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Failure at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—R. Hariman, bookseller and musical instrument dealer, made an assignment of his stock to Dr. A. Heintz and other creditors. Liabilities about \$2,000.

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Iowa Horticulturists. CHARLES CITY, Ia., Jan. 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The Iowa Horticultural society, in session here to-day, was strengthened by several arrivals, among them A. G. Tuttle, delegate from Wisconsin and the pioneer grower of Russian apples in the northwest. Interesting papers were read on forestry, followed by a general discussion. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. J. Patton; vice-president, Eugene Secor; secretary, George Van Hook; treasurer, Stron.

Telephone Companies Consolidate. DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—At the annual meeting held here to-day of the Iowa Union Telephone company and the Iowa & Minnesota Telephone company, the two were consolidated under the name of the Iowa Union Telephone company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and business at sixty-four exchanges and 210 stations.

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Another Gas Well. DEER MOINES, Ia., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Another gas well has been discovered at Herndon. Gas was found at a depth of 130 feet, and is now flowing in considerable quantities. This is the third gas well that has been found at Herndon.

Clinton After a Packery. CLINTON, Ia., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The packery business is being taken over by a company with a capital of \$100,000, and a packing house here. The movement is backed entirely by Clinton and Lyons capitalists.

An Overdose of Morphine. RED OAK, Ia., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—S. A. Archer, an old and respected citizen of Clarinda, died suddenly here from an overdose of morphine yesterday, taken while ill.

Instantly Killed. KEOKUK, Ia., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Edward Lyman, of Nashville, Ia., was struck by a pitman on the steamer Tempest, on the lower river to-day and killed.

The National Board of Trade. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The national board of trade met again in session this morning, and after the following resolution, which was passed by a vote of twenty-seven: Resolved, That the proposition that 20 cents per ton be granted by the government for ten years for every thousand miles sailed by vessels, sail or steam, built and owned in the United States and engaged in foreign commerce, after the expiration of payment to be reduced to 10 per cent annually, is in the judgment of the board, a well defined method of increasing the revenue, and almost lost shipping interest of the country, and that we earnestly recommend the early consideration and adoption of the method by congress.

Resolutions were adopted urging congress to consider the extension of the usefulness of the port of New York, and the communication favoring an enactment making it unlawful for common carriers to limit their liability in any manner or bill of lading issued for transportation, and in the safe delivery of property from one station to another, favoring the holding at the national capital in 1892 of a centennial celebration in honor of the discovery of America by Columbus as a movement toward more intimate commercial and special relations with the United States and sister nations and urging the government to prepare the necessary facilities, etc., to be observed in the celebration; that the secretary of the board be instructed to transmit copies of these resolutions to the president, the various branches of congress and to commercial organizations of the United States. The delegates were banqueted to-night at Willard's.

A Valuable Gift to Cornell. ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 20.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Ex-President White yesterday endowed the Cornell university school of history and political science with his superb history library. It is a collection, the gathering of which has been his life-work, and numbers about thirty thousand volumes, besides some ten thousand valuable pamphlets, and many manuscripts. It has cost more than one hundred thousand dollars, and its present value is not easy to estimate. It is especially rich in foreign annals, and in original material such as manuscripts, contemporary pamphlets, newspapers and collections of documents. The most remarkable are the collections of the French revolution and the American history, upon the middle ages, the Jesuits and the Inquisition, the early history of natural science and of political economy.

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WHOLESALE SPORT.

The Athletic Tournament at the Exposition To-Morrow Night. The members of the Turverein will make their first public appearance before an Omaha audience in the athletic tournament to be given at the exposition building to-morrow night. The Turverein embraces a number of splendid all-around athletes who are now, under Prof. Kummerow's direction, training in the special lines in which they hope to excel. There will be thirteen features of the programme to-morrow night, each of which will be worth the price of admission. The programme will be opened by a one mile professional foot race, in which Gregg, Hourihan, Hoffman and others have entered. The winner will take \$20 and the second man \$10. The second feature will be the high jump, in which the Turverein will furnish the four best jumpers of the programme in a horizontal bar performance. This will be followed by pole jumping, parallel bar performance, one-half mile amateur foot race, wrestling match and rope climbing in all of which the Turverein will take a prominent part. There will be three bicycle races, the first will be a boy's bicycle race in which a number of the speediest youths of the city have entered. The second race will be the most exciting of the evening, as it will decide to whom belongs the title of champion amateur of Omaha. Charles Peabody, Frank Mitauer, Tommy Blackmore, Ben Fell, Thomas Fell will be among the starters. The closing feature of the programme will be a five-mile professional handicap race with Prince, Bingley and Bullock as starters. The programme is the finest that has ever been arranged for an athletic entertainment in Omaha and will no doubt call out a large attendance.

Wholesale Hog Stealers Arrested. CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—A case of hog stealing on a grand scale, said to have been carried on for the past two years, came to light to-day by the arrest of the parties who are alleged to have done the work. It is claimed that during that time no less than 3,500 hogs have been taken from the trains of the Chicago & North Western railroad, aggregating in value between \$200,000 and \$300,000. McGul, proprietor of a soap factory on western avenue, his son, Dennis McGul, Jr., and five of the employees of the establishment, named August Henry, Alfred King, Farrell O'Reilly, John Rogan and Thomas S. Canby, were the list of those arrested in the case.

The Freeze-Out Game Ends. CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—At a meeting of the Colorado Railroad association here to-day the freight on the Missouri river was reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.25 per ton from the Missouri river to common points in Colorado. The association was induced to take this action by reason of the protests made against the rate by owners of the Chicago and Joliet railroad. The Chicago and Joliet railroad, a member of the association, is a member of the state board of public charities, a member of the state board of public charities, a member of the state board of dental examiners, and members of the board of Lincoln park commissioners of Chicago.

THE TOBOGGAN CARNIVAL. It Will Take Place This Evening—The Parade. There has been a great lull in the members of the toboggan clubs and their friends in preparation for the carnival to be given this evening. It is now thought that fully two hundred persons will appear in costume during the parade which will precede the carnival. The club will meet at the Union club rooms, corner Fifteenth and Farnam, at 6:45 p. m. sharp, in costume, with their toboggans, for the purpose of parading the principal streets to the slide. The procession, starting at Fifteenth street, will proceed down Farnam to Twelfth, along Twelfth to Douglas, up Douglas to Sixteenth, along Sixteenth to Dodge, and up Dodge to Park avenue, thence to the slide. All persons along the line of march are requested to have their front windows lighted up for the occasion. The toboggan club intends to put into the next trip that anybody leaving the company before the end of the engagement will make sure of making it. It was nothing but sheer good nature on the part of the girls that enabled me to lay up a cent on this trip. My company was in a snow bank in July if the women hadn't been inclined to do the fair thing by me.

Swear Off Or No Pay. CLEVELAND, Jan. 21.—A leader special from Newark, O., says that the Baltimore & Ohio paymaster, who visited that place yesterday, compelled the employees of the road to swear a pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors before he could draw his pay. This movement is said to have been started because of ugly rumors about drunken trainmen in connection with the Republic disaster on the 14th inst.

What Became of the Belle. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—In the assembly to-day McCann offered a