# IN LARGER TRACTS

Cattlemen Want it Fixed So They Can Lease More Land

# CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT

Delegation of Nebraska Cattle Raisers Visit Washington to Protest Against Removal of Fences-- Held Confab

With Congressman

A conference which will likely culminate in a solution of the entire range problem in Nebraska and contingent states was held Wednesday night at the new Willard hotel, Washington, D. C., between a committee of cattlemen from Nebraska and the Nebraska congressional delegation as well as congressmen from other states concerned in the movement. The committee of cattlement consister of Bartlett Richardson and W. G. Comstock of Ellsworth, Neb.; Daniel Hill of Gordon, and A. S. Reed of Alliance. The congressional conferces were Senators Millard and Dietrich, Representatives Burkett and Shallenberger of Nebraska, Lacey of Iowa, chairman of the committee on public lands, and Representative Mondell of Wyoming.

The object of the conference was to discuss the propositions of the bill to be introduced in congress which will quiet the range troubles and be acceptable alike to the government and to the cattlemen. The metter was thor-oughly debated and as a result, the cattlemen will immediately undertake preparation of a suitable bill. They state it will be similar to the measures already introduced by Representative Lacev, except that the new bill wil provide for the leasing of government lands in much larger tracts. The bill if satisfactory wil be introduced immediately after the holidays. While no absolute decision is reached it is understood the cattlement will draft a bill along the lines suggested at last night's conference. It will have the support of the senators and representatives mentioned.

While in Washington the cattlemen have held several consultations with the secretary of interior regarding provisions of a measure calculated meet the requirements, and which will be satisfactory to all concerned. It is stated the secretary will aid in reaching a proper conclusion.

Mr. Richards left the city for California today and the other members of the committee started for their homes

Senators Dietrich and Millard of Nebraska -alled upon the president, accompanied by the delegation to discuss with him the alleged encroachpent upon government lands by the big cattle interest not only in Nebraska, but other western states. They entered a vigorous protest against the action and words of Col John S. Mosby, who has been investigating the matter as an agent of the interior department. Many of the western cattleare here now to appear before the Interior depart ont, and their members of congress with it is being their interests. The state is being carefully considered by the resident and the interior department. The permit no improper or illegal entered and fixed the pass of Figure 1 and fixed the president and the interior department. The permit no improper or illegal entered and fixed two physicians summoned. The partient was relieved this afternoon and fixed to be at his office tomorrow. croachment upon government lands, and the interior department is acting along that line.

# THE NEWS BOILED DOWN

The Dutch cruiser De Runjter has been ordered to proceed to Venezuela to protect interests there.

The senate committee on commerce took favorable action on Senator Perkins' bill for a revenue cutter for the Hawaiian islands. The Heraldo of Madrid says that

Don Carlos purposes to renounce his claim to the throne in favor of his son W. E. Powell, general immigration

agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company, has resigned to take effect January 1 The Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says that

Germany, is supporting the claims of Belglum against Venezuela which amount to \$1,250,000. Victor M. Bendon has been appoint

ed Ecuadorean minister to France. Col. Enrique Roca has been appointed military attache of the Ecuadorean legation at Washington.

General Herroa, accompanied by several members of his staff, has arrived on the gunboat Beriaca, says a correspondent at Panama. Public order has not yet been established.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000 000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows Available cash balance, \$309,035,962; gold, \$120,809,855

The Jones Brothers' Publishing company of Chromnati filed a deed of assignment. Link/littles alteout \$100,000; assets about \$50,000. The company was largely engaged in publishing sublishing subscription hooks

Horace I. Hotelekins, who was Jay Gould's broker and one of the oldest niembers of the stock exchange, has sold his seat and will retire from Wall street after a career in the street of forty-five years.

At a conference of steam shippers trading with Canada, held this week at Liverpool, it was decided that the freight rates were not remunerative and it was agreed to increase them by 5 per cent to 10 per cent in 1903.

# Mukes Neely Free.

C. F. W. Neely, who, March 24, was sentenced at Havana to ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$56. 701, for complicity in the Cuban postal frauds, was released Wednesday under the bill signed by President Palma June 9, granting amnesty to all Americans convicted of crimes in Cuba during the term of the American occupation and those awaiting trial.

G. De Quesada, Cuban minister to the United States, arrived at New York WeWdnesday from Havans on the steamer Morro Castle.

Castro Makes Move Looking to Arbitration-Congress Seeks News

President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with full powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Mr. Bowen simply awaits the consent of the state department to assume this task, assuming that the nations named are willing that he should undertake this work. It is believed that the critical phase of

the Venezuelan situation is passed. The navy department Thursday made public Dewey's disposition of his fleet during the holiday season. The battleships Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts and Iowa, and the gunboat Scorplon will lie at Trinidad; the Illinois, Indiana and Hist at St. Thomas; the Texas at Polint Apitres; the Chicago, Newark and Eagle at Curacoa; the San Francisco, Albany and Wasp at Mayaguez, The Cincinnati, Atlanta and Prairie, with tugs and torpedo boats, at San Juan; the Olympia, Nashville and Machias at St. Kitts; the Detroit at Antigua: the Mayflower and Vixen in Porto Rican waters; the Dolphin at

Antigua and vicinity. It will be observed that the strongest contingents of the fleet, four battleships and a gunboat, are at Trinidad, one day's sail from La Guaira, while practically all of the fleet is within two

days' sail of Venezuela. The house adopted the McCalla (rep., Mass.) resolution calling upon the secretary of state to furnish all the information in his possession concerning the joint demonstration of Great Britain and Germany against Venezuela.

The resolution reads: "That the secretary of state be directed, if not incompatible with public interests, to inform the house of representatives touching on any understanding or agreement between the governments of Great Britain and Germany on one hand and the diplomatic officers of the United States on the other, assurances by said government to diplomatic officers of the United States, as to the nature, extent and purpose of the joint demonstration of said government against Venezuela, and to transmit to the house of representatives the correspondence, if any, upon the subject between the diplomatic officers of the United States and the said governments, or either of them."

#### Washington Notes

The secretary of the interior transmitted to the house a copy of an agreement with the Indians of Fort Bertholdt Indian reservation in South Dakota and the draft of a bill ratifying it.

Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy of New York, former secretary of the navy, took luncheon with the president. The president, it is understood desired to see General Tracy to discuss with him some phases of the Venezuelan question.

The conferees of the senate and house of representatives on the anthracité coal strike commission bill have reached an agreement. The report will be made to the senate on Saturday. It is understood most of the senate

Jouse shortly after noon Thursday to taken passage from there.

and hopes to be at his office tomorrow. The schate committee on the Philippines agreed upon a bill for the estab-lishment of currency for the Philip-pines, which is the joint production of Senators Lodge and Allison. The bill makes the gold pego of 129-10 grains the unit of value in the islands and makes the gold coins of the United

States legal tender or all debts.

The senate comm. kee on education and labor agreed upon a favorable report of the house eight-hour bill. Many amendments have been made. The bill provides a penalty of five dollars each day. Each workman is required or permitted to labor more than eight hours on government work, the penalty to be withheld from payments due contractors. The act will not apply to contracts for transportation by land and water: it also exempts contracts for transmission of intelligence.

A joint resolution was introduced in the house by Representative Tawney, chairman of the house committee on industrial arts and expositions, providing that the alien contract labor law shall not operate to prevent foreign exhibitors at the Louisiana purchase expositions at St. Louis from bringing into the United States under contract such employes, natives of foreign countries, as they deem necessary for specified purposes, subject to the approval of the secretary of the treas-

# Plans for Mining Congress

A Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 18, dispatch says: Officers and members of the executive committee of the American mining congress are gathering here for a conference at which plans will be discussed for the meeting of the congress to be held next year in Deadwood and Lead. Efforts are to be put forth to make the approaching session the greatest gathering of those interested in the mining industry ever held in America. Every state and territory in the union will be represented, and in conjunction with the convention there will be a large and comprehensive exhibition of mining products and machinery. The Deadwood Mining Men's association is already engaged in making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the hundreds of visitors who are expected to attend the congress.

A stranger, who gives his name as Hayden Shepard, is at the Perkins house, Plattsmouth, Neb., suffering from a blow on the head. He claims that a Burlington brakeman assaulted him with a lantern while he was standing on the depot platform waiting for a train to puit out. It is not thought the man's injuries will prove

George L. Lohr, of Milwaukee, and Miss Ada Hawley, of Madison, both members of the graduate class of the state university, were drowned while boating on Lake Mandota.

# THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION FAMINE IN FINLAND

Crop Failure the Worst for Fifty Years

# MANY PARISHES DESTITUTE

People Forced to Eat What Animals Refuse Appeal Made to Russia and Relief Measures Undertaken-Emigrating From Country .

A St. Petersburg, December 21, dispatch says: The average grain crop in Finland is valued at \$30,000,000. estimated value of the 1902 crop is \$20,-000,000. While this loss is generally distributed throughout Finland, it is almost total in the northern third of the country, where are the provinces of Uleaborg, Kuopio, Vasa, St. Michel and portions of Viborg.

Peas and beans generally have failed and the potato crop has not been gathered; the hay has rotted or been

swept away by floods. The disaster is due to the late spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded August 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days when it

did not rain. The rains also spoiled the fishing. So complete was the failure of vegetation that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forests.

The present crop failure is the worst that has been experienced for the last fifty years. It is hoped, however, that better methods of communication will facilitate the work of relief and avoid wholesale deaths from hunger and

There are, all told, about 500 parishes in Finland, and 192 of these are now nearly destitute.

The agricultural board has received reports from 140 of the 794 parishes, showing that 106 have food supplies which will suffice them until Christmas

The unripe rye and barley which the people are forced to use make a bitter bread, which even the hungry horses refuse to eat. In some parts of the country bread is baked from barley husks and straw, mixed with a little flour and is purchased by the needy people with their hoarded savings. Such bread contains very little nutrition and is extremely unwholesome. The peasants have expended all their money for flour and consequently are

unable to buy clothing. The danger of famine was realized early by the public.

Count Bobrlokoff, governor general of Finland, has issued an appeal for help in Russia, and a voluntary relief committee has been organized by Finlanders with branches throughout the country.

The Anglo-American church here is affiliated with this committee.

Emigration from Finland is increasing constantly. Up to November 17 30,155 persons had left the country this year via Hange, while unknown numwhile on his way to the White Gulf of Bothnia to Sweden and have

The effects of the crp situation on emigration will be felt more strong!

# THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Bill is Favorably Recommended by the Senate Committee

The eight-hour labor bill, as amended by the senate committee on education and labor, has been reported to the senate from that committee, accompanied by a written statement of the committee's reason for its action It is stated that the bill substantially is the house bill, and that it is favored by a majority of the senate committees The report contains a review of former federal legislation in favor of the eight-hour system, and also a summary of state enactments on the subject.

A large portion of the report is taker up with an amendment limiting the operations of the proposed law to contracts with the government. This is done to meet the objection that the act would apply to work other than that done for the government, in cases in which the government contractor might have work in hand for other persons or for himself. They say that this amendment is merely a correc interpretation of the house bill. Speaking of the general policy of the

measure, the committee says: "Your committee does not doubt the right of congress to extend the eighthour day. The majority approve the policy of extending the eight-hour day, believing its results will be beneficient; that the products of labor will be improved, and that the hoppiness and nomes of workmen will be better and brighter, the intelligence of the people increased and civilization advanced by such legislation. A majority of your committee believe that this measure, which has received from the whole committee such serious and careful consideration, is not radical, but conservative, and therefore recommend its passage.

# Oll Discovered

Oil has been discovered issuing from the banks of the Coon river near Grant City in Sac county, Ia. A quart of the oil was sent to Ames college for analysis and found to be 80 per cent pure The discoverer, a woman, has quietly leased 6,000 acres in the locality. representative of the Pennsylvania Oil company and of Des Moines capitalists has been endeavoring to buy the lease contracts.

# Victory for Hello Girls.

The strike of the operators of the two telephone companies which has been in progress at Des Moines, Ia., has ended. The companies concede the minimum scale of \$1 a day demanded, agree to recognize the operators' union and to restore the strikers to their former positions. The operators had been receiving \$3.50 to \$5 a

A good many men are more interest ed in having work abolished than poverty.

# RAPIDLY LAYING CABLE

San Francisco and Honolulu Soon to Be Connected by Telegraph

A San Francisco, December 20, dispatch says: The first link of the great ocean cable which is to connect the United States with Hawali has been laid and the cable ship Silvertown is proceeding so rapidly with the work of laying the cable that it would not be at all surprising if Christmas greetings from Governor Dole of Hawaii to President Roosevelt is sent over the cable from Honolulu on Christmas day, At noon today 1,054 knots of cable had been reeled out from the hold of the Silvertown to rest on the bottom of the old ocean in 130 hours since leaving San Francisco, and this in spite of a heavy storm which somewhat retarded the work of laying the cable. If a slightly better ratio is maintained during the next five days with no storms or accidents to interfere with the work it is reasonable to expect that communication with Honolulu will be had on Christmas day.

The Associated Press correspondent on the Silvertown filed the following

message on board the ship today: "Lat. 30.17 N., Long., 139.38 W .- The total amount of cable paid out up to noon today, which includes the first section the laying of which was completed last night at 8 o'clock, was 1,054 knots. The weather is fine."

### OMNIBUS BUILDING BILL

One to Be Introduced by Buildings and Lands Committee

Congressman Mercer of Nebraska chairman of the house committee on public buildings and grounds, is preparing to offer an omnibus bill soon after the January session of congress convenes. "It is hardly fair to announce that such a bill is to be introduced at this session," said Mr. Mercer today, "because the plans of the committee have not been decided upon fully. There is need of such a bill, however, and the indications are that it will be offered. Congress has already purchased sites in a number of smaller towns. In other towns and cities the treasury department is being urged to make needed improvements in the present buildings. The committee would like to have a bill, carrying appropriations for these matters, passed by the present congress, in order to have these fag-ends of building business cleared up and out of the way. The amount of the bill, according to present plans, would not be large, and I believe there is rather urgent need for legislation. The matter will be taken up as soon as we get back after the holidays."

### ABLE TO PIERCE HEART

Local Treatment of That Organ Not Necessarily Fatal

After a series of experiments cover ing a period of more than five years, W. Byron Coakley, a well known vivisectionist of Chicago, has just discovered that to administer local treatment to the heart is not the impossibility the world's scientists have always held

By means of a fine, hollow golden needle seven or eight inches long. Dr. Coakley not only has been able to pierce the heart without causing death, but to inject into it various huids with out subjecting the patient to the slightest danger.

Thus far Dr. Coakley has been compelled to confine his experiments to animals, but so certain is he of his ground that he will attempt to secure human subject for demonstration which he has been asked to make before the international medical congress at Madrid, Spain, in 1903.

# PLEASED WITH TRIP

Moseley Discusses Conditions of British and American Workmen

Alfred Moseley, who has just made tour of the United States with a number of representatives of British labor unions for the purpose of studying American industrial conditions, arrived at Liverpool Sunday on the Cunard steamer Umbria from New

Mr. Moseley expressed his satisfaction with the commission's tour. He said he hoped the reports would be published in a few weeks and that as a result changes would be made in the methods at present employed in several English trades. He said he could not anticipate the reports, but that he was greatly impressed with the superiority of American to British workmen. The Americans worked harder and

were better trained and educated than the Englishmen.

Mr. Moseley said he intended to take another commission to the United States in the autumn to investigate educational conditions.

# CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED

Packages Destined to Western Points Catch Fire in Cars

The official report of the burning of a carload of Christmas mail en route for the west was made by the crew of mail clerks arriving at Syracuse from New York on fast mail No. 3 on the New York Central which left New York at 8:45 a. m.

Only twenty or thirty out of seven or eight hundred pouches were saved, the burned mail being for Chicago and the points further west. Some of mail was destined for the Philippine and Fiji islands. The mail sacks were in a storage car, which carried no The crew were on the car behind and discovered the fire between Peekskill and Highland. The car was

left burning at the latter station in a thirty-eight foot kerosene launch Capt. W. Newman and son aged sixteen, left New York from College Point for Southampton. The boat is eight feet beam with a draught of two feet nine inches. Newman expects to complete the voyage in about twen-

ty days. Gen. Pompillo Guiterluz, of the Columbian army, who arrived in New York Tuesday on the Panama steamer Alliancia, is detained at Swinburne island. He is ill of fever, symptoms of which the health officer regards suspicious. Guiterluz is here on a diplomatic mission, believed to be connected with the Panama cana

# WAS LOADED

Man Fires Gun Off to See What It Would Do

LOSES AN EYE THEREBY

Accident to Hall County, Nebraska, Man Who Caused an Old Shotgun to Explode-Consequence to Follow Possibly Life Disfigurement

A Grand Island, Neb., December 22, special says: Henry Boeltz, residing several miles north of this city, on the farm of his brother, had a serious accident Saturday night, resulting in the loss of the right eye and a permanent and severe disfiguring. The family had an old musket about the house that was known to be loaded, but had not been discharged for years. Mr. Boeltz decided to shoot off the load and see what the gun looked like and what it would do. There was a terrific explosion. The gun, weakened by rust, exploded and a piece of the barrel struck hi mon the bridge of the nose, passing through and completely shattering the right eye. It is hoped that the sight of the left will not be affected. He is at the St. Francis hospital in this city. The surgeons state that at best he will lose the sight of the right eye and be badly disfigured for life. He is twentyone years of age and unmarried.

### TRAVELING MAN KILLED

Falls From the Twelfth Story of the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago.

Leaning from the window of his room on the twelfth floor of the Great and 923 teachers employed, an increase Northern hotel to get a breath of fresh air while he was suffering from a headache, Harrison S. Potter, traveling salesman for a Detroit stove company, lost his balance, fell to the sidewalk and was killed, says a Chicago telegram of December 22.

Although his body was horribly mangled, Potter lived for a few seconds and made an ineffectual effort to speak. The street was filled with Christmas shoppers, and Potter's body narrowly missed striking several people as it fell.

An unfinished letter to his mother in St. Joseph, Mich., was found in Potter's room. After stating that he had arrived in Chicago and was well, with the exception of a headache, Potter said:

"I guess I will have to lay off writing for a minute or so and get a breath of fresh air.'

# WASHINGTON NEWS

The United States supreme court has dismissed the writ of error in the case of Whitney Layton vs. the State of Missouri, on the ground that no federal question had been involved in the federal court. The case involved the constitutionality of the pure food law of the state and has attracted much attention. Layton, whose place of business is St. Louis, was found guilty in the trial court of the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder and a fine of \$100 was assessed against him. The verdict was affirmed by the state supreme court. The effect of the opinion is to leave the verdict against Layton standing, but it did not enter uron any question as to the merits of The opinion was delivered the case. by Chief Justice Fuller.

The secretary of agriculture has formally removed the quarantine against the state of Connecticut, established last month, owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease. A most rigid investigation under the direction of the bureau's experts failed to re veal the existence of a single case in Connecticut. The quarantine remains in full force as to the other New England states.

The case of Cheesbrough vs. the United States, involving the question of the validity of the provision of the war revenue law fixing a tax on transfers of real estate, today was advanced on the docket of the United States supreme court and set for hearing on the second Monday of the next term

Cable dispatches to the navy depart ment show that the holiday itinerary for the ships of Admiral Dewey's squadron in the Caribbean is being rapidly executed. Christmas eve will find all of the forty vessels in port.

The United States supreme court set the case of South Dakota vs. North Carolina, involving the validity of rail road bonds guaranteed by the latter state for hearing on April 13 next.

Monday's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$211,371,124; gold, \$120,049,855.

The stockholders of the Temple Iron ompany met at Pittsburg, Pa., and inreased the bonded indebtedness from \$2,826,000 to \$3,326,000. The Temple Iron company controls several anthracite coal mines. George F. Baer is president. The increase will be used

to cover a deficit caused by reason of

Stockholders Meet

# Gets Twenty Years

the recent strike.

Bessie Hickland, who murdered a welve-year-old boy at Wilder, Kan., last July, and who was found guilty of murder in the second degree a few days ago, was Wednesday, at Olathe, Kan., sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary.

Robert Koons & Co., a prominent Philadelphia firm of brokers, Wednesday announced that they were unable meet their contracts. The action is said to be due to the recent slump ta the market.

#### HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM

Japan Sincerely Mourns the Death of Minister Buck

Correspondence of the Associated press from Tokio, Japan, under date of December 6 gives full particulars of the sudden death of United States Minister Alfred E. Buck from heart failure. Colonel Buck was a the time a guest of the emperor of the great annual duck hunt.

The wide sympathy shown by the Japanese government and the press speaks strongly for the high esteem in which the dead diplomat was held. A large number of the members of the foreign diplomatic corps and Japanese officials visited the legation to express their condolences.

The remains of the minister were embalmed and the funeral services which were to be of an impressive character, were to be held at Trinity cathedral, Tokio, on the 8th inst.

Afterward a Japanese guard of honor removed the remains to Yokohama. Escorted by a corps of Japanese marines, the funeral procession moved to the United States naval hospital, where the body will be deposited in the mortuary vault pending the arrival of the steamer Corea, on which they will be conveyed to San Francisco. Corea is scheduled to leave Yokohama on the 24th inst.

Mrs. Buck will accompany the body to its last resting place, which, it is said, will be at Washington, D. C.

### SCHOOLS FORGING AHEAD

Porto Rican Scholars Have Advantages Not Given by Spanish Government

The annual report of the commissioner of education for Porto Rico says the poorest schools there are in some respects better than the poorest of the same grade in many parts of the United States, although the day output of the elementary schools cannot be compared with the best city schools in the states. An American free public school now exists in every munici-

pality in Porto Rico. The school year closed last June with 874 schools open, 40,993 pupils enrolled of 19 per cent in the number of schools, 21 per cent in enrollment and 20 per cent in number of teachers over the

previous year. The high-water mark during the year in enrollment was, in the ordinary public schools, 59,096, to which should be added 2,767 pupils enrolled in the high, normal and special schools, giving a grand total of 61,863, or 19 per cent of the total population of school age, and over 6 per cent of the total

population of the island. The report claims that under American civil government the educational advantages offered free are nearly doubled, as compared with the maximum facilities provided by the Spanish government.

### His Last Operation

Dr. Lorenz has performed his last public operation in this vicinity for congenital dislocation of the hip, says a New York dispatch of December 22. Alvin Louis Black, six years old, was the patient. He is the boy who sent a do'l to Lolita Armour, daughter of J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, to operate on whom Dr. Lorenz came to this country. Mr. Armour was appealed to by the parents of the boy and wrot sonal letter to Dr. Lorenz, asking him to operate on the child who had remembered his little girl, and the operation of Sunday, which was pronounced successful, was the outcome of this request.

# May Be Bubonic Plague

Advices from Mazatlan, the seaport on the western coast of Mexico, where a disease supposed to be bubonic plague has broken out, show that there were three deaths on Saturday and nine on Sunday from the malady. A pest house has been established

and quarantine regulations are being rigidly enforced. Weather conditions along the west coast are favorable to the spreading

#### of the disease. NEWS BOILED DOWN

The snow blackade on the Union Pacific between Cheyenne and Sidney. Neb., has been raised and trains are now moving.

The government of the Netherlands has decided to observe a strictly neutral attitude in the Venezuelan trouble. Ships of the blockading powers will be prohibited from calling at ports of the Dutch colonies. Sault Ste. Marie is to be brought into

closer connection with Chicago by means of a new train service to be inaugurated December 29 over the Chicago & Northwestern, and Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railways. Thomas Toby was sentenced to die

in the electric chair during the week beg's ning February 9, 1903, for the murder of Capt. James B. Craft, of Glen Cove, L. I., in September last, says a New York dispatch. A. S. Matheson, third vice-president

of the National Tube company, with headquarters in New York, has tendered his resignation to take effect January 1. No successor will be installed as the office of the third vicepresident will be abolished.

William W. Bristol was sentenced in the federal court at Chicago to a year in the county jail for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the Surety, Guarantee and Trust company, of which he was manager. John R. Prime, former adjutant general Iowa, claimed to have been swindled out of \$1,500 through the false representations made by Bristol as to the financial standing of the concern.

Wants Damages for Beard A peculiar damage suit has been brought against a street railway company of New York City, by Simon Kurtz, who seeks to recover the sum of \$10,000 because of a fall which compelled him to shave off hih beard. Kurtz is a cantor, or singer in a synagogue. Since losing his beard he declares he can no longer follow his profession. The rules of the church forbid

Lots of people find marriage a failure, but the grass widow considers it only a temporary embarrassment.