

## General News.

Hon. W. J. Bryan recently became a grandfather.

Standard Oil continues to declare large dividends.

River navigation on the upper Mississippi has closed.

There is a great scarcity of food on the Gambler islands.

Violent shocks of earthquake were recently felt in Venezuela.

Field Marshal Oyama has named November 25 as the date of his departure from Manchuria.

General Grant and other officers take exception to Prince Louis' remark, and declare that New York is safe.

Former President Grover Cleveland is at Norfolk, Va., for a ten days' outing as the guest of the Back Bay Gun-ning club.

A plea on behalf of woman suffrage was made to the president by Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper.

A bulletin issued by the census bureau places the total products of the manufacturers of New York at \$5,750,880, an increase of 40 per cent in ten years.

The Shubert Theatrical company of New York has leased for a term of years the new opera house being erected in Chattanooga, Tenn. This is the Shubert's first house in the central south.

The Cuban budget for the year beginning July 1 next has been submitted by President Palma to congress. It estimated the receipts at about \$23,000,000 and the expense at about \$21,500,000.

Rev. J. Addison Selbert, former pastor of the Adams Square Congregational church at Worcester, Mass., has been called to the pastorate of the First Congregational church in Kansas City.

The American residents of the Isle of Pines elected representatives to go to Washington and try to prevent ratification by the senate of the treaty conceding the sovereignty of the island to Cuba.

Miss Margaret Ludwig of Paris, France, who was badly scalded in the Rio Grande-Rock Island collision at Pueblo, Colo., died as a result of her injuries. The rest of the injured are recovering.

A state banquet was given in Windsor castle in honor of King George of Greece. It was attended by 150 distinguished persons, including Whitehall field, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Reid.

The London city council has decided to introduce a bill in parliament under which the council will construct a plant to supply all the electric energy for London and the suburbs, at a cost estimated at \$10,000,000.

Governor William L. Douglas of Massachusetts went to Washington at the head of a delegation of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' association. This delegation will call upon President Roosevelt in relation to the removal of the duty on hides.

Vladimir Morozoff, a Russian exile, founder of the "people's will" party in Russia, died at the county hospital at Denver recently of cancer. He escaped to America from Siberia after five years' service after publishing an alleged seditious newspaper.

A great scarcity of food exists on the Gambler islands. The natives, who gather pearl shells for a living, have neglected their crops and have depended for supplies on the regular arrival of a sloop from Pitcairn island, 300 miles away. The vessel has been wrecked and the natives are suffering.

Governor Toole has issued, on request of the Montana Stock Growers' association, a requisition on Governor Searles of North Dakota for William H. Denny, mayor of Williston, N. D., charging him with being connected with a gang of alleged horse thieves who, it is claimed, have stolen more than 1,000 head of horses.

Six men have been taken into custody by the police in connection with the murder of Miss Eva Meyer, who was shot and almost instantly killed by an ambushed assassin while walking with her lover near the city limits of Cleveland, O., late Sunday night. A rejected suitor is among those under arrest.

James Krahulik has been appointed postmaster at Clarkson, Colfax county, Nebraska, vice J. Wolf, resigned. The creditors of the International Mercantile agency of Canada have decided to wind up the agency. Liabilities are placed at \$217,000 and nominal assets at \$257,000.

A great deal of money is being subscribed in New York and elsewhere for relief of the Jews.

The claims of expanding culture in Chicago has some basis. Nearly 1,200 men called for jury service in one case have been rejected because they knew too much.

President Roosevelt reiterated that he is in favor of joint statehood for the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Rumors of anti-government plots in Havana, Cuba, have been renewed and names of more or less prominent radicals are being connected with them.

Crown Prince Gustavus of Sweden arrived at Copenhagen on a visit to the Danish court. Among the first persons he called on was Prince Charles of Denmark, which was accepted as a public intimation that the latter will have the friendship of the house of Bernadotte.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the Brown-Corliss Engine company of Corliss, Wis., was filed by the Robert Rom company of Milwaukee the Garlick Packing company and the McGraw Publishing company of New York, on claims aggregating about \$3,000.

## WASTED TO A SHADOW.

But Found a Cure After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

A. H. Stotts, messenger at the State Capitol, Columbus, O., says:

"For fifteen years I had kidney troubles, and though I doctored faithfully, could not find a cure. I had heavy backaches, dizzy headaches and terrible urinary disorders. One day I collapsed, fell insensible on the sidewalk, and then wasted away in bed for ten weeks. After being given up, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a couple of months I regained my old health, and now weigh 188 pounds. Twelve boxes did it, and I have been well two years."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## Birds in Attack.

Birds display great skill and cunning in the chase, the attack and in guarding themselves from injury during the struggle for supremacy. The secretary bird is the inveterate enemy and untiring pursuer of the snake. All sorts, even the most venomous, he hunts with a zest that is at once interesting and amusing.

The snake flees from its foe, who follows, watching every opportunity for a blow. When the reptile turns the bird uses one of his wings as a shield and strikes with his foot. The snake buries its fangs in the wing, but leaves the poison in the plumage and the bird escapes unhurt.

Repeated blows from the powerful claw confuse and disable the snake, and at last it falls, to be at once dispatched by thrusts of the sharp beak into its head. The bird then tosses his victim into the air and, catching it as it falls, swallows it.

## When Women Rule.

Men manage men more successfully than women manage women. A man can control a large staff of men without friction, whereas women who employ women, however small the number may be, generally find them a source of constant irritation. The truth is that men are juster, more considerate and more generous than women in dealing with their subordinates.—Referee.

## Women as Architects.

If every firm of architects would employ a woman, says a writer, who has made not only the arranging and decorating of a house her special study but those more important structural and sanitary details as well, I venture to think it would not only mean increased business to the firm but immense improvements and comfort both in houses and flats.

## Dressmakers' Models.

A London court dressmaker said the other day: "A mannequin, which is the correct name for a model, should be five feet eight inches tall in order to show the new model dresses from Paris to advantage. This is two inches taller than last season's height."

## Celebrates 104th Birthday.

James Bellows McGregor of North Newport, N. H., believed to be the oldest free Mason in America, celebrated his 104th birthday recently. He has voted the democratic ticket since he was of age.

Cast out the beam that is within mine own eye. With pleasure! But I pray that Celine may never be so foolish as to cast out the beam from hers!

## LIFE INSURANCE AGAIN.

Some of the Bright Spots.

There has been much discussion the last few months upon what the great has called scandals in some of the large life insurance companies, and while attention has been directed upon the difficulties of these institutions the public has almost grown to believe all are alike, and are inclined to condemn all for the coming of the few.

In view of the situation carefully there seems to be some companies located in the west that have neither speculated in Wall street securities nor invested in them. All their assets, including both reserve and surplus are invested in first mortgages on western improved farms, the best security in the world, and drawing a good rate of interest. One such company that certainly exhibits a clean record, as shown by its reports, has its home office at Lincoln, Neb., and conducts its business under the name of The Old Line Bankers' Life of Nebraska. It is nearly twenty years old, but has never been in bad luck. It has been conservatively and quietly and has made a record of steady growth. Practically all its policy holders approve. Practically all its assets of a million and a quarter dollars are invested in first mortgages on the best of farms, and not a dollar of past due interest is shown in its report. It earns last year for its policy holders more than 11 per cent on its mean reserve, the cost for new business written is less than any of the leading life insurance companies in the United States, and its death loss per thousand was less than any of them.

Unlike many companies organized in recent years on the remains of some defunct insurance company, it started originally as an old line company, and has no assessment business weighing it down. Its surplus already earned for its policy holders is in amount equal to 33 per cent of its entire reserve. Its statement of assets does not show a single dollar of the many items like agency balances, bills receivable, premium notes, stocks and bonds, real estate, "other assets," etc., which make up a considerable portion of the assets of many companies, but it consists of money and loans, and nothing else.

The public will discriminate more and more in the future between companies, not as to size, but as to the quality, and the one that can show a clean record, and ability through conservative management to pay good dividends will receive in the future an increasing patronage from that great conservative portion of the public who are not looking for speculation in a life contract, but for protection and reasonable returns on their investment.

If the investigation of New York companies has done nothing more, it will cause the western people to wake up to the fact that, as illustrated above, they have as good companies as any in the world, capable of taking care of all business, and able to show a clean record, and ability through conservative management to pay good dividends will receive in the future an increasing patronage from that great conservative portion of the public who are not looking for speculation in a life contract, but for protection and reasonable returns on their investment.

A great scholar says: In reading a book, I always stop at the bottom of each page and compel myself to give an account of everything read on that page. Thou mayst as well expect to grow stronger by always eating, as by always reading. It is thought and digestion which make books serviceable, and give health and vigor to the mind.

## RECORD OF LOYALTY

SPLENDID WORK OF RAILROAD MEN IN AN EMERGENCY.

Enormous Amount of Traffic Successfully Handled on Single Track in Face of Heavy Handicap—Shows Quality of American Train Crews.

The well-known writer on railroad subjects, Mr. Frank H. Spearman, in his book entitled, "The Strategy of Great Railroads," describes the surprise of the general manager of one of the eastern trunk lines, on a hunting trip in the north woods, who suddenly found himself on the right of way of a splendid, well-built railway line, apparently of a construction and equipment similar to the New York Central or Pennsylvania, along which thundered in quick succession heavy trains of iron ore, splendid passenger equipment and general freight service of surprising proportions.

This was the Peninsula division of the Chicago & North-Western Railway, which covers the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, including the hard-wood district and Lake Superior iron and copper region, with a surprisingly efficient net work of lines that connect the mines and forests with important lake ports, and with through rail service to and from the outer world.

Along this busy ore-carrying line a splendid exhibition of the loyalty, intelligence and general good team work that can be expected of the average railroad man and the efficiency of the rules laid down for his guidance in an emergency, was given a few days ago, which so greatly pleased the superintendent and other officials that the story has finally crept into public print, and it is well worth repetition in these columns.

It was all occasioned by a very heavy sleet storm that fell in the Upper Peninsula a few days ago, which threw down practically every telegraph line in the region in a few hours, and left the 464 miles of the division absolutely without telegraphic service for no less than forty-eight hours.

The ore movement has been especially heavy this year, more lake Superior ore being transported on the Great Lakes than ever before in the history of the iron industry, and in this emergency every mine would have to shut down on account of the shortage of railway cars to move their product unless the road was kept open in spite of the storm.

There was nothing that could be done by the chief train dispatcher; both he and the division superintendent were temporarily out of the game. It was one of these emergencies where the "man behind the gun" must make good, or the case was a hopeless one. And make good he did, in true blue, loyal style, with that splendid initiative that makes the average train crew typical of the qualities we admire in our American troops.

There was no way in which to get orders for train movements, no means by which division headquarters could be kept advised of where their trains were, and to the onlooker, no means existed by which the train crew could keep track of the whereabouts of trains in the opposite direction. It was an emergency of the gravest character, and was met with a splendid exhibition of good judgment and intelligent grasp of the science of railroad operation that is perhaps without an equal. They managed, on a single track line, without telegraph lines, for two whole days and nights, to keep every iron and copper mine in the district supplied with equipment and moved all trains practically on time.

4,571 cars were moved over the division Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20 and 21, and one hundred and twenty-five freight trains and no less than thirty-four passenger trains were taken care of upon the division, all handled on time on a single track, without accident, mishap, or delay and without the help of a train dispatcher.

Can anyone beat that record of loyalty to employers, hard work and intelligent grasp of conditions?

Any man who has ever handled the train movement of a busy railway division will appreciate how very much is involved in the work these trainmen did, hurrying to and fro over sleet covered cars, keeping cool, and ready to meet every emergency by application of the operating rules provided for their guidance.

## A Day to Remember.

Sweet young thing—Oh, this has been a wondrous day, my sixteenth birthday! I've had my first kiss from Arthur and my last box on the ears from mamma!—Megendorfer Blaetter.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

## White Hats for Cabmen.

By order of the police all cabmen in Berlin must wear white hats.

## Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

## Sensible Housekeepers.

will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

## The darkness awaits him who wastes the day.

A beggar in London recently accosted a man and whined, "I'm paralyzed in both hands, mister, I can't work, I can't grasp anything with 'em. Could you spare me a trifle, mister?"

"The deaf," replied the gentleman. "You'd better write down what you want to say. Here's a pencil and a piece of paper."

"Then 'e didn't hear about the paralysis," so he wrote down: "I've got a wife and six children starvin' at home, 'an 'am in a dreadful state of destitution."

He handed the paper to the man, who said: "I thought you said you couldn't grasp anything; and yet you can write!"

"Didn't yer say yer was deaf?" stammered the beggar.

"Yes, to find out if you were an impostor, which you are, as I supposed," replied the man.

"Well, of all the blooming frauds, yer the biggest!" exclaimed the beggar. "The hidea of yer sayin' yer was deaf, and tryin' to impose on a poor feller!"

And he shuffled off sniffing the air with righteous indignation.

## Convincing Evidence.

Winthrop, Cal., Nov. 20th (Special)—A plain and straightforward story is always the most convincing. And that is what has impressed us most in reading the testimonials in regard to Dodd's Kidney Pills. The experience told by Davis Lewis of this place bears the ring and stamp of truth upon it. He says:—

"I was troubled for six months with dull heavy pains in the small of my back, sometimes it passed into my stomach, at other times up between my shoulders. When it was in my stomach I was doubled up, and hardly knew what to do for the pain. I was advised to take all kinds of remedies, and did so but without getting any relief. Then some one told me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I got a box and began taking them. The first few doses gave me relief, by the time I had finished them all the pain was gone and I have been well ever since."

Many religious persons don't go to church on rainy Sundays on account of the prevalence of umbrella-stealing among the church-goers.

I am sure Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBERTS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1902.

There is never a wrong word to him who is right with his heart.

## When You Buy Starch

buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

## A Hint for Little Tapers.

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer and lighted it, and began to ascend a long, winding stair.

"Where are you going?" said the landlady.

"Away, high up," said the man; "higher than the top of the house where we sleep."

"And what are you going to do there?" said the landlady.

"I am going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the man; "for we stand at the entrance to a harbor, and some ship far out on the stormy sea may be looking for our light even now."

"Alas! no ship could ever see my light," said the little taper; "it is so very small."

"If your light is small," said the man, "keep it burning brightly and leave the rest to me."

Well, when the man got up to the top of the lighthouse to this was a lighthouse they were in—he took the little taper and with it he lighted the great lamps that stood ready with their polished reflectors behind them, and soon they were burning steady and clear, throwing a great strong beam of light across the sea. By this time the lighthouse man had blown out the little taper and laid it aside. It had done its work. Through his own light had been so small, it had been the means of kindling the great lights in the top of the lighthouse and these were now shining over the sea, so that ships far out knew by it where they were, and were guided safely into the harbor.

## PASSING OF PORRIDGE

Makes Way for the Better Food of a Better Day.

"Porridge is no longer used for breakfast in my home," writes a loyal Briton from Huntsville, Ont. This was an admission of no small significance to one "brought up" on the time-honored stand-by.

"One month ago," she continues, "I bought a package of Grape-Nuts food for my husband, who had been an invalid for over a year. He had passed through a severe attack of pneumonia and a gripe combined, and was left in a very bad condition when they passed away."

"I tried everything for his benefit, but nothing seemed to do him any good. Month followed month and he still remained as weak as ever. I was almost discouraged about him when I got the Grape-Nuts, but the result has compensated me for my anxiety."

"In the one month that he has eaten Grape-Nuts he has gained 10 pounds in weight, his strength is rapidly returning to him, and he feels like a new man. Now we all eat Grape-Nuts food, and are the better for it. Our little 5 year old boy, who used to suffer from pains in the stomach after eating the old-fashioned porridge, has no more trouble since he began to use Grape-Nuts, and I have no more doctor's bills to pay for him."

"We use Grape-Nuts with only sweet cream, and find it the most tasty dish in our bill of fare."

"Last Monday I ate 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, nothing else, then set to work and got my morning's work done by 9 o'clock, and felt less tired, much stronger, than if I had made my breakfast on meat, potatoes, etc., as I used to. I wouldn't be without Grape-Nuts in the house for any money." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## GOVERNOR MICKY'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Governor Mickey in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation recognizes a public awakening in the matter of the suppression of avarice, graft and greed and asserts that the movement must culminate in better laws and the ultimate purification of the body politics. He says:

"The flight of time reminds us that another year is rapidly drawing to a close and soon will have passed into history. It has been a year crowded with blessings for the American people. Without we are at peace with all nations while within there is evidence on every hand of unexampled prosperity and contentment. As a people our standing abroad has been strikingly exemplified by the successful outcome of the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan, instituted and persistently urged by President Roosevelt, an incident which emphasizes the potent influence of American diplomacy and the commanding position to which we have attained as a world power."

"At home there has been rapid development of our material resources. Manufacturing industries have prospered, the earth has yielded bountifully to the efforts of the husbandman, the laborer has found steady employment at a good wage. Here in our own state the conditions have been most favorable. Our crops were never better, the demand is such as to yield fair prices, devastating storms have wrought but little damage and pestilence is unknown."

The spiritual life of the people has also been quickened. In all parts of the country there is manifest a notable awakening of public sentiment in suppression of avarice, graft and greed, a movement which must culminate in the enactment of more wholesome laws and the ultimate purification of the body politic. For all these blessings vouchsafed to us by our kind Heavenly Father we are profoundly grateful."

"As an evidence of our gratitude and in conformity with time honored custom, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 30, 1905, as the day of general thanksgiving. Upon that day let the people assemble in their customary places of worship and participate in such services as will indicate the gratitude of their hearts for the manifold mercies of the past, and let them devoutly pray for a continuance of divine mercy in the future. Around the hearthfire and the family altar let the bounty of our God be the topic of thought and 'let all the people praise Him.'"

Four Officials in Trouble. LINCOLN—Four county superintendents-elect have failed to secure grade certificates. State Superintendent McElroy has ruled that the elected ones cannot hold office, issue certificates or transact business with the department. He also ruled that the counties allowing them to serve could not participate in the semi-annual apportionment.

## THE STATE WARDS MAY HAVE TURKEY

Members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings say that the inmates of most of the state institutions will have turkey and cranberry sauce on Thanksgiving day, despite the high price demanded for the fowl. At some of the institutions the whole, or at least a partial supply of turkeys is produced. The purchases are made under special permits for fresh meat and do not specify the kind to be bought. Warden Beemer of the state penitentiary has already entered into a tentative contract for enough geese to supply the 300 prisoners in his charge with Thanksgiving provender.

Oakdale Man Fatally Shot. NORFOLK—Alva Baker, aged 35, was accidentally shot in the stomach with a shotgun near Oakdale. He was feeding cattle near that town and in pulling a gun from the wagon the gun was discharged and the charge tore into his stomach. He is in a critical condition.

Williamson Indicted for Murder. OSCEOLA—Clark Williamson was indicted for murder in the first degree by a grand jury. He is accused of administering strychnine to his father-in-law, L. L. DeLong, a prominent resident of this place.

Stockmen Will Meet. AINSWORTH—The Brown county stock association has adjourned its regular meeting to December 3, when important business to stockmen will be taken up for consideration. The association now has a membership of sixty-eight.

Pardon for Sarpy County Man. The friends of James Dillio, a Sarpy county man convicted of burglary in October, 1904, and sent to the penitentiary for three years, have applied to Governor Mickey for a pardon.

Working for Better Corn. LINCOLN—The boys and girls of the public schools of Jefferson and Clay counties have decided to assist in the movement inaugurated by the state department of public instruction for the advancement of scientific corn culture and of domestic science.

Allen Will Pronounce Eulogy. NORFOLK—William V. Allen, former United States senator from Nebraska, will pronounce the eulogy over the deceased members of the Norfolk lodge of Elks December 3. Senator Allen is a member of the Norfolk lodge.

Culver Sails for Philippines. Adjutant General Culver has received word that the Third cavalry, in which his son, C. C. Culver, is lieutenant, will sail for the Philippines on the transport Buford December 15.

## NEBRASKA BRIEFS

Several cases of diphtheria have appeared at Albion.

Business has been commenced in the new Hastings postoffice.

Auburn is to have another band composed wholly of young men.

The efforts of the eastern owners of the West Point Milling property to dispose of the plant have so far been unsuccessful. It is feared they will close down the plant indefinitely.

Notice was telephoned to Sheriff Page at Geneva from Milligan that the dead body of Frank Sluka had been found hanging on a tree on Sluka's farm not far from Milligan.

Reports of corn-picking in Saunders county show that the product is running very unevenly in the fields. Some fields are running more bushels while others are far below their usual yields.

T. F. Swanback, who was elected constable of Greenwood at the late election, is 91 years old. He is hale, hearty and claims to be able to fulfill the duties of his office as well as any younger man.

Professor Rudolph Peters, the teacher of the St. Paul's German Lutheran Parochial school in West Point, has received a pressing call to take charge of a class in a graded parochial school at Cleveland, O.

August Anders of Clay county will have to stand trial on the charge of dynamiting fish. Under the game laws this is a felony. A fine of \$100 to \$500 is provided or a sentence of not more than one year in the penitentiary.

Fire was discovered in the large stone barn of C. H. Norris, of Table Rock, a large crib near by and a large stack of hay. The barn was filled with baled hay, and the conflagration was quite extensive. There was no insurance.

Dr. Lutgen of Auburn and Dr. Lutgen of Elk Creek, performed an operation upon Mrs. W. Usher of Nemaha county, removing forty-eight gall stones. The patient has been a great sufferer, but seems in a fair way to recover.

Senator Burkett has made a plea with Attorney General Moody for the assignment of United States prisoners convicted in Nebraska to the Lincoln penitentiary instead of having them sent either to Sioux Falls or Leavenworth.

At the instance of his wife Harm Huls of Beatrice, was adjudged an inebriate by the insanity commissioners. He was released on parole pending good behavior. Charles Sjoborg of Franklin county was committed to the asylum.

During a recent visit to Ashland with the state fish car, Superintendent W. J. O'Brien of the fish hatcheries at South Bend left 50,000 crabs and perch fry in care of J. C. Wright, to be planted in the lake near Swift's ice house.

Prof. G. E. Condor, of the geological department of the state university, was at Humboldt from Lincoln to make an inspection of the regions where farmers of that county have been convinced for some time, exist either coal, gas or oil, and perhaps all three.

Congressman E. M. Pollard of Nebraska today met with representatives of the Plattsmouth Commercial club. Several matters of importance were discussed, and when Mr. Pollard reaches Washington he expects to do some good work for Plattsmouth.

Land Commissioner Eaton has received notice from some of the lessees of state school land in the Dismal federal reserve that they have been warned not to trespass on the government tract, which will make it impossible to get in and out from the school sections.

George C. Sheed, executive officer of the Nebraska commission to the Lewis and Clarke exposition, has completed the unloading of the state's exhibits which have returned from Portland. These exhibits amounting to two carloads were carried to the coast by the Burlington railway and returned by the Union Pacific without cost to the state.

A new teaching position will be installed in the State Normal at Peru next year. It will be a tecum teacher. Miss Nellie Schlee of Tecumseh, who last week resigned a position in the Lincoln schools, will have the new position. Miss Schlee resigned her work that she might go to New York City and take work at Columbia college which will fit her for her new duties.

Hon. George Cross, the veteran editor of the Fairbury Gazette, has presented the Masonic lodge of that city with a gavel that the fraternity highly prize. It was made from a stone taken from the quarries under the site of Solomon's temple. Mr. Cross recently returned from a year's travels abroad, and had the souvenir made while he was in Jerusalem.

Secretary Royle of the state banking board has issued a call for the reports of the condition of the state banks of November 9.

A fatal fire is reported at the farm of John Williams, six miles west of Florence. Their grandchildren, son and daughter of Mrs. Loretta Chambers were at the house and during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Williams from the