LOATH TO ADMIT IT

BUT RUSSIANS KNOW PORT ARTHUR FLEET IS LOST.

They Have Only One Regret-Would Have Liked a Final Fight, at Least-The Situation at Port Arthur-General War News.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: The Russian authorities evidently are not yet satisfied as to the truth of the report of the destruction of the remainder of the Port Arthur squadron, as the censor has not yet permitted the publication of for eign reports to that effect. Nevertheless, these reports are in the hands of the admiralty, where they are regarded as sounding the knell of the Port Arthur

The only regret expressed is that they did not get out for a final fight or sink in deep water, where they would be be youd hope of salvation.

A Japanese legation dispatch received at London from Tokio says: "The naval staff at Port Arthur reports Thursday evening that the Pallada was set on fire and heeled to port, with stern sunk. Elevshots hits the Gallak (gunboat). The Bayan took fire at 11:30 p. m., and was still ablaze at 4:15 o'clock Friday morning. The Amur (transport) was hit fourteen times and sank. Many shots greatly damaged the warehouses and other buildings near Peiyou Mountain and the arsenal."

Advices from the headquarters of the Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, state that on the night of Nov. 26 the Japanese established infantry trenches inside the parapets of two of the Ruhling and North Keekwan forts, but on the following day they were compelled to retire beyond the moats. Since then there has been practically no fighting done along the incline of the eastern ridge of forts, the main strength of the Japanese troops having been concentrated to effect the capture of 203 Meter Hill.

The battleship Pobieda has heeled over in the harbor and is now burning. The battleship Retzivan and the turret ship Poltiva have been sunk. The armored cruiser Bayan has been beached. The other vessels are making no effort to es

WILL INDICT MRS. CHADWICK

The Woman Must Answer in Lorain County, Ohio.

The grand jury at Elyria, O., adjourned after voting to indict Mrs. Chadwick on the charge of having obtained money under false pretenses in Lorain County, for Oberlin is in Lorain County, The verdict of the jury will not be of ficially rendered until later.

Prosecutor Stroup advised such a procedure. The jury is also looking into the rumors of a wholesale scheme to defraud. The connection of a New York lawyer and five other men with the Chadwick case in that county is being investi-

MORE CHEERFUL.

Stock Market Rallies Some, but

Selling Orders Predominate. The New York stock market opened weak and lower, the opening quotations showing declines of 1/2 to 1. The market soon steadied and in some shares there were good rallies. The feeling is rather more cheerful, although the unsettled conditions indicated in the early quotations tended to check anything like aggressive buying for a rise. Representatives of certain commission houses were reported to be buying moderately of the active list, while others seemed to have a preponderance of selling orders. There are no indications of forced liquidation.

Signed by Andrew Carnegie.

Judge Francis W. Downs, a prominent attorney of Binghamton, N. Y., said: "I have been informed on what I believe to be good authority that the notes offered by Mrs. Chadwick and purporting to be signed by Andrew Carnegie were genuine, and were signed by an Andrew Carnegie, not the great steel magnate, but by a relative of his of that name."

Coal Miners' Narrow Escape. A coal mine at South Bartonville, Ill., one mile south of Peoria, was discovered on fire at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. There were 100 men at work in the mine, but all were taken to a second shaft, half a mile distant, and made their escape, although some of them were overcome by smoke and gas. The origin

of the fire is a mystery. Shipbuilding Company Fails.

The Neafle & Levy Shipbuilding Company at Philadelphia, Pa., one of the oldest concerns of the kind in the country, assigned Friday. The company completed the Denver for the government and is now constructing the protected cruiser St. Louis.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.85@4.35. Hogs, \$4.20@4.35.

Overdraft Ends All Salaries. A Terre Haute, Ind., special says: The county treasurer of Vigo County has refused to honor warrants until an overdraft of nearly \$200,000, secretly piled up by the county commissioners, is disposed of.

Japanese Casualty List.

Imperial army headquarters at Tokio publishes a list of thirty-six officers killed and fifty-eight wounded. No mention is made where these casualties occurred. but presumably it was at Port Arthur.

A JURY IS SECURED.

Panel is Completed for the Nan Patterson Trial.

After John D. Benedict had been removed from the jury box by Justice Davis in the criminal branch of the supreme court at New York, the two jurors necessary to complete the panel in the trial of "Nan" Patterson for the murder of Caesar Young were chosen Thursday afternoon, and Assistant District Attorney Rand at once began his opening statement. Mrs. Patterson was the only woman in the court room when the prosecutor opened.

Mr. Rand practically repeated the iam Henkel. charges he made at the former trial, which was brought to a sudden end by rant, which charges a violation of secthe illness of a juror.

In closing, Mr. Rand said in part: "I cannot promise you that the men I shall call will swear to all they know. I defendant, because they have run away." out knocking, and found her in bed.

to show you where he ran to, who helped by United States Commissioner Shields him to keep away from the detectives Ohio." still hunting for him. I will not attempt to produce an eye witness to the shooting. Such of the witnesses as I will produce I want you to size up, because they are a queer lot. And after I have presay give it to this defendant."

After Mr. Levy, representing Miss Patterson, had objected to certain statements made by Mr. Rand, adjournment was taken until noon.

EVANGELIST ARRESTED.

Aged Preacher Accused of Forgery at Paris, Tex.

A. A. Arthur, aged 71 years, who has made his home at Hiawatha, Kan., since last September, representing himself as a retired preacher and evangelist, has been arrested by a St. Louis detective on a charge of forging a check for \$10,000 at Paris, Tex. Later Arthur admitted his guilt and agreed to return to Texas with-

out a requisition. Under the name of H. H. Boyd, Arthur conducted revival meetings at Paris last summer. In August he deposited a draft for \$10,000 in a Paris bank. The draft was regularly made out to H. H. Boyd, and was signed by M. M. Stevenson, cashier of the Georgia National Bank, at Athens, Ga. Arthurdrewout \$2,500 of the money and disappeared, after which it was discovered that the draft had been

IN DESPERATE GRIP.

Bandit Battles with Victim Amid Smoke and Flame.

Locked in a life and death struggle, Christopher Tripp and a masked bandit fought in a burning building at Murray, six miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah. Neither man relaxed his grip until their clothing was afire; then both crawled through the dense smoke to the outer

The highwayman, armed with a revolver, tried to hold up Christopher and Samuel Tripp in their brother's store. He fired at Christopher, when the latter resisted him. In the struggle that followed the stove was overturned and the resultant fire consumed the store.

The bandit escaped. WASHINGTON MINE DISASTER at a tremendous speed and erashed into ber of women and children, who formed Eleven Men are Dead and Four

Still in the Mine.

As the result of an explosion in the Wednesday, which it is believed was | fered minor injuries. caused by firedamp, eleven miners are dead, two badly injured, and it is known that at least four others are still in the

The search for the latter was abandoned at midnight, as it was deemed unsafe to continue the work of rescue. Eleven bodies, badly burned and mangled, have been recovered from the shaft,

Most of the employes were Poles or Italians. The married victims of the catastrophe leave large families,

Grand Larceny Charged.

At Buffalo, N. Y., warrants charging grand larceny in the second degree have been granted against former President Emery, Cashier Paul Werner and Assistant Cashier William Pluedeke, of the German bank, which was closed by the state banking department several days

Robber Gang Wrecks Safe.

Cracksmen wrecked the safe of the Bank of Metamora, Mich., early Wednesday morning and in getting away from aroused villagers a thug started a running pistol battle. The men finally at New York Wednesday afternoon, with reached the railroad tracks and escaped heavy unloading in all directions. The on a passing freight train.

Complications Avoided.

A Constantinople dispatch says the porte has yielded to the Austrian demand regarding the detention of Austrian mails, and the incident may be regarded as closed and the threatened complications avoided.

Killed in a Sand Pit.

At Missouri Valley, Ia., Samuel Cassidy, aged 22 years, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon while working in a sand pit near that city. The big sand bank coved in without a moment's warn-

Whole Family Murdered. An entire white family, named Hughes, living near Trenton, S. C., has been murdered. Meager details received resemble the killing of the Hodges family at Statesboro, Ga., last August.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick Placed in Custody.

The climax in the affairs of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick came at New York Wednesday night when she was placed under arrest in her apartments at the Hotel Breslin, charged with aiding and abetting a bank officer in embezzling \$12,500. The arrest was made after a lengthy conference between United States Commissioner Shields, Assistant United States District Attorney E. E. Baldwin, Secret Service Agent W. J. Flyng and United States Marshal Will-

Commissioner Shields issued the wartion 5529, United States federal laws, relating to conspiracy.

There was a scene in the woman's room when the efficials announced to think you will say that two of them, the Mrs. Chadwick that she was under arcabman, Michaels, and the pawnbroker, rest. Her son stood by and witnessed Stern, are not telling all they know, or with a blank face the scene which folagree with me that they are very igno- lowed. He stepped to his mother's side rant men. But there is one witness I as she burst into tears, but said nothing. cannot call—and he is the tall, smooth- | Marshal Henkel, who with his deputies faced man of athletic build and having and United States Secret Service Agent I cannot call his wife, the sister of the Chadwick's apartment, had entered with while it is not my par now to go into

cause he is a man who bought the weap- pleasant duty to perform. I am obliged on, and, because he is not here, I propose to serve a warrant for your arrest, issued

certainly am unable to get up."

"In that case," said the marshal, "I shall be obliged to remain here and keep sented all the facts I hope you will reach | you under surveillance. You will realize noyance, however."

While the conference was in progress a man, believed to be Mr. Powers, one of circumstances to leave the room.

Marshal Henkel took exceptions to the advice, and said:

"If Mrs. Chadwick needs any advice | as a prisoner I'll give it to her. No attempt will be made to move her from here tonight, but she must go before Important Decision Handed Down Commissioner Shields in the morning.' The secret service men engaged a room adjoining Mrs. Chadwick's suite, and established themselves there for the night, while one of the marshal's men was posted in Mrs. Chadwick's bedroom, one outside her door and another in the

BURDEN ON THE CONSUMER Penalty of Increased Freight Rates

-Living Costs More. It was positively stated at Chicago Wednesday before the interstate commerce commission that if in order to secure common law liability service in shipping freight 20 per cent additional cost is required of shippers, the price of groceries will rise and the burden of the court until the hearing of the appeal. increased freight rates will fall upon the

Another important development was the introduction of several letters from railroads, including the Illinois Central, asserting that some transportation companies absolutely refuse to use the proposed new uniform bill of lading.

WRECK IN CALIFORNIA.

Train of Water Tank Cars Run Into Construction Train.

A train of water tank cars on the Salt Lake Railroad broke loose at the top of a heavy grade a hundred miles a construction train.

gineer Henderson and Fireman Miller of the excited mob, but fortunately no Creek, Albion, Neligh and Creighton, in were seriously injured, and several other | one was killed Burnett coal mine at Burnett, Wash., members of the construction crew suf-

Kills Two and Ends Life.

Three dead and one seriously wounded s the result of crimes of Wilson Burns, aged 50, at Rochester, Ind., who shot and killed his wife and Joe Cripe, at whose home his wife was employed. After the killing Burns walked two miles to the home of his sister; here he blew off the top of his own head. Mrs. Braman, who also lived at the home of Cripe, was struck by scattering shot from the charges that killed the other members of the household and is in a serious condition.

Water Wagons are Busy.

The drought in central Illinois is growing more acute daily. Numerous water wagons are in service in Bloomington, working day and night to all cisterns which have gone dry. All over McLean County there was a water famine, and stockmen are finding difficulty in supplying their stock with water.

Violent Slump in Stocks.

There was a violent slump in stocks general list of active stocks showed losses of 2 to 7 points throughout. Amalgamated Copper leading the decline.

Robber's Shot Proves Fatal. Messenger Evan Roberts, who was but by a train robber on the Santa Fe ear Needles, Monday, is dead at Los

Murdered and Robbed. The body of Charles Goldstein, a wealthy mine owner of Dawson, City, Alaska, formerly of Dallas, Tex., was found at Dallas in the Santa Fe freight yards. The head was badly crushed. It but he soon passed away.

Angeles, Cal.

there Wednesday.

of the murder. Cartoonist is Dead. The death of Charles Nelan, the cartoonist, at Cave Springs, Ga., is announced in a dispatch received from

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Father Schell Encouraged-Returns Conference with President Rooseyelt-Says the Grafters Must Go.

"We are better than ever prepared to say to the grafters, 'You must go,'" sistently fought.

"I had a most satisfactory interview posing to him the system of fraud and vice which these grafters have practiced details, I can tell the people of Nebraska | Wounded Stranger Who Gives No "Smith is a most important witness be- He said: "Madame, I have an un- that in a general way the outlook for the extermination of this base inquity is most bright.

"I came back to Nebraska infused with new life in this fight and prepared | from Bloomfield, Neb., long after dark. him to get away, and who are helping at the instance of the authorities of to repeat to these grafters what we have He claimed that he had been the victim "I'm very nervous and ill," replied farious business and get out,' The graft-

gave me a most cordial greeting and I the truth, and if you then have any that, unpleasant as this is for both of was flattered beyond description that my doubt, which by even a stretch of the im- us, you are a prisoner, and I have no cause received such generous consideraagination might be called reasonable, I right to leave you here alone. I will do tion at the hands of this man-a man body and heart.

sufficient. Besides meeting the presiroom and began to advise her. He ad- the new commissioner of Indian affairs vised her to stay in bed and under no and am greatly pleased at his view of the situa"on."

rather Schell left Monday afternoon for Sioux City, whence he will go to Pender.

HOLDS DENNISON CULPABLE

by Supreme Court. Thomas Dennison, whom the supreme court has decided must be turned over to the Iowa authorities for trial in connection with the Pollock diamond robbery, was Wednesday night placed under arrest by United States Deputy Marshal Christian, of Des Moines, and turned over to Sheriff Power, of Douglas

County. Dennison's attorney filed notice of appeal to the United States supreme court. and the prisoner gave bonds to the Iowa authorities in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance in Iowa in case of an unfavorable decision by the higher court. Dennison is nominally in custody of Sheriff Power, who gives bond for his safe keeping. The appeal to the United States supreme court acts as a stay against the mandate of the supreme This action of Dennison's attorneys

will probably result in the accused remaining in Nebraska for several months, as it is not likely that the case can be heard in the United States supreme

court in less than a year. NORFOLK THEATER PANIC.

Women and Children Crushed and Bruised Following Cry of Fire.

A repetition of the Iroquois theater disaster was narrowly averted in the Norfolk Auditorium during the matinee performance of "Cinderella," played by the Chase-Lister repertoire company. The panic resulted from an alarm of fire north of Daggett, Cal., rushed down hill ; aused through the blowing out of an electric fuse in an upper box. A numthe great majority of the audience, were Brakeman John Bryan was killed. En- severely bruised and trampled under foot

And, further carrying out of the simlarity between this and the Iroquois circumstance, when the crowd reached the exit doors, they found them fastened. There were about 800 women and chiliren in the theater.

Drowns Herself in a Well. Mrs. Peter Jensen, aged 62 years who as lived on a farm about one mile from Blair, for several years, drowned herself in a well Saturday morning. She had got up to prepare breakfast, and her husband missing her from the room. searched for her and found the body at the bottom of the well. She had shown some slight derangement of the mind for about four weeks.

Charged with Cattle Stealing.

The preliminary hearing of M. E. Huffman, Robert Fox and J. E. Chandler, charged with stealing 34 head of cattle from Crist Jensen and N. J. Crawford near Litchfield, is set for Dec 12 in a justice court at Broken Bow. J. E. Chandler is out on \$500 bonds, signed by George Gross, an ex-convict; Robert Fox is out on \$500 bonds signed by his wife and another.

Child Drinks Acid.

hold of some carbolic acid and drank reporting of contagious diseases. some of it. A doctor was summoned by telephone as soon as possible and by a vigorous use of a stomach pump probably succeeded in saving her life.

Fire at Plainview. The Great Northern depot we caught fire from a defective chimney. | arrested.

Conductor Crushed by Cars. Conductor Charles S. Brawdy, 34 years

is surmised that robbery was the motive

Celebrate Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cole celebrated one grandchild, were present.

EXCITING TIME WITH ROBBERS

Escape from Man Who Detects

Them, but Later Are Caught. Sutton experienced the excitement resulting from its first holdup Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. Carl Spielman, a druggist, walked into his home as usual for supper. His wife had just stepped across the street, leaving the door unlocked, with no one in the house but the baby, and no light in the house from Washington Strengthened by but the base burner. The robber was piling up his booty in the middle of the floor. It consisted of silk dresses and other valuable clothing.

Spielman grabbed the robber and in the scuffle the robber pulled his revolver and shot at Spielman, just missing his said Father Joseph Schell at Omaha, on head, but blinding him with smoke. his return from Washington, where he Spielman, being unarmed, had to let go. had consulted with President Roosevelt | The thief was joined by two others and on the crime and corruption existing on they were followed by a posse consisting be ordered in advance of the session bethe Winnebago Indian reservation, for of Sheriff Smith, Leonard Roberts, Joe eause they have to be manufactured and the annihilation of which he has so per- Longstreth and others in a northerly ui-

with the president," continued Father No. 1 district and had laid down for a Schell, "and left Washington much more night's sleep, when Len Roberts jumped encouraged than I had any idea of hop- in on them with a gun and made them ing for before I went there. I laid the "throw up" their hands. They were se-

red hair. He is J. Morgan Smith. And W. J. Flynn grouped in the door of Mrs. for years upon the poor Indians, and MUTILATED MAN AT NORFOLK

Name Insists on Long Drive. With a lacerated face, off of which had been torn his nose and lips and cheek, a stranger arrived in Norfolk told them. You must cease your ne- of a bad runaway accident near the state insane hospital, and that he had lost his Mrs. Chadwick. "What shall I do? I ers are doomed; that's all there is to it. face in the dragging that ensued. After "When I left Nebraska certain press having the wounds dressed as well as reports were conveying the information possible by a surgeon, the fellow insistthat the president would not see me. On ed on returning, by wagon, to Bloomature had dropped many degrees. The

the stranger went. everything I can to relieve you of au- in every sense of the word, big of mind, ed that he arrived at that place, a dis- of notes found by the examiner that he at "Did I see Secretary Hitchcock? No. hours, At Pierce his wounds were dress- less are worth something. Some of the My conference with the president was ed again and again he left fown. The notes are new ones and are not yet due, Mrs. Chadwick's counsel, entered the dent I met and talked with Mr. Leupp, sane. The mystery of his ways ten can be realized on for the benefit of the to create an impression that he may depositors, but to what extent is not that he may have attempted to rob an- per cents, has been found, other and been whipped and pounded.

CAPTURED A HORSE THIEF.

Sheriff King, of Stanton County, Followed Him 150 Miles.

N. F. King, sheriff of Stanton County, made an important capture in Knox. County, thirty miles northwest of Randolph, Wednesday morning,

Sunday night a team, lumber wagon and harness were stolen from the farm of Henry Mathes, near Stanton. The horses were valuable, the team being worth over \$300. Sheriff King, with Mathes, took the

trail as soon as notified, and followed the horse thief night and day, traveling over 150 miles. The sheriff were out two teams in doing it, but when he came up with the fellow Wednesday morning he felt well rewarded, There was no difficulty in arresting the thief. He gave up at once, and it

was found he was unarmed. He is tall, about 27 years of age, well dressed, sun burned, and of good appearance. He refuses to talk or to tell his name. Sheriff King thinks the fellow was making for Bonesteel. He started back to Stanton with his prisoner Wednesday

NEW CIRCUIT TO BE FORMED

Northeast Nebraska Towns Will Join in a Meeting at Wayne. Wayne, announce that a meeting will be held in the opera house at Wayne at 2:30 p. m., Dec. 20, for the purpose of organping circuit of fairs and race meetings, sniversity fund \$81,003.99. In a circular they say they are satisfied that a first class circuit with good dates for all can be arranged, and that they think it would be of great advantage

to the cities which join the circuit. The towns which have been asked to join the circuit are Pender, Wayne, Stanton, Norfolk, Randolph, Madison, Battle Nebraska, and Sioux City and Missouri Valley, in Iowa.

DENNISON MUST GO TO JAIL

Nebraska Court Orders Omaha Authorities to Accept No Bail.

The supreme court at Lincoln Thursday evening issued a new mandate in the case of Thomas Dennison of Omaha. It orders the rearrest of Dennison and his detention until such time as he has perfected an application for a rehearing in the state supreme court or has appealed his case to the United States supreme court. In the meantime the officers at Omaha are charged not to accept bail from Denuison until further orders from the court; and on the other hand the mandate of Thursday is changed so that officers from Iowa are barred for the pres ent from taking him to that state.

To Detect Contagious Diseases. With a view of preventing the possible sprend of contagious disease, the board of education at Beatrice has instructed teachers in the city schools to ascertain in every case possible the exact cause of have neglected to file reports of their conbsence of each pupil in her room. A resolution was also adopted requesting as called for by the secretary of the themayor and city council to take more | board several weeks ago, and the presen-A 2-year-old child of William Baldwin, vigorous action in enforcing all quaran- tation of the report of the secretary to fiving about a mile east of Fremont, got time regulations and laws governing the the members of the board is delayed un-

Farmer Kills Peoria Youth.

Clyde Lester, 22 years old, whose home s at Peoria. Ill., was shot and instantly killed by John Lucas on the farm of the latter near Holdrege Tuesday. The men had quarreled over wages which Lester be awarded at the coming poultry show J burned at Plainview. The building claimed for husking corn. Lucas was to be held in Lincoln Jan. 16 for five

Corn Husking About Finished.

Corn husking is about finished around of age, was run over and crushed by a Fremont, warm, pleasant weather havcar at Pacific Junction Saturday. The un- ing been a great help to the farmers, its annual meeting at the Lindell Hotel fortunate man was taken to Plattsmouth | The general yield will be a little below and attended to by Dr. T. P. Livingston, the average per sere. Considerable plowing is being done this fall.

Fatally Hurt in a Runaway.

George Fritzen, a prominent German their golden wedding anniversary at farmer living northeast of Beatrice, sus-Beatrice with a family reunion at their tained injuries in a ranaway accident home. All members of the family, which | Tuesday night while en route home consists of four sons, four daughters and which will probably result fatally. Doctors express little hope for his recovery.



Legislators coming to Lincoln the first of the year will not find things in the same condition they did two years ago, all ready for the start. This is because the last legislature authorized the secretary of state to spend not more than \$1,000 in getting ready for the session. the remainder of the purchasing to be Jone by the legislators themselves. This \$1,000 will not go very far. The bill files for the house and senate will cost between \$600 and \$800 and these have to cannot be bought on short notice. The dockets for the records also will have They had entered the school house in | to be ordered, as they have to be manufactured. This will take most all of the \$1,000 and there will be nothing left with which to pay for labor in fixing up the two chambers. A considerable quantiwhole matter before the president, ex- cured after a struggle and placed in ty of inkwells, pencils, etc., were left over from the last session, but not near enough to go around, so many of the desks will be barren when they are taken possession of by the legislaters. * * *

Bank Examiner Whittemore has made his official report to the state banking board of the condition of the Elkhorn Valley Bank at O'Neill and this will be followed by an application for the appointment of a receiver. The report will not be made public at this time, for the reason that in the opinion of Attorney General Prout such publication would hamper the work of settling up the affairs of the bank and the names of some individuals are used in the report that it the contrary, I wish to say the president | field that same night, though the temper- is not deemed expedient at this time to give to the public. The official report, surgeon advised against the return, but however, does not differ materially from the reports of the condition of the bank A telephane message from Pierce stat- as already published, The \$25,000 worth tance of twelve miles, in thirty-six first reported as being apparently worthman was not drinking and was not in- Many of these notes, it is safe to say, have been robbed and have fought, or known. No cash, other than the ten cop-

> At a meeting of the state board of conromise at Lincoln, at which was dis cussed the Bartley bondsmen case, Attorney General Pront read a history of the litigation and closed by recommending that the board settle the matter. While no formal proposition was made to the board, it is understood that the bondsmen are willing to pay the court costs of the suit. It has been learned by the hoard members that W. A. Paxton has spent a large sum fighting the case. It was told a member of the board that Mr. Paxton gave his wife and son each \$200, 600 and kept \$200,000 himself. Since the suit began it is said he has spent \$200,000 in defending the suit and in other ways, and that a judgment would be valueless. It has been reported to the board that if it fails to compromise the suit the bondsmen expect to go through bankruptey.

The semi-annual report of the auditor filed with Gov. Mickey Saturday, shows the warrant indebtedness of the state to be \$2,342,979.61, or an increase during the last two years of \$335,650.98. One year ago the outstanding warrant indebtedness was \$2,263,177.21. The increase in the warrant indebtedness was occasioned by the warrants issued for the payment of the permanent improvements as authorized by the last legislature and by the inadequacy of the old James Hurst and F. E. Strahan, of revenue law to bring in sufficient money with which to meet the state's obligations. At the present time the warrants out against the general fund amount to izing the northeast Nebraska short ship- \$2,253,401.92 and against the temporary

> Chief Clerk Harnley, of the office of he state superintendent of public instruction, is compiling statistics for the biennial report of that department and figuring up the number of school children in the state in order to apportion out the school money to the various districts, Douglas County at this time, according to the report of the county superintendent, has 42,958. At the close of the school year Douglas County had expended for school purposes for the year \$750,301.10. Last year there was exended in all the districts of the state \$4,517,229,46, or there was spent in Douglas County 16 2-3 per cent of all the money that was spent in the entire

Rev. W. K. Williams, chaplain of the state penitentiary, has resigned his position and the place is now vacant. The resignation was tendered to Gov. Mickey some days ago, but was not made public. It is probable that Rev. P. C. Johnson, of Tecumseh, will be appointed to fill the vacancy. Rev. Mr. Johnson is an old-time preacher and stands high in Methodist circles. He is an old soldier and is at present without a charge. It is understood that he was formerly pastor of one of Gov. Mickey's churches,

Ten of the 517 state banks under the jurisdiction of the state banking board dition at the close of business Nov. 10, til they can be obtained. The penalty for delinquency probably will be enforced.

Secretary Ludden, of the State Ponltry Association, is sending out to poultry funciers the list of premiums to be days. The premiums aggregate \$1,600.

Dec. 21, 22 and 23 the South Platte Implement Dealers' Association will hold at Lincoln, and for the occasion the railroads have made a rate of one and onethird fare. The North Platte implement men and the Western Iowa Association have been invited and it is expected, owing to the low rate, that a large crowd. will be in attendance. The program has not yet been completed, but there will be a number of good speakers of prominence in attendance.