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People were less particular in the matter of children's reading 100 years ago. Readers of Dickens will remember that it was on such strong meat as Fieldman and Emollett that the infant mind of David Copperfield was nour-ished. "My father," writes Dickens, "had left a small collection of books in a little room upstairs, to which I had access (for it adjoined my own) and which nobody else in our house ever troubled. From that blessed litever troubled. From that blessed lit-tle room 'Roderick Random,' "Pere-grine Pickle,' The Vioar of Wake-field,' Don Quixote,' 'Gil Blas' and Robinson Crusoe' came out, a glorious host, to keep me company. They kept me company. They kept alive my fancy * * and did me no harm, for whatever harm was in some of them was not there for me; I knew nothing of it."

An Arab who visited New York city said to have sent this letter home:
"People in America travel like rats under the ground (meaning the subway), and like squirrels in the air (meaning the elevated railways), and the buildings are so high that people the buildings are so high that people have to be put in square boxes and pulled to the top by heavy ropes (meaning the elevator). In the day the sun furnishes the light the same as in Morocco. At night the light is as strong as the day, but people here do not seem to have much use for sleep, as the streets are just as crowded at night as in the day." night as in the day.'

A crowd of small boys was gathered about the entrance of a circus tent in one of the small cities in New Hampshire one day trying to get a glimpse of the interior. A man standing near vatched them for a few minutes, then walking up to the seat seller, he said:
"Let all the boys in and count them
as they pass." The man did as requested, and when the last one had
gone he turned and said: "Twentyeight," "Good!" said the man, "I
guessed just right," and walked off."—
St. Louis Mirror.

Frank Daggett, curator of the muse-um of Los Angeles county, California, says that he has indulged in a whale says that he has indulged in a whale hunt in the city of Los Angeles. The whale was perhaps 1,000,000 years old. and was found by a contractor in cutting down a hill to open a street. The contractor didn't know what he had caught, but Mr. Daggett assured him that it was a glant whale of preglacfal times, which had probably been trapped in a shallow bay after an earthquake had shut off its escape to the sea.

The saxophone, an instrument that The saxophone, an instrument that few can get any real music out of, was played to perfection by the three ladies, especially Miss Stella, who played her instrument and accompanied herself on the plano, something rarely seen. We heard Will Ritter say that the saxophone playing was fine, and he being a member of a band ought to give his expression some weight.—Fayette county (Illinois) Democrat.

Britain's income tax, which the prime minister thinks should be revised, was first imposed in January 1799, by that ingenious financer, Mr. Pitt. It was submitted to by an indignant nation, who got rid of the abomination in three years. But Napoleon could not be conquered without it, and it made spasmodic entrances and exits until in 1842 it became a hardy annual. Ireland managed to struggle on without it until 1853.

A lieutenant of police in Berlin has invented a parachute for aeroplanes which is designed on lines quite different from those which have been heretofore offered, for the parachute surface is operated in connection with the wings of the aeroplane. According to this scheme a large surface of cloth is rolled up and attached to the wings. attached to the wings. this being released by a lever so as to spread out and allow the fiyer to de-ecend to the ground slowly.

Lloyds is insuring Englishmen gainst mumps, which is epidemic in London. Those who have already had the disease must pay a premium of \$2.50 to obtain the payment of \$25 for each week of the next three months during which they might be disabled by a fresh attack. Those who have not yet had the mumps must pay \$6.25 to ob-tain the same benefit. The whole staff of one large London firm has been in-

Aviation has made rapid strides in Russia, and large numbers of young Russians have taken enthusiastically to diving. In Russia every science and art and trade has its patron saint, but for flying men there was no saint whose good offices might be invoked for the good offices might be invoked for the system. protection of the aviator. The diffi-culty has been solved by canonizing Elijah, who, it will be remembered, flew to heaven in a charter of the to heaven in a chariot of fire

Litigation in a London court has re-vealed the fact that a considerable trade in dogs' teeth has spring up an the Pacific islands, where they are used for currency and ornaments. The best tearing and corner teeth for the Pacific trade sell in London for a guinea (\$5.25) a hundred.

When the Rev. Charles P. MacGreg-or, pastor of the First Baptist church of Pittsfield, Mass., discovered that there were five bachelor reporters on the way of the party of the said. the staff of a local newspaper he said:
"The first one of you that comes to me
to be married this year I will marry
free of charge." free of charge

Two record loads of logs were recently hauled into Kennebunk, Me. one scaling 2.250 feet of lumber and the other 2.400 feet. Each load was hauled bills, where both spans drew up the two loads, one after the other.

No American city, says the Scientific American, has a pneumatic tube system (for postal use) comparable with that of Paris or Berlin. The average Parisian "tube letter," it asserts, is delivered in an hour and a quarter ofter it is posted.

An automobile was built in 11 minstes and put on the road in 19, at a test conducted at a factory in Manchester, England. This beats by six the time made at a similar

test in Detroit. The navy department has asked the forest service to investigate guipo, a Philippine wood, for possible use in decking boats and ships. Longleaf pine, ugar maple and beech are the domestic woods most used for decks.

Mrs. J. W. Meserve, of Bar Mills, Me., has a cat who makes a regular cractice of ringing the front door bell then he wishes to be admitted, reachng up and pulling the cord with his

California leads all the other states the number of sure of s in proortion to popular

STATE INVESTIGATES ITS SCHOOL AFFAIRS; VIELE TO BE QUIZZED

Member of State Board Accused of Malfeasance-Will Look Into School Purchases.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16 .- A. H. Viele of Norfolk, a member of the state board of education, will be called upon by Governor Morehead to defend himself on April 14 from a charge of mal-feasance in office. The charge was preferred by George Bischel of Kearney, who sets out a number of purchases of goods, made for the Wayne normal school of the Norfolk furniture firm of which Viele is a member. These sales were made between November 1, 1911, and March 22, 1913, and total \$2,216.

The state board of education has the control of the state normal schools, and usually the member living nearest a normal looks after that one. Viele has been looking after the interests of the Wayne normal. He was appointed by Governor Aldrich for a term of five years, and has one year to serve. Bischel quotes the state law in his complete, the effect that the effect they have the effect the effect the transfer of the state of the effect that the effect the e complaint to the effect that the acts charged against Bischel are prohibited in the section which says no public of-ficer shall be interested in any way in the profits of goods sold to state insti-

Viele's friends here say that the action is started by friends of Dr. A. O. Thomas, whom he helped remove as head of the Kearney normal last fall.

JOHN O. YEISER INDICTED

ON CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL ON CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL
Omaha, Neb., March 16.—John O.
Yeiser, for over 20 years a practicing
attorney in Omaha, member at present
of the state parole and pardon boards,
former legislator and already filed as a
candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Nebraska, was
yesterday indicted by the grand jury
on the charge of blackmail. Mr. Yeiser
was informed of the fact shortly after,
and going to the court house to tender
bond for his appearance, was told to
return this morning.

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The complaint is based upon the activity of Mr. Yelser as attorney for Mrs. Edith Hicks, a young woman who was last summer in the employ of Albert A. Clark, a wealthy private banker of Council Bluffs, her husband also being in Mr. Clark's employ as chauffeur. Mrs. Hicks alleged that Mr. Clark made improper advances toward her. made improper advances toward her, which caused both her husband and herself to leave his employ, and for which each brought a \$50,000 damage suit. Later an attorney for Clark, one W. H. Schurz, in trying to bring about a settlement of the cases, made statea settlement of the cases, made statements, it is alleged, defaming the character of Mrs. Hicks. Thereupon she brought suit for \$100,000 against Clark for alleged slander. It went to trial before Judge Estelle late last week. On Sunday night Mrs. Hicks gave birth to Sunday night Mrs. Hicks gave birth to a son. Monday noon the trial was re-sumed. On Wednesday Judge Estelle sumed. On Wednesday Judge Estelle took the case from the Jury at the conclusion of plaintiff's evidence, and gave verdict for the defendant. Clark's trial lawyers were W. J. Connell and Albert S. Ritchie, and throughout the trial they alleged the it was blackmailing proceedings.

The day after the judge took the case from the jury Mr. Connell visited the grand jury and Schurz was called before it as a witness. The indictment of Mr. Yeiser followed.

SON LOST IN FIGHT

TO GET MOTHER'S GOODS Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—Robert J.
Dunlap of Des Moines last his suit in
supreme court to recover a fourth interest in valuable property in Omaha
formerly owned by his mother. Mrs.
Dunlap married Richard Marnell, her
next door neighbor, and about a year
hefore her death each made docte. before her death each made deeds giving to the other property standing in their names. These deeds they deposit-ed with a notary with instructions that if the wife died first he should file the deed she executed and if the husband passed on ahead the deed he made d be filed. Mrs. Marnell died and within a few years her hus-followed her. Dunlap attacked should be filed band followed her. Duniap attacked the deed as conveying no legal title because of the circumstances of its execution. He won in the district court, but the supreme court ordered band followed her. title quieted in Marnell's heirs.

HE WHO PARTS DOGS CANNOT GET DAMAGES

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—When a man grabs two dogs of a known quarrelsome disposition and holds them off the ground with their faces close together, he may resonably look for a fight. M. A. Warrick of Aurora owned a coach dog that could fight. Baker Farley, who is a member of the legisislature, had a bull dog with similar bent. Farley's bull dog attacked Warrick's coach dog on the street one day, and Warrick, to save his pet, grabbed Lincoln, Neb., March 16.-When a and Warrick, to save his pet, grabbed both dogs and tried to separate them. He was badly bitten. He sued Farley and got damages, but the supreme court says he cannot recover when he himself created the condition of danger which he voluntarily exposed himself.

NEBRASKA PATENTS.

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Official list of letters patent of invention, issued from the United States paten office at Washington, D. C., to inhabitants of Nebraska, for the week ending March 14, 1914.

To John E. Allsteadt, of Hastings, Neb., for fruit picker; to Edward Bignell, of Lincoln, assignor of two-fifths to H. T. Jones of Seward, Neb., for nozzle for piles and caissons; to Frank Jackson, of Randolph, Neb., for spring seat; to George Marshall, of Fremont, Neb., for bundle carrier or conveyer; to Julius J. Nohr of Crofton, Neb., for combined stalk cutter and roller; to combined stalk cutter and roller; to William H. Nutter of Shelton, Neb., for hat pin guard; to Harry H. Randall of Bethany, Neb., for whip socket.

STEAMER RECORD BROKEN. New York, March 16.—The world's ecord for a day's run by an eastbound

Atlantic steamship was broken on Thursday by the Cunard liner Lusi-tania, according to wireless from Capt. David Dow. Between Thursday noon and Friday noon the vessel covered 618 The previous record was 614

RUNNER FALLS DEAD.

La Crosse, Wis., March 14.—George Michaels fell dead here today while participating in the 100 yard dash during an indoor field meet at the high school gymnasium. Heart failure school gymnasium. Heart failure superinduced by over exertion caused

AVIATOR MEETS DEATH.

Koenigsburg, Germany, March 14.— The German aviator, Lieutsnant De Lesser, of the 175th West Prusslan inregiment, was instantly here while attempting to make a land-

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

LINCOLN-Railway Commissioner Hall has been appointed by the national asso-ciation as a member of the committee on express service and rates. The Nebraska commission made the fight that sustained the state law reducing express rates in the state, and its investigation enabled it to bring forth evidence to show that the recent interstate rates the Interstate Commerce commission allowed the companies to put into effect were higher than those in force in this state for similar distances. The Nebraska experts say that the new schedule of the express companies has been adroitly drawn so that the cuts made are on the small packages where the parcel post is a competitor and increases are made on heavy hauls where the post is not a competitor.

LINCOLN-Food Commissioner Harman and several speakers before the con-ference of health officers clashed over the proposition of the latter that the enforcement of the pure food laws should be placed in the hands of men picked by the state board of health. The doctors who led the discussion insisted that the possession of medical knowledge with respect to food ingredients and preservatives was an asset of immense value to one who sought to enforce laws regarding the purity of food supplies. Mr. Harmon's idea was that the state board is an advisory body, meeting only occasionally and neither equipped with proper author-ity nor possessed of the continuity that would make it of aid in enforcing laws.

LINCOLN-The state of Nebraska has won out in the contest in the Furnas county district court with the commissioners of that county over the possession of game license fees. The supreme court will be asked to decide the matter. The they are supposed to send the same into the state treasurer, who deposits the money to the credit of the state school fund. The county commissioners cited the constitution which provides that all license fees go into the county school fund. The court held that this was a state license, good in any county, that the state school fund was the legal owner, and that the county clerk is merely agent for the state.

LINCOLN-Holding Sunday school or religious meetings in a country school house so infrequently as not to exceed four times a year and which do not interfere with the school work does not constitute the school house a place of wor-ship within the meaning of the constitutional section which says no taxpayer may be forced to support a religious institution. So says the supreme court in a case from Saline county. The supreme court says there was no evidence that the relators paid out a cent more to maintain the school house as an occasional place of worship than if it had not been so used.

LINCOLN-Carrie D. Hanthorn asks the district court for a divorce from her hus-band, Thomas, on the ground that he com-pels her to live with his parents and will not allow her on the street unless she is accompanied by himself or some member of his own family. She says that he treats her as if she were a mental incom-petent, and by his cruelty has shattered her nervous system and made life with him no longer bearable. They had a home of their own, but he forced her to lock this up and go into the prison of his father's home.

LYONS-Edgar A. Yeaton, of this place, received word that his brother, Zelotus D. Yeaton, had died at his home in Chickasha, Okla. He was a pioneer citizen of this place, landing here with his father, the late Joel A. Yeaton, in 1869, when this was a wild and almost uninhabited land, He leaves a widow and five children, besides a brother, Edgar, of this place, Elias M., of Sheldon, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. T. S. Ramey, of Los Angeles, Cal. Interment was made in Chickasha.

LINCOLN-The traveling man will not be deprived of his job at once. When the committee on resolutions at the Nebraska federation of retailers submitted a resolution declaring as the sense of the asso-clation that there are too many traveling nen and that they take up too much of the time of the merchant and besides add to the cost of goods, it was voted down. The objectors said that they had nothin against the traveling men, but the specialty man ought to be abolished.

LINCOLN-Nearly a million more de-posits in state banks are shown by the quarterly statement of Secretary Roys of the state banking board, who makes his comparison with the October statement. The total resources of the reporting banks are \$115,546,774.33, of which loans discounts represent \$85,000,000, deposits in other banks \$19,000,000 and cash on hand \$5,-000,000. The deposits total \$90,000,000, capital stock, surplus and undivided profits \$20,-000,000 and due other banks \$2,600,000.

LINCOLN-Secretary Duncan, of the state horticultural society, has started the annual work of killing off the Nebraska peach crop. Mr. Duncan says that reports that reach his office indicate that the buds have been lured out by the warm weather of the past few weeks, and tha from 25 to 50 per cent of them have been killed off in Nemaha, Pawnee and Dodge counties, the principal peach centers of

LINCOLN-The second annual conference of state and county officers of Ne-braska opened here today for a two days' session. Several hundred officers, mostly doctors, are expected to enroll before the conference ends. The program embraces a number of papers on various health topcs, together with a presentation of the various problems connected with the en-forcement of health and sanitation laws in the cities and in the country districts.

LYONS-The body of Mrs. William Walters, who died at her home in Wakefield, was brought here for burial. She was formerly Miss Paulina Riesche, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Riesche, old pioneer settlers of this place mother is still living on the old stead. Her father died several years ago.

LINCOLN-The Western Union Telegraph company will, within a few days, be handling all its Lincoln-Omaha commercial business by telephone, as its Atchison-Leavenworth, Kan., business is now handled. The company is now changing a Morse to the Bell system.

ALLEN-Roy Ellis has bought the L. O. Waddell restaurant and has taken charge of the business.

ing the offering of a substantial prize for a means of destroying the tobacco insect pest without injuring the to

The Philippine assembly is consider

Lincoln and His War Secretary. From the Christian Herald.

Lincoln was never ruffled by criticism, even when it was sharp. He suffered many thrusts from his irascible war secretary, Stanton, but they never disturbed his kindly good humor. On one occasion a messenger came to Mr. Stanton with an order from the president directions the charge of some arms. dent directing the change of some army affairs. Mr. Stanton sent the messenger back with the reply: "I won't, and tell Lincoln he is a fool." When the message was delivered, Lincoln said coolly, "Mr. Stanton is generally right! I will go and see him about it."

FREMONT INDULGING IN ROLLER SKATES; **TEACHERS USE THEM**

No More Complaints Are Heard of Long Walks to School Morning and Night.

Fremont, Neb., March 14.—Fremont is on roller skates. Hundreds of persons are using the cement sidewalks, which now reach to every part of the which now reach to every part of the city, excluding all other material, for roller skating. Working men skate to the factories. School teachers skate to school. City Superintendent A. H. Waterhouse is said to have bought a pair of skates and to be engaged in daily practice stunts, but the superintendent denies it, though declaring that he fully approves roller skating. "We have no more complaints of the long distance to school," said Superin-

long distance to school," said Superintendent Waterhouse. "I suppose people would laugh at me if I should skate to school in order to save time, but they would not laugh if I bought an automobile for the same purpose. Some of my teachers who have a distance of 15 to 20 blocks to walk formerly consumed as many minutes to go from their home to school. They can skate the same distance in from three to five minutes. I approve of their using the

RETAILERS ARGUE ON

COMPETITION QUESTION
Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—The Nebraska federation of retailers voted to meet next year in Lincoln. Omaha was the only competitor. Officers elected were: President, C. E. Beinert, Wymore; vice president, C. W., Darner, Bethany; treasurer, M. A. Hosteller, Shelton; member of executive board for two years, A. A. Anderson, Wahoo; for three years, F. H. Barclay, Pawnee City and J. H. Knowles, Fremont.

The main question debated was how to defeat the competition that the retailers are convinced is threatening their existence. Not only is the mail order house taking away its farmer customers, but the farmers' union is establishing a number of branches, and each of these amounts to a massing COMPETITION QUESTION

each of these amounts to a massing of the buying power of members so that staples may be purchased in car-load lots. Representatives of the farm-

took no part in the audience, but took no part in the debate.

J. H. Davidson of Aurora, who led the discussion, declared that there were too many retail stores with the result that the keen competition drove many to benkruptcy. many to bankruptcy. He advocated consolidation in the country towns after the manner of city department stores, the owners of the independent stores taking stock according to their contribution to the combined stock and running big own department. He berunning his own department. He be-lieved that the country store of the future would be farmers co-operative establishments run by experienced men

COP OBJECTS WHEN BOY

TRIES COSTLY DEATH ROUTE Omaha, Harch 14-In these lean times of democratic administration, when the cost of living performs in a most Bea-cheyesque manner, Policeman Joe Heil, cheyesque manner, Policeman Joe Hell, who talks of himself as "an ultimate consumer," has small patience with the extravagant. That's why Thomas Walters, 22-year-old lonesome farmer boy from near Lincoln, is in the city fail, booked as "drunk and disorderly." Hell, with Police Surgeon Beadles, answered a call to 514 North Ninteenth street, and found Walters on a bed unconscious, and a gas jet with a tube

conscious, and a gas jet with a tube attached held firmly in his teeth.

By hard work Beadles managed to get the patient into a normal state, when, as he was packing up his instruments he asked: "What made you try suicide?"

try suicide?"
"I just got blue, so I thought nobody would care if I closed up shop."
Here Heil rammed in. "Nobody care" he yelled. "I care!" Whaddaya mean by using up \$4 worth of gas to kill yourself, when you could a-done just as well with a dime's worth of something else? I'll teach you extravagant guys something? I'm going to beek you put?

EFFORTS BEING MADE

And Heil did.

TO FREE IOWA MAN Lincoln, Neb., March 14.-Strong representations were made today to the state board of pardons to release W. H. Cook, a resident of Iowa, from the Nebraska penitentiary. Cook has served six years of a 20 year sentence for rape upon an 8 year old, com-mitted in Douglas county. His brother-tiples from Iowayas areas. mitted in Douglas county. His brotherinlaw from Iowa was present and urged
that clemency be extended on the
ground that the man's mother was
very ill at her Iowa home, and needed
her son. He also said that if Cook
committed the crime it was while intoxicated. Cook told the board that
he was railroaded to prison and that
six years was enough for an innocent six years was enough for an innocen man to spend behind the bars. He is 35 years old. His wife has secured a divorce from him since his incarcer-

CONVICTS WEAR GLASSES

IN PRISON NIGHT SCHOOL Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—Principal O'Connell of the night school at the state penitentiary has stopped a threatened epidemic of bad eyesight among his pupils by the expenditure of \$1.20. Some days ago one of the prisoners whose desire for enlightenment and browledge did not be seen to whose desire for enlightenment and knowledge did not keep pace with his wish to avoid going to night school developed a bad case of poor vision. Immediately thereafter one after an night school other convict scholar asked to be ex-cused on the same ground. Mr. O'Con-nell had a hunch. He bought a dozen pairs of spectacles and took them out to the penitentiary. He hung up a sign announcing that he was prepared to aid the eyesight of all comers, but as nobody came he called on each malingerer and gravely fitted him with a pair of spectacles. These are all back in school, but are wearing the

glasses with no air of satisfaction. GRANT WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

Copenhagen, March 14.—An agree-ment reached today between the social-ist, radical and moderate parties, which control majorities in both houses of parliament, assures the passage of a constitutional reform bill under pro-visions of which all electorate property qualifications are abolished and qualifications are abolished and suf frage is granted women.

GRASS WIDOWS! NO.

New York, March 13.—"Grass widows should not be pensioned," Miss Grace Strachan, president of the Interborough Association of Teachers, said today, speaking before the commission appearance of the commission appearance speaking before the commission appointed at Albany last year to report a plan for pensioning widowed mothers with dependent children. "They should not be pensioned," she continued, "for the simple reason that such a plan would encourage a good many men to leave their wives. Many husbands haven't the heart to leave their wives because they don't know how the wives will live without them. With the state stepping in, things would be different."

VICTIMS OF FIRE **BURIED AT PONCA**; MOTHER IS DYING

Entire Town Mourns Tragedy in the Watson Home-People Raise \$200 Fund.

Ponca, March 13.-Two members of the Ed Watson family, victims of the fire in the Watson home Tuesday night were laid in their graves in the Ponca cemetery this afternoon. The services were largely attended. The entire town is grief stricken.

While the funeral was being held, the mother, wrapped in bandages and un-der the constant care of a doctor, con-tinued to lose in her fight for life. At noon it was predicted she has no chance to recover. She sustained severe burns in saving three of her five children.

The father was able to attend the funeral although he, too, was seriously burned. His hands and arms are band-

serious condition.

Mr. Watson will receive \$600 insurance which he carried on his home. Residents of Ponca yesterday raised a fund of \$200 to aid the distressed familiar.

The Watson home burned late Tuesduy night. By the time the fire was discovered, two of the children had perished in their beds. The father, by heroic efforts, managed to save Mrs. Watson and three of the children. The home was completely destroyed and it was three hours before rescuers were able to enter the ruins to search for the bodies of the two who were lost.

WOMAN NAMES CAUSES OF CHILDREN'S DISTRESS

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—Drunkenness and the social evil were declared by Miss Etta Caton, state agent in charge of dependent children, as the chief cause for dependency in Nebraska, in an address before the state conference of health officers. Miss Coton ka, in an address before the state conference of health officers. Miss Caton had taken 100 cases of dependent and homeless children, and investigation disclosed that in 49 of these cases drink was the cause of trouble and 66 the social evil played a part, the latter being a resultant of the former. In the cases where drunkenness was the cause, 47 fathers were drinkers, one mother and one case disclosed both mother and one case disclosed both father and mother addicted to intoxicants. In the cases where immorality was given at the cases where immorality was given at the cause, the blame was divided: Father two, mother 15, both 47, child two. Twenty cases of dependency were caused death, 50 by desertion, usually by the father, while poverty, insanity and incompetency claimed eight claimed eight.

BOARD REDUCES CLAIM OF WOMAN PHYSICIAN

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—Dr. Nelle G. Carr Deffenbaugh will not receive two salaries as an official of the state two salaries as an official of the state hospital for tuberculars at Kearney. Dr. Deffenbaugh is the sister of Dr. E. Arthur Carr, of Lincoln, who is a member of the board of secretaries of the state board of health and who holds the unofficial title of medical adviser to the democratic party. Through his inthe democratic party. Through his influence she was named superintendent of the hospital. She dispensed with the services of a physician, and when she filed her bill at the end of six months it called for \$900, of which \$600 was for services as superintendent and was for services as superintendent and \$300 as physician. She argued that as she did the work of both she was entitled to the two salaries, although they are separated in the appropriation law. The board of control, however, has power to fix salaries, and cut her bill to \$600.

BANKER INSISTS LAW WILL NOT STOP PANIC

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—Banker Gurney, of Fremont, told the Nebraska Retailers' association, in session here, that the secretary of agriculture was mistaken when he said in a speech here recently that the new currency law would prevent panics. Mr. Gurney de-clared that a law that will do that is a vain hope. Panic has its origin in fear and is marked by the outbreak of the elemental brute in men that cares

REFEREE SELECTED FOR **WOLGAST-RITCHIE BOUT**

Milwaukee. Wis. March 13.—Differences over the selection of a referee, which at one time threatened to cause which at one time threatened to cause a postponement of tonight's 10-round bout between Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of the world, and Ad Wolgast, were settled today with the appointment of Harry Stout, of this city. Both fighters announced they were satisfied that Stout should be the referee.

Indications were that a big crowd Indications were that a big crowd would view the third encounter between Ritchie and Wolgast. The promoters thought the receipts would total more than \$30,000. Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager, will receive 70 per cent of the receipts, out of which he must pay Ritchie his guarantee of \$10,000. The remainder will go to Wolgast. Ritchie today continued the favorite in the betting, most of which was 10 to 6 in his favor.

to 6 in his favor. Both fighters were slightly under the stipulated weight of 135 pounds this morning. Wolgast's injured thumb, which was bruised in training several days ago, had healed and gave the boxer no trouble.

As no decisions are permitted under the Wisconsin boxing laws, division of money which has been wagered, has been left to newspaper decisions.

PUPILS MARCH OUT AS OLD BUILDING BURNS

Baltimore, Md., March 12.-One thousand pubipls of school No. 20 at Eden and Preston streets, were marched from the building in good order by their teachers today while fire, which originated in the basement was making rapid progress through the structure. The building was of brick structure. The building was of brick and old fashioned construction, was completely destroyed.

FATALLY HURT TRYING TO SAVE SWEETHEART

Williamson, W. Va., March 12. While attempting to save the life of Miss Dixie Blackburn, his sweetheart whose foot was caught in a railway trestle near here today, William McCoy was struck by a train and tossed into a ravine 50 feet away. Miss Blackburn was instantly killed and McCoy wa dying when picked up by the trail crew.

SERIOUS CHARGES **BROUGHT AGAINST OMAHA ATTORNEYS**

Six Who Appeared in Notorious Brandeis Trial, Are Indicted by Grand Jury.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.-A grand jury returned to Judge English in the district court last night indictments against six well known attorneys, three charging extortion and black-mail, two embezzlement and one subornation of perjury. Irving H. Baxter, former United States district attorney and district judge, and at present law partner of former United States Senator Norris Brown, and black. United States Senator Norris Brown, is charged with extortion and blackmail, as are R. H. Olmsted and Thomas Brady. All three appeared as counsel at different times for Nellie Risley Paul, who recently lost a damage suit against Arthur D. Brandeis, a millionaire merchant of this city. Mrs. Paul also was indicted on a similar charge. Clinton Brome is charged with subornation of perjury in a \$50,000 suit brought for the adjudication of an estate of a wealthy Omaha woman.

T. H. Matters and Carroll Wright were charged in indictments with hav-

were charged in indictments with hav-ing embezzled funds of clients, the for-

mer \$3,500 and the latter \$220. The indictments against Baxter, Olmsted and Brady, together with their client, Mrs. Paul, caused a sensation. The indictment against Baxter charges him with having extorted from Brandels \$7,500 to prevent publicity being given to charges made by Mrs. Paul that her son had been mistreated by the merchant. Olmsted is charged with having extorted \$37,500 on the same account. Brady was Mrs. Paul's attorney in the \$250,000 damage suit, in

which a jury returned a verdict for Mr. Brandels.

The three indictments charging blackmall form the sequel to a case which held the attention of a jury for six weeks. Mrs. Paul charged that her son had been the victim of unnatural deeds committed by Brandeis covering a lengthy period, ruining his health and mind. Nearly 200 witnesses testified, either orally or by deposition. The jury returned a verdict fully vindicating the merchant

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Testimony was given to show that
Attorney Baxter called Mr. Brandels to his office and demanded and received \$7,500, threatening him with publicity of the charges unless the amount was paid. There also was introduced a signed declaration by Mrs. Paul's son and witnessed by Mrs. Paul and Baxter that all the charges were false.

Later Mrs. Paul secured Olmsted as an attorney and he prepared a suit against Mr. Brandeis. Testimony was offered to show that \$25,000 was paid to Mrs. Paul to prevent the suit being filed and \$2,500 to Olmsted as fees. A bond company undertook to act as guardian for Mrs. Paul's son, but while the negotiations were proceeding Mrs. guardian for Mrs. Paul's son, but while the negotiations were proceeding Mrs. Paul secured possession of the money and escaped. The bond company se-cured her arrest at St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Paul then secured the services of Attorney Brady, who filed the \$250.-000 damage suit against Mr. Brandeis, who secured a vardiet of vindlestion

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TWO PERISH IN FLAMES.

Ponca, Neb., March 11.—Two young children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watson were burned to death in their beds here at 11 o'clock last night, when the Watson home caught fire. They were Albert, aged A, and Irma, aged 7.

Mrs. Watson was badly burned also. The parents, who were sleeping upstairs with three younger children were unaware of the fire until too late to save the two sleeping down stairs.

to save the two sleeping down stairs. They barely succeeded in saving the other three children. The youngest, a baby, had to be thrown from an up-stairs window and was caught by the

It was more than three hours before anyone was able to enter the burned home. Then the charred bodies of the children were found.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

RETAILERS PLANNING BIG BOOST OF SALES

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—The elimination of the wholesaler and the building up of a system of co-operative buy-ing which will bring goods direct from the factory to the retailer was the big the factory to the retailer was the big question that overshadowed all others at the opening session of the Nebraska Federation of Retailers, 25 members of which are present in the city. Only in this way, did the various speakers declare, can the growing competition of the mail order houses be met. One speaker who said that the best competition lay in quality was almost hooted down, the general opinion being that the catalog house patron was looking for cheapness rather than for quality. The plan the retailers are figuring on, they believe, will enable them

quanty. The plan the retailers are ng-uring on, they believe, will enable them to buy just as cheaply as can the mail order houses, while their expenses are less. The plan has not been elaborated yet, but it contemplates the concentra-tion of the buying power of the entire federation in the hands of an agent or agents, and in this way con the lowest possible prices.

MANY TOWNS COMPETE

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—The state board of control will shortly start on a tour of the state for the purpose of picking a site for the boys' industrial reformatory which the last legislature ordered established and appropriated 1150,000 for building. Twenty-two cities and towns in the state have indicated the desire to have the reformatory in FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL and towns in the state have indicated a desire to have the reformatory ionated close by them. None has offered the site free, but each has indicated the price at which the necessary land may be purchased. The reformatory will not be ready for operation until after the next session of the legislature, as a money for its majutenance has been no money for its maintenance has been set aside.

In some instances commercial clubs make the offer of sites, and in other rases land owners are the applicants. Judge Holcomb, one member of the board, has indicated his desire to have board, has indicated his desire to have a brick yard run in connection with the reformatory. The towns entered in the competition are: Wahoo, Ravenna, Table Rock, Roca, Superior, Red Cloud, Lincoln, West Lincoln, Wayne, Aurora, Humboldt, Alma, Minden, Holdrege, Crete, Loup City, Kearney, Tekamah, Plattsmouth, Neligh and Columbus.

OMAHA VOTES DOWN

Omaha, March 11.—At a special election today the voters of Omaha defeated a new charter recently framed by a special charter commission, authorized by the last legislature. A proposal to issue bonds in the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase and refinishing of a city auditorium was also defeated. An initiated ordinance require. AUDITORIUM BONDS An initiated ordinance requiring the local traction company to give seven car fares for 25 cents was carried by a small majority. The street car com-pany has indicated, that it will carry its fight to the highest court.