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TWO CENTS In Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Cult Faces

Cedar Rapids Prosecutor Collects Evidence Against Preacher Accused of Fraudulent Practices.

Oratory Won Converts

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 6.-Harry 'erguson, who left three years ago after serving 15 years as missionary here, may return to Cedar Rapids. Should he return he will come as

he left, against his will. Such was the announcement made minister may be indicted. Now, he says, he has the necessary evidence lishment after the noon meal had been and will request the indictment before the end of next week,

Ferguson came to Cedar Rapids from Nebraska. He had a pleasing personality and was a gifted orator. With him came a woman assistant. The minister declared himself a hissionary and opened a little mis-His assistant traveled through Mebraska, Missouri and Kansas looking for converts to the tenets which Ferguson taught.

Steady Stream of Converts.

A steady stream of converts came to Cedar Rapids. The man pleaded as chic...cn. with them from his pulpit, worked Pol ce had announced in the morn- warrant in his hand for me. large sums of money were given him insanity carry on his work.

stood aloof, on the outskirts of the

Then came reports that the mission- to keep the ax-slayer suspect under cral small girls in the parish. The re- Smith said. ports were investigated.

a part of citizens of Cedar Rapids as Habne arrived, trying to find a Crawford's county court. went to the church one night, walked prison suit which would fit him, but down the aisle, pulled Ferguson from had been unsuccessful late in the day. than a dozen statements by propertyhis pulpit, escorted him through town | Freshly shaven, Hahne seemed in holders who assert that their homes A Farmer's Complaint.

merely opened it.

to the county attorney and pleaded much property here." with him to recover part of his reversal of faith.

The supplicant also asked that his hearing. wife might be barred from the misson and forced to return to her ceed in the case, 'said Sawtell,

The county attorney was unable to do anything about the Nebraskan's fortune nor the fortunes of others who appealed to him. It was discovered about that time

that there was a fund of \$50,000 held in a bank here for Ferguson. It was placed in the hands of an attorney in rust and the case went to court. Recently this fund was ordered distributed among the persons who had water went hand in hand with con

made appeals. Ferguson was to servation of soil. profit by the fund not at all. He Wins His Audiences.

of the missionary in view of calling him to the pulpit of the church in

They told authorities that Fergu-Son had appeared in their town, a Mennonite community, and had spoken in the church. His power of oratory

repeat the sermon. More than a dozen times he spoke flooding through construction from the pulpit of the church and then they thought of calling him to

the parish permanently. The investigation followed. When the delegation returned home the missionary was gone. trace of him was found.

We Have With Us

Today

C. Vere Standiford, Real Estate and Insurance. Gregory, S. D. Mr. Standiford is known as one

the foremost boosters of the Rosebud country, being secretary of the Fed erated Commerical clubs of the Rosebut for the last three years has devoted his time exclusively to real estate. His slogan is, "A Greater Rose bud means a Greater Omaha," He points out that increased cattle pro-

Boys" and "Standiford's Harmony Or

Indictment was adjourned at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by Judge Frank Emerick until March 10, when further depositions may be presented by the was adjourned at 2:30 o'clock this

County Jail: Asks

Lying in Cell Terrible," He Exclaims; Pleads With Alienist to Be Judged Sane.

J. Warren Hahne, accused of the by the county attorney today. The hatchet murder of his second wife, county attorney for several months was transferred to the county jai has been seeking to find evidence to from his cell at Central police head-He arrived at the Endres estab

> served and consumed by the other in mates of the institution. "Do you want us to give you some

dinner?" he was asked. "You needn't mind," he replied "I've some truit I can eat and besides a good meal up here would rerest in peace.

Wife Good Cook. 'She was such a wonderful cook.

Why she could serve meat in such way that it tasted every bit as good

with them through the week and so ing that Hahne would be given a enthralled them with his beliefs that hearing during the afternoon by the commission, but Robert There were some persons here who member of the commission, stated the

> Further Observation. Dr. G. A. Young, chairman, wants

ary had immoral relations with sev- further observation for a few days Deputy Sheriff Foster began

As a result of these investigations search of the jull wardrobe as soon on his own recognizance in Judge

"My heart is bleeding," he exthe citizens believed, closed claimed. "This lying in jail is terri- warrants, Beal declared that "promisthe incident. As a matter of fact it ble. Why don't Dr. Young say I am cuous invasions of the homes of sane. I want to get out on bond. I peaceful citizens without legal right Soon after a Nebraska farmer went wouldn't leave town. I have too must stop.

Wayne Sawtell, Hahne's attorney worldly wealth. The man had given filed a petition in county court Tues of the prohibition law than I am, Ferguson his entire fortune to be day, asking that Mrs. Sylvia Beats, used in spreading the doctrine which Hahne's sister be appointed his guard-Perguson preached. Later he ind a lan on the ground he is insane, County

"This is the only legal way to pro

Ferguson was next heard of in Illi- ROY TOWL SPEAKS AT CHICAGO MEET

Chicago, Jan. 6 .- Save the water and thus save the kand, C. E. Jacoby of Kansas City, Mo., told the na tional drainage congress here today

"The Missouri wastes part of its energy wrecking its own bed," said named jointly with Karl Schmitt, Mr. Jacoby. "Reservoirs in many to Cedar Rapids from Danvers, Ill.

They were investigating the record cases offer a means of maintaining on the complaints of Pete Pieches, 6703 South Thirtieth street, and promoting navigation and transporta tion as well as saving the land." He began to tell how to prevent floods after Roy N. Towl of Omaha, Neb., told how to make them.

Overflows of silt-laden streams build up rich bottom lands by natural was appealing and he was invited to inundations," he said. "Equally rich s may be built up by artificial

Tuberculin Tests Made

Liberty, Jan. 6 .- A federal inspec- were emphatically denied. tion is being made in dairy herds in this vicinity for tuberculin tests, the work being conducted by veterinarians Wymore Dealer Storing of Gage county, appointed by govern ment agents. Little disease has been found. Some of the herds examined near here have numbered from 20 to from Indian creek, just south of 50 head of cows, and all have passed town, and has his 30,000 ton storage G. Humphrey of the shortgrass a satisfactory test. The herds are houses about one fourth filled. tested every two years.

Mechanic's Leg Broken

by Explosion of Tire Fremont, Jan. 6.-Elmer O. Larson, garage mechanic, is in the hospital with a broken leg, suffered in an ac bud. South Dakota. Mr. Standiford cident while inflating a truck tire. was formerly connected with the The steel ring that holds the tire in banking interests of South Dakota, place struck him above the ankle. breaking both bones

Hardy Ice Houses Filled.

Hardy, Jan. 6.-The community los house at Hardy was filled today, 210 in South Dakota means tons of ice shipped in from Ayr being souri, two miles north of town. greater shipments of cattle and grain stored. The ice is about 16 inches thick, clear, and the best quality Mr. Standiford's avocation and ever seen here. Fifty-one persons. hobby is music. He is director and business men, citizens and farmers "Standiford's Melody of Hardy, organized the Community vicinity of Ellis will stage a wolf hunt company, each putting in \$20 three Thursday, January 8, all lines moving chestra" two musical orchestras now years ago. Ice is sold to customers promptly at 10 o'clock. Half a dozen playing in South Dakota and north- here from 30 to 40 cents a hundred.

Alpena, Mich., Jan. 6.—The contested divorce suit of Congressman Frank D. Scott of the 11th Michigan Frank D. Scott of the 11th Michigan Scott

General Prohibition Agent Hahne Removed to and Deputy Sheriffs Arrested Charged With Assault and Battery.

Robert P. Samardick, mobile prohibition agent for the federal government, who was accused jointly with deputy sheriffs Tuesday morning of ssault and battery and oppression under color of the law during liquor raids, will be given a preliminary hearing in county court Monday.

Collgue Serves Warrants. The deputy sheriffs were served by their fellow officer, Deputy Sheriff

Foster, Phillips said. Phillips spoke between chuckles. He continued to laugh as he disussed the warrants and charges filed against him and his colleagues. "It was really queer, you know," he

"Here I was serving a warrant on Bob Samardick. And I said to him, mind me of my good wife, may she jokingly, 'Well, Bob, I suppose when I get back from handing you this, there'll be one there waiting for me.

Was Just "Kidding." "I was just kidding, you see, "But sure enough, when I got back

"It just strikes me funny, that's all. "I just hope I can serve all my time You see there's that 15-day Smith, clerk of the district court and sentence Judge Dineen gave me for an accident out at the race track. I debate was, "Resolved: That congress failed to respond to the doctrine hearing probably would be further de-haven't served any of that time yet."

which the missionary preached. They layed.

All the deputy sheriffs were reeased on their own recognizance. Dates of their preliminary hearings

have not yet been set. Samardick Surrenders

Freshly shaven, Hahne seemed in holders, who assert that their homes legs and townspeople from Lincoln. his pulpit, escorted him through town and then told him "to start out and good spirits, but protested delay in have been invaded by the officers and a mirror, and committed the rebelled property in the speakers gained lead in have been invaded by the officers of Justice; Robert Prentice was buzzing with excitement before the speakers gained lead and Nora in the next beries at Gilead and Nora in the next berief the next ber In announcing the drawing of the

Without Warrants.

"No one is more strongly in favor Beal declared. "I am relentlessly opposed to illicit liquer manufacture, but I am just as strongly opposed Judge Crawford set January 21 for to promiscuous raids made without legal authority. I'm going to stop

> Statements in the hands of Beal ell of attacks by deputy sheriffs, working under Samardick's sanction, which the officers struck occupants of the houses which they raided without search warrants.

Named Singly.

Robert Samardick is named singly leums were washed away. in a warrent based on information He advised careful consideration of furnished by Lillian Laux, Elizabeth torage reservoirs as a means of flood Laux and Fred Laux, 2623 Bristol tion furnished by Tony Rotolo, 520 what hitherto was dry land. South Sixteenth street. He is also one of his agents, in warrants based

The statement furnished by Fred Laux charges that Samardick (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

GERMANY'S NOTE PROTESTS DELAY

Berlin, Jan. 5.-Germany sent note to the allied powers today in which it protests the failure of the allies to withdraw troops from the Cologne district. Charges contained in Liberty Dairy Herds in the note of the allies to Germany

Ice From Indian Creek

Wymore, Jan. 6 .-- M. L. Rawlings, Wymore ice wholesaler, is storing ice few hundred tons remained in the houses from last year's crop, The ice this year is the best quality

in years and is 14 to 16 inches thick. An effort will be made to ship several trainloads of ice from here to fill Mr. Rawlings' new 10,000 storage house at St. Joseph. The Burlington railway has completed storage here, the senate permitted use of chew chipping in 100 carloads of Blue River Ice from Crete,

Ponca, Jan. 6.-The local ice bar est has begun and it is estimated that 30 teams for six or seven days will be required to transport the usual supply of 1,100 tons from the Mis-

Farmers Plan Wolf Hunt.

Beatrice, Jan. 6 .- Farmers in the coyotes were seen playing on a farm things I wanted were more likely tertained the Omaha Add-Sell league ager, also acting as city water com- the farmers hope to capture some of sition when he was enjoying a many time.

Founder of SCOTT DIVORCE CASE ADJOURNS Samardick Debate on The Relief Legislation High Spot at "Organized Agriculture"

Former President of United States Grain Growers; Program Swarms With Interesting Features.

By C. H. BLAKELY,

Lincoln, Jan. 6.-The first day of "organized agriculture" has passed into history. Just how much good has been done by the work of the various de partments and the many individuals who have made this the greatest day in the 20 years' progress of the constructive work is indeed hard to judge.

Release on Bond Struck Her, Woman Says than predicting what has been using for future agricultural growth. In any writeup of agriculture it seems which have taken place is harder yet than predicting what has been done Coolidge Seeking difficult for the subject is really se large that a single article upon any one subject only covers a very insignificant portion of the things which spell progress. Just so do I find it here at state college. The program has been planned so that many interesting things are being discussed a the same time. Over in Agricultural hall the women are lidding sessions in home building; in the Dairy buildwith their warrants shortly after noon ing farm crops, dairying and other livestock pavillion is a bee-hive of infor information is impossible. This re-

> are visiting the programs. Debate Crowded

For my material for the home eco nomic work I have drafted half of the action is expected today or tomorrow. family: the better half as the public calls her. Mrs. Blakeley has sat to the jail, there was Foster with a full of ideas as seen through the eyes.

of a farm woman. The outstanding event of the day, the thing which created the most interest, was the debate scheduled by the crop growers. The subject for at its next session, should pass the McNary-Haugen bill or some similar measure." E. R. Danielson, secretary state board of agriculture, and C. B Stewart, secretary state farm bureau, defended the question while the nega-Samardick surrendered himself tive was upheld by Arthur Medlar and shortly before noon and was released C. H. Gustafson, former president United States Grain Growers, Inc.

The room was packed with farmers, farmers' wives, legislators from the

(Turn to Page Two, Column Five.) **RUSSIAN FLOODS**

By WILLIAM RESWICK,

Correspondent. Leningrad, Jan. 6 .- The ominous warning booming of the Kronstadt fortress guns ceased with the rising of the sun today and Leningrad surveyed a countryside made desolate MATE OF DEAD

by floods The danger is not yet passed, for the storm still rages. Damage, it was tirely under water.

lost their lives.

Stone Successor Present Attorney General Named for Post on Su-

preme Bench.

filling the fourth vacancy that has oc- nation of men who were never sworr subjects are being thrashed out. The curred in his cabinet since he came into office. to the White House, and for the sec-To pun from one to the other ond time it is the attorney-generalship. by rubbing elbows with those who ness. Announcement of his choice

The field of those whom the presi dent has under serious consideration. has narrowed to five with former ambassador to Japan and like Reagan of Platte, Auten of that resulted in recognition of Mexico,

tion and nationally prominent lawyer. enced democrats. Warren just before Christmas was White House visitor. No intimation was forthcoming at the time as to

tice of the California supreme court

WOMAN FREED

estimated today, totalled \$3,000,000. Douglas, whose wife's body was found Various sections of the city are en in their fashionable apartment early today after her death Monday night The Smalny cemetery was foun-following a drinking party, was redated and many graves and mauso leased this afternoon when Coroner very materially, but it will not afford retaries; C. C. Worden, Ogallala, treas-E. L. Paxon found the woman came much of a chance for partisan strat-At Peterhof, the palaces and parks to her death from acute alcoholism, egy. The intangible tax proposition tendent of grounds; directors for three were flooded and several fishermen An inquest will be held tonight, but it is doomed unless all signs fail. As years are Theodore F. Goold, R. S. An inquest will be held tonight, but it is document that it is document to be the good butterfield, F. M. Belton, W. E. it left the Union station there is now serving a term in jail.

He is in a serious condition.

Women Legislator to Fight Rule Against Smoking in Lower House LANGE GRAZES

"I Find Things I Want More Likely to Be Realized If Man Is Enjoying Cigar," Says Mabel Gillespie in Announcing Opposittion to Custom.

By P. C. POWELL, - State Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

organized today, is distinctive for two reasons. First, it is the last session to be held in the historic old state house, which already is surrounded by the first floor of the new capitol, representative of a new age, prosperity and architecture.

Second, it is the first session in which women participate as lawmakers. At the last election three women were elected to the lower house, Mabel A. Gillespie, Grtane; Sara T. Muir, Lincoln, and Mrs. A.

Simultaneous with induction women as legislators. Mabel A. Gillespie sprang a bombshell by announcing she would fight the customary resolution against smoking in the lower house. For years the house has adopted a resolution against the use of tobacco while ing tobacco, cigars and cigarets. Loves Smell of Smoke.

"I think such a rule is bad for the men and so far as I am personally concerned I love the smell of tobacco smoke," Mrs. Gillespie sald. "I spent many years working around offices and found there that men who smoke and were out of tobacco were nervous, disagree able creatures.

"In more recent years I have been married and my husband smokes. I found a new dress or

Therefore, when the anti-smoking resolution is introduced you will find me voting against it."

The full membership of the lower house wa spresent when Secretary of State Charles W. Pool pounded his gavel for order at 12, noon, today. Immediately after the house was called to order the customary Committees Named.

handle the routine details and shortly after 1 o'clock, Chief Justice Andrew P. Morrissey administered the oath of office to the new members. Because Mrs. Gillespie's name came first in the alphabet of the three women members she was sworn in as the first woman member of the Nebraska legislature, Immediately after the routine was ended, the house adjourned until 10 tomorrow morning. Meantime, the committee on committees began making committee appointments. Officers selected at the house cau-

Committees were appointed to

cus last night were formally elected. Henry Book of Butler county, chosen as speaker by the minority democrats, withdrew in favor of A. formal organization of the house.

Clear Path Business

House and Senate Duly Organized and Will Meet in Joint Session Today, to Canvass Returns.

Inauguration Tomorrow

By WILL M. MAUPIN, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee

Lincoln, Jan. 6.-One who has watched legislatures come and go over a period of nearly 40 years, has no difficulty in noting a radical difference in legislatures now and many years ago. In the old days a few out standing men in each branch prac Washington, Jan. 6. - President tically dominated, and these in turn collidge today was facing the task of were pretty generally under the domi machine politics.

Today things are vastly different. Bebore him were a score of names After mingling with the lawmakers of view then is not about the whole from which to select the man who will this session for more than a week, it work, but rather a review of the high succeed Harlan Fiske Stone in con- is not difficult to see that as a whole spots, a personal cross-section gained ducting the government's legal busi- they average up far better in point of ability than did the lawmakers of old. probably will not be made until the Then never more than three or four senate has acted upon Stone's nomi- in either house got their heads above nation to the supreme bench, but that the dead level. In this session a leader is likely to pop up any minute.

erhaps the leading figure that of nority in the house, they will benefit Charles Beecher Warren of Detroit, by the ability and experience of men Mexico, participant in the conference Boone, Keck of Polk and Skeen of Nemaha. Beck, the democratic floor chairman of the rules committee of the leader; O'Malley of Greeley and necessary to separate them. Holmes rectly through to Chicago, or some leveland republican national conventor of Gara of Cedar are other experitional some cotton from his bunk other point east,

Partisanship Less Vicious.

Rodman of Douglas, republican floor leader, is an experienced legisever, of the speed with which Cool. lator and a tenacious fighter for what fund check on an auto dealer at Su- in motion, began their work. appointed Attorney General he thinks is right. And Jim Rodman perior last summer, then boldly hold- In this altest robbery each pack Stone to the vacancy on the supreme ing, who defeated him for the speakcourt, it is assumed that he had been ship. Byrum of Franklin Bar.

Representation and supreme in this aftest robbery each packing up the Bostwick State bank in large had been slit open, its contents
age had been slit open, its cont forewarned of Justice McKenna's de-forewarned of Justice McKenna's de-termination to retire and had already termination to retire and had already las and other republicans have quali-money in the Burlington passenger ership. Byrum of Franklin, Bar \$1,200. Also prominently mentioned are ties of leadership that mark them as station at Superior September 22, escitor General James M. Beck, men bound to exercise a great influ-19 by picking the lock with a wire

setts supreme court, a personal friend is going to be below the average in DAMAGE CITIES Borah urged for the post last year, and to the detriment of the taxpaynd Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. ers. The present indications are that the old code fight will be resurrected. navy to justice. He was chief jus- and that will afford the greatest opportunity for a partisan scrap. The and an outstanding lawyer on the democrats are as much opposed to as ever. But even the fight on the DATES FIXED FOR code will not be marked by the ranco exhibited two years ago. This will be KEITH COUNTY FAIR due to the fact that on Thursday Ne braska will have a new governor, and one who will not spend all his time

Revenue Law to Be Amended. storage reservoirs as a means of flood prevention and said conservation of street, and Roy Cook, 2202 Douglas at various places in the country places in t roads program is going to be the cen- Coates and Frank Harris. sion. There will be no flavor of par- state meeting of county fair men at robbed while en route from Omaha tisanship about the fight, either. Every Lincoln January 19 as delegate, member is in favor of a good roads

FLIGHT RECORD

made one of the low records for night flying Monday in three hours way to plant trees on the grounds and 19 minutes from Cheyenne to this spring Omaha. The time of flying was not delayed, although weather reports U. P. CONDUCTOR were made of a strong gale in Wyo-Lincoln, Jan. 6 .- Nebraska's 43d legislative session, which was formally ming. Lange left Cheyenne at 8:16 p. m., reached North Platte at 9:48 p. m. He left North Platte at 11:40 p. m., on schedule time and reached Omaha air field at 1:27 a. m.

Tire Explosion Hurls Piece

of Chain Through Window Aurora, Jan. 6 .- While Clay Jones. oprietor of the Aurora hotel, itting in his parlor he heard the as the cause. Mrs, Knittles also in sitting in his parlor he heard the front window crash and discovered ill health has not been apprised of her al pay bill was sustained by the senthat a small piece of chain had been husband's death. hurled through it. Investigation howed that an automobile tire on he opposite side of the street had exploded tearing off a piece of the chain about it and throwing it

feet through the window. Doctors' Meeting Postponed. Pawnee City, Jan. 6.—Owing to the this community for more than a year republican party. liness of some of the speakers on the The seller has resided here for the The agricultural commission conrogram, the meeting of the Pawnee last 10 years and the buyer is a natioued consideration of relief plans County Medical society, announced for tive, so both are well, versed in for the cattle industry, today, has been indefinitely post-land values. At the peak of the Harian F. Stone began to clear his city who had been called on for papers have sold for \$200 an acre. were: Drs. F. F. Teal, J. E. M. Thompson, A. I. McKinnon, Czar C. Johnson and J. S. Pierce, all of Lincoln.

J. E. Smith Ill at San Diego. Beatrice, Jan. 6 .- Word has been received here from San Diego of the serious illness of J. E. Smith, one-G. Burke after the first ballot, time president of the First National James A. Rodman of Omaha acted bank of this city. He is the father of as temporary chairman, pending C. E. Smith of Beatrice, who, with to a he wife, left for that place today.

Legislators BROOKHART FACES SECON DOONTEST

or Brookhart, republican, Iowa, was filed in the senate today by Luthe A. Brewer, republican, independen andidate in the Iowa senatorial elec-

Brewer charged fraud and irregu larity in the election, defeat of the will of the voters in eliminating marked ballots; and lack of legal Robbery Not Discovered Unqualifications by Senator Brookhart because of his statements about the soviet form of government of Russia

Prisoners Set Fire to Jail in

Authorities Discover Plot and Bank Robber Is Transfered to State Prison.

Special Dispatch to The Omaka Bee Superior, Neb., Jan. 6.-Herbert Holmes, who robbed the Bostwick opened it again only when ready to State bank, later escaping from the iail at Nelson, where he was being held, and robbing the Nora bank and several business houses at Gilead, attempted to burn the Nuckolls county ail at Nelson, and has been taken

The interior of the jail was some reporter called him he had heard what damaged by the blaze started nothing of the affair. by Holmes and another prisoner, named Ralph Stahr, but the plot was the robbers have homes in Omana discovered and an escape prevented and that they watched the mail by Sheriff Wood.

mattress and stuffed it into a hole in the floor, and this was lighted by would not be bothered during the the prisoner below.

He was captured with the bag of one side.

of the president; Frank Dietrich, duration, and it is going to be marked five days, being captured while asleep United States district judge for the by absence of partisanship that has United States district judge for the by absence of partisanship that has by Sheriff Wood and a posse near district of Idaho, whom Senator so often marked legislative sessions. Nora October 25. He has been confined in the Nelson

jail awaiting arrangements at Lin-

coln since then. He is under a 10 year sentence for his escapades.

Ogallala, Jan. 6.—The Keith County the robbery of the same train in the Fair association has the 1925 fair here Springfield, Mo., Jan. 6.-W. Burr playing politics and endeavoring to for September 2, 3 and 4. Officers interfere with and influence legisla- elected for coming year: A. L. Searle, Ogaffala, president; E. A. Smith, Ogallala, vice president; A. F. Kerr, Ogal. Monarity, was arrested as he leaped lala, secretary; H. W. Biedermann and from the car. His two companions The revenue law will be amended Roy D. Elker, Ogallala, assistant securer; F. M. Belton, Ogallala, superin-

Secretary A. F. Kehr will attend the was captured the same train was Keith County Fair association has a

fine location adjoining Ogaffala on loot the west (40 acres) and best equipped in western Nebraska. It has a half authorities to start their search for a mile track, two grandstands with seat- gang which lives in Omaha and opering capacity of 1,400, running water ates with that city as a base on grounds, barns for race horses Clarence C. Lang, air mail flyer, ens, woman's art building and a

COMMITS SUICIDE

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.-Warren D Knittle, formerly motor conductor o the Union Pacific with a run between Beatrice and Manhattan, Kan., hung himself in the garage at his home at

Manhattan, according to word, re ceived here. Worry over the ill health is given ficiency appropriation bill.

Sold at \$100 an Acre of Iowa.

Farm in Elgin District

Elgin, Jan. 6.-Nick Demuth has A bill designed to settle the Chicago sold his quarter section of improved lake drainage controversy was introfarm land a mile west of town to duced in the house. Anto Ventelcher for \$100 an acre. Senator Ladd attacked the edict This in the first farm sale made in reading insangent senators out of the Among the guests of the so- land boom this farm would easily desk preparatory to retiring as head of the Department of Justice.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Jan-ity 8. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: f stal. 8. Total since January

Enter With Key: Inspect All Letters

til Arrival of Train in Chicago; Gang Beblieved to Live Here.

Leave at Cedar Rapids

Postal inspectors have began a search in Omaha for a well-organize Escape Attempt search in Omaha for a well-organized band of mail robbers who are believed to be equipped with keys to mail ears The search began with the report vesterday of a robbery of the Chingo & Northwestern train No. 21 between here and Cedar Rapids, Ia.

some time Monday afternoon. The car, loaded with registered mail, was looted leisurely by the robbers. The men apparently opened the door after it was locked in leave and locked it behind them. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Chicago Monday night

Each Package Slit Open. Post Office Inspector William Coble was notified of the robbery Tuesday afternoon by The Omaha Bee, Until a

Authorities in Chicago believe that trains leaving Omaha, waiting for The two prisoners were occupying the time when car leads of register a cell together until it was found ed mail were sealed and billed di-

trip, they unlocked the door, secret Holmes, a young laborer of this vi- ed themselves among the sacks of inity, started wrong by passing a no- mail and then, when the train was

Then, once assured that the car

less to the robbers was thrown to

Car Relocked.

apparently in order when it was in

The car was locked and everything

spected at Cedar Rapids. It was as orderly on the outside when it reach ed Chicago, but when the door was puened the orderliness ended From this it is believed that the bandits had finished looting the mail

before the car reached Cedar Rapids and that they left the train on the outskirts of town. The amount of loot is unknown. Every package had been rifled but the contents of the packages will not be known until after claims begin to

come in and a thorough check is yards of Cedar Rapids last fall.

Train Robbed Three Times

At that time one of the men, Dan

escaped and Monarity refused to divulge their names. had been aboard the train ever since it left the Union station there. He

to Boone, Ia. The bandits on this occasion obtained little of value in their These facts have led the postal

Man Hit by Stray Bullet.

claiming a victim, Victor Ponniges 21, of Gresham. The bullet passed between his arm and body, inflicting a slight flesh wound in his side. Summary of

York, Jan. 6.-A stray bullet, fired

y an unknown person, came near

the Day in Washington The house passed a \$157,000,000 de-

Luther E. Brewer filed a contest over the seat of Senator Brookhart.

Officials were informed that the

visit here of the Bank of England

officials was to further restore the pound sterling to its gold parity. War department recommendations entation, inches and hundredths for reductions in the rivers and harbors bill were placed before the house rivers and harbors commission. The Department of Agriculture an nounced no information had been received to support a complaint that wheat is being made subject to vicious