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VALENTINE, NEE.

EVANS' FLEET AT RIO

BRAZILIANS OUT IN FORCE TO WELCOME BATTLESHIPS.

Small Vessels Unable to Keep Up with the Penderous Fighting Machines-Fleet Has Covered a Third of the Distance to San Francisco.

The American fleet of sixteen battleships entered the port of Rio Janeiro at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon after a passage from Port of Spain, Trinidad, more than 3,000 miles, unmarred by serious accident, replete with interesting incidents and ending with a royal welcame from the citizens who had gathered to great the visitors.

The fleet weighed anchor at 4 welcock on the afternoon of Dec. 29 at Port of Spain, and exactly at 4 o'clock Sunday the vessels were swinging at their anchor in this beautiful harbor.

All the battleships are at Rio Janeiro, but the supply ships, Cuigoa and Glacier, are still at sea, not having Leen able to keep along with the oth-€15.

The fleet has now covered about 4,600 miles, about a third of the distance of the voyage to San Francisco.

Word that the fleet had passed Cape Frio, about forty-five miles out, was received at \$:30 o'clock, and immediately scores of tugs and other small craft crowded with spectators set out to meet the visitors and accompany them to the anchorage. Outlined against the horizon the great battinships, stretching out in one long line, came slowly through the passage into the bay.

As soon as the anchorage was made the Brazilian minister of marine, Admiral Alencar, the captain of the port; the American consul, G. E. Anderson; the commandants of naval, divisions and civic authorities went on board the Connecticut and extended a hearty welcome to Rear Admiral Evans, his officers and men.

VICTIMS OF FLAMES.

Many Firemen Fall in Burning Goth- Hale's Personnel Bill Introduced in am Skyscraper.

Four firemen in New York went to The introduction Thursday by Senatheir deaths Friday night when they tor Hale of the naval personnel bill J. M. RICE, - - - Publisher. responded to a fire that wrecked the proved the occasion for a general dis-Parker building, a twelve-story busi- cussion of the navy and recent occurness structure occupying the block be- rences in connection with that brane.

tween East Eighteenth and Nine- of the public service. teenth streets on Fourth avenue. The Maine senator entered upon :

Fought by haif the firemen of Man- full explanation of the provisions of hattan and apparatus that blocked the the bill.

Senator Tillman, a member of the streets, the flames were never controlled and with difficulty they were haval committee, interrupted to ask confined to the building in which they whether the consideration of the bill originated. Floor after floor gave way would probably bring out the facts reand dropped to the basement and be- lating to the controversy in the navy neath these and crumbling walls no department. Senator Tillman added less than twenty firemen were caught that he had considered the advisaand either killed outright or seriously bility of offering a resolution for such injured. When the fire had burned an investigation.

itself out and the firemen rolls were alled three men of Engine company asked a great many times in view of No. 72, and one from Fire patrol No. the recent transactions in the navy failed to respond. The dead: Thomas Phillips, Thom- introducing a resolution of investigais O'Connor, John Lynch, John Fal- tion. The subject is doubtless worthy

013 Tim Hutchinson, of Patrol No. 3, was removed dying to the hospital. Capt. Weldon and Capt. Darvan, of Cugine companies No. 24 and No. 72, vere injured internally.

When the casualties began the Flornce hotel, which adjoined the burning building in Eighteenth street, was made a temporary hospital where fire department physicians gave immediate aid to the injured. The monetary loss was estimated at \$5,000,000. The fire was one of the most spectacular as well as disastrous in recent was marked by heartrending scenes, then of these bureaus. It is only in narrow escapes and flashes of hero-

HALF MILLION TO PRIEST.

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Rev. Father Kearful, of St. Joseph, to Use It in Charity,

The Rev. Father C. L. Kearful, of St. Joseph, Mo., an old and widely nown Catholic priest, has been notified by the department of state in Washington that an inheritance valued at about \$500,000 awaits him in Sydney, Australia. The estate was left the Rev. Father Kearful by his grand uncle, Karl Kirfogel, a wool merchant.

The Rev. Father Kearful said he had not yet decided whether he would undertake the trip to Australia to St. Louis Robbers' 'Error Leads to claim the estate. His father died in Sermany two years ago and the Rey, Two masked and armed men who Father Kearful went there. When answer the description of the highwayasked what he intended to do with the men who terrorized St. Louis county money the Rev. Father Kearful said; Tuesday night, killing Gus Boss, a bar-"I intend to give it to charity. I tender, robbing two saloons, and hold. have no plans as yet made as to how 1 ing up a street car, attempted to hold shall distribute it. I have heard much | up Special Officers Archy and Kennedy of the idle fortunes that have lain in in an alley at St. Louis late Wednesday England awaiting the proper persons, night, but were overpowered and ar-When I get the money I will have rested. They admitted that they were plenty of time to make the proper lying in wait and intended robbing the disposition of it. I do not anticipate first person that passed the alley. The any difficulty in proving my claim to prisoners gave their names as Harry the estate. My father made a mis- Land, aged 16, and Lee Cornell, aged take in not having legal papers drawn 17, and admitted being out Tuesday and putting them in the family arch- night in search of a suitable spot to ives showing that he had changed his hold up passersby, but denied impliname."

Senator Hale replied: "I have been department whether I did not propose of the consideration of congress, but after looking the matter over carefully, as I have been able to do, I have selected this method of action. which involves the consideration by the senate, instead of submitting the

WOULD REORGANIZE NAVY.

the Senate.

department to an investigation."

Senator Hale, proceeding, said the first proposition of the bill was to see that the business of the department shall be conducted as it has been in former times of great emergency and great peril to the country by the bureaus and officers of departments.

"Every accomplishment of the years. From start to finish its course "eavy." he said, "has been by the aclate years that boards have been organized. Many of them are composed of officers whom we can respect, but I have thought that these boards have created dissention in the bureaus where the real work is done.

> "I have provided in this bill that unless boards are to carry out specific law they shall not be continued or appointed in the future. That I believe is a wise thing to do in order that jealousies and at times unjust insinuations and aspersions of bureau officers of the navy should at least have no rallying point in the department itself."

TRY TO ROB POLICEMAN.

Their Arrest.



UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED.

Skull of Workman Fractured by Fall Missouri Pacific Tenders Then in Viofrom Ladder.

While fitting some storm sash in the residence of Dr. C. W. Downs in Oma-Omaha general hospital without regining consciousness.

The man applied to the residence of Dr. Downs about noon Saturday, asking for employment and was immediately set to work putting in the storm sash. About 5 o'clock the residents heard a crash outside the house, and upon going outside found the new workman unconscious upon the ground, having fallen from the top of the ladder with one of the storm sash.

Dr. J. S. Alexander and Police Surgeon Fitzgibbon were hastly summoned and the man was harried to the Omahu neueral hespital, where he died a few hours later.

The only things found upon his person or in his clothes were a few socialistic papers, and the initials "D. H." taitooed in red ink on his right fore- Under the circumstances. Chairman socialists viewed the body while at the hospital, but could throw no light upon his identity. The dead man was between 45 and 48 years of age, six feet in height, and about 179 pounds Previous to receiving the message in weight, light complexioned and had from Mr. Waggener the commission a heavy light brown mustache, wore overalls and a pepper and salt coat and a dark cap.

Coroner Brailey took charge of the body and will held an inquest after an effort is made to locate relatives or friends.

FORGER WORKS GRAND ISLAND.

chants. There,

Three experienced merchants of Grand Island have been fleeced by one of the smoothest forgers that has ever worked that vicinity, and it is believed [3, \$30,000 land deal there, in which along the Union Pacific from west to east. He secured in some unknownthe Farmers' Elevator company at Mda and on Saturday morning ar-



lation of the State Law.

five of from \$100 to \$1,000.

would proceed no further with the

prosecution of the railroad company.

proper proceedings to penalize the

Missouri Pacific for violating the anti-

seems to be in great demand at the

present time, or else Blair has been pu

lewn on the map as an "Easy Mark.

"following the second attempt to work

I man claiming to be St. Clair, of In-

llana, turned out to be a fraud, on

Monday afternoon a man under the

ame of Rodgers, visited the banks of

lair and displayed a large roll of

contine money and obtaining a denosit

the which he afterwards filled out for

limit had been reached when he received a voucher from the state university for a bill for \$295 for gas for one month, when the institution has a lighting plant, but when he received

the laundry bill for the month of No-Members of the state railway com- vember he was florred. One bill from mission and Clark Perkins, the secre- the Evans Laundry company against ha, an unidentified man fell from the tary. Thursday received annual passes the home economics department was top of a fiftcen-foot ladder to the over the Missouri Pacific railway, good for \$11.40. The items enumerated in ground, alighting on his head and re- in Nebraska. The passes were sent the bill were as follows: Spreads, ceiving a fracture of the skull, from in letters from B. P. Waggener, gener- sheets, slips, towels, bath towels, roller the effects of which he died at the al attorney for the railroad at Atchi- towels, tablecloth, rags, napkins, side son, Kan. As it is against the law for towels, aprons, shirtwaists, corset cova road to offer or give passes in this ers, night dresses, hose, saques, tate the commissioners inclosed the sleeves, skirts, dress. There were six pasteboards in a letter addressed to corset covers, seven shirtwaists, five Attorney General Thompson and di- night dresses, three skirts, one dress,

rected him to bring proceedings thirteen sleeves. This bill was for a against the responsible officials for the period from Oct. 31 to Nov. 27. A violation of the law. The penalty is a second bill on the incidental fund accompanying the same voucher was for

B. P. Waggener called in his cards \$51.20 for the month of November. shortly after noon by telephone. Mr. This bill was for towels only. Of the Waggener telephoned that the passes towels there were \$5,218 bath towels, were sent to Nebraska through mis-902 roller towels and 573 hand towels. take, by a clerk, during his absence. The deputy auditor has not yet figured The Eansas law, he said, required the out why the state should pay for the tailroads to give passes to the rail- laundering of corset covers and hose and commissioners, and that the clerk and night dresses, though he can see in making up the pass lists, thinking why the state might be responsible for the Nebraska law the same, sent pass- the balance of the bill. Incidentally, es to the Nebraska commissioners. though the itemized bill as shown above is filed with the voucher, C. J. arm. A number of prominent local Winnett said, should Mr. Waggener Ernst, president of the board of rewrite the commission confirming the gents, and J. S. Dales, secretary, certitelephone message, the commission fy on the certificate that the bill is for "washing towels and table linen."

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Another week has passed and the city of Lincoln has neglected to offer netified the attorney general to brinf Gov. Sheldon a block of ground as valuable as Hay Market square, which was the condition imposed by the legislature when it appropriated \$25,000 for the beginning of a historical building. Almost a year has passed now and those who are interested in securing this historical building seem as far from the goal as in the beginning. Hay Market square is worth all the way from \$30,000 to \$50,000, and the Historical society is having a hard time trying to get the city to let hose. Some of the people there know that it will not be many years before a new capitol building has to be erected and they believe the Historical society should have it records kept in the new building. For that reason they are not so enthusiastic over the other project. Hay Market square was deeded to the city by the state and the condition of the recent appropriation was that the city deed back this block to the state or a block of equal value, Gov. Sheldon to be the judge of values for the state. 5.0.4 What is declared by members of the state railway commission to be a violation, at least, of the spirit of the injunction granted several weeks ago by Judge Munger against the Burlington and other railroads to prevent their raising their reconsignment charges appears in the schedule of the Burlington just filed with the state comruission. The injunction is referred to in the schedule and the statement is further made that the Burlington refers only to the coal dealers from Omaha and other Nebraska cities who were complainants in the case. The railroad holds that it is permitted to make the increased charges against all other shippers, except those who appeared in the case. This is declared by the commissioners to be an evasion of the spirit of the law and if carried out will make it necessary for every shipper who objects to paying the increased charge, to go into court and secure an injunction. 201 01 10 Alexander Blair, one of the original Boyd county settlers, whost litigation with the state over educational lands has been on for several years appeared before he state board of educational lands Wednesday morning and received an offer from the board that if he would pay the value of the hand according to the appraisement made two years ago, the state would give him title to it. The same proposition will be made to the other settlers, and if it is accepted it will wind up the case. S 0 8 The total fees received in the officer of Secretary of State Junkin for the month of December amounted to \$1 .-703.63; for the year \$27.092.56. For the years 1905 and 1906 combined the total fees amounted to \$22,463.10, an increase of \$4,629.46. The increase is due to the changes in the laws relating to fees to be paid and for the rolling of automobile numbers and the roregistration of cattle brands. 191 AL 181

Real estate in Washington county

Passes Bogus Checks on Several Mer-

that the man is working territory manner three of the bank checks of ranged for several purchases, saying that he would sell some corn during he would call, get the goods and pay for them. He arranged for the purchase of some burness in this manner risting \$14, and in the evening presented a check for \$60, securing the balance in cash. At another place ne presented a check for \$80, was given the merchant's check for the change, cashing this in turn at a jewelry store ofter purchasing a ring. At another he purchased a pair of child's shoes presenting a check for \$48, for 160 bushels of corn at so much per bushel and exhibiting an old pair of child's l'uke. shees. One of the merchants discovand the forgery an hour after the same had been successfully worked. cation in other holdups. but the others did not realize their di-The officers were searching for a lemma until, on the following Monday. negro wanted for stabbing when they the banks refused to cash the checks. extered the alley in which the youth-The matter was kept a secret in the hepe of catching the follow, but there being no clew, it has been given out 11 the home of Charles Harris, in and had the highway men covered by the officers.

pass law. BLAIR PEOPLE SUSPICIOUS. Confidence Man Tries IIIs Game bu Fails,

WORST TERRORIST A BOY.

Russian Police Rejoice Over Capture of iS-Year-Old Lad.

The St. Petersburg police are rejoic ing over their success in arresting au 18-year-old youth named Parshenkoff, a desperate terrorist and many times murderer, who was taken by several officers Sunday night. A squad of detectives hunted down Parshenkeff along the canal front on the outskirts of the city. He made a desperate fight, wounding several of his pursters, and was not overpowered until he had been felled by a heavy blow on the head, which caused a serious wound.

Parshenkoff was the leader in a number of important encounters between the police and the terrorists, He is believed to be the man who killed Col. Kalchak, of the police, in a flight that took place on Dec. 18 last, and he headed a gang that killed four police officers in the Okhta quarter of this city on Jan. 11, 1907. Several months ago he made a most daring and brilliant escape from arrest at Prazil island, killing a police captain and four officers in his flight.

WOMAN SHOOTS IN COURT.

Seriously Wounds Man Whom She Had Caused to Be Arrested.

Mrs. Maude Crews fired two shots at Athur Nichols in a crowded court room at Waukegan, Ill., Saturday, wounding him seriously and causing the judge and spectators to take refuge in flight. She was arrested. Nichols was wounded in the left groin and left hand. The shooting followed Nichols' discharge by Judge Wress after he had been arraigned in police court on complaint of Mrs. Crews, who alleges that he had tried to run her down with his horse and had struck at her with a whip. Nichols asserted that the woman's act was the result of "insane infatuation" for him.

In Duel to Death.

Pietro Saroochi, an iron worker, and wife Deina fought a duel to the death at Oakland, Cal. He was armed with a large butcheknife and she with a razor. After battling for fifteen or twenty minutes the husband finally slew his wife and cut his own throat, expiring on her dead body.

Bryan Makes Denial.

William J. Bryan denied that his daughter, Ruth, is estranged from her husband. "Is there any foundation for "the story?" Mr. Bryan was asked "None whatever," was the reply,

WRECK OCCURS ON BRIDGE.

Trains Crash Through Trestle Into a ful footpads had stationed themselves. Ravine.

In a rear-end collision between a and under arrest before they could use westbound passenger and extra freight their guns.

on the Alabama and Mississippi railroad, ten miles from Vinegar Bend, Ala., Friday, seven persons were killed and a number injured.

The collision occurred on a bridge spanning a ravine at a very sharp curve. The force of the collision caused both engines and part of the trains to crash through the trestle to the bottom of a ravine twenty feet be- private guards, his own cook and his low.

New Paris Pipe Dream,

The Echo De Paris Wednesday prints an interview emanating, it says, from "authorized Japanese source," with the object of showing Japan is was taken Wednesday night from his so absorbed with the main land of comfortable quarters at Fillmore Asia that war with America is impos- street and Pacific avenue and place) sible.

Trolley Cars Collide.

Seventeen persons were injured, none fatally, in a collision between two trolley cars on the Denver, Colo., Tramway company's line about midnight Thursday. One of the cars should have taken a siding, but failed to do so.

Five Firemen Injured.

Five firemen were injured, none se- nesday night, and if a similar outriously, at a fire which caused about break occurs the governor of New \$100,000 damage Friday at the Forest. Jersey will be asked for military proer & Cheney Knitting mills in De- tection. troit, Mich. The loss is probably cov-

ered by insurance.

Millions for Autos.

United States during 1907 for motor mobile manufacturers.

BAKER HELD UP BY A ROBBER.

Had Jusy Finished Counting Day's Reccipts When Robbed.

After finishing counting the day's reccipts and putting the money in a sack, preparatory to closing up his bakery at 2909 North Twenty-fourth street, about 8:40 Wednesday night. Charles Stutzner, of Omaha, was held up and robbed of the sack of money. amounting to \$42, by a lone robber. who made his escape.

Stutzner furnished the pelice a good description of the robber, whom he said he had noticed walking up and down in front of the store while he (Stutzaer) was counting the cash. When the robber entered the store Stutzner thought he was a prospective customer, but instead of purchasing any cakes or cookies, the stranger lev. eled a revolver at Stutzner's head and at the same time demanded the money, which request Stutzner hastily complied with The rabber then backed out of the door and disapwarred.

Corn Husker a Success.

The corn harvester and husker patusted by F. W. U. Pensick, of Beatrice and built by the Restrice Iron works was given a tryoat recently in the field 6 Charles Green, south of the city, and proved satisfactory. The machine is built strong, yet light enough in weight so that two horses can pull it with case. It can gather from eight to 'en acres of corn a day.

Head is Run Over.

L. D. Richey, an Omaha teamster. fell from his hay meit Wednesday afternoon and the wheels passed over his dangerous wounds. The man was taken to the police station and attended by Police Surgeon Fitzglbbons and then sent to his home.

Farmers Buy Elevator

a.onn, proceeded to the office of a the day and have money later, when ited estate firm and was duly shown ever a large farm just south of town. with the usual expenses, carriage hire to. The fellow was arrested by Sher-Mencke in the evening as a suspiious character and locked up ove light. As only a small amount of every was found on his person it i pposed he had a confederate t hom he gave the money. The deposslip and the man's actions caused be authorities to think he was up to are crooked deal and he was escort it) the city limits and told to hit the

MEN INJURED BY WINDLASS.

I'wo Men Struck in Face by Whirling Handle.

D. C. Thompson and Nate Hall, two idiuson county farmers, suffered a setious accident recently, while at work what is known as the Bob Town disrict, in Spring Creek precinct. The uen were at work with a windlass chich had a crank at each end. The machine was under great tension, and be men caught the cylinder of the windlass with a rachet and stopped to est. The ratchet either proke or slipped and let the cylinder go. The tanks were whirled about with terthic force and one of them struck Mr. Phompson squarely in the face and he other struck Mr. Hall on the face and temple. Mr. Thempson's nose was iriven right into his face, his upper law hone was badly broken, and the hock bones were also broken. Mr.

full suffered the breaking of two a neg of his face, but his face was not accrated as badly as was Mr. Thompar's. Surgeons were called and adsinistend to the suffering men, and bey are getting along as well as could usually be expected.

INTEREST IN EURNS AFFAIR.

Yew ZenI Aroused by Essay Prizes Of fered to High School Pupils.

Interest in the forthcoming Burns university celebration to be held Friay evening, Jan. 24, in the Edward reighten institute at Omaha, is being creatly stimulated by the prize essay intest confined to high school stutents. The jury of award to which he final determination of the prize say will be given has been appointed y the committee of atrangements and the program of the entire proceedlegs has been definitely fixed upon Miss Mac Weaver, Miss Martha Grym, Mt. W. H. Wilber and Mr. D. F. Soner are the singers, while Miss A, P.

Tolley will recite the famous Scotish prem "Cudole Loon." The pipers nd dancers will be on hand and the alggest Furns celebration under the aspices of Clan Gordon is promised

Water Works About Completed.

The water works system at Lindsay nearing completion. All the mains bid and about thirty feet

Charles Nelson, the convict who says he is abused, will get no relief from the head of the state. Prison Physician Giffin has reported to Gov. Sheldon that the convict is shamming and is physically able to work. The report, with other correspondence, has been forwarded by Gov. Sheldon to the Norwegian consul, to whom Nelson recently appealed.

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Attorney General Thompson has ruled that the secretary of state has the legal authority to pass on claims against the state and filed with the auditor. Some of the state officers' objected to the secretary passing upon their salary vouchers. 101101-01

Auditor Searle has notified Adjt. Gen. Schwartz that he will issue a war-

elisor appointed by the court, with own automobile, in which he was allewed to go out for an airing or attend to business matters, Abraham Reuf,

After being kept ten months in a

private prison in the custody of an

former political boss and the central figure in the San Francisco briberygraft investigation and prosecution, in a cell at branch No. 2 of the county

jail at Engleside. The transferrnece took place when Sheriff Thomas J. O'Neill, who was disqualified by Judge Dunne, went out of office and Sheriff. elect Lawrence J. Dolan was installed.

May Call Out Militia.

The importation of men to take the places of the striking employes of the Standard silk mill at Phillipsburg, N. J., caused a lively disturbance Wed-

Jumps from Hall Dome. Urban Angeny, of Lawrence, Kan.,

aged 24, captain of last year's football Nearly 8,000,000 was spent in the team of Kansas university, committed head and body, indicting painful and suicide Thursday by jumping from cars. According to the estimates made the dome of Frazer hall at the univerby the association of licensed auto- sity grounds. He is believed to have been despondent.

REUF NOW IN A CELL. Frisco Political Boss taken from Private Prison.

City live stock market follow: Top beeves, \$5.25. Top hogs, \$4.20. Pearl Harbor Bids Held Up. The award of bids for material for the fotification of Pearl harbor at Honolulu has been held up for the reason that it is believed the lowest bid is a "dummy" for some Japanese contractors. Exposition is "Unfair." The state Federation of Labor of Washington has unanimously voted to put the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposi-	na, declare the movement there to be nti-foreign. Food Causes School Strike. The entire senior class of the Mis- sissippi Agricultural and Mechanical college walked out because one mem- ber was expelled for objecting to the feod. Hero of the Civil War Dead. Peter Ryan, of Terre Haute, Ind., died Thursday, aged 63. A medal was voted to him by congress for bravery in capturing fourteen confederates	N. C., which was part of Gov. Tyron's palace before the revolutionary war, was destroyed by fire Thursday. Jewish Playwright Dead. Abraham P. Goldfaden, of New York, aged 57, poet and playwright, who was sometimes referred to as the "Father of Jewish Drama," died Thursday. Aged Couple Burned to Death. Albert M. Moulton and his wife, of Auburn N. H., each aged more than 7.5 years, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home Thurs-	The Torpin elevator at Lindsay has been sold to the Farmers Elevator company, a newly organized corpora- tion consisting of local business men and farmers, for \$7,750. Victim of Stabbing Dies, Frank Kohanowski died at noon Wednesday in the South Omaha hos- pital after ten days of acute smuffering from being thrice stabbed by one Mike Tanjevich some time ago. Ko- hanowski was stabbed in the back and abdomen by his assailant. Crushed to Death. John Erbach, a laborer at the Bur- dergton freight house at Lincoln, was crushed to death by a freight car Tues- day. Communes mate desperate ef-	ing only a pump house to cover it. The power is supplied by the gaso- line engine of the electric light plant. Matthews is Missing. The sudden disappearance of Ear. Matthews, of Omaha, chief deputy United States marshal. Friday evening, when he left ostensibly to visit rela- tives in Sloux City for two days, is causing his family extreme anxiety. Not a word has been heard from him since he left Omaha. Cn Same Farm 25 Years. After living on the same farm and	rant for the payment of the premiums on bonds to be issued for the captains of the companies in the National Guard out of one of the appropriations for the guard. *** State Oil Inspector Allen recently rejected a car of oil shipped to the Marshall Oil company from the Kan- sas Oil Refining company of Chanute. The oil tested 167 degrees. The law provides the test shall be 112 degrees. The oil was rejected at Lincoln. *** Judge Holmes, of the Lancaster dis- trict court, named John A. Randall, of Lincoln, for receiver of the Nebras, ka Mercantile Mutual Insurance com- pany of Lincoln. The liabilities of the company evened the assets by \$15,821.