

## THAT HIGH SCHOOL LAW

Superintendent Jackson Addresses a Letter to Nebraska Educators.

### ACTION OF THE COURT DISCUSSED

Practically Impossible to Frame a Law That Will Be Constitutional Unless the Constitution Itself Be Amended—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 23.—State Superintendent Jackson has addressed the following letter to Nebraska educators touching the recent decision of the supreme court in declaring the free high school attendance law unconstitutional.

In High School District, No. 137, of Havelock, Neb., against County of Lancaster, in an opinion prepared by Judge Norval, the high school law passed in 1899 was today declared unconstitutional. Briefly stated, the grounds of this decision are as follows:

The law provided for the attendance of persons of school age at any high school in the county where such person resided outside the limits of any high school district. The tuition for such attendance at the rate of 75 cents per week was required to be paid by the high school district by the county. It was held in the opinion referred to that if 75 cents per week was in excess of fair compensation it was, on the one hand, favorable to the high school district, and on the other hand in the same degree was unfair to the remainder of the county. If conditions were reversed and 75 cents was insufficient, the county profited and the high school district was discriminated against. It was assumed that the rate indicated must necessarily be unequal and an unfair discrimination, one way or the other; that therefore the law was unconstitutional because in contravention of sections 1, 4 and 6 of article ix of the constitution of Nebraska. These sections, for the purposes of the case, were epitomized in the following paragraph of the syllabus prepared by Judge Norval: "The constitution of this state requires not only that the valuation of property for taxation, but the rate as well, must be uniform."

It would seem in the face of the foregoing that it will be practically impossible to frame a law that will be constitutional unless the constitution itself be amended.

We hope that no young man or young woman will feel that a high school education, or even a more advanced education, is cut off because of this decision. The self-reliant young man or young woman who has the perseverance and determination to get an education will be able to overcome obstacles and make ways, and indeed it is a question whether it is not unfortunate for a young man to have his tuition paid if he is able to pay his way by his own efforts. We shall hope that there will continue to be the same interest and enthusiasm in the high schools of our state that has so fully characterized them during the present year.

### State Entitled to a Share.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 23.—A copy of the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the State of Nebraska against J. W. McDonald, receiver of the defunct Capital National bank, was filed with the authorities at the state house. This suit was instituted to recover the state's deposit in the broken bank, amounting to \$285,351.85, and the decision of the court of appeals holds that the state has a legal claim to the money and should be paid pro rata with other depositors. The receiver is scored rather severely for refusing to allow the claim, which the court holds to be confessedly just and meritorious.

The opinion in the case is quite extensive and contains much matter of interest to Nebraska lawyers. The supreme court is complimented very highly in the following terms: "The state of Nebraska early adopted the reform system of pleading, and there is probably no state in the union whose courts have given to that system a more liberal and enlightened interpretation or one more in harmony with its obvious and, we may say, expressed purpose and intent. The code of that state abolishes all common law forms of actions."

### Nebraska Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Dr. John N. Agan was appointed pension examining surgeon at Pender. George W. Nation has been appointed postmaster at Willey, Box Butte county vice G. E. Willey, resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Abdul, Nuckolls county, with Boyd H. Kizar as postmaster.

### Boy Shoots Himself.

AXTELL, Neb., April 23.—John Bick, a farmer boy living eight miles north of town, while out herding cattle with a shotgun loaded with goose shot accidentally shot himself in the arm, tearing out the muscles of the forearm and injuring the bones.

### Brought to Hebron for Burial.

HEBRON, Neb., April 23.—The remains of O. B. Shade, a dry goods merchant of this city some years ago, were brought here for burial. Mr. Shade had lived since leaving Hebron, at Leachwood, Iowa, but had been traveling and died of rheumatism at Cherokee, Iowa. The Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, of which Mr. Shade had been a member, took charge of the funeral.

### Omaha's First White Settler.

OMAHA, April 23.—Thursday was the seventy-fifth birthday of "Uncle Bill" Snowden, Omaha's first white settler. With his wife he crossed the Missouri river from Council Bluffs July 11, 1854, and took up his residence on this side. Major William P. Snowden has lived in Omaha continuously since that time. He is hale, hearty and happy on his seventy-fifth birthday, but he is not spending it in idleness. He is a constable in the court of County Judge Vinsonhaler and is serving papers and doing all the duties incident to his position.

## WELCOME FOR PROF. ANDREWS.

New Chancellor of the University Sure of His Ground.

LINCOLN, April 21.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews of the Chicago city school has accepted the chancellorship of the state university. Dr. Andrews' commission takes effect August 1, or about a month prior to the closing of school has accepted the chancellorship. Chancellor Bessey will remain at the head of the institution until succeeded by Chancellor Andrews, when he will return to his former position as dean of the industrial college and head of the botanical department.

Dr. Andrews will meet with a hearty reception when he assumes the duties of his new position. The faculty of the university was very favorably impressed by his appearance here last Saturday and it is generally agreed that so far as scholarship is concerned he possesses all the requirements necessary for the chancellor of the university.

It is rumored that the board of regents will make some changes at its meeting. The department of journalism, which has been leading a precarious existence for the last few years, may be discontinued after the close of the present semester and other slight changes in minor departments are apt to be made at the same time.

### Claims the Reward.

LINCOLN, April 21.—The reward of \$200 offered by Governor Holcomb in 1898 for arrest and conviction of Frank Cheesman at Brownville has been claimed by J. H. Dickinson, an ex-sheriff of Iowa. Dickinson claims to have arrested George H. Ray, who afterwards was found guilty of committing the crime and sentenced to the state penitentiary. The law authorizing the governor of the state to offer rewards for the capture and conviction of fugitives from justice provides that the judge before whom the criminal is convicted must furnish the governor with a certificate showing the capture. Absence of this proof prevented the governor from issuing a check to Mr. Dickinson.

### Waugh's Funeral at Washington.

PLATTSBOURGH, Neb., April 21.—The Misses Margaret and Florence, daughters of Hon. Samuel Waugh, cashier of the First National bank in this city, will depart Sunday for Washington, D. C., to attend the funeral services of their brother, John R. Waugh, second lieutenant Company H, Thirtieth Nebraska volunteers, in the National cemetery at Arlington. Dr. J. W. Rawlins of Williamsburg, Va., father of Mrs. Waugh, and many other relatives of the family, will also attend. The body was started from San Francisco on the 18th and will be interred with fitting military ceremonies.

### J. P. Breittling Dead.

FREMONT, Neb., April 21.—J. P. Breittling, a well known citizen of Fremont, died here after an illness of some days. Although his condition had been serious it was not thought that the end was near until an hour or so before death. Mr. Breittling was born 64 years ago in Wurtenburg, Germany. He has been a resident of Fremont for about thirteen years, coming here from Genoa. He leaves a wife and six grown children, all of whom were with him at the time of his death.

### Agitating Atkinson Southern.

ATKINSON, Neb., April 21.—Railroad circles are a little agitated just now. The Atkinson & Northern, that was to run from this point to Boyd county, has passed into the hands of a promotion company. The treasurer of the new company will come on from Chicago the first of the week and has gone south over the line that is being surveyed to this point from Cedar Rapids. He took with him the funds with which to pay the surveyors.

### Racing With Death Over Rails.

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 21.—John Wehn of this place received word by wire that his wife, who has been visiting friends at Dewitt, was taken suddenly ill and not expected to live. A special train was at once engaged by Mr. Wehn and he hastened to his wife's bedside at a mile-a-minute clip. The special is reported to have made the first fifty-three miles in fifty-five minutes, including one stop.

### Smallpox at Crab Orchard.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 21.—Crab Orchard, fifteen miles west of here, has a case of smallpox. A stranger from Kansas is afflicted with the disease, it being a mild form. The village authorities have placed him under strict quarantine in a house at the outskirts of town, and the school has been temporarily closed as a precautionary measure.

### Nebraska City Girl Vanishes.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—The parents of Ture Sutton, a 16-year-old girl, are greatly alarmed over her mysterious disappearance from home several days ago. No trace of her can be found by her parents or police. The police are inclined to believe that she has eloped with a young stranger, with whom she recently became infatuated.

### Special Chases a Handcar.

LOUP CITY, Neb., April 21.—A special stock train going north on the Burlington nearly ran down a section gang about two miles east of this city. When the section men left this station the special had not been announced, and they saw it nearly onto them in a cut. They stopped their car, and in taking it from the track, John Marlow had the end of the middle finger of his left hand cut off.

### His Heart Failed.

BRAINARD, Neb., April 21.—Frank Sobeslowsky of this place while out walking stepped inside of Spahl's saloon. He had only got inside the door when he fell to the floor. Dr. Haynes was called and was at his side instantly, but could do nothing, as he died almost instantly. The doctor pronounced it heart disease. Mr. Sobeslowsky came here about six months ago from Morse Bluffs and was running a meat market. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and a Bohemian lodge.

## WAS A COLD, WET WEEK

However, Conditions Were Quite Favorable for Farm Work.

### SOAKING RAINS IN ALL SECTIONS

Precipitation Ranges From Two to Four Inches—Seeding of Wheat and Oats is Nearly Finished in All Sections—A Good Send-off for Spring Work.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—United States Department of Agriculture, climatic and crop service of the Weather bureau: Weekly crop bulletin of the Nebraska section for the week ending April 16, issued from the office of the section director at Lincoln:

The past week has been cold and cloudy, with heavy, general rains during the last days of the week. The average daily temperature deficiency has varied from 3 degrees in the western counties to nearly 4 degrees in the eastern. Heavy frost occurred on the morning of the 11th and the minimum temperatures were quite generally between 20 degrees and 26 degrees.

The rainfall for the week has been very heavy, exceeding an inch in nearly all parts of the state, and ranging from two to four inches over a considerable area. Rain, followed by snow, fell in the western counties on the 9th and 10th, but in most of the state all of the rain of the week fell on the 14th and 15th.

The week has been generally favorable for farm work, and the seeding of wheat and oats is nearly finished in all sections. Spring wheat and early sown oats are coming up and show a good stand. Winter wheat is in unusually good condition in most places. The low temperature of the week has retarded the growth of small grain and grass. The rain was exceptionally beneficial, coming just after practically the whole crop of small grain had been placed in the ground under exceptionally favorable conditions.

### Attacks Law From New Point.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—The validity of the legislative act of 1887, creating the State Board of Transportation, is to be attacked by Attorney W. D. McHugh of Omaha on behalf of the Burlington railroad, on grounds that have never been brought to the attention of any court. This act has been the subject of repeated attacks from telephone, express and railroad companies ever since its passage, but all of the litigation involved simply the constitutionality of the offices held by the secretaries and members of the Board of Transportation. Mr. McHugh claims to have discovered several errors in the title of the bill, as it was passed by the legislature, and will base his proceedings on these errors, not going into the question of whether the legislature has authority to create state officers not provided for in the constitution of the state, as was claimed in the former proceedings. The supreme court has rendered numerous decisions on the constitutionality of the act, every one of them being in favor of the board and its secretaries.

### Hunter Shoots His Hands Off.

STANTON, Neb., April 19.—A. E. Root met with a very painful accident this morning while arranging to go hunting. A shotgun in his own hands was accidentally discharged, entirely severing the left hand from the arm, just above the wrist. Mr. Root's home is at Stuart, Neb., and he was here working in the interest of the Modern Brotherhood of America and has a lodge ready to institute. He was a member of Company H, Sixth United States infantry during the Spanish-American war and participated in the famous charge up San Juan hill.

### Woman Probably Fatally Burned.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 19.—Mrs. Dan Huff, living in the south part of town, was fatally burned while trying to light the kitchen fire with kerosene. A young girl living at the home had started the fire and as it did not seem to burn well, Mrs. Huff, clad in a loose wrapper, arose to assist the fire by pouring on oil from a large can. The oil caught fire, the can exploded and Mrs. Huff was instantly enveloped in a blaze of burning oil. Her husband came to her assistance, but before the flames could be put out Mrs. Huff was badly burned from her throat down, her face and hair only escaping the fire.

### Smallpox at Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 19.—A case of smallpox is reported from Crab Orchard, fifteen miles west of here. A stranger from Kansas is stricken with the disease. He has been placed under strict quarantine in a house in the outskirts of town. The schools of the place have been temporarily closed.

### Pointer Goes to 8-H Lake.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—Governor Poynter left for Salt Lake City to attend the meeting of western governors who will consider the matter of the disposition of arid and semi-arid lands.

### Lightning Destroys Barn.

FORT CALHOUN, Neb., April 19.—The large barn of Matthias Lund, four miles southwest of here, was struck by lightning, and burned down. Insurance, \$300.

### Young Man Insane.

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—Sheriff Fader brought from Swaburg a delirious young man who has a peculiar form of insanity. His name is William Olson, and he is 23 years old. For the past two or three years he has not been right in his head, and just about the time the trees begin to bud in the spring his malady increases greatly. He has a fancy that he has a great herd of cattle under his control, and the board of insanity could induce him to talk of nothing else. He will be taken to the asylum.

## THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Quotations From New York, Chicago, South Omaha and Elsewhere.

### SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 19.—CATTLE.—The market for a while was slow. Buyers seemed to be indifferent and sellers complained that it was hard work to sell at satisfactory prices. The early market was slow and it was late before any business of consequence was transacted. The fat cattle market was unevenly lower, ranging all the way from weak to 10 lower. The least decline was on the choice fat little cattle. Beef steers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; steers and heifers, \$4.20 to \$4.80; cows, \$3.90 to \$4.25; heifers, \$3.80 to \$4.50; bulls, \$3.50 to \$3.85; calves, \$5.00 to \$7.00; stags, \$3.80 to \$4.20; steers and stags, \$3.75 to \$4.55; stock cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.50; stock calves, \$5.50 to \$8.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.25.

HOGS.—Sold a shade lower, that is about 2 1/2c lower than yesterday. The close was slow and weak at the decline. Good hogs sold very largely at 4 1/2c, the same as yesterday. \$4.50 to \$4.75 yesterday. The top today was \$5.55, which was 2 1/2c higher than yesterday.

SHEEP.—Following are quotations: Choice yearlings, \$6.15 to \$6.30; fair to good yearlings, \$6.00 to \$6.15; clipped yearlings, \$5.50 to \$6.00; good to choice wethers, \$6.00 to \$6.50; fair to good wethers, \$5.50 to \$6.00; clipped wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; good to choice red ewes, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good ewes, \$4.50 to \$5.00; clipped ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.50; good to choice native lambs, \$5.15 to \$5.25; good to choice western lambs, \$5.15 to \$5.25; fair to good western lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.15; clipped lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; feeder wethers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; feeder yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.50; good to choice feeder lambs, \$5.25 to \$6.00.

### KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 23.—CATTLE.—Market about steady; native steers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Texas steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas cows and heifers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.25; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

HOGS.—Market steady to shade lower; bulk of sales, \$5.00 to \$5.50; heavy, \$5.50 to \$6.00; light, \$4.50 to \$5.00; mixed, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Yorkers, \$5.50 to \$6.00; pigs, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

SHEEP.—Market strong; lambs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; muttons, \$5.50 to \$6.10.

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 23.—CATTLE.—Good to prime steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; poor to medium, \$3.00 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00; cows, \$3.00 to \$4.00; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; canners, \$2.25 to \$2.50; bulls, \$2.00 to \$2.50; calves, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Texas fed steers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Texas cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

HOGS.—Top, \$5.50 to \$5.75; mixed, \$5.00 to \$5.50; light, \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bulk of sales, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

SHEEP.—Good to choice wethers, \$5.50 to \$6.00; fair to choice mixed, \$4.50 to \$5.00; western sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.50; yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.50; native lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; western lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

### CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 23.—WHEAT.—No. 3 spring, \$2.00 to \$2.10; No. 2, \$1.90 to \$2.00; CORN.—No. 2, 35c; No. 2 yellow, 35c; OATS.—No. 2, 24c to 25c; No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; No. 3 white, 23c to 24c.

BARLEY.—No. 2, 42c to 45c. SEEDS.—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, \$1.75; Prime timothy, \$2.00 to \$2.15. Clover, \$1.75 to \$1.85.

PROVISIONS.—Mess pork, per bbl., \$11.50 to \$12.50; Lard, per 100 lbs., \$7.00 to \$7.50; Short ribs sides (boxed), \$7.00 to \$7.25; Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$5.75 to \$6.00; Short clear sides (boxed), \$7.50 to \$7.75.

### NEW YORK GRAIN MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 23.—WHEAT.—May, 72 1/2c; closed at 72c; July, 75c; closed at 74c; September, 72 1/2c; closed at 72c.

CORN.—Closed firm 1/2c net decline; May, 43 1/2c; closed at 43c; July, 44 1/2c; closed at 44c; September, 44 1/2c; closed at 44c.

OATS.—No. 1 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28c; track mixed western, 28c to 29c; track white western, 29c to 30c; track white state, 29c to 30c. Options weak, closing 1/2c net lower; May, closed at 25c; No. 2 white, May, 29c to 30c; closed at 29c.

### TO CONNECT TWO OCEANS

Railroad Across Mexico Being Rapidly Pushed to Completion.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 23.—Work is now going on in the reconstruction of the Tehuantepec railroad across the narrowest part of Mexico, and gives assurance that the road will be as solid and of as permanent a character as the Vera Cruz railroad. As the Tehuantepec road will have a maximum grade of half per cent compensated, it will be in a position to handle any traffic that can be secured on very economical terms. At present the Panama railroad handles 300,000 tons of freight per annum, 60 per cent of which is destined for or arises at ports north of Panama. The bulk of this naturally belongs to Tehuantepec. In addition, however, the road will capture a large volume of the traffic at present carried by railroads to the Pacific coast from the Mississippi valley, and it is confidently anticipated that this railroad will be doing as large a trade as the Panama within five years from its opening. The distance from Coatzacoalcas to San Francisco via Salina Cruz is 100 miles less than the distance from New Orleans to San Francisco via the Southern Pacific and the distance across the gulf from New Orleans to Coatzacoalcas is only 800 miles, and within a very few years there will be daily service boats between the two ports. The new terminal ports at Coatzacoalcas, on the Mexican gulf, and at Salina Cruz on the Pacific will be ready for handling very heavy freight trade in three years from now.

### Uncle Sam at Paris.

PARIS, April 23.—Among the Americans who were present at the inauguration of the Paris exposition and the accompanying fete, was Mr. John T. Shayne of Chicago. Speaking to a correspondent, he said: "Commissioner General Peck and his assistants are the busiest men in France. Their hard work has put the United States building and exhibits in a more advanced state than those of any other nation. Everything is nearly completed and the United States' display is going to be one of the most splendid sights in the fair. The attitude manifested by all Frenchmen toward Americans is admirable. The exposition in spite of many drawbacks will be a great success."

### The Will of a Millionaire.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—The will of Rufus Wright, who was mysteriously shot and killed in the Leland hotel last Saturday night, was filed for probate today. It disposes of an estate valued at \$800,000. This is believed to be a conservative estimate, and it is expected that the estate will figure up 1,000,000. According to the petition filed with the will the personal property valuation is \$600,000, and the real estate is valued at \$200,000. The dead millionaire manufacturer distributed \$28,800 in personal bequests among relatives and others, but left nothing to charity or public institutions.

## THE GUNS TAKEN AWAY

Not a Single Piece of Ordnance Now in Pretoria Forts.

### THE OPERATIONS ABOUT SPION KOP

All Infantry Divisions at Bloemfontein Now Supplied With Tents—Discovery of Concealed Arms and Ammunition at Kimberly.

LONDON, April 20.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Capetown says: A gentleman just arrived from the Transvaal assures me that not a single gun remains in the Pretoria forts.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch dated Wednesday, says:

"The news of the nature of the dispatch of Lord Roberts to the war office regarding the Spionkop operations has created much comment locally, but no resignations are mentioned."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Chronicle says: The requisite remounts have arrived and all the infantry divisions are now supplied with tents. The Boers in the immediate neighborhood are quiet, but both sides are steadily preparing for the coming struggle. Lord Roberts is now ready. Several lots of concealed arms and ammunition have been discovered here this week. The epidemic of enteric fever is abating.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, says: Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation forbidding civilians to carry arms without military permits and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 6.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19, 10:55 a. m., and beginning: "Via Press Censor, Bloemfontein," reports an exchange of shots in the direction of DeWetedorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating, "after their withdrawal from Wepener."

### REBUILDING OF DAWSON

Is Very Unsubstantial—Rush to Cape Nome Begins Early.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Deputy Consul Adams reports to the state department from Dawson City, February 28, that in spite of danger and hardship, no less than 700 people left for Cape Nome during the winter, and that thousands are ready to leave as soon as spring opens. The winter was the coldest on record. The gold output for this season is estimated at double that of a year ago, or from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000, due to improved methods of mining.

### GOVERNOR TAYLOR INDICTED

Charged With Complicity in Killing of Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 20.—It is persistently reported here tonight that Governor Taylor has been indicted by the grand jury and that the indictment was returned this morning, along with those against Captain Davis and Green Golden, but that this indictment will not be given out until Governor Taylor returns from Washington.

### BRYAN DENIES ANY ILLNESS

Says That He Has Never Felt Better and Will Continue Speeches.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon from Austin, Tex.: "To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: You may state for me that the stories that I am in ill health are untrue. I have never felt better in my life. I speak tonight at the University auditorium and next Saturday at Yearlings Grove, this county, and on next Tuesday at Wichita, Tex."

"WILLIAM J. BRYAN."

### New Gavel for Each Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Speaker Henderson was the recipient today of a unique gavel from Admiral Hichborn, chief of the bureau of construction of the navy department. It is made from the ribs of the cruiser Olympia, the flagship of Admiral Dewey, and is unlike most gavels in being a solid piece of wood without a handle, but with a groove in the middle for the speaker's grasp.

### Bryan Will Be Named.

NEW YORK, April 20.—It was declared today by Frank Campbell, chairman of the democratic state committee, that the committee had decided to hold the state convention in the middle of June in this city and that "so certain were the members that William J. Bryan would be the natural nominee for the presidential candidacy that the delegates would not be instructed."

### Meat Inspection in France.

BERLIN, April 20.—The agrarian newspapers reproduce a letter from a German employee of the Chicago stockyards whose name is not given, in which the concerns of Armour & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co. and Swat & Company are charged with conducting meat inspection in a farcical fashion.

A number of fancied facts are cited and the writer says the adoption of the German meat inspection bill would be a blessing to both countries. The journals which publish the letter comment editorially upon it.

### The Turkish Minister Calls.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Among the callers on Acting Secretary Hill today was Ali Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington. It was understood that the occasion for this call was the publication of the intention of the United States government to bring to an immediate issue the negotiations with Turkey relative to the payment of the American missionary and other claims. It is understood that the purpose of the minister was primarily to gather information on this subject.

Justice Garrett, of the Southwestern police court, London, says it is a shocking thing to find that the evidence in that court showed increasing drunkenness among women, and that on one day every prisoner charged with drunkenness was a woman.

George Frederick Williams of Boston, who is mentioned for the vice presidential nomination of the Democratic party, is a blue-eyed, light-complexioned, well-dressed bachelor of 44. His father, a German, came to America as George Weinmann, but changed his name to Williams.

If you would find out how poor a man is try to borrow money from him.

The Idaho prohibitionists want to send Miss Amanda Way to congress.

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