house roll 79, except in the first two sections which provide for the issuing and sale of the bonds.

The committee rose and reported back both bills with the recommendation that they be passed.

The recommendation was agreed to, and the house adjourned till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Vain Attempt at Reorganization.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The independents held a long conference tonight and made a vain effort to reorganize their forces. It is now conceded that the resolution recognizing Boyd as governor will pass the house, though it may lead to a protracted struggle. Governor Thayer's message will almost certainly be delivered tomorrow, and probably during the morning session.

Furnas County's Needs.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The county commissioners of Furnas county have made a careful estimate of the condition of affairs in that county, and have written to Representative Stevens that they will need at least 6,000 bushels of wheat for seed alone, making no estimate for bread for those absolutely destitute. The amount of corn necessary for seed and for consumption is fixed at 12,000 bushels. The commissioners say that unless this quantity of cereals is furnished much of the land must lie vacant the coming season. The people in that section will be thankful if they can secure bread, beans and some kind of meat. They do not ask for any luxuries, and will be satisfied if they can get enough of the coarser kinds of food to keep the wolf away from the door until they can raise another crop. They have plenty of cows and will not suffer for the want of butter or milk.

Mr. Taylor's Bill.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mr. Taylor (ind) of Johnson has suddenly blossomed out into prominence by a single bold step. He has introduced a bill which provides that wholesale houses shall sell goods to farmers' clubs or individuals who offer to pay cash, just as cheap as they sell to the retail trde. On being interviewed as to the purpose of this unique bill, Mr. Taylor unbosomed himself as follows:

"I propose to make wholesale merchants sell just as cheaply to me as to any retail dealer, when I have the cash. I have been refused right here in Lincoln, even when I offered to take goods by the barrel. A great many alliances buy through a purchasing agent, and they cannot get the goods on account of the barriers put up by the trade, and we propose to see if there is not some remedy. The wholesale merchants will not fight this law at all. They are secretly in favor of such a measure. All the opposition will come from the retailers, and I expect they will fight it bitterly. Some say this bill is not constitutional, but we have a right to prohibit trusts, and this agreement is in the nature of a trust. At any rate, we propose to put it through if possible. The penalty is not large enough to cause much of a fight. The fine for the first offense is $25, for the second $50 and for the third $100. If this bill is not constitutional we will have a show of reason to change the constitution. I want you to understand that this is not a caucus measure. I got up this bill myself and have not asked the boys yet whether they will stand by me or not, but I assure you of one thing, and that is I am going to do my level best to put this measure through."

As he made these remarks his countenance lit up, his eyes twinkled and the reporter turned away, firmly convinced that he meant every word that he said.

The State Library.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The report of the state librarian, just published, is made up of three reports, one by H. H. Wheeler, acting for Guy A. Brown; the second by Walter A. Leese, and the last by D. A. Campbell, the present librarian. The latter covers the period from July 14, 1890, to December 1, 1890.

The report shows that there were at the date last named 24,396 books and pamphlets on hand, an increase in two years of 3,304. Of supreme court reports 3,662 had been sold at $2.56 each and there were 6,248 on hand. The library fund had a balance of $6,281.20 on hand. Balances in other funds amounted to $41.16. The librarian asks for an appropriation of $5,000 for the construction of a vault for the safekeeping of the records of the supreme court. He also wants $500 for a new catalogue, the last one being about seven years old.

Figures From the Penitentiary.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—In his biennial report, just published, Dan Hopkins, warden of the penitentiary, estimates the number of convicts for the first year of the next period at 410 and for the second year at 425. He asks an appropriation of $59,860 for the first and $62,050 for the second year, being 40 cents per man per day. He asks for $5,000 for general repairs and $1,438 for other purposes. Four convicts died and 333 were sick or injured. Of the latter 150 suffered from lacerated or contused wounds, and in two cases death resulted. There were forty cases of la grippe. At the time of the report the prisoners numbered 387. They were classified: Temperate, 65; intemperate, 92; moderate, 37.

State Treasurer Hill's Report.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—State Treasurer Hill sent in the following estimates today of the financial condition of the state:

Amount on hand	$392,500
Due from county treasurers	106,000
Total available funds	$498,500

He figures the expenses of the current year and legislative expenses at a total of $797,000, without the extra appropriation of $100,000 for the drouth sufferers. This would indicate that the state is about $200,000 behind in her fiscal account.

To Reduce Freight Rates.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Chairman Stevens and other independent members of the senate committee on railroads are at work preparing a bill embodying a schedule of maximum freight rates. The work has not progressed far enough to give an outline of the rates, but the bill will probably be introduced this week. It will propose a radical reduction from existing rates, but Senator Stevens says it will be reasonable.

Rampant Prohibitionists.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The treatment of Senator Hill at Red Ribbon hall last evening is the talk of the legislature. After being called out by name and urged to express his views, the senator from Adams arose and said: "I promised my constituents that if a majority of the people of Nebraska cast their ballots for the prohibitory amendment I would vote to enact laws to carry out their expressed will, but if a majority should declare otherwise I would not favor the enactment of statutory prohibition. In regard to woman suffrage or municipal suffrage, I must say I do not favor the measure. I believe the women have other duties to perform, and that suffrage would simply introduce a new element of discord in the home to divide the family, and not materially change the result."

These remarks were received with evident disfavor, not a few of the women going so far as to utter a very audible hiss as the senator concluded and took his seat.

M. L. Trester, a well known temperance man and prohibitionist of this city, was called out, and he venturing to suggest that if women desired their sons to vote right they should train them properly in their youth, was also hissed for his pains. One lady declared that she was just as much of a slave as the negroes of the south, and was enthusiastically applauded. A gentleman named Parker, who has, apparently, undertaken the job of converting the whole legislature, followed Senator Hill and violated all the laws of common civility in his wild tirade. Several other members of the legislature were present, but declined to put themselves on record.

Parker has transferred his field of operations from Red Ribbon hall to the legislative chambers, and may be seen daily buttonholing members and endeavoring to persuade them that all the ills of humanity could be cured by investing women with the elective franchise. The ball will open in earnest in a few days. Re-enforcements are continually arriving, both from within the state and from abroad. Col. Helen M. Gougar will arrive in a day or so and assume command.

Legislative Notes.

Senator Shea is seriously ill, and at one time sent for a colleague to write his will and prepare for the worst.

The speaker today instructed the committees, in making out their reports, to send up "two duplicate copies" of their recommendations.

Senator Keipe says: "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, but the Lamb of contest fame is evidently not getting his share of the caresses of the gentle zephyr."

Hon. C. W. Hennich, representative from Garfield county, was called home suddenly last week by a telegram announcing a serious accident to his son, who had been thrown from a horse. The death of the son was announced in the house this morning, and resolutions of condolence were adopted.

The coal in the furnace rooms has been finally removed, and the stifling gas in the capitol building is becoming less unbearable. Nearly one hundred tons had been piled up and took fire, apparently by spontaneous combustion, and the gas escaping through the tunnel nearly drove the legislators out of the building.

Under existing laws a saloon license may be issued in a township containing no incorporated town or village, on a petition signed by thirty freeholders. Mr. Faxon of Gage has introduced a bill requiring a majority vote in such townships, or a petition having the signatures of more than one-half of the legal voters.

Vandalism is running wild at the capitol building. Yesterday the cards were all torn off the doors of the committee rooms, and last night the south doors were burst open, as well as the doors leading to the dome. It is supposed that a day watchman is in charge of the building on Sunday, but he failed to show up where most needed.

The chair corrected Senator Switzler on a point of order and pronounced his name Sweitzler. That gentleman countered on the chair with a correction of his name and added: "I have also been confounded on this floor with a gentleman named Strickler, and I protest." It was all good natured, and the quick retort raised a hearty laugh.

Lieutenant Governor Majors utter a vigorous pronunciamento from his chair this afternoon. After reading the rules which gave him control of the floor of the senate, he continued: "A subordinate of the senate has seen fit to issue cards for admission to the floor of this house. The chair feels this is an indignity offered the presiding officer, and such a disrespect as no subordinate should offer the dignity of the senate. This course will not be tolerated. It has been the custom to admit visitors at the request of the senators, and that courtesy will not be denied; but other than this the doorkeeper will admit no one except on a card of the presiding officer. Employes must understand that they are to be absolutely subordinate. They are creatures of the senate, and under no circumstances will insubordination be tolerated." It seems that the secretary had had some admission cards printed, probably without thought of its impropriety, and the lieutenant governor felt indignant at the assumption of authority that belonged to himself.

IOWA NEWS.

A Land Grant Suit.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The case of the citizens of Fort Dodge vs the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway was argued in the supreme court today on appeal. The case involves a large land grant and right of way in Fort Dodge. The state holds that the grant was conditional on running the road into the latter city. The line was built six miles west of Fort Dodge. A plug road was built into the city and operated until two years ago, when the same was abandoned and the track taken up. The present suit is to compel the company to operate the main line into Fort Dodge or surrender the land grant of over 100,000 acres.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 26. — Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following opinions were filed by the supreme court this morning:

Daniel Corbin, appellant, vs. W. F. Minahen; Audubon district; reversed.

Ira R. Wetmore, appellant, vs. Henry Marsh et al., appellees; Polk district; affirmed.

John Carey, appellant, vs. the Des Moines Co-operative coal and mining company; Polk district; affirmed.

Robert Johnson vs. E. V. Miller et al., appellants; Black Hawk district; affirmed.

Sarah E. Dunn, appellant, vs. James C. Wolf et al.; Audubon district; affirmed.

The Connors-Burns Wrestling Match.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A wrestling match took place here this evening, best three in five falls, for a purse of $500, between Tom Connors, champion of England, and Farmer Burns, champion of Iowa. There was a large attendance of local sports and the contest was exciting, both men being well matched. Burns won the first fall at the end of twenty minutes, Connors the second in ten, Burns the third in six, and Connors the fourth in ten, it being given on a claimed foul. The last round lasted eleven minutes and was won by Connors, giving him the stakes.

Royeffir's Adavits.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Ex-Indian Agent Royer was in the city today enroute to Washington. He has a great mass of affidavits, letters, statements and other material which he will use in an effort to secure reinstatement as agent. He protests that the representations on which he was removed were false. He expects to soon be issuing rations as agent.

The Farmers are Organizing.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The farmers' alliance has been rapidly gaining in interest during the past three months, and undoubtedly will figure conspicuously in next fall's election. A meeting held in this city on Saturday showed full delegations from the seven organizations in the county, and a county alliance organization was formed.

Demands $30,000 Damages.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Before Judge Holmes of the district court today the case of C. Berg against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway was begun. Mr. Berg's two little children were run over and killed on October 12, last, by an engine on the Rock Island railway near Valley Junction, and this suit is for $30,000 damages.

A New Alliance Paper.

RED OAK, Ia., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The farmers' alliance in this county will soon start a weekly paper, and they are going to act independent of both of the old parties. They are ignoring the prohibitory question entirely. Information from other parts of the state indicates an impending political revolution.

After Many Years.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Today, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moss, who live at Newark, came home to gladden the eyes of his parents, who have not seen him for twenty-three years. He ran away when ten years old and they had not heard from him until today. He is now a resident of Tacoma, Washington, and is rich.

The German Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—In the reichstag today Herr Kardoff proposed that the German government open negotiations with America with reference to the remonetization of silver. Herr Bamberger and Dr. Koch, president of the reichbank, opposed it, holding that there was no ground for interfering with the present standard.

The Illinois Faster Growing Weaker.

NEWBERN, Ill., Jan. 26.—The thirtieth day of the strange fast of George Harris has almost exhausted his wonderful vitality and it is now only a question of a few hours when his unnatural desire to die will probably be gratified.

German and French Sailors Scrap.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 26.—In a serious scrimmage today between German and French sailors a number were dangerously wounded with knives.

A California Hanging.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 26.—Ram or Lopez was hanged this morning for the murder of Mary Desirelly, October 20, 1890.

OUTLOOK ALMOST HOPELESS.

Friends of the Federal Elections Bill Now Acknowledge Its Defeat.

OTHER MATTERS TO RECEIVE ATTENTION

Senator Paddock Makes a Statement Regarding His Action on the Omaha Bridge Bill—Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.

There is more rejoicing on the republican side of the senate, and on the republican side of the house, as well, over the disposition of the elections bill than the loyal members of that party will acknowledge. There are not more than eight or ten republicans in the senate of the United States who sincerely desired the passage of the bill. But party fealty is a fetich they worship, and it takes more moral courage than most men are capable of sharing to vote against the decree of a caucus.

The incident that occurred today would have taken place several days ago but for the indiscretion of Senator Cameron. He has been opposed to the bill all along, but until today he has not been willing to vote with the democrats. This morning he signified his intention to do so, and then Mr. Stanford left the senate chamber without getting a pair. This gave the opposition a majority and at a signal from Mr. Gorman the young senator from Colorado arose and made his motion. The republicans were surprised at the coup de etat, but many of them were delighted. There has been a very great and increasing dissatisfaction at the legislative situation. Several very important measures are pending, the fate of which has been involved in the elections bill, and their advocates were becoming accordingly restive.

While the roll was being called Mr. Gorman sat in his chair wearing a smile of satisfaction and confidence, for he knew just what the vote would be. When the result was announced Mr. Hoar heaved a deep sigh, and jamming his hands far down into his breeches pockets stalked away to his committee room with an air of indifference to subsequent proceedings.

The best friends of the elections bill frankly admit that the outlook for its success is almost hopeless. There can no longer be any excuse for maintaining that either the closure resolution or the elections bill has any real encouragement. There remain of this session but five weeks and one day. Mr. Allison, chairman of the senate committee on appropriations, told your correspondent this afternoon that all of three weeks' long continuous consideration of the appropriation bills would be required in order to complete these measures before March 4. This would leave but two weeks and a day for general legislation. Not one-half of the work upon the regular appropriation bills has been completed. It is stated that the reapportionment bill will occupy nearly all of this week in the senate. Then there are the bankruptcy, supreme court reorganization, general agricultural, international copyright and other measures, which, of necessity, must be passed, but not half of this can be acted upon before the time comes when the appropriation bills must be taken up if they are passed before March 4.

A STATEMENT FROM PADDOCK.

Senator Paddock is very indignant over the report in Omaha that he has been opposed to the construction of a rival railroad bridge over the Missouri. "I am a loss to know," said the senator this evening, "who could have been so malicious as to start this canard. I feel, as I have felt for years, that a competing railroad bridge is a prime necessity, not only for that city, but for Lincoln, Beatrice and the rest of the state. Recent developments with the Union Pacific bridge made the need all the more apparent. I have always been ready, and am now, to take off my coat and work for such a bridge. But I am not ready to assist in duplicating the Douglas street fiasco, which was chartered by congress as a competing railroad bridge and was constructed in defiance of the charter requirements to prevent the very competition which it was supposed to furnish. The East Omaha bridge bill as introduced was clearly and on its face merely a street railway and pedestrian bridge. I have the best of reasons for suspecting that it was originally intended for nothing else. My colleague saw the point and at once, with the assistance of Mr. Connell, made radical amendments to the bill, designed to prevent the occupation of another bridge site by a structure which would only block the way for securing to Omaha a free railroad bridge. Several days later information came to me of such a positive nature that I asked a delay of a day or two in the report until I could verify in the interest of Omaha and the state the news sent me, my object being to offer such additional amendments and only such as might be found needed to absolutely assure a steam railroad bridge, adequate in size and strength for the use of any line which desired to use. As, owing to the deadlock in the senate, the bill could not possibly be reported for a number of days to come, compliance with my request would not have deferred for a moment the progress of the bill in the senate. It is still in committee, and cannot be reported until the tangle of closure and elections bill is untied. Let me make a suggestion right here. The ownership of the Union Pacific bridge and the Douglas street bridge is to a large degree the same. The names of heavy stockholders in both appear in the prospect directory of the East Omaha bridge. In the light of past experience Omaha cannot afford to take any chances. The bridge bill must be ironclad. Congress will, I am sure, demand this if the city does not. With the two most available bridge sites already occupied and the Iowa roads barred from access to our state by way of Omaha we cannot afford to give away a charter for the last remaining site if it is only to be used for speculative purposes and to prevent through the sanction of law what it was intended to subserve. I at any rate cannot be made a party to such a scheme."

CALLAWAY POSTOFFICE DIFFICULTY SETTLED.

The Callaway postoffice difficulty has at last been definitely settled. Some time ago their office was removed from the old town to a position near the railroad, and there was a vigorous protest sent here in opposition to the move. An inspector was dispatched to Callaway, which is in Custer county, and he looked into the grounds upon which the protests were made. He has moved the office back to the old location and left it in charge of the bondsmen of the displaced postmaster. The act of the inspector is sustained by the postoffice department so far as it relates to the removal of the postoffice to the old location, but George P. Mair, the displaced postmaster, has been reinstated.

OUR NEW CONGRESSMEN AT THE CAPITAL.

Messrs. Bryan, McKeighan and Kem, the newly elected congressional delegation from Nebraska, arrived today and circulated freely on the floor of the house. These men will be given a hearing by the house committee on agriculture upon their proposition to make an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the drouth sufferers in Nebraska. Their mission was variously discussed by the members of the committee today and the prediction made that they would not be rewarded by success.

IOWA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Iowa postmasters were appointed today as follows: Alta Vista, Chickasaw county, P. A. Norton, vice A. Radike, removed; Lambville, Marshall county, I. Kimball, vice J. L. Stevens; Republic, Chickasaw county, J. W. Pierce, vice A. M. Hall, removed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. H. H. Hunt was today appointed a member of the pension board at Independence, Ia.

With the approval of the secretary of war leave of absence until further orders on account of disability is granted First Lieutenant Wallace Mott, Eighth infantry.

L. A. Day of Leclaire, Wis., United States inspector of steamboats, is at the Randolph.

H. L. Power of Fort Dodge, Ia., is at the Hamilton.

Representative Dorsey has appeared before the house committee on appropriations and advocated a favorable report upon his bill appropriating $25,000 for seed grain to be given to the drouth sufferers in Nebraska. The committee told Mr. Dorsey that it was considering the sundry civil appropriation bill and that should the provision be incorporated in that measure it would not be available until June 1 next. Mr. Dorsey will be given another hearing when the deficiency appropriation bill comes up within a few days, and if his wishes are regarded the provision will be incorporated in that bill and made available immediately after it is signed by the president.

There has been a rumor current that Government Director Plummer had made a second effort to induce the government to assume the responsibility of Jay Gould's repudiation of the contracts between the Union Pacific and the Rock Island and St. Paul companies, but it is stated on the highest authority that such is not the case. Secretary Noble freely states that he sees no reason why the government should interfere in the matter and that he has no intention of doing so.

There were about ten bushel baskets full of petitions piled up awaiting an opportunity to get before the house of representatives when the democrats of the house began their obstruction tactics last week. They insisted upon the reading of every portion of the journal, including many long petitions. From fifty to one hundred petitions with thousands of names attached come in daily, and if the clerk was compelled to read all of these petitions about six hours a day would be consumed in the house. The republican members have therefore concluded to hold back their petitions. It happens that there is an unusual deluge of petitions just now for the farmers' alliance, the Grand Army of the Republic, and numerous other organizations are pressing their particular hobbies. The Grand Army of the Republic posts throughout the country are sending petitions in favor of woman suffrage. If the obstruction lasts through the coming week there will be an accumulation of about twenty-five bushels of petitions.

PERRY S. HEATH.

SILVER POOL INVESTIGATION.

Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania Before the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In the silver pool investigation today Senator Cameron testified that he bought silver on a margin in the early part of June, before the silver bill was passed by the senate, and disposed of it before the bill became a law. He had no knowledge of any other senator, representative or official of the goverment having any interest in the purchase of silver. Cameron said he bought the silver just as he would any other commodity, and gave the matter no thought. Never knew Owenby, and never talked with other senators about the silver pool.

John Tanner of Illinois knew nothing of silver pools or transactions except one dealing of his own.

The correspondent of a Chicago paper, R. D. Bogart, was questioned relative to statements made in his dispatches, he having said among other things that Congressman Flower was in the pool. He said he was repeating what was commonly said among correspondents. He had no personal knowledge.

E. G. Dunnell, correspondent of the New York Times, was asked concerning a dispatch sent by him saying in substance that if Payne and Dingley, members of the committee, had known the revelations regarding Cameron would be made they would have been reluctant to enter into the investigation. Dunnell said he got his information from a gentleman whom he thought had spoken the truth. He would consult the person in question and see if he would consent to give his name to the committee. Dunnell had no personal knowledge regarding the pool.

Congressman Flower took the stand and said he never bought a dollar's worth of silver nor certificates in his life and had no knowledge of a pool.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions were granted today to the following Nebraskans: Original—Willis E. Putnam, Arnold; Robert Crawford, Violet. Increase—Irenus Donaldson, Arnold; James H. Lutzheisher, Dorchester; Fred Winch, Roca; Henry McArthur, Lincoln; Charles Barber, South Bend; James Mickle Wescott, Reissue—Bash Smith, Clearwater. Original widows'—Jennie Stanton, former widow of J. J. O'Dell, Lincoln.

Iowa: Original—George W. Cummings, Randolph; Morris Todd, Des Moines; Charles D. Hawey, Oskaloosa; Thomas Widduz, Alerton; Henry A. Welch, Logan; John A. Clark, Wilsonville; Stevens Shaw, Eagle Bend; Commodore P. Higby, Leigh; Henry Moore, Waterloo; Stephen H. Willis, Creston; Robert McConnell, Crocker; William Donahue, Temple Hill; Courtland Chapman, Monticello; Daniel J. McDonald, Quasawqueton; William Roof, Winthrop; Thomas Allen, Oskaloosa; Charles H. Upham, Des Moines; Preston Tucker, Akron; John Bell, Marshalltown; Soloman Gross, Des Moines; A. J. Pratt, Centerville; August Wagner, Vandalia; George L. Spaulding, Sanborn; John W. Kirk, Chesterfield. Addition — Thomas Lynde, Grundy Centre. Increase—Benjamin Willaley, Chariton; Henry R. Fathers, Mason; Benjamin H. Hart, Hedrick; Silas Rufus, Connelly; Frederick Dorham, Lyons; David T. Welch, Winterset; James W. Miller, Osage; Louis P. Vance, Sioux Rapids; William Lewis, Des Moines; Peter J. Tenegar, Murray; John Felch, Columbus City; Charles C. Gregor, Lake Park; Matthew G. Hammel, Grandview; Thomas Arrowood, Altoona. Reissue — Michael W. Cook, Oxford. Reissue and increase — Thomas Cummins, Crescent; John W. Erickson, Lorimer; Henry Backelberg, Lemars; Andrew J. Thayer, Charles City. Original widow's—Mary A., widow of David Longaker, Taintor; Nancy J., mother of John J. Parker, Livingston; Sarah J., widow of D. M. Clark, Ottumwa.

South Dakota: Original—William C. White, Ree Heights; Freeman Spencer, Sioux Falls; John Everhart, Eden; Henry L. Netmeyer, Pierre; Alve Allen, Walsey. Increase—Lot D. Wiley, Henry. Reissue—John Langdon, Iroquois. Original widow's, etc.—Eleanor B., mother of Keaton L. Luse, Ordway.

Changes in the Supreme Court Rules.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The United States supreme court today announced some important changes in its rules, designed to meet cases brought before the court principally for the purpose of delay. The changes are framed especially to meet habeas corpus cases and are the result of the proceedings recently in the Jugigo electrocution case. The most important change is the requirement that all appeal, writs of error and citations, unless specially ordered otherwise, must be made returnable to the supreme court within not exceeding thirty days from the decision of the lower court. Unless the record and case is docketed within the specified time the case must be dismissed by the court if in session and by the clerk during vacation time.

It Was a Surprise.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Senator Aldrich and most of the republican senators today were completely surprised at the action of the senate in laying aside the closure resolution and taking up the apportionment bill. There was no expectation of any important vote, and one republican senator was absent attending to department business when the vote was taken, and it was with difficulty that a pair was arranged for him. Senator Stanford was absent and unpaired. The future course of events depends largely upon him, as Aldrich says that if Stanford agrees to support the rules he will ask the senate to resume its consideration immediately.

Directed to Grant a New Trial.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The supreme court today rendered an opinion directing that the cases of E. E. Coon and six others convicted in the circuit court of the United States for the Eastern district of Texas for a murder committed in "No Man's Land be remanded with instructions to grant a new trial. The attorney general admitted that the ruling of the judge at the trial was erroneous, and this is the ground on which the action of the court is based. The court, however, decided against the prisoners on the other points at issue.

To Compensate Crow Creek Indians.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The president sent to the senate today a letter from Secretary Noble recommending favorable consideration of the bill appropriating $187,000 to compensate the Crow Creek Indians in South Dakota for loss sustained in receiving less land per capita in their diminished reservation than is received by Indians occupying other diminished reservations.

Public Building Bills Approved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The president has approved the acts for public buildings at Davenport, Ia., and Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Raum Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—J. D. Ferguson, national bank examiner, was called to the stand by the Raum investigating committee today, but nothing new regarding the case was elicited.

DISFIGURED FOR LIFE.

Two Little Boys Held Over a Fire and Terribly Burned.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This afternoon two little boys, each twelve years of age, Freddie Hackberth and August Priese, went to a pond near the corner of Twenty-third street and North avenue to skate. While skating three older boys came up and lighted a fire. After a good bed of coals had formed they seized the little fellows and held their faces over the flames, telling them they were going to make niggers of them. The cries of the broiling youngsters attracted some workmen, who rushed up in time to save the boys' lives, but not in time to save them from being disfigured for life. The lads' faces were so badly burned that the flesh will fall off and they may lose their eyesight. They were taken in charge by the police and taken to their homes. No arrests have yet been made.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York—Steamer Aurania, from Liverpool; La Bretagne, from Havre.

At Liverpool—The Iowa, from Boston.

At Glasgow—The Siberia, from Boston; the State of Nevada, from New York.

At London—The Egyptian Monarch, from New York.

Introduced but Not Passed.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A resolution was introduced in the general assembly today providing that if the elections bill is passed by congress New York will make no appropriation for nor take any part in the world's fair.

Killed His Sweetheart and Suicided.

GLENWOOD, Minn., Jan. 26.—In Ben Wade township this morning Christ Abrahamson, aged eighteen, killed Annie Simonson, aged fifteen, and then suicided. The girl had refused to marry him.

A Wichita Bank Closes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26.—A special from Wichita, Kan., says the savings bank of Wichita closed its doors today. Liabilities, $31,000; assets, $75,000.

Parnell at Waterford.

WATERFORD, Jan. 25.—Parnell today addressed the largest meeting during his campaign. The McCarthyites held a counter demonstration.

THE LICENSE BOARD.

It Listens to Protests and Transacts Routine Business.

Mayor Cushing, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Gilbert were the three members of the board of fire and police commissioners who met last night to superintend the weekly grind of routine business.

The board first took up the protests which have been filed against the issuance of a license to George Foster, who wishes to open a saloon at 3802 Sherman avenue. Mr. Edward Rosewater presented a protest against licensing Mr. Foster, for the reason that his notice of application for a saloon license was not published according to law and in accordance with the rulings of the board—viz., in the paper having the largest circulation in the county, which is THE BEE.

Foster was called before the board and stated that he filed his advertisement at the World-Herald office on January 5, and did not learn until the following day that THE BEE had the largest circulation. He admitted that his advertisement did not appear in the World-Herald until after the board had ruled that all such notices, to be legal, must be published in THE BEE, but said he had left his notice at the World-Herald office before he knew better, so he decided not to change.

The other protest against Mr. Foster's license was by citizens in the vicinity of the store where he proposes to open the saloon. They claim that it is a residence portion of the city and a saloon is not a desirable institution in that neighborhood. The protests were taken under advisement and will be heard in full next Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Henry Hornberger and Gus Schultz will have a rehearing of their cases on Thursday at 2 p. m.

Officers Fiddis and McCreary were found guilty of leaving their beats and going to Storz & Ilge's brewery at 2:30 in the morning to drink beer. They were fined thirty days' pay and were suspended for that length of time.

Chief Seavey, in response to the request of the board, handed in a list of the officers whom he thinks are incapacitated for police duty. Several of them have been sick all the way from sixty to eighty days during the past year.

The committee on laws, ordinances and regulations reported adversely upon the proposed amendment to the laws regulating the police relief association.

THE BICYCLE RACE.

The Coliseum Packed to the Doors on the Opening Night.

The great six-day bicycle race began at the Coliseum last night, and if the crowd in attendance is any criterion to go by, it will be the most interesting event that ever took place in this famous structure. There was not a soul less than eight thousand people on hand and the crush was something appalling. As early as 7 o'clock the crowd began to arrive, and a half hour later the street in front of the building was one seething, jostling sea of people. Many ladies fainted in the jam as the crowd surged forward to gain entrance, and the clubs of a half score of policemen were ineffective in keeping them back. By half past 8 every available space inside the amphitheater, in the reserve seats and on the promenades, in fact throughout the whole vast building, was occupied by man, woman or child. A fine band was on hand and its stirring strains only enhanced the excitement of the occasion.

The riders—Reading, Martin, Schill, Gerwing and Ashinger—were promptly given a send-off at 7:30, and the struggle at once became enthusiastic in the extreme. The crowd cheered and the riders bent to their work, with Net Reading cutting the pace. Gerwing and Martin also rode well, and the betting was about equally divided between these three.

Railroad News.

Superintendent Goodnow of the Iowa lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, has sent out the following telegram relating to the recent strike of operators on that line:

"Everything is now open on the main line and branches of this division. There has never been any trouble in filling the places of the men that quit. We have been besieged with hundreds of applications, some men coming to us from the New York Central railway on account of better wages. The class of men we now have is superior to those who went out."

E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, is in Chicago attending the meeting of the Transcontinental association.

John Francis went to Chicago last night to attend the meeting of the Transcontinental and Western traffic associations.

A. R. Newton, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central road, is in the city.

Ex-Master Mechanic Bywater of the Utah division of the Union Pacific, is now master mechanic of the Utah Central.

Thrown From His Wagon.

A. P. Haley, who keeps a grocery store at Brown Park, South Omaha, was thrown from his wagon last night on his way home from the city and sustained a very painful scalp wound. Nine stitches were required to sew up the gash. Mr. Haley sustained several other slight injuries, but is not dangerously hurt.

IT BUILT ITSELF A HOUSE.

An Exceptional Feat Performed by a Youthful Chicago Daily.

CARTER'S CHANCES FOR THE SENATE.

The Case of General Palmer Appears Hopeless and Harrison's Election Will Leave the Mayoralty Open for Cregier.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—For the first time in the annals of journalism a new paper has built itself a new home—and paid for it—during the first nine months of its existence.

Early this morning, while the industrious milkmen were still busy with the hydrants and long before merry sparrows on the housetops had completed their matutinal toilets, the Evening Post moved into its new building at 164 and 166 Washington street, and today's paper was issued from that handsome domicile with the gilt edge and bronze front. The new Herald building, which is two doors east of the Post, is rapidly nearing completion and the Post's morning rival for excellence in the journalistic field will move into it before very long.

CARTER HARRISON FOR SENATOR.

Chicago democratic leaders are begining to urge the retirement of General John M. Palmer from the senatorial fight. They say in substance that the general never can be elected and hint that the only salvation for the democrats is to throw him overboard and take up a new man. In case this is done the new man will probably be Carter H. Harrison. Harrison's name is said to be brought forward by Mayor Cregier, who wants to keep him out of the mayoralty race. Within a few days it is believed that the Palmer boom will have wasted what little strength it has. Then Carter Harrison will be sprung. He will be supported by the solid democratic vote, reinforced, he hopes, by republicans from the west division of the city. These would be enough to elect him, and his adherents would then turn to Cregier during the fast approaching spring campaign.

MR. OWENBY IS ELUSIVE.

Mr. J. A. Owenby, who was served with a summons at his rooms at the Richelieu to appear before the silver pool investigation committee at Washington has, it is alleged, managed to elude the government officials who came here to escort him to Washington. At the hotel this morning, it was learned that Mr. Owenby had given up his apartments and his confidential friends said that the prospect of the trip to Washington to reveal strange stories about the silver scheme had not exactly met his ideas, and he had decided to remain away.

"I am positive that Mr. Owenby will not testify in Washington unless they find him and take him there by force," said the confidential friend.

WORLD'S FAIR MATTERS.

Early tomorrow morning work will be commenced on the temporary building to be erected on the lake front for the use of the construction bureau of the fair. This in a certain sense marks the opening work on the exposition buildings. In case Lyman Gage carries out his intention of resigning the presidency of the world's fair directory it is said Ferdinand W. Peck, father of the great Auditorium, will be his successor, although names of several other men, including Secretary Butterworth and Vice President Bryan, are mentioned for the place. Secretary Butterworth, who arrived from Washington this morning, said the Candler report would not cut much of a figure in future legislation affecting the fair.

Alternate Mercer of Wyoming is in the city and protesting against irritating inaction in world's fair matters and, particularly, as regards the live stock exhibits. He stated that unless the board did something soon that the western live stock men would not make an exhibit at all.

MISS WILLARD CRITICIZED.

The Presbyterian ministers at their weekly meeting, at the Grand Pacific today, discussed the temperance movement. Rev. James Lewis of the Central, John, led with a lengthy paper on "Dangerous Tendencies of the Present Great Temperance Movement."

"The most dangerous tendency," he said, "was that to lead the multitude of Christian men and women in the train of anti-Christ."

Anti-Christ in this case was the temperance movement led by Miss Willard. With the latter's ends and motives Mr. Lewis took no issue, but her mode of procedure he severely criticised. It was sacrificing the church of Christ.

SPALDING MAY BE KING.

It is not at all improbable that Chicago will henceforth be the throne of the king of baseball, A. S. Mills having, in his non-acceptance of the chairmanship of the national board of control, thrust the crown from him. A. G. Spalding is likely to be chosen as sceptor wielder, as Mr. Mills, in declining, strongly urges Spalding for the place.

It will probably be a month before the action of the board in choosing a president will be made known. Spalding declines to commit himself as to whether he will accept the important place if it is offered him, but the impression prevails in baseball circles that he will do so.

SYNDICATE SKIN GRAFTING.

The example set by Chicago in the syndicate skin grafting in the case of Sir Knight Dickinson on Sunday a week ago was followed yesterday at Springfield, O., in the case of Dr. Runyan, a prominent dentist there, who had been suffering from necrosis of the bone in the right leg. The operation of removing the dead bone left an exposed surface four inches long by two inches wide. Runyan is a Mason, and to cover up the exposed space fourteen members of his lodge yesterday submitted to the operation of having taken each from his left arm a portion of skin, which was deftly transferred to the right leg of Dr. Runyan. It is thought the doctor will rapidly recover.

NEBRASKANS IN CHICAGO.

Among the westerners in the city today were the following:

At the Wellington—T. H. Taylor, Omaha.

At the Grand Pacific—D. D. O'Shea, Lincoln; E. L. Lomax, J. J. Johnson, J. R. Kathrens of Sioux City Ia. Mr. Lomax is here attending the special meeting of the transcontinental passenger agents.

At the Palmer—C. Mendelssohn, Mrs. Lander, Omaha; M. Gukeen, Sioux City, Ia.; E. B. Coon, Hastings, Neb.

A NUT TO CRACK.

Where Does the Old Agreement End and the New One Begin?

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—[Special Telegram to to THE BEE.]—The commissioners of the new Western Traffic association were to have held their initial meeting today, but, owing to the absence of Commissioner Smith, the meeting was postponed until tomorrow. The hardest point they will have to decide, next to pooling the business, is as to when the jurisdiction of the old agreements shall end and that of the new one begin. The old