HOME OF VETERANS

HOT SPRINGS SANITARIUM TO BE THING OF BEAUTY.

OMAHA MAN IS ARCHITECT

RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM CONVENTIONAL LINES.

INNOVATION OF BUILDINGS

Nebraska Men Interested Along With South Dakota Members—Congressman Cannon a Friend of Project.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Doubtless there are hundreds of old soldiers in the west who feel a vital interest in the proposed sanitarium which is to be a part of the branch of the soldier's home at Hot Springs, S. D. Last winter congress made an appropriation in aid of the project. With the opening of this session the house committee on appropriations is considering the architect's tentative plans for the various buildings of the sanitarium, which contemplate a total expenditure of half a million dollars. These plans were drawn by Thomas R. Kimball of Omaha, whose ability as an architect is generally recognized. Nebraskans are well acquainted with his work at the Omaha exposition in which he displayed a genius for combining architectural conceptions with practical ideas to meet the requirements of the case. The plans of the sanitarium met the unanimous indorsement of the national board for the management of soldier's homes. Supt. H. E. Palmer, of Nebraska, a member of the board, submitted the plans to "Uncle Joe" Cannon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, slated for speaker of the next house, who did not hesitate to say that he was favorably impressed with the unique features of the plans. To have won Uncle Joe's favor so readily within itself speaks volumes for the adequacy of the architect's scheme.

Conventional ideas of hospital architecture have been lost sight of in this case. Briefly stated the plan defines an eight-spoked wheel, the hub of which represents a court or plaza the diameter of which is about 200 feet, a colonnade through which the inmates may walk under cover to the various buildings which stand in relation to it as do spokes to the hub of a wheel. Beneath the colonnade is a subway, affording a conduit for all plumbing, pipes and as a passage way for supplies which are wheeled upon trucks from the storehouse. In the center of the court is a fountain into which flows the hot mineral water whose medicinal propeties have made famous the hot springs of South Dakota. Standing at the spoke which points toward the city of Hot Springs is the administration building, two stories and basement, with architectural adornments, furnishing egress and ingress to the grounds. Diametrically opposite or upon the other side of the court, is the kitchen, storehouse, guardhouse, bathhouse, etc., which stands, of course, in the rear. Between these two main structures there are three hospitals buildings on either side of the wheel, each taking the relative position of as many spokes jutting out from the colonnade. These are two story structures having a capacity of over fifty beds each. They are thirty feet wide and possibly 100 feet long. A porch runs along one side of each. Inclined planes lead from the colonnade into these hospital buildings, easy of ascent, there being no stairway. There are many windows on both sides, affording a superabundance of light. The system of ventilation is exhaustive and seemingly perfect, creating constantly a fresh supply of pure air. In fact, the controlling idea of the architect seems to have been to attain the maximum supply of sunshine and fresh air. Up-to-date ideas of perfect sanitarium down to the smallest detail have been suggested, bringing to bear approved scientific principles, as an adjunct to the curative properties of the mineral water which abounds, the value of which was recognized by the Indians long before the white man found in them a remedy for many ills.

Messrs. Martin and Burke, South Dakota's representatives in the lower house of congress, are doing their utmost to secure an increase in the appropriation for this great project, with fair promise of success at the present session. It is a matter which is engaging the attention of the members from several western states for the reason that the completion of the sanitarium will afford an ideal home for disabled veterans all over the mid-west for whom there is today no room in government hospitals.

Killed to Save His Life.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 20.—Antonio Taddai, an Italian, aged seventeen, who on July 4 last shot John Traver, Edward Hartman and Samuel Sitzel, young men who had assaulted him after having tried to pick a fight with him, while he was playing a street piano, and all three of whom subsequently died, was acquitted in court here today. Taddai claimed self-defense and said that he killed the three men to save his own life.

TRAMP LIVED IN MANSION 7 WEEKS

He Slept Much, Ate a Plenty and Enjoyed Himself Hugely—Offered to Work for It.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—During the last seven weeks James Smith, a vagrant, who was arrainged before Magistrate Kochersperger in the central police court, has lived in more ease and luxury than has probably ever fallen to the lot of a tramp.

While tramping through Belfry, Pa., seven weeks ago Smith happened to pass the beautiful old mansion, the country residence of Peter Sayboldt, a deputy sheriff.

Smith had seen many beautiful houses in his extensive travels, but the old mansion impressed him so much that he decided to make it his residence for the winter.

He made such elaborate promises of working about the the place to the old woman who was acting as caretaker to the house that she did not hesitate to admit him. Once inside the house Smith could not be induced to leave.

He selected the choicest room in the mansion and proceeded to fix it up to suit himself. The bed in his room was not to his liking, so he put an extra feather mattress on it.

He also increased the number of pictures in his room by carrying a few from other rooms in the house and hanging them on the walls of his own room. Each day he ate three meals. On several occasions the tramp tried to induce the caretaker of the house to serve his breakfast to him in his room. Smith continually talked about the work he intended doing about the place, but he never did any.

Last Sunday Deputy Sheriff Sayboldt, accompanied by his daughter and his sister, took a trip to Belfry to see that good care was being taken of the house. The deputy sheriff was surprised and grew angry when he heard of Smith's presence in the house. Although it was late in the afternoon Smith was still sleeping comfortably in his room and Sayboldt pulled him out of bed without any ceremony. Sayboldt's first thought was to thrash the tramp, but he finally decided to have him arrested.

Smith admitted to the magistrate that he had been living in Sayboldt's summer residence, and also acknowledged that he had stopped in the house of correction for three months.

The latter place was thought by the magistrate to be the best for Smith, and he was committed there for six months more.

Boers are Coming to Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Nearly nine thousand Boers, it is said, are reparing to "trek" to America, and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is General Samuel Pearson, late quartermaster general of the South African republic, whose headquarters are in New York.

Colorado friends of the Boers have been in communication with the general in regard to suitable lands for the settlers, and General M. De Villiers, who is now looking over the lands has expressed himself as very favorably impressed with this state.

The American Offer the Best.

City of Mexico, Dec. 20.—The Mexican government has received offers from New York financiers for a gold loan for public works, the government having the authorization of congress to contract such a loan. The governmnet is in no hurry, and is paying for the works out of its ample reserve funds, and it is not expected to contract the loan until it can do so on terms which will be satisfactory. The government has received from abroad intimations that it can secure a gold loan for establishing a gold basis of currency, but the loan for such a purpose will not be contreted without authorization from congress.

Calls President an Enemy.

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 20.—"I want a warrant for President Roosevelt," said Charles C. White, a well-to-do citizen, today at the central police station. Addressing Police Captain Grover, White continued:

"He hired Jim McCarthy and John Farey to assault me the other day and I was assaulted by them on Eastern avenue. Roosevelt was there in his carriage and encouraged the men while they were striking me."

Then the speaker rambled into a long string of complaints against President Roosevelt and the coal question. The man was laboring under excitement and resisted arrest. He was overpowered and a loaded revolver and a razor were found on him. He is held for an examination by physicians.

Barringer Stabbed to Death.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—J. W. Barringer, Jr., aged 27 years, a civil engineer in the employ of the St. Louis, Memphis & Southeastern railroad, was stabbed to death by S. M. Morton, in the Granite building. Morton, who is also a civil engineer, but at present out of employment, was arrested and taken to the police station. There he took a dose of poison, from which he was given relief at the city dispensary. The dead man was the son of a prominent army officer.

FAMINE IN FINLAND

CROP FAILURE THE WORST FOR FIFTY YEARS.

MANY PARISH DESTITUTE

PEOPLE FORCED TO EAT WHAT ANIMALS REFUSE.

RAINS SPOILED FISHING

Appeal Made to Russia and Relief Measures Undertaken—Wholesale Emigration From Distressed Country.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The average grain crop in Finland is valued at $30,000,000. The estimtae value of the 1902 crop is $20 000 000. While this loss is generally distributed throughout Finland, it is almost total in the northern third of the country, where are the provinces of Uleaborg, Kuopio, Vasa St. Michel and portions of Viborg.

Peas and beans generally have failed and the potato crop has not been gathered: the hay has rotted or been swept away by floods.

The disaster is due to the late spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded August 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days when it did not rain.

The rains also spoiled the fishing. So complete was the failure of vegetation that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forests. The present crop failure is the worst that has been experience for the last fifty years. It is hoped, however, that better methods of communication will facilitate the work of relief and avoid wholesale deaths by hunger and typhus.

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

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

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

The danger of famine was realized early by the public.

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

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

Emigration from Finland is increasing constantly. Up to November 17, 30 155 persons has left the country this year via Hange, while unknown numbers of Finlanders have crossed the gulf of Bothnia to Sweden and have take passage from here.

The effects of the crop situation on emigration will be felt more strongly next year.

Death List Grows.

Byron, Cal., Dec. 22.—As the result of a rear end collision of the Stockton flyer and the "Owl" train on the Southern Pacific at Byron last night sixteen deaths have already been recorded, and there are indications that the total will soon be raised to twenty. Most of the wounded passengers who were too severely injured to be taken to their homes were taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco today, on the way to that place five victims died.

Twenty-three of the injured reached the hospital, where it was announced tonight that R. Post of Fowler, Cal., and Lee Sot, a Chinese of San Francisco, would probably succumb.

Of the twenty-two patients only three were permitted to receive visitors so seriously were they sufferings. Not all the dead have been identified.

Alliance Not Pleasing.

London, Dec. 22.—Public interest in the Venezuelan complication is increasing in Great Britain, owing chiefly to the fact that the suspicion has become broad cast that the British government has been induced unwittingly to lend itself to the execution of German purposes. There is not sufficient knowledge, but the situation, so far as it has been revealed, impresses Englishmen of all classes as highly suspicious.

Fire in Wilsonville Hotel.

Wilsonville, Neb., Dec. 22.—Sunday morning fire was discovered in an upstairs room of the Tower hotel. It has burned a hole in the corner of two rooms and a hallway, and had gained considerable headway before being noticed. It is supposed that the fire started in a lot of clothing laying in one corner of the room and was accidentally set on fire from a match or cigar stub dropped therein. In a few moments the fire would have been beyond control.

ASKS FOR HUSBAND

DODGE COUNTY WOMAN PLEADED AN HOUR WITH THE GOVERNOR.

HERS A NOVEL ARGUMENT

IN A COLLISION A FIREMAN WAS KILLED NEAR TABLE ROCK.

FELL ASLEEP IN HIS CAB

Severe Winter in Hungary Causing Many Deaths Daily and Much Privation.

Lincoln, Neb.—Novel and unique was the story of a Dodge county woman who called on Governor Savage Tuesday afternoon to secure a pardon for her husband. He had been sentened for hog stealing and the arguments were distinctly feminine.

"My husband was sent to the penitentiary along with——. They both stole hogs. Mrs. ——told me her husband would get out today. She don't need him any more than I need my husband and I don't know that I'll go away until you let him out."

This statement of the case she reiterated over and over again. She began to cry. Her sobs were pitiful. For more than an hour the crying and presistent repetition of her request continued. Finally the governor had formed a plan to get his visitor out of the office. He called a member of the office force.

"This man will take care of your case," he said. "He knows that the other man hasn't been let out."

More discussion followed. Finally the woman was assured that swine poacher No. 2 had not been released. Then she stopped.

"She ain't got any more rights to her husband than I have to mine," she declared as she was leaving the office.

Inquiry brought out the information that the woman had been misinformed. When she heard of the pardon of the accomplice of her husband she went directly to the capitol. No petition had been filed and she entered the office of the governor without notice.

This is but one of the long string of applications that awaits the action of the governor. Some of them are purely informal, but the many requests have been modeled in accordance with the statutes.

Gray-haired and bent with age, a mother called on Governor Savage. Her son was sick. He would surely die if kept in prison any longer.

"He isn't sick," responded the governor. "I have taken the trouble to visit him. I have had him examined by doctors. He isn't even honest in his application. I cannot do anything for him."

This statement aroused her indignation. "That boy" had always been good. "They swore to lies" when they put him there. He was sick and he would die. In the meantime a convict was industriously rubbing his limbs and pretending to be rheumatic.

Fireman Killed in a Wreck.

Table Rock, Neb.—Fireman Morrell was killed in a wreck on the Southern division of the Burlington Tuesday night at Table Rock. The accident occurred at 8:30 o'clock. Freight trains No. 22 and No. 226, both extras, met in a "head on" collision on the main track in the railroad yards, the engines of both trains being badly damaged; little injury was sustained by the freight cars. According to the Burlington officials in Lincoln the indications that the wreck was caused by one of the engineers being asleep, although further investigation may disprove this belief. As Table Rock is on the southern division only meager reports were received at the Lincoln headquarters. An investigation will follow as soon as the parties concerned can be brought before the superintendent.

It is said that Morrell the man who was killed, claimed Table Rock as his home. When in Lincoln he boarded at the Arlington hotel.

Foodstuffs Held the Germs.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Advices received from Honolulu show that investigation proves that foodstuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China and San Francisco are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there.

Chief Five Crows is Dead.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 19.—Five Crows, a noted Umatilla Indian chief has been found dead near Athena, it is supposed that while intoxicated he fell off his pony and froze to death. He was seventy years old and distinguished himself in the Bannock war of 1878 by killing the famous Indian Chief Egan, of the Snake Indians. He betrayed Egan into the hands of the Umatillas, who were friendly to the whites.

FUEL REMAINS SHORT.

Operators Hold Out No Hope for Relief This winter.—Surplus Exhausted.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Officials of the Reading railway company hold out no hope for relief in the anthracite coal stringency this winter despite the reports of the company to mine and ship to its full capacity.

"Under normal conditions," said one of the officials, "the anthracite production is never equal to the demand during the winter months and the Reading and all the other anthracite companies have been obliged to draw upon the stock at various storage points to help out the demands of the trade.

"This year there is not a pound of coal at any of these storage points and consumers are dependent entirely upon the daily output of the mines.

The big dealers in New England, who usually have in stock at this season of the year from 50,000 to 100,000 tons, are dependent entirely upon what is being shipped to them by the various companies.

"Practically all the leading company's collieries are in operation. The company shipped from the mines during the last two days nearly 1,900 cars of coal. This means a daily production of nearly 60,000 tons."

It is stated that the Pennsylvania railroad has 3 000 of the Reading company's coal cars on its tracks in the western part of the state as well as 2,500 belonging to the Central Railway of New Jersey, and these are urgently needed in the anthracite trade. Their non-delivery, it is claimed, is causing much delay in the shipment of anthracite to points west of Harrisburg.

Reading company officials decline to discuss the question as to whether the advance of 50 cents a ton made in October would hold good during 1903, but they admit that it will certainly rule beyond January 1, 1903, the date fixed by Mr Baer for a reduction to the old rate.

An operator, who attended the meeting of the operators in New York stated that the advance would be retained during all next year.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A material increase in the number of cases of pneumonia and severe colds among the people of this city is attributed by physicians to the coal famine.

They say that in most of the houses they visit only a few of the rooms are heated, and even many well to do residents have abandoned their furnaces.

The price of hard coal from the independent operators today was $12 a ton. Soft coal at retail brought $8 a ton and many of the dealers are unable to furnish even small lots to regular customers.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 19.—At a secret meeting here today of the Retail Coal Dealers association of New England plans for protecting the members were discussed.

The secretary, G. W. Sears of Arlington, Mass., said:

"We are discussing plans to protect the legitimate dealers against the encroachment of companies and men who propose to sell coal direct from the railroad cars. We, with expensive plants, cannot compete with them. Our association starts from Chicago and takes in the entire east. We propose to notify members of the association of sales to companies doing business from cars direct and they will be guided accordingly. It is a move for protection pure an simple."

Case Proceeds to Trial.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Judge Ryan, before whom Delegates Sheridan, Denny, Albright, Bersch and Gutke are being tried on the charge of bribery, today overruled the demurrer of the defense to the joint information. The trial then proceeded with the testimony of J. K. Murrell, also indicted on the charge of bribery, who turned state's evidence and told about the suburban franchise deal.

Murrel's testimony was a recapitulation of the well known story of the deposit box and the $75 000 which he has related at the other hearings.

The testimony of Philip Stock, legislative agent, was confined to the same subject and they did not vary from the story he has related heretofore. He counted the $75,000 in court. After nearly every question asked the defense objected and when the objection was overruled an exception was taken.

An Iowa Man Found Dead.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 19.—The body of a man believed to be either Earl Bittle or Andrew Bittle of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was found near Mountain Home, Idaho. The man is supposed to have been dead several months. In his pocket was a railway ticket from Cedar Rapid to Portland, Ore., and a purse containing $190. The purse bears the name of Andrew Bittle.

Progress of Cable Ship.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The Associated press has received the following cablegram from its correspondent on board the cable ship Silvertown dated at noon today.

"Position at noon today, latitude 23 14 north; longitude 133 30 west. Since noon yesterday 207 knots of cable have laid, making the total laid 662 knots. The weather is good and the ship's speed eight knots.

Nebraska Notes

Fremont is to have a new democratic paper January 1st.

Fire did $100 damage to Dr F. A. Bryant's drug store at Norfolk.

The four men who robbed Hayden Bros., at Grand Island were captured at Kearney.

The Anderson Mercantile company of Neligh lost $10.000 worth of goods in a fire. They had but $2,000 insurance.

G. A. Baxter, the aged Grand Island negro, who smothered his child plead giulty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. He was given ten years in the penitentiary.

The eight children of the late Thomas Campbell of Waco, have been notified that they have fallen heir to an estate of $8,000 in Pittsburg, Pa., by the death of an uncle.

Henry Pierson, formerly of Plattsmouth met a tragic death at Guthrie, Okla. He and his farm hand were searching for a burglar when the latter took Mr. Pierson for the intruder and shot him.

Mrs. Barton, accused of murdering her father-in-law at Sheridan, Wyo., has been released on $2.000 bail, pending her trial in February. Mrs. Barton was formerly Miss Agatha Stull of Plattsmouth.

The Farmers' Grain and Elevator company of Virginia has purchased property near the right-of-way of the Missouri Pacific road at Beatrice and will commense the erection of an elevator of 8,000 bushels capacity at once.

The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of Beatrice which employs about 400 men, has closed down for the annual invoicing season, during which time only fifty men will be employed in the offices. The plant will resume operations January 5.

Grief over the loss of his wife is thought to be responsible for the suicide of William Kilkemeier of Bloomfield, who was found dead in his barn. He had hanged himself to a rafter in a barn. He was wealthy and several children survive.

Fire broke out in the boiler room of the Young Men's Christian association building at Lincoln, and for a time threatened the building. The firemen succeeded in confining the fire to the double floor separating the gymnasium and the boiler room.

The water supply of Nebraska City, which had been cut off by a change in the channel of the river is now fully restored. The water works company contemplates putting in permanent improvements so that there will be no danger of a repetition of a water famine.

Railsback Bros. opened their new elevator at Ashland. It is one of the largest elevators in the state and has been built after twenty years of continuous business in Ashland. The building is seventy-five feet high and has a capacity in its twenty-one bins of 80,000 bushels of grain.

To further the advancement of art, hold exhibitions encourage art in the public schools, purchase pictures and statues for a permanent art gallery and to give lectures on the subject, the Nebraska Art association of Lincoln, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $1.000.

While Joseph Hostetter was going to his home on the outskirts of Harvard, he was taken with a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was seen to fall by some of his friends, who carried him to the home of Mr Gray where he died in a few moments. He leaves one sister living in Switzerland.

The Rev. Parker has sued Gage county for 20 per cent of the fines imposed as the result of recent closing of illegal saloons in Wymore. The fines aggregate $250 and the statutes provide for the 20 per cent allowance to those who are chiefly instrumental in closing the barrooms that have no authority to be kept open.

Inmates in the Soldiers' and Sailors' homes at Grand Island and Milford are satisfied and in harmony with the officers, according to a report just made to the governor by John Reese, president of the board. During the year the men in the Grand Island home have increased from 342 to 415. Cheap clothing had to be purchased for the veterans owing to the limited appropriation. At Milford 100 inmates were found to be existing satisfactorily on an appropriation made for sixty-eight. The Milford home needs a hospital, as the building erected for that purpose cannot be used.

The attendance has decreased so at the German Baptist church at Omaha where the Rabe-Ruch tragedy occurred that it is proposed to give up worship there.

The Knights of Pythias order will hold a district meeting at Beatrice February 4, at which time representatives from Wymore, Fairbury, Liberty, DeWitt, Tecumseh and other towns will attend. Several state officers of the order will also attend the meeting.