The power of advertising is told by a manager of the toilet department of a large New York department store.

"We have six different makes of one toilet article," he said, "and they are so near alike in quality that even experts can't tell the difference between them, yet we sell as much of one as we do of all the others together, just because the manufacturer is everlast-ingly advertising it. The other five sell in proportion to the amount of adver-tising given to them. If there is any difference in quality it is in favor of the poorest seller."

Accompanied by a friend and wearing a brand new hat, an Englishman entered a restaurant in Berlin one even-The two visitors lingered on and on until it was very late. When, at last, they rose to go the Englishman's hat was not to be found. "What sort hat was not to be found. "What sort of a hat was it, mein herr?" inquired the person in charge. "It was a new top hat," said the Englishman, somewhat annoyed. "Ach, but mein herr, all the new hats have been gone for half an hour," said the German plantally.

The first competition for the Harvard Menorah society prize will take place this year. The prize is \$100, which will be given by Jacob H. Schiff "every year until further notice" to the underyear until further notice" to the under-graduate writer of the best essay on a subject connected with the work and achievements of the Jewish people. The students at Harvard have received no-tice that essays on subjects which have been approved by the prize commission must be handed in not later than May 1.

The Woman's Trade Union league, of Chicago, supplies medical consultation and advice to working girls who are members of trade unions for 10 cents a year. The league has announced the a year. The league has announced the appointment of Dr. Rachel S. Karros, of Hull house, as its staff physician. Dr. Karros has set aside portions of three days in each week for these consultations and will give special attention to diseases which are the result of occupations followed by women.

A remarkable piece of work was recently shown at a German exhibition in the shape of a well-executed landscape made of colonies of different colored bacteria thriving in gelatin and meat extract. The thing was shown at an exhibition of eccentric art, where there were also artistic compositions in entry were also artistic compositions in spin-ach and egg and other effects secured by resorting to the use of spices of dif-ferent colors instead of paint.

After five years' work, Australia's great transcontinental rabbit-proof fence has been completed. Its length is 2,036 miles, and the cost of its erection has been nearly £250,000. It is furnished at intervals of five or six miles with systems of traps, in which hundreds of rabbits are captured and destroyed daily. Inside the barrier there appears as yet no trace of their presence.

It is mainly from Africa, America and Australia that the world draws its supply of gold, some \$400,000,000 worth, won regularly every year. Africa leads with about \$150,000,000; next comes the United States with about \$95,000,000.

Australia ranks third with nearly \$85,-000,000. 000,000, while Russia, both in Europe and Asia, Mexico, Canada and several other countries make up the remainder.

Few people will have had the courage to sit down 13 at table for the greet-ings of a new year. But five and fifty years ago Lord Roberts was one of years ago Lord Roberts was one of 13 who sat down to dinner on New Year's day at Peshawar. Eleven years latef—though most of them had been through the Indian mutiny and half of them had been wounded—they were all alive. And Lord Roberts is still very much alive.

The reconstruction of the bridge of "Notre Dame," at Paris, has been commenced. None of the bridges across the Seine has undergone more transformations than the one which takes its name from the great cathedral. Originally, like the Ponte Vecchio, at Florence, it was covered with houses, but these were demolished in 1786, just before the revolution. before the revolution.

Miss Blanch Bates, the actress, in the course of a luncheon that she gave at Sherry's, in New York, to Miss Geraldine Farrar, said a witty thing about marriage. "In heaven, we are told," she remarked, "there is no marriage nor giving in marriage. No wonder, when there are not men enough even here to go round."

The Rev. John La Farge, of the Jesuit order, son of John La Farge, the great landscape and figure painter, has accepted a profesorship in modern languages at Loyola college, Baltimore. He is one of the youngest priests in the order, being only 27 years old. der, being only 27 years old. He is said to bear a striking resemblance to his father.

October 26 last the Chilean gold peso old at a premium of 85 per cent in the paper currency of the country. This disturbed business, especially in the export line. Since the beginning of July the gold peso has been fluctuating between 40 and 55 per cent premium recently, when it reached above the mark.

Members of the royal family always send their own wine to public dinners and, in many cases, their own special the charge of a responsible servant in the employ of the royal household, whose duty it is to stand behind the chair of his master and wait upon

Hashish has the power of inducing sleep and producing pleasant and fantastic dreams. Continued use of it renders its devotees wild and restless, and results in a complete wreck of their mental and physical constitution. For this reason the Egyptian government has probibited the importation of the drug.

Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, is one of the best evidences of the self-made man in the Senate. His father was so poor that when he was a boy he had to go barefooted even in winter. He is one of three new senators who were old enough to take part in the civil war and the only one who did not.

In various Mexican states the som-

Vladimar Poulson, the Danish inventor, who is only 38 y ars old, is the son of a judge in the high criminal court of Copenhagen. He has succeded in making wireless telephone connection between Lingby and Weisensee, a distance of 250 miles.

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER NEBRASKA COURT **RULES AGAINST** DOUBLE TAXATION

Says Assessor Cannot Make Wealth Spring Up Where It Does Not Exist.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.-The supreme court has unfolded some new law on the matter of taxation. When Judge A. R. Oleson, of Cuming county, met the assessor last year that officer met the assessor last year that omcer insisted upon putting him down for \$3,500 worth more of property than the judge believed he possessed. Some time before the judge had sold a farm in Stanton county, and taken in part payment a mortgage for \$3,500. A little later he bought another farm and as part payment he executed a mortgage for \$3,500 upon it. He desired gage for \$3,500 upon it. He desired to offset, on the tax list, the mortgage he owned against the one he owed, but the assessor insisted that as the

but the assessor insisted that as the law said he must pay taxes on money loaned and invested, he would have to list that mortgage he owned. The district court held the same way. Oleson appealed to the supreme court. That tribunal says that it was no part of the intention of the legislators when they enacted the new revenue law to put into the hands of the assessors a magician's wand, to make sessors a magician's wand, to make wealth spring up where it did not exist, to make \$7,000 where only \$3,500 really is. It holds that a note and mortgage taken in exchange for property is not "money loaned and invested" within the statute, but is a "credit." within the statute, but is a "credit." from which the holder may deduct the just debts by him owing at the time of making his tax returns.

## OMAHA ATTORNEY TO NOMINATE BRYAN

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.-Ignatius J Dunn has been selected by the Nebraka delegation to the national democratic convention at Denver to nominate William J. Bryan for president of the United States. Mr. Dunn is one of the four delegates. Mr. Dunn is one of the four delegates at large selected by the Nebraska convention. He is city attorney of Omaha and has been identified with democratic politics in his home state for 12 years. He is a strong supporter of Mr. Bryan, a brilliant orator and an attorney of high standing in Omaha.

have rent the democratic party from time to time he has managed to strike a happy medium and now represents a united party in Nebraska. Unassuming and of a quiet disposition, Dunn is nevertheless considered equal to the oc-casion for which he has been selected. He has a well rounded, clear voice and will be able to make himself heard in all parts of the big auditorium.

#### THREE PRISONERS **ASK PARDON FROM NEBRASKA "PEN"**

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.-Governor Sheldon is at the penitentlary today hearing the requests of three prisoners for pardons. One comes from a tramp named Sullivan, who pleaded guilty to killing a pal at Sidney, while a mob outside the court house was clamoring for a chance to get at him Now he says he wasn't guilty, and two of his companions, also serving time, have made affidavit that he didn't do the killing. Frank W. Woods, who stole \$4,000 from the keeper of a Crawford house of ill fame, money she had sewed up in an old skirt, wants out. He had been an associate of the woman, but happened to pull off his stunt at a time when a law enforcement demand was virulent, and the presiding under recommends mercy for him. The judge recommends mercy for him. The other prisoner, Robert Howard, shot at a bartender in Kearney because he had been told he roughly treated his young.

## TWO CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN FIRE THEY KINDLED

Lincoln, Neb, March 24—Two children aged 4 and 6 respectively, of John Hoff, six miles south of Geneva, Neb., were incinerated this morning when the barn burned. The children were playing with

CROFTON POSTMASTER

HAS BEEN REMOVED Crofton, Neb., March 24. -Postmaster O. R. Robinson has been "removed for cause" and Chas. Ruden appointed as his successor.

## TOKIO PLEASED WITH FLEET'S ACCEPTANCE

Tokio, March 24.-The American government's acceptance of Japan's official invitation to the battleship fleet to visit Japanese ports, was received with every evidence of gratification when communicated to the foreign office and the naval department by the Associated Press. Today being a national holiday, all departments were closed. Foreign Minister Hayashi received the Associated Press correspondent at the official residence and said: "It affords me and the people of Japan much satisfaction to know that our invitation nas been accepted so promptly. I placed the matter before the cabinet March 18, and the ministers unanimously adopted it. Instructions were sent to Ambassador Takahira March 19 to extend the invitation. to visit Japanese ports, was received

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"I believe that the visit of the fleet will afford opportunity to demonstrate the sincerity of Japan's friendship for America and her appreciation of the courtesy of the attitude of the administration and congress, A full reception program will be prepared later."

## TO SURVEY LOGAN CREEK

tax, in hope, it is said, of abolishing it entirely. This hat often costs so much that the workingman spends a year's wages for it. The tax takes the form of a license, with a number attacks. A DISTANCE OF 75 MILES perfecting an organization for the straightening and dirching of the Logan. H. P. Shumway, of Wakefield, was elected president, and E. Morrill, of Oakland, secretary. J. J. McCarthy was present and delivered an address, after which he was instructed to get the government to survey the Logan from its mouth in Dodge county to Concord, a distance of about 75 miles.

# **COURT'S DECISION** CHEATS HANGMAN'S **NOOSE OF VICTIM**

Sentence of John Hamblin, Who Murdered Sweetheart at " Grand Island, Commuted.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—John G. Hamblin, who murdered his sweetheart, Rachel Engle, at Grand Island August 3, 1906, has been saved from the hang-man's noose by the supreme court. Judge Reese, who wrote the opinion, says that the man's physical and mental condition make it necessary to hold that he shall not be hanged, but "that they also fully persuade the court that he should never be given his liberty, for he would be a menace to those with whom he should associate." Hamblin shot the girl in a fit of an-

ger. She lingered for six months, a vic-tim of paralysis. Her mother broke a glass catheter while attending the girl, and the broken part not being extracted peritonitis set in and she died. Hamblin's attorneys sought to get their client freed of responsibility for her death because the shot was not the di-

rect cause of her death. This idea is shattered by the supreme court, which holds that the person primarily responsible for the conditions leading to death is not exculpated be-cause the direct cause of death was something else with which he had noth-

#### DIVORCE FOLLOWS A DISAPPEARANCE

Wayne, Neb.. March 23.—Mrs. Caroline Trenn, of Winside, has been granted a divorce from her husband, C. William Trenn, in the district court of Wayne county, after a year's efforts to solve the mysterious disappearance of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenn were married three years ago and lived in Winside apparently happy and contented. One day about a year ago, Trenn informed his wife that he "was going to run down to Sioux City and look around a littie," and giving her an affectionate kiss and telling her not to be lonesome, he left town and has never returned. Not a word or message from him has ever been received. No reason can be given for his disappearance for he had no financial or other troubles as far as can be learned. His wife is confident that he is dead. He was seen some time after his disappearance in Sioux City by two Winside parties.

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Trenn is about 33 years old, congen-ial and "sunny," a member of several secret orders and a butcher by trade. His parents reside at Ponca and they claim to know nothing about his where-

#### FATHER SCHELL GETS **BUSY IN WISCONSIN**

Madison, Wis., March 23.—Rev. Joseph Schell, the fighting priest, has made good again. Through his persistence, indictments have been returned against some of the officers of

the national bank that failed at Lady-smith, Wis., in June, 1905.

The failure antedated the appearance on the scene of Father Schell as the priest of the parish. When he came he found that some of the parish funds had been involved in the failure, and had been involved in the failure, and that an examination of the bank's administration has resulted in a report indicating that there was work to do for the federal grand jury.

Then all official interest in the affair appeared to languish. Father Schell got busy at once. He knew just how

to go at it, for he was the prime mover in the Oregon timber fraud prosecutions and in a federal investigation which disclosed abuses in the handling of Indian funds on a northern Nebraska reservation. He appealed to the district attorney to act, and when nothing came of it he carried the case to the department of justice at Washington

Still there was delay, and, the fight-ing priest addressed the president—and kept at it.

As a result of it all, the federal grand As a result of it all, the federal grand jury sitting at Madison, returned indictments based on the bank failure, and G. E. Newman, president of the Ladysmith National bank, and former Assemblyman Leroy McGill, vice president, were arrested on the charge of making false reports to the government. They appeared before Judge A. L. Sanborn here today and entered a plea of not guilty. The trials will be held at Eau Claire in June. Bail of \$2,000 was furnished.

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J. A. Corbett, cashier of the bank, who was also indicted, is in the state of Washington, and arrangements will be made for him to enter his plea there. without coming here until June

### BERLIN WRITERS IN **ROW WITH REICHSTAG**

Berlin, March 23.—There was an up-roar in the reichstag during the debate on the colonial budget, when Herr Erz-berger, centrist, in a speech referring to the government's treatment of negroes in the colonies, made use of the phrase, "A negro has an immortal

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As the speaker paused after this remark, jeering expressions were heard from the gallery, some of which appeared to come from the room set apart for the press. The centrist party immediately rose to its feet in indignation, and Herr Brober, the center leader, pointed to the journalistic tribune and shouted the word "Swine!"

This resulted in a general uproar, whereupon the president rang the bell and threatened to clear the galleries. Later the representatives of the press met and passed a resolution of protest, which was read to the house by H. F. Mueller, member from Meiningen. The president of the house then made a statement which did not satisfy the journalists. They again met and voted to go on strike unless an adequate apology was made for the insult to the newspaper profession. A deputation was sent to the president to inform him of this decision.

#### ITALIAN WARSHIP IS ORDERED TO HAYTI

New Orleans March 23 .- In the midst of a banquet last night by the Italian residents of New Orleans, the officers of the Italian cruiser Etruria were interrupted by a message from their gov-ernment ordering the warship to pro-ceed at once to Port au Prince. Hayti, to protect the Italian citizens there in the event that disorders should become more serious. The Etruria has been incre for several weeks. Officers of the warship said the vessel would leave for the warship said the vessel would leave will arrest the players.

# **NEBRASKA JOBBERS** TO OPPOSE DISTANCE TARIFF IN STATE

Claim Trade Will Be Diverted to Sioux City, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.-The 10 cities in Nebraska which now enjoy jobbing rates will make a united protest to the state railway commission at the general hearing next Monday against introducing the distance tariff on freight shipments within the state. These 10

shipments within the state. These 10 are Omaha, South Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Fremont, Nebraska City, Grand Island, Hastings, Norfolk and Kearney. They will be opposed by half a dozen other cities which want the chance to become wholesale centers and which are shut out of the opportunity of commercial growth.

One of the bugbears is that if the distance tariff is inaugurated the trade now held by some of these cities, especially in northern Nebraska, will be dispersed and scattered to the material advantage of Sioux City and Minneapolis, and in southern Nebraska it will give St. Joseph and Kansas City undue advantages. due advantages.

The opposition is based on the fa-miliar objection that it will be such a radical departure from existing rates and trade conditions that it will be a serious blow to jobbing and manufacturing industries built up under present rates. The demand for the distance tariff is led by the Commercial club of Fairbury, which insists that the com-mission has no right to recognize con-clusively old conditions as good conditions, and that the only test it can apply is whether or not there is any discrimination.

## FARMER, INSANE, **BLOWS HEAD OFF**

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—John Kreit-ner, a well-to-do farmer living south-east of Adams, Gage county, killed himeast of Adams, Gage county, killed himself this morning by blowing his head off with a shotgun. He is supposed to have been mentally deranged. The tragedy occurred in a corn crib.

IOWA EDITORS TO

MEET AT WEBSTER CITY Webster City, Ia., March 21.—The Upper Des Moines Editorial association will meet here March 26 and 27. The

whit meet here March 26 and 27. The program:
Thursday Evening—Association supper. Address, "The Newspaper's Relation to the Enforcement of the Law,"
Attorney General H. W. Byers.

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Friday Morning—"Hand vs. Machine
Composition:" (a) "The Linotype,"
Frank E. Stouffer, Sac Sun; (b) "The
Simplex," W. I. Branagan, Emmetsburg Democrat; (c) "The Junior Linotype," P. H. McCarthy, Rock Rapids
Review; (d) "The Improved Topograph," H. V. Chapin, Mapleton Press;
"State Fair Advertising," J. L. Long,
Osceola Sentinel; "Best Means of Stimulating Advertising," James E. Downing, Fort Dodge Messenger; "Is Editorial Expression on Questions of Public
Concern an Essential Part of a Country
Paper?" Frank Jaqua, Humboldt Republican; "The New Postoffice Ruling,"
J. W. Jarnagin, Cedar Falls Record.
Friday Afternoon—Business; reports
of committees; election of officers; selection of place for next meeting; "Increasing Cost of Getting Out a Paper:
How Is It to Be Met?" Milton Starr,
Upper Des Moines Republican; "The
Newspapers and the Newspaper Men of
the Scandinavian Counties," C. W.
Wennerstrom, Des Moines.

SCHOOLS CROWDED, BUT

TOWN REFUSES TO BUILD Hoskins, Neb., March 21.—Although he Hoskins village schools are so crowded that it is necessary to use a church to accommodate the overflow an effort to vote bonds for the the purpose of building a new school h was defeated after a bitter fight.

### DEVOTED IN LIFE: IN DEATH TO LIE BY FIRST LOVES

Chicago, March 21.—Although deeply devoted to each other during the eight years of their married life, Louis and Mary Larson of 257 Farquhar st., each is to be placed in death, close to the body of the first love. Mrs. Larson died of pneumonia Monday at the Larson residence, and her husband, overcome by grief and worry, succumbed to the same disease Tuesday.

In accordance with a compact between the couple, Mrs. Larson's body was burled today at the Forest Home cemetery beside that of her first husband, Charles Coban, while the body of Mr. Larson will be interred in Graceland cemetery on Friday in a grave beside that of Amelia Erickson-Larson, his first wife.

### A FRENCH ESTIMATE OF THE PRESIDENT

Paris, March 21 .- The Temps today publishes an article on President Roosevelt from the pen of Andre Tar-dieu, its foreign editor, who has just returned to Paris from America. he was received by President Roose velt three times.

After picturing the president's youthful vigor and his love for struggles against wrongs, abuses, Tardieu quotes from the president's utterances to him. especially in connection with his "cru-sade." The president declared his struggle against plutocracy was because he was an enemy of socialism and an-

"I am, after my fashion, a conserva-"I am, after my fashion, a conserva-tive," Tardleu quotes Roosevelt as say-ing. "And it is for this I combat the abuses of plutocracy. I know people that think I am a good patriot. I am not a sentimentalist. Let them attack me. I will defend myself by appealing to the spirit of justice in the country. I will return the blows."

### WILL FIGHT SUNDAY BASEBALL AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.-Sheriff H V. Hoaglund today declared that he would attempt to enforce the Sunday baseball statute in Lancaster county

# PROHIBS PLAN A MONSTER PARADE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Question at Lincoln Has Narrowed Down to Saloons or No Saloons.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20 .- The prohibition campaign in Lincoln is to be enlivened by a monster parade of Sunday school children that will traverse the principal streets and which is expected to stir the city to its circumference. The parade will be led by a chorus of 1,000 boys and girls singing prohibition songs, and here and there in the parade will be great banners making a plea for votes on the ground that these children need protection

from the open saloon.

The indications now are that pro-The indications now are that pro-hibition will be adopted by the voters. The excise board sought to divert the issue by adopting a rule providing for daylight saloons only, but the lawyers seem agreed upon the proposition that under the law, after the petition ask-ing for submission of the liverse head ing for submission of no license had been filed, the board was deprived of power to make any new rules for a year, which means that the issue is narrowed down to saloons or no sa-

This will be the first trial of the in This will be the first trial of the initiative and referendum in Nebraska. It was adopted by the city a year ago and under it the people, by petition have initiated an ordinance refusing saloon licenses, which, if adopted, becomes the law without any action by the excise poard or other municipal authority.

SCOTCHMAN RETURNS TO

NATIVE LAND TO FIGHT Winside, Neb., March 20.—Declaring that there will soon be a great war be-tween Great Britain and the United States, John Lawson, a Scotchman, has sold his blacksmith shop in this place and will return to his native land "to be ready to fight for his country."

BOCHE GETS TEN

YEARS IN "PEN." Norfolk, Neb., March 20.—Herman Boche has been sentenced to 10 years Boche has been sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary at hard labor for killing Frank Jarmer a year ago Manslaughter was the verdict of the jury and the sentence imposed by Judge Welch is the maximum limit. Sentence has been suspended 10 days until Boche's attorneys can file a petition with the supreme court for an appeal.

### CHORUS GIRLS IN A LONG DISTANCE KISSING CONTEST

New York, March 20.-How would this look on canvas, that is, if some artist could paint it?

Three dozen young and pretty chorus girls, masked above the chin, but not so much below, in a long distance kissing contest on a ball room floor, with Sheriff Tem Foley as judge—the old rascal.

All these young women, who figure they can kiss just as long and ardently as Mary Garden. Sophia Brandt, Olga Nethersole, and any of the other spiritual osculators, will make this "Soul kiss contest" such a delightful dream, they say, that even the triple bass drums from the Hippodrome band will not pound 'em apart. And, mind you these girls usually make good. All of which is intended as a feature of the annual mask ball of chorus girls

at the Amsterdam opera house Satur

### ENGLISH PREMIER IS NEAR IDEATH

London, March 20.—The strength of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is ebbing daily and his friends take the gravest view of the dropsical symptoms which have appeared in his extrem-

There was much speculation in the lobbies of parliament this evening with regard to the coming cabinet changes. It is understood with the accession of Herbert H. Asquith to the premiership there will be a reconstruction, the marquis of Ripon and Sir Henry Fowler ooth retiring on account of advanced age, and Winston Spencer Churchill, under secretary for the colonies, and Sir Walter Runcima, financial secretary of the treasury, being promoted to

### MRS. GOULD'S SISTER SPURNS HER CHARITY

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—Mrs Howard Gould, of New York, has of-fered to share her portion of her hus-band's wealth with her sister, Mrs. Wong Sun Yue, of San Francisco, to give her protection and a home. From the bedside of her ill and pen-niless, Chinese husband, Mrs. Wong Sun niles. Chinese husband, Mrs. Wong Sun Yue has sent an answering message

"No!"

These two women had held no communication for eight years. The si-lence has been broken by an acquain-tance of Mrs. Wong Sun Yue, whe wrote recently to Mrs. Howard Gouló begging her to save her sister from

Mrs. Gould replied that she would gladly extend aid to her sister, that upon the condition she come alone she would send a check for immediate use, for clothing and other personal necessities.

Yue said she was grateful for her sister's generous offer, but she loved her husband and would rather starve with him than desert him.

#### **NEW YORK CENTRAL** CUTS ITS DIVIDEND

New York, March 20 .- The New York Central today declared quarterly divi-dends of 1½ per cent, a reduction of 1½ per cent as compared with the last quarterly dividend.

SENATOR PENROSE ILL.

# EXPRESS COMPANIES NOT MAKING MUCH MONEY IN NEBRASKA?

Declare Enforcement of Sibley Law Would Be Disastrous to Business.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—If the rail-way commission insists upon enforcing the Sibley law it will bring great monetary loss to the five express com-panies doing business in Nebraska. This fact was communicated to the state supreme court this morning by the legal representatives of those corporations.

porations.

They assert that they would very greatly like to oblige the state by reducing the carrying charges 25 per cent, as the Sibley law provides, but it would be so disastrous to business interests that they don't feel like making the experiment. The Pacific says it received for transportation of express matter in Nebraska last year \$169,659, and paid out \$154,535. A 25 per cent reduction would mean a loss of nearly \$1,500. The American took in \$136,000 and paid out \$127,000. To obey the law and paid out \$127,000. To obey the law would incur a deficit of \$4,000. The Wells-Fargo lost \$700 last year and the United States \$400, under present rates, while the Adams says a 25 per cent reduction would mean a \$20,000 deficit

The state's attorney suspects that in making these computations the com-pany has not fairly divided the expense account between the Nebraska business and that with other states, and asks a referee to be named to go into the company's accounts' and make report. Commissioner Williams takes the stand that the rates should be permitted to go into effect for a specified term, believing that the increase in the volume of business will demonstrate to the express companies as it did not be seen as a second of the services companies. the express companies, as it did to the railroads with the 2-cent fare, that re-duced rates is a great stimulus to busi-

ness. The companies decline this proposition, and want the court to enjoin the enforcement of the law.

One feature of the case that is calling for some comment is that the state is represented by special counsel in the person of Hallick F. Pose with the state of the country of Hallick F. Pose with the state of the person of Halleck F. Rose, who was recently named as counsel for the Bur-lington Railroad company, which is chief owner of the Adams Express

## ANOTHER MYSTERY PUZZLES OFFICIALS

Hartington, Neb., March 19.-The sudden disappearance of Michael Kaiser and the strange actions of the man who it is reported bought the Kaiser farm are causing considerable anxious comment in the north part of the county, where Kaiser had been living on a small farm, a few miles east of

In the early part of this winter, stranger came to Kaiser's place, asked for work, and was given a job. Two weeks ago Kaiser stated that he had sold the farm to the stranger, and since sold the farm to the stranger, and since that time has not been seen by the neighbors. Even a brother living in the community says he knows nothing of his whereabouts. The stranger is in possession of the farm and orders everyone who comes to the place to leave at once, flourishing a gun or an ax as an indication that he means what he commands. he commands.

The people residing in that section are positive that Kalser, who is weak-minded, has been buncoed out of his farm, and his sudden disappearance and the stranger's behavior has given rise to many rumors.

ESCAPES FROM SHERIFF

ON WAY TO SUPPER, Neb., March 19.—John Decker's farm home, nine miles north-west of Bloomfield, was broken into Thursday night, the thieves taking a trunk, rocker and all the bedding. R. J. Startzer, who rented the farm and was just moving in, discovered the theft and tracked the wagon, in which the plunder was haused away, to a farm 15 miles southwest of town, near farm 15 miles southwest of town, near Morrillville, occupied by Dave Rodgers and Will Wilson, where the goods were found. Both were arrested, also Pat O'Donovan, who, they claim, brought the stolen articles to their farm and requested storage for a few days.

Saturday evening, when O'Donovan and Wilson were taken from the jail to Maxwell's restaurant for supper. O'Dnovan made a successful break for

O'Dnovan made a successful break for liberty. At the preliminary hearing the bonds of Wilson and O'Donovan were fixed at \$500, in default of which they were locked up.

NEBRASKA ATTORNEY

IN CONSULAR SERVICE Tekamah, Neb., March 13.—Attorney P. E. Taylor, of Tekamah, who is well known in North Nebraska political circles, has received notice of his ap-pointment for examination for the con-sular service. He secured the appoint-ment through the efforts of the Nebraska congressional delegation and leading politicians of the state.

## FLEET CAN SAIL TO ANY PART OF GLOBE

Magdalena Bay, March 19.—"The trip from Hampton Roads to Magdalena Bay has demonstrated that the Atlantic fleet can go to any part of the world if coal is provided." declared Captain E. R. Ingersoll, chief of staff to Rear Admiral Evans, today when asked for a statement by the Associated Press. Upon Captain Ingersoll devolved a large portion of the work of executing the cruise.

executing the cruise.

"The plans formulated last August," he continued, "for coaling on the present cruise, provided for the use of so tons per steaming mile. Then there was added eight additional tons daily for various necessary allowances. We found we were able to keep well within this estimate and maintain a 10 lense. this estimate and maintain a 10-k speed. Arrangements for coaling all our various stops have been carried out and the plans have proved entirely

adequate.
"The supply ship loads and provisions for the fleet were computed as was the coal estimate and submitted to the department. These have worked out to perfection."

#### WOODWARD'S ASSAILANT ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Kansas City, March 19.—The trial of General R. C. Horne, charged with the killing of H. J. Groves, managing editor

filling of H. J. Groves, managing editor of the Kansas City Post, has begun in the criminal court here.

On November 23 last General Horne, who was vice president of the Post Publishing company, shot Graves, managing editor, and wounded O. D. Woodward, a part owner. Groves died these Philadelphia, March 20.—United part owner, Groves died three days later, States Senator Penrose is confined to but Woodward recovered. Horne, who had his home suffering from a severe attack invested his savings in the paper, asserted he had been robbe 4.