JAPAN TAKES A FIRM STAND

AS TO SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL CONTROVERSY.

Report From Tokio is That the Mikado Will Insists Upon All Rights Under the Treaty.

TOKIO—After a careful survey of public feeling regarding the prospects of a satisfactory solution of the San Francisco school controversy it may be stated that while the approach of the termination of the disagreeable affair is welcomed, yet the report from Washington that a solution may be effected by a mutual treaty excluding the immigration of laborers is generally disbelieved as unreasonable. According to the prevailing feeling a solution must be effected on Japan's treaty rights, pure and simple.

However, confidence continues that a solution of the question will be reached without the least sacrifice of Japanese honor and prestige.

The war talk of the American press has been received here with great surprise and sincere regret. The correspondent of the Associated Press has talked with several leading men, both in and out of the government. They concur in the opinion that the United States is the last country with which Japan would go to war. Besides, both nations are unaggressive in their trade rivalries, which seldom leads to war unless territorial acquisition is intended by either rival.

San Francisco — Mayor Eugene Schmitz and members of the San Francisco Board of Education left here for Washington to confer with the president in regard to the exclusion of Japanese from the public schools, with a view of reaching a basis of settlement of the question.

The Famine in China.

Victoria, B. C.—Further advices from the famine district of central China, received by the steamship Tartar, state that smallpox has broken out in the camps and the officials are breaking them up. The people are numbed by suffering and patiently submit to being driven. Telegrams to the Jiji Shimpo say upwards of half a million people will die of starvation or diseases incidental to conditions prevailing in the famine districts.

Three Freeze to Death.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A woman and two children were found frozen to death Sunday afternoon in an upstairs tenement here, with a third child in an adjoining room badly frozen, but alive.

Trenton Has $100,000 Fire.

Trenton, N. J.—The Imperial Porcelain works of this city burned Sunday. The loss is estimated at $100,0.., fully insured.

MOSES P. SYVDENHAM DEAD.

Pioneer Nebraskan and Writer of Indian History Passes Away.

Kearney, Neb.—While on his way to church Sunday morning Moses P. Sydenham, one of Nebraska's oldest citizens and a writer of Indian history and early settlement of the state, dropped dead of heart failure at 11:30 o'clock.

He had been in poor health for some time although a little better of late, and was on his way to the Methodist church of which he was a member. He fell in front of the Goodall barn but recovered and walked inside, asking to sit down and rest a minute. While attendants brushed the snow off he became unconscious and was carried to a lounge where he expired.

Born in London, England, in 1835, in the Jewish quarter of "ghetto" of that world's metropolis, of Jewish parentage, Moses P. Sydenham spent his youth in England, but becoming attached to the "Stars and Stripes," which he frequently saw floating from the mastheads of the American clipper ships in the Indian trade, he had saved enough money to pay his passage to this country at the age of 19.

SOCIALISTS GET ELEVEN SEATS.

Result of Mid-Winter Elections in British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C.—The result of the elections so far give the conservatives twenty-five seats, liberals eleven, socialist eleven, with five constituencies to hear from. Victoria and Vancouver went solidly for the conservatives with heavy majorities. Ex-Commissioner McInness was defeated in the last named city by 1,000 vote.

Mohler Has Pneumonia.

Omaha—A. L. Mohler, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, who went to Chicago a few days ago to attend the meeting between general managers and trainmen was taken ill and is suffering with a slight attack of pneumonia.

Sixty-one Bodies Recovered.

Charleston, W. Va.—Up to midnight Sunday sixty-one bodies had been recovered from the Stuart mine. Twelve are still in the mine. The property loss is estimated at $30,000.

Mrs. Longworth Has Grip.

Washington — Mrs. Alice Roosevelt-Longworth, of wife of Representative Longworth of Ohio, and daughter of the president, is ill at her home in this city with what is stated to be a slight attack of grip. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt were very much concerned about their daughter's health when they were informed by the physician that her temperature had gone up to 102. Mrs. Longworth contracted a severe cold while attending the White House reception.

Car Famine in Southeast.

Knoxville, Tenn.—The coal industry of east Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky has been paralyzed on account of a coal car famine which prevailed on both the Southern and Louisville & Nashville railroads. Only on one day were any cars furnished the mine operators, and they have been unable even partially to supply the large district dependent on them in the southeastern states. Local operators have been notified of the closing down of hundreds of small industries on account of lack of coal.

SHAW INCLINED TO OMAHA.

Possibly May Reside in the Nebraska Metropolis.

Washington—Chances are now decidedly in favor of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw becoming a citizen of Omaha soon after he retires from the government service. It was learned today from a close friend of the secretary, an Iowa man who has had opportunity and occasion lately to become informed as to the personal plans of the secretary, that he is decidedly inclined to go to Omaha.

If he makes this decision, it is said he will become head of a trust company of probably $1,000,000 capital, in which he will take in his own name a large block of stock. Other Omaha people who believe there is an opening for such a concern there have indicated their willingness to subscribe liberally. In fact, it is stated that, given the assurance that Secretary Shaw will take the management, there is no doubt that the capital can be raised in a very short time.

The statement that the secretary leans strongly toward Nebraska comes from a source which places it beyond cavil.

Seattle, New York and Omaha have been chiefly in Mr. Shaw's mind for some time. Omaha he knows and likes, and he believes it affords an excellent field for his business talents. New York he does not like, and he recently said that while he could go there andcommand $100,000 salary, he would have to spend more of it living, and doubted if it were worth while.

Omaha's political situation has also attracted the former governor of Iowa. He has been told that if he would go there now he would have powerful backing, if he cared to identify himself with Nebraska politics, for the senatorial seat now held by Mr. Burkett.

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

Eighty or More Men Killed by Accident in West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va.—With a detonation heard for miles and hurling debris hundreds of feet in the air, dust in the Stuart mine, near Fayetteville, exploded Tuesday afternoon, bringing a terrible death to eighty or more men who were at work 500 feet below the surface. There is little or no chance that any will be taken out alive, for it is thought that the terrific force of the explosion snuffed out their lives instantly. It will not be possible for rescuers to reach the bottom of the shaft for forty-eight hours.

The disaster is perhaps the worst, in the number of killed, in the history of the state. Most of the men were Americans and many of them were married and had large families.

Livingston Wants a Suit.

Washington—Representative Livingston of Georgia appeared before the house committee on interstate and foreign house committee on Tuesday and urged favorable consideration of his resolution providing for an investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the fluctuations in the cotton market with the particular object of ascertaining whether or not speculations have resulted from the character of the contracts, alleged sales and deliveries made on the New York Cotton exchange.

AMERICAN WHEAT IN RUSSIA.

First Shipload Via London Will Reach Riga Soon.

St. Petersburg—On account of the failure of the local wheat crop Russia this year will be a purchaser of American wheat, and the first shipload will arrive at Riga, from London, on its way to Rybinsk. The price on the Russian market probably will be $1.15 a bushel, which is 7 cents under the local price. Other cargoes have been ordered for delivery at St. Petersburg as soon as navigation opens.

Treasury Balances.

Washington—Tuesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, $241,617,752; gold coin and bullion, $101,290,490; gold certificates, $2,463,300; total, $345,381,548.

President Hasn't Answered.

Washington — President Roosevelt has received the resolutions passed by the constitutional convention of Oklahoma asking him if he would approve the constitution if it should contain a provision on the "Jim Crow car" question. No answer has yet been made by the president.

Increase in Mail.

Washington—First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock has asked congress for an additional appropriation for postoffice clerks during the present fiscal year. He has asked for $150,000 to cover the salaries of 690 additional clerks until July 1.

Appeals for assistance are coming to the department from all parts of the country, particularly from the Pacific coast. Postmasters report that it is impossible to handle the mail, especially of the second class.

Two Senatorial Deadlocks.

Providence, R. I.—The tenth and eleventh ballots for the election of a United States senator showed no change. Goddard had 40; Colt, 38; Westmore, 31; Utter, 1.

Little Rock, Ark.—Both houses voted Tuesday for United States senator. Governor Davis received eighty-eight votes in the house and thirty in the senate. Judge Worthington received the five republican votes. The election of Davis will be ratified in joint session.

Still 72 Bodies in Mine.

Frankfort-on-the-Main—A dispatch to the Zeitung from Saarbruck says there are still seventy-two bodies under ground in the Reden mine. Of the bodies brought out only twenty-four have been recognized; the others are so burned that their identity cannot be established. One woman became demented when she was confronted by her husband, she having believed him among the dead. A number of Swiss and French newspaper correspondents reached Saarbruck.

A DWARFING PROCESS.

If the nation allows the child to enter it must expect the man to come out "the small end of the horn."

THE REGULATION OF RATES

PASSED OUT BY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Joint Tariffs and Joint Rates Covered Specific Duties on Common Carriers Imposed.

Washington—The interstate commerce commission promulgated two tariff circulars containing regulations governing the construction and filing of freight and passenger tariffs and classifications effective March 1, next. The regulations cover joint tariffs and through rates and also individual rates of the various carriers.

It is provided that a change in a tariff shall be known as an amendment and shall be printed in the supplement to the tariff which it amends. No rule shall be included, the circulars state, which in any way or in any terms authorizes substituting for any rate named in the tariff. Every carrier shall publish, post and file separate tariffs containing in plain and specific form and terms all of the terminal charges and allowances, together with all other charges and rules which in any way increase or decrease the amount to be paid on any shipment as stated in the regular tariff.

If a carrier refuse to participate in through or joint rates to or from its territory the commission will give early hearing on complaint against such action and render decision under the law which confers authority to establish through routes and joint rates. Such complaining carrier may, the commission rules, use such through rates over the lines of the objecting carrier as may have been lawfully published and filed, pending a decision by the commission.

The passenger tariff regulations contain general rules regarding stopovers, baggage and excess baggage weights, and special provision is made for the arrangement of points in local and interdivisional tariffs and for statements showing the routing.

LAW TO PROTECT UNIFORMS.

President Desires to Give Social Rights to Soldiers and Sailors.

Washington — If President Roosevelt can bring such a thing about, congress will pass a law which will prevent discrimination against the uniform of the army or navy. Several cases involving this question are pending in state courts, but the more recent case of the refusal of a sakting rink proprietor at Plattsburg, N. Y., to admit two soldiers in uniform, which was sustained by Judge Everest of the city court, has given an impetus to the movement set on foot by the president some time ago to insist that the uniforms shall be recignied in all public places.

Grain Dealers to Meet.

Des Moines, Ia.—The question as to whether the government shall own the railroads in order to solve the rate proposition will be one of the main features under discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association of Iowa, which will convene at Fort Dodge Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It is expected to be the largest gathering of grain growers and shippers ever held in the United States and many noted speakers will address the convention.

Burkett Changes Committees.

Washington—Senator Burkett of Nebraska on Thursday resigned as chairman of the committee on Indian depredations and was at once appointed chairman of the committee on Pacific railroads.

Ambassador Thompson Home.

Lincoln, Neb.—D. E. Thompson, ambassador to Mexico, is in Lincoln for a week's stay. He will visit Washington and return to Mexico by way of Havana.

Head Off Diseased Immigants.

Washington—"We are trying to have applied to Mexico the same regulations that are now in force respecting the admission of immigrants who come into the United States by way of Canada," said Commissioner of Immigration Frank T. Sargent on Thursday when asked about the steps being taken to reach an agreement with Mexico for keeping out of the United States undesirable immigrants who reach Vera Cru and other Mexican ports and then come across the Texas boundary line.

Will of Late Senator Alger.

Detroit, Mich.—The will of the late Senator R. A. Alger, filed in the probate court, leaves all of his estate excepting $20,000 to his widow and five children. The senator's brother, Charles M. Alger, of Hannibal, Mo., is left $10,000.

To the Happy Hunting Ground.

Sheridan, Wyo.—Bear Claw, the Crow Indian chief, died Thursday. He was generally peacefully inclined and had much influence with his tribe.

Iowa Editor Dead.

Marshalltown, Ia.—Byron Webster, former editor of the Marshalltown Statesman, died here. He was the first editor to suggest the name of Grover Cleveland for the presidency upon the election of Mr. Cleveland as governor of New York in 1884.

Contagion at Chicago.

Chicago—The health officers estimate the number of contagious diseases in the city at 4,477. Of these 3,058 are scarlet fever.

CATTLE FREEZING TO DEATH.

Stockmen in Northwest Will Lose Millions of Dollars.

Minneapolis—J. H. Howells of Minot, N. D., a leading buyer of cattle and sheep, says that the cattlemen of the northwest would stand to lose more than $1,000,000 by the severe winter. He has made a tour of inspection along the transcontinental lines, both in the United States and Canada, and says the losses will not be so great in North Dakota as in Alberta and Montana.

In the Alberta country, according to Mr. Howells, thousands of cattle had huddled together along the railroad tracks and dead cattle were to be seen for 100 miles or more, lying twenty deep in some places. The same condition, he says, prevails in Montana.

POPE CHANGES HIS ATTITUDE.

Agreement May Be Reached Between France and Church.

Paris—It is learned from an ecclesiastical source that as a result of the advice tendered to the pope at Rome January 2 by five French prelates the pontiff has changed his position toward the church and state separation question in France and will issue new instructions, under which it is believed it would be possible to organize public worship under the supplementary church and state separation law introduced by Minister of Education Briand.

Wants Famine Contributions.

Washington—American Consul General Rogers, at Shanghai, cabled the State department regarding the Chinese famine as follows:

Strongly advise that money contributions be sent instead of food at present. Provisions can be purchased at Shanghai at favorable prices.

Killed in Armour Plant.

Chicago—Four men were killed and sixteen others seriously injured as the result of the explosion of an ice machine in the power house of Armour & Co., at Forty-fourth street and Packers avenue.

Judge Beatty Resigns.

Boise, Idaho—James H. Beatty, for sixteen years judge of the United States court for the district of Idaho on Monday announced that he had tendered his resignation.

Freedom of Stump in Russia.

Moscow—The governor general has canceled, at Premier Stolypin's direction, the election order that any persons delivering speeches hostile to the government at electoral meetings shall be sentenced to three months' imprisonment or to pay a fine of $250.

The premier has directed provincial authorities to avoid interference with campaign meetings except where necessary to prevent the open advocacy of revolutionary outbreaks.

Great Graft in St. Louis.

St. Louis—Testimony taken by the senate committee on municipal affairs, which is making an investigation into municipal affairs, developed at Monday's hearing that E. C. Dodge, who has been the law partner of Excise Commissioner Thomas E. Mulvihill since March 19, 1887, has represented thirty-five or forty saloonkeepers whose licenses were attacked by Excise Commissioner Mulvihill, and that he had collected in eleven of these cases fees amounting to $730.

ORIGIN OF RUMOR OF WAR

REMARK OF HAYASHI ATTRIBUTED TO ROOT.

Government Has no Intention of Increasing Naval Force on Either Side of the Pacific.

Washington — Secretary Root positively refused to make any statement touching the Japanese situation in its relation to the conference which took place at the White House Wednesday evening between the president and some members of the cabinet and the California congressional delegation. He does, however, deny the authenticity of any of the published interviews attributed to him as to the imminence of war, the state of the treaty negotiations or any phase of this subject, which he regards as one eminently unsuited for public discussion at this time.

The Japanese ambassador declined to be seen this afternoon, but the members of the embassy staff declared he had not authorized any newspaper statement on this subject. The fact appears to be that a statement in the press cable dispatches ascribed to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs, to the effect that in event the courts upheld the San Francisco school officials, then the matter of discrimination against Japanese would require diplomatic treatment, was in some quarters erroneously attributed to Secretary Root, who was put in the position of stating that he received an ultimatum from the Japanese minister for foreign affairs. Mr. Root denies that he has received any such communication, and careful inquiry fails to show that the alleged remark of Baron Hayashi has ever been communicated officially to this government.

It was said at the Navy department as an evidence of the slight importance attached to the naval officers in the present discussion of the Japanese affair, that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the department of strengthening the naval force on either side of the Pacific.

School Board to Come East.

San Francisco — After a conference at the home of Mayor Schmitz this morning, the members of the board of education decided that the entire board, with Superintendent Roncavieri and Assistant City Attorney Williams, will go to Washington to confer with the federal officials on the Japanese question.

Mayor Schmitz will also be one of the party. The determination of the mayor to accompany the school directors came as a great surprise. In explanation of this, it was stated that a telegram had been received by him from some one in Washington saying that his presence was urgently needed.

ALASKA RAILROAD HEARING.

Senator-Elect Guggenheim Attacked by Witness Before Committee.

Washington — Hearings on the bill to give a government charter to the Alaska Railroad company for its proposed projected railroad from the head of Cordova bay to a point on the Yukon river near Engle, Alaska, were continued before the senate committee on territories. There was added interest in the hearing because Andrw Burleigh of New York, one of the promoters of the railroad, declared that opponents to the bill were trying to "corner" the copper fields of Alaska and that their plans will be interfered with if this railroad invaded the field.

TELLER PLEADS GUILTY.

C. H. Everly Sentenced to Five Years for Embezzlement.

St. Louis, Mo.—Charles H. Everly, formerly teller in the St. Louis Union Trust company, pleaded guilty today to a charge of embezzling $5,000 from the trust company, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Judge Muench before passing sentence said that while he agreed with the circuit attorney that the law would be satisfied to take five years of a man's life, he could not refrain from remarking that the sentence seemed entirely out of proportion to others dealt by the criminal courts after a trial.

Epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

Chicago—Two hundred and eight cases of scarlet fever were reported Friday, as compared with 281 Thursday. The decrease led the officials of the health department to believe that they have the epidemic under control. Diphtheria showed an increase of nine cases. The total to this date of fever cases is 5,852 and of diphtheria 2,656.

Any Stamps Will Do.

Washington — A bill was favorably reported by the house committee on postoffices and post cards providing that 10 cents worth of postage stamps of any denomination may be used instead of a special delivery stamp, providing the words "special delivery" be written on the letter.

Fruit Cars for Harriman.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Six hundred refrigerator cars, the first of a total of 6,000 ordered by the Pacific Fruit Express company for handling Southern California fruit shipments, in opposition to the Armour company, arrived here. The cars will continue to arrive at the rate of 1,200 a month until the order is filled. The Pacific Fruit Express company is known as an auxiliary of the Harriman railroads, but it is claimed will furnish competition with Armour, who has hitherto monopolied the business.

Mrs. Sage Gives $1,000,000.

New York—Mrs. Russell Sage has given $1,000,000 to the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute. Announcement of the gift was made at a meeting of the institute alumni association.

Meningitis Epidemic.

London — Cerebro spinal meningitis, hitherto but slightly known in this country, has broken out in virulent form in Scotland and the north of Ireland.

HARD FOR HOMESTEADERS.

Made So By Issuance of An Executive Order.

There Must Be Examination on the Ground by a Special Agent Before Patent Can Be Issued.

Washington—Besides fixing February 20 at the date to vote on the declaration that Senator Reed Smoot of Utah is not entitled to his seat, passing a bill appropriating $2,000,000 to confine the Colorado river to its banks and another placing the management of the Panama railway under the isthmian canal commission, the senate listened to an extended speech by Senator Carter, Mont., in criticism of the secretary of the interior and another by Secretary Heyburn to the same end.

The recent order of the secretary preventing the issuance of patents to the public lands after an examination on the ground by a special agent was the subject of criticism, and many senators from western states, by casual interruptions, showed their approval of the sentiments expressed.

Mr. Heyburn concluded by explaining the hardship the executive order was working. A homesteader, he said, was put entirely at the mercy of the "special agent," was not allowed to know the report which was made against him and given no opportunity to answer it. It made no difference whether the settler had rendered his sworn affidavit and the affidavits of two of his neighbors, in compliance with the law, the report of the special agent was placed above this evidence. As it was to the advantage of the special agent to find trouble, the reports so made were likely to be had.

RATE BILL IS READY.

Subcommittee Completes Measure Dealing with Passenger Fares.

Lincoln, Neb.—The passenger rate bill is ready for action at the hands of the joint railroad committee; the commission bill proper will be ready a few hours later, and the anti-pass bill is on the road to completion. These bills now are in the hands of sub-committees selected from the joint committee, and before being introduced into the house and senate, of course, must run the gauntlet of the joint committee. Inasmuch, however, as the general outline of all the bills was discussed before the sub-committees were appointed, it is thought more than probable the joint committee will merely endorse what has been done by the joint committees and the bills will be introduced the latter part of the week.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

Washington—The Indian appropriation bill was reported to the senate. It carries $14,509,201, a net increase of $6,306,132 over the bill passed by the house. The large increases by the senate committee are due to appropriations under which the United State treasurer will pay to a number of tribes the money now held in trust as Indian tribal funds. The committee feels that these tribes are competent to manage their own affairs and that the government should cease paying interest on the funds.

Swettenham's Time Short.

London—There is reason to believe that the resignation of Sir Alexander Swettenham, governor of Jamaica, has been accepted, although the officials of the foreign office refuse all information on the subject. This official reticence is attributed to a desire to complete the arrangements for a succession to the post before announcing Swettenham's retirement. It is expected that the latter will leave the island as soon as details can be completed for handing over the affairs of his office to his successor.

HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DEAD.

Funerals of Nearly All Victims of Prussian Mine Disaster.

Saarbruecken, Rhenishb Prussia — The funeral services over the victims of the recent mine disaster were held today. One hundred and forty-two coffins were laid in long rows in the hall adjacent to the shaft. Prince Frederick Leopold made a short address. A total of 149 bodies have been recovered, of which 110 have been recognized. There are still nine bodies below, buried under wreckage.

LIVE STOCK FOR INDIANS.

Will Ask Bids on Million Dollars' Worth of Cattle.

Washington — An expenditure of nearly $1,000,000 for the purchase of cattle to supply the needs of the Indians on reservations in North and South Dakota, Montana and Arizona will be made by the interior department within a short time.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has been authorized to invite proposals for furnishing and delivering during the fiscal year 1907, 24,751 heifers, 775 bulls, 1,268 mares and 1,268 milch cows to Indian agencies in the states referred to at an estimated cost of $704,420.

To Create "Paul Jones Day."

Washington—Senator Burnham introduced a bill providing that Sept. 23 and that on that day all United and that on that day day all United States vessels in port shall "dress ship." It is said that the bill is supported by Admiral Dewey, General Horace Porter, Rear Admiral Baird and others.

Earthquake at Vandalia.

St. Louis, Mo.—A Republic special from Vandalia, Ill., says every building in Vandalia was shaken by an earthquake Wednesday night. Many persons were aroused from deep sleep. The shock was accompanied by a loud rumbling.

Sixty Dead in Coal Mine.

Charleston, W. Va.—Late advices received from the scene of the disaster at the Stuart company's mines at Stuart, Fayette county, is that the number of victims will be about sixty, instead of seventy-five or eighty as

NEWS ITEMS IN NEBRASKA

The city marshal of Humboldt has handed in his resignation.

A great deal of pneumonia is prevalent in Nehawka and vicinity.

Dr. Gilchrist, a former Omaha divine died in Pittsburg Pa., last week.

The Nebraska Central will begin building the Hastings end at once.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sloan of Geneva celebrated their golden wedding last week.

A revival that recently closed in the Christian church at Nelson resulted in hal fa hundred conversions.

J. F. Wolf of Cedar Creek shot and killed a bald eagle which measured a little more than seven feet from tip to tip of wings.

Cass county's quota of dipsomanics is full at the state asylum and no more will be received from that county for the present.

The board of supervisors estimates the amount required to pay the expenses of running Platte county for the year 1907 at $75,200.

County Judge Wilson a short time ago collected an inheritance tax, as provided by law, the first collection made in Antelope county.

Six brothers and sisters, the youngest 51 and the oldest 72, were together the first time at the home of the late Hon. Perry Selden in Blair.

The Farmers' institute of Washington county will be held in Blair February 14 and 15 under the auspices of the state agricultural school.

Representative Pollard today secured the passage of a bill for the relief of William A. Whittaker of Falls City, increasing his pension from $12 to $24.

The Methodist and Congregational churches of Clarks have held jointly a series of special meetings extending over two weeks. Attendance has been good.

At the Methodist Episcopal church the Grand Army of the Republic post of Norfolk presented a large American flag to the trustees of the church with appropriate services.

Wolves have become such a menace to stock and poultry that farmers both east and west of Red Cloud are forming hunting parties to rid the country side of the brutes if possible.

The Merrick County Agricultural and Fair association has just been organized at Clarks. It is proposed to hold a county fair annually at Clarks, beginning with the coming summer or fall.

The Seward County Agricultural society has arranged for a stock judging contest for boys under 20 years of age, to be under the management of Dr. N. B. Cummins, at the county fair next fall.

The Otoe Preserving company, canners, has purchased a canning plant recently erected in Rockport, Mo., and will operate it in the future in connection with the plant at Nebraska City.

John P. Peterson went to Neligh and gave himself up to Sheriff Miller, who took him before the county judge to answer to the charge of bastardy.

Farmers about Sutherland have completed the shipment of sugar beets grown last season to the factories. Two hundred or more carloads were shipped from that vicinity, the yield being good.

T. F. Miller of Nance county, proprietor of the Cedar Bank Poland China hog barn, made a public sale of forty-two head of his thoroughbred hogs for the sum of $3,675, an average of $87.50 per head.

Michael Benda, a brakeman on the Burlington at Wymore, was lodged in jail at Beatrice on a complaint sworn out by Miss Genevieve Peterson, charging him with being the father of her unborn child.

A wolf hunt, in which about 100 people participated, was held east of Blue Hill. A good-sized tract of country was thoroughly covered and several wolves were stirred up, but in the final round-up only one was killed.

A practical demonstration of the milking machine was given before the meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's association at Lincoln. Prof. C. Erf gave a talk on the milking machine, illustrating his remarks by milking several cows.

A movement is to be launched for a greater Hastings. "Twenty thousand by 1910," will be the campaign cry and if the plans of the men back of the scheme are carried out Hastings will move with full steam ahead for the next three years.

It is expected that the corn exhibit will be a feature of the Johnson County Farmers' institute, which will be held in Tecumseh January 30 and 31 and February 1 and 2. The committee having the corn show in charge promises good premiums and expects a good showing.

Matt Mitchell of Eustis has returned from St. Joseph, where he marketed a shipment of cattle, among which was a cow said to be the heaviest ever received at the St. Joseph stock yards. The animal was a high grade Durham and weighed 1,980 pounds and sold for $3.80 per hundred-weight and netted Mr. Mitchell $76.

Foggy, cold weather with light snows occasionally, prevails most of the time in Banner county, making it very unpleasant for freighting and severe on stock on the range. It is feared that the loss of live stock will be quite heavy.

Mike Distler, Frank Karr, Ed. Hilton, Herman Schmidt, F. C. Kruger and F. Kruger returned to Blue Hill from their trip through Oklahoma, Texas and Indian Territory. They went for the purpose of looking at the land and buying if suitable. None of the party purchased any land.

R. P. Woepptle, a farmer living southwest of Ewing, was struck by train No. 116 while crossing the track at that place. His wagon was demolished and he received two scalp wounds and his back was badly wrenched.

The firm of Walt & Sons, which opened a 5 and 10 cent store in Beatrice, before the holidays started to move its stock, when it was intercepted by the sheriff who served an attachment, issued by the county court on the application of F. R. Shields, agent for the owner of the building.