

The building of a large number of small factories in this city would mean the employment of much labor not alone in construction, but in the operation. The Commercial Club can do no better than to make a strong effort along the lines of securing such institutions. They are money-makers for the city and its people.

The hysterical outbreak of the Eastern papers over California's attitude toward the Japanese, shows a marvelous lack of conception of the people of the Golden State. They are of the same flesh and blood as their eastern brothers and fully as intellectual. They understand what they want on this question better than New York does.

The Chinese are complaining of the President because they say he is discriminating against them and in favor of the Japanese. They are not far wrong in their contention. It looks queer that one set of these people have so much more consideration than the others. The right way is to exclude all of them as they all compete with American labor and do not become citizens.

The action of the house in passing the senate resolutions to reduce the salary of the secretary of state so that position might go to Senator Knox, is not to be commended. There is no reasonable excuse for such action. Senator Knox is no more to be entitled to the benefit of special laws than anyone else and if the law prevented his succession to the cabinet, then he should stay barred out. In the first place Knox has no particular qualifications for the position to which he succeeds and there is every probability he will make a very ordinary secretary.

The matter of securing the special trade excursions to run between Eagle and this city once or twice a month, is now said to be in the hands of the company. Let it be hoped that some scheme can be devised by which these trains may be run and let them commence soon. There is no question as to the immense benefits to be derived from them by both the people along the railroad and by the people of this city. Get them started and keep them going. Secure some free attractions so that visitors may not alone transact business but shall also have some inducement to spend their time in town.

The construction of the two interurban lines which have been talked of for so long, should be pushed forward with celerity. The building of the line to Murdock and Elmwood would in itself, cause the speedy building of the Omaha-Plattsmouth line. It would be an invaluable feeder for this latter line and would be a paying proposition from the commencement. If the gentlemen having the project in hand would get after the matter in the right way, they would find that there are people who are enthusiastic over it and who will do their share toward making it a go. Let the scheme be taken up in good earnest and let the wheels be started toward the construction of these two big projects. A line with cars every hour or two hours, and with a good freight service would make a magnet for the promoters as well as build up this city.

The Texas & Pacific Railway yesterday passed its interest upon its second bonds. This is another Gould road which is bonded away beyond its limit and upon which an enormous load in interest charges have been saddled. This road in common with the Iron Mountain, the I. & G. N., and the M. P., has been allowed to virtually run itself and the result is inadequate train service, poor equipment and miserable roadway. Wrecks and derailments are of constant occurrence on every road which the Gould inter-

ests control and they are startling examples of how not to run a road. All these lines should be taken over by receivers appointed by the state and compelled to bring their roadway and equipment to such a degree of efficiency that there would be no danger for the traveling public. The interest and dividends upon watered stock and bonds should be required to halt awhile and rest until the public gets some protection.

Appropriations.

The republican papers seem to be overworking themselves on account of the amounts to be appropriated at the present legislature to run the government of the state for the next two years. The papers are publishing every sum asked for, it matters not by whom, and then add thirty to fifty per cent and the aggregate is in excess of that appropriated by the last legislature.

When a person goes into court he always asks for a full allowance, knowing that the jury or court will for. So it is with the state institutions. The superintendents ask for all they need—and then some. When the appropriations committee make a thorough investigation it is generally found that there has been a reduction of nearly 50 per cent, this means much in the total sum appropriated.

And then there is one other item that should not be overlooked, and that is the efficiency claim, handed down by the last republican administration. From that there is no getting away, and to make good the deficit means that the sum is to be charged to the democrats instead of to the republicans where it rightfully belongs. For instance, there is a deficiency of \$15,000 in the state penitentiary. This legislature must meet that deficit. Does it belong to the democrats or should it be charged to the "best governor Nebraska ever had?" Another institution is charged with a \$5,000 deficit. This must be paid. Do you think that Governor Shallenberger ought to be held responsible for the debt handed down to him?

The present legislature will be economical but it has a number of republican bills to pay, and the expense will be charged to the democrats.—Nebraska City News.

In Other Words.

A Washington dispatch printed in the New York Tribune, republican, says: "The president has been advised that a method of prosecution has been found, and although it is too early to reveal the government's plans, it may be said that the prosecution will be pushed with energy. The president is deeply interested in this case, and those charged with the prosecution realize that they will earn his gratitude if their efforts are successful."

In other words if the lawyers hired by the American government to do public service are able to find means whereby newspapers or individuals may be successfully prosecuted for lese majeste then they may confidently count on smiles from the king. Doubtless there would be even more gratitude if these lawyers could discover a method whereby Representative Rainey of Illinois could be called to account for his remarks with respect to the Panama canal.—The Commoner.

Tired and Sore.

Being superintendent of Chicago's public school system is not to be compared to flowery beds of ease. The latest incumbent lasted nine years, which we believe is longer than anybody ever was president of France, but he has given up. He is "tired and sore," he says, of the continual fight, with no prospect that it will ever be any different, and he quits to take a job as president of a publishing company—more money, less work, and no war.

It is a common experience of school men in cities large and small. In their relation to the public they are like other office holders, and the holding of office is a militant science; but in their occupation and their usual cast of mind and temperament they are not fitted for an eternal conflict, and they generally have too much regard for truth and justice to make the best of political com-

batants. No wonder they get tired and sore.

It is plainly a question involving the efficiency of our educational system, but the solution is not yet. It may come some day, when men in general are able to approach the point of view of such men as Lincoln and are able in a measure to recognize the virtues and honest motives of those on the other side of a difference in opinion. People in public places are too infrequently accused of being mistaken, and too frequently accused of being scoundrels and criminals.—World Herald.

Now that the weather has gotten cold enough to make some ice, we may expect to hear no more of the proposed ice plant. It might have been better for the city in several ways if the weather had remained warmer.

The latest reports from the legislature indicate that there is a chance that a bill may pass allowing Sunday theater and Sunday baseball to flourish in Omaha and Lincoln, something which has been done in the past anyway, so why not legalize it and let it go.

From the way Senators Penrose and LaFollette went after each other Thursday in the senate it is evident the fellowship idea does not prevail in that body to near as great an extent, as many have imagined. They resembled mortal enemies in the venom and vigor of their language.

The Commercial Club should profit by the talk given before it by Mr. Steinhart of Nebraska City. The address was one full of wise words and sage advice upon the question as to how to make a good city and as to how a live Commercial Club can aid in the work. Let them study the several suggestions and get busy along the lines which he has indicated as productive and they will find them worth while.

Council Frank Neuman is a consistent and vigorous advocate of municipal water and light plant and he presents some figures in support of his idea which are very alluring. The trouble with the municipal plant idea is that it does not take account of the work of politics in running the plant. If there can be some means devised by which the plants will not be made the football of party politics or of ring government by so-called citizens movements, then the day of municipal ownership is at hand. A fatal defect in our form of government is the inability to divorce a business proposition like a water and light plant from the political government of the city.

One of the most pertinent and sensible remarks made by Mr. Steinhart in his speech before the Commercial Club Tuesday night was that he favored an interurban for Nebraska City if it brought business into town instead of out. The same thing is true of Plattsmouth. The best interurban that could be built in this vicinity is that from this city to Elmwood and Murdock. This would bring business into the city from the heart of the county and would make the city a market place of importance. This done there would be no need to call for interurban connection with Omaha—it would come fast enough. The construction of this line could be made an assured success if the right kind of people went after it and made a fight to get it through. The many advantages of the line are so manifest that the people living along it should welcome it with open arms and should aid in the construction of it. The advance in the value of the lands adjacent to the proposed line would be immense and the ease with which their products could be hurried to market would make an advance in them also certain. Let this matter take precedence over the Omaha-Plattsmouth interurban if the club desires to do a really good thing for the city.

A stray observation of the quiet and efficient work of the public schools came to notice the other day when the writer overheard a little girl not yet in her teens telling of having written three letters, one on Washington, one on Grant and the third on Lincoln. Imbued with curiosity she was asked why these let-

LAND! LAND! LAND! To the Cass County Farmer Who wants to buy a fine farm for less money and which will pay bigger rate of interest than your Cass County farms, and produce four tons of alfalfa each season, and sells for \$8 per ton, \$32 per acre. Read the descriptions in this advertisement. Central City has one of the largest alfalfa mills in the state, furnishes a fine market for all the alfalfa in the county. 640 acres, 2 miles north of Chapman, Neb., 300 acres in cultivation, balance in hay and pasture. Two story frame house, 7 or 10 room house. Practically new barn, 32x40 with mow, painted red; two wells, 2 mills, other out buildings, fenced and cross-fenced, four wires, round cedar posts. Every acre level land, no wet or low land on the entire section. Soil black loam, 18 inches to 2 feet deep, clay subsoil. No better land in the state. Corn husking out 50 bushel to the acre, paying 8 percent on \$100 an acre. Cash price for 30 days, \$75 per acre. Can make loan 5 years \$26,000 at 6 per cent, optional payments. 400 acres, 4 miles from town, 100 acres in cultivation, 150 acres more can be cultivated, balance too low, but is fine hay land, 1 1/2 story house, good barn for ten horses, cattle shed and all necessary out buildings, 2 wells and 1 mill. All fenced and cross fenced. Price for short time \$52.50 per acre. Can loan 50 percent of the above price. This is a snap. 160 acres, 5 miles from Central City, 120 acres in cultivation, 40 acres in pasture, but all smooth land except 4 acres, which is a little too low. Six room house, stable for 8 horses and other outbuildings; 2 wells, 1 mill; 60 acres fall wheat, nice little grove. On R. F. D. and phone in house. Price \$62.50 per acre. 240 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Central City, 100 acres in cultivation, balance in hay and pasture, good buildings, grove, A1 land, 40 rods to college and finest location and neighborhood in the county. Price \$87.50, good terms. Hay land will cut 2 tons per acre. 160 acres, 3 miles from town, 120 acres in cultivation, 20 acres in hay, 20 acres pasture, 36 acres fall wheat, small house, barn and grove. Every acre fine farm land, but buildings very poor. Will sell for cast at \$50 per acre. This farm is located in a fine neighborhood. Mortgage \$3,300 at 6 percent. For further particulars write

The Platte Valley Land and Loan Company, Central City, Nebraska OR CALL ON LOCAL AGENT Geo. Ballance, Plattsmouth, Neb.

ters had been written. She replied that it was required by the teachers in the schools. Investigating further, she was asked who Washington was. The answer was astonishing in one so young. The little one had an abundance of information as to his life and works—much more than many older persons of a generation ago. The same was true concerning inquiries of Grant and Lincoln. The child knew details of their lives which older people would have been ignorant of and their great works were firmly impressed upon her memory. This child was the daughter of a Dutch citizen—not a high grade German, but of the platt-dutch so-called. Her father knew little English and nothing of American history yet in the few years she had been in the public schools, she had picked up an astonishing amount of knowledge and was developing into one of the class of citizens who will in future years make the country the glory and pride of the world. Thus silently does education do its work.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss. In County court: In the matter of the estate of August Stohman, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the Administratrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 8th day of March, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claim for examination and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, and one year for the Administratrix to settle said estate, from the 8th day of March, 1909. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 8th day of February, 1909. Allen J. Beeson, County Judge.

NOTICE OF PROBATING OF WILL. In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of John B. Meisinger, deceased. TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED OR CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the County Court of said Cass County to probate a will purporting to be the last will of John B. Meisinger, deceased, and for the appointment of the executors named therein. There will be a hearing upon said petition at my office in the Court House in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, at ten o'clock a. m., on the first day of March 1909, and all objections thereto must be filed prior to said hour, and at said time such orders will be made in the premises as the Court may deem just and proper. Allen J. Beeson, County Judge. D. O. Dwyer, Attorney.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, Andy Thompson, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident free holders of Eight Mile Grove precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska and praying that a license be issued to said Andy Thompson for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from May 17, 1909, ending May 17, 1910, in a building on lot 3 in block 4, in the village of Cedar Creek, in Eight Mile precinct, in Cass County, Nebraska. Andy Thompson, Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska will be held at the office of the company in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on Thursday, February 25, 1909, at ten o'clock a. m. The meeting will be held for the election of nine (9) directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it. W. P. DUKKEE, Secretary. Omaha, Nebraska, January 6, 1909.

HIGHLY PLEASED Mr. E. S. Pettijohn Expresses His Delight at Treatment Hon. R. B. Windham, who presided at the celebration of the Knights and Ladies of Security last Monday night, has received a letter from Dr. E. S. Pettijohn, national medical director of the order, for the manner in which he was entertained while in the city. Dr. Pettijohn's letter shows that he appreciates to the utmost, the splendid manner in which the local council handled the celebration and indicates his appreciation of the live condition of the council and the energy and enterprise of its members. Through the courtesy of Mr. Windham a large extract is printed below of matter taken from the letter: "If you find it possible I would like to extend my thanks and best wishes to my lady chaperone who introduced me to many of the members, to Brother Smith, the president, and to all those who took part in the program. I enjoyed it all—the piano numbers, the duet, the mixed quartette, the solo by Miss Dovey, which was especially fine, as well as that of Mr. Austin. The recitation of Miss Douglas in her characterization of Louis XIV was certainly a superb rendition. Her sister also did well, although her selection was not so striking. I think if the male quartette continues to practice, it will

distinguish itself, not only in Plattsmouth, but elsewhere, wherever the public has an opportunity to hear them. I am especially fond of that kind of music, particularly when the voices harmonize, and they are well trained. I spent ten years as a teacher in the school room, and taught music some years, and have not gotten so old but I appreciate a fine program such as your committee of fifteen furnished. The three piano numbers were above the average, and the young man who used notes played well, as did the young man who played without notes, which of course seemed more remarkable, because it was a feat of memory, and expression of a musical talent aside from musical training.

I shall look forward to the prospect of attending another reception and meeting of your Council in Plattsmouth with great pleasure. I am glad to have become acquainted with you, and regret the shortness of my time in your company. With kind personal regards, I am Yours sincerely and fraternally, E. S. Pettijohn, National Medical Examiner.

Show at Kenosha. An entertainment consisting of two plays, "Betsy Baker" and "From Pumpkin Ridge" will be given at the Kenosha church on Saturday evening, February 27. Admission 10 and 15 cents. CHARACTERS "BETSY BAKER." Mr. Mouser, a lawyer Omer Yardley Mrs. Mouser Manda Campbell Mr. Crummy, Mr. Mouser's partner and Mrs. Mouser's cousin Ray Campbell Betsy, Baker, heroine of the play Vera Yardley FROM PUMPKIN RIDGE. Jonathan Scroggins, a Yankee and hero of the play. Glenn Campbell Mr. Brown, owner of the premises Omar Yardley Augustus Simroy, a dude who tries to marry an old maid for her money Ray Campbell Annie Brown, Mr. Brown's daughter Vera Yardley Harry Clifton, Annie's lover James Conn First Policeman Geo. Applegate Second Policeman Fred Campbell Bellinda Jane Hopkins, Johnathas Scroggins' sweetheart from Pumpkin Ridge Manda Campbell Miss Elisabeth Brown, Mr. Brown's old maid sister. Mary Trotter