

## FAVOR PURE FOOD

The Hepburn Food Bill Passed in the Lower House

### FIXES STANDARD OF FOODS

Prohibits Interstate Commerce Importation and Exportation of Adulterated or Misbranded Foods and Drugs

The house passed the Hepburn pure food bill on a rising vote, 201 to 68, its opponents being unable to secure a roll call. An amendment, inserting the word "willful" with reference to persons who sell adulterated or misbranded goods, which would have compelled the government to prove intent to violate the law by vendors, was stricken out on a yea and nay vote in the house. Several attempts were made to amend the bill, but no material changes were made.

The bill fixes the standards of foods and drugs as to their purity, strength and character, and defines what shall be regarded as adulterations or misbranding of foods and drugs. It also prohibits interstate commerce importation and exportation of such misbranded and adulterated articles. It is proposed to enlarge the scope of the bureau of chemistry to include the bureau of foods and impose on it the duty of performing all chemical work for the other executive departments. This bureau will be charged with the duty of inspecting food and drug products which belonged to interstate or foreign commerce. The secretary of agriculture is given authority to employ such chemists, inspectors, clerks and laborers as may be necessary for the enforcement of the act.

### A THREE MILLION FIRE

United States Steel Works at Shelby, Ohio, are Burned

At a meeting of the county assessors held in the Nebraska senate chamber a permanent organization was effected by the election of J. R. C. Miller of Lancaster county president and J. M. Teegarten of Cass county secretary. The meeting was called at the suggestion of Secretary George D. Bennett of the state board of equalization and assessment. Auditor Weston and other members of the state board were present most of the time and listened to the discussion. Secretary Bennett read the greater part of the law section by section and endeavored to answer questions asked. A running discussion was kept up and a great deal of information was brought out. It was fully demonstrated that the county assessors of Nebraska are good business men, fully determined to enforce the law to the letter and enforce the uniformity of taxation. They are alert and anxious to have the law interpreted so that there can be no question as to their duties and all seem to realize the importance of listing every species of property so that none will escape taxation.

A committee from the Nebraska improved live stock breeders' association called on them to ascertain whether they intended to assess pure bred live stock higher than grade stock. It is said to be the determination of the assessors to follow the law and assess such stock at its true value. The law requires this to be done with all kinds of property. No agreement was arrived at as to the manner of arriving at the value of fine live stock, each assessor being left to work out the method in his own way in accordance with the intent of the law.

### Elect Their Officers

Election of officers was the most exciting phase of the morning session of the Nebraska state horticultural society at the university farm. Practically the whole list of the executive body was chosen to hold over another year, and but one new name appeared on the board of directors. By a suspension of rules, the officers were chosen by the secretary casting the unanimous ballot, as no one desired to oppose the men who had served the society so well in the past. The elections resulted as follows:

President, G. S. Christy, of Johnson; first vice president, Harry S. Harrison, of York; second vice president, E. M. Pollard, of Nebraska; secretary, L. M. Russell, of Lincoln; treasurer, Peter Younger, of Geneva. Members of the board of directors are: Charles Saunders, of Omaha; C. H. Green, of Fremont, and George Marshall, of Arlington. These officers will serve one year.

### C. F. Will Spend \$30,000

Thirty thousand dollars is the sum the Union Pacific road proposes to expend for repairs in its headquarters building in Omaha. These repairs have been begun and are of a temporary nature, such as will keep the building within the requirements of city ordinances. A new headquarters building has been contemplated for some time, and this addition to the road's terminals was one of the proposed improvements of President Hart, before his retirement. The plan, however, has not been abandoned, and will be taken up by the new management in the near future. The obsolete location of the old building, at Ninth and Farnam streets, as well as its unsanitary and crowded condition, has made new and modern headquarters imperative. General Manager Bancroft expects soon to have a conference with President Hartman, and the question of new headquarters is expected to be discussed at that time.

### Radium Will Work Wonders

Negroes are to be white, if further experiments with radium in connection with X-rays, now making in the chemical department of the University of California prove as efficacious in changing color cells as present experiments indicate.

Robert A. Roos, a senior in the chemical department, is making the experiments on color cells under the direction of professors and it is believed that black color cells can readily be changed to white by a combined action of radium and X-rays.

## COUNTY ASSESSORS MEET

They Are Alert and Desire the Law Correctly Interpreted to Them

Buildings and manufactured stock of the United States Steel corporation, worth three million dollars, were ruined by fire at the plant of the Shelby Steel Tube company, Shelby, Ohio. The fire started in one of the smaller rooms from a defective electric wire and spread to the larger stock rooms, destroying all of them. The product of the entire plant for the last six months was melted down within an hour. This stock consisted of 800,000 tons, making in all twenty-five million feet of finished product.

In an hour after the fire broke out the immense buildings fell in with a crash that could be heard for miles. Battered and twisted, the finished product lies in a heap and will have to be worked over.

This will delay the mills on other orders. The stock consisted mostly of locomotive boiler flues and other government work of various kinds. The fire was confined to the stock buildings, which were built at an expense of \$100,000.

The tubing manufactured by the Shelby plant was used extensively by the government for boiler flues in United States war vessels.

The demand of the government alone is sufficient to keep a good sized plant running continuously the year around. The United States government has been the best customer of the local plant. The plant was erected in 1890, and now covers ten acres.

### WANT FULL COAL WEIGHTS

Iowa and Nebraska Retail Dealers Will Meet in Omaha

The Coal Dealers' association of Iowa and Nebraska is to meet in Omaha February 3, to discuss the "short weight" evil. The meeting, which will be the first mid-winter meeting held by the association, somewhat of an emergency gathering, and coming in the busy season, will be held in Creighton hall, sessions beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. C. H. Chisam, of Omaha, is president of the association, and R. E. Harris, also of that city, is secretary. At a meeting held in Sioux City December 8, it was resolved that every dealer should weigh every car of soft coal, and when the shortage amounted to more than 1,000 pounds to the car a report of the shipper, load and other particulars should be made to the secretary. Bills of lading also were to be demanded. All claims were to be assigned to chosen individuals and when the amounts reached appealable size, suit was to be brought. A fund was subscribed to. The meeting of next month is partly called to see what effect these measures have had.

### Men in High Position Tremble

Adolph Fein, former vice president of the Hebrew Jefferson club, now a convict in the Missouri penitentiary, under a sentence of five years for complicity in the naturalization frauds recently investigated, appeared before the federal grand jury, before entering the grand jury chamber, Fein said: "I'll tell the grand jury who the fellows were behind those frauds, and they are big fellows too. When I was indicted my friends said they would come to the front for me, and I made up my mind to keep my mouth shut, but they deserted me. I waited till December 27. Then I made up my mind that if they wouldn't come to the front for me, the government would, so I wrote Colonel Dyer, the United States district attorney, and told him I would give up everything I knew."

### French Diplomats Help Russia

There is a strong reason to believe that exchanges of communications are now going on between France and Russia concerning the position Russia will finally adopt in response to the last Japanese note. Long conferences between War Minister Delcasse and M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, are being held almost daily in Paris. Prior to these Russia had not consulted France and M. Nelidoff went to Cannes for an extended stay, telling his diplomatic colleagues that he happily had no part in the Russo-Japanese negotiations. Following the presentation of Japan's last demands, M. Nelidoff gave up his vacation and began frequent conferences with M. Delcasse. It is expected that the exchange of views will exert a strong influence in shaping the course Russia will adopt.

### Honor to George Francis Train

The body of George Francis Train, who died in New York City, has been removed from Mill's hotel to a mortuary chapel, where it remained in state until the funeral hour. Thousands of children toward whom Mr. Train displayed remarkable interest took a farewell view of the remains. The funeral was private and the interment made in Greenwood cemetery.

Of his once considerable fortune Mr. Train retained nothing personal, except the interest he had in 3,000 lots he once owned in Omaha. Protracted litigation has been carried on about them and will, it is said, be continued by his daughter.

### Republican Convention May 18

There will be but one republican state convention in Nebraska, and it will be held at Lincoln May 18. It was discussed in executive session of the committee at Lincoln. Mr. Rosewater rather favored two conventions, but when the vote was taken he voted for one. The action was unanimous. The committee also recommended that the state convention endorse a candidate for United States senator.

### Prohibition Convention

The call for the national prohibition convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., beginning June 29, has been issued by National Chairman Oliver W. Stewart. The call names Indianapolis as the convention city.

### Officeholders Eligible

Postmaster General Payne said there was nothing to bar postmasters or other federal officeholders from serving as delegates to political conventions, whether national, state or county.

## FARMER SHIPPERS

They Meet in Lincoln and Plan for Self Defense

### ARE NOT GIVEN A FAIR DEAL

Association Will Have a Committee of Five to Formulate Legislation for Independent Farmer Shippers

"We feel the want of legislation and of the enforcement of laws already enacted, and we recommend to this body the appointment of a committee on legislation."

In accordance with the above section of the report of the committee on resolutions, the Farmers' Co-Operative Grain and Live Stock State association, in session in Lincoln, selected five men who will work at the next session of the legislature in the interests of the farmers of the state. They are O. G. Smith, James T. Brady, H. H. Hanks, James Ryan and D. W. Baker.

The remainder of the adopted report of the committee on resolutions reads as follows:

"We most heartily endorse the principle of co-operation and we extend the invitation to every local organization to become a member of our state association, believing that the co-operative plan is the only effective way by which we can handle our produce for our mutual welfare."

"We further suggest that the board of directors use all its influence in the organization of new companies."

"We advise that the secretary of each local organization send to the secretary of the state organization the name of the organization with the names of its officers and the names of its members, together with post-office addresses. All local companies and those desiring to organize companies, are requested to correspond with the secretary of our state organization, James T. Brady, Albion, Neb."

The objects of the association as expressed by one of the members, are: "To protect the members against discrimination."

"To furnish reports of crops and market conditions, and all information which will be of material benefit to the members of the local organizations; to procure the best possible markets and transportation for products that will bring the producer a better return for labor."

Officers were elected at a meeting of the board of directors. They are as follows:

J. S. Canady, president and organizer; H. H. Hanks, vice president; J. T. Brady, secretary; O. G. Smith, of Kearney, treasurer.

John Reese of Broken Bow, who has held the office of secretary, refused reelection for the reason that he has entered the federal service and has not time to devote to the work. Mr. Smith and Mr. Canady were re-elected.

These officers were chosen by the board of directors elected at the meeting of the delegates. One director was elected from each congressional district and one director at large. Following is the new board:

First—H. H. Hanks, Otoe county.

Second—No one present from this district and election left with board of directors.

Third—O. Britnell, Elgin, Antelope county.

Fourth—D. W. Baker.

Fifth—J. C. Canady, Minden, Kearney county.

Sixth—L. S. Deets, Buffalo county.

Director at Large—J. T. Brady, of Albion, Boone county.

It seems certain that the association will have a committee at the next legislature to secure the passage of a law that will make it easier for the elevator men to get concessions from the railroads. Members of some associations have notified the railroads that unless they get what they want, politics will not count in the selection of men from their neighborhood for the legislature. They advocate that candidates for the legislature be pledged in convention to work for a bill for the protection of the independent shipper.

It was said that there will soon be an opportunity for the railroads to test the Ramsey bill, as several suits will probably be filed soon by local associations.

### They Stole One Million

That competition of turf investment companies promising to pay 5 per cent on weekly investments caused the merger of the Federal Securities company and American Finance and Mortgage company, at New York, offering respectively only 5 and 10 per cent monthly was testified by Fernando Baites said that he had no duties except to lend his name as president, for Baites, president of the Federal company, during a hearing on the application of depositors to have him and the other promoters of the concern declared bankrupt. The American Finance and Mortgage company was put out of business by the police, but not before it had secured, so the applicants, Joseph H. Clark, of Wyoming, Ohio, and E. E. Murphy and E. W. Spinning of Cincinnati, charge, more than \$1,000,000 from various parts of the country by alluring advertisements.

Hon. D. E. Thompson Coming Home

D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, minister to Brazil, is expected by his friends in New York. He left Brazil on a coastwise steamer, scheduled to reach New York on January 20. Mr. Thompson's friends announce that after he has gone to Washington he will visit for a short time in Michigan and Chicago, arriving in Lincoln about February 8.

### Repairs for the Constitution

Secretary Moody has directed that the historic ship Constitution shall be retained at the navy yard at Boston and from time to time repaired so that she may be preserved indefinitely. Part of the Constitution will be made into a naval museum, the nucleus of which is now at the Boston yard. The secretary also has decided to name the next battleship Constitution in order that the name may be preserved in the navy.

## GOOD ADVICE TO UNIONISTS

President John Mitchell Earnestly Urges Non-Political Organization

At the opening of the convention of the united miners of America at Indianapolis, Ind., a resolution was considered providing for two delegates to attend the convention of the western federation of miners and endeavor to establish friendly relations or form a coalition between the two organizations. An effort may be made to have the federation join the American federation of labor and so be subject to the jurisdiction of the united mine workers.

A resolution was adopted urging the election of United States senators by direct vote.

Delegate Howell of Colorado introduced a resolution which, in a lengthy preamble, set forth all the doctrines of the socialists and asked the mine workers to take the initiative toward calling a world's convention of trades unions to consider plans for the distribution of wealth created by labor. After an hour's heated discussion it was tabled.

President Mitchell took the floor and urged the organization to confine itself to trades unionism. He said under it the miners were getting higher wages than ever before. He allowed every man his political opinions and the privilege of voting them, but the organization should have nothing to do with political tenets.

A resolution introduced asking that the \$21,000 per week now being given the Colorado strikers be increased by a per capita assessment of fifty cents per week for one month brought forth a prolonged discussion of the Colorado strike. The amount that would be raised under the resolution would be \$500,000. The discussion showed warm sympathy for the Colorado strikers. The resolution was referred to the national executive committee.

## THE BREEDING OF CORN

Interesting Meeting of the State Corn Breeders' Association

At the session of the corn improvers' association, which met in room 207 of the experiment station building, Lincoln, Joseph Hall of Tekamah spoke on Nebraska's progress in corn improvement. He said that Nebraska farmers formerly paid no attention to corn improvement and the only question they asked about seed corn was: Will it grow? Within recent years this condition has changed until the selection of corn to increase the yield has become quite generally understood.

Following Mr. Hall's address, Prof. C. G. Hopkins, of the Illinois experiment station, gave a very interesting talk on "Breeding Corn to Improve Its Yield and Composition." Professor Hopkins showed that every corn plant possesses an individuality the same as an animal, hence every ear of corn has an individuality. He showed that no two ears of corn were exactly alike in composition and that by selecting ears with the desired qualities the composition of corn can be greatly changed. In breeding, he said, should be avoided in corn breeding as much as in animal breeding. The discussion following this address was very lively.

A resolution was passed asking the board of regents of the university for aid to carry on experiments with corn.

## NEBRASKA'S TEAM WILL WIN

Volunteer Firemen Will Send a Hose Running Team to St. Louis

The principal item of business at the state firemen's association meeting at Fremont was the proposition to send an all-Nebraska hose team to St. Louis to compete in a series of interstate events at the Louisiana purchase exposition. An hour and a half was spent in debating a committee report on this matter. There was no opposition to sending the team, but the committee recommended assessing all volunteer firemen twenty-five cents apiece to pay its expenses, which was the bone of contention. It was finally voted to appropriate \$200 out of the state association's funds, the balance of \$600 or more to be made up by subscription from the various departments.

The next convention for 1905 was given to Columbus by a vote of 177 to 113 over Grand Island.

The following officers were chosen by acclamation: President, Michael Bauer, Nebraska City; first vice-president, John McKay, Blair; second vice-president, Charles Holtz, Wahoo; secretary, E. A. Miller, Kearney; re-elected; delegate to national convention, A. C. Hull, Fremont.

### Want Quick Action Taken

The national board of trade, at Washington, D. C., adopted a resolution declaring that "the timber and stone act, the desert land act and the communication clause of the homestead act should be forthwith repealed and in future all agricultural and irrigable land reserved exclusively for actual settlers under the homestead act, and that in future the government should reserve the title to forest lands, selling only the stumpage of matured timber; and also that the forestry work of the government should be consolidated in the bureau of forestry of the department of agriculture; that the great irrigation works necessary to save from waste and utilize for irrigation the waters of our large western rivers should be built as rapidly as the lands will be taken and utilized by farmers in farms of 160 acres, or less in area, and the entire cost of construction repaid to the government through a charge imposed on the lands reclaimed."

### Want Reciprocity

The Detroit board of commerce has adopted resolutions declaring that "the joint high commission should be reconvened for the purpose of negotiating a new reciprocity treaty with Canada and the approach to its deliberations on the part of representatives of the United States should be in such a spirit of liberality and concession as may lead to agreements satisfactory and beneficial to both countries."

Wonder how much a man has to allow his wife to dress in the South Sea Islands, where they don't.

## A GREAT RECORD

United States Heads the List of Exporting Nations.

### VALUED AT THREE BILLION

The Increase of Exports Has Advanced Gradually in the Last Few Years With Astonishing Rapidity.

The United States again stands at the close of the calendar year 1903, at the head of the list of world's exporting nations, so far as relates to the exportation of domestic products. This fact is shown by a series of tables just presented by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics.

There are only three "billion-dollar countries," considered from the standpoint of exportation of domestic products and they are in the order of the magnitude of their exports the United States, The United Kingdom and Germany. In the calendar year 1903 the exports of domestic products were: From the United States, \$1,457,465,783 in value; from the United Kingdom, \$1,415,617,552; from Germany the figures for the full year have not been received, but an examination of the figures of the year for which statistics are available justifies an estimate of \$1,200,000,000.

It is only within very recent years that the United States has taken her place at the head of the list of the world's great exporters of domestic products. In 1875 the exports of domestic products by the world's great exporting nations were as follows: United Kingdom, \$1,087,497,000; France, \$747,400,000; Germany, \$593,052,000; the United States, \$497,263,737.

In 1885 the domestic exports of the four countries were as follows: United Kingdom, \$1,037,124,000; Germany, \$680,551,000; United States, \$673,593,596; France, \$596,000,000.

In 1895 the domestic exports of the four countries were as follows: United Kingdom, \$1,100,452,000; United States, \$807,742,415; Germany, \$789,660,000; France, \$651,100,000.

In 1903 the relative rank of the four countries in the exportation of domestic products was as follows: United States, \$1,457,465,783; United Kingdom, \$1,415,617,552; Germany, \$1,200,000,000; France, \$812,000,000.

It will be seen from a study of the above that the United States in 1875 stood at the bottom of the list of the four great exporting nations of the world, that at the end of the next decade it had advanced one place, a decade later still another place, and in 1903 stood at the head of the list of the world's greatest exporter of domestic products.

## LYNCH OUT "ON LICENSE"

The Famous Irishman Is Now Virtually a Free Man.

Colonel Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish brigade against the British forces during the war in South Africa, and who was afterward convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, has been liberated "on license." Lynch has not received the royal pardon.

The Associated press learns that the liberation of Colonel Lynch is the outcome of an interesting series of events. When Michael Davitt was last in the United States he saw President Roosevelt, who mentioned Colonel Lynch to him, saying he had once entertained him at Albany. The president expressed great interest in the case and regretted he could not suggest clemency without laying himself open to a palpable snub. On his return to England Mr. Davitt mentioned his conversation with President Roosevelt to Sir Thomas Lipton and to Mrs. Lynch, who has suffered bitterly since her husband's arrest. He also made a pathetic appeal to Sir Thomas, who then personally interceded with King Edward on behalf of the condemned fellow Irishman. Without any hesitation his majesty promptly informed the home secretary of his wishes in the matter and the prisoner was released.

### Worst of Flood Over.

The crest of the flood swell was reached at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when the stage at Wheeling, W. Va., was 44 feet 2 inches. The forecast was the most accurate in the year, and there was never more time for preparation. As a result the damage was kept down to the minimum. Nevertheless fully one-third of the homes in the city were wholly or partially inundated, and the sharp fall in temperature with resultant formation of ice, accompanied by shutting off of natural gas in the flood districts, has caused a great deal of suffering. Nearly all the mills and factories are on the river front, and the damage to them will be the most severe. In instances resumption of work will be delayed for days or weeks, and a large number of men will be temporarily out of employment.

### Tough Story on Kansas.

Word was received at Beatrice, that during a severe thunder storm three horses, three mules and thirty head of hogs belonging to Emmet Nutter near Steel City, Neb., were killed by lightning. Snow was falling when the stock was killed.

### Richer by the Sum of \$34.41.

Thirty years ago A. H. Bowen of Hastings, Neb., received \$897.12 back pay from the government for services rendered in the army and he was under the impression that he had received all that was due him. However, he was agreeably surprised recently to receive from the government a certificate for the sum of \$34.41, which was accompanied by a letter which explained that in going over the books it had been discovered that there was still due him that sum as back pay.

## NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Allegheny River Flood Overtakes Train, but Passengers Are Rescued.

A passenger train on the West Pennsylvania road leaving Tarentum, for Allegheny, was caught by the rising water of the Allegheny river at Glassmere and the passengers had to be taken from the train by means of skiffs. More than a dozen skiffs were used to carry the passengers to the dry ground. Trip after trip was made for nearly an hour to get all to shore. The train was made up of four coaches and a combination baggage car.

All the lower parts of Springdale and Tarentum, Pa., and the south side are submerged. In Allegheny the entire section south of South avenue and Robinson street, and extending from Grant avenue to Pine street is covered with from two to six feet of water. Exposition park and the National league ball grounds are under nearly five feet of water and portions of the Fourth and Eighth wards are also flooded. An extra force of police are patrolling this district in skiffs to protect the residents and minister to their needs. In Pittsburgh Duquesne way, Water streets and many side streets as far east as Ninth street are partly submerged, while on the south side nearly all the mills and manufacturing plants on the Monongahela river have been forced to suspend operations on account of the high water.

## FINISH UP THE YEAR'S WORK

Executive Committee of State Teachers' Association Hold Session.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' association met at the Lincoln hotel for the purpose of finishing up the work of the old year and formulating plans for the new. There were present the entire committee, composed of C. A. Fulmer, E. J. Bodwell, D. C. O'Connor, W. M. Kern and J. E. Dalzell.

The auditing committee, of which the members are E. H. Clark, Prof. Fordyce and H. K. Wolfe, reported that it had examined the books of the treasurer and found them correct. There is a balance in the treasury of \$311.61, as compared with \$287.47 at the beginning of last year.

A legislative committee was appointed to look after the interests of Nebraska teachers at the next session of the legislature. Members of the committee are C. G. Pearce of Omaha; W. L. Stevens, of Lincoln; C. A. Fulmer, of Beatrice; Superintendent Annot, of Otoe county, and Superintendent Richardson, of Antelope county.

Superintendent Anna Day of Beatrice, and Superintendent Mengel of Wahoo, were elected members of the reading circle board to fill vacancies.

## SOUTH PLATTE MILLERS.

The Supply of Good Milling Wheat Excceedingly Short.

The greater part of the time of the South Platte Millers' association was spent in a discussion of the general questions of the milling business, the supply of wheat, the prosperity in various localities and the freight rates. The report of the nominating committee was heard and accepted, electing the following officers for the coming year: President, U. P. Powell, of Lincoln; vice president, D. M. Deane, Valparaiso; secretary, H. B. Smith, Holmesville; treasurer, C. Linn, of Humboldt.

It is said by the millers that the supply of wheat to be had this year is unusually short. Some say that 75 per cent of the wheat raised this year has been shipped by the growers out of the state, most of this quantity going to Minneapolis. One man thought that the Minnesota mills have a peculiar talent for converting fall wheat into spring wheat flour, and in this way the northern flour makers have an advantage of their Nebraska brethren. The growing wheat is reported to be in excellent condition.

Some of the western grain grinders complain that the freight rates from their localities to points west are no better than those offered at Lincoln and other cities east of them.

### Germany Will Vaccinate Calves.

Every calf in Germany will be vaccinated upon reaching its third month with specially prepared tuberculous bacilli taken from human beings, if the proposals of Professor Behring, the great bacteriologist and opponent of Professor Koch's tuberculous theories, are adopted by the reichstag. Professor Behring pleaded the adoption of an imperial law to this end, in conference with the ministry of agriculture. The professor also proposes to add a gramme of formalin to every ten quart can of milk. He maintains the fresh milk contains elements fatal to disease bacteria but that it quickly loses them. Formalin, he contends would conserve these elements indefinitely.

### She Has Fully Recovered.

A poultice of \$10,000 proved effective in soothing the pain of a broken heart of a Philadelphia woman. A giddy young man trifled with her and a jury haven't \$10,000 as the penalty. "I haven't been feeling good," said the broken hearted one, when informed of the verdict, "but I think this will make me all right again."

Howes—Don't like this cold weather, eh? Why only last summer you were complaining of the heat.

Barnes—Not of the heat itself, but because of its untimeliness. It would be all right if reserved for such weather as this.

### No Mistake About Coal Find.

Frank Loveland and a few other men have struck an eighteen-inch vein of soft coal in the bluffs south of Nebraska City on land leased of B. D. Tait. The vein is of fair quality and is gradually getting thicker as they get farther into the bluff and of better grade. They expect to commence active mining operations as soon as the necessary material can be secured.

When a bachelor tells a married woman how happy he is she wouldn't be surprised to see him go the way of Achanias.