PHEILL,

NEBRASKA

Snake venom is one of the strangest as well as most costly articles of commerce. There is a growing demand for it in medicine and other branches of science. A large part of the supply comes from Australia, and a Sydney quotation placed the market price recently at \$5 to \$6 a grain, or about \$30,000 a pound troy. Tiger snake venom comes first, as it is 16 times as deadly as that of the black snake and four times as powerful as that from the brown snake or death adder. In average yield a bite the death adder supplies three times as much as the tiger snake and 17 times as much as the brown snake. So far, the snakes have been mostly captured by hand to avoid loss of the poison. They are made to bite through a rubber band, ejecting upon a glass plate the venom from the two poison fangs in the upper jaw.

The oldest temple in the world has been discovered by explorers excavating at Bismya, in central Babylonia. The walls of a tower were uncovered, the summit was cleared, and the first inscription discovered upon the surface was a brick stamped with the name of Dungi, of 2750 B. C. A little lower appeared a crumpled piece of gold with the name of Naram Sin of 3750 B. C. Just below that level were the large square bricks peculiar to Sargon of 3800 B. C., probably the first of the Semitic kings of Babylonia. A large platform was discovered two and a half yards below the surface, constructed of the peculiar convex bricks which were the building material of 4500 B. C. The oldest temple in the world has

material of 4500 B. C.

For "Middlemarch" George Elliott tot \$40,000 and for "Romola" \$35,000.

Emperor William's horseback accident is by no mean's his first experience of the kind, though the greatest care is taken by the master of the horse (oberstallmeister) to provide the emperor with the safest mounts, which are trained to be as easy and docile as a circus steed. The reason is that the kaiser has no power whatever in his left or bridle arm, and that when he is leading past a regiment with drawn sword he has practically no means of controlling his charger. His majesty looks as if he were holding the reins with his left hand, but this is mere appearance. mere appearance.

At a recent meting of the corporation of Harvard it was voted to establish 25 additional university scholarships, with a stipend of \$150 each. These will be assigned each year to seniors in Harvard college and in other colleges, who will study in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in the coming year, regard being paid in the assignment to the geographical distribution of the applicants. This addition will make a total of 121 fellowships and scholarships. As the graduate school scholarships. As the graduate school has 400 students some sort of aid is now provided for nearly one-third of the total number.

There is at present on exhibition in one of the rooms of the national House one of the rooms of the national House at Washington a magnificent painting of the Battle of Geitysburg, the work of James Walker, who painted the Battle of Chapultepec, which is hung on the Senate side of the capitol. The original sketches were made on the battle-field by the artist himself, and it required eight years to complete the painting. Noticeable in the foreground is a figure of General Bingham, of is a figure og General Eingham, of Pennsylvania, the dean of the House of Representatives.

"Engine" is a noteworthy instance of specialization and also of verbal development. "Ingen" originally in Latin meant only something "born in" a man, but the deriative words from that have diverged so widely that "ingenious" and "ingenious," one of which can be so easily misprinted for the other, now rank almost as contradictories. And rank almost as contradictories. And from the "ingenious" man to the "en-gine" which he contrived, is a great etep. Moreover, the man who calls it "ingen" is right!

Because Muggs. an English coach dog, owned by J. N. D. Reeves, objected so persistently to the sale of a horse by his master, the former owner repurchased the horse, that it and the dog, which have been inseparable companions for several years, might spend the remainder of their lives as chums. When the horse was sold and the new purchaser attempted to lead the animal away, the dog held the halter with his teeth, nor would be release it until forced to do so by his master.

There are few able bodied paupers in Holland. A tract of public land, containing 5,000 acres, is divided into six model farms, to one of which the person applying for public relief is sent. Here he is taught agriculture and is subsequently permitted to rent a small holding for himself. Holland also has a forced labor colony, to which vagrants are sent to do farm and other work, whether they like it or not.

In an article on the danger of long hours in druggists' shops Hygienische Zeitschrift says that during the four years ending July. 1907. 13 dispensing assistants in German drug stores committed suicide and seven others attempted, but falled, to kill themselves. These suicides were the consequence of physical conditions induced by the taking of drugs to resist the effects of fatigue.

Professor Schofield has returned to Horossor Schooled has returned to Harvard university after spending the first half of his acc., emic year lecturing in German universities. He says he al-ways found the most attentive audi-ences, and he thinks much good is be-ing accomplished through the exchange of lecturers of lecturers.

That earthworms as well as squirrels may aid the forester is the novel suggestion of an American naturalist. Dry manie seeds are drawn into worm burrows, where they sprout, and it is believed that some of them must survive in favorably resist seasons.

One political club in New York city has 387 members in the fire department, 184 in the dock department, 287 in the street cleaning department and 29 affiliated young women who are public school teachers

George Ohnet received \$10,000 for "The Force Master" as a novel, and \$15,000 from it as a play in the first three months. Out of the play he made more than \$35,000.

On June 30, 1906, the total single trock rallway mileage in the United States was 224,363,17 miles or 6,262,13 miles were than at the end of the pre-

An English minister says that Lon-coners are developing into a race of cwarfs owing to smoking and riding in

Place than 150 600 000 nounds of tallow pre used every year in the manufacture of candles in the United States. It is estimated that South America formation about 67 per cent of the world's supply of India rubber.

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER BACHELOR DIES WITHOUT HEIRS: \$7,000 IN ESTATE

Wayne Officials Waiting for Relative to Claim Money---Left No Will.

Wayne, Neb., March 17 .- Seven thousand dollars in cash is awaiting anyone who can prove that they are a lawful heir of Alexander Beattie, an eccentric bachelor, who was found dead in bed several years ago on his farm in the south part of the county.

No heirs appearing at the time, the county authorities took charge of his property and appointed J. M. Cherry administrator. After settling up the affairs of the dead man, \$7,000 remained.

The administrator has made every effort possible to find an heir, but with-

The administrator has made every effort possible to find an heir, but without success. Beattle had a sweetheart in Ireland to whom he had promised to leave his property, but there was no will to that effect and she cannot get it. Parties in Canada claimed relationship, but had no conclusive proof. Unless there are lawful heirs, the estate goes to the state.

Luther Peterson, the young business man of Wayne, who accidentally killed himself Thursday, made a prophecy a few days before his death that proved to be a true one. He recently attended a family reunion at Red Oak, Ia., and a group picture was taken. When Peterson received one, he showed it to his business partner with the remark; "That is likely to be the last time we will all be together."

### ROSE NAMED AS ATTORNEY FOR "Q" **AT \$7,500 SALARY**

Ancoln, Neb., March 17.—Lincoln's leading lawyer, Halleck F. Rose, has been drafted by the Burlington legal department, and will go to Omaha on April 1 to take up the duties of assistant general solicitor of the lines west of the Missouri river. The position

pays \$7,500 a year.

Rose will succeed J. E. Kelby, who was recently promoted to general solicitor. When C. F. Manderson ended his career in the United States Sensie as career in the United Stotes Senate as Nebraska's representative, he stepped into the office of general solicitor. A short time ago he resigned, and as the death of J. W. Deweese, a leading Burlington lawyer, occurred about the same time, it became necessary to call into service some attorney of proved value. Rose was offered the place at \$6,000, but he declined. He has been attorney for a number of local corporatorney for a number of local corpora-tions, and has appeared for the state in recent litigation in which the railroads and express companies were the opposing parties.

### SIX YOUNG GIRLS IN SUICIDE PACT

New York, March 17.-A startling story of how five young girls who came to New York from St. Paul a little

to New York from St. Paul a little more than a year ago, have died, each by her own hand, was told today by 17-year-old Helen Baxter, after she had made vain efforts to end her own life. Helen said she was one of a party of six girls, who came to New York to make their way in the world after receiving a course of training in a business school in St. Paul. She turned on the gas in her room last night, but was found this morning in time for her life to be saved.

The girl refused to give the names

The girl refused to give the names of any of her girl friends.

#### CHINA AND JAPAN BURY THE HATCHET

Pekin, March 17.—Negotiations look-ing to the settlement of the difficulty between China and Japan growing out of the seizure of the steamer Tatsu Marn, are making favorable progress.

The Chinese foreign board today approved the draft of the document in which China accepts the proposals which China accepts the proposals made by Japan yesterday. China will pay Japan \$10,700 and re-

tain the arms that form the cargo of the Tatsu Maru. She will pay also about \$5,000 demurrage on the steam-

It is expected that the steamer will be released Monday.

## JAPANESE WARSHIPS

ON SECRET SERVICE Heng Long, March 17,-Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron will sail today on secret service, The cruisers Yaumo, Akitsushima, As-ama and flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at any min-ute's notice, since March 7. At the Sasebo naval station everything is

exceedingly busy.

The Taisu affair has caused a sensation in the navy, and some action in this department has been surmised.

A despatch from Tok'o March 9 an-nounced part of the first Japanese navnounced part of the first Japanese nav-al squadron was to leave that port on March 14. Coaling and other prep-arations for departure were proceed-ing rapidly. At the office of the admir-alty in Tokio it was declared the squadron was about to begin a series of maneuvers. It was pointed out further that this fact was announced two months ago and that therefore the activity at Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with difficulty with China arising from the

#### HEAVILY INVOLVED, HE SHOOTS HIMSELF

March 17 .-- Attorney George C. Kohler, son of former State Attorney General Kohler, committed suicide early today by shooting. Kohler said to have been heavily involved

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* COLLEGE GIRL KILLS HERSELF FOR LOVE.

Hiawatha, Kan., March 17.— Miss T.eo. Eaird, 20 years of age, committed suicide at her room at Highland university by drinking carbolic acid. The girl was a daughter of Willis Baird, a well known and highly respected resident of Highland. A love affair is said to have made Miss Baird despondent.

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# STATE CONVENTION OF **NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS**

Labor Delegates in Republican Convention Opposed Taft Instructions.

Platform Adopted Indorses Roosevelt Policies and Follows Lines of That Adopted by the Ohio . Convention.

Delegates at Large-Governor George L. Sheldon, United States Senator Norris Brown, Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, Judge Allen W. Field, Lincoln.
Alternates at Large-A. C. Rankin, Furnas county; I. G. Barlght, Douglas county; Lieutenant Governor M. R. Hopewell, Burt county; Paul H. Marlay, Custer county.

District Delegates—
First District—United States senator J.
E. Burkett, Lincoln; J. A. Arends, Syra-

Cuse,
Second District—M. L. Learned and A.
C. Smith, both of Omaha.
Third District—W. N. Huse, Norfolk;
E. P. Voter, Wayne.
Fourth District — Samuel Rinnaker,
Beatrice; E. A. Williams, Aurora.
Fifth District—A. W. Stern, Grand
Island; J. C. Gammill, Stockwell,
Sixth District—O. O. Snyder, O'Neill; W.
A. George, Broken Bow.

Omaha, Neb., March 16.-William H. Taft was indorsed for president of the United States by the republican state convention of Nebraska, in session here yesterday. A solid delegation will go to the Chicago convention instructed to vote for his nomination. Harmony prevailed throughout the meeting of the convention, although some discussion was apparent in the district gatherings and over the matter of selecting a national committeeman.

Labor Opposes Taft. The Second and Sixth districts held their conventions at the Rome hotel during the forenoon and the representatives of organized labor made a demonstration on the floor of the Second district gathering. Toney Donahue, an Omaha labor leader, who was a delegate to the district convention, made a formal protest against the candidacy of William H. Taft. He addressed the convention briefly, saying that he rep-resented 5,000 voters in the Second disresented 5,000 voters in the Second dis-trict who were unalterably opposed to Secretary Taft and asked that himself and 15 other delegates be placed on record as opposed to sending a delega-tion to Chicago instructed for the war

secretary.

Donahue was heard respectfully, but the convention took no action and the matter was not brought to the attention of the state body.

#### PLATFORM ADOPTED BY NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS platform adopted by the state re-

we, the republicans of Nebraska, in convention assembled, renew our faith in the legislative wisdom and patriotic purposes of our party. There can be no higher proof of a party's usefulness than its record of achievement, and by that test the republican party commands the respect and appeals for the support of the whole people. It has met every emergency of war and peace with a statesmanship that has evoked the approval and applause of mankind. At no time in its career of half a century has it shown its fitness to govern more than it has during the recent years of its control of the affairs of our country.

We unreservedly indorse the administration of President Roosevelt. He has sought to curb the rapacity of predatory wealth without injury to the legitimate industries of the country. He has demanded equal treatment under the law for rich and for poor. He has stood for equality of citizenship, that the door of opportunity may remain open to all alike. Through his inspiring integrity the political and moral life of the nation has been lifted to a higher plane.

We declare ourselves irrevocably in fapublican convention is as follows:

Through his inspiring integrity the political and moral life of the nation has been lifted to a higher plane.

We declare ourselves irrevocably in favor of a continuation of the wise policies inaugurated and carried forward by the Roosevelt administration. We demans the nomination of a successor to President Roosevelt who is committed to a continuation of the Roosevelt republican policies. While we realize that our party is rich in statesmanship, we neverthelss declare our belief that the candidate who best meets the demands of the hour is Hon. William Howard Taft, of Ohio. Possessing personal, moral and intellectual endowments of a high order, to these he adds a judicial and administrative training that pre-eminently fits him for the world-wide duties that devolve upon our executive. Therefore, be it Resolved, That the delegates selected by this convention to the national convention be and are hereby instructed to vote for William Howard Taft for president, and to give him their support until he is nominated.

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We are strongly in favor of a revision of the tariff and believe that this should be done by a special session of the next congress along lines that will conserve and maintain the true principle of protection which is given expression in the following declarations of the Ohio repulicans: "By imposing such customs duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit, to the end that without excessive duties American manufacturers, farmers, producers and wage earners may have adequate protection."

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We indorse with pleasure the work of our senators and representatives in congress. They have shown fidelity to national interests as well as to those which are of importance to the people of Nebraska, and we especially commend them for their efforts in behalf of agriculture in seeking to provide the different localities of the state with trained experts whose duty it is to help the farmers to secure better results from their labor. Resolved, That we point with pride to the splendid work of the last republican legislature. Its pledges to the people were redeemed to the letter, making its record unique in the legislative annals of the country.

unique in the legislative annals of the country.

Resolved. That we heartly indorse the business like administration of Governor Sheldon and his associates in the executive departments of the state. Our public institutions are being kept at a high standard of efficiency and within the limits of legislative appropriations. The public debt is being rapidly extinguished and will soon be discharged.

Believing that the interests of the state imperatively demand an increase in the number of judges of the supreme court of Nebraska in order that the important business coming before that court may receive the attention it demands, and that the salaries now paid to our supreme court and district court judges are inadequate, we indorse the proposed constitutional amendment, submitted by the last legislature, to amend sections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 3 of article 8 of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, relating to judicial powers.

#### MINT IS A BEE HIVE OF INDUSTRY

Philadelphia, March 16.-With the turning wave of prosperity, the United States mint in this city again has become a golden bee hive of industry. Throughout the week employes who had been laid off have been receiving national fact and on have been receiving notifications to resume their posts. To-day a full force was at work, aggregating about 550 persons.

It is stated at the mint that the renewal is due to fresh orders from Washington for immediate coinage.

# WEALTHY MERCHANT, IN QUEST OF DUCKS, **ACCIDENTALLY SHOT**

Luther Peterson, of Wayne, Neb., Losses His Life on Hunting Expedition.

Wayne, Neb., March 14.-Luther E. Wayne, Neb., March 14.—Luther E., Peterson, a prominent and wealthy hardware merchant of this city, accidentally killed himself this morning while hunting ducks on the Reservation lake, seven miles south of Wakefield. News of the accident received here states that his head was blown off.

In company with C. M. Craven and Harry Fischer, prominent residents of the town. Peterson started out on a nunting trip Tuesday night. They esnunting trip Tuesday night. They es-tablished two blinds on the lake, Peterson being in one and Craven and Fischer occupying the other. This morning there was a good flight of ducks. Peterson fired once at a flock and his failure to take another shot when the ducks were so thick, aroused the suspicion of the two men in the other blind. Investigation revealed his death.

death.

Peterson carried a new automatic gun with him on the trip but was not familiar with its mechanism. It is the supposition that in discharging it the gun exploded, killing him. An inquest will be held this evening.

### TEACHER RESIGNS: NO PLACE TO BOARD

Bloomfield, Neb., March 14.—Miss Grace Johnson, a Knox county school teacher, has won a victory over a rural school board that sought to have her certificate revoked. County Superintendent Murphy ruled in her favor and has been upheld by the state superintendent. tendent.

Miss Johnson signed a contract to teach and when school opened, she found that no one in the district where the environments were suitable would board her. She resigned and the school board sought to have her certificate revoked with the above result.

#### RAILROAD TERMINAL AT EMERSON IS VALUABLE

EMERSON IS VALUABLE Emerson, Neb., March 14.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad has declared its terminal property in Emerson for taxation purposes to be worth \$104,000. With the exception of Omaha, the railroad has more terminal property here than at any other point in the state.

### HIDING FRON LAW. WINS \$500,000

Galveston, Tex., March 14.—The Santa Fe railroad has been reimbursed for the \$160,600 it paid out on fraudulent cotton bills of lading a year ago, made out in the name of Elmar Windstrom, formerly a wealthy cotton buyer of Texas. Wind-strom was known to all the Santa Fe agents, but reverses exhausted his fortune and during the rush of the cotton season he obtained bills of lading for 2,500 bales of cotton by telling the agents the cotton had been delivered to the railroad yards at Belton and Temple.

The bills of lading were cashed at a bank, and when the railroad found it had issued bills of lading, but had no cotton to show for them, it was forced to pay the \$100,000. Meantime Windstrom left for parts unknown and was never appre-hended. Indictments were found against him in four counties. He finally recouped his fortune by speculating in the cotton and stocks and bond markets, and says realized \$500,000 in nine months.

He returned the \$100,000, with a liberal bonus, and all prosecution against him have been withdrawn. Windstrom says he spent a month in Mexico, and then went to Chicago and later to New York, where, under an assumed name, he plunged heav-ily with the ill-gotten funds and recovered the fortune he had lost in the same man-

Windstrom was worth \$1,500,000 a few years ago, and was one of the biggest cot-ton buyers in Texas. He declares he had made the application for bills of lading in good faith, as he had a deal pending for the cotton. But the deal fell through, and, with the bills of lading so easily negotiated at any bank in his possession, he was tempted to realize on them and speculate. He felt confident that with a few thousand dollars to protect his margin he could make a fortune, and he fell into the temptation.

### REPORT MADE ON QUEBEC'S BRIDGES

Ottawa, Ont., March 14.-The report of the royal commission on the collapse of the Quebec bridge, in which four score of lives were lost, has just been presented to parliament. The commission finds that the collapse was due to defect in design and that the parts of the bridge which

first gave way were the lower cords in the anchor arm near the main pier. The design for the cords that failed was made by P. L. Szalapka, the designing en-gineer of the Phoenix Bridge company, of Phoen'xville, Pa. This design was examined and officially approved by Theodore Cooper of New York, consulting engineer of the Quebec Bridge & Railway Co.

The report then continues: "These errors in judgment cannot be attributed either to lack of common professional knowledge, to neglect of duty or to a desire to economize. The ability of the two engineers was tried in one of the most insufficient.

"A grave error was made in assuming the dead load for the calculations at too low a value, and not afterward revising this assumption.'

#### MME. GOULD TRAVELS UNDER ASSUMED NAME

Paris, March 14.—It became known here today that Mme. Anna Gould, who salled yesterday for New York on the steamer Adriatic, booked her passage on the vessel under the name

#### KNOCK OUT BLOW TO HIGH SCHOOL "FRATS" DEALT BY CHICACO

Chicago, March 14.-Members of fraternities and sororities, commonly known as Greek Letter societies, will not be allowed to attend high schools in Chicago after the end of the present school year, according to a rule adopted by the Chicago board of education. The vote was 16 to 3 in favor of the rule.

from Dainty Indian musins are made from fibres of the banana tree.

# OMAHA BANKER THREATENED BY AN ANARCHIST

Nitroglycerin in Hand, Unknown Man Proposes to Blow Up Institution.

Omaha, Neb., March 12 .- This morning an unknown anarchist entered the Merchants National bank and demanded a large sum of money, at the same time displaying a bottle believed to contain nitro-glycerine and threatening to blow up the bank if the request were not complied with.

Later the man gave his name as L. L. Fee, and said he came from Rock-ford, Ill., last October.

ford, Ill., last October.

Soon after the doors were thrown open the man came in and asked to see Vice President Luther Drake in his private office. Mr. Drake seated himself opposite the man, who began talking in a rambling manner about having had \$5,000 in the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, when that bank failed.

"And since all you fellows are in together, you had just better hand me over my money or I will blow you and this bank and all of us to hell," suddenly said the fellow, producing a three ounce bottle containing a thick, yellow, lightly

yellow liquid.
"Don't make a move. This is filled with nitroglycerine, if you move you are a dead man."

........... "You don't want to die yourself, do ou?" coelly asked Drake.

Ready to Die. "Oh, ves. I came in here ready to

die," responded the stranger, "but when I die I will take everybody in this building with me." "Well. I will go and get the money." said Mr. Drake, rising from his chair. "Sit down," said the anarchist. "If you get up again without my permission I will just drop this bottle. You know what will happen."

#### Drake Sits Down.

Drake sat down. Drake then told the man he would talk it over with him. The stranger accepted, all the time keeping the bottle in sight.

Noticing the man seemed thin and pinched, Drake asked him if he was not hunger.

not hungry.
"I have been studying over this mat-

ter for several days and have not eaten a thing for forty-eight hours," an-swered the man.
"Well, let us have breakfast and talk this over," proposed Drake.
"All right, but don't try any monkey business or you are a dead man," replied the anarchist.

#### President to Rescue.

President Hamilton entered the next room during the conversation and heard enough of it to enable him to know what was going on. As Drake and the stranger left the room togeth-er. Hamilton telephoned the police sta-tion for a detective to follow the two

tion for a detective to follow the two men to a nearby restaurant.

Drake and the man were on opposite sides of the table when three detectives, accompanied by Hamilton, entered the room. Slipping up behind the stranger the detectives pinioned his arms and relieved him of his bottle. He then was taken to the police station. There he refused to talk.

The bottle was sent to a chemist for analysis of its contents,

# MURDERS WIFE AND KILLS SELF

Omaha, Neb., March 12.-Crazed with fealousy and because his wife had abandoned him, Glen Rathbun, whose parents live at Sigourney, Ia., this morning shot his wife dead and then

took his own life. The shooting occurred in the fash-ionable home of S. R. Hall, English

Consul and prominent attorney.

Mrs. Rathbun came here from Des
Moines a week ago and secured a position as domestic in the Hall family. Her husband followed on Monday and, following a quarrel last night, he went

to the home this morning and committed the bloody deed.

Letters found in his pocket indicate that the woman left him some time ago. He was a printer by trade and was employed once on the Clarion, Ia., Monitor.

In letters to the coroner, police and hotel proprietor, he requested the bodies be sent to his home at Sigourney, Ia.

#### OFFICIALS BALK WIFE'S ATTEMPT TO ARREST HUSBAND

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.-Mrs. Mary Miller Kellogg, who was married at Glenwood, Ia., on January 10 last, to Edward B. Kellogg, a wealthy resident of College View, two and a half times her age, tried to secure his arrest at Madison, S. D., last week, but the South Dakota law not recognizing him as a fugitive from justice the requis-ition to answer a charge of wife de-sertion was denied.

sertion was denied.

Kellogg's son is county superintendent of schools at Madison. When the officer returned without him yesterday Mrs. Kellogg filed suit for divorce. She is 30 years of age, and was a widow when Kellogg wooed her. She says that he promised to build her a fine home if she would marry him. Instead he took her to his home, where his children rose up in anger and by poisoning his mind against her induced him to leave her. Then they drove poisoning his mind against her induced him to leave her. Then they drove her out of the house. She charges the old man was spirited away to South Dakota and that the children's enmity towards her is occasioned by the fear of losing a share of his property. She cays the children have circulated scandalous stories about her, and she demands substantial alimony as well as a divorce. a divorce.

#### WIFE OF FORMER NEBRASKA GOVERNOR DIES IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Mrs. Frances
A. Dawes, wife of Major James W.
Dawes, U. S. A., and former governor
of Nebraska, died here yesterday. The
body will be taken to Milwaukee for
interment.

#### PATENTS MACHINE TO PASTE PAPER ON WALL

Norfelk, Neb., March 12-W. P. Evans nd J. O. Carter, of Meadow Grove, this county, have perfected a useful invention. The machine is a device to cut, trim and paste wallpaper on the wall.

# SURGEON'S REPORT TELLS OF DRUGS AT THE PENITENTIARY

Declares One-Third of the Prisoners Are Victims of Habit Acquired There.

Omaha, Neb., March 11.—A special to the World-Herald from Lincoln, says: Hopelessly enthralled by a relentless master, scores of convicts will be pris-

oners for life even after they are re-leased from Nebraska's prison.

That the Nebraska penitentiary is-not a reformatory, but a huge "dope shop;" that of the 412 prisoners at present confined in the institution there are between 100 and 150 addicted to the morphine habit; that morphine is being regularly supplied to the prisoners by outside persons, whose idetity is unknown, and that he favors the establishment. known, and that he favors the establishment of a strict quarantine of the prison as the only method of stamping out the evil, are the statements made in a report submitted by Dr. R. E. Giffen, prison surgeon, to Governor George L. Sheldon, two weeks ago, the details of which, however, were not made public until last night.

Dr. Giffen further alleges that the insidious practice of selling morphine to the prisoners has been in vogue at the institution for several years and as a result scores of the prisoners have acquired the habit since their incarceration.

In his report the doctor gives the names, number and condition of 12 of the prisoners who are "morphine-fiends," and it is with this data as a nucleus that Governor Sheldon intends. to start his crusade against the evil

—a crusade which threatens the guilty traffickers in the drug with a \$1,000

rafficers in the drug with a \$1,000 fine and also with imprisonment. Information as to its source cannot be obtained from the victims of the habit, though they freely admit that they obtained morphine. They state that should they divulge the source of the supply their lives would not be worth a penny, should they even be suspected by their fellow "fiends" and prisoners. In fact, though it has not been announced in the local newspapers, there have been several cutting affrays in the state penitentiary broom factory, recently. The sufferers in these affrays have been prisoners suspected of "peaching" to the authorities.

### REPORTER WILL GET \$40,000 FOR SCOOP

Philadelphia, March 11.—Hot on the trail of the Philadelphia fines and confiscations growing out of the notorious fiscations growing out of the notorious battleship Oregon smuggling cases, Frank Walker Winch, a San Francisconewspaper man, was at the postoffice building getting information from the government officials here who have had to do with these proceedings.

Winch stands to win \$40,000 from the government as a reward for keeping his eyes open while out on an assignment for the San Francisco Post.

As the marine reporter for the paper

As the marine reporter for the paper he went out in a launch to ask the officers of the Oregon when the battleship was to steam to Bremerton, to go out of commission. The Oregon at the time was anchored in midstream in San Francisco harbor, this being April 6, 1906 On the deck Winch found a notice posted that the Oregon would start next day, and at Bremerton the personal effects of the officers and men would be examined. The reportorial suspicion was aroused, as the Oregon had just arrived from a cruise to oriental ports and had not yet been visited by the customs inspectors stationed at San Francisco.

San Francisco. While on board Winch saw several launches make fast to the Oregon, and the men on the battleship began passing boxes and bales of goods, which were receipted to destination by an express agent on the battleship for the purpose

Suspecting that wholesale smuggling was going on, Winch hid behind coils of rope and took down the names of the senders of the packages, who were officers and seamen on the Oregon, and the names of the persons to whom they were to be sent in four bears. the names of the persons to whom they were to be sent. In four hours Winch got 1,468 names and addresses. It was Saturday afternoon and the Post is an evening paper. Winch held the story for a scoop on Monday, and then informed the government. Two carloads of the dutiable goods were seized in San Francisco and one carload at Bakersfield. These cars stood in the San Francisco yards through the earthquake and fire of April 18 and earthquake and fire of April 18 and succeeding days and were not burned.

Before the government became alert hundreds of the packages had been forwarded by the express company, some to Philadelphia, and the rest broadcast over the United States. All have been

over the United States. All have been traced and seized.

Winch is entitled to 25 per cent. of the sum realized by the government from the sale of the goods and the fines imposed. Only one case is not as yet disposed of, this at Empire City, Ore. It is estimated that the aggregate sum will amount to \$175,000, so that Winch's share after naving his orthogonal transfer and the same state. sum will amount to \$175,000, so that Winch's share after paying his expenses in watching his interests ought to be \$40,000, fairly good pay for one "detail," as a newspaper reporter's daily task is called in San Francisco. In Washington Winch was told by the assistant treasurer that his claim was legal and just, and that the treasury department had much to thank him for. But Winch still has his eyes peeled, expecting the usual red tane

him for. But Winch still has his eyes peeled, expecting the usual red tape difficulties that in the government department keep a man from his money. The inquiry into the smuggling case developed that nearly every officer and all the 768 men on the Oregon had a hand in the smuggling. While in Japan the officers had sold their swords to buy silks to fetch duty free into the United States. States.

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A most sensational disclosure was that an admiral had sent over \$2,000 by officers on the Oregon, the money to be used in buying silks and articles of virtu in China and Japan.

WORSE FLOOD IN OHIO.

IN SUICIDE PACT

# Gallipolis, Ohio, March 11.-Heavy rain fell again and started all the rivers in this section to rise, Indi-cations today are for a disastrous flood.

AGED COUPLE DIES

Chicago, March 11.-Theodore Englebeck, age 70, and his wife Anna, aged 75, were found dead in a com at the home of their daughter today. Death was caused by asphyxiation by illuminating gas. The police are of the opinion that the couple discouraged by the loss of their home by fire last Saturday entered in a suicidal pact with each