

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The earnings of the Chicago Great Western railway for the third week of December, 1900, show an increase of \$8,482.21 over the corresponding week of last year.

Having been deeply interested by a recent visit to the Berlin electrical works the Kaiser sent the Kaiserin and imperial princess to inspect the establishment.

Judge D. W. Canfield of Chardon, Ohio, aged 72 years, one of the best known public men in Ohio, and an intimate friend of the late President Garfield, is dead.

The minister of agriculture of Brazil estimates that there will be 1,700,000 tons of wheat available for export this season. He says that the corn crop is good.

The secretary of war has purchased the large freight steamer Sanaica at Hong Kong for use in transportation to San Francisco of the volunteer army in the Philippines.

United States Consul Wildman at Hong Kong has been granted a leave of absence and will return to the United States immediately for the benefit of his health.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the president of the Standard Oil company, has subscribed \$250,000 for the founding of an institution of learning for poor boys and girls.

Rev. J. E. Martin, pastor of St. Luke's church of Jackson, Tenn., is dead. Rev. Mr. Martin was chaplain with Stonewall Jackson in the army of Virginia during the civil war.

The Annapolis, Frolic, Wompateuk and Piscataqua, comprising what is known as the Mosquito fleet, have sailed from Hampton road for Bermuda, on the way to Manila.

Major Mite, the dwarf, who has been exhibited in circuses for fourteen years, died at the New York hospital of a complication of diseases. He was born in New Zealand.

M. L. Crocker, a transfer man of Richmond, Ind., and Mrs. Jane Baer, also of that city, are two of the heirs to the estate of \$500,000 left by the late Benjamin L. Crocker of Sacramento.

Empire William, according to the Boursen Courier, in his New Year's day's speech to the generals, sharply condemned officers for appearing publicly, against the royal order, in civilian dress.

The New York & Porto Rico S. S. Co.'s steamer Arkadia has sailed from Ponce for New Orleans having on board 40 Porto Ricans, 65 per cent of whom are women and children, destined for Hawaii.

The leader of the Irish Nationalist party has fixed \$15 per week as the regulation pay for members of parliament who are unable to defray out of their own resources the cost of living in London during the session.

According to cable advices received at the War department the transport Port Stephens has left Nagasaki for Seattle and the transports Connaught, Frederia and Westminster have left the same port for San Francisco.

State Commissioner of Excise Henry B. Lyman issued a statement concerning the operation of the New York state excise law during the year. He states that \$61,289,275 has been collected in excise taxes since the Raines law went into operation.

Colonel Montgomery Bryant, United States army, retired, formerly of the Thirtieth infantry, had two separate strokes of paralysis at Wichita, Kas., and his condition is serious. He was the first white man born in Kansas—at Leavenworth in 1832.

The oldest postmaster in the United States, Roswell Bardsley, who is 91 years of age and has handled the mail at North Lansing, Tompkins county, N. Y., for seventy-two consecutive years, has been invited to attend the inauguration of President McKinley at Washington March 4, as a guest of the postoffice department.

Israel Noel, an old man living alone at Fayette, Wis., was found dead in his house. People searched his house and found \$10,000 in gold and a valuable watch hidden in the cellar.

Crocker has been summoned before the British tax commission, but has started for the continent.

Wheat crop of 1900 is 522,229,505 bushels, and the area of winter wheat is 30,282,564 acres. The condition of the growing crop December 1 was 91.1. The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,105,462,510 bushels.

Herr Krupp has made a donation of 500,000 marks to the workmen's invalid fund of the Krupp works.

Brigadier General R. N. Batchelder, U. S. A., retired, is critically ill in Washington, from a complication of disease arising from kidney trouble.

Prince Henry of Prussia, whom the emperor has summoned to Berlin, will reside at Schloss Bellevue, fronting the Tiergarten.

Sam Loates, the English jockey, who was Reiff's closest competitor last season, has started with his wife for New York. He is going to California for the winter and may be induced to ride.

Senator W. P. Frye was unanimously nominated by the republican joint legislative caucus at Augusta, Me., as a rising vote.

News of the creation of a new life saving district to include the sea waters of Alaska, Washington and Oregon, has been received at Seattle.

Cadmus Kelly, a counterfeiter, who has operated extensively in Missouri, has been arrested in a small town in Tennessee.

The resignation of Bishop H. M. Turner as president of the College of African Methodist Episcopal Bishops was announced, on account of a disagreement, it is understood, regarding assignments given certain bishops.

The grand duke of Hesse will shortly visit Emperor Nicholas, his brother-in-law.

DEATH FOR KIDNAPING

Numerous Measures are Being Introduced in the Legislature.

EXTREME PENALTY IN MOST CASES

Other Degrees of Kidnaping Will Bring Life Imprisonment—A Saloon Keeper at Snyder Shot and Instantly Killed—Other Matters in Nebraska.

The legislative wheels are again in motion. The buttons to start the machinery were pressed at noon January 1, according to the constitutional mandate, by Secretary of State Porter, in the house, and Lieutenant Governor Gilbert, in the senate.

The program agreed upon by the two party caucuses the previous night were carried out without visible hitch in the organization of both houses, after which adjournment was taken for the day, to prepare for the canvass of the vote in joint session on Wednesday, when perhaps a few more steps will be taken in further perfecting the official roster, the messages of the outgoing and incoming governors being reserved for Thursday.

As usual chief interest centered in the house to which was attracted a good attendance of spectators, who, however, soon tired of the lack of excitement in the proceedings and gradually stole away. There were no flowers and little applause, except for two neat speeches of the temporary and permanent speakers.

The senate organized along lines agreed upon in caucus and adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Wednesday. Senators were called to order by Lieutenant Governor Gilbert. Alpha Morgan, secretary of the last senate, was present, and had prepared a temporary roll, which was called. Rev. Mr. Cressman asked divine blessing to rest on those present and to guide their every act.

Senators Currie of Custer, Edgar of Gage county, were appointed a committee on credentials. After a ten minute recess, during which time they prepared their findings, they reported that all, with the exception of two, whose names were on the list read by Mr. Morgan, had presented duly accredited credentials, appearing valid and conclusive on their face, and should therefore be entitled to seats. Lyman of Adams and Campbell of Holt had mislaid their credentials, but were recommended to seats. This report was adopted, thus seating temporarily at least, Oleson of Cuming and Liddell and Ransom of Douglas, all of whom have contests confronting them.

Republican nominees were as follows: Calvin F. Steele of Fairbury for president pro tem; John C. Fremont McKesson of Lancaster for secretary, and A. H. Keim of Falls City for assistant secretary. Clark Robinson, sergeant-at-arms, John Patrick of Washington county for doorkeeper, W. H. Pool of Cass for enrolling and engrossing clerk, A. A. Cressman of Crete for chaplain and Harry Beebe of Stanton for custodian of the cloak room.

It was five minutes of the noon hour when the house was called to order by Secretary of State Porter. Rev. George W. Porter of the Methodist Episcopal church of Palmyra led in prayer. Members arose to their feet and remained standing while the divine blessing was invoked. The roll was called by Theodore Mann, bookkeeper in the secretary of state's office. Boulter of Saunders was the only member failing to respond to his name.

Lafin of Gage placed in nomination for temporary speaker J. W. Armstrong of Nemaha county, the choice of the republican caucus. Claus Grell of Sarpy, on behalf of the minority, placed in nomination the name of John C. Sprecher of Colfax county. Roll call resulted in Armstrong's election by a strict party vote of 53 to 46. Boulter, fusion of Saunders, absent and not voting.

John Wall of Arcadia was made temporary clerk. The speaker, on motion of Cain of Richardson, appointed a committee of five on credentials, as follows: Cain of Richardson, Andrews of Frontier, Mead of Douglas, Taylor of Custer, Tanner of Nemaha. On motion of Lane of Lancaster the rules of the twenty-sixth session were adopted pending further action. A recess of ten minutes was taken to give the credentials committee an opportunity to report. Their report was adopted, and Chief Justice Norval of the supreme court administering the oath of office.

In permanent organization of the house W. G. Sears of Burt county was elected speaker. He appeared and expressed thanks.

The house then proceeded to elect, as the remainder of its officers, the nominees of the republican caucus, by a vote of 53 to 46 as follows: Chief clerk, John Wall, Arcadia; first assistant clerk, A. D. Gilmore, Auburn; second assistant clerk, C. H. Barnard, Table Rock; third assistant clerk, C. E. Sandall, York; fourth assistant clerk, H. S. Wetherell, Alma; sergeant-at-arms, A. Wilsey, Frontier county; chaplain, J. H. Presson, Millard; doorkeeper, F. L. Miller, Beatrice; postmaster, E. D. Preston, Hamilton county. Adjournment followed until 10 o'clock Wednesday.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 24 the following list of employees was reported by Senator Currie and elected unanimously in a bunch: Second assistant clerk, Ralph Johnson; stenographer, Miss Nettie Darth; messenger, Alex Porter; private page to lieutenant governor, Charles Perin; clerk of committee on claims, W. H. Van Cleave; janitors, Albert Walsh and Edgar McCrea. The senate authorized the hiring of nine employees, heard five of the seventeen bills introduced read for the first time, attempted to select a standing committee on privileges and elections, held a joint session with the house for canvassing the vote cast at the last election and then adjourned until 3 o'clock. During the brief recess of the senate preliminary to the joint meeting with the house the republican senators caucused and

agreed on their committee on privileges and elections. A number of bills were introduced, among them being: To provide for the appointment of supreme court referees. Empowers the court to appoint by unanimous vote nine referees, with necessary stenographers, to hold office for two years as a salary of 2,500 annually. Emergency clause attached. Senator Ransom's kidnapping bill: To amend section 207 of the criminal code. Removes age limit of 18 years in crime of seduction. Providing penalties for the abduction or kidnaping of infants, children or adults. To amend section 75 and section 78 of the criminal code relating to allowing domestic animals with contagious diseases to run at large. Emergency clause attached.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 2d, Lane, Fowler and Gishwiller were appointed, with a senate committee, to notify the governor that the legislature is ready to receive communications. Hibbert, Heisner and Schinck were appointed a committee to arrange with a senate committee for a joint session for the purpose of canvassing the vote. The speaker announced the appointment of the committee on privileges and elections, as follows: Whitmore of Hamilton, chairman; Muller of Douglas, Heisner of Thayer, Hibbert of Gage, Armstrong of Nemaha, Warner of Lancaster, Brown of Furnas (republicans) and Loomis of Dodge, Hamilton of Butler and Tanner of Nemaha (fusionists). At 11:30 both houses convened in joint session for the purpose of canvassing the vote of the last general election. The members of the house arose and remained standing while the senators entered representative hall, escorted by their sergeant-at-arms. Lieutenant Governor Gilbert and President (pro tem) Steele led the procession. The lieutenant governor called the joint session to order and announced its purpose. The house and senate rolls were called. The secretary of state not showing up to transmit the returns, Representatives Crockett and Fowler and Senator Arends were sent out to apprehend him. After an interval, Mr. Porter was produced, who handed to the speaker the original abstracts of the vote. The speaker canvassed the vote, and announced the result of the election on presidential electors, state officers and congressmen. Immediately thereafter the joint session, Tanner of Nemaha moved the appointment of a committee of three, to report at the next session, to ascertain the cost of printing the journal each day in sufficient numbers for each member. Uhl of Douglas amended to include the cost of typewritten and mimeograph copies. The motion as amended was agreed to. The chair appointed Tanner, Uhl and Crockett. Tanner next moved that the clerk be instructed to furnish each member daily ten 2-cent stamps, ten 1-cent stamps, five 1-cent wrappers and four daily papers. Taylor of Custer amended to strike out the daily papers, and Marshall of Otoe amended to strike out the 1-cent wrappers. Both amendments were adopted, and the motion thus mutilated was agreed to.

SENATE.—The work in the senate on the 3d was principally devoted to discussion of the pending contest cases, and resulted in the papers and documents purporting to be evidence being delivered to the presiding officer, who opened the packages in the presence of the senate. A resolution by Baldrige of Douglas, directing the sergeant-at-arms to summon D. M. Haverly, clerk of Douglas county, to bring the ballots and poll books of all the wards of South Omaha, the subpoena to be signed by the presiding officer and countersigned by the clerk of the senate, was passed at the morning session. A motion by Crouse of Washington prevailed, directing the presiding officer to turn over to the committee on privileges and elections all the papers and documents relating to contest cases in the senate. The committee on standing committees gave out the following additional chairmen: Highways, bridges and surveys, Trompen; counties and county boundaries, Van Boskirk; internal improvements, Berlet; school lands and funds, Crouse; labor, Steele; educational, Allen; library, Young; live stock and grazing, Van Boskirk; manufactures and commerce, McCargue; public charities, Marth; miscellaneous subjects, Oleson; corporations, Berlet; constitutional amendments and federal relations, Young; medical societies, Newell; immigration, Currie; insurance, O'Neill; irrigation, Owens; reform schools and home for the friendless, Harlan; insane hospitals, Arends; deaf, dumb and blind asylums, Baldrige; mines and mining, Ransom; apportionment, Van Boskirk. Among the bills introduced were the following: An act to amend section 77a of chapter xviii, article 1, entitled "Register of Deeds," of the Compiled Statutes of 1899, and to repeal said section. A bill to amend sections 18, 20 and 21 of chapter iv of the Criminal Code of the state of Nebraska and repeal sections 18, 20 and 21. Compiled Statutes of 1897. An act to amend section 140 of chapter xxvi, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1899, entitled "Elections."

JOINT SESSION.—The senate and house committees on privileges and elections met in joint session on the 4th in the lieutenant governor's office and began consideration of the election contest cases from Douglas county. The four cases were combined and will be tried jointly before both committees. During the morning session William A. Redick of Omaha made the opening statement for the contestants and in the afternoon Edward P. Smith performed a similar duty for the contestees. According to the plan agreed upon by the committees and the attorneys the ballots cast in the South Omaha voting districts will be counted before any testimony or evidence is produced. At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's statement the ballots cast in the Second district of the Second ward were opened and the count begun. It is the intention of the committee to push the hearing of the Douglas county cases as rapidly as possible and with this object in view

night sessions will probably be held next week. At the evening session the committee completed the recount of all ballots cast in the Fourth ward and in the First and Second districts of the Second ward. Twenty-nine ballots that were rejected by the election board in the Second district of the Second ward because they were marked with lead pencil were accepted and counted by the committee. The addition of these votes changed the figures somewhat, but did not materially alter the relative standing of the nominees. The recount so far shows the following gains: Rohwer, republican, 12; Johnson, fusion, 10; Hunt, fusion, 13; Youngs, republican, 10; Laddell, fusion, 15; Schultz, republican, 10; Ransom, fusion, 18; Colson, republican, 10. Among the first bills that will be introduced in the legislature will be one relating to negotiable instruments, which will be similar in text to a bill that has become a law in sixteen states. The measure is endorsed by the American Bankers' association and several of the most prominent and influential members of the State Bankers' Association of Nebraska. The proposed bill is different in only a few respects from the existing statutes relating to negotiable instruments. It abolishes days of grace and makes the endorser of a note liable for its full amount.

JOINT SESSION.—The two branches of the legislature met in joint session in representative hall on the 3d for the inauguration of the new state officials. The large hall was crowded throughout the entire ceremony. Lieutenant Governor Gilbert presided until the joint session adjourned, when he was succeeded in office by Edward P. Savage, who occupied the president's chair in the senate chamber during the following session of the upper house. After the roll call the presiding officer appointed a committee consisting of Representatives Lane of Lancaster, Sprecher of Colfax, Diers of York and Currie of Custer to notify the retiring governor that the joint convention was duly organized and ready to receive his message, and to escort him to the hall. On motion of Senator Baldrige of Douglas the committee was instructed to invite the governor-elect and other retiring and incoming state officers and escort them to the hall. A few minutes later the inaugural procession appeared and Governor Poynter, Governor-elect Dietrich, his staff, state officers and state officers-elect were announced by Chairman Lane of the escort committee. The senators and representatives arose and remained standing while the line of officials, staff officers, etc., moved forward. All members of the military staff were clad in full military dress uniforms. Governor Poynter, Governor-elect Dietrich and Lieutenant Governor-elect Savage were ushered to chairs immediately in front of the speaker's desk. The retiring staff officers and their successors sat in a row in front of representatives' desks, facing the presiding officer and the retiring and incoming chief executives. As soon as all had found their places the legislators again resumed their seats and without further ceremony Governor Poynter was introduced by the retiring lieutenant governor. He at once began the reading of his farewell message. At its conclusion Governor-elect Dietrich was inaugurated and presented his message. The inaugural ball took place in the evening.

The governor's reception at the state house and the ball immediately following in the Auditorium were the final events of the inauguration of the new administration. Both were of surpassing brilliancy. The reception continued from 9 to 10:30 o'clock, when the governor's party was taken to the Auditorium for the inaugural ball, which was tendered by the Commercial club.

This is the new administration: Governor, Charles H. Dietrich; lieutenant governor, E. P. Savage; secretary of state, George W. Marsh; auditor, Charles Weston; treasurer, William Steufer; attorney general, F. N. Prout; commissioner of public lands and buildings, G. D. Follmer; superintendent of schools, W. K. Fowler.

The following additional appointments have been announced: House, P. H. Wintersteen, custodian of cloak room; W. M. Wheeler, chief clerk of engrossing room; Ella M. Piper, stenographer; chief clerk's room; Robert Houghton, bill clerk; Edward Morris, chief clerk bill room; H. Glenson, timekeeper.

THE NEW STATE OFFICERS.

Following is a complete list of the newly-installed state officers, together with names and postoffice address of employees:

Governor—Charles H. Dietrich, Hastings; private secretary, H. C. Lindsay, Pawnee City; chief clerk, Robert J. Clancy, Omaha; recording clerk, Miss Nellie Purcell, Lincoln; stenographer, Miss Lena Meyer, Hastings; messenger, M. F. Singleton (colored), Omaha.

Lieutenant governor—Ezra P. Savage, Sargent; secretary, Miss Emma Miller, Sargent; messenger, Earl Perin, Lincoln.

Secretary of State—George W. Marsh, Falls City; deputy, Frank McCarty, Nebraska City; bookkeeper, Fred W. Miller, Falls City; recorder, J. J. Roberts, Lincoln; clerk, Miss Gertrude Dean, Lincoln; stenographer, Miss Harriet Fletcher, Lincoln.

Auditor of Public Accounts—Charles Weston, Hay Springs; deputy, George Anthes, Omaha; insurance deputy, H. A. Babcock, Lincoln; recorder, F. Fanning, Clearwater; stenographers, Miss Nellie Kepler, Lincoln; Miss Anna Grissinger, Bellwood; bookkeeper, J. M. Gilchrist (temporary).

Treasurer—William Steufer, West Point; deputy, E. G. Hellman, Norfolk; chief clerk, Nathan Fodrea, Grand Island; clerk, H. W. Bauman, West Point; stenographer, Miss Mary T. Watson, Grand Island. Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. K. Fowler, Blair; deputy, J. L. McBrien, Crab Orchard; stenographer, Miss Jennie B. Adams, Superior.

Attorney General—F. N. Prout, Beatrice; deputy, Norris Brown, Kearney; assistant, W. G. Rose, Lincoln; stenographer, Miss Naanite Canning, Beatrice.

Commissioner of Public Lands and

Buildings—George D. Follmer, Oak; deputy, H. M. Eaton, Fremont; chief clerk, Brad P. Cook, Lincoln; draughtsman, A. K. Gift, Lincoln (temporary); first bookkeeper, H. G. Meyers, Humphrey; second bookkeeper, C. J. Fille, South Omaha; assignment clerks, Miss Cora Garber, Red Cloud; Mrs. Jeanette Rehlander, Lincoln; lease contractor, Miss Maggie Kroese, Lincoln.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Fusionists will probably establish quarters at the Grand hotel, where they caucused.

The senate will expend less money for official work than any senate in recent years," said Senator Currie of the apportionment committee. "We are going to keep expenses down and establish a new record."

John C. Sprecher, senator from Colfax, is going to take his pick between deputy oil inspector and the position to which he was elected this fall. He thinks that the oil inspectorship will not last long after the new administration gets to work, so he will pick upon the senatorship. His resignation is expected to be in the hands of the oil inspector in time to assume legislative work.

Mr. Sears, speaker of the house, is of good form and voice and creates a favorable impression. In taking the chair he said that, so far as he honestly and consistently could, as speaker, he would strive to aid each member in advancing the interests he was sent here to represent. He wanted to assure the members of the minority party that, in the progress of the business of the house, he would accord them absolutely fair and impartial treatment. To the majority, "charged with the real responsibility of the session," he promised to make every effort to so discharge the duties of his position as to win the approbation of the voters of the state.

In the senatorial arena the lines are being drawn, but the work is chiefly of the quiet order in making closer acquaintance with the members. The candidates for the senate are all in evidence, the principal ones maintaining headquarters where they are at home to their friends. Delegations are in from various sections of the state in the interest of their special favorites.

Quite a joke was sprung when it transpired that Armstrong of Nemaha, who had been chosen to set the legislative ball a-rolling as temporary speaker, is scheduled in the biographical table as by occupation a funeral director. "A funeral director in charge of the house may prove to be a grave matter," suggested Sears of Burt. "I should rather say that it looks decidedly Sear-lous," chimed in Lafin of Gage. And the procession moved on.

The State Bar association met in the rooms of the supreme court and endorsed a bill for introduction in the legislature which provides for the appointment of nine supreme court commissioners, to be appointed by unanimous vote of the three judges. The proposed bill was prepared by the legislation committee or the association and was presented at the meeting by Judge McHugh of Omaha.

When he retires from office State Treasurer J. B. Meserve will have to account for \$4,774,743.99 of state funds. Of this amount \$309,242.55 must be in the form of actual money or bank certificates and the balance in national, state or county bonds or securities. All of the permanent educational funds, money that is not turned over in actual cash, but the money of other funds may be accounted for by depository bank certificates.

Auditor Cornell has his office force at work preparing the last statement of the state's funds. This statement shows the money and securities, etc., that the treasurer must turn over, and is as follows: General, \$19,893.96; sinking, \$62,622.44; permanent school, \$44,260.83; temporary school, \$31,155.43; permanent university, \$3,072.31; agricultural endowment, \$15,222.62; temporary university, \$7.87; university cash, \$15,178.48; hospital for insane, \$140.90; normal interest, \$963.54; normal library, \$4,969.61; normal endowment, \$29,082.72; state library, \$6,052.66; penitentiary special labor, \$1,102.84; agricultural and mechanical arts, \$13,036.68; agricultural experiment station, \$860.76; penitentiary land, \$2,618. Total, \$300,242.55.

The senate committee on privileges and elections met and decided to begin hearing evidence in the contest cases next Monday. The Douglas county contests will be the first ones brought up. The attorney for the contesting members in these cases met with the committee. The ballots in these cases, which are now under the jurisdiction of the court, will be delivered to the committee Thursday of next week. Many documents and articles which will be used in evidence were turned over the senate by Secretary of State Porter.

The Preacher Alderman.

Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden's activity in Columbus municipal affairs continues. He is just now deep in a controversy over the street railway franchise, and, as may be imagined, Dr. Gladden wants the public to have all that it is entitled to. He advocates seven or eight tickets for a quarter, all night cars, and the payment of a considerable cash compensation to the city by the street railway company.

Young Pettigrew Was With the Boers.

It is not generally known, perhaps, that Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, has a son who has been fighting with the Boers. He arrived in Savannah a few days ago, and at once went to Washington. He is a lad of 20 years of age, who joined some 400 volunteers for service in the Transvaal. They were driven into the Portuguese territory and three disarmed and the Dutch government paid their passage home. Young Pettigrew says that the Boers will make it interesting for the British for some time to come, and he is anxious to again join their cause.

An event is a circumstance that seldom happens.

THE IRRIGATION LAWS

Motion in Supreme Court for Rehearing on Riparian Rights.

EFFECTS OF A RECENT DECISION

State Military Board Will Recommend Adoption of a New Code—A Count of the Cash in the State Treasury—Various Other Matters in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 7.—A motion for rehearing has been filed with the supreme court in the suit involving the irrigation laws of the state. Four weeks ago the supreme court held to the old English common law in the matter of riparian rights and thereby undermined the irrigation of the entire state, the only resource of owners of thousands and thousands of arid acres in western Nebraska.

Briefly stated, the court's opinion held that a property owner along the banks of a stream has the right to use of that water undiminished in quantity and undiluted in quality, so far as property owners further down the stream are concerned. As the tapping of streams and drawing off of water for irrigation purposes diminished the quantity in the stream, all attempts at irrigation would be unlawful according to this interpretation.

Several attorneys of the western portion of the state have interested themselves in the case because of the vast interests involved and the wide sweeping effect of the court's announced decision of allowed to stand. They have united in a brief in support of the motion for rehearing, and in this they argue that there is not a single precedent in Nebraska to support the court's opinion.

Mrs. Jos. May is Dead.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Joseph May, wife of Joseph T. May of this city, died after a long illness, aged 53 years. Her maiden name was Gately and her family were leaders in social and business circles in northern Mississippi before the war. She married Mr. May shortly after the war and very soon after came to Fremont, where they have since resided. Before prevented by illness she was prominent in the highest social circles of the city.

Receive \$50,000 Each.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 7.—The Misses Ella and Anna Crocker, who lived with their uncle, L. D. Bennett, in this city in the '70s, but are now living with their uncle, W. F. Bennett, in Chicago, have received the cheering news that they are heirs to \$50,000 each from the estate of an uncle, Benjamin Crocker, who had made a fortune of \$500,000 during the early days in California.

Allen Visits the Interior.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 6.—Governor Allen, who left San Juan Thursday to visit the towns in the western part of the island, returned to the capital today. He visited several places never before visited by any governor of Porto Rico. Everywhere he was most enthusiastically received. At Tares 250 mounted citizens turned out to provide him with an escort.

The Case Advanced.

LINCOLN, Jan. 7.—On motion of Attorney General Smyth the supreme court advanced the case of the State of Nebraska against the Omaha National bank, for hearing at the first sitting in March. The court also granted leave to file an amended petition and an additional transcript.

Year's Showing in Sutton.

SUTTON, Jan. 7.—During the year just closed Sutton has not been idle. At a cost of several hundred dollars the town has straightened a long bend in School creek by digging a canal 500 feet long and eleven feet deep in order to prevent the threatened inundation of a pretty public park that is very popular as a location for reunions and celebrations.

Hangs Himself in Jail.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 7.—Charles Frelsich, an insane man about 40 years of age, committed suicide by hanging himself in the county jail here. Frelsich came here from Omaha about six days ago, and being penniless and apparently mentally deranged, he was sent to the poor farm. He escaped from there Friday and came to the city, when he was placed in jail.

As Nebraska Land Sells.

BURWELL, Neb., Jan. 7.—Interest in real estate is becoming quite apparent. Lot Fillmore has just completed a deal whereby he gets over \$4,000 for a quarter section of land that could have been purchased a short time ago for \$2,500, and Wooster & Clark only recently paid \$1,250 for a 40-acre tract.

Alleged Kidnapers at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 7.—The kidnaping craze has struck this city. The victim is the 12-year-old stepdaughter of one Booth, who, his claims, has been abducted from his home by one Bill Bowders, a local character. The police have been unable to locate either the abductor or the abducted, and the affair is likely to develop into a mild sensation.

State Military Board.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 7.—The state military board, consisting of Adjutant General Barry and Colonels Hayward and Kilham, met and decided to recommend to the legislature the adoption of a new military code for the government of the National Guard of the state. The proposed law conforms to the national army bill, but does not contain changes which will materially affect the militia forces. According to its terms, the strength of companies will be limited to sixty-five men each. In this one respect the law differs from the national bill, which was designed for an army on a war footing.