## "THE WOMAN IN THE CASE."

Mrs Fountain the Siren, and Who and What She Is-

A DARING STAGE ROBBERY.

An Express Strong Box Carried off by Masked Men in Broad Daylight-General Local News.

The Bewitching Siren.

It was a most interesting baby with a pink nose and big, blue eyes which the patient darkey mammy was trying to close in sleep. The reporter as he waited for Mrs. Fountain to dress and be interviewed, grew interested in the child.

"Pretty dear," he said as sweetly as his unpracticed tongue would permit, "nice kid. Good nurse, too. Go to s'eepy

Keeping up this sort of thing for a few minutes worked the desired effect upon the "good nurse," who doubtless concluded the reporter to be a very elever sort of a chap, and deserving to know all he would.

Yes, indeedy, the little darling was Mrs. Fountain's-her very own-and, yes, Mr. Fountain's, too. It was a girl, bless its little heart, and only ten weeks old, the angel. And so on, all about the sweet thing. That's news, unquestionably. Not many know that Mrs. Fountain has a

baby ten week's old. There was something said a little while ago about Mrs. F. having found an infant on her door steps, but, goodness, this couldn't be the child. Whoever heard of the heiress of a household lying around on the front stoop before it brought the sunshine of its presence into the family circle. The reporter had probably called too early. It was half past ten, but Mrs. Fountain was not as yet prepared even for informal callers. She admitted the news man, however, giving him kindly

with the child when the mother, clad in a seal skin sacque and silken garments, swept into the room. 'Isn't it frightful," she ejaculated with a meio-dramatic wave of her arms.
"Frightful? why, madame, I think it is
a beautiful infant. You shock me," returned the reporter, wheeling from the

Instructions from the top of the stairs to wait a bit. The reporter was still occu-

nurse to the lady.
"I don't mean the child and you know it," retorted Mrs. Fountain with a withering sneer. "I refer to the publications in the morning papers. Oh, it is dreadful." and she collapsed into a chair. Mrs. Fountain is a handsome woman of large physique. She dresses well, furnishes her surroundings sumptuously, converses refinedly and is altogether a charming personage. Further descrip-tion of her personnel is unnecessary as a woman more widely known does not live in Omaha.

She continued with heated eloquence to condemn the morning papers and pro-test against the foul calumnies which they heaped upon her.

"Just think of the terrible things those vile sheets said about me. To lie and slander and then to speak of me as a woman, 'oh!' the wretches. I am half crazy this morning. My husband, who is very sick, and I spent the entire night driving about trying to have the dreadful publication stopped."

In this measure she went on denouncing the press in general, the Re-publican in particular, and literally llaying Fed Nye alive. "When we got to wouldn't come to the door, but stood back in the hall and shouted at us. He is a fiend. [Oh, for red ink to express the tones in which Mrs. Fountain have a stood of the content of the co tones in which Mrs. Fountain brought out this last word.] He said it was too late to stop the libelous article and then when we asked him to open the door, he said something about not being afraid. but he was too sleepy to talk more. He is a wrech."

SHE DON'T KNOW PRICCHARD. Exhausting this topic she turned at the reporter's guidance upon the leading question of the present—her concern in young Prichard's downfall. That is the mots monstrous of all the

heinous falsehood they have told about me. I don't know Pritchard and never saw him except on two occasions when I sent money to my husband who was then in Chicago. My murse here was with me when I sent the messages and can attest to what I say. I never sent \$125, but altogether forwarded my husband \$110— \$60 at one time and \$50 at another. At the times I called at the telegraph office I saw Pritchard and never at any other." The nurse affirmed this statement with a nod. "The only way I learned his name was when he sent me the receipt, and he never was in my house—ch. Aunty ?" and Aunty very emphatically exclaimed "No, sah !"

"Besides, what would I want with such a man." Nothing can for the smallest part express the lofty scorn with which these words were spoken. and when the sweeping gesture of disdain stopped with one of the lady's lily hands held about four feet from the floor to plainly signify that Pritchard was a little fellow and she had no use for such creatures, the reporter felt bad for himself, but managed to struggle out a feeble, "but Pritch has the reputation of being a good little bit of a man."

she exclaimed in a tone of voice which shut up the newspaper man from I any discussion with ner on the subject o manly forms. "It's a lie from top to bottom," she resumed. "So is the story that I paid to have that legacy matter printed a lie. My sister, Ida, did that for a joke."

This "sister Ida," who very evidently ought to be restrained when she gets in a funny vein, is a young lady who carries the misfortune of lameness. She is a most convenient accessory to Mrs. Fountain and can well shoulder the reproaches intended for her splendid sister.

"As to the legacy story itself, I have every confidence in its genuineness and I have letters from lawyers and agents on the subject. It will require some time to reach the funds, but I hope that it can be done in time."

THE NORSTROM-DEWITT BASTARDY CASE. "Did you ever know a girl named Norstrom?" asked the reporter, as soon as Mrs. Fountain finished ranting over

her grievances. Yes," she snapped half viciously, as she gave the reporter a swift, suspicious glance, "what of it?"

glance, "what of it?"
"Nothing you need be alarmed about
I merely wanted to know if you know anything about a note written to Judge Anderson in connection with the case.

"Well, see here," she said, at last, throwing off her restraint. "Til be plain with you. The girl came to my house hast week and for a few days assisted in the work about the house. She was in a delicate condition and told me her story. I asked her who the man-what the name of-well, who the man was. She told me and I informed my husband. We both concluded that the girl wronged and that her seducer who was earning \$10 a month ought to be made to right the wrong. Mr. Foun-tain sat down and wrote a note to Judge Anderson stating the case and gave it to the girt to deliver. The result of it was that the fellow was arrested and the whole affair happily settled by their mar-riage. Gracious me, if an honest attempt to redeem a ruined girl is to reflect on me, why let it reflect." and Mrs. Foun-threw herself back in her chair with an air of savage resignation to any fate. This virtually terminated the interview this business this season.

and the reporter was graciously show out after another small bit of attention to the baby which had meanwhile sunk to slumber in its truckle-bed.

WHO MRS. FOUNTAIN IS. Mrs. Fountain is the worst slandered woman in Omaha, of course. She is an innocent woman with a bad reputation, poor thing. She is said to be an adventuress, but that is only because she don't pay her bills when she can evade such small responsibilities. She is said to be small responsibilities. She is said to be a flirt, and is charged with wearing prominent citizens tied up in bow knots around her ring fingers, but that is only born of the malignant spirits who ency her charming manners. She is a dasher and a daisy, and upon these high quali-ties of mind and soul scandalous tongues have spread disrepute, which is altogether too bad.

doesn't understand why,

A DARING DEED.

Broad Daylight.

Gen. Howard, of army headquarters,

received telegrams from Fort Robinson

yesterday informing him of a daring stage

wees, commandant at Fort Robinson was informed. He immediately ordered out

all the troops and they are now engaged

in scouring the country for the robbers.

it is possible for them to escape,

said, in conclusion, "for they are headed off in every direction."

LATER.

From late telegrams received yesterday

at army headquarters, it appears that the

robbery occurred near Dawes City, about

sixteen miles from Fort Robinson. Im-

mediately upon the receipt of the intel-

above have be received at headquarters.

FOLLOWED HIM OUT WEST.

The Sad Story of a Young Woman's

Life.

According to a complaint filed in Jus-

tice Anderson's court vesterday, Lillian

Bourdette is a very much abused young

woman. She has sworn out a warrant

for the arrest of Henry C. Burbank, a

business man of this city, charging him

with being the father of her illegitimate

Miss Bourdette's story is to the effect

that she met Burbank, six years

ago, at that time a conductor

while residing with her parents

in Long Branch. Her father was a

wealthy man, and she was treated in the

most indulgent manner, her every wish

being granted almost before expressed.

But she was a wayward girl, and when

Burbank, who was a handsome,

dashing fellow, whispered words of

love into her ears, she weakly

listened. Becoming infatuated with him

she followed him to New York city, where

did not keep his promise of marriage, but

lived with her as his mistress until Sep-tember, 1882, when a child was born. In

that month he abandoned her and came to Omaha. She managed to learn in

some way of his whereabouts, and the following month she followed him out west. He was not overjoyed to see her,

but promised to provide something for her and the child. He has kept his word

up to within a few weeks ago, when he

refused to contribute anything further to

her support, Accordingly, the woman has determined to suc him and compel him, if possible,

to assume the paternal responsibility for

the care of her child. She has been sup-

washing and doing other manual work. She declares that she will not return to

her parents in Long Branch, though she has been repeatedly solicited by them to do so. The prosecution against Burbank

was first commenced in Justice Bartlett's court, but was thrown out of that tribu-

nal this morning and taken to Justice

Anderson's court. Burbank has been ar-

rested and has given bail for his appear-

Insane and in Jail.

William J. Trott, an old resident of

Omaha, is now in the county jail charged

with being insane. He was arrested at

the instance of Fred L. Clark, living at

the corner of Fifteenth and Cass streets.

Trott was arrested by Sheriff Coburn, who

landed him in jail awaiting the action of

the insanity board, On the way to jail

Trost wanted to know of the deputy if

the sheriff wasn't a bit off in the upper

story. The old gentleman is a carpenter

and joiner by trade, and is well known in Omaha. He declares that he has ruined

Omaha and the entire world, and to

come in contact with him is almost cer-

The Ice Strike.

The scene along the river yesterday

was a busy one all the firms having full

gangs of men at work cutting and storing

day's BEE with regard to the payment of

wages has been settled by the firms' agree-

ing pay the sum demanded by the union, \$1.75. It is probable that this price will

be the standard one during the winter. About 2,000 men will find employment at

The difficulty mentioned in yester-

tain death.

porting herself latterly by taking

Accordingly, the stermined to sue

m 1880 he accomplished her ruin. He

W. R. Pope, Topeka, Kans.: "The Kansas legislature meets in special session next week, for thirty days, to reapportion the legislative districts. It is thought that at this session the prohibitionist will make an extended." Mrs. Fountain was much the same kind tionists will make an extra effort to have of personage before she came to Omaha, She formerly lived in Cleveland and stringent measure enacted for the enforcement of the liquor law. At present there she was abused. One evil-spirited concern to whom she was indebted for this law is practically a dead letter. enforcement is a roaring farce. It is causing a great turmoil in the state, and he small trifle of some one or two hundred dollars, went so far as to insist upon collecting the amount after she came here, and they employed Messrs. Groff & has from the day of its enactment kept affairs in hot water. The democratic republican parties of Kansas are Montgomery. The money was forthcom-ng when she was pressed for it, which redounds much to her credit. both split up into factions over the issue. In the city of Topeka, while there are no saloons running openly, still liquor is easily procurable, whenever and in what-Then again there are those who spent the past summer at Spirit Lake and say ever quantities you want it. There are now that Mrs. Fountain fell into such peculiar relationships with a clerk in the seventy-live or eighty drugstores there which have a permit to sell liquors, and hotel Orleans that all the ladies fought shy of her and the poor clerk was discharged before the end of the season. you can easily get whatever you want, by signing a certificate that you need it "for your health." Another scheme that the sports have of supplying themselves with whiskies and wines is to send to Kansas Some of these folks are mean enough to remember that Mrs. F. wore black and white stockings while enjoying City and get the bottled article. A big supthe breezes of Okokobo ji, and that she ply of whisky is in this way kept in the various club-rooms throughout the was evidently very proud of them. There are many other stories out about city, and in these rooms drunken revels are held from night to night by the memher, but they all run in the same slanderous current, and it would be a shame to bers of the clubs. Any one can get ac print them. Mrs. Fountain thinks that the press is "down on her," and she cess to these rooms by means of a simple "introduction." Yes, in Leavenworth and Atchison the saloons are still open. The attorney general is putting forth strong

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short Interviews Gathered in the Ho-

John Pil, Grand Island, Nob.: "It is too

early yet to say whether the recent bliz-

zard killed many of the range cattle of

this state. It is safe to say that it did.

You see, cattle drifting with the storm are

bound to perish for want of food and

however, just what the exact damage has

been, for weeks or months. Housed eat-tle, of course, did not suffer to any ex-

shelter. It will not be possible to tell,

tel Rotundas.

but little headway. The sentiment against prohibition in these localities is very A Stage Bobbed by Highwaymen in rong.
J. R. Gregg, Kansas City, Mo.:
"When the news of Father Jardine's nicide was received in Kansas City on Sunday afternoon, there was instantly robbery which was committed Monday created a feeling of sympathy for the morning, about eighteen miles from dead man. The feeling against the the fort. The particulars received so Times in certain quarters is very strong far are very meagre. It seems that -people are beginning to believe that that journal hounded Father Jardine about 11 o'clock in the morning the stage with a severity entirely unwarranted coach running between Chadron and This feeling is especially noticeable among the members of St. Mary's church, Fort Robinson, was stopped by masked highwaymen, who carried off the express of which Father Jardine was rector. All company's strong box. This receptacle along he has had his supporters, who have strongly insisted that he was innocent contained about \$5,000 in gold, with which the army paymaster intended to soldiers at Fort Robinson. The news of the robbery soon spread and Major Duof the charges preferred against him. Even among those who have believed in Father Jardine's guilt, there is now a re actionary feeling for the man. The charges against him were preferred by John Shea, formerly editor of the Kansas City Mail, who openly accused him of criminal intimacy with the sisters, and The money was in charge of the express company and they will be held reponsi-ble for the loss in case the robbers are not overhauled. Gen. Howard said all sorts of horrible offences. The body of the unfortunate man will arrive in Kansas City to-morrow, and the funeral will be held in the afternoon."

efforts to close them up, but he is making

the telegrams this morning assured him that every effort was being made to cap-ture the culprits, both by the military and the civil authorities. "I do not see how Harry Octrichs, Chadron, Neb.: [Mr. Oelrichs arrived in Omaha last night with his physicians and servants, and it at present stopping at the Paxton. has been suffering so severely from inflammatory rheumatism that he was onfined to his bed since his arrival here. He letf for New York, however, last night.] "Chadren is a booming town at present, one of the liveliest in the state, in fact. It has probably 2,000 or more inhabitants. It is building up rapidly, and its growth appears to be of the substantial sort. I am feeding at present ligence at Fort Robinson, a detatchment about 1.500 cattle in Nebraska on the of soldiers was sent out to follow up the line of the Union Pacific and Sioux City robbers. Gen. Howard has been sending & Pacific. I also have 600 head feed-ing in stables in Dakota. I keep them underground, in cellars, ac-cording to an idea of my own and find that they fatten splendidly under the treatment. The winter in our section of the northwest has been phenomenally mild so far, for which the tlemen are duly grateful. I have never seen anything like it during my ten years

#### stay in this western country." DRUNK IN A SNOW DRIFT.

Frank Katza's Unfortunate Condi-

tion-Yesterda's Police Court. Frank Katza, a young man of rather seedy appearance, was brought before Judge Stenberg yesterday to answer to a charge of drunkenness preferred against him. He had been found by the officers in a snow drift, half frozen to death, and would undoubtedly have perished but for their timely discovery. He was released, and went off to find a doctor to attend to his frozen feet and hands.

B. VanNess plead not guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace. The evidence against him, however, went to show that he had gone into a house of ill fame on the corner of Eleventh and Dodge streets Monday night threatened to kill every one of the girls. A murderous looking 'billy' composed of a heavy chunk of lead and a piece of twisted wire was found on his person. The judge sentenced him to pay a time of \$15 and costs, in default of which he was taken to jail.

Tom McGregor, an old-timer, was brought up for vagrancy. He was sent up to the county fail to serve out an old sentence of 52 days. It seems that he escaped from jail sometime ago, and went over to the Blaffs. There he was arrested for robbing a man of \$100, but as the prosecuting witness disappeared, he was never indicted. William Lamb, drunk and disorderly,

\$5 and costs. John Lindley, drunk and disorderly, discharged.
George Goswell, suspicious character, ordered out of the city.

Thomas Leonard, assault upon an officer, discharged.

## SETTLED BY MARRIAGE.

A Happy Compromise of the Dewitt-Norstrom Case.

The bastardy suit of Anna Norstrom vs. Arthur L. DeWitt was compromised Monday by marriage. DeWitt is an employe in the Union Pacific shops, and was arrested and bound over on Monday last, spending the intervening time in the county jail. Judge Hawes, the counsel for the man, had prepared two compromise plans-the first that Dewitt should marry the girl, and the second that he should pay her \$50 down and \$16 per month until the birth of her child. The first proposal met the favor of both the princ.pals, and the nuptials were consummated in county court Monday evening The fact is that the woman had never intended prosecuting her lover, but was drawn into it by the intermeddling of officious friends.

Some interesting facts of a general sort were developed by this affair. As soon as it was learned that the compromise as it was learned that the compromise would be in marriage, pressure was brought to bear on Judge Hawes to have the ccremony performed in the jail to give the event a more romantic savor. The judge refused to grant the request of his friends and was unquestionably right in doing so. It seems that under the law a marriage of such a kind der the law, a marriage of such a kind performed in jail would be practically void if either of the contracting parties ever attempted to challenge its legality. The imputation of compulsion under duress attaches to such a marriage and it

avoided in the proceedings of courts, and no criminal, no matter how heinous his crime, is ever tried and sentenced in

handeuffs On leaving the court yesterday after-noon, DeWitt took a solonin pledge in the presence of those assembled to support and protect his wife and many of his good friends standing by endorsed his position.

#### WINTER MARTS.

The Delicacies Afforded by the Local Markets-Prices and Varieties.

There are very few changes to note is the local marts, either in the prices or varieties of the edibles for sale.

FISH. The most toothsome food at present in this line are the white fish and trout, selling for 15 cents a pound. Fresh codfish is to be purchased for 15 cents a pound, while nalibut steaks and cels are worth 25 cents a pound. Flounders are worth 124 cents a pound. Fresh mackerel nackerel brings 15 cents Smelts, though not plenty apiece. selling for 15 cents a pound. Striped bass are so scarce as to quoted. Salt codfish tongues sell for 12 nts a pound. Oysters, of standard quality and size, are selling at 40 cents a qt. The selects

bring 60 cents a qt. Cans 20 to 40 cents, MEAT, POULTRY AND GAME. There have been no material changes

n the line of meats. The best cuts of sirloin sell for 15 cents rumps and upper part of round steak at 124. Roasting ribs, firm and juley, can be bought from 10 to 124 cents. Veal is extremely scarce and comes high, from 15 to 20 cents, according to the choiceness of the part. Sweet breads can be chased at 25 cents a pair. Corn beef is selling at from 5 to 10 cents, according to cuts. Prime leg of mutton can be had for 12½ cents; mutton chops 12½ to 15 cents Ham is worth 12½ cents in bulk, 20 cents sliced. Pork, 10 to 121 cents. Sausage, 10 to 124 cents. Venison, rich and juicy, can be purchased for 20 cents. The ten-derloins of steers killed for Christmas will be fine, and should be spoken for in advance.

Chickens are worth 15 cents a pound turkeys and ducks 20 cents a pound. Rabbits, dressed, can be purchased for 10 to 121 cents each.

VEGETABLES. Onions are selling at 30 cents a peck. Turnips are worth 20 cents a peck. Rutabagas 25 cents. Cabbage is bring-ing 19 to 15 cents a head. Potatoes, best /arieties, are worth 55 to 65. Salt Lake potatoes are selling for 85 cents a bushel. Sweet potatoes, are worth 65

cents a peck. Hubbard and Marblehead squashes sell for 10 to 25 cents apiece. Carrots are worth 25 cents a peek. Oyster plant sells 4 bunches for a quar-

Parsley is sold at 3 cents a bunch. Parsnips at 25 cents a peek. Yankee numpkins are worth from 15 to 25 cents each; sweet pie pumpkins the same. Celery sells at 60 cents a dozen. New hot-house lettuce and radishes 50 cents a

FRUITS.

Florida oranges are worth 25 to 50 cents a dozen, according to size. Bananas are worth from 35-to 50 cents a doz-en. Grapes of the Malaga variety sell for 30 cents a pound, while Catawba grapes sell for \$1.25 a basket, large size. Raisins can be had for from 10 to 35 cents a pound, dried currants 10 to 15 cents a pound. Candied citron is worth 50 cents a pound. Figs are worth from 20 to 25 cents a pound, cooking tigs 20 cents a pound. Cranberries are selling for from 10 to 15 cents a quart. California pears are worth 15 cents a pound. Good Persian dates are worth 20 cents a pound,

and Blackford dates the same.

Apples, choice Michigan varieties, are worth \$3,25 to \$3.50 a barrel, New York states \$3.00 a barrel. Missouri stock is

worth from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Hickory nuts are worth 50 cents a peck; shell barks and hazel nuts are selling for

BUTTER AND EGGS. Butter, dairy, is bringing from 25 to 30 cents a pound. The best creamery can be purchased at 35 cents a pound. Eggs sell for the standard price of 25 cents a dozen.

A Chicago Man Gone Wrong. A sad case of destitution was brought

to light yesterday and is only another instance of neglect on the part of the husband, causing the innocent wife and children to suffer. It appears that a young man whose name is not mentioned for the sake of his wife and children, came to this city last summer from Chicago and was employed by a whlesale spice house in this city as city salesman. He sent for his wife and family and purchased his household furniture from M. F. Martin on installments, promising to pay a certain amount each' month until paid for. From the very start he has been behind in his payments and has caused Mr. Martin considerable trouble, until finally he ceased paying altogether, flatly refusing to pay the balance of forty dollars still due. Although Mr. Martin has used every effort to induce him to pay finally, he has left the city, leaving wife and children in a destitute condition and were it not for the elemency on the part of Mr. Martin, his family would be without fire or furniture. He has spent his time in beer saloons, playing billiards and pool and owes a number of business firms in the city

His Luck Rained Him. Edward Caspar, the clerk in Pease Bros', establishment, who turned up missing on Saturday, is still out of sight and cannot be found.

"That fellow," said an intimate friend of his to a reporter yesterday "was rained by gambling. He was one of the most ardent devotees of the green cloth you ever saw, and the luckiest. For a long time he won and won steadily. He could run in the money when all chances seemed to be against him, and break, with ease, every combination that was 'put up' on him. He was a wonder among the gamblers, who regarded his luck as something mysterious. He was frequent-ly seen at Soderstrom's and Baldwin and Kennedy's, and once in a while about Higgins'. Caspar used to make a great 'splurge,' and kept a mistress for a while on Twelfth street in fine style. After a while his luck turned against him and he began to lose. Then I suppose he had to steal to make up his losses.

A Victim of Consumption.

Ambrose Richards, well known in Omaha died Monday night at St. Joseph's hospital of consumption. He was formerly engaged in the coal business here, and was highly respected and popular among those who knew him. His uncle, Mr. Foster, a rich lumber merchant of Chicago, has been informed of the sad event. Upon his arrival here funeral arrangements will be made.

A Farmer Missing. Fred Revon, a German farmer living eight miles west of Omaha, has been missing from his home since Thursday. On the night of that day he left his home to come to Omaha, with horses and wagon. He is believed to have perished in the storm, as nothing whatever has been heard from him since. His wife is nearly frantic with grief over his disap-

is seldom undertaken by parties earnestly anxious to make their union binding.
This same appearance of duress is also

Shannon Letter Bill File, Filing Cabinets and Cases. Schlicht's Standard Indexes.
219 12th street, opposite Nob. Nat'l Bank.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. They Meet and Transact Important Business Yesterday.

The board of county commissioners held an important meeting yesterday afternoon, a full board being in attendance. Commissioner Corliss signed all documents as chairman of the board, while Commissioner O'Keeffe's name was the last on the list.

The expenses for the ensuing year were estimated by the board as follows: Court jurors' and court expenses. . . . . Jall expenses, including board of pris-Assessors and precinct officers. City poor and poor farm, including

Blank books, stationery and supplies. 4,000 Salaries county commissioners, super-intendeat of schools, janitor, engineer, county surveyor, etc... oroner, coroner's witnesses and jurors, insane board, gas, fuel for court house, water and repairs, printeourt house, water and transportation.

Retaining wall, grading and paving court house block and special tax...

Repairs poor house. County attorney. School bond sinking fund. Road fund......Bridge fund..... The following resolution was adopted, which is considered by the commissioners

of the utmost importance: Resolved, That it is the sense of this ounty board that each and every county officer named in section 1 of chapter 28 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska shall make and present to the said county board a report as specified in section 43 of said chapter 28 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska which reads as fol-"Report to county board-Each of the officers named in section 1 of this act shall on the first Tuesday of January April, July and October, of each year make a report to the board of county commissioners under oath showing the different items of fees received, from whom, at what time, and for what services, and the total amount of fees received by such officers since the last port, and also the amount received for the current year."

And be it further resolved, that the county clerk be directed to deliver a copy of the above resolution to each county officer whose duty it is to return the amount of fees to the county board. In the same connection another resolu-

on was adopted by the board, as follows: Resolved, that the county clerk be, and is hereby, directed to notify all county officers whose duty it is to collect and re port fees to the county that they will be held responsible for all fees not collected according to law.

The following communication was re-

ceived from Henry Bolln, county treas-

GENTLEMEN:-Deeming it of great importance that the books of the county treasurer's office should be in such shape that a settlement according to law may be had with the state treasurer's office. respectfully request your honorable body to authorize me to procure a competent person, who shall be paid by warrant out of the county general fund, to immedi ately commence work upon said books, said person to receive less than \$100 per month. Very truly yours, HENRY BOLLN,

County Treasurer The following action was taken by the ommissioners on the communication: Application having been made by the after due consideration it is the opinion of the board that the county treasurer should have one deputy and one clerk whose combined salaries shall not exceed \$2,400 per year, and provided that the fees of his office shall warrant the same,'

PRITCHARD'S DEFICIENCY. His Statement to a Reporter-What

Manager Dickey Says. "I am a rained man so far as my reputation in Omaha and this western country in concerned. I appreciate what I have done, and I presume I will have to suffer for it."

Mr. J. B. Pritchard, the ex-cashier of the Western Union, was very frank last evening in speaking of his case to a reporter for the BEE. Yesterday morning he took up quarters in the Windsor hotel, where he is at present stop-ping. He was waited upon in the even-ing by a representative of this paper who pressed him to give his side of the suffering from loss of sleep, and appeared

to be almost broken down. The Western Union men claim that I am behind about \$600 in my accounts, he said. "Now I claim that most of this is in outstanding accounts owing of this is in outstanding accounts owing to me which will probably be made good all in time. If they are, I shall be freed of all indebtedness to the company. Let me explain to you. I have been carrying on my own shoulders the account which F. S. Ferguson, the grain commission man owed to the company, amounting to \$179.25. For this I am re sponsible to the company, and if this firm come to time with it, I shall turn it over. In the same way I carried an account with W. P. Peck & Co., the brokers, amounting to \$140, which also ought to be met by this firm. Then I have other accounts which I hope to collect for the company, in small sums for telegraph service advanced to different persons in this city, probably in amount something like \$150 or \$200. This will leave a balance of a hundred dollars or so, which I can easily make up. Besides these accounts I have mentioned. I have other small bills owing to me. While I was in St. Joe, one of the men under me appropriated \$150, which shortage I had to make good to the company, besides several little accounts which I had to saddle on myself for telegraph service advanced to parties in St. Joe. As soon as all their accounts are settled I will have plenty of money with which to settle the alleged shortage."

"Why are you responsible for those accounts of the brokers, Ferguson and

"I allowed them to have their monthly market reports without payment in ac vance, as Col. Dickey requires. They did not pay, and I was obliged to become re-sponsible for their accounts. Yes, I will admit that I fied to Mr. Dickey about these accounts. He asked me if they were settled in advance and I told him they had been. I can't biame him for distrusting me. He had a right to discharge me as soon as I broke faith with him. I acted as I did simply to protect Ferguson and Peck & Co. If they are honorable men they will come to my assistance and settle up their debts for which I became responsible,"
"If they don't, I will confess that I am

most elegantly 'done up.' I have about -1,500 worth of property in this city, with which I can make up any deficiency which may be charged against me. I presume as soon as the thing is squared up I will have to go to some other city and start anew. I am a pretty good tele-graph operator, and can get a job at the

When questioned about his alleged intimacy with Mrs. J. G. Fountain, Mr. Pritchard shut up tighter than a clam. "I have got nothing to utter on that point," he declared. "I will say that I have been foully slandered in that mathematical statements." ter, and propose to make it warm for my Col. J. J.Dickey, local manager of the

Western Union, stated to the reporter that the exact figures of Mr. Pritchard's deticioney had not been reported to him, but that he thought it would amount to about \$700. "Of this amount about \$250 to \$300 is in the accounts of Ferguson and Peck, the grain men. I told Pritchard

lected their accounts. They have failed to make the amounts good and he is held responsible. He has defrauded the company in other small ways, which it is needless to mention. No I do not think he will be presecuted. The deficiency will be made good by him or his bonds

Brevities!

The clearings yesterday were \$402,

The membership of the teachers' reading circle is gradually increasing and the interest in the work is growing stronger, so Superintendent Bruner reports. Marriage licenses were issued vester

day in the county court to Harrold J. Bell and Miss Mary L. O'Connor and to Henry Jackson and Miss Lena Nelson, all of Omaha. The finest cassortment of single and double cutters to be found anywhere in

the city is on exhibition at the Lininger & Metcalf Co. repository, corner of Sixth and Pacific streets. County Commissioner Corliss, who has

been confined to his house with a severe

cold on his lungs, was able to be out yes-terday and attend tee meeting of the board in the afternoon. Max Meyer has a new thermometer of the latest approved pattern, tested in the Yale college scientific department. It

will hang on the telegraph pole in front of the store, and be thoroughly protected from the wind and sunlight. County Superintendent of Schools Bruner has received an advance copy of an excellent hand-book of "Studies in Geneexcellent hand-book of "Studies rpl History, the author of which is Mary D. Sheldon. Miss Sheldon is a sister of Frances E. Sheldon, a teacher in the

Omaha high school. Mr. Henry Rhode, ex-deputy county treasurer, was the recipient yesterday of an elegant testimonial from ex-County Treasurer Rush in the shape of a gold watch, together with an expression of the high manner in which Mr. Rush ap-preciated his deputy's services.

If you went a good single or double cut ter at a moderate price, you had better pay a visit to the Lininger & Metcalf Co. repository, corner of Sixth and Pacific streets. There you will find the largest and best selected assortment of sleighs of all kinds to be seen anywhere in the

There was a very pleasant party given at the dancing academy, 1114 Farnam street, Monday evening, in honor of the eventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Carey, host and hostess of the Doran house. The affair was a perfect success in every way and will afford many pleasant memories to those who attended. The party was in charge of the boarders of the Doran house. About forty couples were present and joined in the dance until a late hour.

A family in destitute circumstances, named Deane, residing on Fourteenth and Burt streets, are objects of public benevolence. The head of the family is unable to work by reason of protracted sickness, and his wife has five children on her hands to take care of. the recent storm they had only dry bread to live on for three days. This report we get from neighbors, who are them selves in no condition to assist.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FUNDS. The Balance on Hand which Passes to the New Treasurer.

The statement of ex-County Treasurer Rush of the funds in his hands to be turned over to his successor, Mr. Bolln, was completed yesterday and shows a total amount of \$83,297.86 The following is a detailed statement of the balances on hand in the several funds of the county:

 
 State funds
 \$15,710.05

 County general fund
 8,764.61

 School apportionment
 18,752.24
 ehool bond.....ond sinking fund..... 

Total.....\$83,207 86 On account of irregular school land sale there is still due the state \$850, which is also in the hands of the treas-

Personal Paragraphs. Dr. Dewitt, of New York, is holding re-vival meetings at the First Baptist

church. J. D. King, formerly postal inspector here, but now occupying that position at Denver, is in the city.

E. E. Whitmore, secretary of the opera house management, left last evening for Chicago on a business trip. The many friends of Mr. A. McGinnis

of this city, will be glad to learn that his health is fast improving and his eyesight almost completely restored. He is spending the winter in the sunny south, with headquarters at New Orleans. F. S. Parmalee has returned from Sut ton, Neb., where he has been snowed in for the past ten days. He says that he don't mind being detained in a town for

that length of time when the people burn coal to keep warm, but cornstalks for County Hogs Dying. Superintendent of the Poor Pierce, reports that a large number of hogs on the poor farm have died recently. The cause of the mortality he has been unable to locate, and his opinion is divided as to whether it is the frigid weather or log

cholera. The animals that have suc-cumbed so far are the younger ones, and those that are affected have been separated from the healthy animals. The Western League. The convention of delegates to form the Western League will be held in St. Joseph to-day. Prominent Omahans interested in base ball will make an effort to

have this city occupy a place in the league, and to place a good club in the field. Charley Lord, "the irrepressible," will represent the interests of Omaha at Dr. Hamilton Warren, Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, 703 N. 16th street, near Webster. Day and night calls promptly attended to.

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PUBLIC noise is heighty given that in pursuance and by virtue of, a decree entered in the above cause, on the 8th day of April, 1885, I, Ellis L. Bierhower, Special Master in chancery in said court, will, on the Em day of Fobruary, 1886, at the boar of one o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, at the west door of the Inited States court house and post office building, in the city of Laucota Laucuster county, state and district of Nobraska, sell at auction the following described property, to will.

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