

—What Nebraska Has Done the Past

Notwithstanding that the past two years have been unprecedented in the history of Nebraska in the seasonable distribution of water for the crops, irrigation interests are steadily gaining ground. Even in those years of scanty harvests a considerable percentage of the irrigated lands in each district and under the same calling shows a difference of from 30 to 50 per cent in favor of the irrigated lands. New converts are being made every day, as the increasing number of filings in the office of the state board of irrigation shows. This increased interest is not confined to the western part of the state. One of the most promising and

Wymore is once more wide open so far as gambling houses, sporting houses and like enterprises are concerned. For a short time last winter all these places were relegated to the rear, but with the advent of the new city administration there was a change.

ter, jr., assistant quartermaster, who has been ordered to Manila for duty.

The Nebraska State Medical Society held its session at Lincoln elected Dr. M. C. Donahay of York president, A. D. Willinson of Lincoln secretary and C. E. Green of University Place treasurer. The next annual meeting of the state association will be held in Omaha.

An alarm of fire was turned in at Kearney, and when the fire department arrived four frame buildings on the west side of Central avenue, between twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth streets, were burning. The buildings and contents are a total loss. The property destroyed was valued at \$5,000. There was \$2,500 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Hawaii—Americans Eager to Welcome the Naval Hero on His Return Home

Long Explains to Phelan.
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Long has written to Mayor Phelan of San Francisco a letter in regard to his proposition that Admiral Dewey return from the Philippines by way of the Pacific ocean in order that his first landing in this country should be at San Francisco. The secretary's letter is practically identical with that sent to Mayor Van Winkle.

There are in the United States over fifty distinct secret orders, with more than 70,000 lodges and 5,000,000 members.

more than 300 men of the organization are at present fit for duty. On Sunday last 150 men of this regiment re-

Divided on Peace Question.
LONDON, May 12.—A special dispatch received here today from Manila says that the Filipino congress now sitting at San Isidro is composed of fifty-six members, of whom twenty favor peace and an equal number are irreconcilables. The others, holding the balance of power, are ready to accept the terms, but absolute independence is hopeless of attainment, but demand better terms at the hands of the United States.

Cracksmen blew open the safe in the

President McKinley has directed that the customs receipts at Havana be deposited at the bank of the North American Trust company, established here, and giving that bank \$2,000,000 deposit.

A dispatch from Manila was received in Washington asking that the Cebus troops be removed from the Philippine line, in view of the fact that the United States had agreed to support 1,000 that had gone to the Philippines over a year ago. This application was made to General Otis, who has authority to relieve the president from active service at his discretion.

There will undoubtedly be an extension of the New York legislature for the double purpose of amending the Ford franchise tax bill and passing over the veto of the mayor of New York the rapid transit bill. It is understood that the governor will sign the Ford bill, after he signs it will call an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of amending the bill so as to put it in the hands of the state board for administration, in order to have an equitable arrangement of the various interests of different constructions of it in various parts of the state.

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