NEWS OF NEBRASKA

THE LAVE STOCK COMMISSION .- There is no institution in the state, says the Lincoln Journal, which has done more good in a less time than the live stock sanitary commission. The alarming extent to which glanders was prevailing in the state before the commission began their duties may be inferred from the fact that they have already caused the killing of fifty horses, while complaints are coming in to them every day. Seventeen horses were killed last week by the order of the commis-

A few days ago communications were received from the authorities of Ohio and Missouri asking that the quarantine against those states, which was ordered some time since and has been rigidly enforced, be raised. The communications were referred to the live stock commission. The result of the consideration given by them to the matter may be seen in the following report of Dr. Gerth to the governor:

To His Excellency, James W. Dawes, Governor of Nebraska: Most Honored Sir-The communication from Paul Paquin, V. S., state veterinarian of Missouri, and George Hoadly, governor of Ohio, relating to the raising of quarantine against the above states, presented to live stock sanitary commission and state veterinarian for consideration, was carefully discussed this day and the following conclusion ar rived at:

1. That we do not consider any state free from contagious pleuro-pneumonia within twelve months after the destruction of the last diseased animal. Now, in Missouri, cases of contagious pleuro-pneumonia existed six months prior to date. Gov. Hoardly entirely evades to mention anything in relation to this important point and we, therefore, cannot recommend that quarantine be raised at present.

2. In both communications subscribers fail to mention what steps are being taken by their respective states to prevent a reintroduction of the disease. Even if the first objections were removed we could not permit the introduction of cattle into this state from Missouri and Ohio without full information on this point. Respectfully submitted by your obedient servant,

J. GERTH JR., D. V. S. A CLEVER BUT VILLAINOUS SWINDLE .-

John Motta, the Italian fruit vender who loes business on Farnam near Thirteenth street, was made the victim yesterday morning of a very bold and audacious con-Idence game, losing \$900 in cold hard cash. The story, as related to a reporter for the Herald, is that during the forenoon a welldressed young man put in an appearance at Motta's place and represented himself as being an Italian who had just arrived in Omaha from the west, with "dead oodles" of money, and wanted to "see the city" from center to circumference. He carried a gripsack, and told Motta that it was full of gold. At the same time he pulled a handful of five and ten dollar gold pieces out of his pocket, rattled them at Motta, and repeated that his satchel was full of money just like that. He asked Motta to let him leave the bag and its precious contents with him while he went out to "take in the town." Motta expressed his delight at being permitted to guard the treasure and took charge of it ..

The stranger induced Motta to let hisson accompany him on his tour through the the struggle. city, saying that it would be ever so much to have a guide who "knew the ropes," and could point out such places of interest as he might want to see. They started to make the rounds, and had not gone more than two blocks until another Italian met and accosted them. He also claimed to be a stranger in the city, just for a good time and had plenty "o' de mon." Scoundrel No. 1 made a kick and said he would not go unless young Motta had money also. and tantalized the boy, saying that he could not show up and be a blood. Motta replied that his dad had swags of stuff, but it was in the bank. "I don't know that you have got it," jeered the dago, Tho young man said that if they would go back with him he would get his father to make a check and show them. They all returned to the fruit stand. The old man drew check for \$900, went to the Omaha Savings bank and got the money on it. When he returned and "flashed the stranger expressed supreme delight, but was still not satisfied until Motta let him take the money in his own hands and count it. He suggested then that the \$900 be placed by him in the satchel with his gold and they could take it to Motta's rooms, 1109 Farnam street, where he could come in the evening and stay all night. That was satisfactory. The stranger opened his satchel cautiously. being careful not let any one see the inside of it, made three or four mysterious movements with his hands, and the \$900 went out of sight. The satchel was then turned over to Motta with instructions to be very careful how he handled it. The young bloods walked away. That was the last seen or heard of them. About two hours afterwards Motta's curiosity caused him to open the satchel that had been left with him. Instead, however, of finding it filled with gold, a large chunk of lead proved to be its contents. You can imagine that the old man was heart-broken .- [Omaha Her-

MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS. [

FRIEND's new opera house will soon be

among the things that are. THE sorghum mill that has stood idle for many months is now busy with the annual

grind. Counties that selected the last half of September for their fairs reekoned better than they knew so far as the weather is

THE ladies' cornet band of Ord is said to be about as poor as they get 'em up. The dear creatures' mouths were not made to pucker in that way.

came near killing her whom he swore to takes them off their hands. "love, honor and obey." He's a wife beater that pounds to kill.

stole \$25 and a shotgun worth \$12.

A Brock merchant is said to be so infatuated with "euchre" and "seven-up" that he lets customers stand around until the game is played out, if it takes half a day.

THERE has been ten dwellings built in Stanton in three weeks, and as many more are expected to loom up in an equal number of days. Stanton's work is a fair index of the growth of Nebraska towns this year. MARTHA STRONG, a nice-looking but badly-

demoralized girl of the capital city, will be given an opportunity to learn the ways of the Burt county fair before a large audithe reform school near Kearney. She goes | once. hence on the testimony of her father.

THE stock yards company of South Omaha is about to put up a fine stock ex- condition. change and hotel.

PLATTE CENTER is said to stand greatly in need of a banking house. Such an institution it is thought would pay well.

D. E. Cook, of Hartington, replevied a span of horses, and several of the citizens | boat. of that place went on his bond. Now Cook has skipped, taking the horses with him, and his bondsmen are left out in the cold.

ready for the rising generation about the 1st of November.

Quite a serious accident happened the family of T. M. Cowley, of Boone, that at Duncan last week. He was most cormight have been more serious, resulting dially received and was assisted in the from a too careless handling of a gun. Mr. cremonies by Fathers Saraphine, of Col-Crowley's son was handling his gun, when umbus, Boniface, of Platte Center, and in some unaccountable manner it was dis- Miller, of David City. charged, and the boy's sister who was standing near by, received the charge in her left shoulder. Only a portion of the load took effect, making merely a flesh wound. So close was the girl to the gun when it was discharged that the shot that entered her inch and a half in diameter.

THE two year old child of James McDonald, of Eureka precinct, Jefferson county, while playing near a boiler of hot water setting on the floor backed against it and fell only about four hours.

Some excitement was occasioned at Elkhorn by a rumor that a case of diphtheria had developed there, and many children were kept out of school in consequence.

THE Summerville (Douglas county) postoffice is to be discontinued October 1st. of dividing profits and was unceremoni-The postmaster has resigned and no one can be found to fill the place.

THE Broken Bow Republican says that a few days since Zach Thosterson, who resides five miles northwest of Cliff postoffice, found the remains of a man in the head of a pocket. The remains were covered lightly with earth and in a sitting position facing the southeast. From indications the remains have been there for years, as all clothing-if the form had been clothedwas rotted, and nothing except a small pearl button was found with the bleached bones. The skeleton is adult in size and has not been determined whether of white nan or Indian. The supposition, from the position in which the remains were found, is that he must have been crossing the Table during cold weather; a storm coming up he got down in this place with his back against the wind, facing the southeast. Here he fell alseep, quietly passing away, when season after season passing with its storms of wind and rain kindly made a covering of all that remained in that lone, unmarked, unknown grave. WYOMING stock shipments over the Union

Pacific are increasing daily. CHRIS. REED and John Kelley, of Omaha, sot into a fight, when the latter completely bit off the former's ear, spitting it into the filthy ditch into which they had rolled in

W. CAVENDISH, a brakeman on the Union Pacific, was relieved of about \$45, a seal and some o'her small trinkets, at Schuyle.

GEORGE STEVENS had his pocket picked in a gambling house in Hastings of a gold watch. His suspicions became fastened on a certain person and he notified the poic, who soon had the fellow in limbo and ound the watch.

CENTRAL CITY has the prospect of another bank soon with a capital of \$100,000.

THE little son of J. C. Wiswell, of Weepng Water, was kicked in the head by a horse, being seriously but it is thought not latally injured.

JAMES CUMINGS, of West Union, Custer county, has been digging a well this summer. Last week, when the well had reached a depth of 205 feet, he went to work as usual, but the walls caved in, burying the digger 27 feet. He was got out in 31 hours, still alive, and at this writing is as good a man asever.

A. P. CHILDS, editor of the Wayne Gazette, has sued the county clerk of Wayne county for libel.

J. C. BONNELL, of the B. & M. land department, has purchased the Pacific hotel at Fairmont, and will expend about \$2,000 in enlarging and fitting up the same.

A TELEPHONE line is to be built between Fremont and Columbus.

FAILURE is announced of Ernest Rauch, an Omaha grocer, and his abrupt departure. He is remembered by creditors to the tune of nearly \$3,000.

LANCASTER county is discussing the question of building a new court house to cost about \$100,000.

THE buckwheat crop, which promised an abundant harvest, has been entirely destroyed in many places in the Republican

valley by the late rains. THE Beatrice Canning company has closed its business for the season, having put up 260,000 cans. The largest day's work was the last, when 7,000 cans were put up.

STEVENS & LYTLE last week turned loose on Pumpkin creek, Neb., 9,000 head of ing there for sale. They are still herding CHARLEY GRASTER is looking through the 3,000 head which will be turned loose about grates of the West Point jail because he | the first of next month unless some buyer | sylvania hospital and the others were re-

> ago. It is said that with this plow the first of an inch. furrow was turned in Gage county. One In addition to the two victims who died handle and the beam is broken. It will this morning, five more are reported fatally soon be shipped to western Kansas, where expected. Their names are: Charles Heyhe has lately located.

NEBRASKA and Kansas underwriters held their annual meeting in Omaha a few days recover.

THE contract for Fremont's water works will be let in a few days, after which work Funisk Springs, Fla., Dec. 16 and 17, and the will be pushed with all possible speed.

Congressman Dorsey gave an address at

RANGE cattle arriving at the Omaha stock yards are said to be in rather poor

NEBRASKA has forty creameries, all of which are doing a good business.

Owing to the low stage of the water in the Missouri at Nebraska City no freight cars are now carried over on the transfer

THE Burlington and Missouri river rail way officers announce that they will complete an extension of their line from Re-FAIRBURY's new school house will be publican, Neb., seventy-eight miles southwest through northern Kansas to Oberlin about October 18th.

BISHOP O'CONNOR confirmed 145 children

EZRA STEPHENS, who lives about two miles south of town, says the David City Tribune, had an interesting time with a mad dog. When first discovered it was after some cats, one or two of which it succeeded in biting. Upon discovering Mr. S. shoulder occupied a space of only about an it started for him, and to save himself from its attack he picked up a neckyoke and knocked it down and then made his escape to the house, and procuring a gun killed it. Shortly after two men rode up to his place, who had been following it. in, being so terribly scalded that it lived Mr. Stephens also killed the cats it had bitten to prevent their doing any dam age Plans and specifications for the pro-

> posed water works at Ashland have been prepared. THE young woman driving the coach between Scotia and Albion got into the habit

ously bounced. A young man named Faith has come to grief in Valley county through being too handy with his pen. He forged a couple of notes and disposed of them to the First National bank of Ord, and now lies in du rance vile in that town.

EIGHTY-FOUR persons were committed to the Douglas county jail last month.

THE Omaha chief of police received a telegram the other night from Lincoln stating that two convicts had escaped from the penitentiary, for whose capture \$100 reward was offered.

Elheny, at Wymore last fall, was acquitted after the jury had been out fifteen minutes.

BURGLARS have been unusually thick in Lincoln of late. Several places were entered one night last week, but in none of them did they make much of a haul.

A showman bucked the tiger in Omaha a few nights ago, and left with the dealer about \$1,000. Last month's sales of postage stamps at

the Omaha office was the largest ever known and amounted to \$9,592.33. For the same period in 1834 the sales were \$8,476.30, and that was before the rate of postage on newspapers had been reduced one-half. For August the sales were \$8,971.05.

THE state convention of the Christian church was held in Beatrice last week.

Smur has made its appearance in some of the corn fields of the state.

THE Conklin divorce case is the sensational rage in Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY thinks it will have a visit from that proposed "Diagonal" railroad which is to start in Iowa and go through Southwestern Nebraska to Kansas.

As an illustration of the accuracy of the agricultural department's estimates of the crop yields, it may be mentioned that the estimate of last year's crop of corn for Richardson county was 8,000,000 bushels. The census returns this year show about 2,300 farms in the county and 2,000 bushels a farm is a liberal estimate. The yield last year was probably not over one-half the estimate made by the department of agriculture.

DEATH IN THE MUD-DRUM.

Terrible Explosion of a Battery of Boilers With Fatal Results.

Pittsburg (Pa.) dispatch: Shortly after o'clock this morning a battery of boilers t the Solon iron works exploded with disstrous effect. The room in which the explosion occurred was immediately filled rith steam, scalding fatally four men and adly burning fourteen others. Those atally injured are:

John Murry, terribly scalded. Frank Martin, badly scalded.

James Cattoe, top of head almost sevred by a piece of flying iron.

K. Burt Henderson, terribly burned. Some of the others were seriously though tot fatally injured, several having arms proken and others being badly bruised and ut by flying debris. Scarcely had the reerberations from the explosion died away when frenzied, frightened wives, mothers and children began to rush upon the scene and peer anxiously into the faces of gaspng, dying men, seeking to identify their Children nearly nude and screaming at the top of their voices crowded and josiled each other in the mad rush for the nill. Arriving there, there was silence for a moment, and then a woman's wail was heard, and then another and another antil shricks moans and cries of anguish ntermingled in a discordant chorus. The miured were found lying in all positions and thorough cattle which they have been hold- some so far from the boilers that it seemed mpossible that they could have been in-jured by the explosion. Those most seriously injured were taken to the West Pennnoved to their homes. Two of the victims, homas Cattoe and John Murray, died at An old Gage county relic is to be seen at the hospital this morning. Three or four John Wagner's implement store. It is a others are not expected to live. The explo-BURGLARS in the vicinity of Lincoln en- plow owned by Orr. Stevens, and was first ion was caused by mud eating through the Burglars in the vicinity of Lincoln en-plow owned by Orr. Stevens, and was first tered the house of George Loughton and brought to Beatrice nearly thirty years ap not more than a thirty-secondth part

injured and their deaths are momentarily wood, Joseph Getze, Patrick Henderson, Thomas Stem and William S. Daniels. The others are resting easily and will no doubt

A forestry congress is to be held at De Arbor day movement will be introduced in the

CHRONICLES BY CABLE. Recellaneous Matters of Interest Pertaini

to Foreign Countries. The feeling at St. Petersburg regarding the Roumelian question is hourly becoming more warlike, the sympathy of the masses is strongly with the Bulgarians. It is stated the czar telegraphed the minister of war to prepare plans for a campaign in the event of the opening of hostilities between Bulgaria and Turkey and he is determined to support Prince Alexander's scheme of unity between Bulgaria and Roumelia. A prominent Russian general, in an interview when asked ff it is true that the czar seriously intended to support Bulgaria to the extent of going to war with Turkey, replied that Russia would declare war against Turkey the moment the Porte attacked Bulgaria, and added that the czar is most emphatic in the resolution to support Bulgaria. The Novoc Vremva commenting on the Roumelian difficulty, hints that it is possible the Russian troops may be called upon to occupy Bulgaria.

A rumor is circulating in Vienna that the king of Servia had been murdered. The origin of the report cannot be traced and con firmation is anxiously awaited.

The Servian government has summoned all Servians now in Germany to return home at

once for military duty. Twelve Servian battalions have been dispatched southward and the transportation of merchandise has been suspended on all the Servian railways by order of the government. General Cotargi has gone to Bucharest to represent King Milan in the negotiations with from \$15,000 to \$30,000. the Roumania government with the object of forming an alliance between Servia and Rou-

and traveled seaward. Several ships were no faith in banks and was afraid to deposit wrecked and scores of persons drowned.

A party of thirteen moonlighters visited the farms belonging to the estate of Sir Henry Donalon, county Kerry, Ireland, and coma reduction of 30 per cent. The tenants of county Kerry, headed by the parish priests, visited their landlords, prepared to pay their rents, but demanded 30 per cent reduction. is sure to follow this action of the tenants, unless they reconsider their determination to exact the reduction, and as they openly declare their intention to resist the landlords trouble is expected.

Ar Beatrice, John Bagley, charged with pelled to adopt extreme measures to sett ethe Finch family, Edward, aged 79, and his sister. manslaughter in the killing of Wm. Mc. Roumelian difficulty. The transportation de- aged St. They were found on the morning Roumelia. Three battalions of infantry and head with an axe. company of artillery stationed on the island of Crete have been ordered to Adrianople.

Prince Alexander has ordered a number of rmed bands of Bulgarians preparing to invade Macedonia to return to Bulgaria. Two Servian revolutionary chiefs have been arcrested and are imprisoned in a fortress in

On the 29th ult. the Turkish troops fired on the Roumelian outposts at Mustapha Pasha. a town in Roumelia, twenty miles northwest of Adrianople. The outposts were immediately reinforced and a skirmish ensued in Navy pension fund at 3 per which the Turks were defeated and forced to retreat, carrying with them a number of their wounded. Another dispatch says heavy artil- Principal lery firing could be heard in the direction of Pristina and Djakova. It is believed that a desperate fight has been raging between the Turks and Arnauts. Bashi Bazouks have sacked and burned several villages in Eastern

Advices from European capitals indicate the belief that the crisis resulting from the Bulgarian and eastern Roumelian union is

daily growing more grave. The result of the recent interview between M. DeGiers, Russian prime minister, and Estimated as lost or destroyed ... Prince Bismarck, will be to restrain Servia, Principal..... Turkey. Otherwise Austria would, it is interest..... thought, certainly make a bold strike for Salonica, and possibly for Constantinople Less cash items available for causing a blaze in Russia which would end in

M. Bratino, the Roumanian prime minister who had interviews with Emperor Francis Jo seph, and Count Kaino, the Austrian foreign minister, respecting the attitude of Rouma nia in the event of war between Turkey and Bulgaria, has left Vienna to confer with Bis marck, after which he will visit the Czar His mission is for the purpose of having Roumania accorded inviolable rights similar to those enjoyed by Belgium if hostilities break Silver held for silver cor iffout. The opinion gains ground that the crisis is extending and that unless the powers intervene at once, war is inevitable. The porte as a precautionary measure, to prevent reduction of supplies in the event of war Fractional currency...... with Bulgaria, issued an order prohibiting the exportation of cereals.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Matters of Interest Touched Upon by Press News Gatherers.

The St. Louis police discovered two men making an exit from the residence of Leon Palette. They called to them to halt but the burgalars ran. The officers fired ten shots at them and received four in return. They finally distanced the police and escaped. A body of a man with bullet wounds in his abdomen was found at the foot of Davis street, and was identified as one of the burglars.

taining one hundred persons was thrown to about \$5,250,000. down an embankment Jear Warm Spring. N. jured, three fatally. C., and twenty peor' celebrated trotter, Goldsmith Maid

arm near Trenton, died at the fashion N. J., aged 23 year | A four months. She was taken ill sude nlv, and died two hours later of fatty degeneration of the heart.

The business portion of Buckingham village :y on Friday last. The drop fell at 1:25, in Kankakee county, Ill., burned. The portion burned consisted of a row of frame buildings. The fire originated from an unknown cause in J. E. Smitu's drug store. Smith and total decapitation, the head hanging to the family barely escaped with their lives from body by only a small strip of skin at the The school lands of Texas, on which a large their rooms above the store, where they were living Loss amounts to about \$24,000. Insurance, \$6,000.

The forestry congress recently in session at est of two hundred acres which J. S. Fay, of Boston, has grown there from seed planted as a dense body of wood, in places almost impenetrable, having gained foothold of pines, and thus raised a screen against the driving winds from the ocean. Fay planted behind them seeds of other trees, evergreen and deciduous, and with unfailing success. The members of the congress were delighted. It was a confirmation of what they believed and taught, and nothing more convincing and encouraging could be asked for.

J. C. Thompson, living at Sodorus, near Champaign, Ill., quarreled with his wife and daughter recently and the two women left home and went to Champaign. Thompson appeared at the house where they were residing and attacked them with a huge knite inflicting fatal wounds in his wife's throat. While making a desperate attempt to cut his daughter's throat assistance came to her rescue and Thompson fled. A thoroughly organized party is on his track. Physicians say there is some bope of saving the daugh-

Irving E. Fitch, one of the oldest and best known telegraph operators of New York, dropped dead on an elevated railroad train on Broadway. He has been assistant to the Metropolitan superintendent of the Western Union for years.

A train was thrown from the track on the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western road. An engine and four coaches were wrecked Ten passengers were quite seriously injured. The breaking of an engine axle was the cause of the disaster.

Chas. Broadwell, employed as a cutter by D. Hutton & Son, bathing suit manufacturers of Phlladelphia, was arrested for a series of robberies extending over a period of years. involving goods valued at an aggregate of

Jacob Martini, a furniture dealer in St. Louis, was robbed of \$2,500 by a man whom he had hired as porter. Martini had locked A cyclone struck in the vicinity of Calcutts the money in his office desk because he had he same in them.

A horrible tragedy was enacted at Austin. Texas, in which a negro man and three negro pelled the tenants to swear they would re- women were brutally murdered by having fuse to pay rent till the landlord should make their skulls crushed with an axe. They were the servants of W. B. Dunham, editor of the the Herbert and Kemmore estates, Killarney, Texas Court Reporter, and occubied a shanty in the rear of his residence. The murderer is supposed to be a negro named Doc Wood, who was captured by the officers in The demand was refused and the tenants a bottom field eight miles from town. Seriwithdrew without paying. Prompt eviction ous fears are entertained that he will be lynched.

A few nights ago four negroes, Jerry Finch and wife. Lee Tyson and John Pattishill were lynched one mile from Pittsboro, Chatham county, N. C. They were taken from the jail Indications point to active war preparations and their bodies found next morning suspenby the Porte. Eight battalions of first-class ded from a tree near the public road. This is reserves are being mobilized in the districts the sequel of the triple murder of the Finch pordering on the Black Sea, at points which family on the 4th of July last and the murder will facilitate transportation to Roumeiia, for of the Gunter family near the same spot some luty in the event of the Sultan being com- eighteen months ago. There were two of the partment is actively engaged in furnishing of July 5th, lying on the floor with their means for the concentration of the troops at throats cut, and near them lay their servant the most available points for an advance on girl, aged 16. All had been knocked in the

HOW MUCH THE GOVERNMENT OWES.

Tabulated Statement that Will Thron Much Light on the Su' ject. Following is a recapitulation of the debt

statement issued on the 1st: INTEREST BEARING DEBT. Bonds: t + per cent..... Bonds at 3 per cent... 194,190,500 (0 Re unding certificates at 4 per 227,000 00 cent... Pacific railroad bonds at 6 per Interest..... DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY. Interest..... DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST. Old demand and legal tender

TOTAL DEBT. 12,436,121 13 .. \$ 240,927,074 70 recustion of the cent tion of Unit d States notes\$ 340,927,074 70 Total debt, less available cash

Debt, less cash in the treasury 1,473,692,307 52 Oct. 1, 1885. Decrease of debt during mouth as shown by this statement... CASH AVAILABLE FOR REDUCTION OF DEBT. Gold held for go'd certificates cates actually outstanding...

United States notes held for ceruffeat sof de osit, actually outstrading. Cash hell for mature I debt and 23,185,000 00 Total ava lable for reduc-

tion of debt...... \$240,927,074 70 RESERVE FUND. Held for redempt on of United States notes act of January 14, 1875, and July 12, 1882..... \$100,000,000 00 UNAVAILABLE FOR REDUCTION OF DEBT. Minor colu.....

\$24,438,746 05 CASH ON HAND. Certificates held as cash...... \$54,767,230 00 Net cash balance on hand 63,903,106 30 Total cash in treasury as shown by treasurer's general

account. The payments on account of interest due on bonds amount to about \$7,500,000, Three coaches of a passenger train con- which will reduce the decrease of the debt

> BEHEADED ON THE GALLOWS. A Victim of Legal Lynching Has His Hear Jerked Off.

Patrick Hartnett, the Cincinnati wife murderer, was hung at the Ohio penitentiaand he was pronounced dead one-half a minute later. The fall resulted in almost back of the neck. The scene was a most sickening one, and it was with great difficulty that the executioners could summon courage to take the body down.

Hartnett killed his wife Jan. 31, 1881, in Boston visited Wood's hall to inspect the for- Mt. Auburn, a suburb of Cincinnati. Early on the morning of the deed, when she arose, he ordered her back to bed, and charged her with unfaithfulness, which she denied. at different times within the past twenty-five He secured an ax, made his wife get on her or thirty years. Two hours were spent driv- knees, say her prayers, and kiss the floor, ing about the forest on this once barren soil, when he struck her two fatal blows with the ax, one crushing her skull, in view of her five children. The officers found Hartnett dancing a jig and playing a jewsharp while the New Mexican cattle in the meantime advance in prices.

THE PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND.

A Special Rule Laid Down by Him Regard ing Civil Service.

The president has issued the following special rule for the regulation and improvement of the civil service: "Special rule No. 2, approved July 18, 1884, is hereby revoked. All applicants on any register for the postal or customs service who, on the first day of November next, shall have been thereon one year or more, shall, in conformity with rule 16, be no longer eligible for appointment from such register." The special rule which is now revoked provided that the names of those persons on the registers of the commission, eligible for appointment prior to July 16, 1884, should not be taken off at the end of the year of being entered thereon, but should remain on the registers as eligible for appointment. for two years from that date, without

written notice or examination. A reporter for the associated press called upon Commissioner Eaton in regard to the new special rule. "Was the rule," asked the reporter, "made on the recommendation of the commission?"

Eaton-"It was."

"How long had this subject been under consideration?" "I cannot tell definitely. I have drafts of a rule on the subject made in August, before I left Washington for my summer vacation. The matter was much discussed

by the commission.' "What object will the rule serve?" "It will take off the registers for certification those of a lower grade than the applicants who have received appointments. It can hardly be said that it will give those to be hereafter examined any better chances for getting appointments, because every one is certified for appointment on the basis of his grade and regardless of the time of his examination. In other words, the best of those on any new examination are sure to be marked higher than those left. from former examinations after the superior ones have been appointed. And in more recent examinations those competing are decided superior to those who competed at earlier examination. The change now made will prevent the ill-informed from thinking that persons examined more than a year ago are retained on the registers in order to give them places. Until this last special rule was made the persons examined from the beginning of the work of the commission have been retained on the registers, but all those left on the registers from the early examinations are marked solow that they would have had no chance for an appointment, even had not the new

GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE WHEAT.

special rule been made.'

What the Farmers' Protective Association

Asks of Congress. The following highly important resolutions were fully considered and unanimously adopted at the Farmers' Protec-

tive association: Whereas In view of the paternal policy adopted by the United States in the act of February 28, 1878, to favor the producers of silver by authorizing the purchase by the government, at the price of silver in the English market, of not to exceed \$4,000,-000 worth of their silver crop every month, and by government storage of the same thus withdrawing the quantity purchased from the market, and of the further provision of said law for issuing therefor certificates of the denomination of \$10 each. which said certificates are authorized to pass among the people as currency at about 29 per cent above the value of the silver bullion upon which they are based,

as snown by the quotations of silver in the markets and. Whereas, It has been the policy of our paternal government for years to "encourage" by our tariff laws our eastern manufacturers to charge the farmers of the country about forty per cent additional to the ordinary profits of manufacture, now,

therefore be it Resolved. That the Farmers' Protective ssociation accept the action of congress in the instances hereinbefore recited, in havor of the producers of silver and of manufactured articles, as evidence of the

ighest paternal statesmanship. Resoved. That in view of the paternal colicy of the government that the honorale senators and representatives in congress from the wheat-growing states be and they are hereby requested to use their best abilities at the next session of congress to secure such legislation as may be required to establish grain warehouses and elevators throughout the wheat-growing districts and all centers of trade for the safe keeping and storage of wheat. That the secretary of the treasury be authorized and required to purchase of the wheat annually produced in the United States not less than one-third nor more than one-half of the estimated crop so produced, at a price not to exceed the current price of wheat in the English market; and that the secretary of the treasury be further authorized and required to issue thereon wheat certificates of the denomination of ten dollars each, to be used as currency at a valuation of twenty-nine per cent above the valuation of the wheat as herein provided; that said wheat certificates shall be receivable for customs, taxes and all public dues, and, when so received may be re-issued, and that wheat held by the Unted States by virtue of this act shall be for the redemption of said certificates, and that secretary of the treasury be authorized and directed to transport free of charge wheat to all points or places where the holder of wheat certificates may re-

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions duly certified by the president and secretary of the association be sent all senators and representatives in congress, regardless of their party affiliations, who are known to favor a high protective tariff or the double standard certificates.

TROUBLES OF THE STOCKMEN. Series of Conflicts, Resulting in the Loss of Six Lives.

A special from Dallas says: A gentleman who arrived from the west reports that in the section of country between Midland and Toyat, a distance of 112 miles and of immense width north and south, one hundred thousand head of cattle are held in quarantine by the New Mexican syndicate who hold public lands in evasion of the federal homestead law. Several conflicts, involving the loss of six lives, have taken place within the past two weeks in Delaware, Black, Little and Big Cimarron regions of New Mexico, none of which have found publicity in the papers.

An appeal will be made to the federal government by the stockmen and bona fide applicants for homesteads against the lawless action of the New Mexican organization, an investigation of whose title will be demanded. number of cattle graze, are entirely bare of verdure, and will be worthless for years to come. Stockmen are anxious for an early frost, which will compel the raising of the quarantine against Texas cattle, and enable them to drive to winter quarters in New Mexice and Arizona, whence they will drive to the northwestern territories in the spring. The suffering stockmen claim that New Mexicans are endeavoring to force the Texas cattle inte starvation, with the belief that if successful they can pur hase them at half their value.