Only An Organization was Effected the Frst Day-Funk of Hardin Elected Speaker of the House by Acclamation.

Iowa Solons In Session.

The Twenty-seventh general assembly of Iowa met Monday morning in Des Moines, and an organization was effected in both houses and the members sworn in. Emmert of Cass, Democrat, was sworn in as senator from Cass and Shelby, and Christie of Wright, Democrat, as representative from Hancock and Wright Each has a contest on his hands, to be determined later by a recount of the votes by special committees.

Mr. Funk was elected speaker of the house by acclamation. In taking the gavel he said the duties of the legislature were as grave as have confronted any session since the war. The state demands measures that will reduce the state debt, and do iwithout crippling the administration in any way. The new revenue law is but an experiment as yet. Its aim was to levy a larger share of taxes against interests that in the past have not paid their full share. These interests will be here importuning to be relieved of these new burdens. It will be the duty of the assembly to consider carefully every such request before any measure be adopted to reduce

A resolution was presented in the house to reduce the number of house employes. but it was held to be out of order for the time being.

In the senate Lieut. Gov. Parrott was in the chair. The new officers were elected and members sworn in. A resolution was adopted for a committee of five to confer with a like committee of the house relative to inaugural arrangements. The governor's message was not presented at the first session.

TO MAKE WORK FOR THE IDLE

New York Typographical Union Indorses the Pingree Idea.

How to find work for the unemployed in the large cities on a self-sustaining basis is a question which Typographical Union No. 6 of New York is trying to solve. The officers of the union have come to the conclusion that the cultivation of the unused land is the most reasonable form of relief, and it has unanimously decided to make use of the vacant lot farm. F. H. Goodyear of Buffalo, president of the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railway and owner of a tract of land in northwestern Pennsylvania, has offered to Big Six from 1,000 to 2,000 acres for a colony. He expects the presence of the colony to bring business to his road. Title will be conveyed after the colony is fairly established The union expects to raise \$10,000 and the donor of tthe land will contribute a like amount. The union has appointed a committee to consider the project.

BEEF COMBINE TO RETALIAT

Move to Place a High Tariff on French and German Products.

A Chicago dispatch says the "beef trust' is going to fight Europe. Chicago exporters and producers of provisions, including the so called "Big Four," are preparing to retaliate upon the French and Germans, who insist upon placing embargoes and outrageous tariffs upon exportations of pork, canned beef and lard from this Whitmore Lake, Mich., collapsed Friday, country. At their solicitation Representative Belknap has introduced a bill in the house at Washington, providing for a tariff of 50 per cent. in addition to present rates on the more important products sent to this country by foreign nations which refuse to observe or make reciprocity treaties.

MURDERED IN THEIR BEDS.

Massachusetts Farmer, Wife and Daughter Slain with an Ax.

Francis B. Newton a prosperous farmer of Brookfield, Mass., his wife Sarah and 10-year-old adopted daughter were found murdered in their beds Monday morning. The crime was discovered by neighbors whose curiosity was aroused by the lowing of unfed cattle. They were killed with an ax. The hired man is missing for him.

Another Monetary Commission. Senator Chandler had a conference with President McKinley Monday upon the subject of bi-metallism. He said, after the interview: "The president stands firm in favor of international bi-metallism as promised by the St. Louis platform. The president's intention is to again send envoys to Europe as soon as conditions are favorable for continuing the negotiations.

Sparrow Bounty Frauds. State's Attorney Morris of Illinois has recovered Richland County orders to the amount of \$500 which had been fraudulently given to six boys as bounties on sparrow heads. Birds were cut up into many pieces and decorated with feathers so as to appear like heads. The ages of the boys range from 11 to 14 years. They belong to good families.

Invite Bryan to Talk.

The Mississippi house of representatives passed a concurrent resolution, introduced by Representative McClauren inviting Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska to address the present session of the legislature. There was only one dissenting vote.

Exports and Imports. The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to \$32,-000 in gold and \$1,102,850 in silver. Imports were: Gold, \$817,831; silver, \$157,-218; dry goods, \$2,390,152; general merchandise, \$7,287,184.

The Valentine Democrat REVERSES THE COMMISSION

Judge Speer's Decision in an Interstate Commerce Case.

Judge Speer of the United States court at Macon, Ga., handed down a decision Saturday reversing the finding of the interstate commerce commission in a case in which it was sought to secure lower rates from Cincinnati and Louisville to Griffin, Ga., than to Macon, which is sixty-five miles further south. Judge Speer holds that Macon is a far more important commercial point, with more competing railroads, and entitled to lower rates than Griffin on the score of these advantages In the opinion he says:

"Shall the government undertake the impossible, but injurious task of making the commercial advantages of one place equal to those of another? It might as well attempt to equalize the intellectual powers of its people. There should be no attempt to deprive a community of its natural advantages of those legitimate rewards which flow from large investments in business, industries and competing systems of transportation to facilitate com merce. The act to regulate interstate com merce has no such purpose."

CONTROL OF THE SEX.

Medical Fraternity Interested in a

Vienna Doctor's Statement. The medical fraternity in New York city is very much interested in the report from Vienna that Dr. Schneck had discovered the secret of exercising an influence over females so as to fix the sex of their offspring. Dr. George F. Shrady, editor of the Medical Record, said:

"I think Dr. Schenck's discovery is probably a revival of the old theory which holds that the sex of a child is determined wholly or in part by the manner in which its parents, are nourished. The study of animals has shown that the female, when confined to a low diet, if it conceives at all, will bring forth a male. Contrarily, when the diet is of high nutrition, the issue is likely to be a female. The breeders of all sorts of animals have gone to great length in attempts to indubitably prove this theory, and to a certain extent the results bear it out. Of course, there are exceptions."

LAST STRAW FOR SPAIN.

United States, it is Said, May Be

Asked to Use Good Offices. A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Washington says: Spain is considering a formal request to the United States to use its good offices to stop the fighting in Cuba Intimation has been made at the state department that the Sagasta government had become convinced that the only way to save Cuba was to accept the often proffered good offices of the United States. Canovas repeatedly replied to President Cleveland declining these good offices, and Sagasta did the same last November. Now the prime minister has become completely disheart ened over the evident failure of autonomy

CREEKS WILL CONTEST.

Acts Giving Federal Courts Juris

diction to Be Fought. The Creek council, in spite of the message of Secretary Bliss, warning them not to do so, has passed an act appropriating \$20,000 to be used in employing attorneys to fight the constitutionality of the act of congress giving the United States courts full jurisdiction after January 1.

All acts of the Indian councils after Jan uary 1 must be approved by the president of the United States. Secretary Bliss has already said that he would not recommend such an act as the Creek council passed to the president for approval.

MAMMOTH ICE HOUSE FALLS.

Two Men Killed, Five Fatally and a

Dozen Seriously Hurt. The Toledo Ice Company's mammoth ice house, in course of construction at killing two men instantly, probably wounding five and injruing a dozen others.

Policeman on Pension Roll. The recent crusade to expunge from the pension list all persons who are not entitled to pensions may cause an upheaval in the police force of St. Louis. It is stated on the best authority that at least fifty men on the police force are drawing disability pensions from the government and also drawing their salaries as able-bodied policemen. The police board, it is stated by one of the commissioners, will investigate the matter.

Dr. Joseph O'Dwyer Dead.

Dr. Joseph O'Dwyer died in New York Friday after an extended illness, from tubercular meningitis. Dr. O'Dwyer took and the authorities are making a search high rank in the medical profession. A few years ago he achieved international fame by inventing tubes which have been adopted throughout the country for the purpose of saving children suffering with diphtheritic croup.

> Three Trainmen Badly Hurt. A Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs passenger train, southbound, colided with a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight at St. Joe, Mo., Friday. Fireman Frank Brown of St. Joe had both legs cut off, Eli Messenger of Clinton, Iowa, legs broken, and Engineer O. W.

> Wright of St. Joseph, legs crushed. Shoves a Child Under the Ice. Sunday morning an unknown man broke a hole in the ice in the Missouri River at St. Joseph, Mo., and shoved a small child into the opening. A man who witnessed the affair told a boy to notify the police and followed the murderer across the river into Kansas. Neither pursuer nor pursued have been found:

Double Mississippi Lynching. Jim Watts and Sam Cole, negroes of Nelson County, Mississippi, were lynched in Pea Ridge, Kemper County, a few days ago. They went to Pea Ridge to visit relatives, and became too thick with their kinsmen's wives. The lynchers are said to be negroes.

Weekly Bank Statement. The New York weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$6,476,000. The | Columbus decided to ask for an advance banks now hold \$22,264.000 in excess of of 10 cents a ton when the contract for the legal requirements.

BURNED THEM ALIVE

HORRIBLE FATE OF TWO SEMI-NOLE HALFBREEDS.

Met Death at the Hands of an Enraged Mob in Oklahoma-Charged with Outraging and Murdering Farmer's Wife-Other Items,

Are Burned at the Stake.

A dispatch from Fort Smith, Ark., Sunday says: Justice in a more horrible form than that meted out to Henry Smith of Paris, Tex., was administered by a mob on the Oklahoma border Friday night to J. Marcus McGeisey and Palmer Simpson two Seminole Indians. They were charged with murder, their victim being Mrs. James Simmons a respectable farmer's wife living in Oklahoma. The crime was a most revolting one and the criminals were punished in a most revolting manner. Mrs. Simmons was outraged and murdered the body being horribly mutilated. The murder and mutilation so enraged the neighborhood that nearly the entire populace turned out to down and punish the guilty parties. The trail led the posse to the home of McGeisey, near Maud, a small town in the Seminole nation, where McGeisey and Simpson were arrested. The prisoners were carried back across the line into Oklahoma Territory and near the scene of their crime they were executed by "Judge Lynch's" order in the most horrible manner that human minds and hands could devise. They were burned at the stake. The Indians met their doom with the usual stoicism of their race. After life was extinct the mob allowed the fire to die down and they quickly dispersed to their several homes.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Six Workmen Believed to Have Per

ished in Kansas. Six lives are supposed to have been lost by an explosion, probably of damp or gas, at 6:40 o'clock Saturday evening in the Mt. Carmel Coal Company's mine near Chicopee, Kan. Had the accident occurred half an hour later the forty men of the night shift would have been caught.

The explosion, which was accompanied by a loud report, wrecked the blacksmith shop and other buildings at the surface, and started a fire in the timbering. However, the fans were quickly started and the of the Cuban insurgents, will arrive in fire was extinguished. Twenty minutes | Havana shortly and accompany the capafter the explosion two men escaped from the smoking shaft by climbing up the framework.

BRYAN SPEAKS IN CHICAGO.

Silver Champion Guest of Honor at a Jackson Day Banquet.

A host of Democrats, quite a number of them from lowa, Indiana and Wisconsin, celebrated Jackson day in Chicago by a banquet at the Tremont House Saturday. For an hour or so prior to the feast Mr. Bryan held a reception in the hotel parlors and shook hands with a large number of callers. Nearly five hundred were seated at the banquet. Mayor Harrison presided and acted as toastmaster. Mr. Bryan was received with cheers when introduced.

TOW BOAT BLOWN UP.

Half a Dozen Killed in an Explosion on the Allegheny River.

The towboat Percy Kelsy, which left Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday morning with a tow of coal barges, blew up near Glenfield and was completely wrecked, Six or eight of the crew were killed, and at least four injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The boat was literally torn to pieces and the tow scattered and lost. The hull sank almost immediately and the scattered portions of the upper works floated down the river with here and there a human form clinging to them.

Gang of Swindlers Arrested. St. Louis: On Monday police officers arrested four Italians, Carlos Pasquino, Jose Arno, Charles Cerutti and Frank Bassi, in a small room in the Italian quarter of the city, on the charge of swindling. The prisoners are suspected of being the perpetrators of swindles in every prominent city in the Unithe States. Pasquino had \$4,000 in his possession and could not explain where he got it.

Slayer of Terriss is Insane.

It is possible that Richard Arthur Prince the assassin of William Terriss, the actor, will be declared insane by a commission in London, and sent to an asylum without trial as is sometimes done. His friends corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 20c have now procured his examination by an insanity expert who declares the prisoner to be insane.

Major Moses P. Handy Dead.

Major Moses P. Handy, special United States commissioner to the Paris exposition of 1900, who recently returned from France, broken down in health, and went to Augusta, Ga., to recuperate, died at noon Saturday. His remains were taken to Berlin, Md., for burial.

Wage Scale Signed.

The wage scale at the 10-inch mill of the Homestead (Pa.) works has been signed by the employes. The men objected to the cut, but Superintendent Corey showed that it was necessary to compete with other manufacturers. This places the entire plant in operation.

Tornado in Kentucky.

At 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon a cyclone struck Morganfield, Ky., unroofing the old Methodist church and the parson's house, totally demolishing several business houses. Harvey Sellers, the city marshal, was instantly killed by falling walls.

Durrant's Body to be Cremated. A dispatch from San Francisco Monday says: No funeral arrangements have yet

been made by the Durrants and their son's body still lies in the parlor of the Durrant home. It is expected that it will be cremated in the Odd Fellows' crematory. Ohio Miners to Ask an Advance.

The Ohio miners in convention at next year is made.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

The New Year Opens Well for Trade in General.

Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade says: The year opens with a tone of quiet confidence prevading nearly all branches of business with encouraging actiity in the iron trade, a resumption of work by many thousands of industrial employes in the western glass industry, a largely reduced volume of business failures as compared with corresponding periods in preceding years and a general outlook certainly not inferior to any previous year at this time. While the volume of distributive business is no larger industrial activity is a special feature unconfined to any one section, but especially noted in the west. Resumption of work after the holidays has been generally encouraging in that section.

Bank failures in 1897 followed the general tendency of business mortality in all other lines of business. The reputation of the banking community for conservatism, however, is borne out by the relatively heavier falling off in the number of failures and the reduced volume of liabilities of banks and trust companies, as compared with preceding years, than in ordinary commercial circles.

QUICK JUSTICE IN INDIANA.

Young Burglar Tried and Sentenced

on the Day of His Crime. Early Friday morning a burglar was discovered in the store of John P. Thomas at Claypool, Ind. After a desperate struggle during which several shots were exchanged, the robber was captured and proved to be Clarence Thomas, grandson of the proprietor. The latter is justice of the peace. At 6:30 a.m. he gave his grandson a preliminary hearing and bound him over to the circuit court. At 8 o'clock he arrived in Warsaw, where court is now in session. At 9 o'clock the case was called. Clarence pleaded guilty and at 9:30 a.m. Judge Biggs sentenced him to an indeterminate term of from two to fourteen years in Jeffersonville prison.

CONFERENCE WITH GOMEZ.

Rumored that Blanco, Lee and Palma Will Meet Cuban Leader. It has been rumored that Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, the United States consul general at Havana, will accompany Capt. Gen. Blanco when the latter takes the field. It is further reported that Senor Estrada Palma, the delegate to the United States tain general and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee to the field and that a conference with Gen. Maximo Gomez will follow. The report has caused a sensation in Havana.

FOUR MEN ARE LYNCHED.

Two Murderers and Two Rapists Executed by Arkansas Mobs.

Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were rapist and two murders. The ravishers, Devo and Huntly, were swung up three miles north of Bearden, and the murderers met their fate a few miles south of Bearden. The work was done by two separate mobs, and according to reports created little excite-

Money Plentiful in the West. There is a great glut of funds in the western country banks, says a dispatch from Chicago. Bank deposits have doubled within a year in some sections. The present phenominal condition of a plentitude of money in the great agricultural sections of the west has not only a far reaching bearing on general business and industrial conditions throughout the nation, but also on the problems connected with the equalizing of capital distribution in all parts of the country.

Wholesale Chicago Burglary. Burglars entered the residence of W. W. Jacobs of Chicago and stole \$20,000 worth of mining stocks, besides a collection of

rare coins, musical instruments, rare books, jewelry, silverware and clothing.

Big Fire at Glasgow.

During a fire at Glasgow, Scotland, an explosion killed four firemen and injured a number of other people. The damage is

Hanging in Georgia. Simon Hopkins, colored, was hanged at Cambridge, Ga., Friday for the murder of a man named Harris.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 91c; to 22c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 46c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh. 21c to 23c; new potatoes, 50c to 65c per

Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50: wheat, No. 2, 90c to 92c; corn, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 46c.

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 mixed; 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c. Detroit-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs,

Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, 47c to 48c. Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 93c: corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; oats, No.

2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c clover seed, \$3.20 to \$3.25. Milwaukee-Wheat, No. 2 spring, 86c to 88c: corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c; barley, No. 2, 38c to 43c; pork, mess,

\$8.75 to \$9.25. Buffalo-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.00 to \$1.01; corn, No. 2, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; butter, creamery, 15c to 23c; eggs, Western, 21c to 24c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Received Reports From All the Counties Stating that Wheat is in Excellent Condition-Short Notes.

The state board of agriculture has re-

Condition of Wheat Crop.

eived reports from all the counties in the state showing the condition of Nebraska wheat to be 96. In view of the extraordinary cold weather of the last menth this is considered to be an excellent indication, The same report shows the condition of range cattle to be better than for many MAN AND WOMAN MURDERED

Double Killing Occurs in a Farm down from \$100,000, as proposed by Sena-House Near Fairbury.

George Baker and his wife, living on farm-two miles west of Fairbury, were \$50,000. It is believed that the bill should both killed about 6 o'clock on the morning it pass the house, will be the means of asof January 4 by shots fired through the window of their bedroom, and indications pointed to William Baker, the dead man's brother, as the murderer. Bloodhounds were put on the trail, and about four miles from the scene of the murder William Baker's body was found, the top of the of pottery and textile fabrics from the head having been blown off by the same shotgun used to commit the murder.

There is no explanation for the crime. The shooting occured while Baker and his wife were dressing. Each victim was shot in the face, death resulting instantly. Two panes of glass were blown out of the window, and the faces of Baker and his used and the charges were unusually heavy. Baker's hired man was at the barn and heard the shots, but paid no attention to them until another man came running from the house and told him Baker was shot. The two ran at once to the house, and looking through the window, saw the bodies lying on the floor. They were so frightened they did not make the facts known till some time afterward.

MUST GO TO PRISON.

Supreme Court Affirms Sentence of Ex-Treasurer Bartley.

The supreme court has rendered a decision affirming the penitentiary sentence of Byrne retiring. E. W. Burdie, an old res-Douglas County of the embezzlement of man. \$735,000. The opinion is very lengthy and is concurred in by all of the judges. Bartley, since his conviction last fall, has been lately. The other evening a set of harnessin the county jail at Omaha. Bartley took | was taken from the York Hotel barn and no surprise or even the slightest emotion. from other places. He gave no expression whatever of his

Bloodhounds Detect Thieves. Short work was made in capturing two of the three men who held up and robbed Dr. Hitchcock, the East Lincoln druggist. The Beatrice bloodhounds were sent for and when put upon the trail went direct to the Fedawa residence in the east part of the city where Jay Fedawa and a man giving his name as J. W. Rice were captured and taken to jail. The third man of the men has established the efficiency of the dogs for tracking thieves and will no doubt have the effect of frightening the other thieves who have been plying their

trade so freely this winter. Involves Omaha Property. The supreme court has handed down an opinion in the case of Brown, Johnson & Co., the London bankers, against Phoebe Rebecca Elizabeth Elwina Linton and Adolphus Frederick Linton, reversing the decree rendered by Judge Ferguson rendered about three years ago. The suit involves a mortgage of £10,000 on a tract of fifty acres on Center Street, Omaha. The mortgage is sustained by the supreme court, and Brown, Johnson & Co. will get a decree for £10,000 with interest from October 21, 1889, amounting now to about

Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

The jury empaneled by Coroner Swanson after viewing the body found by Chris Rolss, three miles from Elkhorn, and listening to the evidence of several witnesses, found that the deceased came to his death by his own hands. The man had burrowed into one of Mr. Rolss' straw stacks. On removing the stranger from the hole it was discovered that the man had a knife wound in his neck from which the blood was still pouring. He died without uttering a sound. The stab in the

neck had severed the jugular vein. Capture a Postoffice Burglar. Shortly after the robbery of the postoffice at Arapahoe a description of the burglars was given the public. A few days since a couple of tramps appeared in Curtis. One was immediately arrested. Postoffice Inspector Dice ordered the fellow to be held at all hazards until the proper officials could come after him, as he was also wanted for robbing the postoffice at Exeter in December. A reward of \$200 had been offered for his capture.

Jail Breakers Interrupted. The fifth attempt to escape from the county jail at Nebraska City in as many weeks was made by the prisoners last week. Thomas King, who is awaiting trial on the charge of burglary, obtained a small steel saw with which he sawed off the lock of his cell door. He was discov- ured this year will be about 6,750,000 ered just as he was in the act of liberating pounds.

Quarrel Over a Girl.

A. J. Howard, a young man of Ord, shot at William Rutherford the other day at the Rutherford home, northwest of that in to winter from the south and west, which town. The shooting was done at the distance of about a rod, but no one was hurt. Howard was arrested and charged with attempted murder. The cause of the trouble was a dispute over a girl.

Loses a Finger. J. H. Walker met with a serious accident at Juniata by accidentally getting his

hand into a corn sheller. The forefinger had to be taken off. Safeblowers at Roseland.

Safeblowers visited Roseland the other night. They blew open the safe at J. H Pope's grain office, but only succeeded in getting a few cents in stamps. Duncan Brothers' office was also enteerd, but nothing was taken, as their safe is not closed.

Crazy Woman at Large.

from Humboldt recently, Mrs. Beck, made | the train ran through the house completely her appearance in the vicinity of her old demolishing it. The engineer jumped of home again on January 2. She was seen before reaching the house and the trail and recognized, but before she could be ran about a mile before the conductor arrested she had disappeared.

CUBAN RELIEF COMMISSION.

Governor Holcomb Names Men Who

Will Take Part. Governor Holcomb has appointed the following persons as members of the Cuban relief committee: Rev. H. C. Rowlands, General P. H. Barry and M. D. The State Board of Agriculture Has Welch, Lincoln; J. E. Utt, W. N. Nason, Omaha. The appointment of the committee was prompted by the receipt of the

following telegam: Governor Silas A. Holcomb, Lincoln: Central Cuban Relief Committee appointed by President McKinley urges upon your excellency the immediate formation of efficient committees for the collection of funds, food, clothing and medicin€ in your state for Cuba's starving people to be transmitted free by this committee to Consul General Lee, Havana. May we depend upon your hearty co-operation? Wire answer.

STEPHEN E. BARTON.

Senate Favors Indian Exhibit.

The United States senate has passed tre bill to provide for an exhibition of Indian life during the Trans-Mississippi exposition in Omaha, cutting the appropriation tor Allen's bill to \$45,000. The Indian affairs committee had reported in favor of sembling in Omaha during the coming summer the most interesting Indian exhibit ever seen in the world. It is the intention of the prometers of the enterprise to bring up families of the Moquis, Arapahoes, Navajoes and other manufacturers southwest, as well as to have a good display of the tribal life of the northern and

Banker Mills Goes to Prison. B. D. Mills of Lincoln, late president of

western Indians.

a defunct national bank in Harlan County, has been taken to the penitentiary to serve a sentence of five years. He was conwife were filled with shot. Quail shot was victed with Ezra Whitney, treasurer of Harlan County, of embezzling \$11,009 county funds, and the supreme court affirmed the sentence.

Bold Hold Up. Another bold hold up occurred in Lin-

coin the other night. Three footpads com-

pelled Dr. Hitchcock to stand and deliver. and secured a gold watch and \$40 in cash as their booty. Highway robberies have been frequent for several months and the police seem to be powerless to stop them. Nebraska Short Notes. The Peavey Elevator Company at Her-

twenty years imposed on ex-Treasurer ident and well known stock and grain Bartley, convicted in the district court of buyer, will represent the Peaveys at Her-The people of York are bothered by the petty thieving which has been going on

man has changed local managers, John

the announcement very coolly, showing a number of articles are reported missing Homer Jolts of St. Paul and A. V. Yarman went out hunting near Palmer, and met with a serious accident. While both were in a wagon a gun which they were fixing exploded and both men were hurt.

Homer Jolts lost one eye and one thumb, and Mr. Yarmen lost an eve. Benjamin McKeon's drug store at Fairfield was ransacked by burglars recently. The work was evidently that of a novice... as a clumsy, but ineffectual attempt was made to pry open a cash drawer. Two has not been located. The quick capture slot machines were carried off bodily, and

they probably contained \$5 to \$10. The second annual show of the Republican Valley Poultry Association held at Superior last week attracted general attention, not only in the immediate vicinity but from all parts of Nebraska and Kansas. Hundreds of visitors were in attend-

ance daily and many are the favorablecomments. Complaint was filed the other day with the board of education at Nebraska City against Harry Morgan, principal of one of the ward schools, by A. O. and W. J. Harrison, who allege that their sister. Nellie Harrison, was compelled to climb stairs an excessive number of times as punishment of some infraction of rules. The girl was 11 years of age and a few days after the punishment is said to have been infleted was taken ill, and died two or three days later of inflamation of the

Ewing reports not a single vacant resi-

Thieves put in a busy night at Niobrara recently. Four places were entered the same night.

Two thousand head of cattle were unloaded at Ewing in one week. They are to be wintered in that vicinity. T. J. Bennett and wife of Stanton were seriously ill for a few days as a result of

inhaling gas from a hard coal stove.

William Blakeley, a wealthy Nebraska pioneer, is dead at his country home near Liberty, Gage County, aged 76. He came to the state forty years ago. Depredations among cattle by wolvesare reported from the south divide, in Kim-

ball county, which has heretofore beet

tolerably free from the pests. S. A. Prescott has sustained some losses. Some unknown party knocked at the door of Mr. Hansen's home near Wood River recently and when the door was opened by his daughter Grace, discharged

a gun full in her face tearing away the nose and ruining the sight of one eye. The Oxnard Beet Sugar Company factory at Grand Island closed down on beets at about 3 o'clock Friday, Dec. 31, that is to say, the last of the beets went into the factory at that time, and turned out the last sugar from beets. The sugar manufact-

Regardless of the fact that the largest hay crop in the history of Kimball County was harvested last fall, a shortage is already in sight. This is due to the demand for feed by those who have brought cattle started in the winter thin and required

considerable feed. Bad blood has existed at Tecumseh between William Knight and Timothy Lane for some time, as Lane has been paying undue attention to Knight's wife. Knight happened to meet Lane and his wife out for a walk. He saluted the couple by pulling a bull dog revolver and firing it four times at Lane. Lane got away without a

scratch. Rev. E. A. Witter of Edgerton, Wis., liam taken charge of the Seventh Day Baptist. Church at North Loup. This is the largest society of the denomination in the state.

While Mr. Singleton was moving a small house over the railroad at Lewiston a chain broke and compelled them to stop on the track. Men were sent in both directions to flag the trains but for some reason The crazy woman sent to the asylum the trainmen did not see the signals and could get to the engine and reverse it.