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OVER THE STATE.

LINCOLN is getting ready for a good deal of charity work the coming winter.

PATRICK ROGAN was run over and killed by the cars in Omaha. He was 76 years old.

1BOUT thirty merchants of Lincoln have agreed to pay \$5 per month for the relief of the poor.

MISS PHILLIPS, an evangelist, is conducting a series of revival meetings in Beatrice, attracting large audiences.

ABOUT fifty of the Omaha teachers have decided to attend the state convention at Lincoln during the holidays.

HENRY, the 13-year-old son of Charles Schutt of Olive township, Butler county, had his arm broken by falling while walking on stilts.

SIXTY-TWO persons were confirmed in the Catholic church at Indianola last | weeks, and what looks strange is that Sunday. Bishop Bonacum was present they have all been discovered at 3 a.m. and conducted the services.

* ANDREW M. BUCK, of Omaha, who for some time past has been suffering with brain trouble, suicided last week by shooting himself through the head.

J. S. RAMSIER's house at Beatrice was destroyed by fire last week, which started from the kitchen stove. The property was valued at \$1,100 and the insurance is \$800.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. society of the Presbyterian church of Holdrege gave a concert last week. The proceeds were for the benefit of the poor. About \$60 was netted for that purpose.

THE fall term of the Johnson county district court will convene December 10 with Judge Bush in the chair. The docket consists of ninety civil cases. The jurors have been drawn.

A SMALL residence occupied by Clem McCall in Beatrice was destroyed by fire, Being outside the fire limits the fire companies were unable to offer any resistance to the flames. The loss is \$500.

A 100-foot tower has just been finished by the Aermoter company of Sioux City for the telephone company of Niobrara, npon which to string the wires connecting Niobrara with Running Water, S. D.

ALCOHOL is being shipped from the Nebraska City distillery at the rate of two cars per day. As soon as the warehouses are emptied it is predicted that the distillery will resume operations, possibly before the first of the year.

Schuyler was buried last week, having that by pumping day and night the paper, but one good American cent, died after but three days' confinement

T. MCDONALD and W. L. Little, liv-ing about eight miles north of St. Paul, were the victims of a serious runaway in which their buggy was upset. W. L. Little sustained a broken collarbone

and other injuries. McDonald escaped with some severe scratches on his head. THE various charities of Beatrice

have consolidated under the name of the Beatrice Charitable association, with Mayor Shultz as president. The executive committee consists of M. C. Steele, C. B. Dempster and C. G. Pearse. An organized effort will be made to fill every benevolent need of the city.

DETECTIVE MALONE of Lincoln has gone to Houston, Tex., to bring back Sherman De Haas, who is badly wanted in Lincoln on a charge of having sold mortgaged property. De Haas is now under arrest in Houston, and requisition papers have been forwarded to the officials of that city, who refused to make the arrest until they arrived.

A BARN belonging to W. Fontz in Superior, containing nine head of horses, one cow, some hogs and a number of farming implements, burned. It is believed to be the work of an incendiary, as this is the third fire which has been started during the past six Sunday morning, exactly two weeks Mr. Fontz, as all he had was in the barn, with no insurance.

THE residence of Fred Hanaford of Grand Island took fire from the exploding of a lamp and was completely destroyed with all the contents. Mrs. Hanaford and the children were alone at the time. After bringing two of her children out of the building the woman rushed through the flames back to the urge the mediation of the United second floor, and taking her youngest States for the establishment of a new child in her arms started back. Escape by the stairway was cut off. She then to the governor of each of the Southjumped from the second-story window. Her right ankle was broken by the fall, but the child was uninjured.

WHILE descending the main stairway from the second floor to the office of the Windsor hotel in Lincoln Wm. Ellis, the engineer who has charge of the engine and heating plant of the house, slipped and fell, rolling over and over until the lower floor was reached. The injuries were so serious that he was unable to rise, and when assisted to a bed and a doctor summoned it was found that he was possibly fatally hurt. As he tumbled down his back struck the corner of the steps and an injury to the spine is thought to have resulted.

THE Lincoln Journal says the state Humphrey to repair or put in new wells ceed \$1,500. The old wells are said to the civilized world. THE wife of Rev. E. F. A. Hantel of be failing, Warden Beemer asserting

STIRRING APPEAL FOR AID.

ASSISTANCE ASKED

ANYTHING FROM A PENNY UPWARD.

The Phil-Armenic Society of the Northwest Will Make an Endeavor to Believe the People of Armenia in Their Distress - Secretary Herant Mesor Kiretchjian's Proclamation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 27.-Herant M. Kiretchjian, who figured prominently in the pariiament of re ligions at the world's fair, and who has since been engaged in interesting the people in the United States in the condition of the people of Armenia. his native land, is redoubling his efapart. The loss falls very heavily upon | forts since the reports of the recent massacres by the Turks have reached this country. He has just organized the Phil-Armenic association of the Northwest, similar associations having been formed in Boston, Philadelphia and New York. As secretary of the new association, he has written a letter to President Cleveland to regime in Armenia. He has written ern states, asking their united protestations be sent to England, against. its indifference to the horrible out-

rages, and with a view of interesting the whole people in Armenia and for the assistance of the suffering and helpless people, he has issued the following:

A Thanksgiving proclamation from Armenia, to the people of the United States, thrice happy people of the land of the iree: You are thankful that the lives of your forefathers were spared and God established here a great nation standing upon liberty and freedom of conscience.

I ask the the whole American people to declare to the world on this, the day of their glad thanksgiving, by unanimous vote, their horror and board of public lands and buildings met | consternation at the brutal slaughter and authorized Land Commissioner of thousands of Armenian families and the crushing of mercy and jusat the penitentiary at a cost not to ex- tice with one blow before the eyes of

I ask them to cast that vote not on a dime if they will, but at least one

NATIONAL TREASURE. NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.

ated Notes.

TREASURER.

Including the Public Debt the Total Re-

ceipts the Past Year Were \$724,005,-

538, and the Expenditures \$698,908,-

552-The Cold Reserve, Bond Issue

and Silver Discussed-Worn and Mutil-

Uncle Sam's Cash Box.

urer of the United States, Hon. H.

D. Morgan, has submitted to Secre-

tary Carlisle the annual report on the

operations and condition of the treas-

ury. The net ordinary revenues for

the fiscal year ending June 30, cents

omitted, were \$297,722,019, a decrease

of \$88,097,609 as compared with the

year before. The net ordinary ex-

penditures were \$367,525,279, a de-

crease of \$15,952,674. Including the

public debt, the total receipts on all

accounts were \$724,006,538 and the

The treasurer remarks the impair-

ment of the gold reserve, rendering

necessary the issuing of bonds in

depletion of the treasury, resulting

The two important events of the

year affecting the condition of the

public debt were the issue of \$50,000,-

000 of 5 per cent bonds to replenish

the gold reserve and the stoppage of

the purchase of silver bullion by the

Prior to July, 1892, the gold reserve

was but little affected by withdrawals

of coin, there never having been any

considerable demand for the re-

demption of notes. Even when gold

exports were heavy the metal was

furnished by bankers from their

vaults or was obtained from the

treasury for gold certificates, of

course without impairment to the re-

serve. During the last two years,

however, the treasury has been called

upon to furnish nearly the whole of

the requirements for export and

there have lately been considerable

withdrawals for other uses. To the

end of September the total redemp-

tion of United States notes in gold

since the resumption of specie pay-

ments were \$181,300,000 and the total

redemption of the treasury notes in

gold from their first issue were \$68,-

With reference to the retirement of

Treasury notes, the treasurer says

that prior to August, 1893, the treas-

ury had been able to provide for the

redemption of treasury notes in silver

500,000.

expenditures \$698,908,552.

from insufficient revenues.

issue of treasury notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 .- The treas-

It Proposes to Concern Itself With Secular as Well as Spiritual Affairs. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE U.S.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27 - A new church has been organized in St. Louis, modeled after the church of the same name in Los Angeles, Cal., which was organized two years ago by a small band and has grown to a membership of 10,000. Belief in a Deity, in the divinity of Christ, or in a future state is not required of its members.

The new church proposes to concern itself as well with the secular and moral as the spiritual interests of the people, to which end it has committees on the condition and needs of the unemployed and unfortunate; on the condition and management of jails, police courts, poor houses, hospitals, asylums and other municipal institutions, and for other purposes for the elevation of the people. The present lecturer is Lewis C Fry, late general of the industrial

army. A Block of Residences Burned.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 27.-Kansas

City was yesterday visited by the most disastrous residence fire in the history of the city. Fifteen families were rendered homeless within the short space of an hour, and a financial loss of about \$75,000 was entailed. The scene of the conflagration was the block bounded by Garfield and Euclid avenues and Twenty ninth and Thirtieth streets, and the entire block was swept clean with the single exception of the residence of Mrs. William Osborne, at the northeast corner of the block, and that, with its contents, was almost as badly damaged as if it had been destroyed. The nearest fire hydrant was one-half mile from the fire and the department had great difficulty in quenching the flames.

Pansy Blossom Bu ler Missing.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 27.-Walter H. Butler, who has been principal of the normal college at Oelwin for some time, bought a ticket for the afternoon train South last Thursday, and since that time he has not been seen or heard of. His wife and son who live at West Union are at a loss to account for his disappearance. Mr. Butler was formerly editor of one of the leading newspapers of Fayette county, and four years ago was elected on the Democratic ticket for congress in the Fourth district. He became famous in congress by the introduction of a resolution to make the pansy the national flower, since which time he has been known as "Pansy Blossom" Butler.

Bonanza Gold Mine.

dollars out of the holdings of free sil-SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27.-Michae. Shuman, a well-known mining man, has returned from his mines in the Okanagon district. He reports the find of a veritable bonanza gold mine at the very summit of the Cascade range of mountains near Slate creek. Two young men from Anacortes named Baron and Gerrish, are the lucky finders. Shuman says that the boys, after a week's work with the crudest of instruments, have cleaned up \$12,000, with plenty of the same rich dirt in sight. Nearly all the miners in this section of the country have flocked to the new Eldorado and staked out claims.

WHOLESAL" FORGERIES.

A South Dakota Operator Gets Away With a Huge Sum.

YANKTON, S. D. Nov. 24 .- The nominal firm of Pierce. Wright & Co., the biggest financial concern in this section, has collapsed as the result of wholesale forgeries of school bond and tax sale certificates and other securities which were disposed of through the London branch of the house. Although Pierce had \$200,000 worth of property here it has all been transferred by mortgages or trust deeds, and a careful search failed toreveal a dollars' worth in his own name.

The frauds perpetrated will probably aggregate \$1,000,000.

The nominal firm was really only J. T. M. Pierce, Wright having withdrawn from it several years ago, and there being no company. The "firm" had branch offices in London, England, Spokane, Wash., and at Holyoke, Col., and had done business in all these places, but the principal office has been at Yankton, which has also been Pierce's place of residence. The London office was the place where the issues of fraudulent papers were turned into cash.

Pierce dealt largely in school district bonds and tax certificates, generally of a fictitious character, manu-February was caused chiefly by the factured by the wholesale with forged signatures attached with seals, verifications, etc. He found a ready market for his bogus paper through the good standing of his London house.

Who is responsible for the wholesale forgeries is only a matter of conjecture as yet. In the school bond issues the South Dakoka counties of Yankton, Bonhomme, Hutchinson, Turner, Clay and Union were covered. The business has been going on many years. The last school bond to come to light is dated December 1, 1893. It purported to be of independent school district No. 2 of Bonhomme county, for \$25,000, payable to J. P. Crennan, who died several years before it was issued. W. H. Brown of Yankton is the alleged notary who attested the document. An opinion as to its legality is attached, signed "Gamble Bros., per H. S. Gamble." The firm was not in existence at that time, and H. S. Gamble was never a member. The signatures are forged. It is guaranteed by Pierce's London house. This paper was sold to English par ties and was recently made the subject of investigation by T. Mallinson of Texas, an Englishman.

Numerous fraudulent mortgages have also been palmed off upon unsuspecting Englishmen. What Pierce has done with the money secured by him cannot be learned. He has built extensively in Yankton, some of the most substantial improvements in the

STRICKEN ARMENIA.

FOR

with erysipelas. Rev. Hantel was so is little protection from fire and the overcome that his condition was very situation is considered serious. There critical for many hours. Two children are left to mourn with the bereaved husband.

WILLIAM FALK received a telegram last week announcing the death of Edward Bloom. Mr. Bloom was at one time a very prominent business man of Hastings, belonging to the firm of Falls & Bloom. The deceased was a consumptive and had gone to Phoenix, Ariz, to regain his health, at which place he died.

A COUPLE of corn thieves were run to cover in the north part of Beatrice. They had been raiding corn cribs adjacent to the city. The thieves, seeing that their capture was inevitable, abandoned their wagon and team and fied. The corn was also recovered, hearing of testimony was continued amounting to about thirty bushels. One of the thieves was subsequently arrested.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Spiritual Association of Nebraska were filed last week with the secretary of state. The object of the association as stated in the articles is to advance the principles of truth and justice and the promotion of inteligence, good morals and liberality. The period of incorporation extends from November 17, 1893, to December 31, 1944.

JOHN STRODE, elected to congress from the First district, said last week that he would hand in his resignation as judge to Governor Crounse about December 1, to take effect January 1. The judge stated that he would have resigned sooner, but that he had a number of cases set for trial that had been partially heard, and that it would be rather difficult for a new judge to take hold during the middle of a term.

MRS. KITTWELL and child and Miss Effie Higginbotham of Nebraska City had a narrow escape from serious injury. While enjoying a drive their horse became frightened and ran away. The buggy was overturned and they were thrown forcibly to the ground. Mrs. Kittwell and the child escaped uninjured, but Miss Higginbotham was quite badly hurt, being unconscious when picked up. Her injuries, however, are not of a serious nature.

SHERIEF HOOKS of Hyannis made an important capture last week in the way of a horse thief. He gives his name as Wagner and he is suspected of being one of the bandits who helped to hold up the passenger train a week ago, as he answers the description of one of the men who boarded the train and told the engineer to stop. The horse was found in his possession and he is now in the custody of the sheriff of Hvannis.

FIRE in Oakland last week destroyed the butcher shop of J. D. Mann, law office of W. G. Sears, tailor shop of M. Swanson and damaged the saloon building of A. D. Peterson and the Hotel Clifton, the furniture of the latter being broken up by carrying it out. The stocks of goods were saved in a damaged condition. The total loss will probably be \$2,500, with one-third that amount of insurance. A family lived over the meat market and barely escaped in their nightclothes.

THE parties who have the contract for building the government bridge across the Running Water at Niobrara are on the ground and expect to commence work at once. The bridge is to

ly is entirely inadequate. There is no money available for this purpose. The board complied with the request of Dr. Hay and authorized an extra extra expense of \$300.

JUDGE CHARLES B. HOWRY, assistant attorney general of the United States, and Judge S. W. DeWitt were in Omaha last week where testimony was being taken in indian depredation claims filed by citizens of this state. These gentlemen are on a tour of the westion official business and their sojourn in Nebraska is for the purpose of facili-tating the work of the department in making a proper defense against claims made upon the government. There are now about 10,000 of these claims on file, involving over \$40,000,000. The several days.

PATRICK FLYNN, an old resident of York, died at that place last week of pneumonia. He had been sick but a few days. He was about 79 years of | bank. age, and although well along in years, was spry and full of business up to the time of his death. Flynn was of a strange disposition, and, although known to every one in that locality, he confided his business affairs to none. It is a well known fact that he is very well off financially, but the amount of his wealth no one seems to know. It is estimated that his estate is worth no less than \$40,000, and may run ahead of those figures.

A Nebraska State Federation of Women's Clubs Proposed.

A state federation of the Women's Literary clubs of Nebraska is under consideration. To this end the presi- national bank, New York city, or dent and one member of every woman's | Wells-Fargo & Co., San Francisco. literary club is invited to meet with the Omaha Woman's club, December 10 and 11. Clubs accepting this invitation will please, without delay, inform Mrs. J. Lindsey, 310 South Fortieth street, Omaha. The names of the proposed delegates should be mentioned that arrangements may be made to entertain them by members of the Omaha Woman's club. The members of the Omaha Woman's club take pleasure in offering their homes to the delegates. In order to avoid any misadventure delegates should be particular about all the details, such as names, addresses and time of starting. These ladies should also bring credentials from the secretaries of their respective clubs. A general meeting will be held on the afternoon of December 10. A recep- Brewer had been wounded. The aftion, to which gentlemen will be invited, will be given on the evening of December 10, and a meeting for the formation of the federation and acceptance of the constitution on the morn-

ing of the 11th. Clubs unable to send delegates may send a written report embodying their desire for admittance to the federation.

ELIZABETH J. LINDSEY, MARY T. STIGER, JENNIE E. KEYSOR, ELIA W. PEATTIE, Committee.

DAVID CRUICKSHANK, a Scotchman was 1,636,000, a gain of nearly 600,000 and prominent farmer, who was arrest- votes in two years." ed at Ogalalla charged with ravishing

American cent from every man, woman and child whose heart has ached for the stricken Armenian nation. To look upon the cent or the dime ere they cast it, and see there the United States encircling liberty and exultant in the glory of their inheritance, to dedicate that sacred symbol for a mighty protest against all oppression and in token of warm sympathy for a bleeding nation.

Added to the stupendous power of that voice will be the creation of a national Armenian fund. It will be the life blood of the Phil-Armenian associations, which strive to have purity of life, honor and property

assured to the people of Armenia. Pending united organization of all friends of Armenia and for the appointment of officers and trustees the following honored gentlemen will act as trustees of the fund:

Mayor of Minneapolis, William H. Eustis; George A. Pillsbury, E. C. Chamberlain, president of Security

Men of like national repute will be requested to be temporary trustees in New York.

The trustees will hold the fund inviolate to be used for two definite objects only:

First-To secure the protection of the Armenian people in Turkey from further outrages. Second-To promote the cause of

establishing a righteous government in Armenia.

We ask for a cent, a dime, or a check as a Thanksgiving day vote of abhorrence of the massacres and of sympathy for afflicted Armenia. It car be mailed to either the Security bank, Minneapolis, Minn.; Western

SHOT DEAD 'AT A CHURCH. Desperate Fight Occurs Between Mur-

deger and Officers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 27.-A battle occurred at a church near Carroltton, Miss., yesterday between officers and a murderer, and as a result one man is dead and two others wounded. Ben. P. Catham, the marshall of Carrollton, and N. Brewer, a deputy sheriff, left for Enona, a church ten miles south of Carrollton to arrest Claude Moss, who is charged with murder at Monticello, Dewitt county, Ark., and who had been a fugitive from justice for more than a year. Moss resisted arrest and after a most desperate struggle Chatham shot him dead, but not until Chatham and fair occurred in front of the church

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.-The World gives a list showing the number of votes cast by the Populist party in all the same party in 1892. It says: "In 1892 the Populist party polled al-together 1,041,021 votes for president. Between 1892 and 1894 there was no general election, the returns of which can be compared with the year preceding. This year the Populist vote

Reward for Cook.

SOUTH MCALESTER, Ind. Ter., Nov-27.-The citizens of Muskogee say they are disgusted with the lack of interest manifested by government officials in the suppression of outlawry, and have offered \$1,500 for the arrest of Bill Cook, Cherokee Bill, James French, Skeeter and James Tinner. This reward will supplement the reward of \$500 offered by the goverment and \$250 offered by Chief Harris of the Cherokee nation.

A Fatal Jump.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 27.-While the family of Colonel H. Phelps, who is connected with the legal department of the Missouri Pacific railway, were out driving yesterday afternoon, the of the treasury fell below \$100,000,000. horse took fright and ran away. Mrs. Phelps became panic stricken and regulations whereby senders of na-tional bank notes for redemption jumped from the carriage, receiving injuries from which she died soon were required to bear the charges for

Archbishop Ireland Denounced.

after.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 27 .- Bishop McQuaid, at the Roman Catholic cathedral in this city, preached a sensational sermon yesterday morning in which he denounced the action of Archbishop Ireland in coming to this state and taking part in the last political campaign.

Manifesto of Clemency.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 27.-Czar Nicholas, on the occasion of his marriage to Princess Alix of Hesse, will issue a manifesto of clemency, remitting arrears of taxes and modifying sentences.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, MO., NOV. 28 - WHEAT- Cat lots by sample on track at Kansas City at the close sold as follows: No 2 hard, 50c. No 3 hard, 48@49c: No 4 hard, 47@48c; rejecte 1, 4 lc No, 2 red, 43c. No. 5 red, 47c: No. 4 red, 45 (46); rejected 46c.

Sales by sample on track Kansas City: No 2 mixed c rn, 5 cars 41%c, 7 cars 41%c, 21 cars 41c No. 3, nominally 14@ 4c less than No 2: No 4 mixed, nominally40@40%c No. 2 white, 4 cars 42-5c 2 cars 42c No. 3 white, nominally M@%c under No 2 white

OATS-Were not plentiful and were in fair demand at unchan ed prices Receipts of the states at the last general election | oats, 10 cars a year ago, 21 cars. Sales by as compared with the votes cast by sample on track Kansis City: No. 2 mixed oats, 6 cars offe, 2 cars 30c; No 3, nominally 29c No 4, nominally 27/23c No. 2 white oats, nominally .3c No 3 white, nominally 30 @ 31c

RYE-No. 2. nominally. 47 048c No 3, 46c FLAXSEED-Firm \$1.38@1.39, accordin ; to billing. BRAN-Firm: 61@65c per cwt sacked. CORN CHOP-Dull \$80@S2c per cwt. sacked HAY -- Receipt 4, 76 cars: market weak Timothy, choice, \$8.5) 39. No. 1 \$7.50 38 low grade, 55 /7 fancy prairie, \$8 38.5) choice, \$7 (5 7 50 No. 1 26 (6.5) No. 2, \$5 35 5) packing

so that there had not been, up to that time, any impairment of the total amount of the silver fund accumulated under the act. On August 3, however, silver dollars and bullion in the treasury had become reduced to the amount required by law to be retained for the payment of outstanding treasury notes and certificates, and the demand for the redemption of notes continuing in consequence of the small searcity of the small denominations of currency, it became necessary to draw upon the dollars coined. especially for that purpose. The silver fund being thus impaired, the notes so redeemed were cancelled in order to preserve the required equality between the silver in the treasury and the notes outstanding. The total amount of the notes retired in this way up to October 31 was \$4,790,434. The amount of the new issues of United States paper currency put into circulation during the year was \$350,959,190, having been exceeded but once, in 1892. The amount of worn and mutilated notes redeemed \$319,002,290. This also has been exceeded but once, in 1893. The total paper circulation reached its highest point in May last, when it stood at \$1,175,000. Since then there has been a slight contraction, caused chiefly by the gradual redemption and re-tirement of gold certificates, the issue of which was suspended, as the law requires, when the gold reserve

Notwithstanding a change in the

transportation, the redemptions were

the heaviest since 1886, amounting to

\$105,000,000, or more than half of the

DAIRYMEN CONVENTION.

Kansas Butter Makers Call for Protec-

tion-Officers of the Association.

Dairy association last night adopted

resolutions urging national and state

pure food legislation, especially

legislation to prevent the sale of

adulterated dairy products and

the use of dairy terms in the

manufacture and sale of any-

thing passing for butter, such as "butterine," "Jersey prints," etc.

To this end a state law, embodying

the principles of the Paddock pure

food bill is demanded to be enforced

by an officer to be known as dairy and

food commissioner, to be elected by

the people. It is also recommended

that a dairy school similar to those in

This forencon the following officers

were elected for the ensuing year:

President, A. G. Eyth of Dickinson

county; secretary and treasurer, H. M. Brandt of McPherson county; as-

sistant secretary, J. K. Forney of

Dickinson county. The old commit-

tee on legislation, consisting of A. K.

Jones and Peter Heil of Shawnee

county and J. L. Hoffman of Harvey

county, was continued. Newton was

selected as the next place of meeting.

Receiver of a St. Joseph Company.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 24.-Judge

Pitt to-day granted the application

other states be established by legis-

lative enactment.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 24. - The State

average.

city being the result of his investments. He has lived expensively, maintaining an establishment here and one in London. He has put \$175,000 into the grade and right of way of the Yankton and Norfolk railroad, though there is a belief that the money for the railroad work was not a portion of his income from the school bond tax certificate factory, there being good authority for the statement that the sum was subscribed and paid by Englishmen. Pierce left England October 5 for America and, it is said, is now in Mexico or Central America.

A SWEEPING REFORM.

Internal Revenue Bureau Under Civil Service Laws.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.-Administration officials are preparing the way for the proclamation of the order placing the internal revenue service under the operation of the civil service laws.

There is a doubt as to whether deputy collectors will be brought under the civil service law. It is argued that their duties and responsibilities are so closely linked with those of the collectors themselves that the incumbents of the offices should be at liberty to appoint those deputies. No conclusion on this head has as yet been reached, but the president may determine to exempt the subordinates named. All others, clerks, storekeepers, guagers and the like, will find full protection in the order of extension. Lists of all the employes in the service in all the districts throughout the United States. are being prepared and will be turned over to the civil service commission in a few days. This will be done to prevent collectors from making wholesale dismissals of those Republican employes remaining and appointing Democrats to the positions in anticipation of the order.

There are in the neighborhood of 5,000 places in the internal revenue service, ranging in salaries from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per year. In consequence, the expected order of the president, if it covers the entire service, will be the most important and far reaching of any issued during the present administration.

A NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN

Secretary Gresham and Minister Kurino Quietly Sign the State Document.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.-Secretary of State Gresham, in behalf of the United States, and Minister Kurino of Japan, in behalf of his country, have affixed their signatures to a new treaty of amity and commerce between this country and Japan.

Coming at the present time, the signing of the treaty is considered of much significance beyond its actual terms, as it establishes cordiality between the countries when foreign powers are endeavoring to show that rejection of offers of war mediation. was a snub to the United States. The signing of the treaty concludes a labor which has been in progress for fifteen years, through the administrations of several Japanese ministers.

Murdered and Robbed.

MONETT, Mo., Nov. 24.-Jesse Dorsen, who claimed his home in Rogers,

door and scores of women fainted. Vote of the Populists.

