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"I am sending this package to a misstonary friend of mine who is about to sail for India," said the man who got on at Clifton avenue. "You couldn't on at Clifton avenue. "You couldn't ruess in a thousand years what is in it, so I'll tell you. It's insect powder. I couldn't give a present that a mis-monary would value mere highly. We see the ignorance and superstition and vice that the missionaries have to conbend with, and those things are bad enough, but there are other trials still harder to bear that the gospel workers hever write home."-Newark News.

The opening ceremony of the new Indo-Ceylon railway will take place February 24. Lord Pentland, governor of Madras, will preside at the function, which also will be attended by the governor of Ceylon and a large assemblage of notables from India and Ceylon. lon. The occasion is to be marked by a great banquet to celebrate the comletion of an enterprise of vital importance to transportation interests in the

A "dogs' address book" has just been published in Frankfort, Germany, by a society for the protection of animals, and it is provided that every dog whose name is entered in the directory is to carry a badge bearing the number against the entry. If a lost or strayed dog should be taken to the society's offices, the owner can immediately be informed and be restored quickly to the possession of his pet.

The Civil and Military Gazette of Lahore, India, says that the postoffice department of the Indian government, having found the employment of motor traction for the conveyance of mails a great success in Rangoon, Burma, is seriously considering the introduction of motors in Calcutta, Bohbay and Madras, to replace the enormous number of horse vehicles at present used in those towns.

Turkish cigarets, exquisitely flavored and scented, are the passion of the czar of Russia, who scarcely ever smokes anything else. His cigarets are made from specially matured topacco exclusively grown for him in Furkey. Each cigaret, by the time it reaches the czar, costs almost a penny, and the Russian ruler gets rid of as many as 40 or 50 a day.

"Lord send an airly spring," prayed the shivering Billville parson. "Not one with the rheumatism and the one with the rheumatism and the carthquake chilis in it, and snakes too frequent, but a clear springtime of fish and freedom, hammock and happiness, with jest enough plowin' for exercise, and time enough to rest on the river banks of life and dream that

Near Limoges are three large mills for preparing rabbit hair, the skins be-ing collected from all parts of France. Practically all the process is mechani-cal. The average wage for women, who constitute two-thirds of the 400 em-ployes, is 25 cents and for men 50 cents for a working day of 10 hours.

At a meeting of the Doughnut club of Worcester, Mass., a six-inch dough-nut was presented to one of the mem-bers of the club who had reached his 69th birthday. The club was formed 38 years ago, when the charter members used to meet for doughnuts and coffee at one of the Worcester restaurants.

Roman antiquaries are beginning to think that the story of Romulus and Remus is not a myth. Commendotore Boni, who is in charge of the exploration work, believes that he has tound the tomb of Romulus and also the remains of the first city which the tounder traced with his plow.

In Riverside, Cal., a woman who was convicted of stealing rose bushes from a private estate was told to take her choice of a sentence or of restoring the bushes. She chose the latter, and under the direction of the court planted 50 rose bushes along the side of the road near the estate.

A man in East Manchester, N. H. possessee an unusually intelligent horse, which can tell its own age, striking its hoof on the ground 25 times, and can indicate by nods whether or not it has had dinner. It follows its master. It follows its a halter and drives without the use of reins.

The cotton seed crop of Smyrna last year was estimated at 13,584 short tons, or about 20 per cent less than the production of the previous season, the shortage being accounted for by the lack of rain at sowing time. The quality of the seed however was excellent ity of the seed, however, was excellent.

Celestin Dembion, whose books en-deavor to prove that the plays at-tributed to Shakespeare were written by Lord Rutland, will come to this country in the spring to lecture on his theory. He is a deputy and professor of literature at Brussels university.

Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh, who succeeded his father on the throne of Biam, is modern in his ideas and plans. He is literary, writes poetry and has so far forsaken the ways of his ancestors that he travels by automobile, having a number of fine cars

When Sir Isaac Newton was dying he was told that the many things he had added to our knowledge should comfort him, but he replied that he felt "like a child who had picked up a few shells on the shores of a limitless ocean of truth."

The marine disasters of 1913 amount-d to \$35,000,000 in British insured chips and cargoes, totally lost, as compared with \$26,500,000 in 1912. The figures for the latter year include the underwriting representing laims for about \$6,250,000.

The Island of Trinidad is 55 miles long and 40 miles wide, and has an area of approximately 1,800 square miles. A chain of mountains extends throughout its length, the highest point which is about 3,000 feet above se

Strikes and lockouts in Rhode Island during 1913 caused a loss of \$122,855 to vage earners and about \$350,000 in value of production to employers, ac-ording to the report of the commisdoner of industrial statistics

The industry of canning crayfish, known in the market as Cape Spiny lobster, which began in the vicinity of Cape Town a few years ago in a small way, has gradually grown in importance until the output for the last season aggregated nearly 50,000 cases.

In order to decide a bet, a Chicago millionaire has taken a census of all those similarly wealthy in the city, and has found that there are at least 246. The census is not yet complete and is expected to show a roll of 300 when

Wasps rank next to the higher asses of any, in point of insect intel-

ICHARGED STORAGE ON PIANO LEFT AT HOME BY ACTIVE SALESMAN

Verdict for \$25 First Affirmed by Supreme Court, But Is Later Knocked Out.

Lincon, Neb., Mar. 2.-The suprem

court has changed its mind, and there

by lifted a cloud of worry from the plano dealers. George A. Crancer, of Lincoln had a live salesman in Butler Lincoln had a live salesman in Butler county. The salesman called on William Combs and endeavored to convince him of the uplifting influences of a piano in his home, especially if the said piano were one of those the salesman had to dispose of. Combs said he didn't want any piano, but the salesman was insistent that he "just let me put one in for you and you can let me put one in for you and you can try it and if you don't want it, we'll take it out again without any charge to you." Combs let the piano be deto you." Combs let the plano be delivered. It remained there nine months
but as he was still unconvinced that
his life demanded the soothe of music,
the agent came after the instrument.
Combs told him he could not have it
unless he paid \$5 a month storage
charges. The agent thereupon replevined the plano, and Combs filed a
crossbill for \$45 storage charges. A
jury gave him \$25, and the supreme
court once affirmed it. On rehearing
it admits it was wrong, and that in
order to maintain his demand for
storage Combs should have notified
the plano man to come and take the
instrument away. As the costs are
are thus placed upon Combs and as he
has an attorney whose palm he must has an attorney whose palm he must cross, his nine months' companionship with the piano will cost him the greater part of its value.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO AGREE ON LIMITATIONS

AGREE ON LIMITATIONS

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 2.—After having had two juries in his two trials disagree as to his guilt, Ray Boyer is endeavoring to make an agreement with the federal prosecutor that hereafter he be tried but once by a jury. Boyer is a former university student who took a homestead out in Wyoming. There he ran across an Idian grave in which were cached several thousand elk teeth. Finding these sold readily for goodly sums, Boyer started out to dispose of them. When he ran out of the geinulne he started to sell imitation teeth made in Seattle.

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Where he and the government differ as to facts is that he says he never sold any imitation as genuine, while the government has spent hundreds of dollars trying to prove he did. It has failed to convince two juries. Boyer has sold as high as 15,000 teeth in a year, and got all the way from 50 cents to \$6 each.

LAW INVALIDATED BY

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 2.—The neglect of the legislature of 1913 in following the plain provisions of the constitution with respect to the form of enactments is responsible for the holding void, by the supreme court, of the new law permitting the building of a new jail and county court house upon petition of 51 per cent of the voters. The legislature is found to have failed to name in the new law the sections it was endeavoring to amend and did not rename in the new law the sections it was endeavoring to amend and did not repeal the sections for which it sought to make a substitute. The specific case before the court was an appeal from Burt county, where, following this law, a proposition to raise \$100,000 by levying 5 mills for three successive years was adopted. The court's order ends this hope of public improvement, although the district court had refused to enjoin the county board.

POLICY ANNULLED BY

GIVING WRONG OCCUPATION Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 2.—Because the husband of Emma Kracex deceived the by giving his occupation, when he applied for a \$2,000 policy, as that of canmaker, when in fact he was a saloon-keeper, the supreme court says the widow cannot recover. In fairness, however, the court orders the return however, the court orders the return to the widow of the assessments paid for 10 years by the husband. Kracek's sister was clerk of the lodge, and she admitted that in the blank where the applicant's occupation is to be written someone had started to write the fact. but after writing "sal" had scratched it out and substituted "canmaker." Under the rules of the order saloonkeepers are ineligible to membership, and the court holds that fraud was used in keeping the facts from the grand lodge officers.

CITY HEALTH OFFICERS

WERE RADICALLY WRONG Lincole, Neb., Mar. 2.—L. E. Wallace is not in the happy position of the man who had "nothing against nobody." Mr. Wallace is warm and he wants redress. The other morning he called on a physician to ask advice as called on a physician to ask advice as to rash that had appeared on his face. "Smallpox," said the doctor, and so did the city health officer. Mr. Wallace was promptly bundled off to the isolation hospital, and the young lady whom it was learned he had been calling that the province evening. ing upon the previous evening was compelled to subject herself to com-plete fumigation. Yesterday Mr Wallace waked up to find his rash gone. The doctors foregathered, and now say he never did have the smallpox. But maybe after being shut up with six men who do have it he will get it. But what interests Wallace is whether there is any way to secure damages for lacerated feelings.

ATTORNEY FOR BRANDEIS

MOCKS WEEPING WOMAN MOCKS WEEPING WOMAN
Omaha, Neb., Mar. 2.—When Attorney John C. Wharton, for Arthur D.
Brandeis, defendant in a \$250,000
danage suit against him by Mrs. Nellie Paul, yesterday afternoon made his
plea to the jury in the case he cried
in imitation of the plaintiff as part of
his argument for his client.

In answer to Attorney Brady, for
Mrs. Paul, who quoted passages from
the scriptures, Mr. Wharton retaliated
with other passages. The feature of his
address, however, was to weep and lament like the plaintiff in an effort to
weaken her testimony.

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He then denounced her bitterly, bringing forth his view acquittal of the defendant. views

INCUBATOR LAMP EXPLODES AND SETS FIRE TO HOUSE Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—The ex-plosion of a lamp attached to an incubator, which was being operated in the second story of the home of John Yockel in South Beatrice, set fire to Yockel in South Beatrice, set fire to the house which was completely destroyed before the firemen could reach the burning structure, it being located over a mile from town. The family was awakened by the odor of smoke and were driven out in the cold thinly clad, in order to escape with their lives. Practically nothing was saved. The loss is placed at \$3,000 partially covered by insurance.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

PIERCE-The golden wedding anni versary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gerry Brande was celebrated in Fraternal hall by members of the Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, Masons, and many other friends, about 160 persons being present. Two purses were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Brande, one by the old soldiers containing \$14, and the other by friends, containing \$80 in gold. Mr. and Mrs. Brande were married in West Gardner, Me., February 24, 1864, while he was at home from the front. He left immediately after the ceremony to rejoin his regiment. He served four years in the army.

FREMONT-The Fremont city council, following a vigorous complaint registered by Councilman Larson, of the Fourth ward, requested the city clerk to call the attention of the state food department to alleged "watering of milk" by Fremont milkmen. Councilman Larson averred that the cold weather and consequent les-sening of the milk supply had brought a sudden and very apparent "modification" of the product. The councilman declared he was sure that a test would reveal that the product had been mixed with water.

OSHKOSH-The proposition of voting bonds in the sum of \$40,000 to build a court house for Garden county was overwhelmingly defeated at a special election held here. The bonds falled to carry even in Oshkosh, the county seat, where the court house was to be built, by 15 majority, and outside of this precinct the bonds received less than 25 votes. The bonds were defeated by a vote approximating 7 to 1.

NORFOLK-The Country club stockholders voted unanimously to purchase 20 acres of land north of town, which the club has legsed during the past few years. The directors were instructed to close their option on the land. The first yote showed the opinion favoring the purchase was unanimous. Permanent arrangements will be made within a very short time.

HASTINGS-A. L. Mohler, president of the Union Pacific Railroad company, probably established a precedent here in addressing the Chamber of Commerce on government ownership of railroads. It is believed to be the first such incident of a railroad president taking the platform on this question. Mr. Mohler was against government ownership.

CEDAR BLUFFS-At a special meeting of the members of the Methodist church at which District Superintendent M. Williams was present and presided, Rev. Harry Royes declined the offer of a pul-pit in one of the Methodist churches in Lincoln and decided to remain here.

GRAND ISLAND-Wilhelm Engle, residing on a farm six miles south of here, died on his 82nd birthday, from injuries received when he was attacked by a victous bull belonging to a neighbor, Ferdinand Stoltenberg. The bull jumped a wire fence to attack the old man.

PLATTSMOUTH-C. E. Noyes, chairman of the Cass county republican committee, has issued a call for the primaries to be held on March 13 for the election of delegates to the republican county convention to be held in Weeping Water on

MADISON-The injury to Attorney Jas. S. Nichols as a result of being struck in the neck by Attorney W. L. Dowling, is not as serious as was reported. He is able to be at his office. Dr. Shike, who attended him, says the injury was not serious.

ANSLEY-At the regular meeting of Ansley Camp, No. 1234, Modern Woodmen of America, the members declared unanimously against the rate law adopted at the Chicago meeting and also as against the present officials of the order.

NELIGH-Dr. A, F. Conery has been bound over to the district court in the sum of \$2,500. County Judge Ingram rendered his decision. Conery is charged with causing the death of Mrs. Dora Rodgers by a criminal operation.

Small Talk That Kills Sales. From the Chicago Tribune.

long ago a successful merchant said: "One most harmful habit indulged in by many salespeople is the repeating of some

many salespeople is the repeating of some meaningless term to any visitor who comes to the store. We will take an expression, for illustration, that you have all heard, 'Something for you?' We hear it in the store, in the cafe, in the cafe-teria, in the city hall. We cannot get away from it, yet everybody is tired of hearing it.

"This term, with others, "What do you want?" 'Anything for you?' 'What is it?' 'Is that all?' 'Nothing more?' 'Nothing else, is there?' 'You didn't want this, did you?' etc, are disgusting to the customer. They mean nothing and kill sales rather than get business.

"The first thing you do or say when approaching a customer usually decides whether you will be able to make a sale or not. Every day we see prospective customers who have stopped at some counter really interested in some line of goods, when they are accosted with 'Something for you?' immediately lose all their interest. Yes, there is surely something they want, but what is it? On a real hot day it may be a cooling, refreshing drink or what not, but then your question did not create a desire to purchase dry goods, nor did it suggest any wants along that line.

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nor did it suggest any wants along line.

"If salesmanship is going to be your profession, say something that will bring out a reply in your favor, make some positive suggestion, give some kind of information, give some kind of selling talk that will be educating, that will make your customer see the benefits of the purchase the same as you do."

Quite So. From the National Magazine.

At a club frequented by doctors the discussion came up recently whether a person could live without a brain. During the discourse one of the doctors During the discourse one of the doctors said: "When I was practicing medicine in Indiana a remarkable case came under my supervision. A man, while out hunting, had leaned upon his shotgun and the weapon had gone off accidentally, making a large wound in his head just above the ear. The brain was laid bare and in bringing the patient to the hospital a handful of the gray matter leaked out. He was trepanned and finally recovered, his mental faculties apparently as good as

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ever."
"Your story is very interesting," interrupted an auditor "but it sounds to me somewhat inconsistent."
"Why so?" question the narrator.
"Because," answered the other doctor, "if he had ever had a handful of brains he wouln't have leaned on the run."

He Found Him.

From the National Monthly. In a class of 12 boys, one of them had broken a school rule, but none of them would own up to being guilty or tell on the one they knew had com-mitted the offense.

"I will thrash every boy in the class until I find the offender!" announced the teacher

the teacher. So she began and had whipped 11 of them. When he reached the last boy he said: "Now, if you will tell me who did this I won't thrash you."

"All right, sir," was the quick answer. "I did it."

GETS JUST ONE CENT IN CLAIM FOR LIBEL FROM LINCOLN PAPER

Reporter Listed Wrong Finch in Police Court Action-Ruling on Technical Libel.

Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 28.—Instead of the \$25,000 damages that he demanded. Charles E. Finch was awarded 1 cent in his libel suit against the State Journal and Evening News. Finch is a retired railroad engineer. He has a son Floyd who has figured in several escapades. A year and a half ago Homer M. Scott, a Lincoln drayman. lost \$2,750 in a saloon where he was loudly proclaiming his desire to bet on Wilson's election. Floyd Finch was one Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 28.-Instead of the Wilson's election. Floyd Finch was one of three men arrested later on com-plaint of Scott, but after a month or so the case was dropped. In the interval the case was dropped. In the interval the newspapers kept printing developments of the case. In one issue the two papers mistakenly substituted the name of the father for that of the son as one of the defendants. The father was bondsman for the son, and his name appeared on the back of the court docket envelope. Through a peculiar chain of circumstances the reporter, in the hurry of the afternoon round.

chain of circumstances the reporter, in the hurry of the afternoon round, printed the wrong name.

A week later Finch complained to the editors, which was the first they knew of the error. A prompt correction and full retraction was printed, but Finch said this was not enough and demanded \$2,500. This was refused. The testi-mony disclosed that he did not lose his ob and the court instructed the jury job and the court instructed the jury that where it was not shown that pethat where it was not shown that pecuniary damages were sustained, but that there was a technical libel, only nominal damages could be given. The newspapers defended on the ground also that Finch could not have been damaged because all previous stories carried the son's name and all who had followed the case knew it was not the followed the case knew it was not the father who was meant.

"JESTER" RAISES FALSE

HOPES FOR BLIND MAN Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 28.—In a small camp near the state penitentiary yesterday Warden Fenton discovered a blind man, a poisoned woman and a starving horse, also three little children. Last fall some coarse jester told the man, whose name is Roanes, that Kansas had passed a law pensioning blind men and that in order to avail himself of the law he need be a resident of that state but a brief time. Roanes, who then lived at Grand Island, immediately started overland to roanes, who then lived at Grand Isi-and, immediately started overland to Topeka. Arrived there he found that he had been the victim of a practical joke. As he had friends at Grand Isi-and, he started back. He lost one horse, his wife became ill from poison that developed in a cut arm, and lack that developed in a cut arm, and lack of money made him halt at Lincoln.

BISHOP OPPOSES EARLY

CLOSING OF POOL HALLS Hastings, Neb., Feb. 28.—"What are you going to do with the boys of Hastings if you do close the pool halls earlier, as the women have requested?" asked Bishop Beecher of the Episcopal

"You can't by legislation compel them to spend their evenings at the Y. M. C. A. You have not solved the problem if you close the pool halls and drive the boys into the cellar or the

garret.

"You can accomplish more for the boys by placing in every pool hall and in other public places the motto that profane and obscene language, gambling and drinking are prohibited, and then seeing to it that this motto is observed. The closing of the pool halls is not the solution, for I have tried it in Omaha. tried it in Omaha.

TEN SALOON MEN ARE

NAMED AS DEFENDANTS Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.—Ten saloon keepers in Wilber are made defendants in a damage suit for \$20,000 filed in the Lancaster district court by the widow of Ross McKinsey, a Saline county farmer who lost his life in a drunker street brawl in Wilber on the 2d of last August. McKinsey was killed by a man named Clawson, afterward seni to the state penitentiary. His widow alleges that the saloon men kept their saloons open until midnight that evening, to accommodate patrons of a stree fair, that her husband visited the places of the 10 defendants, was made drunk therein, and as a result of his drinking he became qua picked a fight and was killed. quarrelsome

BOYER JURY REPORTS

ITS FAILURE TO AGREE Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.-A jury federal district court reported its inability to agree in the case of Ray C Boyer, accused of using the mails to defraud. Boyer was charged with rep-resenting himself in possession of a large number of elk teeth and solicit-

ing people to buy.

These teeth, it was alleged by the government, were not genuine, but were manufactured, and the witnesses were brought from states from the Atlantic to the Pacific to testify against the accused. Boyer admitted he had sold teeth that were not genuine, but denied misrepresenting them. The trial consumed nearly a week, and the jury was out 28 hours.

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PUTTING WOOD IN STOVE
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.—Emmą
Busick, a 4-year-old girl, died last
night at the hospital from burns received while playing about the family
cook stove. Her mother had gone to a
neighbor's house, and was met at the
door by the girl with the cry, "Mother,
I am burning up." The mother
smothered the flames with a blanket.
The girl's body was almost bereft of
clothing and her body frightfully
burned. She had tried to crowd a stick
of wood in the fire, and a tongue of flame had leaped out and caught her

OMAHA GRAIN EXCHANGE ATTACKS DEDUCTIONS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Omaha Grain Exchange today filed complaint with the Interstate merce commission against the Burling-ton and other roads, attacking the practice of certain arbitrary deductions by the roads on shipments of grain in case of loss in transit.

POLICE CHIEF GIVES COAL

TO NEEDY CITIZENS Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.-Chief Malone of the police department has joined the ranks of the philanthropists by giving away \$100 worth of coal to worthy needy citizens of Lincoln. The chief is spending his hard cash for the fuel and is busy a great deal of the time now directing its distribution. He says that it is surprising how many people in the city need something to keep them warm and haven't the cash to pay for it. Chief Malone is careful that some of the professionals do not "work" him for a "sucker."

ANTI-SALOON WORKER LIBEL SUIT IS SPECIAL SOURCE OF INTEREST

Action Brought by Proprietor of Hotel Who Objects to Aspersions.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27.-Horace F. Carson superintendent of the antisaloon league is now on trial in the county court charged with having criminally libeled John S. Poole, manager and lessee of the Windsor hotel. A large number of the audience present at the hearing were women, some having children with them. Much of the morning session was characterized by clashes between the attorneys as to the admissibility of evidence. Ex-Governor C. H. Aldrich and A. G. Wolfenbarger, a former well known prohibition worker and orator represents the defendant. Judge E. P. Holmes former judge of the Lancaster county district court for many years is assisting County At-torney Strode. City Clerk Berg, the first witnesses

for the state, introduced a certified copy of the Carson communication filed in the office by the defendant, and directed to the city council. It is this document upon which the charge of libel is predicated, the defendant having charged that the investigators in the employ of the anti-saloon league, having heen approached by many wears the control of the council of having been approached by many wo-men, who solicitated them to go to rooms for immoral purposes. It was further stated that the places most further stated that the places most often mentioned included the Windsor hotel, of which the prosecuting witness is the proprietor or lessee, and in another place it was stated that the proprietors of these places seemed confident that they would not be subjected to interference.

The defense claimed that the statement did not refer to the proprietors of

ment did not refer to the proprietors of hotels, but only to those of rooming houses, and that there had been no charge that the prosecuting witness had tolerated misconduct at his place. It was only stated that women had invited men to go there.

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John S. Pool, the prosecuting witness, testified that he had been the proprietor of the Windsor hotel since November 27 and the dining room was opened on January 5. He said that he had changed the hotel to the American plan to avoid any suspicion as to its character. He swore that he had never allowed women to visit the place for immoral purposes. allowed women ... immoral purposes.

OMAHA POLICE "HIGHBALL" TOM DENNISON'S ENEMY

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27.-Frank Erdman, who was charged with attempting to dynamite the home of Tom Dennison two years ago, dropped quietly into the city, but his visit with a short one. The police heard of his presence in the city almost as soon as he got off the train. They looked him up just as soon as ever they could and then "permitted" him to leave Omaha right

away.

He was in the office of Deputy Sheriff Cahill for a chat, when Detective Rich came in and "invited him down to the police station." At the police station he was taken to see Chief of Detectives Maloney. Immediately following the interview Erdman went to the union station in company with a deunion station in company with a de-

tective.
Erdman was employed here as an investigator for the Anti-Saloon league. One day a suit case, loaded with dynamite and a fuse, was found on the porch at Dennison's home, 1507 Yates street. Erdman was arrested and charged with having attempted to blow up the house. He denied the

The district court found him guilty, but the supreme court reversed the verdict and sent the case back for a new trial. While this was pending an old charge against Erdman in Colorado was resurrected and he was sent to that state, where he was sent to the penitentiary. He was released two

The supreme court's reversal was based on the evidence of Father Rigge, who found by mathematical computation from a shadow, cast by the sun, that two children could not have seen Erdman at the time they asserted. The case hinged on their testimony.

YOUTH ADMITS ATTEMPT TO KILL KEARNEY FARMER

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 27.-Ernest Wilcox, the 15-year-old boy, who was ar rested at Council Bluffs charged with the attempted murder of Henry Richards, a farmer, living near this city, has made a complete confession to County Sheriff Andrews.

The boy states he fired the first shot to rouse Richards, who was sitting behind a cream separator and could be seen from the window. When Richards jumped from the chair the boy emptied the second barrel of the gun, aiming at his head. He says he knows no reason why he shot his employer except that he has not good common

His trial will come up before Judge Hostetler in the district court next

Before his confession the youth tried before his confession the youth tried to lay the blame upon a person whom he named "Howard." This man, he said, had met him at the Richards home and threatened to kill his employer. Fearing that he would be charged with the crime the boy said that he left the farm and ran away.

Y. M. C. A. ROOMER IS NOW SMALLPOX PATIENT

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27—L. E. Wallace, a roomer at the Y. M. C. A. building, is now confined at the isolation hospital with the smallpox. His room there is now fumigated and is isolated from the large number of rooms that are rented out under the Y. M. C. A. roof. Mr. Wallace, unaware that he was suffering from the disease, was out last evening with a young woman of the city. Because of this fact the aforesaid young woman has been forced to inhale the disagreeable fumes of formaldhyde lest she may have of formaldhyde lest she may have harbored any germs while in the com-pany of the gallant young man. With his accustomed chivalry the city health officer refuses to divulge the name of

STATE BANK OF SUPERIOR

ORGANIZED FOR BUSINESS Superior, Neb., Feb. 26.-The State bank of Superior was organized yesterday, taking over the assets of the Suday, taking over the assets of the Superior National bank, with a capital of \$50,000 and the fellowing officers: President, L. J. Dunn of Lincoln; vice president, W. T. Avid of Omaha; cashier, C. W. Harvey, formerly of Lincoln; assistant cashier, G. M. Seamann, formerly of Denison, Ia. assistant cashier, H. C. Hanna; directors, L. J. Dunn, W. T. Auld, C. W. Harvey, J. T. Dalby, H. G. Hanna, H. B. Grainger of Lincoln, G. M. Seamann.

RAILROAD ATTORNEYS NOT SATISFIED WITH POWELL'S ESTIMATES

Will Attempt to Discredit Figures Compiled by State Rate Expert.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26 .- Attorneys for the Nebraska railroads, fighting against a reduction of class rates before the state railway commission, after using Expert Powell as a witness, are pre-paring to attack his figures fiercely. Counsel, for the transportation corporations, indicated that they were much ations, indicated that they were much disturbed because the commission refused to allow them to cross-examine the expert and prepared to get even. Under the leadership of Edson Rich, general attorney for the Union Pacific, vigorous efforts will be made to discredit the testimony for Powell. Attempts will be made to discredit the accuracy of the information obtained by him in preparing the data for the hear-

him in preparing the data for the hearing before the commission.

Expert Powell went to Minnesota and made a study of the system there and of the results secured. Much of the study of way bills was made at the time that the railroads were fighting register the Addisch for icht rate law. against the Fairoads were fighting against the Aldrich freight rate law and the 2-cent passenger rate, in anticipation that they would get into court against these measures. This information will now prove valuable in the present hearing. A study of the waybills showed that the cost of hand-ling goods at terminals is 11 cents per 100, both in and out included. Expert Powell considers that a rate of 40 cents a ton per mile for hauling freight

of the first class is a liberal one.

The railroads complained against the reduced rates for distances greater than 300 miles. The present practice of the roads is to increase the rate per ton per mile for those greater shipments within the state. Expert Powell declared that his figures did not lead him to agree with this contention of the defendants defendants.

FORMER SIOUX CITYAN TELLS OF DOMESTIC GRIEFS

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.-Raigh C. Poole, a negro, claimed that he was a Poole, a negro, claimed that he was a much abused man when he recounted his married life with Blanche E. Poole in district court when seeking a divorce from the defendant. He said that Mrs. Poole is now living in Sioux City with one of the children. The plaintiff said that at one time the defendant had him arrested and thrown in jail on the charge of wife abandonment because he failed to pay her \$20 a month, when he was making sacrifices to payher \$15 a sum that he was scarcely able to afford considering his limited reto afford considering his limited re-sources. He testified that while he was away from home suffering from a broken arm. Blanche packed her household goods and taking the money he had left with her to pay the bills went to Omaha. He was given a decree

TELEPHONES HARD HIT IN

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.-The loss of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company from the snow and sleet storm of Sunday night is estimated to reach at least \$100,000 by General Manager Hurtz. The southern end of the territory of the company was the hard-est hit. This embraces about 15 coun-ties. Manager Hurtz says that a great deal of the wire that is not ruined will require overhauling in order to make it serviceable. More than 1,000 poles are down. The Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies are now able to furnish complete service again.

BUTLER FOUND GUILTY

FIRST DEGREE MURDER remont, Neb., Feb. 26.-Willard Butler, accused of murdering his father, James Butler, was found guilty of murder in the first degree with rec-ommendation of a life imprisonment ommendation of a life imprisonment sentence by a jury in district court. Butler's sisters and their husbands were in the court room when the jury's finding was returned. They occupied seats together, forming a sad little group in the northeast corner. There was entire absence of demonstration.

GERMAN ADMIRAL AND **DEWEY CANNOT AGREE**

Baden, Baden, Feb., 26 .- The controversy over the friction between the American and German admirals in Manila bay at the time of the Spanish-American war, which has been revived by the narrative of Admiral Dewey, recently published, was made the sub-ject of a statement to the Associated Press last night by Admiral Von Diedrichs, commander of the German war

Admiral Von Diedrichs attributed the trouble between the Germans and the Americans largely to malicious reports in the English papers in China and the absence of definite regulations gov-erning the blockade and the movement of foreign warships. He indicated, however, that a latent mistrust was responsible in a measure. He was deresponsible in a measure. He was desirous of co-operating with and supporting Admiral Dewey from the beginning, he said, but the American admiral's fondness for Captain Chichester, in command of the British squadron, and the time Admiral Dewey spent with the British officers prevented him from seeing as much of Admiral Dewey as he would have wished, Admiral VonDiederichs himself ad-

ships.

mits he informed the British naval commander in Manila bay at the time of the Spanish-American war that he would shoot any American officer who attempted to board a German warship "to make inquiries and establish her identity," in carrying out the orders of Admiral Dewey.
This admission was made today in

the course of a further narrative events given to the Associated Press.

STEAMER IN TROUBLE. Beaufort, N. C., Feb. 26.-With her shifted cargo of asphalt giving her a list to starboard that partly submerged her decks, the British steamer Ber-lin, for Venezuela was in a helpless

condition in Lookout Cove. 18 BELOW IN OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 25.-Temperatures ranging from zero to 18 below were reported in Ohio today. Fair weather and rising temperatures were forecasted by the weather bureau. Zansville, in the Muskingum river valley reported 18 below zero at day break. Further east along the Ohio river the weather bureau said it was 4 below and that the cold wave was moving eastward with prospects for colder wether in the Ohio valley tonight.