

STATE NEWS.

NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Ex-Gov. Thayer's message to the legislature is a very lengthy document. Robert Durr, a colored man, was killed by an elevator in Omaha last week. William Luther disposed of the Merchants hotel at South Sioux City to a gentleman in Omaha for \$5,500. Mrs. J. H. Reed, of Lincoln, gave her two-months-old babe an overdose of laudanum which resulted in its death. The members of the Masonic fraternity in and about Exeter have about completed their organization and will soon be in running order. The Fremont police looked with suspicion on an old man who plied the profession of begging in five different languages and ran him in. T. W. Parks of Ithaca, New York, has arrived in Lincoln to take the position of general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association. John Stewart, a Lincoln colored minister, was so ungallant as to slap Miss Curtis in the face and was fined for the offense one big dollar and costs. John Williamson, who surreptitiously sold liquor on the fair ground at Lincoln last fall, was fined \$10 and costs in the federal court at Lincoln. A petition is being circulated in Nebraska City for signatures, protesting against the bill introduced in the legislature by Senator John Mattes, to legalize precinct bonds which have been voted but not issued. A Bentrice man is charged with tying his ten-year-old son to a chair and whipping him unmercifully upon the slightest provocation. The boy, it is said, has been forced to spend the recent cold nights out of doors. W. H. Farr and R. Mills of West Muddy, in Frontier county, have been lawing about a two-year-old straw stack before Justice of the Peace S. V. Free. The costs at present amount to about \$50 and it is not yet settled. Fred Quinby, a Verdigris young man, tried to brush an obstruction from the track with his foot in front of a locomotive, but was caught by the wheels and so badly injured that amputation of the foot was necessary. An Omaha councilman named Burdick, who keeps a saloon, has been sued by Mrs. Williams for \$5,000 damages for loss of support of her husband, who drank a great quantity of Burdick's whisky and then killed himself. Eddie Urbach, the musical prodigy of western Nebraska, was presented with a magnificent gold badge by Elkhorn lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of North Platte, for services rendered on December 31, 1890. The adjutant-general and brigade and regimental officers of the Nebraska national guards are busy preparing a detailed statement of the expenses to the state of the late Indian campaign to submit to the legislature for liquidation. John J. Ryan, a brakeman on the Elkhorn, while making a drop of a car at Plainview, slipped and the cars cut off both legs. Dr. Britt of Creighton, Drs. Bear and Salter of Norfolk and Dr. Law amputated the limbs above the knee. George McMillan of Lincoln was arrested for cruelty to animals. The evidence against him was that after one of his horses got into a mudhole and could not get out without help, McMillan left the poor brute there to freeze to death. The county commissioners of Cass county have made a selection of the architect's plans for a new court house, and W. M. Gray of Lincoln is the lucky man. The new structure is to be stone, two stories and a half high, with a basement, and fire proof throughout. Henry Pierce, coroner Richardson county, has disappeared, his hurried absence being occasioned by the fact that he is soon to become the father of a child outside of his own household. Pierce is an old soldier and has heretofore been regarded as one of the pillars of the church. Virgil, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dome of Mason City, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid and drank a few swallows, and as a result the lad was soon in a critical condition. A physician was called and administered an emetic, and the child soon recovered from the terrible dose. A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing that unimproved lands adjoining improved lands shall be listed for taxation at the same valuation as the latter. There are 13,000 acres in Pawnee county, where the author of the bill, Mr. Schappel, lives, owned by non-residents who are holding for speculation. A young man named Hudson, eighteen years old, residing near Dorsey, in Holt county, was accidentally shot and killed. He had gone to the home of Thomas Crow to borrow a gun to go hunting with, and as Mr. Crow handed him out the gun it was accidentally discharged, the load entering Hudson's head and breast with fatal results. Gilbert Blue was arrested about a month ago on the charge of passing counterfeit money. Since then he has been in the Douglas county jail awaiting trial. As he has a wife and six children dependent on him, Ben Baker, the kind hearted United States district attorney, the other day decided to allow Blue his freedom and he gave him his personal recognizance to appear for trial.

TRADE WITH BRAZIL.

ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY IT WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED. Signing of an Agreement by Secretary Blaine and the Brazilian Minister—When it Will Go Into Effect—A Statement in Reference to the Paddock Pure Food Bill—A Labor Demonstration in Washington—The Remarks of Congressman McConnell. Reciprocity With Brazil. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Post announces that the negotiations between the United States and Brazil (under the reciprocity clause of the new tariff law) has resulted in the signing of an agreement by Secretary Blaine and the Brazilian minister. The agreement goes into effect January 1 next. Under the provisions of the agreement Brazil reduces her import charges upon American products, farm, factory and mine, to the extent of about \$5,000,000 annually. It is expected a stimulus will be given to sugar importation which will be increased so that in five years Brazil will be able to furnish all the sugar required in the United States. It is expected that, in three years, Brazil will pay the United States \$25,000,000 in return for our manufactures and products. Not only does Brazil place a great many American articles on the free list, but it is arranged that on other articles in the manufacture of which Europe competes with this country the tariff will be lowered in our favor. President Harrison has issued a proclamation setting forth that the Brazilian minister has communicated to the secretary of state the fact that in due reciprocity and for the consideration of admission into the United States, free of all duty, of the articles enumerated in section 3 of the tariff act to-wit: Sugar, molasses, coffee and hides, the government of Brazil has, by legal enactment, authorized the admission from and after April 1, 1891, into all established ports of entry of Brazil, free of duty, merchandise named, as follows, provided that such shall be the product and manufacture of the United States: Wheat, wheat flour, corn or maize, and the manufactures thereof, including corn meal and starch, rye, rye flour, buckwheat, buckwheat flour, barley, potatoes, beans, peas, hay, oats, pork salted, including pickled pork and bacon, except hams; fish, salted, dried or pickled, cotton seed oil; coal, anthracite and bituminous, rosin, tar, pitch and turpentine, agricultural tools, implements and machinery, mining and mechanical tools, implements and machinery, including stationary and portable engines and all machinery for manufacturing and industrial purposes, except sewing machines, instruments and books for the arts and sciences, railway construction material and equipment. The government of Brazil has also further authorized the admission with reduction of 25 per cent of the existing tariff duty in Brazil of the following named articles, produced or manufactured in the United States: Lard and substitutes thereof, bacon, hams, butter and cheese, canned and preserved meats, fish, fruits and vegetables, manufactures of cotton, including cotton cloth, single or mixed not included in the free schedule, leather and the manufactures thereof, except boots and shoes, lumber, timber and the manufactures of wood, including cooperage, furniture of all kinds, wagons, carts and carriages, manufactures of rubber. The government of Brazil has further provided that the laws and regulations adopted to protect its revenue and prevent fraud in declarations and proofs, etc., shall place no undue restrictions on the importation nor impose any additional charges or fees therefor on the articles imported. Paddock's Pure Food Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Senator Paddock has authorized the following statement of his views as to the manner in which the Paddock pure food bill now pending would affect the packing houses: "It will not throw a straw in the pathway of any honestly conducted business in Chicago or elsewhere. It is aimed at fraud and deception only. Its object is to protect the public against adulteration; honest manufacturers against dishonest competition (which the bill makes illegal), and to extend the export trade of the country by definitely fixing a standard for our export products. In my judgment it will be of very great benefit to every reputable industry engaged in the manufacture of food products or of drugs. "The strong features of the bill, in my opinion, are the clear definitions of what shall constitute adulteration under the law; the simple yet effective machinery for its enforcement; its universality of application; its unquestionable constitutionality, and the certainty that it will have back of it the support of commercial honesty everywhere throughout the country. "How will it affect food compounds? "No food compound not injurious to the health, and which is labeled as a compound, comes under the prohibitory clauses of the bill. The bill only requires that such articles shall be sold under proper designations and not as imitations of other articles with a view to deceive unsuspecting purchasers. It thus interferes with no trade marks or proprietary articles known under distinctive names in commercial transactions. In addition, the pure food bill provides against the fallibility of science. It allows appeals to the courts from the official tests of the chemical division of the department of agriculture, and provides both legal

and scientific safeguards against possible errors in the application of its provisions to trade. There are no obnoxious revenue stamps, no complicated machinery of spies and needless provisos of tagging, stamping or registering." Labor Demonstration in Washington. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—There was a monster labor meeting held at Grand Army hall last night, attended by hundreds of Knights of Labor men and their representative officers, among them Ralph Beaumont, the well-known Knights of Labor speaker. Among those who delivered speeches was Representative Connell of Omaha, who was introduced as the author of the eight-hour bill, the passage of which was urged by the workingmen's organizations. Mr. Connell said a startling condition of affairs existed in this country. The rich were growing richer, the poor poorer. One-half of the entire wealth of the country was owned by 30,000 people. That certainly was not a just or equitable distribution of the wealth of the country. The workingmen of the country were not, he said, communists or socialists or nihilists. All over the country they saw workingmen assemble, as they were assembled here last night, to secure their rights in a peaceable, orderly manner. He thought they would see good results from the agitation going on among the farmers and workingmen. A proper adjustment of the questions, the matter of transportation and the great overshadowing labor question was not, he thought, far distant. He believed the day was near at hand when the great railroad systems would be not only controlled, but owned, by the government. It was urged that such a centralization of power was dangerous, but was it more dangerous to centralize such a power in the government than in the hands of two men—Jay Gould and Vanderbilt? By the right of eminent domain the people could take the railroad property just as the railroads took the lot of the poor man that lay in its route, paying full value for the road at a just appraisalment of its actual worth and not what its watered stock represented. The government had a right to issue money; puts its stamp upon it and pay for the railroad. The currency would go out into the country and be used in enterprises that would pay a better than 2 per cent rate and give employment to the unemployed. Death to Combines. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 7.—The senate yesterday passed the most sweeping measure that was ever aimed against trusts in this state. The bill provides that all trusts, pools, contracts, combinations, arrangements or corporations which attempts to decrease outputs, control prices or limit production, shall be considered conspiracies to defraud the people, and any person being a member of such organization shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 to \$15,000, and imprisonment in the state prison for from two to five years. This provision is made to apply to any stockholder, or agent or person interested in any way in the management or profits of the pool, contract, combination, agreement or corporation. In cases where the company is organized under the Indiana laws, the charter is to be forfeited, in addition to the punishment prescribed in the penal section of the bill. In another section it is provided that any person who is injured by the operation of the trust or pool, may sue and recover damages double the sum of injury which his business has suffered. Cost of the Sioux War. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A communication, received by congress from the quartermaster general's department, through the secretary of war, shows that the Sioux Indian outbreak cost at least \$2,000,000. Transportation, rations, ammunition and other expenses constitute the principal items in the appropriation asked. This is the direct cost of the outbreak. What there will be in the way of bills for deprivations committed by the Indians cannot be estimated. There are those who believe that, directly or indirectly, the expense will not be short of between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000. It is now acknowledged by every one that it would be far more economical and a great deal less troublesome to the government to sell all the Indian reservations and take the money and purchase farms for the Indians in the east. Thus the tribal relations could be broken and the savages placed in civilized communities where they would have no opportunity to make themselves feared. Alliance Leader Deposed. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 4.—S. B. Erwin, president of the Kentucky farmers' alliance, has been deposed and T. T. Gardner, vice president, put in his place. The change is owing to Erwin's warning in the alliance paper, of which he is the editor, advising farmers to keep away from the growers' tobacco warehouse, of which ex-Senator Williams is president. The alliance has been supporting this warehouse in opposition to the warehouse combination. The editor's place is taken by E. Schulz. Sam is a Fighter. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 4.—Rev. Sam P. Jones seems to be having a lively time in Texas. The following characteristic telegram from the evangelist shows what he has been doing: OAKWOOD, Tex., Feb. 3.—The one-gallon mayor of Palestine tried to cane your Uncle Jones this morning at the depot. I wrenched his cane from him and wore him out. I am a little disfigured but still in the ring. I criticized his official career last November. It needed criticizing. SAM P. JONES.

NEWS SUMMARY. Three negroes were cremated in jail at Friar's Point, Miss. Minnesota's legislature appropriated \$300,000 for the World's fair. Pittsburg is talking of a \$25,000,000 ship canal to Lake Erie. An orphan asylum burned at Moscow, nine children being lost and several injured. The supreme court decided that it had jurisdiction in the Behring sea matter. Ten thousand shoemakers in London have gone on a strike for an increase in wages. Gen. Henry A. Morrow of the First United States infantry died at Hot Springs, Ark. The North Dakota anti-lottery amendment has reached the governor's signature. T. B. Woodside, an Illinois farmer blew out his brains in the presence of his betrothed. Riotous scenes took place during the progress of the Crawford murder trial at Decatur, Ill. A family near Denison, Tex., were poisoned by eating bread made with cottonseed oil. Kansas alliance men are talking of Senator Peffer as the alliance candidate for president. Daniel M. Davidson, an advertising solicitor, killed himself at Memphis. He used a razor. The Alton has asked for permission to meet the two cent rate of the Jacksonville Southern. Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) praises Gen. Miles for his work in the Indian campaign. General Manager Wood said it is false that there will be a strike on the Pennsylvania system. A new Southwest African company was formed at Hamburg with a capital of 20,000,000 marks. The Arkansas Valley bank of Wichita, Kan., closed its doors on account of dilatory collections. The world's fair directory decided to ask for \$5,000,000 more, making the total fund \$15,000,000. A bill has been introduced in the Michigan legislature for the purchase of the Michigan Central. The railroad committee of Kansas' legislature submitted a bill to make all tax assessments on a full rate. A Minneapolis minister dropped dead in his pulpit after preaching a sermon on "Is Life Worth Living?" The sheriff of Indianapolis was locked up in the Terre Haute, Ind., jail for being drunk and disorderly. Two thousand boomers are hiding in caves in the Cherokee strip. Soldiers have been ordered to eject them. Colorado farmers have appealed to Grand Army of the Republic posts in Chicago for aid because of short crops. Lieut. Schwatka, of Arctic fame, will be a cripple for life as a result of his recent accident at Mason City, Io. A Chicago newspaper says that nothing less than \$15,000,000 will meet the necessities of the World's fair directors. A mass meeting at Palestine, Tex., demanded the resignation of Mayor Ward for caning Sam Jones, the Evangelist. The state farmers' alliance convention at Washington decided to urge prompt action by congress on the silver bill. Not one of the regular annual appropriation bills has been passed by both houses of congress and sent to the president. It has been decided to recommend that the world's fair directors issue a call for an additional subscription of \$5,000,000. Mrs. Sheedy's lover has been discharged at Lincoln, Neb., but the lady is still held, charged with her husband's murder. The Toronto Empire declares that Blaine expressed a desire to discuss with Pauncefoot the subject of reciprocity with Canada. The house passed the senate bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors under sixteen years of age in the District of Columbia. The Omaha Indian half-breeds have complained to President Harrison of Agent Ashley, who, they say, wishes to drive them from their lands. The secretary of war has directed Brigadier General Daniel W. Flagler to assume the duties of chief of ordnance for the war department. M. W. Meredith was arrested at Aurora, Ill., where he was living under the name of Winfield, for swindling a Pittsburg concern out of \$3,000. Congressman Taylor before the silver pool committee acknowledged buying silver. Owenby was on the stand, but disclosed little new evidence. A pretty young woman, claiming to be a daughter of Representative Holman of Indiana, has been blackmailing politicians in Tacoma, Wash. Director General Davis of the world's fair commission is angry because no mention was made of salary for him by congress. He says he will quit first. A Belgian has been arrested in Paris charged with supplying the German war department officials with plans of the French Belgian and Belgian German frontiers. A Tacoma adventuress, claiming to be a daughter of Congressman Holman, worked legislators by threatening to scream, when at her solicitation, they visited her in her room at her hotel. The house committee on agriculture has completed its appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year. The bill carries an appropriation of \$2,804,853 and is \$7,150 less than the estimates submitted. Of this amount \$879,753 is for the support of the weather bureau, which is to be transferred to the agricultural department on the 1st of July next.

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