EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY.

Surveyor McLaughlin Likely to Be Rebuked.

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS BILL

Cleveland Thought to Look More Favorably Upon It-Nebraska School Lands-Paddock on the Bank Failures.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE,)

513 FOURTERSTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29. The dispatch from Dubuque announcing that Surveyor McLaughlia had sezed a quantity of stained glass, imported for the Catholic cathedral, and that he had announced his determination to fight the decision of the secretary of the treasury, allowing the importation of that glass, created a great deal of amusement at the treasury department this afternoon. In the absence of the secretary, no action was taken, but as soon as Mr. Fairchild returns to his duties, on Monday, provided he is officially notified of the action of the surveyor, that gentleman will hear from him in a very emphatic man ner. There can be no doubt of the right of the secretary to admit free of duty the stained glass in question, and the surveyor has exceeded his authority in such a manner as to bring down upon his head, an official rebuke, which may take the form of a sum-mary dismissal. It is a long while since a case, exactly similar to this, has occurred in the treasury department, but within the past week two or three officials have found their heads in the basket, on account of just such

THE RIVER LANDS BILL The advocates of the bill for the relief of the settlers upon the Des Moines river lands expect to secure action upon that measure in the senate before the end of January. Senator Wilson will call it up before the tariff bill is considered, if he can possibly do so, otherwise he will give notice that he will ask its consideration as soon as that measure is disposed of. The bill will probably go through the senate just as it passed the house, and will be presented to the pres ident for his approval or veto by the middle of February. The impression is growing of February. The impression is growing that the president will not adopt the same course towards this measure that he adopted in the last congress. It is said that he has been convinced that his action then was illtimed; but it may be these assertions are erroneous, and that he will again disapprove of it. In that event, the members of the ouse committee on public lands are confident they can pass it over the veto. A PREMATURE REVOCATION.

Somewhere about a year ago the deputy commissioner of public lands of the state of Nebraska came to Washington to look after the interests of the school lands of the state, and it was claimed that while he was here several sections which should go to the state had been opened to settlement. There were in particular three or four sections in Chero-kee county which it was asserted the state had selected, and in response to the request of Senator Manderson and Representative Laird, the commissioner of the general land office suspended all entries on these sections, pending the action of the state authorities in proving their claims. Some weeks ago en-quiries were made at the land office, concernthe status of these lands, by Senato Manderson. Commissioner Stockslager has just replied that the state has been requested two separate occasions to make case before the office. To the first communication no reply what-ever was received, and to the second response was defective, in not showing the state was entitled to the lands ned. The commissioner added that as his demands for proof have not been complied with, he has revoked the order of Jan-uary last and has restored the lands to the public domain. Senator Manderson at once requested the commissioner to reconsider his action, in order that the state officials may make the necessary proofs, as he regards the revocation of the order as premature.

NEBRASKA BANK PAILURES.

The reported wholesale failures of Ne-braska banks, which have been announced in the Associated press dispatches from Nebraska, have caused some comment among ow very little of the situation Senator Paddock was asked by THE BEE correspondent to night what he thought about the situation and whether in his opinion there was any great danger to b The senator replied that the general laws of the state are, as indicated in the dispatch, not as stringent as they ought to be, but that it is equally true that most o the private banking houses and incorporation laws are among the best in the country any where. The reported failures are of banks that have been in existence only a short timand with but little capital, and less standing. Owing to the enormous growth of the popu lation of the state within the last two year demand for banking facilities, especially in the new towns, has been great, and would be strange indeed, said the senator, there were not some wildcat concerns floated as a consequence. The senator says that in his knowledge the failure of the National Bank of Red Cloud, is the first of the kind among the national banks of the state in the past twenty years. He regards the national Omaha, Lincotn, Beatrice and other principal towns, as ranking as high as those in any other part of the country, cap ital and business considered. The senator says that the people in the east need have no alarm as to the situation of affairs in Ne braska on account of the failure of three or four of these concerns, which had neither character nor standing, as they don't indi cate a want of prosperity. Senator Paddoci statistics will show that the failures of banks and business houses in Nebraska dur ing the past five years is proportionately much less than those of any other state in

ARMY MATTERS. By a general order issued by the adjutant general of the army to-day, furloughs to enlisted men (non-commissioned officers of the general staff excepted) may be granted by department commanders for two months, and by division commanders for three months. The general of the army may grant furloughs not to exceed four months Department commanders may grant full loughs for one month to non-commissione officers of the general staff. Applications for furloughs of a longer period must be referred to the adjutant general for the decision of the secretary of war. Penry S. Heath.

Washington, Dec. 29.-The treasury de partment has no information touching the reported seizure of the stamed glass window imported for the Catholic cathedral at Du puque, Ia., by Surveyor McLaughlin, of that port, and is not advised as to what theory the surveyor basis his action upon. It is customary for the secretary of the treasury to issue orders for the free admission of works of art, or church regalia, as he is authorized to do by statute law, and in the present case the secretary has so far exercised his discretion as to permit the transporting of glass, stained window, from the port of entry to that of delivery. Beyond this the treasury stained window, from the port of entry to that of delivery. Beyond this the treasury department has not gone, and the reported utterance of Surveyor McLaughlin is a mat-ter of surprise to the treasury.

The Stained Glass Seizure.

Sentence Commuted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- John Irvin, who was convicted at the February term of the district court of Wyoming of mail robbery, and sentenced for life, has had his sentence commuted by the president to imprisonment for ten years, making his term expire Febru-ary 20, 1899. The commutation is based upon his excellent conduct during the period he has already served, and upon the strong recommendations of influential persons in the territory.

Washington Brevities. The secretary of war has extended th time for the reception of proposals for the construction of nine pneumatic dynamite guns for coast defences to January 15. More than twenty thousand poor children were given a sumptuous Christmas dinner to-day by three children's Christmas ciubs of Washington. Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Folsom and Mr. Richard Gilder, of The Century, were among the visitors.

At the request of the acting secretary of war, Attorney General Garland has in-

structed the district attorney at Austin take the necessary steps for the legal de-fense on General Stanley, of the United States army, recently arrested in that city while in the execution of his official duties. The president to-day removed Edward Cushing, collector of customs at Belfast, Me. and will nominate his successor in a few days. The cause of Cushing's removal is in formation received at the treasury depart-ment that he had been accepting money from applicants for positions in his office in return or favorable action upon their applications

THE ICE PALACE. St. Paul's Carnival Committee Em-

barrassed By Lack of Funds. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.-[Special Telegram to THE BRE !- The failure of the city council to appropriate the funds required to supplement those already in the hands of the carnival committee, may place the association in an embarrassing situation. The matter will be considered at the next meeting of the council, which is set for next Tuesday evening. That being New Year's night, it may be difficult, if not impossible, to get a quorum. If no action is taken at that time, it seems improbable that the palace can be completed before the opening lay. C. E. Joy, the architect of the palace, said to a reporter this morning: "If we could begin work Wednesday morning we would have twenty-one days in which to build the palace. It could be done by that time by working nights and undays, provided no unforescen difficulties ere encountered. The contractor has been practically settled upon though the contract an not be let until the council makes the aprepriation to cover the expense. actor is ready to go to work within an hour

after the contract is signed."

President Van Slyke says that the contractor who built the palace last year reports to him that there is a sufficient thickness of ice in Pickerel lake for use in the construction of the palace. "Everything is at a standstill, until the council makes the appropriation asked for.

HORRIBLE LONDON MURDERS.

A Young Lad Brutally Killed and His Body Mutilated. London, Dec. 29.-The mutilated body of a boy was found in an out-house at Bradford this morning. It was recognized as that of John Gill, eight years of age. The boy had been brutally murdered. His legs and arms had been chopped off in a rough manner and tied to his body. His ears had been cut, there were two stab wounds in his chest and heart and entrails had been out. The remains, when found, were wrapped in a rough covering. The potice believe, from the clumsy manner in which the body was mutilated, that the crime was the work of drunken lads whose imagination had been inflamed by reading the accounts of the Whitechapel atrocities. milkman has been arrested on suspicion having committed the crime. The murder boy had occasionally accompanied him on his

The murdered and mutilated pody of another youth has been discovered at Keigh-ley, nine miles from Bradford. The accused milkman, whose name is Barett, was taken before a magistrate this afernoon, and was charged with being the erson who was with the boy when last seen ve, and when he was messed, the milkman was asked if he knew anything about his whereabouts. He denied any knowledge of him. A bloody sack and knife fitting the wounds in the boy's chest, have been found in the prisoner's lodgings. He has been remanded for trial.

ounds. The prisoner was the first to recog-

THE IRONY OF FATE. The Superintendent of the Ward's

Island Asylum Becomes Insane. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-An evening paper "Notwithstanding the carefully says: studied efforts to keep it from the public knowledge, it has leaked out that Dr. E. G. MacDonald, general superintendent of the insane asylum at Ward's island, has become insane. It is hoped that the affliction is only temporary, and that the once brilliant mind of so great a specialist will be restored to its normal condition, but the prospect at present is not encouraging. Dr. MacDonaid has for many years been one of the universally recognized authorities in this country on the subject of insanity and its treatment. It seems like a true exposition of the irony of fate that he himself should have been visited with the affliction that no one was suppos know better than he how to cure. Donald was one of the experts whose testi mony convicted Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, and it is noteworthy that he is another of those who participated in that trial and who have apparently fallen under the ban of the assassin's curse." .

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Prof. James I. Geratheney, gymnasium instructor, will conduct the 4 o'clock service for men to-day in the concert hall.

The sale of reserved seats for the music fund concerts begins on Tuesday morning. The first is the ladies' quartette on January 7. The tickets are \$1 for the three concerts. There will be a New Year's reception to

ing. Be sure to call. Educational classes start next week, in Spanish, French, elecution, stenography, German, bookkeeping and penmanship terman, cookseeping and penmanship. The literary society will also be organized on Fri day in the lecture hall at 8:45 p. m.

A new class will be started in the gym nasium on Wednesday from 3 to 4 o'clock.

The first lecture in the gymnasium lecture course will be delivered by Dean Gardner o the 15th in the concert hall. The lecture i free to every young man in the city.
On the 23d Hon. Samuel Phelps Leland, in his celebrated lecture on "World Making," will open the Star lecture course. This is free to members.

A Heavy Sentence.

Private Fogarty, Company K, Second nfantry, for applying a scurrilous epithet to a non-commissioned officer, was sentenced "to carry the log" for sixteen days, commencing at revelle, walking an hour, resting an hour, alternately, from that time until sun-set; also to spend fourteen days in a dark cell, and to forfeit one month's pay. This is the first instance of inflicting the punishment of carrying the log in the Seco Fort Omaha. The practice of this manner of punishment was quite customary for a few years after the war, but recently has been almost entirely done away with.

Railroad Notes. Mr. E. C. Harris left last night for Nor

folk, where he will undertake the duties of telegraph superintendent of that division of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad company. It is announced that Mr. W. F. Look, su perintendent of the Sioux City & Pacific railroad company, has resigned that position for one of a more responsible character. It is asserted that Mr. Halsey, general su

perintendent of the Fremont, Eikhorn & Missouri Vailey railroad, has resigned his position, to take effect February 1. Lannon Challenges Jackson. Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—Captain Cook of the Police News, telegraphed the follow ing to the California Athletic club: "Joe Lannon challenges Jackson to fight to a finish under the same conditions that governed the Jackson McAuliffe battle, except that the loser be allowed \$500 for expenses. In the event of the California club offering a purse for Lan-nen and Jackson, the latter will want a fair length of time in which to train." No an-

swer has as yet been received. A Young Man Suicides. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 29 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE !- Harry Oakley, a young man, committed suicide this afternoon at Palmyra, by hanging. No cause is as signed for the act.

Carried the Safe Into the Yard. LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 29.—Burglars las night entered the residence of Jacob Warfel. in Marysville, and carried a safe weighing over one thousand pounds to the rear yard and blew it open with dynamite, securing over \$600.

THE BALD KNOBBERS ESCAPE

Eight Men Break From Jail at Ozark, Missouri.

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Most of the Members of the Bands are Devout Church Members-The Green - Eden Killing.

Cut Through the Wall.

OZARE, Mo., Dec. 29. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE !- The Bald Knobbers have escaped. Eight men have vanished from the ail. Dave and Bill Walker refused to leave their cells. John and Wiley Mathews, two condemned Knobbers awaiting execution, are now breathing the blue air of freedom and skipping by the aid of friends to the secret gulches of the Ozark mountains. Outside confederates out through the brick wall and opened every door and cell with duplicate keys. Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Fisher locked everything solid last night, but at 3 o'clock this morning every door below was open and a hole in the brick wall on the south side shows that outside help had been given. At 3 a. m. Sheriff Johnson heard something unusual below and rushed down, pistol in hand. Walker, the man who would have been exetuted vesterday and not the governor interposed, called out to Johnson: "They are all gone but pa and me." Johnson immediately got out a posse and is in hot pursuit. [Press]-The four Bald Knobbers who

were sentenced to hang for the murder of Charles Green and William Edens, on March 11, 1889, were: David Walker, better known in Christian county as "Bull Creek Dave," William Walker, his son, John Matthews, and Wiley Matthews, his nephew. None of the condemned have reached their fiftieth year, and William Walker is not yet nineteen years of age. The condemned were to have been executed on May 18, 1888, but on appeal to the supreme court, escaped the gallows temporarily. Last October, the supreme court affirmed the decision of the Christian county circuit court, and fixed December 28 as the day of execution. The sensational trial turned attention to the Baid Knobbers from all quarters, and the history of the organization was made public. county, Missouri, is noted as the birth place of Bald Knobbism. Early day lawlessness caused the formation of leagues for the protection of life and property in this wild country. The Regulators first came into prominence, when the notorious Frank and Tubal Taylor entered the home of Mrs Dickenson in Forsythe, Mo., and murdered the inmates. They were captured by the new Law and Order league and lynched. Captain Nat Kinney, who was killed at Ozark not long since, stood at the head of the organization at that time. Christian county, which adjoins Taney, first adopted Bald Knobbism in 1885-86. Dave Walker was the first leader, and the membership soon reached between three hundred and four hundred. Each new comer to the county was invited to join the order, and the majority did so. There was a fearful ordeal for the candidates, who expected to be introduced into some fraternal society compose of neighbors. He found himself in the dark some lonely wood or ravine, sur rounded by hundreds of masked men, who imposed upon him a blood-curdling obliga-tion, the infraction of which was punishmen by death. Once in, he could never get out and had to remain in that section of country The first work of the Knobbers to attract attention was the Chadwick raid. Chad wick is a small town situated at the terminus of the St. Louis and San Francisco extension from Springfield southeast. A saloon was started there and utter demoralization ensued. After due warning from the Baid Knobbers, which was disregarded, one bright summer morning in 1886 the raiders entered Chadwick and emptied the liquors into the streets. Later on this was repeated and the traffic broken up. There were numerous visits by the band of petty offenders, but nothing occurred to at ract widespread attention until the Green Edens affair, which terminated in the down

fall of Bald Knobberism. The Green-Edens killing occurred in March, 1887, at a point eight miles southeast of Ozark, near Edens' dwelling. John Evans was whipped by the Bald Knobbers for misbehaving in church. Old man Edens, a friend of Evans, inter fered and received four blows with a whip before Chief Walker could interfere. Thi so enraged Edens that he fearlessly con demned the Bald Knobbers, and on the night of March 10, 1887, the band met to consider Edens' offenses. There to consider Edens' offenses. There were twenty-six present, and after a brief deliberation they proceeded to Edens residence to punish the inmates. They were net with resistance and fired several volley into the house, killing William Edens and Charles Green, his brother-in-law, and seri ously wounding old man Evans. In the melee young Walker was shot in the leg The outrage brought about the culminatio of public indignation, and Zach Johnson, the fearless sheriff of Christian county, with a picked posse, started after the murderers and within forty-eight hours had all, save Bill Walker, under arrest. He was car tured three weeks later in Douglas county, where he had gone for safety. At the time there was no jail at Ozark and the prisoners were taken to Springfield, Mo., for safety and the same taken to Springfield taken taken to Springfield taken taken to Springfield taken taken

Ozark. From this place two of their members escaped last night. The first hearing of the Bald Knobbers case was in August, 1887, but Chief Walker was not tried until April, 1888. In March, 1887, three of the prisoners confessed, so the trial of Dave Walker was merely formal. He admitted the assault of the Baid Knob bers on Eden's home, but pleaded he did not arrive until the shooting had ceased. One of the most peculiar features of Bald Knobberism is that a majority of the prominent members of the band are devout church members. Especially is this true of Chief Walker, who was a temperaneous advocate and generally devout. see yet that the Bald Knob regulators wer other than the champions of right, who made a fatal but unavoidable mistake in the Green Eden killing. He has asserted confider all along that he would never be hanged.

keeping. A jail was promptly built, how ever, and the Bald Knobbers transferred to

Inspected the Hastings Asylum. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 29.—[Special Tele-gram to The Bee.]—A visit of the public buildings committee was made here this norning to the state hospital for the incurable insane for final report on the completion of the building, after which the committee hastily departed for Lincoln. It is under-stood that the committee is favorable to the eceptance of the building, which is about

ready for occupancy. Life-Saving Crew Honored. Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—The chamber ommerce was crowded on the occasion of the presentation to Captain James and his life-saving crew, who did such noble work or this coast during the recent storm, of the fund contributed as a testimonial to their bravery. The fund amounted to about \$4,700. In addition to this, humane society medals

were presented, and the sum of \$470 added The Kate Adams Disaster. MEMPHIS, Dec. 29 .- The local inspectors have almost completed the investigation of the Kate Adams steamboat disaster. From statements made by William Blanker, first clerk of the boat, they find that the Adams had 197 persons on board when she took fire.

Of these, 183 are known to have escaped,
leaving fourteen lost. The inspectors have
not yet concluded their inquiry into the cause
of the disaster. They are satisfied, however,
the fire originated in a sack of cotton seed
forward of the boilers.

Assigned. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- The Lew Smith Wall Paper company, of this city, assigned to-day. Liabilities about \$30,000; assets about LAIRD WANTS TO COME HOME.

Beneficial Effects Expected From

Domestic Surroundings. HASTINGS, Nub., Dec. 29 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Backet-The friends of James Laird expect his immediate departure from the Springs for home and look for his arrival in Kansas City to day enroute. This move is made at his own request and it is believed that home surroundings will have a beneficial that home surroundings will have a beneficial effect on his condition, which is the cause of much uneasiness here, more because there has been no improvement than that he has actually grown worse.

Bitter Feeling Against Whaley. LOUP CITY, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special to THE BEE.]—The public feeling against President E. E. Whaley, of the Sherman County Banking company, is becoming intense as the cloud of mystery which has surrounded the institution clears away and some of their transactions are brought to light, and many of their staunchest friends see how they have been confidenced and their savings of years been swept away in the settlements.

County Treasurer J. K. Pearson is the greatest sufferer, as he had deposited \$21,000 county funds, and how an accommodation note for \$23,000 turns up in the Capital National bank of Lincoln. For all this Whaley turned over to ham \$1,000 and \$18,000 in the Loup City roller mill. As Mr. Pearson will be called upon to settle with the county commissioners on January 3, 1889, and could not raise the necessary money, he to day made an assignment of all his property to his bondsmen, which simply protects them. About two years ago Messrs. Theis, Wha-y and others, formed the Loup City Roller

Mill company, with \$50,000 capital stock, with Mr. Whaley president, Theis and Wha-ley taking one-half the stock. About two months' later Mr. Whaley called one of his best friends in, and in a very confidential way told him that he had favored him in many ways and he app ated it, and wished to reciprocate, and posed to let him have ten shares of this mil stock without a dollar cash, simply taking his note and allowing the certificate of stock to be attached to the note as the only security, guaranteeing the party from any loss whatsoever, and representing the mill to be doing a profitable business, and the certifi-cates of the stock properly registered. In this way he secured several thousand dollars in notes. After the reorganizing of the band-ing company about a year ago, he proceeded in a similar manner to dispose of s shares of that stock. Now some of notes turn up in the C. National Bank of Lincoln and will be Capito lected. A representative of that bank in here with \$25,000 of these and other notes

probably turn out to be nothing more than the half interest in the mill.

Much confidence was placed in the financial condition of the bank and attaches, through the known responsibility of the vice president, John Hogue, whose property is estimated at over \$125,000, but it now turns out that Mr. Hogue had but a small interest in it. Mr. E. S. Hayhurst, a hardware merchant and stockholder, had posed of all but \$1,700 of his own stock, but by his advice friends had taken stock, which will probably be lost, but which Mr. Hay-hurst will make good, considering them debts of honor, and thus bankrupt himself. However, it is to be hoped that Mr. Hay-hurst's credit may not be injured, as his business ability is well known. The above facts coming to light have aroused great indignation.

The liabilities now foot up over \$70,000 and the returns are not all in. The assets will

Politics at the Capital.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.-|Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- The corridors of the Capital notel were practically cleared at 11 'clock to-night. Until this hour the speaker ship canvass was animated with hopes fluctuating as some of the lesser lights announced themselves out of the swim, and ready to go over to some one of the more prominent caniidates. The B. & M. is on the eve of dropping Olmstead, who has persisted in making a despicable canvass, resorting to falsehood frequently, to reach the goal. Mc Bride and Caldwell are practically down and out. Caldwell has lost his nerve. It now seems that the tie-ups that make the man will be made before the dawn of Monday. McBride drove the first nail in Olmstead's coffin to-night. The attempted coalition be-Nesbitt and Lindsay, this even defeat Howe missed connection. Lindsay has left the field for the chairmanship of the fudiciary committee, and Nesbit modest! states that he has no hankering for the empty honor. It is generally conceded that Church Howe will be the temporary presiding office of the senate. Wells, of the Crete Vidette has withdrawn from the race for chief clerk of the senate. Seeley now has the field all t It is understood that Wells gets the clerkship of the committee of the whol Parkinson has a walk-over for sergeant-at

Robbins, of Valley county, is at the Wind Brad Slaughter arrived to-night and is as

happy as a clam and hugs everybody. The Situation Growing Interesting Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. -The candidates for speaker of the house of representatives are all on the ground. At least half of the members-elect of both houses are also here. Cadet Taylor, accompanied by a small-sized lobby from Omaha, arrived at 10:15 this morning. The cappers are plying their trade sharply. The feeling grows that the fight for the speakership lies between Watson and Cady, or Watson and Dempster. Some of the most active members of the house and senate advise going into caucus Monday eve ning to make the speaker, the chief clerk, first and second assistants, and to name Man derson's successor. It is apparent that Manderson's following fears a combination that may prove dangerous to his candidacy if immediate action is not taken. They proposto nominate him with a grand dash.

The friends of Howe and Raymond claim their man has a walkover. But little inter est, however, is taken in the organization of the senate. Everything is in the swim and the fight waxes warm.

A Liquor License Squabble. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 29 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Unusual interest has been excited in Hastings over an attempt to revoke the saloon license of L. Frieling for selling liquor on Sunday. The case was brought before Mayor Yocum, who decided he had no jurisdiction. A conviction was obtained before Justice Vinegard, and the matter will now be brought before the council which is anxious to have demonstrated it

power to revoke a license that it has given. Sued a Saloon Keeper. DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 29.- Special Tel egram to THE BEE. |-Mrs. William Blair, of Butler county, entered suit yesterda, against Martin Nowotny, a saloon keeper and his bondsmen, of David City, for \$5,000 damages sustained by being thrown from the seat of her wagon. Last Feb while driving from David City to her she was overtaken by some drunken farmer who were recing their teams and ran into her, throwing her off the seat.

Hunting an Abducted Child. DAVID CITY, Neb., Duc. 29.- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Miss Mary Turney arrived in David City this morning in search of her nephew, Eddie Phillips, seven years old. who was abducted from his mother at Wis ner, Neb., by his father, who is partially de mented. Letters from friends say the at David City, but he cannot be found. mother is distracted. Mrs. Phillips lived in

Omaha up to a short time ago. A Large Realty Transfer. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec 29 .- [Special to THE BEE]-The largest transfer of real estate ever made in Madison county took place here last week. The syndicate owning what is known as Park addition sold it to another syndicate, and it will be organized on the same principle as South Omaha. Induce-ments will be offered to manufacturing companies to locate, and the property, consisting of 400 acres, will be known as East Norfolk.

Base Ball Prospects and Interesting General Notes.

THE COMING BENCH SHOW.

Bykers Arriving, the Crib Club, the Parmelee-Baker Match, the Trap Shooters, and a Batch of Miscellaneous Local Squibs.

Next Season's Prospects.

It is the general opinion thoughout the country that next season is going to be a great one for base ball. On this prospect, all the clubs of the different organizations are making elaborate arrangements for an anticipated increase of patronage. Base ball, like the theatrical business, always suffers from an unusual political excitement, and last year the presidential election proved a decided counter-attraction. Brass bands, treet parades, pyrotechnics and blatant stump orators cut great swaths in the box r scump orators cut great swaths in the box re-ceipts at the different ball parks over the country. Next year will be an off one polit-ically, and the people will have plenty of time to indure in their favorite pastime, the great national game. President McCormick is very confident Omaha will liberally sup-port the very excellent team that has been otten together, and that we will have home ball than ever before. If he had not been possessed of this confidence he never would have accepted the presidency of the Western association, or again consented to interest nimself and spend his money in the further ance of the sport. If the race for the pen-nant during the coming year is close and exciting, the prospects are that every club wi make money. No club will have a walk oner, and it will occasion no surprise to witness at least five of the teams come down to the finishing wire in a bunch. Milwaukee will be very strong, and Minnewill be very strong, and Minne apolis gives promise of a team of giants. Omaha's chances will depend on her steadiness and team work, and with all the old demoralizing element eradicated the best judges think she will be able to hold her own with the fastest company in the

association.

It is believed that Lovett, the great twirler, was more of a detriment than an assistant to the team last season. He was considered headstrong, conceited and arbi-trary, and hadn't a real friend in the team. In every game he lost he had words with one or more of the players, and on name occasions they nearly came to blows, every fancied misplay he "roasted" inckless player, and continued his abuse until they left the dressing room. That fostered a bad feeling, and it crop-ped out invariably in all close contests. But Lovett was not the only demoralizer. That There were one or two others, and fortunate they will not appear here next season That old clique has been separated and scat ered to the four winds, and next year good ling and fellowship should reign in the Omaha team. With harmory and team work for their motto, they will prove a combination hard to down, and the game will flourish

Cost of the Ball Club. Last season the Omaha team played 12 games, sixty-two of which were played upon the home grounds. A recapitulation of the receigts and expenditures is subjoined:

Gate receipts...... \$ 31,631 0 Incidental expenses..... Total.....\$ 38,165 69 These figures leave a balance in favor of expenditures of \$2,484.63, which is about the ize of the season's experience. The capital stock was \$15,000 and during

the season twenty-nine players were on the Denver Will Be Admitted. A. L. Thompson, president of the St. Paul club, who was appointed a committee of one at the late annual meeting to visit Denver and investigate as to the feasibility of admitting that city to the Western Association, has been vested with power to make a final decision, which is in favor of the admission of the mountain city. Mr. Thompson ex presses himself as highly pleased with the

prospects of the Colorado metropolis.

The Dogs Coming In. Manager Ingram, of the dog show to oper January 1, 1889, at 118 and 115 North Fifteenth street, observed yesterday; "It would be amusing to you to read some of the let ters I have received from people out of the city, giving the points of their dogs and in quiring whether they were proper animals to enter for exhibition. Now this is just what the bench is for, to give people a proper understanding of the points in their dogs, their breeding, etc., that they may be able to judge a good dog when they see one. Following are a few of the different classes already entered, but the list is growing every hour, and I wont under take to give you a complete statement: Mr Murand and others have entered fox ter riers; Mr. Richards and others setters and pointers, all classes; Mr. Carlow, Irish and bull terriers, ten entries in all; Mr. Grover, two pair of beautiful pugs: Mr. Machr Newfoundlands; Mr. Lichtenberger Italian greyhounds; Morrison and Floyd, the fastest greyhound, Clothesline, in the world Mr. Graham Laverick, setters; Mr. Smith and Mr. Gallagher, Gordon setters; Al White, o Plattsmouth, Clumber spaniel; Mr. Ruther ford, four mastiffs; Mr. Shane, skye ter riers; Father Colaneri, a handsome a relative of Fred Grant's model dog of the breed; five St. Bernards are entered from Silver City, Ia : Miss Lizzie Canfield and thers, Mexican bairless and Chihuahua dogs Messrs, Burdock, Chessapeake spaniels; Mr Green, the same. So you see the initial show is going to be a success and if the people manifest a proper interest in it I will giv them a show next year that will be a credito the city."

The Six-Day Chase. The six-day bicycle chase, which was to have opened up at the Collosseum to morrow, has been postponed. This was brought about by the foreign professional riders them selves, as Manager Prince received letterfrom Crocker, Nilson, Dingley, Knapp Hardwick, Whittaker and others requesting that the race be set for a later day, as it would be impossible for them to reach Omaha and get in condition for such a long struggle in such a short time, and of course their request has been granted. These men and four or five others have already entered, and will the work the course their treatment of the course their request has been granted. reach this city this week. W. J. Morgan, of London, England, and the champion long distance rider of the world, arrived last night, and has already gone into training in the colosseum. Mr. Morgan is a model athlete, and he predicts that the coming race will be a great one. He says the riders all over the country are anxious to see Omaha's splendid new colosseum, and they feel certain that there will be big money in the six days chase here. Besides the many professionals who will make the start in this race, there will be four or five local riders, and the public will do well to keep their eye on these men. They are in constant training, and will make a creditable showing in

A Great Shoot.

The much-talked of shooting match be tween Frank Parmelee, of this city, and 'Kid" Baker, of the Buffalo Bill Wild West combination, takes place to-morrow after-noon, on the grounds of the Omaha Gun club, and will undoubledly attract a large and enthusiastic crowd of lookers-on. It is the shooting event of the year in this part of the country, and fully justifies the extraordinary interest that is being taken in it. The match is for \$500 a side, 106 blue rocks each, five invisible traps. Hon. W. F. Cody, himself, with a delegation of North Platte sporting men, will be her to see the race. Parmeloe has been practic to see the race. Parmeloe has been a an ox ception or two has shown up in bad form, and his friends are just a trifle leary as to the outcome of the contest, Baker, too, has

been busy with his gun and report says he has done some wonderful work. But to-morrow will tell the tale.

Following this came a live bird shoot, five

oirds each, modified English rules, entrance 5. The score:

Hardin, Blake and Gwin divided in the tie for second, money; Parmalee shot out the tie for second,

Another similar match was won by Har-din, Hunt, Ellis and Gwin clinching second and Dumont and Blake third.

Hardin, who had his shooting clothes on

also won a 25 blue rock race by a score of 21, among ten entries, and divided first in three

Match Team Shoot.

There will be a live bird match this after-

con, on the northern suburbs, between

David Stubbs and William Hardin on one side and John J. Hardin and George

side and John J. Hardin and George Ketchum on the other. The shoot will be twenty five birds to a man, modified English

Miscellaneous Sports,

A. G. Courtney, of the Lefevre Arms com-noy, Syracuse, N. Y., is lying very sick at

There will be a big turkey shoot at Coun

il Bluffs New Year's day, and a large deleation of Omaha shooters will go over.

There will be a grand sweepstakes shoot,

re birds and blue rocks, on the grounds of

he Omaha gun ciub to-morrow afternoon.

Flashes From the Diamond.

Minneapolis will play no Sunday games.

The Reach ball will be a trifle livelier next

St. Paul has two six-footers, Morris and

The American association is taiking o

St. Joe will have a better team than nevelubs usually have the first season,

Strange as it may appear a large flock of

Patsey Fallon has been spending the hol

av week with old friends at Jefferson, Mc

Dr. A. H. Worley bagged three fine gob

olers with his little rifle at the shoot yester

Bug Holliday will be one of the stellar at

tractions in the American association nex

The Milwaukees have certainly secured a team for next season that looks like a pen

The next time Dr. Sprague attends at turkey shoot he is advised to take along an

There is some probability that Darling, Pettit and Sullivan, of the Chicago, will be

G. W. Ketchem is in great blue rock form

and is smashing the birds right along with

Omaha should have a "ladies day" next

Jack Crooks is making a strenuous kick

against playing with Omaha for any less

After all Jim Hart is not to manage Des

Moines. He will act as business manager for the Chicago league team.

There is a general desire on the part of the

shooters to see Colonel Frank Parmelee and

John Petty pitted against each other in a hundred bird race.

comes here to witness the Parmelee Bake shoot in the afternoon.

Morgan, the champion long distance bi-cycle rider, of London, England, has arrived

in this city and gone into training for the

guest of George Canfield to morrow.

great six days race at the Colosseum.

ton, R. I., and says he's very lonesome

which it styles as Brooklyn's famous ne

pitcher. When did Lovett become famous Certainly not in Omaha last season.

The local pugs have again relapsed into

Nobody is better satisfied over the way may

ters terminated at the Western associatio meeting than Denver and St. Joseph. Day

Rowe, of the former place, said that Denve

people were well-nigh crazy to see the game of base ball, and that it was the intention t

put in as fine a ball park as any in the west

ern country. Dave said that while he did no know whether he would win the pennant or

not, he was going to get a club that would

Catcher Earle still continues to do great

work for the All American team on the Australlian trip. The expedition will likely return by the way of the Indian Ocean, the Suez canal, the Mediterranean sea, and visit

both England and Ireland, where they will

play a series of games. The players with the expedition will have some reason to feel

proud, for not one man in ten thousand even makes a tour around the world as they will have done when they again reach America.

stroke on the part of Mr. A. G. Spalding,

Omaha Outbidding Chicago.

CREIGHTON, Dec. 29.—|Special to THE BEE.]—The first train load of cattle ever

skipped from this place and marketed in

Omaha leaves to-day. As a feeding point

Creighton occupies no mean position, over a thousand head of steers being fed in and near the town this winter. Up to this year the

bulk of them have been sold in Chicago However, the above shipment would seem to

An Occupation Tax Levied.

BEATRICE, Dec. 29.-[Specal to THE BEE.]

The council has made an order levying ar

occupation tax of \$10 per year on each insur

ance company doing business in the city

Any company refusing to pay the tax will be debarred from doing business. As there are

about eighty companies represented here th

revenue will be quite a help to the city's finances. The supreme court has lately de

Postponed the Funeral.

Sioux Falls, Dak., Dec. 29.-Last Sunday

the three-year-old child of L. P. Oleson, of

East Sioux Falls, died from dropsy, and

preparations were made to bury the child on

fuesday, but as the ground was very slipper;

o the next day. The body showed evidence

of returning life. The color would fre-quently come into different parts of the body and then entirely disappear. There were also other evidences of life. The funeral is

now indefinitely postponed, until it is de cided whether or not the child is dead.

The Presbyterians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29,-The conference of

the Presbyterian Southern and Northern

General Assemblies' committee, was reported

as progressing favorably at the close of to

day's session. In the morning the southern men deliberated sione, as did also the north

ern men. In the afternoon the opinious of

both sides were brought together and the session adjourned until Monday.

Nebraska Sheriffs to Meet.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.- | Special to THE

BEE. !- The sheriffs of the state will meet at

incoln January 3, in the district court room,

at 2 o'clock.

from a violent sleet storm it was postponed

cided this tax to be constitutional.

indicate a change in favor of Omaha.

This stupendous enterprise was a

make a strong bid for it.

Wind Mitchell

any inniediate prospect of any. Jake lish Kilrain and Charlie Wind Mit however, will be on hand in February.

Hon. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) will be the

season. This is a popular feature in all the American association cities.

ese were seen flying north last evening

Milwaukee will let Walsh go.

igning Umpire Fessenden.

Milwaukee has resigned Shenkle.

Genius has signed with Springfield.

Treadway has signed with St. Paul.

Hardin....

Hunt

Hockenberg

and field for third.

rules, for \$50 n side.

the Millard.

vear.

Treadway.

nant winner.

ax instead of a gun.

released to Minneapolis,

the best shots in the city.

than he received last season.

31ake....

Parmalee

Brown

Dumont,...

additional live bird shoots.

At the Trap. The shooters are taking advantage of this

pleasant mid-winter weather to keep their Omaha Synagogue. hand in. There were several fine shoots on the club grounds yesterday afternoon, the scores of which will be found subjoined THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST. The first event was a 100 blue rock race between Frank Parmeiee and two Ketchem, which resulted as follows: Hit. etween Frank Parmeiee and George W. Rabbi Alexander Advances Some New Miss.

and Novel Ideas Regarding It, Which Prove Quite Unpopular With His Flock. Went Out the Back Door.

IS A MARTYR TO HIS FAITH

A Strange Scene Witnessed in an

Almost mobbed for preaching a new doo-

This is not a sentence from a history of the riddle ages, but describes an actual occurrence in this center of modern enlightenment and liberal ideas. It happened yesterday and proves conclusively that the congregation of Russian Jews which worships at Twelfth and Howard streets is extremely conservative in matters of faith and doctrine. The Rev. Alexander is in charge of this

little flock. He is admittedly versed in all

the tenets of his faith. The Christmas chimes that rang out on Tuesday last led Mr. Alexander fato a new train of thought, and yesterday he gave expression to them. He drew a pen picture of the city of Jerusalem as it was eighteen centuries ngo, and he spoke of the procession that wound its way to Calvary. Then he went further, and said it was not the Christ that was crucified, but one of his followers, named Simon Peter, and trouble followed. named Simon Peter, and trouble followed. The records of 1,800 years had led his consequent of the records of the second responsible for the crucifision, and they were loth to have that belief swept away in one short sermon delivered in Omaha. Some of them objected, and Rev. Mr. Alexander argued, but his arguments were short-lived, and in a few moments he sought safety in flight. That left the consought safety in high. That left the con-gregation to themselves, and they took up the question where he dropped it—not at the back door, but at the point whether or not it was Simon Peter that was crucified. Most of the arguments were carried on in the Russian tongue, and it was impossible to report them, but Officer White interpreted hem in his own way. He was on duty on Howard street and saw a few of the congregation coming out in an undignified manner, and at once deemed it his duty to call the patrol wagon. He called it, and it came, but not a minute too soon, for the congregation not a minute too soon, for the congregation were at fever heat, and if left to themselves there would doubtless have been a tragedy. But as it was the tragedy was averted, and two of the loading debaters were carried to the dungeon cells on Fourteenth street. They gave the names of Goodman and Munsky to the dence, as only a Russian can give it, Judgo Berka fined Mr. Munsky \$5 and costs. That, however, leaves the trouble just where it started, and the congregation is still divided on the question as to who it was that was crucified, and whether or not their ancestors were responsible for the act.

An interview with several leading Jewish

itizens on the subject revealed the fact that while they consider Mr. Alexander a learned man, they do not admit his right to be a rabbi or teacher, and look upon him as one that is liable to sow discord in their congre-

TRYING TO BEAT OMAHA. Sionx City Endeavoring to Secure the Winona & Southwestern. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 29. - Special Tele-

gram to THE REE. |-Sioux City is making tremendous efforts through its booming committee to divert the Winona & Southwestern road from its purpose of building to Omaha and induce it to make Sioux City its Missouri river point. They claim to have nearly won their point. Representing the feasibility of getting into Nebraska over the Sioux City bridge, which is open to all roads, instead of turning over all business to the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs, has won their case. Sioux City is extremely anxious for the line, because it will furnish them a line east independent of Chicago. The Delaware & Lackwanna system owns the Greenbay the directory of the Winona & Southwest ern. With these roads joined a line of pro-pellers will give them a Buffalo and New York line connection with the far west, Omaha will evidently have to be active its lively neighbors up the river will beat it in this enterprise.

In a letter to Vice President Hardin What the Law Enforced. Cooney expresses himself as well pleased DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 29. - Special Tele with coming back to Omaha. He is in Crans gram to THE BEE. |- The governor has written a letter to the county attorneys of the The front page of the Sporting Life is adorned this week with a cut of Tom Lovett, state, of which the following is a sample: IOWA EXECUTIVE OFFICE, DES MOINES Dec. 27, 1888.—Milo P. Smith, Esq., County Attorney, Cedar Rapids, In: Dear Sir— I desire to direct your attention to section 26, chapter 28, laws of the Twenty-second state of quietude. There are no fights on or general assembly, and similar provisions of the laws of lowa, regulating railroads and other common carriers. Should you at any time become satisfied that the law is being violated by any railroad company doing bus-iness in your county. I trust you will not fail to enter complaint before the grand jury with a view to securing an indictmen Yours respectfully, WILLIAN LARIBEE. Yours respectfully,

Clarion Citizens Jubilant. Mason City, Ia., Dec. 2).-|Special Telegram to THE BEE |-The citizens of Clarion are jubilant over the prospect of securing another line of railroad -the Kansas City, Des Moines & St. Paul. A preliminary survey is now being made between the two latter Thomas Bowen, of Minneapolis, has been looking over the proposed route and project meets with flattering approval. The oute is almost an air line, and would shorten the distance between Charlon and St. Paul almost one-fourth, which would make an aimost one-fourth, which would make an important saving in lumber and freights, to say nothing of the advantages that would occur from having direct communication with Des Moines and Kansas City.

Changes in the Judiciary. DES MOINES, Dec. 29. - | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-George M. Glechrist, of Vinton, was to-day appointed by the governor as udge at the Seventeenth district to succeed Judge L. G. Kinne, who resigned to become managing editor of the Des Moines Leader. The resignation of Judge C. T. Granger, of he Thirteenth district, to take effect December 31, has been accepted, but the vacancy has not been filled. Judge Granger has been elected to the supreme bench to succeed

Justice Seevers. Fire at a Coal Mine. Fr. Dongs, Ia., Dec. 29.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The dump houses, shaft buildings, crushers and engine rooms of Collins Bros', coal mines, near this city, burned last night. The fire originated in the refuse of the engine room while the watchman was away. It will require four weeks to rebuild, during which time 200 miners will be thrown out of employment.

Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$1,500. Burglars Arrested.

Dunuque, In., Dec. 29. - (Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Two men were arrested here to-day, for blowing open the safe of Nic Jungless' store on the night of November 22, and abstracting a large amount of money and Both have served terms in the peni tentiary and refuse to give their names They left the city immediately after the bur-glary, returning yesterday. The evidence against them is complete.

Caught in the Shafting. OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 29.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - George Jones was caught in the shafting at Bachman's Furniture factory at 10 o'clock this morning and his clothes torn off, except his above. His arm was proken, head cut and badly bruised all over. He will recover. Charles Johnson, a mule driver, fell off his car in the Phillips coal wines and was run over and instantly killed this morning.

Pay water tax this week. Save 5 per cent discount and avoid the rush at the water office next Monday.