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COUNTY hospital claims continue roll ing in with chilling regularity.

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As FAR as results go, the police might have given dignity to the raids by having a band lead the procession.

THE appointment of a Virginian to the consulate at Colon evidently put a period to the hopes of several ambitious Nebraskans.

WITH Kem and Thompson doing the talking in the Third district there will be no necessity for the republican nominee to take the field.

In the matter of real estate transactions the division of Africa among the powers forms the most extensive "deal" recorded in modern times.

THE South Dakota republican convention will be called upon to wrestle with an equal suffrage plank. This will furnish excitement for women in pants.

ACCORDING to friendly reports, farmers and workingmen are turning out in huge crowds to hear McKeighan and Edgerton. No other pair of candidates possess the magnetic drawing qualities.

It is worthy of note that while the supreme council of the federation of railway employes endorsed the grievances of the New York Central strikers, no particular anxiety was shown to follow the windy leadership of Powderly.

ARKANSAS will fire the first off year election gun next Monday. The fact that preachers are leading the respective political forces does not necessarily mean the abandonment of those gory methods which distinguish southern elections.

THE bare possibility of the democrats crowding the republicans in Pennsylvania next November inspired the prohibitionists with fresh zeal and a state ticket. It is interesting to note how readily these assistant democrats jump at a chance or even a prospect of impaling the republican party.

THE annual appropriations for state agricultural stations have been made by congress. Each station receives fifteen thousand dollars, and outside the salaries paid those in charge no noticeable benefit has ever been received by the farmers who foot the bills. Theoretical and practical farming never dovetail.

THE municipal authorities of London have issued another order limiting the heights of buildings in that city. New York is clamoring for a similar order, and it may be passed. New York probably does not want her citizens to stand on the roof of her buildings and look out at the growing and progressive west.

THE census bulletin on the product of plg iron shows that in twenty-five states the increase in ten years has been about six million tons. The fact that hundreds of new furnaces are being built in the southern states would suggest that the increase for the next ten years will more than double the past ten.

THE endorsement of Mr. McKeighan by the democrats of the Second congressional district was a mere perfunctory performance. It is a significant fact, however, that the convention, in endorsing McKeighan, did not endorse the Plliance to any alarming extent. The votes of the members will be accepted nevertheless,"

THE speculative boomers of Denver, in advertisements in eastern papers, estimate the population at from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty thousand. This enormous discrepancy between the actual and fictitious suggests the necessity of the boomers getting together and striking up an acquaintance with the United States census.

THE late Mayor Hewitt of New York thirsts for a vindication. The roasting defeat administered to him a few years ago makes him all the more anxious to re-enter public life. Possessing a surplus of means, there is little doubt. should be make his wishes known to the fine workers in the usual way, that enthusiasm for Abram would soon bubble on the corners.

THE FARMERS CONGRESS.

The Farmers' Congress, now in session at Council Bluffs, is one of the most important meetings of agriculturists ever assembled in the west. It is important because it is not a meeting of polititiaus in any sense, but a gathering of representative agriculturists of the nation, assembled for the sole purposes of discussing measures that will tend to better the condition of the farmers of America. The idea of the congress was conceived in the south nine years ago. and each annual meeting has attested its growth and interest.

The tenth annual session at Council Bluffs promises to be one of the most instructive and largely attended sessions yet held. Able speakers will address the meetings, and the questions of the day will be discussed from logical and conservative standpoints.

While the meeting is being held in Iowa, Omaha and Nebraska feel as keen an interest in the gathering as if it were on this side of the Missouri's banks, and the delegates and visiting members will flad that Omaha's hospitality is not stinted by jealousy, but that she joins with Council Bluffs in extending a hearty welcome. Our sister city has shown herself equal to the occasion of the entertainment, however, and is deserving of praise for the liberal manner in which she dressed besself in her finest decorations and threw open her doors to receive her guests from all the states in the union.

The wonderful growth of the Farmers' Alliance in the south is largely due to this congress, as six sessions have been held in the southern states, and the farmers before organizing studied the sitnation and knew what they were doing; not being misled into placing tickets in the field by a few professional demagorues. They knew their wants and in most cases their demands have been rational and reasonable. It is to be hoped that the farmers of Nebraska who are in attendance at Council Bluffs will gather sound and substantial ideas on the economic issues of the day, so that they can grapple intelligently with the problems that present themselves for solution.

BESTER THAN EXPECTED.

The crop report of Nebraska a mouth ago was anything but encouraging, Corn had not matured and a prevailing drouth caused farmers to entertain grave fears that almost an entire failure would be the result. But the reports for the last two weeks have been encouraging, and as corn has advanced to that stage where a reasonable estimate can be made, it is everywhere manifest that the yield will be much larger than was expected in midsummer. It is true that there will be a shortage in Nebraska, but in exceptional cases only will there be utter failure. The acreage is larger than last year, and with total failures in other sections, the price received will more than make good the shortage.

The Nebraska farmer who this year raises twenty or twenty-five bushels of corn to the acre will receive as much money for it as he received last year for his sixty bushels. Hogs and cattle will. increase in price, and, taken as a whole, it is safe to predict that the shortage of corn will not be materially felt. Outs have not yielded as many bushels as in preceding years, but enreful estimates show that there will be more than enough for home consumption, and with the possible exception of the potato crop the product of Nebraska will be worth as much in dollars and cents as formerly.

Were it not for the professional agitators who are shricking about poverty and shedding crocodile tears for the farmers of Nebraska, who are doing very well compared with many other states the nightmare of hard times would haunt no one. Public improvements in the towns and cities are going on; individual capital is being invested; laborers find ample employment at good wages, and taken as a whole Nebraska is enjoying an era of prosperity that few western states can equal.

UNDER WHICH FLAG!

Mr. W. A. McKeighan, the alliance candidate for congress and always a democrat, was vesterday endorsed by the democratic congressional convention at Superior, amid great applause. The question is under which flag will Mr. McKeighan sail, the democratic state platform, or the letter which the prohi bitionists claim he wrote to the editor of the Alma Beacon. The two documents are here given side by side:

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[McKeighan's Letter.] [Democratic Platform.]

"I am in favor of the The de moe ratic amendment is this party has a record of state and in the nation, and will never thary legislation. It vote to license this does not believe that common enemy of the scruli habits of the mankind, this fell destroyer of human happiness, henor and provisions. High lihopes. It was the cense and local option, cruel boast of Attilla, however, have been then flun, that "the tried in Nebraska and grass no longer grew have given satisfactioner his horse set its ton to a majority of foot! Wherever in the poople. As hetemperance sets its tween them and profoot the pleasures of hibition the demonope perish. It has cratic party is unrebrought shame and servedly in favor of disgrace to the face of the former, and attendance to the former and attendance to the former and attendance to two pleasures of the former, and attendance to the home the hypocrisy of the where love, peace and republican party plenty regued and which, having caused transposed it into a the questions to be submitted to a popular want; it has entered the home of weeded and undertainty, inbits, and love but sided to say where it could be found and neglected to say where it could be found as a party on the former, and attendance the home of wedded the guestions to be submitted to a popular want; it has entered the to and the party of the former and attendance the home of wedded and to whom death is rest.

tosay where it could be found as a party on these questions in the coming election.

kota, has prepared and will circulate for signatures through the state a memorial calling upon the governor to call special session of the legislature to consider irrigation. This question has become one of vital interest to every resident in that state, and it is propose to make the memorial so strong that the governor will convene the legislature at once. The object will be to secure the passage of a law which will enable counties to bond for irrigation purposes. The plan which appears to meet general favor is to have each county sink about thirty wells, which it shall own and manage, charging customers a reasonable price for the use of the water furnished. It is believed that fifty thousand dollars in each county will be sufficient to start, and additional wells can be sunk as rapidly

THE mayor of Ellendale, North Da-

earnings from thirty will permit. original The drought this year has shown the necessity of irrigation in that section, until at least the land is farther reclaimed and the rainfall increases sufficiently to insure crops. If an ample supply of water could be secured at an expense of \$50,000 for each county, and place crop fallure beyond doubt, so far as want of moisture was concerned, money could not be more wisely or judiclously invested. The settlers in Dakota doubtless made a mistake in going beyond the rain belt, but as they are there and have their money invested, the irrigation scheme seems the cheapest and wisest way out of the dilemma.

.THE Massachusetts railroad commissioners have taken evidence in the Old Colony railroad catastrophe of a week ago, where many passengers met their death, and the cause of the disaster was plainly shown to have resulted from carelessness and neglect. The man who left the tool on the track says he did not know that a train was due, and if he had known it he could not alone have re moved the obstruction. It seems, however, that he should have known his business, and the foreman under whom he was working must also share the blame. The responsibility of the railroad company will doubtless be tested, but the two blundering and careless workmen should be tried for manslaughter. Their negligence was plainly criminal, and the safety of the traveling publie demands that examples be made when the evidence against the guilty ones is clearly manifest.

THE steady advance in the price of wheat largely compensates for the shortage in the crop-a condition general throughout the world. That the advance will be maintained there is no doubt in well-informed circles. In fact, the prospect for much higher prices is very favorable. The yield of the United States for the year is estimated at four huadred and ten million bushels, with a reserve of twenty-five million bushels. The amount required for home consumption is about three hundred and fifty million bushels, so that if the balance of the year's crop and the reserve were exported at present prices, one hundred and two million dollars would be required to pay for the grain,

WITHIN the last five years a number of attempts have been made to wreck passenger trains on the railroads of Nebraska. With possibly one exception the culprits escaped detection. It is difficult to conceive of a more dastardly erime than that of train wrecking. There can be but two objects in the deed -robbery or a fiendish desire to gloat over the killing or maining of human beings. The man or men conspiring to injure or kill innocent people, whether successful or not, deserves capital punishment. And yet our state laws impose no adequate punishment.

THE English trades unions are about equally divided on the eight hour question, standing seventeen to eighteen on immediate agitation. Seven-eighths of the workmen of Paris are opposed to the movement, although in France twelve hours constitute a day's work. All the professional leaders of labor movements in France are heartily in favor of it, but the bone and muscle part of the Frenchmen recognize the fact that eight hours work means but eight hours pay, and they want to receive as large an envelope Saturday night as possible.

THE conferees on the sundry civil appropriation bill have agreed to several items of vital importance to the west. While striking out the item for irrigation surveys, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars were set apart for the work of surveying public land. The great influx of settlers to the new states calls for greater activity in this branch of the public service. The development of their resources of western states is seriously retarded because millions of acres of the public domain are withheld from intending settlers.

THE trade of South Dakota should be more energetically cultivated by the jobbers of Omaha. The importance of the state to the commercial interests of Omaha cannot be overestimated. The lack of direct railroad facilities at present operates to the detriment of this city, but there is every prospect that a change will be effected before the close of the year. It behooves our merchants to give the steadily growing trade of the state their attention.

LEST the public should forget the fact, assurances are again given that work on the new posteffice will not begin this year. This is important, but not new. Meanwhile the rookeries and fire-traps will continue to offend the eyes and the nostrils of the people, and proclaim the schemes of mercenaries whose greed prevented the city from having a public building well under way at this time.

IT would seem that the wrathful eloquence of all the world, except the flowery kingdom, is raised against John Chinaman. The citizens of Panama have held indignation meetings against John remaining longer at the Isthmus, and adjourned by heaving rocks at the Chinamen's shanties. In the language of that patriotle American, Dennis Kearney, "the Chinese must go."

WHILE our democratic friends are pluming themselves upon their party's attitude with reference to the prohibition issue it will be well for them to pause and reflect. They have done nothing more nor less than to endorse the Slocumb law, which was enacted by a republican legislature, signed by a republiean governor and rigidly enforced by a republican administration of state

Till real estate exchange begins oper ations about the middle of September. The impression generally prevails that there will be greater activity in real os tate with slight advance in prices all along the line in view of the fact that the defeat of prohibition is almost as sured.

THE sunken lots are not yet filled, and the germs of death lurking in the ... are getting in their work with rapid fatal-

ity. The city physician has given his opinion; the health department has agreed that something should be done, but nothing is accomplished. Those whose duty it is to protect the health of the city, owe it to the citizens of Omaha to do something at once.

An official house to house inspection in Oklahoma shows that fully one-third of the people are in actual want. Farmers are short of seed wheat. There is little means of employment and the outook as a whole is decidedly gloomy. The picture forms a striking contrast to the glowing word paintings scattered broadcast by the boomers eighteen months ago.

THE state reunion of the Grand Army at Grand Island next week will be one of unusual interest. Once more the boys in blue will gather together under the improvised camp fire and swap thrilling stories of those stirring times when a man was compelled to stand or fall by his convictions. It meant something in those days to be a union man.

THE sidewalk inspector is doubtless carning his salary, but the dilapidated sidewalks in many parts of Omaha furnish an excellent opportunity for him to distinguish himself by doing more work. It is of no use to place sidewalks along unoccupied lots, and let walks on busy thoroughfares go to decay.

THIS is a big day in Council Bluffs and that city has awakened to the importance of the occasion. The National Farmers' congress, the democratic congressional and the democratic judicial conventions will infuse life and activity into her citizens.

WITH a naval vessel named after the ity, another bearing the name of the mayor and a local inventor projecting torpedo boat, Omaha is doing much not only to honor the new navy, but to improve its usefulness.

POLITICAL clubs and leagues in the several wards should actively co-operate with the council in securing additional polling places. The necessary petitions should be prepared and signed by at east fifty voters.

Now that the Tenth street viaduct tax levy is completed it is suggested that a muscular kicking post be planted in the treasurer's office for the convenience of those interested.

OMAHA capitalists should grasp the significance of events and reach for more of the Dakota trade by building a railroad to the Jim river valley.

THE state board of transportation still sleeps.

NATURALIZATION LAWS.

How People of Foreign Birth May Be-

come Citizens of This Country. The statutes made and provided for the naturalization of those who are not but who wish to become citizens of the United States should be thoroughly understood by those seeking to acquire the right to vote. Following are the provisions under which citizenship may be acquired:

Title XXX-Naturalization, Section 2165 An alien may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States in the following manner, and not otherwise:

or district court of the United States, or a district or supreme court of the territories, or a court of record of any of the states having common law jurisdiction, and a seal and clerk. two years, at least, prior to his admission, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentiale, state or sovereignty of which the alien may be at the time a citizen or subject.

2. He shall, at the time of his application to be admitted, declare, on oath, before some one of the courts above specified, that he will support the constitution of the United States and that he absolutely and entirely resources and abjures all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty; and particularly, by name, to which he was before a citizen or subject; which he was before a citizen or subject; which proceedings shall be recorded by the clerk of the court.

3. It shall be made to appear to the satis-

faction of the court admitting such alien that he has resided within the United States five years at least, and within the state or territory where such court is at the time held one year at least; and that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same but the oath of the applicant shall in no case be allowed to prove his residence.

Paragraphs four, five and six pertain to the naturalization of honorably discharged soldiers, persons bearing titles or belonging to the nobility of foreign countries. Section 2,167—Any aften being under the

age of twenty-one years, who has resided in the United States three years next preceding his arriving at that age, and who has continued to reside therein to the time he may make application to be admitted a citizen thereof, may, after he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, and after he has re sided five years within the United States, in cluding the three years of his minority, be admitted a citizen of the United States, without having made the declaration required in the first condition of section 165; but such alien shall make the declara tion required therein at the time of his ad mission; and shall further declare, on oath and prove to the satisfaction of the court, that for two years next preceding it has been his bona fide intention to become a the United States; and he shall in become a citizen of respects comply with the laws in regard to

SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICANS. Delegates on the Ground and a Hot Struggle Predicted.

MITCHELL, S. D., August 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Delegates to the republican state convention are all on the ground except those from the Black Hills, who are expected this evening. The situation would indicate that the fight for congress will practically be one between Pickler and Sessions for one place and Gifford and Gamble for the other, with the apparent chances in favor of Pickler and Gamble. Mellette's nomination is conceded. A lively fight for treasurer is likely to come up, with Bartley. Smith, Diggs and Taylor in the field. The advocates of equal suffrage have formulated a plank which they hope to get such a character as to satisfy one side and not to be objectionable to the other. The state league meets this afternoon.

Railway Started at Zanzibar. Zanzibar, August 26.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE. |- The Mombosa & Nyanza railway was inaugurated yesterday in the pres-ence of the British and other foreign conway was inaugurated yesteron in the pre-ence of the British and other foreign con-suls, Admiral Preemantle of the British navy and a large number of other Europeans.

Quarantining Mecca Pilgrims. Carno, August 26. - | Special Cablegram to The Brg. J.—The similarly commission has decided to send all pilgrims returning from Mecca to a spot on the Arabian coast fifty miles from Sucz after they have undergone quarantine at Eltor.

NEWS OF THE NORWTHEST.

Nebraska. The Chadron roller mill is again in active The Polk county fair will be held at Osce-

ola September 2, 3, 4 and 5. A stock company is being formed at Pen-der to build a hotel costing \$7,500. The republicans of the Eleventh senatorial

listrict will agminate at Norfolk, Septem-The third annual fair of Cheyenne county will be held at Sidney, September 24, 25 and 26.

The democrats of the Eighth senatorial district will hold their convention at Hartagten, September 1. H. G. liginfritz of York, received a gun-shot wound in his left wrist which may re-

sult in the loss of his hand. The annual camp meeting and conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists will be held of the Seventh-Day Adventists will be held in York, September 9 to 16.

The village board of Valley has decided to buy a hook and ladder truck, to be paid for by subscription by the business men. A kick from a horse so badly shattered the leg of John Quinn of Valley that a handful of the pieces of the bone were removed from the

A Sunday school colcoration will be held at Bubens, Nuckolis county, on Saturday, and an extensive programme has been prepared for the occasion.

A newsboy of the Grand Island Indepen-

dent was held up and robbed of \$2.20 by a man named Vinegar, and the police have not vet accested the highwayman. The fumes of a gasoline stove nearly terminated the existence of Thurlow Strutton at Oakdale. He was rescued in an unconscious condition by a neighbor breaking into his

The Madison county teachers have formed a reading circle in accordance with the state reading organization. There are about sixty members in the county, the best showing any

county has yet made. Martha J. Warner, wife of County Attor-Martin J. Warner, who of County, died on ney O. P. Warner of Grant county, died on the train very suddenly while on her way to Mullen, accompanied by Mr. Warner from Whitman. She had been a sufferer from heart disease for many years.

Standing Bear, the fataous Indian chief, who left for Indian territory last spring, "never to return," has put in an appearance at Niobrara, followed by his numerous wives and other remaints of the Bear family air of his fathers in the vicinity of Niobrara seems to be more agreeable to him.

S. S. Mills exhibited in Creighton a limb from one of his crab trees growing in his or-chard. There were twenty-six well developed apples on it, and Mr. Mills stated that the whole tree was as plentifully laden with the fruit as the branch. Mr. Mills is demonstrating each year that fruit can successfully and profitably be grown in Knox county.

There are 14,000 Knights of Pythias in

Morning Side Unitarians are building a The State Photographers' association will meet at Des Moines September 2 and 3.

The-Brooklyn creamery which was re-cently destroyed by fire will be rebuilt. A ten-year-old Rockwell City boy has in ented a haystacker which is said to work

Negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Boone oil mill, with the intention of turning it into a large packing house. One hundred and thirty ministers will at-tend the meeting of the Council Bluffs Pres-bytery which meets at Audubon Septem-

Norway rats are bothering the farmers in the vicinity of Muscatine. The rodents climb up the cornstalks and devour whole Dubuque has a German veteran who was

decerated by Emperor William with the iron cross—the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a German soldier. His name is Dom Schoenigsen, and he fought in the bat-ties of Mars La Tours, Vengue, Laon, Me-ziers, Eperon, Joup, Sandelle, Sarge, Tour-noises, Orleans, Nouar, Saibris and Le Mans.

Efforts are being made to organize the col-ored members of the M. E. church of the state into one conference. There are four conferences of the church in the state and the aim is to place the colored work entirely in one of these divisions. Rev. W. E. Wilson of Des Moines is now engaged in the work and is making an earnest effort to arrive at the

Isaiah Haddeman, an old man of seventy, this death in a peculiar manner at chester. The city has for some time past been prospecting for water at a point near the rail-road bridge. Several six-inch artesian wells were sunk in the excavation, and with a view of increasing the flow from these wells men have been dynamiting them. The other day a cartridge was dropped to the bottom of one of the wells. Haddeman, who was standing within 100 feet of it, did not heed the warn ng cry to seek shelter. The explosion of the dynamite blew out a section of the galvanized on lining of the well with such force as to send it two or three hundred feet into the air Down it came with terrific force, turning a little sidewise in its descent, and struck Haddeman on the top of the head. He dropped like a log, gasped once or twice and was dead The force of the contact was sufficient to bend the pipe, but, strange to say, the dead man's head showed only a bruise as external evidence of the blow. He leaves a wife and several children.

The Two Dakotas. It cost \$21,000 to grade Minnesota avenue,

The contract has been let for the building f a \$1,200 stone jail at Minnescla. The racing meet at Madison will be made exciting by purses amounting to \$1,200. The Indians at Crow Creek are preparing

o sow most of their cultivated land to rye The total assessed valuation of Minnehaha county is \$11,952,616. This includes 1,268 logs, assessed at \$1 each.

Cottonwood lake has gone entirely dry and the bed of the lake is covered with a heav growth of grass which is being cut for hay. Charles E. Russell, at Birmarck, was reently extracting the dynamite from a dyna mite cap for the purpose of putting the cup on a lead pencil. It exploded, partly blowing the thumb and index finger from both hands.

John Cameron, living southeast of Brook ings, recently lost nine head of cattle by lightning stroke. Lightning struck the barb wire fence and followed it up for some dis-tance until it came to where the cuttle were grouped, then shot into the herd and killed all of them. Uncle Nat Witcher of Sturgis is up in the

Hills circulating a petition for the pardon of Ira Jackson, who is serving a ten years' sentence for the killing of one Jenkins three or four years ago. He has obtained over eight hungred signatures, and it is thought the governor will heed the prayer.

Three parties recently drove into Water-town from Arlington—a doctor, a traveling man and a young lady. A room was rented in a "private" house, where the trio repaired, ostensibly for the purpose of producing an abortion Local officers arrested them, and the next morning the traveling man and the woman were married by the mayor. Edward Chapman, a farmer living north-west of Aberdeen, was attacked by an enraged

bull last week and suffered the fracture of his right leg and two ribs. When discovered Mr. Chapman was in an unconscious condi-tion and would undoubtedly have been killed had not his faithful dog taken the bull by the nose and kept him at a distance. The Marion flax mill people are

perimenting with different kinds of flax fiber and find our flax straw perfectly satisfactory. Next year they are going in on a big scale to work up flax fiber. They will break land free of charge for the first crop and pay \$10 an acre thereafter for the use of the land. This year they pay \$6 an acre to pull flax. The body of an unknown man was recently

found near Hill City. The man had evidently been dead for two days, and when found was in a norrible condition. His head and face were beaten into a jelly with a club evi-dently, and the murderer in committing his oul deed exercised the greatest of crueity Deceased was a middle aged man, and was dressed in rough shoes, jeans pants and a blue cotton shirt. A deck of cards and a small mirror were the only articles found in the murdered man's pockets

A Correction.

To the Editor of THE BEE: Please correct a false impression caused by the report of the banner presentation on last Friday evening The presentation was made by George Crook Woman's Relief corps, No. 88, and not by Custer corps. S. K. Spalding. Custer corps. S. K. SPALDING, Commander George Crook Post, No. 292.

OVER TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS

The Risks Taken in Fire Sureties on Nobraska Property.

REMARKABLE CASE OF KIDNAPING.

Fleecing the Innocent-Fight Over a Will-At War Over a Crossing - Other Lincoln News.

Lincoln, Neb , August 26 .- [Special to Tun BEE. |-The biennial insurance report of Nebraska, as prepared by Deputy Auditor Charles Allan of the insurance department of the auditor's office, is now out. The report shows that there are now 117 fire insurance companies authorized to do business in the state. The business transacted by the fire insurance companies during the past two years is as follows:

Risks written \$ 95,044,777.69
Premiums received 1,770,484,09
Losses incurred 485,790,18
Losses paid 518,894.24 Risks written
Premiums received
Losses incurred
Losses paid Since the last report was issued only four

additional life insurance companies have been authorized to transact business in the state. There are altogether sixty-nine.

The total business of the level premium companies in the state for the past two years Year, Prem'ms Losses Amount the end of the year

1888., \$560,945 to \$161,056 to \$ 8,058,073 as \$21,117,205 to 1889., \$728,500 to 161,175 to 10,852,478 to 27,256,116 to The total business of the miscellaneous assessment life companies for the past two years is as follows: Year, Income. Losses Amount the end of the year

. \$113.147 E1 \$57,900 07 \$2,964,500 00 \$11,904,750 00 118,197 08 \$5,200 (0 3,779,500 00 17,074,750 9 The total business of the fraternal and benevolent associations for the two years is us follows:

Year. Income. Losses Amount the cord the end of the year 1888 ... \$100.810 16 \$129.300 85 \$0.905 100 00 \$21.840.00 1880 ... 177,152 85 107,216 20 13,286,700 00 31.884,318 00 The report declares that necessary laws for enment of life insurance organiza ions in this state are greatly weded numerous assessment accident associations are claudestinely operating throughout the state. This business is transacted principally by correspondence with the parties quently the prosecution of such offenders is difficult.

The fire insurance companies withdrawn from the state since the last report are: Fire Insurance Association London En-Howard New York German Fire Pittsburg Pt Louisville Underwriters Louisville, Ky Neptune Fire and Marine Boston, Mass New Orleans, L. The fire insurance in Nebraska for the pas thirteen years has been as follows: Premiums Louses.

\$ 197,677 00 \$ 103,411 00 234,802 00 140,624 00 507,824 00 117,526 00 417,316 00 826,538 00 506,186 00 186,730 10 505,150 00 181,453 00 180,473 00 181,473 00 181,473 00 181,170 00 181,170 00 181,733 00 185,733 00 1847,733 00 1847,733 00 1847,733 00 185,733 00 1779,84 00 485,709 00 1,856,741 00 887,341 00 \$12,850,741 00 \$4,630,835 00 YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS.

Yesterday afternoon two boys, both aged on years, sneaked into the office of the Kandolph street car barn, near the baseball grounds, and stole about \$4 in money and about \$5.50 worth of street car chips. As they made their exit they were noticed by some of the employes and when the robbery was discovered suspicion was immediately fastened upon them. Their path from the barn to their homes was marked with the chips that they had thrown away. This morning Detective Malone went to the homes of the boys and discovered that each not only had money but also chips in his possession. Each blamed the other for the theft They were both arrested and the time of their trial fixed at 9 o'clock, temorrow morning boys have been arrested before. STRANGE CASE OF KIDNAPING

The mystery concerning the disappearance

of little Patrick Buret, the ten-year-old son of Peter Buret, W and Second streets, still remains unexplained, and if he had vanished into this nigall traces of his whereshouts could not be more effectually effaced. Nothing is known of the lady who kidnaped him excepting that she was accustomed to drive by at intervals with a grey horse attached to a top buggy. Not one seems to know or can recognize the woman from the descrip-tion given. On Friday evening, as the little fellow was at play before his home, the strange lady came driving by again and stopped to ask the child if he didn't wish buggy ride. The bright little fellow a buggy ride. The bright little fellow ac-cepted the invitation and climbed into the buggy. A number of persons in the grocery store near by witnessed the affair and thought nothing of it. The strange lady then drove off with the child and that wa the last ever seen of either since. It is doubt less a pure case of kidnaping but what the motives of the lady can be are veiled in mystery. At the time that the kidnaping of the boy occurred his father was at work in the furniture factory, while his mother wa away several blocks taking care of the sic child of a friend. Both parents are dis tracted with grief over being robbed of their boy and are my stiffed over the affair as well not knowing of any person in the world who cherished a grudge against them. It is be lieved that the strange lady was attracted by the beauty of the little fellow and decided to add him to her family.

CONTESTING THE WILL. As predicted some time since, the heirs of Mrs. Jennie May are kicking against the admission of her will to probate and today they filed an answer in the county court. The heirs are Mrs. Minerya Bartlett, Mrs. Mary Pheips, Mrs. Hariet L. Wilson and Andrew J. Thayer, the surviving sisters and brother of the deceased. These heirs deny that the writing accompanying the bequest, or peti-tion as they term it, is or was the will of the deceased. They deny that the same is or was executed and witnessed in accordance with law. They further make the startling declaration denying that the will was signed by the deceased at the date appearing at the head of the same. They further declare that Mrs. May was of unsound mind at the time the will was signed. They claim that the signature was obtained by fraud and unduc influence and they ask that all other person: mentioned in the instrument outside of them-seives be legally ignored and the property divided equally among the petitioners. The estate is valued at \$15,000 and the greater portion was bequeathed

nissionary station in Africa and able and educational purposes. If it should be divided equally among the heirs, each will receive the nice little windfall of \$6,250. PROBLEMS OVER THE CROSSING Pending the settlement of the four injunc-tion suits brought about by the imbroglio between the railroad companies and the

street railway companies over the Eleventh street crossing, both sides have been watch-ing each other like two antagonistic roosters. Last night each had a large company of mer stationed at the disputed crossing, but whether to thwart the object of the opposing companies by putting down the forbidden tracks or merely to watch each other could not be ascertained. Marshal Melick was present and the two warlike hordes were lik the two school boys who went out to fight-"One was afraid and the other dassent." ent and the two warlike hordes were like

Judge Field listened this morning to the arguments in the injunction suits. The at-torneys for the street car companies contend that the franchise from the city gave them the right to lay their tracks across the rail-road tracks on Eleventh street. The railroad companies insisted, on the other hand, that they had bought large tracts of ground on either side of their tracks for side track pur-poses, and that if the street car company wished to occupy any of that ground they

should be made to pay for it by condemnation proceedings.

Judge Field decided in favor of the stree

railway companies laying their tracks across these of the railroad companies. DRUGGED AND ROBBED

Charles Goldstein, who runs a cigar stors at \$26 O street, reports that a stranger about thirty years old stepped into his establishment yesterday claiming to be an agent for a patent headache and rheumatic remedy. Mr. Goldstein was suffering from a headache at the time and allowed the stranger to give him a dose of the stuff. The tobacconist was soon seized with drowsiness and fell asleep About an hour later he awoke and found tha the stranger was missing and with him all the meney in the drawer and a box of the finest cigars as well. Fortunately there was only about a dollar in change in the drawer before the robbery. The stranger had a black mustache and wore a light coat, dark pantaloens and vest, black derby hat and carried a small black hand satchell.

A MYSTERIOUS RIGHWAY ROBBERY. The police and deputy sheriffs have given up all hopes of ferreting out the mystery en-shrouding the fate of the old man who was so boldly robbed by high waymen of his horse and buggy a week ago tonight on I, near Second street. The last seen of the old man he was pursuing the robbers, who were making away to the south with his beggy. There i no doubt but that there was foul play in the matter, but the banks of Salt creek have not yielded up any corpse yet and no other clews have been obtained concerning the fate of the

AGED LOYERS. Mr. Joseph Raworth, a silvery headed man of sixty-nine, obtained a license this merning to marry Mrs. Mary Fulwider, a widow of sixty-three. The bridegroom is from t and the bride is from Bird City, Kan.

HAS NO RIGHT BEEF. It is reported to Deputy Auditor Alien that the Yankton fire insurance company is doing business unlawfully in this state. Today a etter was received from Hartington in which t was stated that the Yankton insurance company was transacting business in Ne oraska and was numbering its victims by the core. Deputy Auditor Alien says the Yank ton company has no right whatever to issure any property in Nebraska and persons paying any money to that organization might a well throw their hard carnings into the fire.

marriage occurs tomorrow.

This afternoon Justice Brown is listening to the farcical case in which Dr. Slominski Omaha caused the arrest of Harry Dobbins' managing editor of the Evening News, on the charge of libel. Dobbins had reasted Sloninski for distributing alleged obscene literature. ODDS AND ENDS.

THE TRREPRESSIBLE SLOWINSKI.

The choir of Holy Trinity church, under the management of Mr. Scamark, will give a in conjunction with the T. K. quartette of Omaha.

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