

Ruts are the bane of country roads and one farmer has experienced until he has found a way to eliminate them. The idea is simple to fill the ruts of a prairie wagon road with concrete. The filling should be four or five inches thick, and about eight inches wide on top the surface being hollowed out about one and one-half inches deep for ve-hicle wheels. It is easy to drive over, as the wheels follow the tracks "with drst intent," and four years' wear on the experimental roads built by the or-ignator show no wear nor corrosion.

A gang of laborers was employed disging a mysterious ditch across the street. It was a sewer or a place to put a gas pipe, or something. One man in particular was working as if he were a chorus man in a play, just going through the motions and pretending to dig a ditch. The foreman came slong and spoke to him. "Don't be afraid." he said, with rich sarcasm. "Lean on ht' shovel now an' thin. If it breaks th' shovel new an' thin. If it breaks

Since the wireless telegraph appar-atus was first rendered practicable in 1396 it has been gradually perfected and its use has extended to every large body of water and to many large land areas. In such regions as South Amer-ica and Africa, where the construction and maintenance of the ordinary wire telegraph lines are difficult, it is prov-ing of value for land communication; but its greatest service has, of course, been on the oceans.

The coal produced in the Groundhog district, Vancouver, is said to be the only hard smokeless steam anthracite coal in the world outside of Wales, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The opening of the Panama canal will en-able vessels using hard coal to come through the canal with a small amount through the canal with a small amount of fuel in their bunkers and replenish their supplies at one of the Pacific stations with coal from the British Col-

Canadian trade in agricultural imple-ments is summarized in a return ta-bled in the House dealing with the last bled in the House dealing with the last fiscal year. Canada imported binders, reapers, mowers, plows, seeders and cultivators to a total value of \$2,080,527, and exported, during the same period, a total of \$3,228,866. The implements most largely imported were plows, while binders led in the exports.

The increasing importance of the sutomobile as a factor in international trade is apparent from the fact that the exports of automobiles from six leadregate \$19,000,000 in value, an increase of \$10,000,000 over those of 1912 and \$70,000,000 over those of 1908. In this rowing trade the United States occu-ples a prominent place.

Lon Lovelace has discovered a new sport which he practices on Thousand island lake in Wisconsin. He has built combination aeroplane and iceboat, with which he can sail either on the ice or a short distance above it. He has ppent the last winter hunting wolves which are crossing the lake and are un-able to escape to the land before he overtakes them.

Charles Ackerson, of Bridgewater, Conn., deserves the prize as rural free delivery mail carrier. During the last winter, with snow drifted to eight or 12 feet much of the time and his route leading through 21 miles of such traveling, he has not missed a single trip. He carried a snow shovel every day and often had to shovel out a road for his horse.

After being absent from home for 11 years, Richard Hoffman returned to Belleville, N. Y., with the intention of surprising his brother, who he supposed would not recognize him. When

FULMER REFUSES TO ACCEPT PRESIDENCY **OF KEARNEY NORMAL**

Decides to Stay at Wesleyan University and Help Solve Financial Problems.

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—Chancellor Fulmer, of Wesleyan university, who was unanimously named for superin-tendent of the Kearney state normal, by the state board of education, has filed a formal declination. He says that he will stay with Wesleyan, which has a big financial problem to solve, the receipts from various sources failing to meet expenses. The board of trus-tees of Wesleyan have given the chan-cellor assurances of help in securing the needed money, and he decided to remain. The Kearney position pays \$3,000 a year, and this is the same sal-ary which Fulmer receives as the head of Wesleyan. He said that the salary cut no figure in his decision. The state normal closes the latter part of the month, and the board will take its time about selecting a suc-cessor Among the applicants for the

take its time about selecting a suc-cessor. Among the applicants for the position is H. M. Gilmore, superla-tendent of city schools at Mason City,

BLUE SKY OFFICIALS RESTRAINED BY COURT

Lincoln, Neb., May 11 .- The Farmers'

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—The Farmers' Life Insurance company of Denver se-cured an injunction, from Federal Judge Munger, restraining the state in-surance commissioner from interfering with its doing business in Nebraska. The commissioner had refused a li-cense, claiming that the reports of the company showed it had spent too much for promotion expenses, and that ap-parently its desire, in asking a re-newal of its license, is to sell stock and not insurance. The commissioner is also enjoined from publishing any defamatory statements regarding it. The petition of the company also brings into issue again the constitu-tionality of the law, which took the insurance department away from the state auditor and placed it in charge of a newly-created department. The state supreme court has a suit before it, in which this same question is at issue. The company claims that Com-

it, in which this same question is at issue. The company claims that Com-missioner Brian acted wickedly and arbitrarily in denying it a license and that his actions injure and oppress it treatly greatly.

RAILROAD TAX EXPERT

OBJECTS TO VALUATION Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—Tax Com-missioner Polleys, of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, complained to the state board of as-sessment that the figure of \$41,500 a mile placed by it upon the road for taxation purposes is absurdly high, when valuations on farm lands in northeastern Nebraska are taken into consideration. He says that in the 13 counties in that section of the state crossed by his line, the farm lands and town lots are assessed at about 60 per cent of their actual value, as shown by recent transfers. If \$41,500 a mile rep-resents only 60 per cent of what the board thinks his road is worth, then this would mean that it considers its actual value \$70,000, whereas the high-est possible figure would be \$50,000 a mile. He quotes the valuation of the road's property made by the state rail-OBJECTS TO VALUATION mile. He quotes the valuation of the road's property made by the state rail-way commission as a basis for earning power as \$37,790 a mile, and insists that the figure of \$41,500 is entirely too high.

CIGARMAKERS PROTEST AGAINST RESTRICTIONS Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—A delegation of striking cigarmakers have entered a protest with Commissioner King be-cause, as they say, the police will not peacefully allow them to picket the peacefully allow them to picket the shop where the trouble is on. They claimed that the state law gave them They the right to peacefully picket a place, but that at the request of the pro-prietor of the shop the police have stopped them from talking to nonunon to quit work. The strikers said that the men who have taken their places are boarded by the proprietor, who takes them to and from work in hacks, and that the only chance they have to talk and argue with them is in front of the shop, where they have been congregating.

TALBOT PLANNING TO **USE "STEAM ROLLER"** AGAINST OPPONENTS

Having Only Uncontested Dele gates, He Hopes to Organize Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—With 80 per cent of the Modern Woodmen member-ship in open opposition to the present head camp officers, it is now becoming plain why the organization crowd has been keeping up their claims of control at the national meeting, to be held at Toledo, Ohio, in June. With unob-structed control of the delegations from a few southern and eastern states, the inner circle contingent will try to em-ploy the old reliable "steam roller," sometimes effective in political conventions.

The claim will be raised that only "uncontested" delegates have any rights in the preliminary organizations and these will be confined to the Tal-bot supporters. It is the expectation to have these "uncontested" delegates make up the roll of delegates the to have these "uncontested" delegates make up the roll of delegates. As the administration crowd has conjured up contests in all states where the antis control, the next process will be to seat enough of the bolter delegates from these states to continue the control of the present administration. It is a very simple process, as out-lined by the minority contingent, but there may be some court complications imposed against the program. The antis have shown themselves to be a determined and fighting bunch. They

antis have shown themselves to be a determined and fighting bunch. They are interested in ascertaining if there is any possible process by which the membership of a fraternal insurance organization can secure a voice in the management of its affairs. It is not only the Modern Woodmen of America that is being given a test at this time, but the condition applies to every so-called mutual insurance company in the land. In all such com-panies, operating over a large territory. the rule has been for the original pro-moters to retain control at will. This is the first important effort ever made the rule has been for the original pro-moters to retain control at will. This is the first important effort ever made for membership control of a mutual insurance company, and precisely the same trouble would be experienced in any other large mutual company.

OXFORD NATIONAL BANK TAKES STATE CHARTER

TAKES STATE CHARTER Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—Another feather was stuck in the cap of the bank guaranty deposits law of Ne-braska today, when the First Na-tional bank of Oxford was given per-mission of the banking board to be-come a state institution. It will adopt the name of the Security State bank of Oxford. The bank has a \$20,000 capitalization. Its officers are: Presi-dent, W. C. Springer: vice president. dent, W. C. Springer; vice president, T. F. Mackprang; cashier, A. Von Armsberger.

Armsberger. This is the tenth bank in Nebraska to fly to the protection of the state guaranty law in the last six months. The names of the others are: Nebraska National, of Norfolk, to the Nebraska State bank; First Na-tional of Nebraska State Bank of Nel

the Nebraska State bank; First Na-tional of Nelson, to State Bank of Nel-son; First National, of Lawrence, to Security State bank; First National of Henderson, to Farmers' State bank; the First National, Elmwood, to the Elmwood State bank; Sutton National, to State Bank of Sutton; First Nation-al of Bloomfield, to Nebraska State bank of Bloomfield; Atkinson National bank to the Security State bank of bank of the Security State bank of Atkinson; Superior National bank, to State Bank of Superior. The combined capitalization of the institutions amounts to \$350,000. Banks under state regulation number above the 725 mark at the present time. The

DAN STEPHENS WILL **AMERICAN SOLDIER REPORTED SLAIN BY** AGAIN TRY FOR HIS **CONGRESSIONAL JOB** GANG OF MEXICANS

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for Crime-Prompt Investigation

Will Be Ordered-Funston

Asks for Support.

Vera Cruz, May 11.-Private Parks,

orderly for Lieut. Coy. Elmore Taggart,

who disappeared inside of Mexican

Taggart's horses, was put to death by

the Mexicans near Tejera, according to

a report received here last night. This information, however, was not

Thursday, with two of Colonel

Apparently Undaunted by Oppo. Believed Irresponsibles Are to Blame sition Aroused Over Naming of Postmasters.

Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—Dan Stephens will again be a candidate for the dem-ocratic congressional nomination in the Third district, despite the roar raised among the politicians of his district among the politicians of his district over the fact that the postoffice pri-mary plan he put in force has deprived them of rewards for party service. Stephens filed with the secretary of state as a candidate at the democratic primaries. He will be opposed by Art Koenigstein, county attorney of Mad-ison county. O. S. Spillman, a lawyer, of Pierce, is the only republican who has indicated his intentions to make the race.

regarded as conclusive. A Mexican the race. J. F. Hansen, of Fremont, is the first railroad man, the authority for the rerailroad man, the authority for the re-port, said he was told by one of Maas' soldiers, with whom he had a talk in-the vicinity of the alleged execution, that Parks had been killed. He said also that the Mexican soldier told him' that two nights before, another man, dressed like an American soldier, had been executed J. F. Hansen, of Fremont, is the most of the progressives selected by the ex-ecutive committee to make the race for state office, to make a filing. He has deposited with the secretary of state documents putting him in the race for state auditor.

HASTINGS PUTS BAN ON NOISE AT SUNDAY GAMES

Hastings, Neb., May 9 .- The game between Hastings and York last Sunday was the first Sabbath day baseball ever played in Hastings and the attendance. played in Hastings and the attendance, in spite of the inclement weather, wet grounds and the fact that it was a practice contest, exceeded all expecta-tions. Close to 1,500 persons were present. The

The Hastings management has adopted a rule which has done away with most of the objections to Sunday baseball—that of requiring the Sunday crowds to keep the lid hard down on all boisterousness and loud cheering. Pres-ident Deines has decreed that anybody who gets too poisy at Sunday sames who gets too noisy at Sunday games will be put off the grounds.

ASSEMBLING MATERIAL FOR PROPOSED YUTAN CUTOFF

Omaha, Neb., May 9 .- Although grad-

Omaha, Neb., May 9.—Although grad-ing on the Burlington's Chalco-Yutan cut off has not began, building material is being assembled. The yards at Chal-co are being filled with steel, ties and bridge timbér. The grading of the 12 miles connect-ing up the Burlington's main line from Omaha west with the Ashland-Sioux City line will be finished within 60 days after starting. It is a light grade and there are but two, or three cuts. It is expected that grading will start during the present month. The steel to be used in the Burling-ton's new line is said to indicate that company officials anticipate an enor-mous tonnage. Ninety pounds, the heaviest laid is being unloaded at the Chalco yards, while the ties are cedar, the heaviest that can be found in the Wyoming forests.

outposts. More Regulars Seen. Reports from the north outposts and the aviators indicate that there are more regulars in that direction than was heretofore thought. One party of 50 was seen. They made no hostile demonstration and proceeded, appar-ently without paying attention to the Americans. The largest party seen northward previously was a small squad which was sighted a few days ago by an aviator. The army estimates the population Wyoming forests.

SACKETT DECLARES HE

WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR Beatrice, Neb., May 9.—Harry W. Sackett of Beatrice, is the progressive candidate for governor. Mr. Sackett made this announcement yesterday, stating that he had notified Chairman Corrick of the progressive party that he would make the race if the requisite petition is filed. Although Mr. Corrick announced Mr. Sackett's candidacy two weeks ago.

tween 40,000 and 50,000. This is one-third above normal and accounts for the water shortage. Efforts to limit the water consumption are in progress. Army officers report that the Mexi-can police are doing satisfactory work Under the existing arrangement, they handle only Mexicans, while the troops take care of the cases in which solders, sailors or foreigness are involved. Although Mr. Corrick announced Mr. Sackett's candidacy two weeks ago, there have been vague rumors that the local man would not be willing to enter the race or that he would line up with the republican party. Mr. Sackett served two terms in the state legislature and was one of the leaders in the fight for Roosevelt on the convention floor in the last repub-lican national convention in Chicago.

DISAPPEARANCE OF CRAZED lican national convention in Chicago. He emphatically makes the statement

MAN REPORTED BY FUNSTON. Washington, May 11.-General Funs**GREATEST YIELD OF** WHEAT IN HISTORY **INDICATED FOR 1914**

First Official Estimate Places Year's Production at 630-000,000 Bushels.

BIG INCREASE IN ACREAGE

Spring Plowing Well Advanced and Seeding Is More Than Half Done -Hay and Pasturage Are Good.

Washington, May 9-The first official estimate of the size of the crop of win-ter was made today in the May crop ter was made today in the May crop report of the crop reporting board, Uni-ted States department of agriculture, issued at 2:15 p. m. The report shows the condition on May 1 of winter wheat, rye, meadow lands and pastures; the percentage of spring plowing and spring planting completed, the acre-age of winter wheat to be harvested, the estimated outturn of the winter wheat crop and the stocks of hay on farms May 1. The figures are: Winter Wheat-The average condi-tion of winter wheat on May 1 was 95.9 per cent of a normal; compared with

95.6 per cent of a normal; compared with 95.6 per cent on April 1; 91.9 per cent on May 1, 1913, and 85.5 per cent the average for the past 10 years on May

The area of winter wheat remaining

1. The area of winter wheat remaining on May 1 to be harvested was about 35,-387,000 acres, or 1,119,000 acres less than the area planted last autumn, but 3,-866,000 acres more than the area har-vested last year (31,699,000 acres). The condition on May 1 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately. 17.8 bushels, assuming average varia-tions to prevail therafter. On the esti-mated area to be harvested inis would produce a final crop of 630,000,000 bushels. compared with 523,651,000 bushels in 1912; 430,656,000 bushels in 1911, and 434,142,000 bushels in 1910. The outturn of the crop probably will be above or below the figures here given, according to whether the condi-tion from May 1 to time of harvest is above or below the average change. Rye—The condition of rye on May 1 was 93.4 per cent of a normal, com-pared with 91.3 per cent on April 1; 91.0 per cent on May 1. 1913, and 89.4 per cent the average for the past 10 years on May 1. Meadow or Hay Lands—The average condition of meadow or hay lands on May 1 was 90.9 per cent of a normal, compared with 88.5 per cent on May 1 1913, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 18.1 per cent. Hay on Farms—The stocks of hay on farms on May 1 were estimated to be

112, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 88.1 per cent. Hay on Farms—The stocks of hay on farms on May 1 were estimated to be 7.832,000 tons, compared with 10.828,000 tons on May 1, 1913, and 4,744,000 tons on May 1, 1912. Pasture—The average condition of pastures on May 1 was 88.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.1 per tent on May 1, 1913, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 85.6 per cent. Spring Plowing—Of spring plowing 10.9 per cent was completed up to May 1, compared with 67.2 per cent on May 1, 1913, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 66.6 per cent. Spring Planting—Of spring planting 16.4 per cent was completed up to May 1, compared with 57.0 per cent on May 1, 1913, and a six year average on May 1 of 54.6 per cent.

The Revenge of Neglected Things. From The Survey.

From The Survey. We may as well face the fact that so long as we and our children are at large m a community, we shall be in danger from all the evils that are also at large in that community, and, though we may be able to exclude from our homes the moth, the housefly, the agent and the burglar, we cannot exclude germs. They ide in on the trails of our gowns, they are tracked in on our shoes. They come in food and drink, in washes, in clothing, n wares. They come by messengers and carriers and servants, as do the influences of evil. If evil, We need not go to the slums if we do not wish. They will come to us, and, wreaking upon us the revenge of neglected lnings, they will avenge the poor. Yet it is not vengeance the poor are wanting. They only want help, and they to not dream how much we could give them, beside alms. They stand afar off, ind look at us, beseeching, too thuid to knock at our forbidding portals. But the white death, who has been their bed-fel-low, is not abashed by any grandeur, or stopped by any bar. He comes straight from the filthy hovel to our homes, and peers in upon us through the windows, while we feast, and laugh. He pushes upon the door, and strides in, and sitting lown at our very fireside, looks into the faces of our best beleved, so that they cry out and die! The revenge of the slums falls not only upon the individual, but upon the city, in all its interests and activities. It falls upon the city in losses of lives and money, taxes paid for pauperism, for crime, for the cost of disease. It falls upon the city corganizations that ignore the slums, by the blight of their very ugilness and buyers from the neigh-borhood, and injures all adjacent prop-erty. It falls upon them, too, by breeding a block of other they how the falls a pon-ter the slums, by the blight of their very ugilness and buyers from the neigh-borhood, and injures all adjacent prop-erty. evil. We need not go to the slums if we do borhood, and injures all adjacent prop-erty. It falls upon them, too, by breeding a class of citizens that are a dead weight to civic progress. It falls upon the business interests by killing or weakening valuable working men, whose loss is felt in traffic, trade and manufacture. It falls upon the churches, by raising up those who defeat and defy them, by lower-ing the whole moral tone of the com-munity, and increasing the resistance to the powers of good. These are the ways in which we are scourged by the slums, and until we learn our lesson, we must continue to suit fer as well as the poor.

Maas Not Blamed. They believe such an act would be that of a subordinate officer without authority and that General Maas would Hastings management has

that of a subordinate officer without authority and that General Mcas would be wholly ignorant of the matter until the Mexico City government asked for an explanation. It is assumed here that the matter will be taken up by the authorities at Washington through the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and that the Huerta officials will make a prompt investigation. General Fun-ston deems it inadvisable to open for-mal communication with General Maas and is therefore leaving the case to Washington. General Funston has asked that the brigade equipment left behind at Gal-veston, because of lack of room for horses and wagons on the transports, be sent forward. He is also asking that recruits for regiments here now assembled at recruiting depots in the United States be shipped. The equipment includes a majority of the regimental wagon trains and horses for the signal corps. Lacking these, the signal corps. Lacking these, the signal corps. and quarter-master's department are hampered in their work about the city and at the outposts. More Reculars Seen.

dressed like an American soldier, had been executed. Colonel Taggart went by train as far as the break in the railroad, near Te-jera, to try to get information about Parks. He said he heard the same story as that told by the railroad man. Even should the reported execution by General Maas' men of Private Sam-uel Parks, the orderly missing since Wednesday prove true army officers are inclined not to regard one such in-cident as likely to precipitate a clash. Maas Not Blamed

he reached his brother's house, how-ever, he found that the pleasant man he had been talking to on the train had been his brother, who had known him all the time.

Dr. Kleiber, Swiss scientist, has dis-Dr. Kleiber, Swiss scientist, has dis-covered that the thick layer of ashes covering the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii contains large quantities of potash and argli, a valuable agricul-tural fertilizer. He believes the region around Vesuvius is rich in potash. It is proposed that the Italian government shall exploit the volcanic deposits com-mercially. mercially

Among the most recent substitutes for rubber is seaweed. In England there is being made from seaweed a product which is said to be as good as rubber for the manufacture of tires and simi-lar purposes, and while it has not been used for boots, the experiments seem to indicate that it will be found cheap-er and more durable than leather or rubber. rubber.

An enterprising firm in Hull, Eng-hand, making oil, mill and other maand, making oil, mill and other ma-chinery for export, has a private pic-ture palace for showing its machinery in operation under various circum-stances. The firm finds this particu-larly valuable in entertaining foreign customers who want to see how the machinery is caployed in actual prac-tice.

At a Polish wedding in New Jersey the guests enjoyed a 48-hour feast, at which a ton of oysters, seven calves, if dozen chickens and a "small mountain of sandwiches" were consumed. After the feast the bride, according to n old custom, danced with whoever would give her a quarter, and earned in this way about \$4.

The king of England held a privy ouncil at Buckingham palace the other ay for the appointment of sheriffs for the ensuing year. The list of names of sentlemen eligible to serve was sub-mitted to his majesty, who made the appointments by pricking with a silver bodkin opposite the names of the se-iscted candidates.

Robert Lansing, who has been ap-pointed to succeed John Bassett Moore as counsellor to the state department, has, like his predecessor, from his en-trance into the law specialized in indernational matters, and has represent-ed the United States as counsel before a number of arbitral tribunals and aims commissions.

There is a growing inclination in Ordney, Australia, to introduce into domestic architecture the American method of placing permanent fittings in all rooms of a house, so that the tenant will need little furniture and the walls of the place will not be destroyed by the moving about of large objects.

London, which has never yet had an moulance, has at last ordered six of them, and expects to do all the work for the entire city. In case of past acci-dents the policemen have had to com-mandeer the nearest wagon, depending on the generosity of the driver, as they were not able to offer him anything.

YORK MAYOR ORDERS ABSOLUTE BAN ON TANGO

York, Neb., May 11.-Mayor Nelson York. Neb., May 11.—Mayor Nelson has put a quietus on the tango dance in this city. He, with an officer, was called to the armory last evening. The mayor said, after visiting the hall: "I saw enough. I felt sorry for the girls of good, respectable parents that I saw there. The dancing was coarse, and cannot be permitted to continue. We are not going to tolerate that sort of thing in York. The next time it happens complaints will be filed against anyone violating this order."

CRETE YOUNG WOMAN WINNER OF BIOLOGY PRIZE

Crete, Neb., May 11.-The Ruth Mary Stevens prize, given by Dr. J. F. Stev-ens, of Lincoln, for merit in advanced work in biology, has been given this year to Miss Besse Potter for her work in beginning a collection of insects and in recognition of the ability shown in the class room. The money so award-ed is to help to defray the expenses of a summer course of study at the ma-rine biological station, Woods Hole, Mass.

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RAISED AGE 20 YEARS TO BLUFF YOUNG WOMAN

Lincoln, Neb., May 11 .- Edwin Cul-Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—Edwin Cul-ver, a blacksmith who has lived in Lin-coln for 40 years, died yesterday. It was supposed that he was 93 years old, that being the age he had always given. After his death a brother said that Cul-ver was really but 73, but that years are when he was a young men and ago, when he was a young man and bashful he got the idea that a young woman was determined upon marry-ing him. To shunt her off his trail he ing him. To shuft her on his train he told her that he was 20 years older than he really was, and it worked. After that, as a measure of self-protection, he preserved the same fiction until he came to believe it himself in later

WINS \$3,000 PER YEAR **TO EASE BROKEN HEART**

years.

London, May 9.—As a sequel to a breach of promise of marriage, judg-ment was given today to Miss Derriyle Elizabeth Law, of Atlanta. Ga., in a suit brought to enforce payment of a settlement of \$3.000 a year made in her force the back Care Databat Marrie favor by the late Capt. Patrick Hamil-

ton. Captain Hamilton, a British army avlator, was killed in a flying accident at Stevenags, England, on November

OF SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT Lincoln, Neb., May 9.-- A vigorously worded protest against the form which it is proposed to use on the ballot this fall in submitting the women's suf-frage amendment to the constitution has been received by Secretary of State Wait. It is a request from the state association opposed to women's suf-frage to be allowed to present argu-ments why the ballot proposition should not be made clearer. As drawn by the secretary and cordially on by the secretary and cordially ap-proved by the suffrage association the proposition is merely for and against the amendment of the constitution with respect to electors. What it does is to strike out the word "male" from the stated qualifications for electors

the stated qualifications for electors. Mr. Wait has set May 12 as the date when he will hear protests from the opposing association. The suffragists will also be represented. In the pro-test just received the statement is made that the lack of reference to man's suffrage will mislead and de-ceive a good many voters. They want it made clear that when a vote is cast for the amendment the voter knows that he is giving the ballot to women.

HOWARD SHIFTS AMBITION

TO HALLS OF CONGRESS TO HALLS OF CONGRESS Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—W. B. Howard will not again be a candidate for auditor, instead he will run as the re-publican candidate for congress in the Second, or Omaha district, if the ma-jority of republican electors want him to do so. He sent his filing to the country election terretary. county clerks yesterday. Howard is serving his first term as state auditor. He sought the office because he was an experienced insurance man, and had some ideas he wanted to put into practice in controlling the business in this state. A cruel legislature, within two months after he took office, passed a bill taking the insurance department out of the auditor's hands and creating

a new department under a new and an appointive chief. Howard has a lawsuit pending in supreme court in which this law is attacked, but he will not wait this decision in deciding upon his political future.

McSHANE GETS VERDICT IN

SUITS FOR MEALS AT JAIL Omaha, Neb., May 9.—It was planned by County Commissioner Lynch yes-terday to have the board pass a resolution engaging Myron L. Learned as special attorney to defend Douglas county in all suits brought against it by Sheriff McShane on his bills for feeding prisoners, but the board laid it over without action.

At the present time, Joseph T. Vo-tava of Mr. Learned's office is repre-senting the county, though without a resolution from the county board authorizing him to do so. He is requir-ing a jury trial on each monthly bill, at a cost of \$36 a day to the county for At a cost of \$36 a day to the county for purors alone, though the law and facts in each are the same. Following one trial Tuesday, another was tried yes-terday in Judge Day's court, and as before, the court instructed the jury to return a verdict for the sheriff.

Experiments in cotton in southern Spain have been so successful that it may become one of the country's most important crops.

that he is not a progressive republican, as some style themselves, but a "progressive.'

PUTS BAN ON CATS, DOGS, PIPES, CIGARS, CIGARETS

PIPES, CIGARS, CIGARETS Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—States Food Commissioner Harman has issued a circular which contains, among other prohibitions, a declaration against the presence of cats or dogs in any kitchen, dining room, bakery, meat market or any other place where food is prepared or sold. The smoking of cigarets, cigars and pipes in these places is also prohibited. The instructions to food purveyors tell them what they must do with respect to maintaining sanitary conditions, washing of hands before beginning work, supplying towels and beginning work, supplying towels and wash rooms, keeping clothing clean and barring all persons with contagious

COAL WAR IN LINCOLN RESULTS IN CUT PRICES

or infectious diseases.

Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—A price war has broken out among Lincoln coal dealers who have, for years, main-tained an organization that maintained tained an organization that maintained strict schedules. The cuts range all the way from 50 cents a ton on hard coal to \$2.25 a ton on soft coal. These new prices are all for delivery during the next few months. The reason given is that last vear several enterprising deal-ers employed solicitors to go from house to house and convass for orders for the winter's supply of fuel, with the result that those that did not employ solicitors lost a number of old time solicitors lost a number of old time

customers. They are retaliating. BOY KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF EMPTY GASOLINE TANK

OF EMPTY GASOLINE TANK Foster, Neb., May 9.—The death of Charles Carse on his father's farm three miles southwest of here, was due to the explosion of an empty gasoline barrel, instead of the tank of an old stove, as was at first reported. The iron barrel was lying in the warm sun near the barn. The head of the bar-rel was blown off and it is supposed that this is what struck him, mangling his face beyond recognition.

Monroe, Neb., May 9.-H. E. Fonda, proprietor of the Genoa flouring mill, committed sulcide yesterday after-noon by taking carbolic acid. The cause is unknown. He seemed to be in good health and enjoyed a prosperous business business.

TALBOT FORCES ROUTED IN NEBRASKA CONVENTION

Hastings, Neb., May 7.—Administra-tion forces of the Modern Woodmen of America, with Head Consul A. R. Talbot in personal command, were defeat-ed, last night, on a test vote by the insurgents, in the state convention, on insurgents, in the state convention, on the question of electing delegates to the head camp at Toledo. Following their defeat the administration men, headed by Thomas S. Allen, of Lincoln, bolted the convention and elected a contesting delegation. The insurgents had previ-ously adopted a resolution, calling for the returement of the head officers and reneal of the so-called Chicago rates repeal of the so-called Chicago rates

ton today, from Vera Cruz, confirmed unofficial reports that Private Parks, supposed to be insane, had been captured by Mexican federals, into whose lines he rode with two horses belong ing to Lieut. Col. Elmore F. Taggart whom he served as orderly. General Funston did not report that Parks had been executed, but mentioned the ex-ecution of an unidentified American civilian.

More Regulars Seen.

The army estimates the population of Vera Cruz, including troops and American and Mexican refugees at be-tween 40,000 and 50,000. This is one-

The Parks incident was summarized in this statement by Secretary Garrison:

"General Funston reported that on May 6 Private Samuel Parks, belong-ing to the regimental detachment of the Twenty-eighth infantry, apparently went insane. He took two horses, the property of Lieutenant Colonel Tag-gart, of the Twenty-eighth infantry, and rode into the Mexican lines. It has been reported to General Funston that the horses were seen in possession of Mexican troops. There is also a rumor than an unknown American civilian in the Mexican lines was exe-cuted two days ago. Parks' fate is not cuted two days ago. Parks' fate is not known. Mexican troops were last heard of in the neighborhood of Tejeria, where the tracks of the Mexican National railway have been torn up.



Chicago, May 11.-Sewall Truax, mining engineer and son of Col Sewall Truax, of Tacoma, Wash., lies at the point of death in his home in Highland

form a bullet wound in his head. Mr. Truax for nearly two years had

Mr. Truax for nearly two years had suffered from a severe attack of rheu-matism from which physicians gave him little hope of relief. Recently Mr. Truax sold one of his revolvers and Thursday called for an-other revolver which he said he in-tended to clean before disposing of it. No one was in the room with him when the injury was inflicted. There were no powder marks visible and members of the family insist the weapon was accidentally discharged.

Cleaning Up.

Cleaning Up. From the Chicago Post. "The fortress of San Juan de Uloa," eave a Vera Cruz dispatch. "which has been notorious for centuries as the foulest puson on the American continent, has been ordered vacated immediately by Rear Admiral Fletcher. Dungeons below the water line, cells in which the inmates could not lie down, recently used instru-ments of torture and prisoners blind and forgotten were among the shocking dis-coveries of the American officers." This is the sort of work that justifies Uncle Sam's presence in Mexico.

Iowa hens lay 1,000,000,000 eggs yearly.

Ocean Traffic Impossible.

Ocean Traffic Impossible. From the Christian Heraid. Several decides ago a learned professor delivered a course of lectures, in one of which he proved to his own satisfactior that the Atlantic ocean could never be crossed by steam. Steam power had beed discovered and applied on land, but he was confident it could never be applied to the ocean. Under the peculiar conditions of the heaving waves, the danger of storms, the rolling of the tide, and so forth, you could never apply steam to navigation across the Atlantic. The boo's in which that lecture was published wal on the first steamer that crossed the At-lantic. The captain took it along as a sort of curiosity. That book did not have a very large sale, but there has been quite a run of steamers ever since, and the professor ceased to argue that steam could not be utilized on the ocean.

What is Your Idea of the Next World?

What is Your idea of the Next World? From the Woman's Home Companion. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway tabernacle in New York city? In an Easter sermon entitled "The Other World," begins by commenting on some of the unsatisfactory pictures of the fu-ture that appear in the bible and other lit-erature. He then adds: "The fact is, there are no attractive pic-tures anywhere of the world of the dead." This is because that world is unpicturable. We mar the beauty and power of it the moment we try to form an image of it. It is like God in lying beyond the reach of the pictorial imagination. We cannot liken it to anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath. We

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