IN THE ALLIANCES.

Gossipy News Letters From Various Parts of the State.

THE FARMERS ARE IN DEAD EARNEST

Some of the Questions Which Nebraska Farmers Are Discussing.

DOWN WITH GREEDY MONEY SHARKS.

Figures and Estimates Showing the Proportion of Corn Crop Sold.

FRONTIER COUNTY CORN FOR FUEL.

A Raid is Being Made on the Four-Per-Cent-a-Month Money Brokers-Co-Operative Stores a

Leading Feature.

THE BEE has usked for and is receiving columns of special information from its correspondents throughout the state upon matters uppermost in the discussions of the Farmers' Alliance. The first installment is presented in this issue. Every business man and every farmer will read these reports with unusual interest. They are brim full of solid and valuable information. Through these news letters the farmers of one section will know what those of another district are talking about and doing, and they are invited to correspond with THE BEE as a ready means of interchange of sentiments and ideas.

Dodge County Ailiances.

FREMONT, Neb., April 12.- Specal to THE Bre. |-There is a great deal of interest among the farmers of Dodge county just now on matters pertaining to the grange and alliance. There are at present about a dozen subordinate lodges in the county and new ones are being organized almost every week. The latest one has just been organized by farmers in the vicinity of Glencoe, in the

northwest part of the county. Isaac Banghart of Ridgely was recently appointed as county organizer by the state executive committee. He has begun his work and is expected to add a number of new organizations in the next few weeks.

So far as has yet developed no political action has been determined upon. Neither the grange nor the alliance is a political organization, but it is believed that the leaders in this county will insist before the next general election upon some definite plan to be pursued by the organizations. The political interest will probably be manifest in the legislative ticket to be chosen.

It is pretty certain that if the present sentiment among the farmers prevails next fall Dodge county will have a granger representation in the next legislature. A large number of the topics discussed in the grange meetings and in the grange columns of the county papers are of a political nature. One of the principal of these is the money question. Representative Dorsey, who is chairman of the committee on banking and currency in the house, has come in for a small share of criticism for his advocacy of the national banking system. Insamuch as he is president of three or four banks some of the farmers in his own county have expressed the opinion that he is more interested in legislating for his own than their benefit.

ew plan of co-operation just determined upon by the grangers of the central part of the county is a grange store to be started at Centerville. The following committee has just been appointed to draw articles of incorporation: Maple Hall grange—John P. Eaton, Charles Bangs; Ridgeley grange— Henry Sievers, Thomas grange-F. Softly, W. H. grange-Daniel Jones, A. Andrew Harvey Nickerson grange—F. Healy, N. Christensen; Pleasant Valley grange—Hans Stoltenburg, John Emanuel; Union grange—John Farrell, W. M. Hatcher.

Dodge County Corn Crop.

FREMONT, Neb., April 12 .- [Special to Tun BEE.]—As near as can be ascertained there is yet in the bands of the farmers of Dodge county fully one-half the corn crop of last year. The amount so far disposed of represents the surplus sold and fed to cattle and sheep. The amount yet on hand just about represents the average cribbing capacity of the farmers. There is no special distress among the farmers of this county. Perhaps nowhere in any part of the agricultural section of the country can there be found the same number of farmers who are suffering so little from agricultural depression. Two years ugo the farmers of this county had the most successful year of its history. Opportune rains resulted in a big corn crop, much of which was sold as high as 40 cents bushel. This enabled our farmers to pay a great many mortgages which they had given as payment for their land and improve-ments thereon. In a great many instances that single crop paid the value of the farm It placed the farmers in a condition where now they are able to hold the principal part of their last year's crop with the hope higher prices. The exaggerated statements of the "political farmers" concerning the general condition of the state are a long ways rom the truth concerning the farmers of

Frontier County.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., April 12 .- [Special to THE BRE, -The Frontier county alliance is at present composed of thirty-five sub-alliances with a total membership of 700. The officers are T. C. Kester, president; William Palmer, vice president; M. T. Ward, secretary; C. P. Wetzel, treasurer. Their last regular meeting was held at this place Saturday, March 8. A special meeting is called for Saturday, April 19, and the next regular meeting will be June 3.

Their discussions pertain mostly to politi-cal economy and local issues. They are strongly in favor of withdrawing their sup-pert from men, firms and newspapers that refuse to recognize them. There is no doubt that if they continue here with as much in-terest as has been shown, they will accomplish some good for themselves.

Money commands 21, and 3 per cent per month at this place, and the reported distress

among the farming class is not overdrawn much. However, it must be admitted that the hard times of the farmers make it equally hard on the business men

The amount of corn left in the country is somewhat limited, as a great deal had to be disposed of for immediate needs, besides a

great deal has been used for fuel.

From President Powers

LINCOLN, Neb., April 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the proposition to perpetuate the national banks by issuing government bonds at 2 per cent per year, to se sold only to bankers, and to be used solely to secure their issues (or the money of the government issued through them), I am opposed to any such proposition

If the government is not able to pay all its bonds when due it should issue new bonds to cover the deficiency at as low a rate of inter est as possible. But any such roundabout way of issuing so called money should never be perpetuated. They are only notes of individuals secured by government notes, or bonds, which are the same. As notes of indi-viduals they have none of the qualities of money, but being secured by government notes secures for them the confidence of the people. Greenbacks have that quality with-out any such indirect and cumbersome arrangement. How much better and worthy confidence would it be for the government to issue and loan money to the people direct, se-cured by their land, which has more uniform and indestructible value than sliver or gold,

and the worth of which is continually enhanced by the improvements of civilization and the industries of the people.

And then whatever interest is paid on such an issue would go directly to the support of the government, and so would lessen the taxation, either direct or indirect, of the property owners in our whole country, while the interest paid to banks only enriches the capitalists at the expense of the working results and the national banks only pay to people, and the national banks only pay to the government one-fourth to one-fifth of the amount of interest that the government pays to them. J. H. Powens, President Farmers' Alliance.

Madison County.

Mantson, Neb., April 12.—[Special to Tun Bre.]—It is estimated that over 85 per cent of the corn that will be shipped from Madison county has already been sold.

The rate of interest paid local bankers and others who carry on a "three-ball" business is from 15 to 24 per cent, and some as high as 40 per cent per amoun, owing to the amount and time of loan. The organizing of alliances still continues with unabated vigor, regardless of apring work.

Dixon County. Ponca, Neb., April 11.—[Special to The Bee.]—The Farmers' Alliance of Dixon county, recently organized, is becoming a very popular society and increasing rapidly in numbers, having now a membership of over fifty. At the meeting for the election of

officers Judge Edward Arnold was chosen president, W. W. Atkinson vice president, A. Davis treasurer, and D. W. Roy secretary.

As yet the alliance has made no movement or demonstration of a pelitical nature, but in other ways is seeking to make the organization of practical benefit to its members. A co-operative lumber company has been formed, with J. J. Serry as business manager, and a general merchandise store to be estab-lished at Ponca on the same plan is being eriously considered.

The agricultural class of the county is beginning to realize the necessity of some de-cisive action. It is claimed that four-fifths of the farms of Dixon county are mortgaged and high rates of interest are paid.

About 70 per cent of the corn crop has been disposed of and the rest is still being held.

A Statement From Mr. Adams. SCHEMOR, Neb., April 13 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: Referring to an interview published in your valuable paper of the 11th inst., I beg the privilege of placing my opinions and views upon all subjects before the world over my own signature. As to the "monopolistic part" ascribed to me, your readers are the best judges. As to "capitalist," I despise the name as I do that of "monopolist," and if sixteen hours per day in the harness makes a man either a capitalist or a monopolist then I will have to plead guilty to the charge. This interview was given as a reflection upon Ne-braska politics and that particular part I confess I intended to handle without gloves. The reference to Farmers' alliances was that I did not know anything about their plat-forms or inside workings of their order, masmuch as I had no means of learning the same. What I said was that my business relations for the past eleven years in this state had

ong the farmers, and that my regard for the Nebraska farmer was of the highest order, and entitled him to the respect and all the business interest of the state; that the talk about the bonded indebtedness of the Nebraska farmer and his disposition to repudiate may of his indebtedness was all bosh; that the Nebraska farmer was made of sterner stuff; that he felt as independent in his possession of 100 acres of land as a king; that he was not owned and controlled by anyand when he had time to investigate, h. action was independent and of a high character; that the mortgaged indebtedness of the Nebraska farmers, applied to the farms which were mortgaged (which were not more than ond-half), would not average more than \$800 per quarter section, and the rate of interest would not exceed sper cent or 864 per quarter section per annum, which condition make the Nebraska farmer appear in much better shape financially than he has credit for; that he was putting in his time upon land he called his own and in which his equity was constantly increasing; that the interest he paid stantly increasing; that the interest he paid upon his loan was a mere pittance compared with the rental of lands in the east, from where he emigrated because he was there un-able to receive a home; that the western farmer is a friend to all internal improve-

ments and was ever ready to recognize their importance both by his vote and his bond. As to the sudden prominence of the Farmers' alliance all over the its impetus was state. largely by the low condition of crop prices, and what to do to better this state of things was the honest inquiry not only of the farmer but of the business men of the country; that the cattle men had their turn at the low price of beef, and they biamed the "big four," but the beef market had gained strength and the "big four" was now lost sight of, and the same condition of things would result from same condition of things would result from the revival of crop prices and an ensier con-dition of the money market; that the farmer was being taken advantage of by a set of political dead beats, who are assuming through the newspapers to voice the senti-ments of the alliance by calling the attention of the world to the fact that the farmer, as a class, was in favor of repudiation; in favor of driving out the middle man; in favor of crushing the railroads; in favor of destroying the relation existing between the government and its banking system. In short, they would have the farmers change the tried sys tem of our government so it would not be recognizable, and all for the sake of riding into political preferment by the farmers' vote; that the only just comment that could be made upon this class of political mountebanks and grave diggers would be to say, as Henry Clay did, when he was informed that one of his blooded animals was informed that one of his biological animats had made war upon a locomotive and was killed. "I admire its courage, but damn its judgment." Applying this to the political numbing who attempts to represent the true workings of the Farmers' alliance, the only thing that could be seen to admire was the courage, for surely their judgment was lack-ing when they thought they could drag the farmer with his great interest, together with the vital business and commercial interest of this state, down to a polluted grave. That capital is a coward, and it would dodge even if a political dead beat made a lick at it Hence the business interests of the state are being affected by this intimidating capital, which would otherwise seek investment here; that it was time to revolt against all such political clap trap, and 1 do not believe the farmer will long tolerate any more the sore heided politician who boasts of no other ac-complishment than a pair of raw hide boots and a patched pair of pants to cover up his

dead beats to the rear sume their self-impotance today.
C. E. Adams.

political deformities. The genuine farmer and the alliance will desert these kind of men when it comes to the trial like rats deserting

a sinking ship. They will be as fast to relegate these would be leaders and political

dead beats to the rear as they are to as

Gage County. BEATRICE, Neb., April 13. - Special to THE BEE. |-The Farmers' alliance of Gage county is growing into a prominent and important political factor. The growth of the order in this section has alarmed the old wheel horses and every effort is being made to conciliate this powerful influence. The alliance experiment is practically in its infancy in this section at present, but it is developing into a very healthy youngster. The Beatrice branch of the alliance at a recent meeting endorsed a proposition looking to the support of the prohibition amendment. There was, how-ever, a considerable conservative element present at the meeting that freely opposed The interests of the farmer, it was though were of sufficiently grave importance to de-mand the entire energies of the organization, without reference to prohibition or high li-

Dawes County. Charmon, Neb., April 13.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -Fifty of Dawes county's leading alliance workers met at the court house Saturday afternoon to perfect arrangements for harmonious work in the near fu ture. After an enthusiastic council of four hours the meeting adjourned to meet again at an early date.

The Alliance and the Merchants.

Pottawattawie (Mo.) Times. The Farmers' alliance (a most exemplary organization) has a business agent in each county and a state purchasing agency in each state. About all members of the alliance need can be purchased through these channels. In some counties of Kansas and else-

where there are alliance stores where those who belong to the order do most of their trad-ing. We think this is a subject that should receive the most careful consideration, for it

esceive the most careful consideration, for its of vital importance not to the alliance alone out to all branches of business and trade.

Withdraw the support of the farming element from the towns and cities and but one result can follow: the towns and cities would be depopulated. Retail dealers would be compelled to close their doors and grass would grow along the streets that are now musicest. This would result in making the would grow along the streets that are now busiest. This would result in making the alliance purchasing agency the most gigantic trust and monopoly that ever existed. From one great center its huge arms like long tentacles would reach out in every direction all over the land and crush all competition. And therein would result a wrong and incon-sistency. The object of the alliance is to de-stroy trusts and monopolies and not to build stroy trusts and menopolies and not to build them up or to replace with greater trusts or

reuter monopolies. greater monopolies.
Suppose the results mentioned above should obtain, what would follow? No one would suffer more than the farmer. Where would be his market? Would the alliance agency be his market? Would the alliance agency buy his chickens, his potatoes, hogs, cattle, horses, corn, etc.? And if it did, after all competition had perished, what assurance would be have that its tentacles, having crushed everything else, wouldn't reach out a little further and crush him? It could fix the price of what he bought and what he sold; and the experience of the world has been that where such power has been obtained it has been abused.

Undertaking Too Much.

Kansas Sentin There is little use for us to write anything, unless we by so doing express our honest convictions. We are aware that the alliance asks for many impracticable things, but at the same time they have many things in their teachings that are commendable. It is only by organization that we succeed in any undertaking. In making their demands the Farmers' alliance can hope to succeed only by thorough organization. We do not claim to endorse all of the doctrines set forth by the alliance, for we see many inconsistencies in the organization. For instance, they join hands with the Knights of Labor, while the interests of the two are exactly the opposite of the other. The interest of the farmer is cheap labor and high prices for his produce, while it is to the interest of the knight to receive high prices for his labor and pay a small price for the farmer's produce. Thus each has interests in direct opposition to the other. Yet they join hands with each other in a com-

Again, we do not believe in the government loaning money on the real estate of the citizens. Our country would soon be landed estates under the control of government officials. We would soon lose the love of country and we would be continually abusing the gov ernment, because it would be compelled to foreclose the mortgages on our homes. Patriotism would cease to exist. We would be placed under a heavy tax in order to raise money to loan to the people. This would be like furnishing the cake for the church, festival, then going to the feast and paying for the privilege of cating our own cake. Why not give the money to the people direct at

But good will come out of this organization Of course men who have carried the farmer for years, when the farmer quits trading with him oving a bill, and when the merchant tries to collect, resolutions are passed de-nouncing the man for trying to collect his bill t is enough to make the creditor feel like decharing war. But these are isolated cases. But when the farmer has paid his bill with interest, then he has a right to buy or trade where he pleases. We are with the alliance only so far as we conceive them to be right, Undoubtedly they have a right to organize for their own good, but they have not a right to do so for the harm of their neighbor unless that neighbor is doing a dishonest business.

Alliance Notes.

An alliance store will probably be established at Oxford The Verdon alliance held an interesting neeting Saturday last.

The alliance is the greatest attraction at Barada, Richardson county. An alliance was formed at Coon Ridge, Saline county, Saturday last,

Tennessee has minety-two counties organzed with 2 000 sub-alliances. ☐The ladies of Silver Creek, Richardson ounty, have joined the alliance. Secretary Thompson of Lincoln organized

an alliance at Elk City, Douglas county, last An important meeting of the Whitney, Dawes county, alliance will be held next

The alliance in Brooks county, Georgia, will stablish a bank at Quitman, \$10,000 having een subscribed already. George Osborne, organizer for Burt county,

put in alliances at Riverside precinct and at Pairview school house last week. The Saunders county alliance will meet at the court house in Wahoo next Saturday.

An open meeting will be held in the evening.

J. B. Wright of Diller has been authorized o organize alliances in Jefferson county wherever seven persons join in an appli-The Heater alliance in Richardson county

was entertained by a lecture from Elias Beaver April 5. A new branch was organ-New members are constantly being taken nto the alliance at Underwood, Adams

ounty, and the organization is in a flourishing condition. T. B. Coulter is president. A correspondent of the Nemaha County Granger writing from Howe says: "Church Howe is afraid the farmers' alliance will send green men to the legislature this coming winter. What if it does! Church was green once himself, but is well seasoned now. Can't

some of them try the seasoning act." Kansas Alliance Tribune: Under existing circumstances we desire to say in our opinion it would be well for us to study the last ar-ticle of our declaration of purposes where it urges the brethren to exercise charity to all, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others and to protect the principles

of the alliance unto death. Major George Crisman, Jacob Wissler and Mr. Prince, representing the Farmers' al-liance of the United States, have concluded to establish alliance agricultural works at Iron Gate, Alleghany county, Virginia. The works will employ from 350 to 500 hands and their products will go to every sub-alliance in the country, representing 4,000,000 people. A traveling fraud, representing himself as the agent of an alliance grocery store in Chi-

cago, victimized quite a number of Saline county, Kan., farmers by pretending to sell them goods at wholesale prices, with 8 per cent added for freight. On some articles 8 per cent makes a handsome profit, but many if the goods were sold for a higher price in vill be plenty of such sharpers abroad. Look

Farming in Red Willow.

McCook, Neb., April 13.—[Special to The BEE.]-The winters here are mild and short, and the past one has been exceptionally fine, and the spring favorable for seeding, which is about over, and many acres plowed for corn. Much of the wheat was sown in February. Some farmers have out 200 acres. For ten years wheat has been sown in Febreary every year but one. Corn is planted from April 15 to June 10. A fair crop of corn can be grown on new land or sod. A man broke up sixty acres last spring and planted it to corn, and last fall gathered over sixteen hundred bushels of good sound corn. Take eighty acres of wild land, and break it up in the spring and plant it to broom corn, and the crop that season will be worth more than the

The mild, short, dry winters make this a fine stock country. In a radius of twelve miles of McCook over twenty-five hundred cattle have been fed for market during the past winter. Many are shipped to Denver, but most of them go to Omaha or Chicago. Hogs go to Denver. These are worth here now \$1.00 per Denver. These as worth here now \$3.50 per hundred with an upward tendency. One man fed 500 steers and 600 hogs. The above is a fed 500 steers and 600 hogs. The above is a good showing for a comparatively new and sparsely settled county. The home consumption of corn for feeding purposes creates a demand for it and it readily brings on the market in McCook 22 cents to 23 cents per bushel now. No corn is shipped from this point, as it is all fed to stock. If "atock is the wealth of a country" this county is surely on the right track.

I like my wife to use Pozzoni's Complexion Powder because it improves her looks and is as fragrant as violets,

ADJOURNMENT IS AT HAND.

The Iowa Legislature Will Pass Into History Tuesday.

COMPARATIVELY LITTLE WORK DONE

The Liquor Question Left a Weapon for the Democrats in the Next Legislative Contest-Much Reckless Extravagance.

DES MOINES, In., April 13.- [Special to THE BEE. |-The legislature will adjourn on Tuesday next after a session of more than the average length. But in spite of the long session comparatively little has been accomplished. The deadlock over the organization of the house seemed to demoralize the members when they did get to work. They acted as if they didn't know where to begin and were most concerned in finding where to leave off.

Very little general legislation has been enacted outside of legalizing acts and some laws of local interest. There are very few 'measures of public importance as a legacy from the Twenty-third general assembly. On the subject of most general public interest, the liquor question, there has been no legislation at all. The democrats were not very anxious to have the law changed just at this time, because they expect to use prohibition as campaign thunder for the next two years. The republicans were afraid to make any change in the law on account of the last republican platform, which has held them to the "settled policy" idea. So nothing was done and the issue will be the chief one in the next legislative contest.

There was not much expected in the way of railroad legislation. The anti-monopolists urged especially a bill authorizing the railroad commissioners to fix joint rates. That bill passed and has become a law by the sig-

nature of the governor. A good deal was expected in the way of chool book legislation, at least there was a ry general demand for some relief from very general demand for some rener from high prices. The state uniformity scheme which was urged by representatives of the "Triangle," or publishing houses in Indian-apolis, St. Paul and St. Louis, was a complete failure. It had very little strength in the senate, and only about a third of the mem-bers in the house. The only other measure suggested was the district purchase plan al-lowing each school district to have uniform books, to be furnished at cost or free to the pupils, as the voters may choose. There has een a strong sentiment in each house in favor

f some place of that kind. The trainp law is one measure which is of ceneral operation, passed by this legislature. It proposes to make the business of profes-sional tramps unpopular by setting them at work on the stone pile or sending them to the penitentiary. It is to prevent county jails from becoming free boarding houses for tramps, and to prevent them from preying upon farmers and other hard working citins for their living.

Another law of general interest is that reducing the rate of legal interest from 10 to 8 per cent. Aside from these, there are very few bills passed this session except legalizing acts and bills of local interest, and there are

not a great many of those. A JOKE ON THE DEMOCRATS. The selection of three mine inspectors has proved to be a great joke on the democratic party. When the democrats were counting up the spoils after the election last full, they reckoned as a part of the prizes the mine inspectorships. The terms of the in cumbents are to expire this spring, and they supposed that Governor Boies would appoint three good democrats. But the law provides that candidates for this office must pass an examination of a technical character to show whether they are qualified for the work of inspecting mines. It requires that eligible candidates must rank 80 per cent in this examination, and then the governor can select three from the ranks of the eligibles. The examination was held the other day and there were nineteen applicants, republicans and democrats, and among them the present mine inspectors. When the ex-cluded and the judges had When the examination was conmade the they discovered that only didates had passed the examina-tion and were eligible to appointment and these three were the three republicans who are the present inspectors. The pels Governor Boics to appoint three licans as mine inspectors, and gives him no choice in the matter. The democrats are very much chaggined that they haven't a demo-

inspector, with a democratic governor longing for a chance to appoint one. A DIFFERENT STORY. A different story comes from Vinton in regard to the charges against the superintendent of the blind asylum there. The charges were made by a young man named Haines. The authorities at Vinton say that he was admitted to the institution last fall, taking one or two studies and receiving instruction in the mechanical department. He refused to obey the rules, and after protracted disobedience he was finally expelled. They say that his charges against Superintendent McCune are false, and that any investigation which Governor Boles may see fit to order will be heartily welcomed.

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ARDOR DAY. State Superintendent Sabin has designed April 25 as Arbor day, and has recommende its general observance by the public schools

He has prepared a leaflet, headed "Patriot ism and the Play Ground," containing patriotic songs, recitations and sentiments suitable for use in the schools on that day. Every school in the state is requested to join in the tree planting, and incidentally cultivate patriotism by the exercises prescribed for that RELIEF FOR MRS. NEET.

The legislature has finally appropriated \$2,500 for the relief of Mrs. Nect, the widow of a laboring man at Reinbeck, who was killed while assisting the sheriff to arrest some tramps. Mr. Neet was pressed into service by the sheriff and was fired upon by the tramps and killed. He left a wife and our children without any means of support, and it was felt that the state ought to make some provision for them. The bill as intro-duced asked for \$5,000, but it was cut down one-half in the house.

All sorts of things are happening under the gilded dome. A couple were married in the secretary of state's office one day last week, standing beneath the folds of the American flag. They were from Chariton, and their names were Edward M. Arnold and Eva

Mrs. ex-Governor Larrabee has presented the original manuscript of her husband's first inaugural address to the autograph collection in the state library. The address is very hardsomely bound in leather. Mrs. Wittenmeyer of Philadelphia, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, is to present her collection of war letters, several hundred in number, to the library. She was formerly a resident of lows and went from this state to the heaviltal service during the war.

the hospital service during the war.

Governor Boies and Miss Boies give their first legislative recention Monday night. It will be held at the state house, from s till 11. The burglar who was shot last week while in the residence of Mr. George Grimes was released from the positentiary only a few weeks ago, and about five days after the shoot-ing was restored to officenship by Governor

The new adjutant general, Colonel Greene of Cedar Rapids, is described as an anomaly among democrats. He neither drinks, smokes

REX'S REVIEW.

The Twenty-Third General Assembly and Mostly What it Didn't Do. DES MOINES, Ia., April 15.—[Special to The Bee.]—The legislative session is rapidly drawing to a close, and the members of the Twenty-third general assembly will soon pack their grips and seek the quiet seclusion

The bill abolishing the deadly car stove, is still further down on the list. The bill empowering the board of railway commissioners o reduce passenger rates has been pigeonholed somewhere, and cannot be found on the calendar and has not the ghost of a show of becoming a law. The insurance bills pro-

rates, as well as the valued policy bill are on file in the house, but every effort to bring hem up for consideration is voted down. The oil repealing the "innocent purchaser" clause in promissory notes, a measure of the great-est importance and universally demanded by the farmers, will die on the house calendar or want of one plucky champion who dares o defy the lobby.

All bills taxing mortgages as a part of real All bills taxing mortgages as a part of teach cestate as well as all measures looking toward the equalization of taxation have dropped out of sight. Meanwhile the appropriation combine are having things their own way and have already succeeded in almost doubling the appropriations made by the granger lookal true true years ago.

legislature two years ago.

The lower house is fully as budly demoralized as the senate and spent nearly a whole session Saturday gravely debating whether they should pay their employes for Sunday when no services were performed and ending the matter by voting the extra pay. For the reckless extravagance of this legisla-

ture the democrats are largely responsible. On the test questions that were made in the house only three votes for honesty and economy came from that side while the most reckless and extravagant appropriations secured us high as thirty-nine democratic votes. The number of committee clerks was twice

as large as necessary, which may be charged to the democrats, who would not agree to a compromise for a speaker until a son or a daughter, or some "special friend" was provided for. The extra 's mill levy was continued for one year, which will take a round half million of dollars out of the pockets of the taxpayers. A good many members will have some trouble in explaining their con duct to the thoroughly aroused farmers whose demands have been disregarded in natters of the greatest moment.

The legislature was largely dominated by elf-seekers who stood in with the horde of reelers and strikers who gather on such oc casions and are intent only on getting their fingers in the public trensury. Unless all signs fail, a large majority of this legislature vill be relegated to private. life by the indig nant and now thoroughly aroused farmers whose netitions they have disregarded and whose interests they have betrayed. Rex.

Fertile Valley County.

ARCADIA, Neb., April 13.- [Special to The BEE.]—Seventeen years ago dates the be-ginning of the first actual settlement of Valley county, and from that time until the present the record of Valley county has been one of unexampled progress and prosperity The county has been settled by an enterpris-ing, intelligent and thrifty class of people and now has a population estimated at 13,000. Valley county is twenty-four miles square containing 368,640 acres of choice farming and grazing lands which nature has so divided and arranged that every farmer occupying rich valley or tableland farm can, at its side almost, own bluff lands which afford excel-lent pasturage for cattle, and as the draws are filled with artichokes the hogs fatten hemselves for market. These binff la for sale at very low prices, and while the surface, generally speaking, is too rough to plow it possesses the richest kind of soil and produces luxuriant grass. Thin soil in the bluffs is unknown in Valley county, and when land becomes scarce, and for that reason valuable, thousands of acres will be profitably tilled that are now considered worthless except for grazing purposes, and for that purpose the bluff lands are known to be far superior to the smooth, level lands. Today it is thought that one-fifth of Valley county is unfit for the plow, but the broad valley with the shimmer-ing stream in the center, and the noble expanse of table lands produce in such generous ields that the average for the entire acreage s better than many whose surface is, as compared to Valley county, as smooth as a mirror. Here the man from Illinois can raise corn that will delight him, the settler from Minne sota and Dakota can raise wheat in its perfect form and in quantities that will astonish him, the cattle king and the hog grower cannot find a more congenial clime, and in fact for all kinds of pastoral industry Valley county possesses attractions that cannot but charm the practical man. It is a county studded with jewelled commercia communities of various sizes in the finest agricultural setting the world ever saw.

Prominent among these communities stands the thriving, bustling, wide-awake little city of Arcadia. The town itself is of recent of Arcadia. The town itself is of recent growth, dating its inception only about five years back, but in that brief time it has forged rapidly to the front in all that pertains to solid growth and wealth and now contains a population of about seven hundred souls. Almost all kinds of business have here a rep-

resentative. The business men of Arcadia are widel known for their enterprise and energy, and their intelligence may be inferred from the fact that almost universally they are readers of THE BEE and hence keep abreast of the

Strangers and investors will meet with a ordial welcome and the proverbial openhanded hospitality of the true western man when they come among here either for pleasure or with a view to locating.

Attempt to Burn a Tenement. New York, April 13.—A deliberate but vain attempt was made this afternoon to burn a tenement house in Ludlow street. The house is a five story structure, with familles on each floor. This afternoon after Samuel Schwartz and wife left their rooms, in the second story, fire was discovered in the kitch-en and when the janitor burst in the door he found the bedding and bed clothes piled against the stove and the whole place saturated with kerosene. Schwartz and wife were arrested, but deny all knowledge of the

The Form for Calling Cards.

Sidney, Neb., April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee.—Through the columns of your pa-per have the kindness to say which is the best form for calling cards, "Mr. Charles A. Cleary," or plain "Charles A. Cleary." Mr. Charles A. Cleary would be the proper form.

Garrison Notes.

Major Butler conducted drills and dress-parades during the week. Lieutenant Benham has returned from Fort Leavenworth.

Chaplain O. J. Nave is on leave. Mrs. Carl Williams has gone to Liberal, Mo., to spend a few weeks.

The Fort Omaha band will give a grand ball next Friday at the Fort hall. The dance of the Fort Omaha Athletic club

came off last week and quite a number of city people were present. Mrs. Turner gave a pleasant social Satur day evening in honor of her daughter's birth-

A court-martial has been ordered for next week. The members are as follows: Butler, Captain Catley, Captain Ulio, Captain Ames, Lieutenant Waring, Lieutenants Turner and Abercrombie, Dr. Bradley, Lientemant Bunnback, Lieutenant Wilson, Lieu-tenant Arrasmith, Lieutenant Chrisman, Lieutenant Bookmiller, and Lieutenant Benham as judge advocate.

A general court-martial is appointed to meet at Fort Omaha, Neb., at 10 o'clock n. m., on Tuesday, April 15, 1800. The following is the detail for the court: Major Edmond Butler, Second infantry; Captain Henry Catley, Second infantry; Captain James Ulio, Second infantry; Captain Luther S, Ames, Second infantry; Lieutenant John R, Waring, Second infantry; Lieutenant William J, Turner, Second infantry; Lieu William J. Turner, Second infantry; Lieu-tenant William R. Abererombio, Second in antry; Lieutenant Alfred E. Bradley, as-sistant surgeon, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Virgil J. Brumback, Second infantry; Lieutenant Thomas H. Wilson, Second Infantry; Lieu-tenant James M. Arrasmith, Second infantry; Lieutenant Edward R. Chrisman, Second in-fantry; Lieutenant Edwin V. Bookmiller Second infantry; Lieutenant Henry H. Ben ham, Second infantry, judge advocate.

The Demorest Medal Contest. Omaha's rist Demorest gold medal contest, nder the auspices of the Gospel Temperance mion, will be held at Exposition hall this evening at 7:30. Eight boys and girls will enter the contest, each of whom has won a silver medal in a like contest. A chorus of one hundred and fifty voices will add interest to the occasion and vary the exercises. Three of Omaha's prominent elergymen will act as udges to award the medal, a fourth will make the presentation address, and the quartette from the Tenth street M. E. church will

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Omaha Badly Beaten by the Sioux City Corn Huskers.

THEY COULDN'T HIT BURDICK.

Bays Touched Up for Four Runs in a Single Inning-Another Game Today-The McAuliffe Fistic Combination.

Life is entirely too short to waste time in writing up an extended report of vesterday afternoon's game between the Sioux Citys and the home team. Not that the struggle was not worthy of

more than a passing notice, for it was, but we got beautifully whipped, which is a sufficient excuse for brevity. Despite a refrigerative north wind there was a good crowd present-probably two

thousand in all—the majority of whom occupied the bleachers. The Sioux Citys, in their immaculate white mits, cut a pretty figure and were generously cheered when they came on the field. Some low or other, everybody seemed to think that

Omain was to be defeated, so true is the tendency of human nature to kick a man when he's down. The Corn Huskers, too, seemed imbued with this feeling, for they were planned and belted for victory, and although this was their first game of the season, they went right in with a vim and a confidence that quickly increased that sense of insecurity that had seized the Omaha audience, and a victory

would have been greeted like a capital prize The Sioux Citys are a fine lot of men-big and strong and 'gingery and if they don't come prefly nearly capturing the flag this season it will be no fault of theirs.

There are no white feathers in their hoa-Burdick and Crossley did the battery wor. for the visitors for the first five inning, an they did it in an artistic way. Billy didn' allow the local athletes to touch him for ever one little pearly hit, and that was nuts fo him. When he got down to the Barker is the evening they had to take him in at the bay window—his head utterly barred all thoughts of entrance at the door.

Sieble finished the game for the lads from up the river and acquitted himself with al most equal credit with Burdick, but two little tuberculated drives being secured off himone by Bays and one by Andrews. Omaha, and they did their work like a well regulated piece of machinery. Bays' game was really a fine one. The

orn Huskers only got five hits off him during he entire game.

But four of these came in succession in ou ming, and a quartette of runs was the re-Bays is being tested to the limit and it is

but justice to say that he has done his part as satisfactorily as any man in the team. It was the old moss-covered story—one, two, three for Omaha in the first. Sioux City did better.

Old Monkey Cline was the first batter up and down too, for that matter, for he struck Then Glenn made a safe hit to right and stole second. Thayer's bad throw allowed him to reach third, and Cleveland's error the plate. This latter blunder also gave Ka first and he, too, purloined second. I o further, however, for the big blonde first aseman struck out and Brosnan retired from

Kearns to Andrews. The second—one, two, three for Omaha and one, two, three for the visitors. In the the third, after Thayer had flied out, Brosnan gave Bays a life, but he was forced out by Strauss, who was caught napping. The Corn Huskers' half was likewise up

productive.

The fourth gave Omaha her solitary tally Cleveland reached first on four wide ones and on Burdick's bad throw he went round t third. Kearns' long fly fell into Genins hands, but Cleveland ran home before the ball could be returned. Hines was quicklex extinguished, but Hanrahan's inexcusable muff of Andrews' pop-up gave the latter his base. But it was no use, he got no further.

The visitors then came in and quickly ham mered out a victory. Brosnan, Hanrahar Genins and Crossley all hit safe, the latter fo three bases, the first mentioned telescoring of course. Crossley, too, crossed the plate a moment later on Cline's well planted secrifice That ended the run getting. The score follows:

AB, R. 1B, SH, SB, PO, A.

...4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

SIOUX CITY. Kappell, 2b.

Umpire-Andy Custok.

...32 5 5

The Corn Huskers This Afternoon? The Sloux Citys and Omaha will meet again at the local park this afternoon, and the members of the home team will make a tre mendaus effort to redeem themselves. All they need is a little confidence. For some reason or other they seem under cow, and are not putting up the game they are capable of.

Sr. Paul., Minn., April 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Two thousand people turned out this afternoon to see the St. Paul and Minneapolis Western association teams open the home grounds. The game was

open the home grounds. The game was sharply contested, Minneapolis leading until the eight inning, when a little good atting gave the locals the lead and they clacked the victory in the minth. Score:

St. Paul. . . . 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 2-6
Minneapolis . 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3
Earned runs—St. Paul 3. Base hits—St. Paul 9, Minneapolis 4. Hone run—Pally, Errors—St. Paul 2, Minneapolis 2. Two base

hits-Broughton and Cantillon. Double plays - Farmer and Cantillon, Double plays
- Farmer and Cantillon, Bases on bulls. Off
Meckin 5, off Vian 1, off Harkness 1, off Bush
3. Hit by pitcher - Hudson, Struck out. By
Meckin 2, by Vian 2, by Harkness 2. First
base on errors. St. Paul 2. Stolen bases
- Abbey, Daly, Phillips, Farmer, Cantillon,
Minnehan, O'Day, Left on bases—St. Paul
9. Minneapolis 6, Time—1 55, Umpire—
Bennett. Bennett.

OTHER BALL GAMES.

AT EVASSVIELE. Evansylle 5, Louisville L. AT NEWARK.

Newark (Atlantic) 1, Syracuse (Ameri-AT TOLEDO. Toledo 13, Akron 0.

AT ST. LOUIS. Browns 0, Quincy 0. The McAuliffe Combination. The McAuliffe pugilistic combination will give an exhibition of fistic skill and ciever-

ness at the Grand opera house this evening Overflowed its Banks.

Osukosu, Wis., April 13.—Reports from New London state that the Wolf river overflowed its banks and that adjacent streams are flooded. The recent vains melting the snow caused the rise. Persons along the river bank were compelled to move their goods to the second stories.

A Destructive Forest Fire. PLEASANTY ILLE, N. J., April 13.—This after noon the most destructive forest fire of the last fifteen years broke out in the northern part of town. The fire rapidly spread and in esa than an hour was over three miles wide and about fivelong. Several detached houses, as well as the whole town of Phea-activitie are in danger. By 5 o'clock over \$25,000 worth of timber was laid low. If the fire is not checked before morning it is feared it will reach the town. The rearing flames can be heard five miles.

Sanday Violators Arrested. Denvez, Colo., April 13:- For several Sunays a number of saloons and restaurant epees have been selling liquor on the sly. contrary to law Today the sheriff made a raid and accested seventy proprietors, some of whom are the most prominent in the city. They are in pril, ball being refused them.

The Census Chatechism.

Not content with discovering the day and place of your birth, the census will nsist on knowing from what race you sprang, what your sex is, if any, and where your father and mother were born, says a Hartford Times Washington etter. Also it will require information s to whether you are married, single or divorced; how high above the sea level you live, in what great dealuage basin you dwell, what the lowest degree of cold may be from which you suf-fer in the winter, how hot you had it in the summer when the thermometer touches its top noten, and how many other people live with you in your house. As for the house, you will be competted under a penalty of a line of \$100, to say whether you own it or not-if you do own it whether or not there is a mortgage on it, and, supposing that there is one, the reason why you borrowed the money on the property. The census is much interested in your private affairs, you see, and if you have a farm around the house you will have to tell similar facts about that, even to the value of the cows and the tools in the barn. All this is merely the beginning and does not touch upon the great subject of agriculture, manufactures, mining, transportation by land and water, both of people and of freight, fisheries, taxation and so on, all of which will be gone into in the most ex-haustive manner, the processes em-ployed in at least (wenty-two manufacfuring industries, for instance, being given with the fullest details. And yet all this mass of information will event untly be condensed into about twentyfive volumes, which will be entitled the

Eleventh Census of the United States."

A Daring Project. It would be singular indeed if the first ong distance electric road should be established in far-away Russia. We here in America are pushing electric traction so capidly and successfully that it is here we would naturally look for such an important extension of the matter.

There is, however, an interesting proeet being pushed at present in St. Petersburg. This is nothing less than an electric rallway, connecting St. Peters stretch of country that iles between the Baltie and White sen. The project is backed by Archangel interests, and the name of Siemens & Co. Is connected with

The plan is to furnish the current from series of generating stations distributed along the line. The distance is something over five number miles, and the estimated cost a little over \$15,000 per mile, including volting stock.
The scheme is certainly in daving one,

and while it may never reach accomplishment, further progress would be waited with interest on this side of the



A cream of tartar baking powder: Highs f leavening strongth. - U. S. Government Me-