THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

A Review of the Work Transacted During the Week.

THE SESSIONS NEARLY OVER.

Important Measures Acted Upon-Two New Laws-The Billings Resignation-Other Legislative Gossip of Interest.

The Senate.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 11. - | Special to The BEE |-The senate has been in session fiftyone days and the house forty-nine. The leg islature must meet on sixty days, and are al lowed pay for only that number, so that the session is nearing the close.

The week past has added two new laws to Nebraska's list, not including several bills awaiting the governor's approval, which mokes twelve acts passed by this legislature and signed.

The more important is Ransom's valued policy measure. It provides that "whenever any policy of insurance shall be written to Insure any real property in this state against loss by fire, tornade or lightning, and the property insured shall be wholly destroyed, without fault on the part of the insured or his assignces, the amount of the insurance written in such policy shall be taken conclusively to be the true value of the property insured and the true amount of loss and measure of demogra." The act appropriate the state of the property insured and the true amount of loss and measure of demogra." The act appropriate the state of the property in the property in the state of the property in the state of the property in the property in the state of the state o insure any real property in this state against measure of damages." The act applies to new business in the future and renewals of policies now in force. A plaintiff obtaining a judgment under the act is to be allowed an attorney's fee by the court.

The other act makes the commissioner of public lands and buildings a custodian for the field notes, maps, charts, records and all papers appertaining to Nebraska land titles, including surveys, that may have been made by the United States government. These records are to be kept in condition to be inspected by United States, state and county officials. The object of the law is to put the cords where county surveyors might consult them. For a year or two past they have been inaccessible.

The week has had no striking events in the senate, but that body has worked steadily and passed about twenty-five bills.

Probably the most important was Ray-mond's bill grading the capital stock of banks, other than national, according to population, requiring inspection at least once a vere penalty for receiving deposits when insolvent, and providing for heavy fines for

an attempt to deceive the inspector.

Another measure for the benefit of the people in financial matters is Taggart's sinking fund bill. It requires county treasurers. instead of depositing that fund in pet banks, to use it in buying up county warrants drawn on other funds, and to turn the interest on the warrants into the sinking fund.

Jewett's alien land bill makes two impor

tant changes in the present law. It allows non-resident aliens to own city property and permits them to hold for ten years any property nequired under foreclosure of mort-gage. The purpose of the changes is to in-vite foreign capital to investment in Nebraska without permitting to acquire perma-nently large blocks of farming lands. The Lindsay bill to amend the revenue laws

of the state is of great importance throughout the state. It directs the state board of equalization, instead of making a levy of so many mills on the dollar to raise the state tax, to apportion that tax among the counlump sums in dollars and cents. A county cannot escape any part of its just share of the state tax by making a low assessment,

now a common practice.

The constitutional amendment proposed by the senate to enlarge the supreme court provides for two additional judges and makes the term of the judges five years, one to be

elected annually.

Norval's fence bill is intended to relieve the farmers who are required by the railroad companies to build five wire feaces up to the track before the company will fence along the track. The bill provides that the owner of land along a rullroad may notity a railroad to fence its track. If the company fails to do so within six months the property owner may build the fence and collect its cost of the

The South Omaha charter. Locating a normal school at Neligh on condition that Gates college, valued at \$40,000, be deeded to the state. Providing that a tie vote for a city or village officer shall be divided by lot. Requiring the county attorney to have an office at the county seat. Making nine hours a legal day's labor. Requiring treasurers to register orders issued by school districts and to pay them in the order issued. Re-quiring suits affecting real estate to be brought in the county in which the property is located. A bill throwing the district cour open to petty suits now tried before justices and enabling the plaintiff to stick the de fendant for the former's costs. Increasing the term of registers of deeds to four years, and counties of less than 60,000 increasing the salaries of deputies from \$700 to \$1,000 and of clerks from \$50 per month to \$60. Making it unlawful for persons other than members of the order to wear the insignia of the Loyal Legion or to use it in seeking aid. Providing that executors or administrators may carry out contracts for the conveyance of land made by the deceased owner of the estate in question. Amending the law that empowers cities to issue waterworks bonds bearing seven per cent interest by making it

read "not to exceed seven per cent." The senate also passed a resolution prohib fting itself from voting away any of the desks, chairs or spittoons in the senate chair ber and requiring the secretary of state to take charge of all such property immediately after adjournment.

Also a resolution calling on the state libra rian, Guy A. Brown, for a complete state-ment of all his financial affairs with the state. This is intended to show how much he has received in fees as clerk and reporter o the supreme court and how much profit he has made from the publication of the statutes and the court reports. The senste's attention has been called to a

memorial of the farmers' alliance, which sets forth that Nebraska is buried under mortgages and its industrial classes are being ground into hopeless poverty. The document went to congress, and is being quoted in the east to frighten capital from Nebraska. The memorial is said to be the work of Burrows and a few other men who are seeking notoriety at the expense of the state. The senate will frame a resolution to brand their statements as false.

During the week three bills for the sup-pression of bucket shops have been defeated. One of the strongest arguments advanced against them was the assertion that many farmers and grain dealers got their market reports from the bucket shops. It was also stated that Omaha, Lincoln and Soward are the only places having such institutions.

One of the most important measures defeated was Linn's bill making life and endowned in the state of the state

dowment insurance polices non-forfeitable after the payment of two yearly premiums and fixing a surrender value on such poli-

Each house has passed a normal school bill, and a scheme is afoot to vote three such schools, one for the senate and two for the house. Neligh seems to be booked and for the senate's share of the spoils, and Chadron has passed the gautlet of the house. The senate adjourned over Filday out of

respect to Representative Hays, deceased, and Senators Keckley, Norval and Dern were appointed a committee to attend the funeral. Saturday noon the senate adjourned till Tuesday morning.

Prof. Billings, of hog cholera notoriety continues to be a subject of considerable talk, though the investigating committees

talk, though the investigating committees have not yet met to make up their report on the state farm and the agricultural experiment station. Billings produced a mild sensation Friday by publishing a so-called resignation, to go into effect July 1. He addresses it to the live stock men of Nebraska and coolly slaps the regents of the university in the face with this statement:

"I place my resignation before you be-

"I place my resignation before you be-cause it was through your representatives that I was originally called here, and by you and those representatives that I have re-ceived support. The board of regents of the state university were but your agents of the matter, and are, as I am, but your servants. It is due to you, and no one else, I should ex-plain the causes which have led me to this step."

The bouse was in session only four days last work and much of the time was con-

sumed in angry discussions over the militia

bill and other matters.
On Wednesday evening Hon, C. W. Hays, On Wednesday evening Hon, C. W. Hays, one of the representatives from York county, died at his home near McCool Junction, and as usual in such cases the legislature ad-journed on Thursday as a mark of respect. and extended the adjournment until Monday

The consideration of the "Australian ballot" occupied the attention of the law makers for several sessions. The bill provides that the names of all the candidates shall be written on one pallot, furnished by the state, and the elector shall receive his ticket from an election officer only, and then go into a convenient booth or compartment, where screened from observation, he may have not to exceed ten minutes to fix his ballot to his liking, "with no one near to molest or make him afraid."

The bill is intended to do away with all electioneering at the poils, and is being strongly championed by the Knights of Labor and kindred organizations. The law, if enacted, will only apply to cities of the first and metropolitan classes, and the principal objection urged to the measure lies in the fact that as it will change the general elec-tion law in respect to these cities, it is there-fore unconstitutional. The bill has been en-

grossed for a third reading.

The house had under consideration a bill introduced by Olmstead requiring all butcher stock to be inspected on the hoof under restrictions imposed by incorporated towns and villages. The price fixed by the bill for inspection is 2 cents for each head of cattle where the number shall exceed twenty and barring. 25 cents for one animal singly, and varying as the number increased; for sheep, calves or hogs exceeding forty in number the price is fixed at 14 cent each, and for one animal 15 cents, with a decreasing ratio from these figures up to forty in number.

The author claimed the bill was intended to prevent the refuse meats from the large packing houses being shipped into the state. The house did not take kindly to this bill, its opponents claiming that such a measure would not only prove expensive, but would needlessly hamper all local sales, and that diseased animals are not served for food by

diseased animals are not served for food by retail dealers, but only in the great beef centers. The bill is still on the general file.

Westover's bill providing for the re-assessment of railroad lands for back taxes for the years 1873 to 1878, inclusive, in Valley, Greeley, Howard, Franklin, Webster and other counties passed the house on final reading. The bill was strongly opposed by a powerful railroad lobby on the floor of the house, but secured the necessary fifty-one votes, mainly by the exertions of Mr. Cady, of Howard, whose county is vitally interested of Howard, whose county is vitally interested in the passage of the bill. Weber's bill providing that all railroad

property shall be listed for taxation by their principal officers under oath has passed the house. An amendment by Cady authorizing municipalities to tax depots, side tracks and buildings within their corporate limits for city purposes was debated at length and defeated on the ground that it would have a tendency to lessen the general valuation in which the rural townships share equally with those containing populous cities. Manning's bill to remove the restrictions

from farmers' mutual insurance companies, which has already passed the senate, was ordered engrossed by a decisive vote. Under the present law the mutual companies can-not pay their officers any salary nor include over 200 members. This bill removes the limit in respect to numbers entirely and provides that a salary not exceeding \$2 per day may be paid to officers and solictors.

The Scowille committee which was appointed to investigate the charges preferred by

Frank Morrissey, of Douglas, that the action of certain republican members were influenced by boodle in respect to the vote on sub-mission, filed their report on Thursday. They find that after a most searching investigation and the examination of every witness and rumor connected in the remotest degree with the matter that no evidence was developed implicating any member of the house, or tending to prove them guilty of any improper conduct. The report is taken as conclusive by the house and was signed by every member of the committee.

The appropriation bills came up as a

special order this week, and a determined fight is being made by the opponents of job-bery and extravagance against bills of this character with varying success. A bill of \$49,000 for extras in putting up the capitol building was allowed to Boss Stout, the contractor, though not without determined op

The high priced adjunct to the executive department known as the state militia will not revel in clover during the coming two years. On motion of Mr. Cameron the whole item of \$40,000 for their support was stricken from the general appropriation bill by a vote of 44 substituted by the same iden versed, but the end is not yet.

Chadron, Neligh and Stromsburg, three buildings, have secured a report from a majority of the committee in favor of estab-lishing state normal schools at these points. Mr. Johnson of Phelps caused a ripple of excitement over a bill reducing the number of secretaries of the state board of transportation from three to one. It was argued that the work was only clerical and that two of the secretaries did little else besides drawing their liberal salaries. This, and other railroad bills, will come up Tuesday

evening as a special order. Ex-Governor David Butler appeared before house Thursday evening and argued his claim of \$50,000 for expenses incurred in his impeachment trial nearly twenty years ago. Cady strengly opposed the scheme and made a lengthy argument against re-opening

A special committee, of which Hon. Christain Specht, of Douglas, was chairman, investigated the incompetency of the engineers employed about the capitol building last week. They reported that the engineer in charge of the hoisting engine was incompetent, and often under the influence of liquor and recommended that he be forwith dis-charged. Anticipating what the report would be, he resigned before any action could

be taken There is yet eleven days of the session and the file is cumbered with something like 300 bills. That all of these measures will be con-sidered is hardly possible, but if even a few of the more important are taken up the session will certainly extend well into the taird

The Boy and Gun Combination. AUGUSTA, Ga., March 10 .- Judge Snead's ttle son, aged ten, while playing with two colored boys to-day, killed one instantly and wounded the other. They were playing prisoners and he was the police. They made a break for liberty and he ran into the house and seized a gun, which he did not know was loaded, aimed it at them and fired with the result as stated.

A Wisconsin Slugging Match. HURLEY, Wis., March 10.-In a fight between Joe Sheehy, champion of Michigan, and Fred Lebo, of Ashland, at 2 o'clock this morning, Sheehy knocked his opponent out in the fifth round. The fight was a slugging match with two-oance gloves, and in the sec ond round Lebo was almost blinded by a terrific blow in the eyes.

The Powder Exploded. ARRON, O., March 10.-Four boys, aged about sixteen, stole a quantity of blasting powder to-day and started into the country to explode it. On the way the powder ignited from matches in the pockets of one of the boys and exploded, frightfully burning all four, two of whom are not expected to re-

Reported Oil Flow.

CASPER, Wyo., March 10 .- [Special Tele] gram to THE HEE. |- Considerable excitement has been raised during the past two days by reports of an oil flow in the Oil Mountain Patroleum company's well, known as Bowman well, which to all appearance is without foundation.

How Harrison Spent Sunday. Washington, March 10 .- President Harrison spent his first Sanday in the white house very quietly. He attended religious service at the Church of the Covenant.

The Fire Record. Columbus, O., March 10 .-- A fire this morn ing in High street business block did over \$80,000 damage; insurance, \$50,000.

The Atchinoff Expedition. Constantinople. March 10.-The mem bers of Atchinoff's Cossack expedition have arrived here on board a Russian warship.

The Death Record. ALEANY, N. Y., March 10.-Mrs. Rosa M. Leland, widely known as the theatre man

UNDER THE CROUPIER'S RAKE

How Dame Fortune Frowned on Guilty Love.

THEN WE WILL DIE TOGETHER.

A Tragedy of Monte Carlo-Won th Daughter of an Irish Lord-Married and Parted in a Day.

Little Romances.

A young married man of Lyons fell in ove with a young married woman. They met secretly, adored each other, and agreed to fly together-to put the seas between themselves and their families. But there was a slight difficulty in the way. They had little money for a long journey, and they wanted to be far, far away-in America for choice. Then the idea came to the man that they would take their small capital of a few hundred francs and go to Monte Carlo and make it into a fortune-a fortune which would enable them to live in peace and pienty on a far-off shore. So it came that one day, with a small box and a portmanteau, the fugitives arrived at Monte Carlo and put up in a little hotel where for eight francs a day you can have a bed and board. They had only a few hundred francs with them. In the letter which they had left behind they explained that from the first their arrangements were complete. They foresaw the possibilit es of the situation. They would play until they had won enough to go to America or they would lose all. And if they lost all they
would die together and give their friends no
no further trouble about them.
They were a few days only in Monte Carlo
They risked their louis only a few at a time,

and they spent the remainder of the days and evenings in strolling about the romantic giades and quiet pathways of the beautiful gardens whispering together of love and ooking into each other's eyes.

looking into each other's eyes.

The end came quickly. One evening they went up in the soft moonlight to the fairy-land of Monte Carlo. They entered the Casino. They had come to their last few golden coins. One by one the croupier's remorseless rake swept them away, and then the lovers went out of the hot, crowded rooms, out from the glare of the chandeliers and the swinging larges, into the tender moon. the swinging lamps, into the tender moon-light again. Down "the Staircase of For-tune" arm in arm they went along the glorious marble terraces that look upon the sea, on to where at the foot of the great rock or which Monaco stands. There lies the Condamine. It was their last walk together. The

lovers were going home to die. That night in some way the guilty man and ruined man and woman obtained some charcoal and got it into their bedroom. They then closed the windows and doors and prepared for death. They wrote a letter—a letter which an official assured me was so letter which an official assured me was so touching that as he read it in the room where they lay dead the tears ran down his cheeks. Then the girl—she was but a girl—dressed herself in snow white and placed in her breast a sweet bouquet of violets. Then the charcoal was lighted and the lovers laid themselves out for death, side by side, and passed dreamily into sleep, from sleep to death and from death to judgment.

F. M. Cooper, a farmer who lived in Shelby county, Ala., at the breaking out of the war, has turned up after an absence of twenty-five years, to find his wife married again and the mother of five children by her last husband. She had been as true to her first love, hovever, as Cooper, as he has a second wife in Texas, where he has been living for twenty years.

When the war broke out Cooper was liv ing on his farm, a few miles south of Galena, in Shelby county. Mr. Cooper was then a young man and had been married only five or six years. He had two children, a son and a daughter. Cooper joined a company and went to the front. A short time after Mr. Cooper went to the war a second son was born. Only once did Cooper obtain a furlough and visit his family. His second son was then an infant. After a few days with his family Cooper returned to the front, and soon after the bloody battle of Franklin Tenn., his wife heard that he had been killed. Nothing more was heard of Cooper until about two weeks ago. After mourn ing the death of her husband for two years, Mrs. Cooper married a man named Gibson. Mr. Gibson took charge of the chil-dren. He was a kind husband and the famdren. He was a kind anosand and the family lived happily. Five children have been born of this second marriage, and the two oldest are now grown. The three Cooper children are all living. John Cooper, the oldest son, married and is now living near

his mother Through all these years it never occurred to Mrs. Gibson that h c first husband might be living. She had mourned him as dead, and was happy in the love of her second hus-band and the five little children. About two weeks ago John Cooper received a letter postmarked Sherman, Tex. He opened it,

and glancing first at the signature, found it signed: "Your father, F. M. Cooper." To say the young man was surprised would not express it. The letter was a long one, but Cooper hurried through it. It was from his father and the old gentlemm explained at length the cause of his long and mysteri-ous absence. A short time before the close of the war he was captured and taken to a northern prison. In prison he became dan-gerously ill. The war was over before he was released, and then it was some time before he was able to begin his long journey home. At last he reached Alabama, foot sore and weary, but when more than one hundred miles from home he learned that his wife had married again. He was heart-broken over the news and after resting a few days he turned his face westward. He few days he turned his face westward. He finally located in Texas, where he prospered and in a few years owned a comfortable home. Mr. Cooper finally became a Presby-terian minister, and several years ago mar-ried again. He closed his letter asking many questions about his family, and stating that as soon as possible he intended visiting his old home in Alabama

old home in Alabama.

The other night the old gentleman reached the home of his son in Shelby county. The next day he sent for his wife, and the meeting between them was yery affecting. Mr. Cooper says he will return to his wife and home in Texas, leaving Mrs. Gibson to visit her last husband.

Mrs. Betsy Gould, an old colored woman who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Rockford, in very humble quarters in Cleveland, is said to be an heircas to \$10,000,000. A will that places the inheritance in her possession was given to an attorney there re-cently. The estate comprised 1,575 acres of land situated in West Virginia, Penusylva-nia and South Carolina. She says she is the granddaughter of John Dimmitt, one of the numerable body servants of George Wash-

A marriage, domestic scene and a separe tion, all in the space of a few hours-sual was the matrimonial experience of Fannie B. Hollis, the pretty little wife of John B. Hollis, a member of the Madison Square "Jim the Penman," who is now suing her husband for absolute divorce on the ground of unfaithfulness, in New York. Hollis, whose stage names is Jack Beresford Hollis, is a slightly built man and plays the part of the detective. He claims to be related to the family of Lord Beresford. Fannie B. Mcliwee, a fascinating little blonde, who lived with her parents in Waverly place, was distantly related to Hollis, who visited at the house frequently. They began to throw sheep's eyes at each other and one day in the late fall made the discovery that they were both in love. Jack proposed and was were both in love. Jack proposed and was accepted, but the young woman was dubious as to how her parents would receive the tidings of her betrothal. An elopement was planned and Sunday, Nov. 20, they fied to Jersey City and were married. They came home to receive the parental blessing and forgiveness, but when Fannie had entered two of her brothers barred the way and absolutely refused to allow Hollis to enter the house. Fannie went weeping to her room and has never been in her husband's company since. A few days later a detective was placed on Hollis' track, and, it is alleged, evidence was procured to justify a

suit for absolute divorce. The corespond-ent in the case is a young woman living at Long Branch.

Mrs. Calloway, wife of Doc Calloway, a well known farmer of Raleigh, W. Va., eloped a few days ago with two young men who had been working for her husband. Her husband, it seems, got a clue to the tripartite love arrangement. Instead of kicking Cal-loway gave his consent and assisted the lovers with \$200 presumably to get them to go far enough away to forever lose sight and hearing of the woman.

J. C. Clarke, chihier of the Union Excavating company of New Orleans, who was to have been married this evening to an estimable young lady of that city, shot and killed himself the other day in a lodging house, on St. Charles street, to avoid exposure and disgrace resulting from a shortage in his ac-counts. Clark entered the house at 1:30 o'clock in the morning and immediately re-tired to the room assigned him. At 11:30 o'clock in the morning when the chamber o clock in the morning when the canmoer-maid repaired to the room she was horrified to see its occupant, fully dressed, lying on a sofa in one corner of the room with blood dripping from a wound in the right side of his head. The man was dead, and on his breast lay a revolver

One of those remantic elopments which cause considerable excitement in society was brought to light on the arrival of the Beaver line steamer Lake Huron, which reached the dock in East Boston the other night. The young lady was the daughter of an Irish noblemen, holding a colonel's commission in the English army. She is a charming brunette, just passed her majority, with a pretty face and figure. The gay lothario is about forty, with hair slightly tinged with gray, and was employed as a coachman in Dublin. The coachman pre-vailed upon the unsophisticated maiden to leave Ireland, and took passage upon one of the night boats that ply between Dublin and Liverpool. On their arrival in that city they went to the office of the Beaver line and took passage under the assumed names of "Mr. and Mrs. Neil." The father then canded detectives in this country to intercept the couple. Superintendent Cornish was the couple. Superintendent Cornish was on hand at the wharf when the ship arrived nt East Boston. He used all his powers to induce the young lady to leave her lover, but she said: "My affection for him is stronger than any love of home and father. I can not, I will not leave him." The couple subsequently found a minister and were married.

In Kent county, Maryland, John Woodall the village barber, boarded in the family of John Manning, an old resident with a pretty daughter. Suspecting something, the old folks ordered Joe to find another abode immediately. Coatless and hatless, he fled from the front door, while the daughter, bonnetless and wrapless, took to the woods from the rear. They ran and walked to the Delaware line, and that night were married.

At Cape May one year ago, W. H. Hewitt, freight agent of the West Jersey railroad lost his wife. Four days after the funeral Mrs. J. B. McCollum, who then lived in Philadelphia, says he called upon her and talked matrimony. Mrs. McCollum is a widow and fifteen years his junior. Since then he has written her poetry and letters and even borrowed money from her. Now she sues him for preach of promise.

At Williamsport, Pa., Peter Bechtel courted Jane C. Stetler thirty-five years ago, but their parents objected and they drifted apart. Each married and she in time became a widow and hea widower. Last Decamber they met again and on Thursday they were

During Christmas week Mamie Wheelen thirteen 'years old, though looking much older, and Henry Rambo, a youth of eighteen, both employed in a Philadelphia dry goods house, took a notion to get married, and, crossing to Camden, found an accommodating elergyman. They kept it a secret and even later, when if was discovered, denied it before the minister who married them. Now the young hutbaild has fled and the girl's nother is trying to have the marriage au-

SOUTH OMAHA.

A Destructive Blaze in the Omaha Packing House.

At 8 o'clock Sunday morning fire was dis covered in the fertilizing department of the Omaha Packing company's houses, and within a few minutes the entire structure was in flames. The company's fire depart-ment were on hand in a minute, and the Armour-Cudahy and South Omaha fire de-partments responded to the alarm as quick as could be expected, and were so successful and proficient in their work that everybody was surprised and pleased. The two frame buildings known as the fertifizing department were almost wholly ruined, the driveway shed and the chute to the killing tower were badly damaged. The total loss will be between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Watchman August Erickson discovered the fire, but before anything could be done the whole building was in flames. Three machines for evaporating the refuse matter, blood, etc., had been removed from the building, having been lately sold to the Armour Cudahy company, so about all the machinery in the building was the Anderson dryer, which is thought to be injured, if not ruined. Wilkins & Co., of New York, will lose about \$100 damage to hair. The losses are understood to be covered by insurance. Killing will continue Monday as usual.

The Green-Eyed Monster. G. L. Connard resides at Eighteenth and Q streets, but lodged last night in the city juil. He choked the wife of his heart, and his vigorous throttle was anything but appreciated. She sent a friend to notify the police of his actions and he was run in. There is another woman in the case. Mrs. Connard is about to become a mother, so her thoughtful husband got a comely young woman to come to his house, presumably to do domestic work, but Mrs. Connard suspects and avers to act as mistress. She pro-ceeded in a decisive manner to rid her house and self of the objectionable woman, but Mr. Connard objected, and, being her lord and master, proceeded to chuck her about and choke her with more than legal zeal. Junge Reuther will hear and decide the merits of the case this morning.

Notes About the City. W. E. Russell has gone to Chicago. E. O. Mayfield, of the Republican, went to Plattsmouth Saturday.

Germoin Towl, son of City Engineer E. B. Towl, is sick threatened with fever, The Independent Political club will meet Monday evening at John Frye's, Twenty sixth and Q streets. Police Officer: Reduce Redmond has resigned. Mr. Redmond was one of the most

efficient and most successful officers on the National hall was taxed to its utmost pacity Saturday night on the occasion of the

masked ball, given by the South Omaha German club. Dances were given Sunday night at the National hall, Tweety-fourth and L streets, and the Bohemian hall, M street near Twen-

R. A. Eaton, the efficient and trusty South Omaha representative of the Disparch, has severed his connection with that paper and Monday will commence with the Republican. It is not generally known, but is nevertheless a fact, that in the city school board there exists a bitter feefing that lately came near ending in an open rupture between some of the members.

Charles H. Pottor, one of the popular stock yards switchmen, and Miss Nellie Castinette was married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Melins, No. 713 Hickory street, yes-terday at 2 o'clock.

The Fourth Ward Republican club, of which Edward Bruce is president, William Clements, secretary, and Isaac R. Crayton, treasurer, will ment Monday evening in the Exchange reading room.

An infant son, aged two months of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cushing, residing in Burlington Center, died Friday morning, and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Sueak thieves are getting their work in without delay and in fine style. A fine Winchester shotgun was stolen from Simon S. Remer and a pair of trousers were faked from A. Diamond's display rack.

"There will be no monkey work by the mayor and city council," voluntarily said an

active local politician, "about adopting the new charter law. I am satisfied that both the mayor and members of the council want the law passed, excepting the emer-gency clause which was to legislate the mayor and certain other officers, and will rendily adopt the law as soon as the spring election is held. The mayor and his friends are not a little pleased over having out-generaled the other fellows, and now will do just what will satisfy all, take the census as soon after the election as possible and adopt

The Beechler Case. Libbie Beechler, or Mrs. King, as she likes to be called, murderess of Harry King, got a breath of fresh air yesterday afternoon. She walked from the county jail up to the court house, She was escorted to Judge Wakeley's court room by Sheriff Coburn, where she had an interview with her counsellor, General Cowin. The woman wore her usual mourning with a long "widow's" veil, and the first whiff of the pure afterboon air seemed to brighten her spirits when the sheriff led her out of the prison. General Cowin stated that it was his first interview with the woman since she was incarcerated She is anxious to go to trial and her counse will be ready to try the case in a short time It is thought that the case will be called

The Weather Indications. Nebraska and Iowa: Fair, warmer, fol

lowed in western Nebraska by slightly cooler; southerly winds.

Dakota: Fair, cooler winds becoming

On the night of the 2d, after an exhibition by a one-horse theatrical troupe at Vorka's ball, a social dance was held. The style of music not being pleasing to a number of our fine-haired young men who were present and had imbibed freely of ginger ale and pop, they proceeded to vent their wrath on the innocent musicians and the leader of the troupe, resulting in a free fight, wherein five noble youths from Iowa, who have resided here for the past year, depending on a pack of cards for their support, were quickly van-

DIOGENES.

New York Mercury: "We've soid the bear to keep the wolf from the door, and the paper is paid for till spring, so you will have a cheery companion, little wife, for the long winter evenings after I am gone. That's enough to give this day a brighter look, though the driving sleet outside would to make it dreary. "Then sing heigh-ho, nonny,

We'll drive dull care away.

The old showman tried to finish up with a merry strain, but though he made a brave attempt he could not recall the rich ringing voice of the past. It was gone forever, and Steve Maddox's figure, now was as much a shadow of his former self as was his voice compared to the time when he was the jolly clown, the accomplished ventriloquist, the daring performer on the trapeze attached to the balloon-basket.

After many a joyous year of wandering tent life he had returned to his native village to await the end, for death had already sent his herald, consumption.

Such a fine specimen of physical strength and manly proportions as he was in those old days when every boy for miles around the show-struck town thought Steve Maddox the one ideal mortal on earth, as they saw him clinging so carelessly and gracefully to the ascending balloon. Oh, that was god like, swinging and hanging in the blue air of heaven! At least so the boys thought as their hearts alternately swelled and stilled with intensest ad miration

The little room in which the emaciated athlete now sat was heated by a snapping fire in the rude brick fireplace, which flashed a light on the show-bill-papered walls,

"The Three Maddox Brothers' Mammoth Agglomeration." "The Two Famous Maddox Brothers' Great Western Circus," "Stephen Maddox's Great Equine Show and Managerie," variously headed the large posters, printed in rec and green to more readily catch the But a yellow bill printed in black had, perhaps, during Steve's illness been most often and fondly perused and reperused by him. It related the wonderful feats of the performing bear Diogenes. He had been personally trained from cubbood by Steve, and no baby could have held a warmer place in the showman's heart.

Diogenes had been the last relic of the glorious show days, and when Steve came back to Jarvis. Lizzie (little wife he always called her) and Diogenes had been his sole companions and sole pos sessions as well.

But now the little wife alone remained to him. and soon Lizzie would have nothing of Steve but a tender recollec-

The sharp and biting winter setting in had found them often lacking ordinary comforts, despite the kind attentions of neighbors. Steve said he wouldn't "go on the town," and the town said he "couldn't go on it with a bear," and at last they had sold the bear, as Steve said, to keep the wolf

from the door. "Ha, ha, ha! I'd have made the audi ence roar with that joke when I played the clown in '58," and Steve hastily brushed away a tear that the serry jest had brought from his eye.
Well, I made the people laugh many

a time at jokes less funny than that; but think I could make them cry if I told them how I felt at parting with Diog-enes. To sell him! That's the worst What a brute he must think me! Good God! I feel as though I'd committed the most detestable thing a man could do. You noticed how Diogenes hugged me, didn't you, Lizzie, when Mr. Denn picked up the chain? Just as he knew it was forever. Poor old fellow!

Lizzie was apparently too busy to respond, for she had her back turned to Steve and was doing something to the fire, though it had been burning quite

Well, well! I could'nt have done i if I hadn't seen you growing thinner and thinner, and Diogenes' shaggy cont scemed several sizes too large for him. I hope they will treat him well I wouldn't like to see those Deau young ones abuse him. Don't you think Mr. Dean is a man of his word, Lizzie?

Lizzie was still too busy, so Steve con-tinued in his half soliloquy. Indeed he had always had a manner of talking his thoughts to Lizzie as though she were a part of his conscious self, and no answers were needed to keep the ball of conversation rolling.
"When I made him swear on your

ittle testament never to whip Diogenes his voice sounded earnest, didn't it? Oh, if he forgot that oath I'd come from Paradise and haunt him with my ventriloquous voice sounding as though it came from his own heart as well as Diogenes' mouth, and from that of every one around."

Lizzie moved into the next room, but Steve's words still reached her. was saying:

"Why, Diogenes is as numan as I am, and not haif so much of a brute as many a man I know. He has a heart to pity human woes, too, which can't be said of all my race. Didn't Diogenes once just walk into a crowd just outside the tent, though! It was behind the side show, and the little gypsy girl that belonged to that band that followed us all one summer through Kentucky

had been giving those young towns rascals as good as they sent, till one good-sized lubber gave her a slap. The minute Diogenes heard her sq he crawled right under the tent into their midst, and wasn't there a scatterment of those boys, and didn't the little Zingara laugh! Ha, ha, ha! That little girl! I suppose she's grown ap now, and if she knew she'd be to buy Diogenes. I bet the whole tribe would chip in. I wish she knew.

There were two burning red spots on Lizzie's usually pale cheeks, and she kneeled and pressed them against the cool pillow of the bed in the inner room, while her lips seemed to form an echo to Steve's talk, for she murmared: "I wishshe knew.

"Ah, well! That was a long time ago. That next summer down in Vincennes I van against Crowfoot's rival show, and that was the luckiest day of my life, for he beat me advertising, and I went over to see if he beat me inside. And when I entered and saw the sweet est little woman on this whole earth spinning a plate on a stick poised on her chin, I was a goner. And when she happened to catch my eye and made a miss and smashed the plate, I knew she was a goner, and two hearts shared the fate of that plate.'

Lizzie now stood behind Steve's chair and her two arms rested gently around his neck.

"That was a blessed day. nearly broke up trying to play near Crowloot's show till I had won the great and only Mamzell Lizette, the most expert plate spinner in the world, and the only lady balancer the Empress of Austria shook hands with and congratulated on her skill. Old Crowfoot swore, and declared it would be impos-sible to fill the vacancy that season. But you told him it was out of the question for you to give up a life engage-ment for a season's engagement. You don't regret the contract yet, do you,

Lizzie's head was close to his, while she cried, half hysterically:
"Oh, Steve! Steve! I've known noth ing but happiness ever since I left Crowfoot's and joined the other show." Steve's days, nay, hours, were num-bered, and Lizzie thought that he must not guess a new grief that took all her self-control to hide from him. If possiblo he should pass away without her

adding another pang such as Diogenes' sale had given his tender, noble heart.

"If I were to tell him that dreadful

thing I'm sure it would kill him out-right," she murmured to herself. "Wasn't it comical, Lizzie, last March, when this sickness-confound it!---first kept me in, and you had to go to that Music hall in Detroit to give a "special" all alone. Wasn't it comical, I say, to have the fellows stand back and stare when you unchained Diogenes and walked out with him? I bet it was a picture. I wish I could have seen it. sat there at home and imagined I saw a trim little woman of thirty-six, prettier than your sixteens, trotting along besides shaggy Diogenes as safe as though she had her big six-foot athlete. Oh, confound it all! To think that a man who fairly reveled in strength and feats of daring should be brought to this. Steve Maddox, the most startling acrobat of America! What's that little poster the boy just stuck on the door knob? I see he is putting them on

'Why dont't you speak, Lizzie?' "Why do you crumpte it up? Never mind, wife, I'm not so weak yet as to be jealous. I could give more for the money than anything else on the road, and I knew it; so you needn't fear my caring now for a little show bill. Let me see it Lizzie.' "Oh, Steve! Don't ask to see it. Let

the doors along the street. Some per-

formance, maybe.

me burn it up. See, the fire needs a fresh start. "No, Lizzie. There is something wrong. I can stand it, whatever it is, out I must see it. Lizzie handed the sheet to him as though it were a heavy leaden weight,

She covered her face with her hands and listened in fear of the result. Great G. A. R. Festival! Ballinger's Hall! New Year's Eve. "Why, Lizzie, I'm astonished at you. Did you think because our larder is

and so indeed it seemed to her.

empty that I would begrudge other people a feast? Shame, shame! No, Steve Maddox is not so low as that What's this! "A bear roast! Good God! You don't think—it can't be possible it is Dio-him back the \$10 he paid, for I knew I could beg or borrow that much, but he

said he couldn't afford to get the boys

genes! You don't think any man liv s here in Jarvis mean enough to eat our bear! It must be some other!" The sinking man staggered to his

"Run, run and see, Lizzie, Tell Mr. Dean I knew better, but he knows how sick people are. They have to be assured a thing isn't so, even when they are certain it isn't. There's your shawl, Lizzie, on the nail by the door. saw you put it there when you came in from the postoffice a while ago.

Quick, Lizzie, run."
"Steve, dear, be calm. I've been to Mr. Dean and begged him on my knees not to do it. But he said Diogenes ate so much he couldn't keep him, and the G. A. R. boys thought it would make a pile of money for their fund. I offered to work night and day till I carned money to buy him back, if he'd only wait a few weeks and give me a chance. But he said the bills were printed and all preparations made, and everybody would go to a bear roast, so they would probably make \$50 out of it. I offered down on him by backing out, and it would hurt his business."

"Great Heaven! To eat the gentlest creature that ever lived! Can it be possible that men are such brutes? To cat a creature that snowed itself to be possessed of all the human virtues and as much intelligence! It's cannibalism— nothing short of it! I'll have the man hanged for murder that dares kill him." The old showman's voice grew more husky and broken, and he talked with a great effort now.

"And Diogenes and I will stand together before the Great Judge and accuse the murderers. Old fellow!
Diogenes, old boy! We're not played out yet. If there's no justice on earth there is in Heaven's supreme court, thank God!"

And now the voice grew soft again as he murmured: "The best natured creature living. Nothing piggish, either, about Diog-enes. Many a time he let the trick pig Bippo, chase him away from the feed

trough, and then he'd patiently watch from the top of his pole, where he had climbed, till Bippo satisfied himself. He wouldn't put his big paw on a toad even. And to eat that gentle creature! Oh, cannibals, may every mouthful choke ye! Ah, ah!"

With a gasp he sank back into his chair exhausted. The silent tears trickled down Lazzic's cheeks as Steve began to mutter indistinctly, and she caught his dear, helpless hand and knelt by his side. "Unpack my trapeze suit, Lizzie. In that satchel marked number six."

He gave a few tired sighs, and then "I'm pretty weary to-night, but Diegnes mustn't give all the entertainment. I'll take up the tickets at the door. Big crowd, I can see that. Oh, of course we billed the town so well I knew it would be a crusher. I guess the tent will be packed, especially after they see that balloon act of mine. Yes, Lizzie, I'm ready in a minute. Kiss me, wife-The trapeze performer kissing his wife just before he starts up in his balloon always catches the crowd. But good ness! They don't know it's not a good-bye kiss at all, but a love kiss, for we know we will meet again. You must stand by Diogenes when I get up four hundred feet or so, for then I can keep you in sight better, and I like to see

you while I float in the blue. The room is still now, for the fire has ceased to snap and the sleet no longer beats on the pane. Only the faint and fainter voice of the dying showman strikes upon the ear.

"Ah, no one knows the free, light feeling of being poised up there, floating-floating just like a spirit. And the world's people look so small, just like flies. Lizzie, though, looks like a star in her spangled dress, I'm off. One more kiss, dear wife. Floating, floating away. I never before felt so much like a soul freed from the flesh, although I've had glimpses of that feeling often while hanging in mid-nir 'over the river,' Lizzie' Oh, what a little world it is! Quite like a speck. I've lost sight—lost sight of Lizzie—and Diogenes. They—watch me—though, I know. Lizzie—my star! This delicious resting and floating-in the blue-is-

surely-heav'n!" The dead showman's head fell for-ward, and Lizzie uttered a prayer that Diogenes might have a soul that could float too, and that Steve would find him waiting for him, for the impatient money-makers had killed him the same

day his master died. And the feast went on. Nothing can ever give pause to the money getting and the feasting.

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