DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Mother's Penitentiary Contract the Subject of Investigation.

A MOVE TO ABOLISH BUCKET SHOPS.

Switzler's Resolution Relating to Usury and Stay Laws-Omaha Charter Amendments - Saturday's Proceedings.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- Special to THE BEE. |- The committe on revenue and taxation reported that the bill introduced by Sternsdorff requiring the county clerk to give notice to writing of the redemption of all lands sold for taxes to the parties holding the tax deeds and certificates be indefinitely postponed. Sternsdorff moved to piace the olli on the general file. Lest-80 to 34, and the recommendation of the committee agreed

Mr. Stebbins offered the following resolu-

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the validity, expediency and policy of the contract heretofore entered into between the state of Neuraska and one C. W. Mosher of the city of Lincoln, relative to the mainten-ance of convicts confined in the state peni-tentiary, and the labor of said convicts, and Whereas Doubts have arisen as to the power of the state to farm out convict labor, and convict maintenance, and as to the means by which said contract was procured, there-

Resolved. That the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a special com-mittee of five members to inquire and report to the house, with all convenient speed, on

he following subjects:

1. Full and complete information as to the is of such contract, when it began and when it expires. 2. Whether the convicts now confined in

the state penitentiary are being subsisted and maintained under said contract, and whether they are performing labor under 3. What profit per annum, if any, is being made or realized by said C. W. Mosher under

4. Whether there is any other feasible way of maintaining said convicts cheaper than under said contract, taking into account their labor to be performed for the state direct. 5. Whether any improper means were used by said C. W. Mosher or any one for him in

Whether said convict labor as now performed in any way conflicts with or cheapens private labor, 7. Whether said contract is valid and binding on the state or not, and if not, whether it

the procurement of said contract.

nied wiht recommendations.

is advisable to annul the same. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, hear witnesses, take and report evidence and employ counsel if deemed necessary. It shall hold its sessions at such times and places as may be deemed necessary, and its report shall be accompa-

White moved to strike out all reference to a special committee and refer the resolution to the standing committee on penitentiaries. Stebbins said the matter called for special investigation. White thought the penitestiary committee could make the inquiries called for by the

resolution. Pohlman (rep) said he was on the peniten tiary committee and they had nothing to do. Sternsdorff thought that the independents had taken all the committees and were being overworked, and said some of the democrats were only on one and had plenty of time, and suggested that the independents who were members of over five committees should resign and give the other side of the house a

chance to do some work.

The speaker thought such a proceeding would not be in order.
Stebbirs (ind) said that the independents had been charged with wasting time, but he considered the fillibustering came from the other side of the house.

Roll call on White's amendment was demanded by Stebbins, which resulted—yeas, 65; nays, 19. The resolution as amended was adopted. The house went into committee of the

whole on bills on the general file. The following were reported back for pas-By Smith-Compelling railroads to build

passage ways under the track, where the grade is five feet high and over. By Vandeventer—Requiring railroads to fence and keep crossings in repair, where the land on both sides of the track is owned by By Howe -To prohibit bucket shops and

other species of gambling. There was a very animated discussion over this measure, many members claiming that the bill was not intended to prevent specu-lating in options and would be ineffectual for his purpose. Howe made a viceorous defence of the bill

and said the people all over the state were asking for just such a law. Moan of Dakota declared that there were more American bank officers in Canada to-day for dealing in "futures" than from all other causes, and that such a law was urgently demanded by the business interests

of the state. When the committee arose a recess was taken until 4 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. A large number of bills were introduced, among them the following: By Oleson-For the apportionment and esignation of congressional districts.

By Hinkle-Joint resolution to amend sec

tion 5 of article 8 of the constitution of Ne-By Huse-For an act entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners, for the purpose of securing for use in the common schools of the state of Nebraska, a series of text-books, defining the duties of certain officers therein named, with reference thereto, making appropriations therefor; de fining certain felonies and misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emer

By Huse (by request)-To regulate interest received by state, county and city treasurers By McReynolds—To provide cheaper text books and for district ownership of the same. By Gillilan—To provide for the reimburse-ment of W. H. B. Stout for discounts upon state warrants issued to him in connection with contract for the erection of the main capitol building, and to make an appropriation of \$35,600 for the same,

By McKesson-To regulate and determine the rate that railroad and transportation companies shall be entitled to charge, demand ollect and receive for the transporta freight arising within the state of Nebraska. By Oakley (in behalf of the relief commit--To authorize the several counties of this state to issue warrants on the general funds of the county, in excess of the amount now authorized by law, not to exceed 10 per cent of the grand assessment roll of the ser eral counties, and to provide for funding the

By Schelp-To amend subdivision 20, of section 39, of chapter 14, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska of 1887. By Modie-To increase the license fee in of 10,000 inhabitants and over from

11,000 to \$2,000.

By Cramb—To amend chapter 53 of the criminal code of Nebraska, entitled "Par dons, reprieves and mitigation of penalties." By Henry Stevens-To provide for the pay-ment of the expenses of the Nebraska na-tional guard, incurred in aiding in the late

Indian insurrection, and appropriating \$40. 100 for the same.

By Hinkle—To provide for the payment of ottes for the destruction of wild animal n the state of Nebraska, and to provide for in act entitled "An act to provide for the destruction of wild animals in the state of Nebraska." The bill provides a bounty to

e paid by the county of \$2 for each wolf, coyote or wildcat. By Fee - To organize the unorganized territory north of Holt into a county to be called

By Scott-To district the state of Ne braska into senatorial, representative and congressional districts, and for the appoint-

ment of senators, representatives and con-gressmen, and to fix the number of the same; and to repeal sections One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six of the compiled statutes of Nebraska.

By Felton Authorizing the state treasurer to transfer \$11,054.42 from the insane hespital fund to the state general fund. By Felton—To establish, locate and main-tain a state normal school at or near Nelson, Nuckells county, Nan, to be known and des-

ignated as the "Nelson state normal schoot," and to provide for receiving a donation of property for the same, and to appropriate funds for the purpose of constructing and formishing and maintaining the same.

By Soderman—To submit to the electors of the state of Nebrasia, for approval or rejection, an amendment to the constitution of the state of Nebraska, providing for the en-

etment or repeal of laws by petition of 40,000 The house heard reports from various com-The railroad committee reported back a betitute for the Newberry maximum tariff

bill, fixing freight rates the same as now exist in lows, and recommended the bill for Adjourned till 10 a. m. Monday.

the election contests for February 11.

The Senate. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 30,-|Special to Tru BEE, -The senate this morning received the two relief bills passed by the house and the concurrent resolution fixing the hearing of

Committees recommended the passage of Shen's bill to give police judges fuller juris diction over cases of assault and battery and Keiper's bill providing that the state shall bear the expense for the care and treatment of the insane.

ment of the insane.

On motion of its committee the senate killed off Day's bill prescribing the eigibility of district judges, Collins' bill to protect parties furnishing seed for sowing. Turner's bill to create a lien on crops in favor of the land-lord, and Koonts's bill aiming at the same purpose as Shea's, mentioned above. Dysart moved that the cierks and employes

n excess of sixty-six be discharged, but on notion of Beck the whole matter was referred o Koontz's committee on employes to inves irate and report.
Dysart's resolution of yesterday to disarge all but four pages was tabled. Poynter moved to suspend standing rule 24

or the remainder of the session, and permi bills with a favorable committee report to go directly to the general file instead of lying over a day. On objection the resolution went A resolution by Koontz was passed provid

ing for a standing committee on fish and game of five members to be appointed by the Switzler introduc d the following res ation, which went over until Monday unde Whereas, An erroneous Impression.

n certain sections of the country to the effect hat the legislature of Nebraska contemplates assuing very radical measures on the subject f interest and mortgages, now, therefore to otroot said increasing the orrect said impression, be it Resolved. That it is the sense of the senate lat it is unwise to change the prevailing legal ite of interest.

ate of interest. Resolved, furthermore. That we deem it in spedient to extend the time of stays of exe ution on mortgages.
Resolved, That these resolutions be fur-ished the associate press for publication over the certificate of the presiding officer. The senate adjourned till 4 o'clock Monday

To Restore Confidence. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- (Special to THE BEE, |-- When Senator Switzler introduced his resolution to correct the impression that there would be radical changes in the interest, the stay and the usury laws he asked unanimous consent to make a few remarks. which was granted. He said that a great in justice had been done the state and the legis lature by false reports having been spread abroad about the radical course this legislature would take on the subject of interest and stays to mortgage judgments. It was well known fact that the money lender of the country had withdrawn from the state and that it was next to impossible to borrow any money, even on gilt-edged property This was a great hardship on the citizens of the state, and the resolution, he hoped, would tend to give renewed confidence. He was satisfied that in the senate, at least, there prevailed a decided sentiment against any

Omaha Charter Amendments. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Senator Switzler this morning sent to the secretary's desk five or six bills embodying changes in the Omaha charter, but adjournment intervened before they could be out on first reading. They will come up Monday. They are introduced in the senate to expedite matters.

radical changes on the money question, and he hoped the senate would pass the resolution

unanimously on Monday.

The bill relating to the fire and police commission is not among those introduced The typewritten copy left the appointment of the commission in hands of the governor. Some crossed out "governor" and wrote Senator Switzler says he will not ce the bill unless the appointing power is vested in the governor. He believes the legislature will object to making a change unless it has assurance that it is favored by a considerable majority of the people of Omaha. No such evidence has been given and the sentiment of legislators from other parts of the state seems to be against a change that is likely to bring the fire and police departments into party politics.

The Maximum Tariff Bill.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 31.- [Special to Tas BEE. |-The house railway committee this afternoon presented the maximum tariff biil drafted by the committee. Several days have been consumed in the preparation, and legal assistance has been called in. The following is a brief synopsis of the bill:

Sec. 1. This act applies to all common carriers doing business in this state, and allows no extra charges for bridges and ferries. Sec. 2. Fixes the classification of freight to be known as the "Nebraska classification," and provides that freight shall be billed at the actual weight, and carloads at 20,000

Sec. 3 and 4. Provide that all roads cross ing at or below grade shall build a switch at pro rata cost for transferring cars from one ne to the other, and require the roads make one joint rate. Sec. 5. All railways or parts thereof built within two years after the passage of this act shall be exempt from the operations

cof until January 1, 1895. Sec. 6. Whenever any railroad subject he provisions of this act shall consider rates fixed by this act, or by the board of transportation, unreasonable and unjust and shall prove this to the supreme court by competent testimony, they shall be exempt from the provisions of this act to the extent that rates shall be raised to such a figure by the board that the roads may make a fair interest on investment; provided that the rates shall in no case be higer than those prevailing on fanuary 1, 1891. If a railroad company is also operating branch lines it duty of the railroad to show to the court upon what division or branch the rates are too low, and the increase shall only effect such

c. 7. Empowers the board of transporta tion to reduce the rates when in their opinion it may seem just and reasonable to do so. Sec, 9. Any common carrier violating this law shall be liable to the party damaged, in

three times the amount of injury sustained, together with the costs. or injury actually The rates fixed by this bill are exactly the same as those fixed for the first class roads in Iowa, which include all of the main trunk All roads are put in one class, while in lows there are three classes, based on the total gross earnings. This bill abolishes the present board of transportation, and vests the duties of this office in the governor, with authority to appoint three secretaries at a sal-

A Retier Bill.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31.-[Special to Tur BEE. |-- The state relief committee has prepared a bill authorizing counties to issue warrants on the general fund of the county n excess of the amount now authorized by law, not to exceed 10 per cent of the assess ment roll of each county. The money be used in purchasing seed grain for the tlers. The bill was introduced by Mr. Oak-

For Militia Expenses.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Adjutant General Vifquain has submitted a bill of \$40,000, to cover the expenses of the Nebraska national guard in protecting the Nebraska border during the late Indian

Mr. Stevens of Platte, who is chairman of the house committee on militia, has introduced a bill providing for the above named appropriation, but says that when the bill is referred back to his committee he will re-

quire an itemized account of the expenses incurred, and allow only so much of such claim as may appear reasonable and just. He as may appear reasonable and just. He evidently rather thinks the bill out of proportion to the services rendered

Boss ' tout's Claim Again. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 31 .- | Special to The BEE. |-Boss Stout has bobbed up as serenely as ever with his claim for interest on his warrants, which be says the state was unable to pay and which he was compelled to discount. The amount claimed is about \$95,000. This is the same claim that was so queeremoniously knocked out by the house two years ago. The bill was introduced by McKesson of Lancaster at Mr. Stout's re-quest, and will come up for action in the proper committee some time next week.

Increasing the Saloon License. Lixcotn, Neb., Jan. 31 .- Special to THE BEE, !-An important bill was introduced in the house today by Wodie, the third party prohibitionist from Red Willow. The bill increases the fees for saloon licenses in cities of 10,000 inhabitants from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Mr. Modie is confident the measure will pass. "All of our boys (meaning the independents are with me, and we will get some help from the other side," is the remark he made when asked what he thought would become of his

Industrial Home Deficiency. LINCOLN, Nep., Jan. 31 .- | Special to THE BEE. |- The management of the Industrial home at Milford has submitted to the legislature a summary of the work performed at

that place the past year.
The report shows that the home

was opened May 1, 1889 and that from that time until November 30, 1890, fifty-seven immates were admitted. Of this number forty-five were children. The object of the institution is set forth as being to furnish a Christian bome to penitent girls and I is held that the object is being attained. The report further shows that from Decem ber I just until April I of this year there will be a deficit of \$3,800. To make good this amount and provide for the next two years management asks for an appropriation of

To Benefit the Insane.

\$35,100.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- | Special to THE BEE. |-Senator Keiper's bill, providing that the state shall bear the cost of board, care and treatment of the insune in state hospitals has been recommended for passage by the committee. It involves a large additional expense for the state and is likely to provoke much discussion. Two years ago Mr. Keiper introduced it into the house and there was but one vote against it. It stood a fair chance of passage in the senate, but through the de lay of a committee it was taken up just be-fore the close of the session and one day too late to pass.

Senator Keiper is a retired physician and us made something of a study of insanity "This bill," he says, "is in the interest of humanity. Under the present law the cost of board, care and treatment is taxed up to the estate or the relatives of the patient. What is the result! In many, many cases patients are taken away from the hospitals prematurely simply because they can be kept cheaper at home. At home the get indifferent treatment at best, and in many cases they are allowed to roam about without any provision except a little food and clothing. Not only is recovery refood and clothing. Not only is recovery re tarded, but such persons are a menace t neighbors, and in some instances a terror to who communities. The insancare the most unfor unate people on the globe, and yet they are not treated as well by the state as the blind, the deaf and the dumb. Why, the life of the blind is a poem compared with the pitiable existence of the insane. The com-mittee were unanimously in favor of the bill. and I find that it will have a hearty support

Boyd and the Appropriation. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31.—[Special to Tue Bee.]—Considerable interest has been displayed to ascertain how the independents who have come here but fily supplied with money have been able to support themselves luring the session. It was ascertained today that they are in the main indebted to Captain Hill, state treasurer, who has been advancing them money on his own responsibility. He has notified the members who have applied to him for money to bring an order from the speaker or president and clerk of their respective houses and a receipt and that he Hill has advanced about \$12,000. The audoes not officially appear transaction because he ca the transaction issue a warrant upon any fund for which an appropriation has not been made. It is known, however, that Mr. Benton has accommodated a few of the legis-lators on his own responsibility. It is ru-mored that Mr. E. E. Brown of the State

National bank has done likewise.

The house has already passed an appropriation bill for \$75,000 for salaries and mother for \$0,000 for incidental expenses.

The former will doubtless pass the senate with a rush. It will also be likely the first bill which will be presented to the governor for his signature. Without this presentation cannot be signed, and without th signature the appropriation would be value

Such a presentation and such a signature would be virtually an admission on the part of both houses that Mr. Boyd is governor. and perhaps knock out the projected contest

Hopelessly Entangled.

Lancoln, Neb., Jan. 31.- Special to THE BEE. |- Speaker Elder became hope lessly entangled in a parliamentary snari to day. White of Cass moved to adjourn, but on a suggestion from Mr. Moan he was in duced to withdraw the motion. Moan ther moved to go into committee of the whole to consider bills on general file.

White immediately renewed his motion to adjourn, but the speaker ruled that business having been transacted the motion was not in orde and White dropped back in his seat the picture of astonishment. A half dozen mem bers were on the floor at once, some wanting to be excused, others wanting to go on with the regular order, and a few to go into com-mittee. The speaker endeavored to act perfectly fair and entertain all these various motions at once, but getting into too deep water, he pounded with his gavel and ex-claimed: "Let us have order. We cannot do anything while you are all standing around here hollering." With this remark which struck the gaileries as peculiarly ap-propriate, the speaker cut the gordian knot, and the house fell back into some semblance

Foreclosing the U. P. Mortgage. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31 .- [Special to Tan Bre.]-The first concurrent resolution which was introduced in the house was that by Mr Gale, which was read January 12. It was passed January 23 by a vote of 86 to 7.

Yesterday a favorable report was made or the matter by the committee of the senate and it is expected that it will pass in that body. The resolution read as follows: Resolved by the house of representatives of the state of Nebraska, the senate concurring That our senators in congress are hereby in-structed and our representatives requested to demand the immediate foreclosure by the government of the mortgage 1t now holds against the Union Pacific road.

Legislative Notes. Senator Hill was called home by sickness

Senator Shea still lies at the Lincoln hotel n an alarming condition. Church Howe succeeded in dividing the adependents almost in the middle with his little usury bill. Representative Godard of Frontier, who

been sick for several days, was in his seat again this morning. Mr. Cramb (rep.) of Jefferson is proving one of the most valuable members of the house railroad committee, The press gallery is under many obligations

nd Assistant Clerk Bigelow of the house for favors extended. Modic has introduced a bill increasing license fees for saloons in cities of over 1,000 inhabitants from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The bill providing for a reduction in stock-yards charges is No. 84, instead of 35, and

was introduced in the house by Williams, and ot Hinckle, as reported. Senator Dysart says "reform" was the chief issue in his campaign, and he is going to fight extravagances in the matter of em-Mr. Waldron (ind.) of Adams who intro-

duced the bill for recounting the vote on the prohibitory amendment, voted against the motion by Stavens to indefinitely postpone the bill. Owing to the noise and confusion prevailing the clerk failed to hear his re-

DODASS. Hon. C. W. Hennich of Garffeid, who was called home by the sad accident to his son, had anything but an agreeable experience in returning to the capital. Near Palmer the train ran into a buge snowdrift, where it remained for eight hours. He also suffered another delay from the same cause farther down the line. Mr. Hennich is accompanied

SILVER POOL INVESTIGATION. Several Witnesses Give Testimony Be-

fore the Committee.

Washington, Jan. 31 .- J. McDonald, cash-

ier of the Hanover National bank, appeared

by his wife and son.

before the silver poor investigating committee this morning and testified that he paid Owenby \$250 for information regarding the progress of silver legislation last session, but Owenby did not furnish any earlier information than was published in the newspapers. John W. Hedenberg, a Chicago real estate dealer, referred to in the testimony of Hill and George, said he had talked with numbers of congressmen on the general subject of silver, but never with any view of inducing them to purchase. He never suggested to Hill or George in any way that they sell silver certificates to members of congress or any oody else. He did not know of the exis tence of a silver pool. In his conversation with Hill and George they professed to be able to give him information as to the course of legislation, but he did not follow the matter up, as he was not impressed favorably with the men and did not believe them reliable. He went back and forth between here and New York and Hill and George followed him to get an engage-ment. They said it would require a great deal of labor and the expenditure of some mey for coupes, cigars, saloen charges, etc Witness did not think much of the informa tion that came through saloons, and stood them off. Witness remarked that the expenses he had borne to further legislation were legitlimate hotel bills, printing, etc. Congressman Payson said be had never been approached by Hedenberg, but simply talked to him about silver generally. Heden-

borg had explained the method of specula-tion and shown him silver certificates. He-denberg had written to him for advice as to the probable course of legislation, but Pay-son declined to advise him. Heccuberg never intimated that he wanted him (Payson) to invest in silver certificates.

Congressman Perkins of Kansas made specific denial of the published intimation that he had any information concerning the

illeged pool. Owenby will be here Monday.

CAUGHT AT THEIR OWN GAME. A Brace of Bad Men Who Wrecked

a Train. CHAMA, N. M., Jun. 31 .- On August 11. 1890, the school house at this place was burned under such circumstances as to leave no doubt but that it was the work of incendiaries. A few nights previously a traveling elecutionist was held up and robbed of the proceeds of his performance. Both affairs have been shrouded in mystery until today. J. L. De Long, a detective, arrived in town yesterday with several articles for which he speedily found owners. It seems that in November, 1890, two men attempted to wreck a train near Otterville The train was running very slowly and though the cars jumped the track no one was hurt. The perpetrators were caught and jailed. From letters found upon them it was learned that they had burned the school house and committed the robbery at this place. Also robbed a trunk of Colonel W. E. Broad, who identified the clothing brought

out by the detectives.

The men arrested are H. W. Lawrence, ains Whitcliffe alias W. A. Ferguson, and George B. Smith, alias Sanford, alias W. F. Stern. The two nien worked here about two months last summer at painting and grain ing, leaving here September 18. Owing to their constantly heing employed, they were not suspected of the robbery and arson. A red celluloid conf picked up at the scene of the train wrecking was dentified by M. M. Morgan as one sold of him to Smith. Messrs. Morgan and Broad will go east to identify the men, and when Missouri gets through with them the New Mexico penitentiary will doubtless have cells at their disposal.

MAMMOTH MINE DISASTER.

An Investigation late the Causes of the Fatal Accident. SCOTTDALE, Pa., Jan. 31.- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE.] -All is quiet at the Mammoth mines. The shaft was thoroughly searched today for the four bodies supposed to be missing, but no trace of them could be

secured and the general impression is that they were numbered among the dead. The legislative committee which is now at the cene making an examination as to the probattention throughout the region and interest is reviving. They will continue their investigations all pext week or until it is completed Mr. Farrell, a member of the committee, was here touight. He stated that a thorough investigation would be made. He said they were through the shaft today where the ex losion occurred, but were not satisfied with the first visit and would revisit the mine

Selling School Lands. HURON, S. D., Jan. 31 .- A large number of chool lands in South Dakota are being advertised for sale by Hon. Thomas H. Ruth state commissioner of school and and public lands. He has arranged to sell all school lands in Yankton, Clay, Union and Lincoln counties and all but two ranges in Minnehaha county. A few sections in Turner, Bor Homme, Hutchinson, Hanson, Moody, Brookings, Kingsbury, Codington, Grant and Rob erts counties will also be sold. The total number of sections to be sold is about one nundred and thirty, equal to more than

The law governing the sale provides that no school lands shall be sold for less than \$10 per acre; those in close proximity to thriving cities and good railroad and market towns will sell for a much larger sum. The average price will not fall short of \$15 per acre, thus aggregating a million or more de lars from the saloof the lands now advertised The sale will begin in Yankton on March 24 for lands in that county, and will be supering tended by the commissioner. All lands no sold will be leased. It is estimated that the leases will foot up to not less than \$50,000. This will give about 60 cents to each school child in the state. Leases will be made for a erm of five years.

An Old-Fashioned Snow Storm. HURON, S. D., Jan. 31.- Special Telegram THE BEE.]-The first genuine snow storm this winter prevalled here today, accompanied by a strong north wind, drifting the fallen

snow but not materially interfering with railroad traffic. Forty-six men, of company H, Seventh United States infantry, under command of Captain Sanno, arrived here this afternoon from Fort Sully going to Fort Leavenworth. They will be followed by the other troops next week, commising nearly all sent to the reservation during the Indian troubles.

Nibilists Again Plotting. WARSAW, Jan. 207-Startling rumors are current to the effect that Russian nihilists are preparing for phother coup March 13, the anniversary of the assassination of the czar. It is believed that they will assassinate some high official. The Russian police are exceedngly vigilant.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 31 .- Barker Brothers & Co., bankers, who assigned recently, have effected a settlement with their creditors and today resumed business under the name of Eyraud Must Hang. Paris, Jan. 31.-The Figaro today states that the committee of pardons has decided

The Barkers Resume Business.

murderer. Senator Voorhees' Mother Dead. VERDEBSBURG, Ind., Jan. 31 .- The mother of Senator Voorhees died today, aged eighty-

against the commutation of the sentence of

ath passed upon Eyraud, the condemi

YOUTHFUL BURGCAR CAUGHT.

Only Nineteen and on the Way to a Second Penitentiary Term.

SOCIETY NOTES FROM FALLS CITY.

The Union Pacific Has no More Use for Its Blockading Engines-A Eestrice Ex-Official After His Salary.

ARSPAROE, Neb., Jan. 31 .- | Special to THE BRE . - Walter Barnett, aged mineteen, formerly residing a face miles morthwest of this place and lately returned from Missouri, where he has been serving a term in the penitentiary at Jeffersonville, was this morning rearrested on a complaint for house-breaking at Sedalia, Mo. As official from Sedalia arrived here on the early morning train and took charge of the young man, who nas been held for two days in custody of Constable C. H. Watts, who had considerable difficulty in convincing the Missouri official that certain legal and necessary perquisites of his office must be paid before he would urn his man over.

Denounce the Legislature.

Union, Neb., Jan. 31,-|Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-At a meeting of the citizens of Liberty precinct for the relief of the western sufferers held in Union tonight the soliciting committee showed a report of over \$400 coatributed, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Wherens, The legislature of the state of
Nebraska has by its action ignored the wants and needs of the people of the western part of the state of Nebraska, and

ceived of the wants and needs of these peode, therefore be it Resolved. That we denounce the action of the legislature in not recognizing the wants of said people in their great distress, and would recommend that they would immediately appropriate \$100,000 for their relief.

Whereas, Complaints are being daily re-

Contractors at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 31,- Special to THE BEE.]-The \$80,000 court house bonds have been sold to the state at par, to be paid for out of the nermanent school fund. As they will draw interest only as the money is need, this is conjugatent to considerably above par. A number of capitalists who were bid-bing for the bonds are very much disappointed by this action of the commissioners out the people of Cass county are very well

Today the board of commissioners has der consideration the bids, plans and speciications of the several parties who have enered into competition for the contract of omilding the new temple of justice. A number of contractors are in town and very anxious for the contract.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 31 .- | Special to THE BEE.]-At a meeting of the Plattsmouth turnverein at their hall on Washington avenue last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Presiient, John Sattler; treasurer, John Lutz; instructor, Henry Kummerow, Louis Karges and Henry Zukweiler, Louis Karges and Henry Zukweiler,

At the recent convention of Nebraska turners in Omaha it was decided that the general headquarters should hereafter be in Plattsmouth, and the next annual convention will be held in this city. These considera-tions were obtained through the efforts of the Plattsmouth delegates. Henry Kummerow, Carl Hanni and John P. Sattler The Blockade Rais d.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 31.—|Special Telegram to The Bee. |—The Union Pacific blockading engines, which have been stationed at all points that might be seized or occupied by the Rock Island engines, were ordered pulled off today, as a result of Judge Dundy's decision in the Milwaukee case. Three or four Union Pacific engines have been on duty, night and day, stationed on switches connecting with the Rock Island since January 4. The blockade can now be considered

een given at Lincoln.

Wagner is Stubborn. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 24.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Suit has been filed in the district court by the city of Beatrice against ex-Water Commissioner W. A. Wagner and his bondsmen, S. P. Lester and C A. Jackson for \$1,500 belonging to the city, alleged to have been withheld by the defend-ant and which he refuses to turn over to his successor. Wagner's friends claim that the city owes over that amount to him as salary and decline to make a full settlement until the city pays, or guarantees to pay, him his delinquent stipend.

Swallowed a Screw. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 30.-[Special

Telegram to THE BELL -A cloven-year-old son of John Hall accidently swallowed a screw nearly two inches in length. It stuck n his throat and was cut out by a surgeon just in time to save the lad's life, After Damages. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 31.-[Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-Mrs. Amanda Shead has entered suit against the city for \$5,000 dam-

ages sustained by her in November last, through her getting a leg broken by a hole in a defective walk on West Court street. McIntosh in Hock. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 31 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-William McIntosh was arrested today, charged with stealing a

purse and \$45 from James Kirk. He will

have his hearing Monday. Falls City Notes.

Falls City, Neb., Jan. 31.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Miss Nellie Holt returned from Brownell hall, Omaha, where she has been attending school, Monday, on account of being ill She will return as soon as her health permits.

The Pleasant Hour club gave a very enjoy able dance at Jennes' opera house last Friday night. About twenty-nine couples attended Parties from Hiawatha, Rule and Pawnee City joined our young folks in tripping the light fantastic, and the merriment was con-tinued until a late hour. Next Friday night the club gives a calico ball and a nice time is Dancing is the principal amusement here

ow since the condition of the ice has stopped the skating parties, which were so numer-ous during the holidays. Prof. F. Beaulien has organized a dancing class, which is largely attended, and affords a pleasant re reation for those participating. A Woman's Relief Corps has recently been organized here as an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. There is also a

flourishing organization of Daughters of Vet erans in this city. The ladies who have the public library in charge are talking of giving a Dickens sup-per soon for the purpose of financial help.

It is rumored that arrangements have been completed for the publication of an alliance

paper at this place and the first issue will be next Friday. The bans of Ulrich Huber and Miss Rose Sedlemaye have been announced in the Cath-olic church. The event will occur February 3. The contracting parties are highly respected in this vicinity, and congratulations

ire universal. Last Monday night a party of twenty young folks drove to the residence of Everts, four miles south of town, and Everts, four miles south of town, and spent an exceedingly pleasant evening. Mr. Everts has one of the largest farms and finest residences in this locality, and his family are noted for their cordial hospitality. The party Monday night was in honor of Miss Ruth Everts, formerly a pupil of Brownell hall, Omaha, and Mrs. T. L. Himmelrelch, a guest from this city. Dancing and cards were the chief amusements, and it was at a late hour when the crowd returned home. late hour when the crowd returned home.

Ralph Kerr, an enterprising young jeweler of this city, leaves for Chicago next week to

nter school there. W. H. Orendorf of Canton, Ill., is the guest of his cousin, H. C. Smith. J. L. Slocum, a banker of this city, will erect a fine residence soon, work having been

ommenced on the cellar. The house is Hinton & Son have sold in the neighbor park and lake. These tickets include privi eges for skating, swimming, boating, bath-ng and picnicing for the coming season. This pleasure resort is bound to be a great drawing card

C. A. Boyle purchased O. McNett's meat market last week. Mr. Boyle is a young man of good business principles, an I will un-doubtedly make a success of this purchase.

IODA NEWS.

A Burlington Failure. BURLINGTON, Ia., Jan. 31.-The Brooke Smith company, wholesale grocers, fai today. Liabilities, \$50,000; assets, \$75,000. Schwatka Greatly Improved.

Mason City, Ia., Jan. 31 .- [Special Tele gram to Tue Bee. |-Lieutenant Schwatka is greatly improved. He has regained con ness and will probably recover

A Packing House Enterprise. Stoux Ciry, Ia., Jan. 31 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-An extensive new packing house will be built here in the spring. The parties back of the enterprise are interested in the new Central stock yards company, which has been hotly fought by the old Union stock yards company. Among those who will be interested in the new packing nouse are F. O. Squires of Boston and F. H.

A Shenanuoah Elopement.

Peavey of Minneapolis.

SHENANDOAR, In., Jun. 31 .- [Special to to THE BEE. |- One of the most sensational events of the season happened a day or two ago in the elopement and marriage of Charles Briggs, a prosperous young farmer of Page county, and Miss Myrtle Harman of Shen andcah. Owing to some objections of Miss Harman's father to the match, the young ounle took time by the forelock and skipped o Clarinda while the old man slept and w made man and wife. They returned to the pa rental roof and were forgiven.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 31 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE!-The supreme court filed the following opinions today: Goode and Wilcoxen, appellants, vs D. W. Stearns et al; Polk district; affirmed

M. E. Billings, appellant, vs W. H. Craddock; Decatur district; reversed.

M. J. Bevans, appellant, vs Mary J. Dewey; Henry district; reversed.

James Gallagher et al vs Samuel Bell et al, appellants; Louisa district; affirmed

Polk district; reversed. In re estate of Michael Holderbaum, deeased; Madison district; affirmed. Jurgan Theisen vs Willis and Francis Dayon and C. J. Ryan, appellants; Shelby dis trict; reversed

James Miller vs T. E. Brown, appellant;

Sionx City Will Stay In. Storx City, Ia., Jan. 31.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - The prospects are now that the Corn Huskers will be in the Western association this year. A meeting was held at the court house this evening and was largely attended. It was decided to make an effort to retain the club. Committees were appointed to solicit funds. Five thousand dollas, it is believed, will be enough to carry the club through the season. That amount was practically pledged at this evening's meeting. Committees will begin their work on Monday and be ready in a few days to report. There is no doubt now that the money will be raised. John S. Barnes, manager of the Spokane Falls club, the pennant winner in the Northern Pacific league last year, is here and will propably be Sioux City's manager. He says he can bring a strong club here, including some of the best in the Pacific league, at a smaller exthan has been heretofore incurred. Sloux City will have a winning club, if any. There is talk of a new ground near the center of the city, but it will proba-

A CANADIAN BURBLE.

It is Punctured by Secretary Blaine's Plain Speaking. TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 31 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The Globe publishes the

correspondence of the reciprocity quesion between Secretary Blaine Baker, and in an article on the subject said "The reports sent affoat from Ottawa to the effect that the United States government had made a trade proposal and that the alleged proposal was only confined to reciprocity in natural products, have received an effectual quietus. Our Washington correspondent, speaking on good authority, states this morning that a short time ago Sir Julian Pauncefote, acting, as was believed, at the instance of Sir John MacDonald, began to throw out feelers to the state department at Washington for a reciprocity treaty of some sort, in a purely informal manner Mr. Blaine stated that the United States government was prepared to treat with Great Britain for a treaty with Canada on the basis of unrediscuss any proposition which fell short of that. This is the whole history of the proposal said to have been by the United States government made by and which the Canadian ministerial journals announced had been referred to En-gland. Mr. Blaine's letter to Baker emphasizes the fact that nothing whatever, formal or otherwise, is now in progress between the governments, relating to any trade relations governments, relating to any trade relations with the United States and none will be entertained by the authorities at Washington, unless it goes beyond natural products. Our Washington correspondent has Mr. McKinley's authority for denying in toto Sir John MacDonald's allegation that hints or suggestions but a least given or sent to the committee of have been given or sent to the committee of ways and means at Washington, relative to duties affecting Canada in products, but that was an ordinary campaign roorback by com-parison with the elaborate fiction punctured by Mr. Blaine. The people of Canada now know exactly where they stand on this matter. Sir John McDonald has simply been humbugging them and, but for Mr. Blaine's denial, he would probably have gone on humbugging them with fables about par tial reciprocity until after the elections. The plain speaking of Mr. Blaine compels him to face a square issue which is, whether we shall have absolute free trade with our neighbors or whether we shall perpetuate the wretched policy of restriction that injures

They Are Weary.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. -The western railroads have watched the proceedings of the present session of congress with great interest since it first assembled. Latterly their interest has been changing to impatience and disgust. The reason of this is the slow progress or rather, want of progress, that has been made toward the passage of the proposed amendments, to the interstate act legalizing pooling and giving the interstate commerce ommission power to regulate pools when formed and enforce agreements pertaining to them, after they have been once accepted by the roads parties thereto. There now remains but five weeks, of the present congress and with the press of other business hat remains to be attended to in that time it is more than likely that the interstate com-merce amendments will be lost in the shuffle. In the meantime the roads are pre-

shuffle. In the meantine the roads are pre-paring to act as if the desired legislation had already been secured.

The new presidents' agreement provides for a big tariff pool and the commissioners now in session have been charged with the duty of working out the details of that pool. The roads claim that it is only money I that are forbidden in the interstate comm act, and, until the question is decided in an authoritative manner, in accordance with the bill introduced by Congressman Anderson, they will act on this theory.

Business Troubles. CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 31.-The milling firm of Wetherall & Wood is in the hands of the sheriff. Liabilities, \$40,000.

The Fire Record LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 31 .- The Union Compress company's buildings in Argenta burned tonight. Loss, \$185,000.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Passage of the Military Academy and Army Appropriation Bills.

MANY PENSION MEASURES GO THROUGH.

Over One Bundred Pass the Senate-Blair and Teller Exclain Their Attitude on the Elections Bill.

Washington, Jan. 31.-The vice president laid before the senate the credentials of Cameron for the new term and they were placed on file.

Mr. Cultom presented resolutions from the house of representatives of Illinois instruct. ing the senators from that state to vote against the force bill. The resolutions were ordered filed away. Mr. Morrill offered a resolution for the ap-

pointment of a committee of senators to join

one from the house in attending the funeral of Secretary Windom. The resolution was agreed to and Messrs. Morrili, Washburn, Allison, Harris, Payne and Gorman were appointed. Among the bills reported from committees and placed on file was one establishing a

port of delivery at Des Moines, Ia., and the enate bill for the exploration and survey of the interior of Alaska. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill appre priating \$25,000 for a monument to Chief Just

tice Chase in the city of Washington. Re-The resolution was agreed to for adjournment of the senate Monday at 2 p. m. to en-able the senators to attend Secretary Win

dom's funeral. The house bill authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Missouri river near Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, la., passed. As it was amended, conferces were appointed

o meet those of the house.

Messrs Blair and Teller then made state ments explaining their attitude toward the elections bill, saving that it never grow out of their attitude on the silver question. The army appropriation bill was then

The amendment of the committee on appropriations to strike out the provision that government transportation on land grant roads shall not exceed 50 per cent of the harges to private parties was agreed to On the amendment to meert provisions that such transportation shall be paid for on such

basis as the secretary of war deems just and reasonable, not to exceed 70 per cent of the charges to private parties, there was a long liscussion, but it was agreed to, and the bill Mr. Quay presented resolutions from the Pennsylvania legislature favoring the fed-

eral elections bill.

The fortifications bill was taken up, but was laid aside informally and 110 pension bills passed, including one giving \$50 a month to the widow of General Noves and the house bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to ceneral Siegel.
The bill to pension Mary Ann Doherty was

objected to and went over.

The house amendment to the bill for the relief of Sarah A. Perine was agreed to. Mr. Edmunds gave notice of an amend-ment to the diplomatic appropriation bill to mable the president to make arrangements or telegraphic communication between the Juited States and the Hawaiian islands for a period of not less than fourteen years and riating \$3,000,000 therefor, not more than \$250,000 to be expended in any one year

House. Washington, Jan. 31.-In the house today the military academy appropriation bill passed without further opposition.

The house then went into committee of the whole on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Mr. Hitt of Illinois explained the bill, call-

eighteen commercial agents was changed from fees to salaries, which would effect a saving to the treasury Mr. McCreary briefly reviewed the Bar india case, contending that the killing of Barrundia was an assassination. Passing on to a discussion of the Behring sea controversy, he said the time had come when something should be done by the United States It would not be long before poaching vessels would be in Behring sea, trampling on the rights of this country. The United States should ascertain its rights and stand by them or take a course which provided for arbitration. He favored arbitration.

Mr. Hooker of Mississippi, referring to the

Barrundia case, said everybody must concede to the present distinguished secretary of state the credit of promptly recalling and lismissing Minister Mizner, who, he thought, had not properly represented the rights, honor and dignity of the American flag. The secretary of the navy had taken the same action in recalling and reprimanding the officer who failed to protect Barrusdia. The committee rose, and, after eulogistic addresses on the late Lewis Watson of Penn-

sylvania, the house adjourned. A CHILD DRUNKARD.

She is Arrested by Humane Officer in a New York Tenement. New York, Jan., 31 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Mamie McDermott, agen fifteen years, was arraigned in the Harlem court today, charged with being an habitual drunkard. She is an orphan and lived in a tenement house with her brother-in-law, Eugene Duffy. It is said that Mrs. Duffy was in the habit of spending her husband's money for drink, which she divided with the child Neighbors declare that the girl has not been sober for six months and that, if they had not complained to the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Crucity to Children, she would have become insune. When Officer Barker of the society made the arrest the child was on the verge of dellrium tre mens and when before the judge in police court could hardly stand up. She is under-sized and looks young for her age, and was in a sheckingly fifthy condition when ar-raigned. She was sent to the House of the

Good Shepherd and her married sister, who was the cause of the trouble, was held for examination. TO INCREASE THE REVENUE.

Indiana Proposes to Make the Corporations Pay a Share.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 31, - Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The committee on railroads and the committees on corporations of the two houses of the general assembly are jointly preparing a bill that will make a radical change in the manner of raising the revenue. It is proposed to increase the tax on corporations more so that the revenue from this source will aggregate two millions nanually and to establish a board of railroad commissioners be appointed by the governor and state officers, who shall have general supervision over all roads doing business in Indiana. The railroads now pay taxes on the value of about \$67,000,000, while they are bonded, acording to "Poor's Manual," at about \$400,-600,000. The committees unanimously agree that the state is thus getting practically nothing from this source, and the tax will be largely increased.

gram to THE BEE. |-At a meeting of the cedula coupon holders, protests were made and will be presented to the government against the 20 per cent tax.

The Hale company has protested against the rescinding of the lease granted to the city unprovement company.
The president has signed the law taxing the deposits and profits of private banks.

Affairs in Buenos Ayres.

BURNOS AYRES, Jan. 81 .- [Special Cable-

Severe Cold in the Northwest. St. Patt. Mian., Jan. 31.-A severe cold wave, preceded by a blizzard, is reported from many points in northern Minneseta, North Dakota and Montana. The temperature at some points dropped to 20 below zero. The wave is moving south rapidly.

Adjourned.

ing for an expenditure of \$1,064.925, being \$45,890 less than the appropriation for the current year. The mode of compensation for