### THEY COULD TALES UNFOLD.

Whose Lightest Word Would Harrow Up Congressional Souls.

KEEPING TAB ON MEMBERS,

Sergeants-at-Arms Obliged to Knot the Places Where the Solons Most Do Congregate—Racy Secrets in Washington.

'Twould Be Mighty Interesting.

Wasurvorox, Jan. 4. (Special to Tree Ban.)...."! think I could write a very inter-esting book on that subject." said Sergean-at Arms Leedom, talking to me today on the "Hut," he continued, "I would not do such a thing. Do congressmen often live dual lives t you ask. Well, I must not tell. Ven

you ask. Well, I must not toll. You see as shoriff, undertaker and paymaster for the house of representatives. I have to feep a private tab of all the members, so that when there is a call of the house, day or night, I will instantly know where to go to find my men. Yes, it would be interesting resuling to see that tab in print.

"Hut you must not put all membars down in this list of interesting characters. Nor must you think that when I start out at midnight to drain up a quorum of the house I find all assent members away from their homes. It is instructive, though, to note that many of those you would expect to find at home are away from that place. You cannot always tell by appearances who the stray sheep are."

I could not pull more out of the sergeant-a arms upon this most interesting subject, but I found another man who knows all about way in which congressmen live, and from him I learned much that is racy.

"I was not astonished when I learned that many of the most wealthy members as well as the poor ones had overdrawn their accounts with the surgeanta-tarms," said he, "for in many instances the members who as the poor ones had overdrawn their accounts with the surgeant-ta-tams," said he, "for in many instances the members who have most property are the ones who are continually going to the financial officer of the house for assistance, and who discount their vouchers for mouthly pay with alarming regularity. Seeking of overdrawn accounts reminds me that had not Cashier Silcott ansconded as a defaulter he and Leedom would have divided about \$21,000 profit from the discounting of members' salaries during the past sky years, and they did not charge or edicet more than 70 per second of the past sky years, and they did not charge or edicet more than 70 per second of the past sky years, and they did not charge or edicet more than 70 per second of the past sky years, and some members 'not up' their salaries as far as two years or a whole term in advance, so as to raise \$10,000, less the interest. Mr. Leedom always required a member who borrowed more than a couple of months' salary to put up as collateral security a life insurance policy for double the amount borrowed. In event of death he made money, you see. In that way a momber could only beat the banker by resigning. Leedom lost a good many thousands by deaths and retrements, however. Do you know that nine-tenths of the members have their lives insured?

"It was only in the Forty-seventh congress—only years and—that the sergeant—at—arms was made a dustur-sing officer. Up to that time the elerth of the house paid the members and onlying the sergeant—at—arms was made a dustur-sing officer. Up to that time the coler of the financial responsibility and place it back with the clouder of the manes of almost every one who was employed by the house. Under the source law and loce customs it was a victions habit of the house as a body, and Leedom saw it so plainly five years ago that the begred the committee on appropriations to either releve him of the financial responsibility and place it back with the older of congress: the man who married ren the dougle of congress: the ma

"There are two classes which form the body of congress: the man who married rich or suddenly made a fortune, who is without any idea of decency or propriety in money matters, and the man who is so bard up that he would hypothecate his night sairt in order to raise money for political purposes. Elbow to elbow sit wealth and poverty, side by side canacity and incapacity, the bad and the spood, the open and frans with the doost of policy. You never can know one of those fellows real well and as he is till you stand behind the deak in the sergeant-at-arm's office or are compelled to spot them for the purpose of Receping up the tab. He Hill has them all down so fine that when this congress was reorganized there were many who feared to let, him be pushed out of a position, so they gave hum a new place which they created by special resolution. No, your Uncle Isano will not be out of a job till he loses his wits. But they need not be afraid of Re. He wouldn't take advantage of any information he might have. He is a straight man, to be sure. But members are often cowards. Now, it is not known generally, not in a true that Cashier Stricet had not defaulted it is likely a republican house would have re-effected Democratic Sergeant-exchange leading, because, in the first pince he has the dose on them. Don't him one has the dose on them. There are two classes which form the

members; they were solid for him, for every reason.

"It is wonderful," continued the gentleman, "how strewd and successful politicians and business men put themselves at the 
mercy of men and women—how they make 
themselves vulnerable, simply to get a trifling favor now and then. Why, I sometimes wonder that the doorkeepers and 
pages, most of whom keep a mental tab of 
members, are ever discharged.
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in the house. It is quite another thing to be a sonator. The duties, from a political view-point, are different. One serves a distinct constituency and must serve the people, while the other serves a state or general constituency. One is a drag-horse, a burden-bearer, the other a legislator. One requires a cancely for bard work, drudgery, the other calls for dignity. One demands resulting to the control of the bouse must be a department slave; the senator that distribute the constituency of the bouse must be a department slave; the senator that distribute the control of the bouse must be a department of the bouse must be a department slave; the senator that distribute the control of the distribute the control of the distribute the control of the distribute the distribute the distribute the distribute department of the legislation of public men deteriorations demonitate for ariness.

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"If you don't drink and never scoke, what did you come to congress for " inquired the senator.

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It has been hinted that a great deal of influence has been brought to bear upon members of the committee, which investigated the affairs of the sergonst at-arms' office to prevent such action as will necessitate a court trail. Under cross-examination Mr. Leedom and has assured the affairs of the lead to the training the dual lives of members, and there would be many Dr. Jely'lls and Mr. Hydes. The average reader has a zeathering of the temptations which surround the legislature of a state. Here they are manifolded. Congress is but a stational legislature. However, there are smay who can substand the temptations, and after years of usefulness they go out

into private life unternished, with a knowledge of affairs, which is their most tealors

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and successes before the war in Dabuque, where he was admitted to the bar.

"I remismiser one evening," said the seneral, "stitug in my study in North college in Princeton, the year before my graduation. As juniors, according to the custom, our class was supposed to be the protectors of the incoming freshmen against the rapacity of the sophomores. On the evening in question I was deep in the translation of a difficult sentence in Tacitus when the door opened and allittle rost-headed boy, attired in a bine roundabout jacket with brass buttons, burst into the room. Ho was coughing violently and tears were running from the gives. I asked him what the trouble was and learned that he had been driven from his room by a suphomore by the name of Exercitors.

was and learned that he had been driven from his room by a sophomore by the name of Everhart.

"He has smoked use out, contound him," blubbered the youth, "and I want some place to sit down. My room is full of vile nigger-head tobacco smoke and I cannot breather is such air."

I calmed the youth down and permitted him to spend the time while his room was ventilating in my quarters.

It was many years afterwards, when hurrying from Dubuque to Washington in response to a notification of my appointment to the cabinet, that I wired Don Cameron at Harrishure, Pa, that I would poss through that city. In the years which had elapsed, the rod-headed bey had become a senator from Pennaplyania, while his tormentor, who had developed into an active politician. Cameron to his own discomiture. A short time previous to my arrival at Harrishure; the Hon, Mr. Everbart had been tremendously bosten in a political coeffici over which the flag of the Camerons floated in trumph. When I reached the depot I found Don Cameron watting for me, We waited up and down the platform and discussed college days.

"You remember, Don," I said, "the night

lege days.
"You remember, Don," I said, "the night that Everhart smoked you out of your room and you came into mine for relief !!"

"I should say I did," remarked Cameron,
"and romember it very distinctly too."

"What has become of Everhart!" I asked.

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"I noce sat down," and General Belking, "I now the smatter to a friend of mine in the west. Ho aympathized with me and my appractions and at once took me around to the office of a prominent lawyer, who was a friend of this, and with whom very satisfactory and hiberal arrangements were made for my reception as a student. I afterwards, when I was secretary of war, in the days when old Welkers was par excellence the best in the city, gathered around me five gentlemen and their wives. When the dinner was nearly over I arose and studed what I have just stated to you with reference to the youing man who sought to enter the bar, and said:
"Singular as it may seen, I see around me tonight the gentleme! who kindly took up that boy's cause, the lawyer in whose office he began his studies, the counsellor who moved his admission to the bar and the judge woo presided when he was sworn in.
"Judge Miller of Dubuque, now perhaps the ablest member of the succeme court, moved my admission and Judge Love of lows as not his bearing around me all the parties who contributed at the critical stage to his advancement."

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I met dustice Miller of the supreme court the other day. The judge is in the most robust health, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. He laughou heartily when I mentioned to him the rumers that he proposed resiring and indicated that his mind was far from made up in that direction. He does as much work now as he ever did. His clear logical mind works with all its accustomed cave and certainty and his interest in events is as absorbing as ever. By general consent Justice Miller is admitted to be the ablest expounder of the constitution of the supreme court.

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"Whatever is one about removing the superme court from its present chambers," and Judge Miller, "some measure should be taken at once by congress to provide in the near future for suitable accommodations for the grouping together in one building of the department of justice and the court. There is a scood deal of unnecessary delay from the distance which now separates the various portions of the department of justice. Whether or not the government should recet, as suggested, an imposing building opposite the capital and near the congressional library is something for congress to determine, but they should certainly make arrangements to de away as soon as pussible with the present very unsatifactory condition of affairs." "Print S. Harra.

Meeting of the Central Body at

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 5.—The Central deep water committee met here yesterday. Among the members present were E. R. Chamberlain of Des Moines, William O. Among the members present were E. R. Chamberlain of Des Moines, William O. Kuip of Dayanport and Secretary F. L. Dana of Denvar. The object of the meeting is to decide upon a plan for getting the deep water question properly before congress, also to select from the entrail on muttee a sub-committee to go to Washington and work in the interests of the deep water nucreat. The committee was today, taken over the large to the deep water nucreating the interests of the deep water nucreating the interest of the deep water to have a sub-considered to the following the interest of the second was that of finances as to the amount necessary to further the manyas. The committee decided strongly to advocate the report of the government engineers favoring Galveston as a point for the location of a first class harbor, but not to the detriment of appropriations for other harbors on the Texas coast.

The committee completed its labors today by appointing Colonol Walter Gresham of Galveston and Hon. J. F. Legate of Kaosas a special committee to targe the passage of a deep water bill. A special finance committee was also appointed.

#### SETTLED AT LAST.

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The Men on the Mackey System Return to Work Today.

Evansvilla, Ind., Jan. 5.—A second conj ference was hold this evening between President Muckey and a copmittee from the Evansville & Turre Haute, the Evansville & Sindianapolis, the Louisville, Evansville & Si. Louis and the Proria, Decatur & Evansville coads, comprising the Mackey system. An agreement was reached at 10 o'clock and the men will return to work in the morning at 7 o'clock. The details of the compromise are not known further than that Master of Transportation Hurd will be retained in his position.

Yellow Fever in Itio Janaro.
Lisson, Jan h. Private letters from Rio
Janiro say that intensely hot weather prevails there, and that yellow fever of a maligmant type has aspeared in the city.

MID-WINTER LOCAL SPORTS.

The Atheneums' Middle Weight Championship Competition.

THE BIG 'UNS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Paddy Smith and Jack Davis-Tall Enders Tomorrow Night-No Brotherhood in His'n-Miscellancous Gossip.

For the Middleweight Championship. The Atheneum club's middleweight cham onship competition opens at the club rooms Illi Dougha street, two weeks from Monday evening unxt—the 27th. Each competition is to be governed by the revised Queensbury rules, with six ounce gloves, for scientific points and the winner is to be awarded a handsome guid medal, emblematic of the local championship. No one will be barred, but likes withing to enter must do so before the 25th, on which day the entries close.

A Mill For Wednesday Night.

The finish fight, hard gloves, Queensburrules, for a purse of \$390, between Jac Davis, the Denver beavy weight, and an imported unknown, has been fixed for Wednesday night, but just where the mill jst oom off is unknown. Davis is in the best fetti and anticipates an easy job. However, he may be fooled.

Bigger Game for Jack.

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Davis is also to meet within the present month, it is currently understood, big Paddy Smith of Denver in a glove contest before the Gate Oty athletic club, and in Smith he will find a foeman worthy of his muscle. Some seem to think that Paddy can reo round Jack tike a cooper round a barrel, but this is stretching it is little too far. Davis is big and strong, very clever and cager to fight any one, consequently is pretty certain to give a good account of himself oven against the redoubtable Smith.

Collision of the Tail Enders.
The tail enders in the city pole league race,
the Gate Citys and the Omain Guards, will
collide tomorrow night at the coliseum, and
every one wants to stand from under. The valuat Guards say they have been lying low for the Gate Citys' curls, and in return the latter declare they shan't have a goal. There will be lots of fun, any way and everybody is going out to watch the atrice.

Will Have None of the Brotherhood. Jack Crooks writes The Bee from 'Frisco that he has made up his mind to stick to scason. He has received innumerable tempting overtures from the brotherhood, but has determinedly declined them all. The probability is that Jack has weakened in his ideas of the success of the wreckers' enterprise. Again, Managor Buckenburger of the Buckeye team has been so pleased with Crooks' great exploits behind the bat during the past few weeks that he writes Jack that that is where he will be played the coming season, and at a material advance in salary at that. Crooks, today, is one of the most premising players in the profession, and the coming season is bound to be advertised as liberally as any of the greatest stars. eason. He has

The Irrepressible Eck.

Tom Eck, the bicycle manager, has returned from Europe and is now in Minneapolis, where he is arranging a six-day skating maten of two hours' duration each night, to take place at Hingle & Foster's rink. A good-sized purse is to be hung up and such celebrities as Dowd, Paulsen, McCormick and Black have signified their willinguess to ester for the contest.

#### A REMARKABLE TRIP.

Description of the Voyage of the United States Squadron. New York, Jan. 5.—The Associated press correspondent on board the United States steamship Atlanta, in a letter from Lisbon describes the experiences of the squadron in its trip across the Atlantic. Referring to the dropping behind of the Yorktown he says: At 8 p.m., on the 12th, in the height a, furious southwesterly gale and a tremendous sea the commander of the Yorktown made signals to the fing ship requesting permission to "heave to," which was granted. From that time the Yorktown dropped astern. The action of her commander is no more than could have been expected. The Yorktown is a comparaitively light ship, carrying a very heavy battery. Thus it would have been the height of folly to have kept a vessel of her peculiar design running before such a heavy sea. Had one of the monstrous combs which from time to time rolled over the Atlanta's and Hoston's sterns ever plunged on the Yorktown's man deen't would have gutted her fore and aft. During the night and all the next day the sea ran "mountain high," but the Atlanta, in spite of her low fore and after parts, tode it like a duck, as did also her sister ship, the Hoston. Nothing could more forcibly convey to the mind the fury of the Atlantic than the sight of these huge cruisers tossed line the timiest of playthings by the sea. Scudding under recred fore and main top sails and fore sail, burrying the muzzles of their guns under water at every roll it soemed incredible that their canvas would stand or that they could long continue to run before such a sea. No thought of "lying to," however, auggested itself to the mind of Admiral Walker. The Chicage rolled on and on, and the two gallant brigs followed oven if they did occasionally hid there entire fore and an interest of the the theorem and entire fore and an interest of the theorem and the transite were completed. Fog heavy rain and a masty, choppy sea were the priacipal features of the runnander of the voyage. tremendous sea the commander of s Yorktown made signals to the flag

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Withelm's Advice to His Generate.

Branin, Jan, 5.—The Borsen Courier says that in receiving the generals of the army New Year's day the emperor impressed upon them the duty of officers to strive to be in a state of constant readiness. He counsuled them to study the changes wrought by the new riles and the smokeless powder and to educate the soldiers for independent action.

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Stock Yards Employes Dissatisfied.
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Two meetings were neid today by the coopers and butchers employed in the establishments at the stock yards, the result of which may be an organized effort to broak by legal process the contracts the packing house men were compelled to sign after the big strike. By the terms of these contracts the men are obliged to deposit a certain per centage of their pay with their employers, to be fortieted unless two weeks' notice of quicting work is given. The most-ings today practically decided to bring test soits under the state law, which, it is claimed, will be any event put the costs of legislation upon the employers.

The Beath Houserd.
Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Knickerbocker, who was stricken with paralysis last evening, died this morning.
CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Judge Knickerbocker, who was stricken with paralysis last evening died known umpire of the National league clied suddenly last evening of heart disease. He had for two years been a deputy customs inspector at Chicago.

HABILTON, N. Y., Jan. 5.—President Dodge of Madison universaty died today after a short illness.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Viscount Templetos died at San Remo today.

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North Nahraska in General Ency County in Particular.

> -An Abundantly Watered Section-Manafactur-

ing interests.

Stock Raising and Agricultural

he largest and oldest organized coun-ies in Nebraska and has a population

of about ten thousand. It is bounded on the north by the Missouri river, on the west by range line between ranges 8 and 9, on the south by township line

between townships 28 and 20 north, and on the east by range line between ranges I and 2 west, Nebraska survey. That portion north of the Niobrara

eiver is a part of the Sioux reservation

open to settlement and contains 700,000 acres. It is a fine body of agricultural

and, well watered and absolutely free rom any abjectionable features. Ponca and Keya Paha rivers are the principal streams within this strip.

There is no locality in the state nore abundantly watered than is this. And this water, too, is of the best qual-ity, consisting mainly of spring water

and numerous streams supplied by springs. Of these streams the Basile. Verdigris and Ponca are the largest and most important. The main branch

and most important. The main branch of the Bazile has its source in Antelope county, lying on the south of Knox, and as it flows north toward the Missouri river it is joined by two other large branches having their sources in the eastern part of this county, and flowing a nortwesterly direction. The Bazile empties into the Missouri river four miles east of Nobrara, and from its mouth back thirty miles it is a clear, swift running stream of a good volume of water, having three flouring mills toward its source and affording sites for many more.

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The Verdigris empties into the Nio

The Verdigris empties into the Niobrara river three miles southwest of Niobrara, is about forty miles in length, has its main source in the northern part of Antelope county, and is composed of three large branches, two rising in the eastern portion of Holt county and flowing in a northeasterly direction into the main stream. This is a larger stream than the Beazile, of clear, swift,

stream than the Brazile, of clear, swift, running water, and also affords numerous excellent mill sites.

The Ponca has its source in the unorganized territy north of the Nebraska state line, but running through nearly the entire portion of the reservation in Nebraska, as about seventy-five miles in length and empties into the Missouri river three miles west of Niobrara. It affords excellent mill sites and its valley is a most beautiful one.

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Two branches of the West Bow,
Beaver and one or two other small
creeks of Cedar county, on the east of
this, have their sources in, and flow for
some distance through this county.
There are numerous other small streums
flowing into the Niobrara and the Missouri and the creeks and branches already mentioned.

The soil is generally of a black, sandy
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The soil is generally of a black, sandy loom and averaging about four feet in depth. In the valleys it is much deeper, and on some of the hills there is more or less clay. Beneath the soil there is generally found a stratum of sand, and beneath this the chalk rock. The depth of the clay and sand varies somewhat, but generally is about twenty feet. This peculiar formation of the soil makes it very desirable for agricultural purposes; there is sand enough to enable it to absorb a great deal of rain, and the depth from the surface to the chalk rock is so great, and the sand just above the chalk rock filled with innumerable springs and tiny veins, sends up its moisture to the soil on the surface above during a scarcity of rain, so that a destruction of crops and vegetation by drought is unknown and believed to be an impossibility in this and adjacent counties.

Chalk rock mosable underlies the

and delight of all new comers into these parts.

Tamo grasses have been found to do as well here as in any piace. The abundance and excellent quality of the wild grasses, however, render it impossible to even think of the tamo grasses, much less to go to the trouble of raising them. The grasses found here are exceedingly nutricious and caten with much relish by all kinds of stock. Stock raising is exceedingly profitable in this county at present. The abundant supply of the best of spring water, the great amount and excellent

Influence Lusting Its Hold On Salisbury—Spreading in Germany.
Lowney, Jan halford Salisbury is making favorable prepriess toward recovery.
The influence is still apreading slowly. In Germany it is spreading rapidly in the provinces. Husiness is partially suspended and in many places the school bouses have been converted into hospitals. Here Pato, formerly minister of finance, has died. 700,000 ACRES TO BE SETTLED

Changast for the Worse. Humas, Jan 5.—This evening the condi-tion of the Dowsgor, Empress Avgusta has changed for the worse.

Spain's Infant King Sick nin, Jan. 5.—The young king is about from influence.

Boarded the Enterprise.
Lesnox, Jan. 5.—The United States steamer Enterprise has arrived at Plymouth. The majority of the officers and crow have the influenza. Six of the crew have been sent to the naval nesultal.

She Was an American Girl,
Baltinions, Md., Jan. 5.—The Baron
of Este and the Countess d'Noue of France
were married yesterday by Archoishop Ryan
of Philadelphia and are spending a
few days in this city. The bride
was before her first marriage
blies Elizabeth Brown Harney. A daughter
of the late General Harney, United States
army. She has two sons, officers in the
Fronch army, and one daughter who accompanied the to this country. She met the
fromed many and an attachment was
formed which resulted in the marriage. The reason for their coming
to this country was that the columns wished
to be married at the home of her life-long
friend, Mrs. Pownatan Clarke of this city.
They were competted, however, to go to
Philadelppia to meet the archbishop, who is
also an old friend of the family and whem
she wished to porform the ceromony. She Was an American Girl.

Soldiers Have a Row. Kanas Cirr, Jan. 5.—A Leavenworth special says: A free fight occurred has night on a train between white and negro soldiers returning to the fort from town. Two of the negroes were severely injured and had to be sent to the nospital.

Beat the skating Record. Heat the Skating Record.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn, Jun, 5.—Joseph Donaghue at the Paince rink tonight skated five miles in seventeen minutes and eight seconds. This beats the best previous world's record by nine seconds.

#### THE SLIPPERY STREETS

They Are the Cause of Numerous Mis-haps of a Serious Nature.

The local signal service observer announ-es an encouraging outlook in the weather onditions. The temperature will probably rise rapidly today and be accompanied by clear, pleasant weather. The cold snap was the most severe of the season, the tempera-ture going down to 1 = below zero, accompanied by a northwest wind blowing with a elocity of thirty miles per hour.
The condition of the streets, consequent

upon the freezing of rain and snow, was the cause of numerous falls and accidents of a serious nature. Horses simped along in an uncertain manner, many going down, men, women and children, pieced their way along carefully in the middle of the streets. This state of affaire caused consulerable uncertainment Saturday night, the streets resounding with cries of "Dowa" as some unfortunate and down with more celerity than grace. Some of these falls were productive of nothing more time, a general shaking up, while others left rebinders in the way of broken limbs or aching heads enlarged by bumps.

Elias Gish, one of the attendants at Drexel & Maul's undertaking establishment, while returning from breakfast yesterday morning, slipped at the corner of Sitchesth and Dodge streets and broke his right words. He did after he had returned to the office. It was at core attended to mid is scienced. cause of numerous falls and accidents of a

supposed at the corner of Sixteenth and Dodge streets and broke his right wrist. He did not discover that his wrist was broken until after he had returned to the office. It was at once attended to and is doing nicely, but it will probably be some time before he will recover the use of his arm.

The Walaut Hill and Shorman avenue motur lines experienced some difficulty on the first trips yesterday morning on account of the coating of ice on the trollay wire and on the rails. The former prevented a good "contact," thereby interfering with the motive power of the courrent, while the ice on the rails made it almost impossible to climb even a slikit grade. After one or two trips, however, the ice was melted and no further difficulty was encountered.

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The difficulty was formed to the was more serious. The system in use on that ine differs from that of the "Mercor" lines. Among other things, the dynames under the motor cars are arranged differently. When the brakes were set they caused snow to dy from the wheels and collect on the commutators of the dyname, and the starting of the car and passage of the courrent melted the snow, which from was and a shield arranged over the commutators to protect them from the anow. There cars were taken off, as the road was in such bad condition that the trains could not make achedule time.

The patronage of the Twendieth street cable line was visibly more sed, the passengers preferring to walk over to it rather than wait for the motor cars.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Agnes Herndon opened her engage-ent at the Grand opera house last night once was a large one and gave pronounce evidence repeatedly of bolar more than well pleased with the performance. She ap-peared as Jean Ingleside and pleased with the performance. She appeared as Jean Ingleside and Marie Duboia, a dual character in "La Helle Marie," which offers ampla scope for a cisplay of her talents as an actross specially adapted to emotional parts. Much might be said about the play, but since its story has stready been well told in these columns, person here well told in these columns of person here well told in these columns of the stream of t

cupled by enscripting capitalists. The most extensive milling privileges thus far are at Bazile Mills, where two largo mills are in process. Other grist far are at Bazile Mills, where two largo mills are in process. Other grist mills are to be found at Creighton. Verdigris Bridge, Walnut Grove and other points. Three creameries in different parts of the county do a good business. An extensive pork packing establishment, capacity of 100 hogs perday; a brewery, capacity 1,000 gallons per day, and a canning establishment are located at Niobrara.

While Knox county has been considered somewhat north of the center of the great corn-growing belt that runs from cast to west across our republic, time has demonstrated that we are by no means out of it. Prequently ferty to fifty bushels of corn are raised per acre the same year that the wild prairie is broken. On old ploughing seventy-five to one hundred bushels are often grown. Onts, wheat, barley, rye and flax grow as well and yield as beautifully as in any place that can be found throughout the country. But the unusual and wonderful productions of this locality are to be found among the vegetables and roots. The deep rich porous soil seems to have been made on purpose for the production of roots, and the case with which they are grown as well as the enormous size they attain, and their superior quality constitute the wonder and delight of all new comers into these parts. parts creditably, std its a whole they give a passingly clever performance.

Personnal Faragraphs.

Lou Wessel and throther of Lincoln are registered at the Murray.

J. M. Thacher, post-trader at Fort Nicherar, in in the cityon business and is stop ping at the Parton.

Miss Agess Hernden and James A. Jessel of Miss. Hernden's company registered at the Millard yesterday.

H. D. Judson and family, praminent people of Rochelle, lill, and oid friends of W. H. Holcomb and family of this city, arrived yesterday and are at the Millard.

Mr. John T. Hell has sold the Mercury and leaves tomerone for San Joss, Cid., where his family now resides. He will spend the greater part of three years in that anny clime, making frequent trips to Omaha, which, he says, he will always call bome.

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Lieutenaut J. A. Hull of the United States navy, and family, are guests at the Millard hotel. The lieutenant is en route bome from a three years seguera in Japan, and upon reaching this city one of his little boys became so ill that he was compelled to stop a few days. few days.

Don't buy trashy imitations. Get the genuine Red Cross Cough Drops.

THE NEW FIELD FOR OMAHA.

quality of the natural grasses, growing as they do in extensive ranges, together with natural locations for barns, sheds and all kinds of protection for stock during winter weather, certainly combine to make this one of the best stock growing countles in the west.

The six townships of land in the southeast corner of Knox county, embraced in ranges 2 and 8, have been "offered" lands taken by non-residents. This part of the county is an excellent body of land. In fact, it would be almost impossible to find so large a body of land so uniformly good in any state of the union. However, on account of the fact that there has been so much government land in other parts of the county untakes, these speculators' lands have not, until recently, become as valuable as was anticipated by the owners. The state and school lands are to be had on both lease and contract. They are regarded as a most profitable investment.

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The elimate in this portion of Nebraska is far preferable to that found in the same latitude farther east. This is mostly due to our periodic rainfall. It seldom rains between October 1 and March 1 following. This gives us a dry, pure air during the cold season, and the damp, chilly air of the Missisippi is unknown to us. But during the spring and summer we are favored with an aburdance of copious showers. Those who are seeking homes or lands for profitable investment are invited to look at Knox county. It has all the conveniences and advantages of of an old settled countery. Our state is traversed by railronds in all directions, and the Fremont, Elihora & Missouri Valley railway passes through the center of the country north and south, and other lines are projected for next season.

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Son.

The Sioux reservation is now the most interesting section of land. Niobrara, with its bridge crossing the Niobrara river at this point, makes it the only safe crossing to the new country. Any information desired will be furnished by the Niobrara Pioneer.

#### THE BARBERS,

Both Factions Hold Meetings to Per-fect Their Organizations.

There was a scene in Louis Faist's barber shop at Fifteenth and Douglas streets yes-terday afternoon that resembled one of Jack Haverly's old time ministrel first parts. Em-mel and Faist were on the ends and Adam Morrell in the middle.

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They were all barbers, and a finor looking lot of gentlemen are seldom acca. These are the men who are just now endeavoring to convince the courts that they are professional men-not laborers.

The meeting was held for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization and to discuss what course they would pursue in defending themselves against the charge of working on Sunday.

The first resolution was that they should all work and stick together.

Ed Firchpatrick, a journeyman, was chosen president; S. P. Emmel, secretary; P. H. Miller, vice-president, A. Morrell, tressure.

tressurer.
"Next!" shouted Fitchpatrick, as he hit the table with a hair brush, "What's your passurer Have that hair trimmed up a

"Hold on, boys," clipped in another, "we want a committee of five to attend to the executive work, lawyer, jury, police court, etc., and Fili put that in the form of a motion."

There was a second, and the chair named the following gentlemen: Lous Faist, S. P. Emmell, Adam Morrell, L. Pardon and John Frank. This committee was given full nower to act in any matter that would tend to strengthen the cause of keeping open on Sanday.

the description the cause of keeping open on Sunday.

The following was then adopted and all present signed it:

"We, the undersipped barbers of Omaha, who are perfectly satisfied with the hours of the control of the

The Sunday Closers

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The barbers who are in favor of closing on on Suoday, and who claim to be thoroughly backed up by the law, met yesterday afterneon in Mason's shop on North Sixteenth street. Reporters were not allowed to remain in the meeting. The attendance was about twenty-five, mostly colored men. On January 14 those gentlemen will be instituted by the Knights of Lubor as a league assembly, and expect to be instrong. All the speakers were not unusuanted by the compelled to go to the supreme court.

Arrests will be made from that to do not controlled. crops and vegetation by drought is unknown and believed to be an impossibility in this and adjacent counties.

Chalk rock probably underlies the the whole county. It can he seen cropping out along the bluffs of the Missouriand Niobrara rivers, in the bottoms and occasionally along the banks of the Bazile and Verdigris, and in the deepest ravines that are found near the two rivers. A few ledges of limestone exist in different parts of the county, the most extensive ones being found on the Verdigris, southwest of Niobrara, which are now being worked with profit. A great many limestone and granito boulders are found scattered on the bluffs and some places on the level prairie. These are drifts brought here from the mountains and north of us during the glacial period. Geologists have found Knox county an interesting field for research, the professor of geology at Oberlin college having traced from New Jersey to the mouth of the Verdigris the shores of the drift.

The manufacturing interests of Knox county are becoming quite extensive, and the excellent advantages offered by the numerous water powers on the Verdigris and Bazile creeks are being occupied by enserprising capitalists. The most extensive milling privileges thus far are at Bazile Mills, where two larger mills are in process. Other grist

court.

Arrests will be made from day to day until each barber who has worked on Sunday has been called before the court.

Yesterday's Arrests

Somewhat flushed with their victory of last week, those barbers who are fighting the matter of working on Sunday put on their war paint again yesterday and just be fore noon they had Julius Howe James Payne, Nick Haker, Armbruster, S

James Payne, Nick Haker, Armbruster, S. P. Emmel and Whitam Magner arrested for working on the Sabbath.

It seems that the arrest was according to a prearraged and fully matered course of action. When the gentiemes named were marched to police station they were taken up into the court room and shore found Judge Berka and ha clork waiting to attend to any business which they, the prisaners, might wish to transact.

There was no "scone" whatever. All the parties gave nominal bonds for their appearance today and went their way like gentlemen.

men.

If you are aware of the success attending the use of Dr. Thomas Jefferis' preventive and cure for diphtheria (during the last 25 years) and permit your children to die without giving it a trial, "their blood is on your head." Hest of references gives. Mortaitly under other treatments, 50 to 100 ner cent. Under treatment of Dr. Jefferis' remedy less than one in 1,000. Address lock box 657, Omaha, Neb., or sent by express C.O.D. Price \$1.00. Vannice's Crooked Work.

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Mr. Max Meyer was sponen to yesterday regarding the crooked chock work of C. C. Vannice, an employe of Max Meyer & Hec., whose trickery in Council Bluffs last Saturday was tild in yesterday's Hes. As stated, Vannice secured &5 on two worthness chocks which he drew on the First National bank of Omaha, by nutting forward with great emphasis the fact that he was in the disploy of the firm.

Mr. Meyer heard of the swindler Saturday night and immediately gave notice to the public of the firm, withdrawing from Vannice the authority to receive or receipt for any firm money.

Vannice has been a traveling salesman in the piano department of the firm, Mr. Meyer said, for some three years, and during that time has done his work well. Hecently showever, the man has been gambling and not in the piano department of the firm, money on the side of the firm's money on the s

A Well Established Fact.
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W. Chatfield of Lincoln, the gentleman whose name was connected with the disappearance of the ger! Hope Woodward of Seward, states that the counting of his name with that of the ger! is purely a piece

# Take Hood's Sarsaparilla Doses OneDollar

of spite work on the part of a young man living in Seward, and who used to keep company with ner. He says this young man was in business at Seward and owing his (Chatfield's) firm, was closed out by him. Mr. Chatfield says forther that he never corresponded with the girl or even spoke to her, and would not know her if he met her on the street.

#### BREVITIES.

Eighteen members of the police force were reported off duty last night with the grip.

There were only eight arrests made yesterday between the hours of Sa. m. and 7 p. m.

Mr. Rothacker Protests. The following card appeared yesterday in

the Omaha Daily Democrat: To the Enitor of the Democrat: The World-Herald of Saturday evening, in course of a comment on the Vandervoort card,

World-Herald of Saturday evening, in course of a comment on the Vanderveort card, said:

One of these alleged episodes was the one which O. H. Rothacker published by insinuation some two or three years ago. When Mr. Rosewater met him on the street and demanded satisfaction Rothacker struck him on the bead with a billy.

During this controversy all the parties have dragged into the row the episode of that rainy morning in April. It was entirely unexpected upon my part, although, of course, I should not have acted otherwise had a regular programme been made out. I did not expect to see Mr. Rosewater on that day, and the meeting was an accident. But, whether accident or otherwise, I fail to see why it should be constantly used to point a moral or adorn a tale.
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which is should be constantly used to point a moral or adorn a talo.

One thing I can say, however, that the awarm of persons who patted me upon the nock, and "tho were succharine in the insolonce of their flattery during the time I made the first areal light against Kossewater which had been made in the state, were the first to dessert no in the hour of trial. I would eather take Rossewater than that lot.

The story which has been printed about Rossewater, I heard told. It carried upon its rice such as idiacy of improbability that an one present beneved it. There were other cleans which misches made have been true which involve lambelucy person rather than Rossewater which the person rather than Rossewater's staff.

I do not belong to any newspaper, and I do not want to. I am eatirely a private citizen, dividing my time netween personel and the open int. I have nothing to do with the and so not want to be involved in it even indirectly.

Personally I think the story about Rossewater is a lie.

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Mortuary.

The remains of J. J. Sollon, late manager of the People's theater, are lying at Drexel & Maul's. The funeral was to have been held yesterday afternoon and interment had in Forest Lawn, near or beside the grave of Sam Gardner, an old chum in sports and varieties. Yesterday, however, a telegram was received from Nelson Sellon, a brother of the deceased, directing that the body be sent to No. 13 Alabama avenue. New York city. Accordingly, the remains will be sent east today. A very handsome floral offering was received from the Eden Musee. It is an easel of evergreen supporting a crescent of yellow immortailes.

Mr. Sellon was one of the best known sporting men and variety theater managers in the west. About three years age he was associated with Heary Parrish in running the Op mpte theter on Twoffith street, mear theater on Douglas street, near Thirteenth, and was manuger of the place at the time of his death.

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General Dodge in the City.
General C. M. Dodge, president of the Denver, Fort Worth & Texas road, arrived in Omaha yeaterday and is at the Millard hotel. The general is accompanied by his dauchter, a young New York friend of hers, and Morgan Jones. They leave today for Denver and expect to visit other western points before returning home. The chief object of General Lodge's visit here at this particular time is to perfect a recreamantion of the Denver, Fort Worth & Texas staff, to make it in harmony with recoulty consumated arrangements, whereby that road became a part of the Union Pacific system, made vice president and C. S. Mellen general traffic manager, such positions as general manager, general superintendent and general freight agent are still in statu and.



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