Newport; if there is any it won't be due to Wall street, at all events, and as for losing well, I don't take any stock in such reports or deal in shrunken stocks either," added Mrs. Fish, with a laugh that didn't confirm the rumor that she was \$150,000 loser in the recent Wall street shrinkage.

INVOKES UNWRITTEN LAW, IS AN OUTCAST

Corning, N. Y., March 25.—Hiram C. Powers is living a hermit on Derby hill, in the town of Rathbone, in the county of Steuben here, an outcast be-cause he invoked the unwritten law. Powers shortly after his marriage with the belle of the town went to work for a bachelor farmer by the name of Shaw. He was working in the fields, and one day when he came home his young wife told him of an attack Shaw had made upon her. The husband having him. band brained him.

Powers made no attempt to escape. He was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to death. His wife testified against him. Then his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, but after twenty-one years he was par-

He had earned a small sum of money and bought a little place. There he lives without human friends—a cow, a cat and a dog his only companions— explaing his crime of forty years ago. And he is 75.

SON OF MANSFIELD, AGED 8, WRITES PLAY

New York, March 25 .- Although his wish to see a performance of one of the many classical plays presented by his father has been steadily opposed by his parents, 8-year-old Gibbs Mansfield, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mansfield, has written three acts of a five-act drama, entitled "The Ad-ventures of Prince Marvel." The play is laid in the chivairic pe-riod when "kughthood was in flower."

ILLEGAL COMBINE AMONG LUMBERMEN

Strong Evidence of One if Given in Nebraska Inquiry.

MEET TO DIVIDE PROFITS

Where Any Competition Breaks in ane Price Cutting Is Necessary the Reduction Is Borne by All in the "Trust."

Lincoln, Neb., March 23 .- Strong testimony backing up the charge of the state that the Nebraska lumbermen's association is an illegal combinaton, was introduced yesterday afternoon at the hearing before Referee Post. It tended to show that there was a pooling of profits and a division of territory.

I. V. Reasoner, a former stenographer for Secretary Critchfield, testified that the had been frequently called upon to-write replies to complaints of members about others poaching on their terri-tory, and had also communicated with the Minnesota association about its members selling lumber in territory therefore awarded to the Nebreska theretofore awarded to the Nebraska association.

L. H. Linderman, formerly local manager for a lumber firm at McCook, tes-tified that a local pooling agreement ex-isted among the McCook dealers by which the profit was divided according to the amount of business handled. This was done by comparing their freight bills freight bills.

Meet to Divide Profits.

Meet to Divide Profits.

J. R. Bernecker, of Seward, formerly represented the Rogers company at Seward, and he testified that six of the Seward county dealers were accustomed to hold their meetings in Lincoln at intervals, divide profits according to the business done and fix upprice schedules.

Other testimony was to the effect that each dealer bound himself to pay

Other testimony was to the effect that each dealer bound himself to pay into a common ft d, which shall be equally divided, share and share alike, on the total amounts of weights of material received during the previous month or since the last settlement, 24 cents per 100 on lumber, lath and shingles, 12 cents per 100 on lime, cement, plaster and posts and \$3 per 100 on mill work. Each agreed to take care of his share of the bills which come in competition with outside "poachers," which compelled a cut in prices in order to protect territory. Competitive bills were to be cared for in regular turn, so that one man need not lose when compelled to meet outside competition. It was asserted that to lose when compelled to meet outside competition. It was asserted that the intention and spirit of the arrangement was to keep a friendly and profitable business at the place agreed upon, without taking undue advantage of the consuming public.

WAITED WITH ROPE TO LYNCH PRISONER

Lincoln, Neb., March 23 .- If the jury which tried the negro, George Younger, for a criminal assault upon a 15-yearold white girl, had not found him guiltv. there would have been a lynching bee at the court house.

Investigation by the sheriff has disclosed the fact that all preparations had been made by the big crowd in attendance to take him away from the

sheriff and string him up. Harry Huette, a cigarmaker, was the leader of the mob, and he brought with him to the court house a rope which was for use in the hanging. Word to that effect reached the sheriff, and investigation disclosed that Huette was guarding a suspicious looking package. He was decoyed away from it by a fake telephone call long enough for the sheriff to get it.

In the center of the court house is a big light well, and it had been arranged to suspend him in this from a big beam in the tower. Three men went up to the tower just after the jury went out, but its long delay in reaching a verdict caused them to abandon their post. In fear that Younger may yet become a victim of the mob, despite the verdict

of guilty, the man has been removed to the penitentiary. **NEBRASKA SENATE**

PASSES MANY BILLS

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.-The house this morning recommended for passage a bill regulating rates which the South Omaha stock yards may charge for services and provender. It also provides that the companies must publish anthat the companies must publish annual statements. The bill was introduced by Adams, of Daws, but so numerously amended that Adams declared on the floor that the committee was trying to palm off a nigger baby on him. The house decided to meet Saturday, when the special order will be a bill to regulate the charges of live stock commission men.

commission men. Bills for constitutional amendments creating a board of pardons and in-creasing the number of supreme judges

to five were definitely postponed.

A resolution was adopted ordering the railroad commission to investigate the transportation of fruits with a view to alleviating complaints about rates and conditions governing shipments.

The senate passed nineteen bills this morning, among them the following:
Putting public warehouses under
control of the railroad commission; providing for publicity of prices paid for grain at various stations by requiring daily reports to the labor bureau by the

dealers; making it necessary for six months to elapse before a decree of di-vorce is valid, intended to prevent the vorce is valid, intended to prevent the hegira to Iowa to marry new partners right after divorce; providing for an operation for convicted rapists; making 10 per cent of a married man's wages subject to execution; the Aldrich maximum rate bill making notes given for insurance non-negotiable. insurance non-negotiable.

WILL THE WINNING TEAM
CHALLENGE RAILROADS?
Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—The
house sent to the senate a challenge
to play a game of baseball at the
end of the session. It was signed
by about fifty members and employes and when it was read a motion was made to refer it to Senator
Aldrich, the champion twirler. Lieutenant Governor Hopewell demurred, however, stating that such action would be an interference with
his prepogatives. He stated that
he would look after the matter and
would select a team which would
reflect hon's upon the senate.

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