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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 7th day of February A. D. 1891. W. K. KURTZ, Notary Public.

W. K. KURTZ, Notary Public. State of Nebraska. George B. Tzschuck, being duly sworn, de-poses and says that he is secretary of THE BER Publishing company, that the actual average daily circulation of THE Daity BER for the month of February, 1800, 19,761 copies; for March, 1800, 20,516 copies; for July, 1800, 20,566 copies; for May, 1800, 20,180 copies; for June, 1800, 20,301 copies; for July, 1800, 20,662 copies; for August, 1800, 20,752 copies; for September, 1800, 20,570 copies; for October, 1800, 20,562 copies; for November, 1809, 22,150 copies; for De-cember, 1809, 23,451 copies; for Junuary, 1801, 28,466 copies; for Median Copies; for Junuary, 1801, 28,

IT would not be surprising to see South Omaha taxpayers scampering for shelter in Omaha before the year wanes.

THE condition of affairs in the office of register of deeds has reached a stage where friendship must give way to public duty.

WHAT the legislature has lost in aggressive charms is made up by an active, well ofled lobby. Lincoln has seen few surpassing it in numerical strength and persistence.

THERE is no scarcity of senatorial timber in South Dakota. The trouble is to find a quality capable of resisting the legislative ax. The joint convention is toying with saplings.

THE necessity for a state board of health is not apparent. There is a crying demand for a muscular sanitary commissioner capable of abating the nuisances that permeate the state capitol every year.

ONE difficulty is scarcely settled before another confronts the world's fair management. The working managers appear unable to grasp the fact that a national enterprise should be conducted on broad national principles.

THE record of bank clearings for the past week present some notable features.

UNIFORM USURY LAWS. It has been proposed to hold a convention of western states to consider the question of adopting uniform usury laws. and several states have given favorable response to the proposition. It ought to be safe to assume that none will decline to participate in such a convention. which, if it should accomplish nothing more, would give an opportunity for the discussion of the usury question from the point of view of the interests of the several communitics represented. There is no difference of opinion regarding the wrong and injustice involved in the practice of usury, but there is diversity of views, due to different local conditions, as to where the line should be drawn between a legitimate and usurious charge for money. This is illustrated in the varying interest laws of the states. In some of them a higher rate of interest for money than 7 and 8 per cent is usury, while in others 10 and 12 per cent is allowed to be charged, and in some no limit is placed upon the amount that may be contracted for. The variance in the

interest laws of most of the western states is not very wide, but still they are not uniform, and it seems desirable to ascertain whether it is practicable to establish among them a common maximum rate of interest.

This the proposed convention would at least he able to do. The peculiar circumstances and conditions affecting the price of money in each of the states would be presented and considered, and from the information thus given there could be no difficulty in determining whether it is expedient and practicable for the western states to unite in fixing a rate for money beyond which would be usury. There is small reason to doubt that if such uniform legislation were secured, with adequate penalties also uniform, the effect would be to greatly reduce the practice of usury now every where prevalent in the western states to an extent that is eating up the substance and causing great hardship to thousands of people. The problem of how to do away with this evil is as old as civilization, and it is questionable whether it will ever be solved while avarice and cupidity are characteristics of mankind, but it may be held m check and restrained from exercising its full capacity for wrong and injustice. In order to do this an essential require ment would seem to be uniform legislation by states having in this respect a common interest to subserve.

A TROUBLED ORGANIZATION The new Western Traffic association

appears to be having quite as much trouble as its predecessor, and the promise of its being able to accomplish anything by way of improving the railroad situation is far from encouraging. What now looks like a serious difficulty is the result of dissatisfaction regarding the division of southwestern traffic, and it is reported that the Santa Fe company proposes to give immediate notice of withdrawal from the association. Meantime the efforts to get the Alton and other roads which have thus far declined to sign the agreement to enter the association have proved unavailing, while a number of small roads within the territory of the association obstinately remain on the outside ready to give whatever annoyance or trouble they may find opportunity for. It is said that the number of say that the shippers shall not organize.

by a very large majority, it would make any very great election to carry out the assurances it has given. But in any case ized to levy "such tax for interest and sinking fund of the bonded debt as may

be requisite." Even this increase in taxation, if authorized by the legislature, will not materially improve the financial condition of the packing town. The running expenses of the city government for the fiscal year of 1889-90 were \$86,745,48. The expenses for the first three months of the current fiscal year were \$19,944.50, or at the rate of \$80,000 a year. A 28 mill levy on the present valuation would yield \$62,580, leaving nearly \$20,000 unprovided for. Last year the interest on levy for the debt was 7 mills. The city now owes

\$10,000 interest, and the levy to cover this amount and the interest on bonds due next October will be about 15 mills. If the bill becomes a law, the levy for 1891 will reach the snug sum of 49 mills. or 11 mills greater than the levy in Omaha.

In this calculation there is no provision for a sinking fund for the payment of bonded indebtedness, nor is the annual overlap taken into account. These deficits must be met or the credit of the city will suffer. The present cost of the government would alone require a levy of 45 mills. A radical curtailment of expenses must be had or bankruptcy is inevitable. Meanwhile the costly folly of defeating

annexation is brought home to the pockets of the taxpayers.

SHIPPER AND COMMISSION MAN.

The question has recently been revived at South Omaha, as it also has at Chicago, whether a shipper shall have the right to sell his own stock in the market, or to employ an agent who does not acknowledge the rules of the exchange.

It is reported that the South Omaha exchange has taken decisive action in the matter, and notified an offending member that he will be expelled from its organization. His offense consists

in acting as the agent of a party of shippers and transacting their business for a smaller commission than that fixed by the iron-clad rules of the exchange. In other words, he represents shippers who ask no favors of the commission houses and all not disposed to sell cattle through them, or to allow

them to say what commission they shall pay. This is a blow at the present system of putting cattle on the market, and the exchange attempts to cast it out by

denying the shippers' representative the privileges of the yards, so far as it can control the market. It is difficult to see on what ground the stock exchange can base such ac-

tion, except upon the ground that it claims the right to handle all the cattle that come to market and to fix its own charges for the service, without regard to the wishes of the shipper. Commission men have been very useful to shippers and are, perhaps, quite indispensable to some of them. Shippers who desire to do business with them will not complain at pay-

ing reasonable prices for their services. But why should men who do not require their assistance be compelled to pay commissions fixed by the rules of the exchange? Why should not every man have a chance to sell his cattle in the open market, with or without the assistance of members of the exchange, according to his own preference? By what right does the exchange assume to

appoint their own agent and pay for his

services what may be agreed between

them?

oughbred youngster a fair show. Uniform Text Pooks, A Woman's Relief Corps has been organize Buena Vista (Col.) Democrat. at Republican City with twenty-three mem-The bill now before the legislature providbers. ing that the state shall furnish school books John Penner of Gandy has killed thirteen free to pupils of the public schools should becoyotes this season, which brought h im \$2.50 come a law. The present lack of uniformity S. P. Rounds has decided to remove the old Hastings Gazette-Journal to Salt Lake in text books throughout the state, combined with frequent changes, make it a great hard-City. ship on the poorer parents and an unneces-A large number of counterfeit dollars, sary tax on those better able to pay. The halves and quarters are in circulation at Pender. school book monopoly, as at present constituted, preys upon the public in a way that is

LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

the 1st inst. The latter fell dead shortly

Dr. D. J. Bunce of Nevada, once a noted

gambler and tippler, is now doing Young Men's Christian association work.

The revival wave at Creston continues at

Independence Journal: George L. Weeks

has recently refused an offer of \$5,500 for his yearing colt Alitell, by Axtell 2:12 out of Annie Dickinson, three-year-old record

Meadows, the oat thief who was arrested

of the non-polygamous reorganized church of lesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He has

state library steel engravings of his father,

Elmer Warren, the suppesed murderer of

ames O'Neil, who is in jail at Tama, is said

things he states are positively wrong, lead-

ng some to believe that he is not the man,

wedding was set for an earlier day, but be fore it arrived Mr. Hiebe, who is a tinner,

fell from the roof of a high school building and received injuries which were pro-nounced fatal by the physicians. His be-

Utab.

The supreme court has adjourned to meet

The Utah Central extension along the

Plans have been drawn and accepted for a

The Union Pacific receives \$125,000 per

nonth from the ore business done at Eureka

At Coalville Fred Lowe, a barber, and

having bill, which resulted in Reppshooting

Brigham Draper of Moroni suffered from

partial blindness resulting from smallpox

While lifting a hayrack he stooped down for something and a pegentered his left eye, the only one in which he had sight, bursting the

ball and rendering him now totally blind. Mr. Draper is a man of a family, having a

George Pearson, "40er," has operated in Park City ever since the camp began to

Montana.

Missoula is trying to organize a Young

Bozeman citizens have subscribed enough

The Cumberland mining company will

It is claimed that 60 per cont of all the ores

mined in Montana are smelled at Anaconda.

ure hours in roller skating. The jail floor is

Of the six smelters of Butte now running

only one is treating custom copper ores

Some of the copper mines have been forced to shut down on account of the stagnation of

Hugh Byron, an old Montana pioneer who

lives on a ranch near Silver City, went to Helena on the Montana Central train and as

he jumped from a car to the platform, fell

Three feet of high grade ore was tapped in the 200 south of the Monitor, at Butte. In

sinking the shaft to its present depth two veins have been cut, from one of which at a lower depth the last strike was made.

In the Madison valley the railroads are

almost impassable, owing to the overflow of

water from the river. Porsons have been obliged to move from their houses and seek

safe quarters. This is almost a yearly

Five girls and a boy have been found

guilty of systematically robbing a Grants-

Billings Gazette: The B. & M. sur

Wyoming.

The Laramie gun club expects to purchase some quait and place them on the Big and Little Laramie rivers and also in the Centen-

Burch and Rogers, the cowboys who fought

six-shooter duel above Lander last week,

Wyoming jails need bracing. Two weeks

ago three or four men, one of them a United

states prisoner, broke out of the Sweetwater jail, and now comes word that Weston county has a jail that was weak enough to

It is reported from Green River that a

scheme is on foot to divert the water of Bear

A Cheyenne dispatch says that Wyoming's

himself of the belt and bulk. In the early

are at a lumber camp in the mountains. Both

ready been surveyed by Mr. Dewar.

field,

and broke his collar bone.

He secured a group of twelve claims

the

lately given to the Aldrich collection

mother and their two sons.

but only a weak-minded tramp.

him back to life.

Provo river is far advanced.

freman's building in Provo.

ion administration.

wife and four children.

Men's Christian association.

stock to have gas works put in.

crect a smelter at Castle in the spring

grow.

the market.

occurrence.

nial valley

let two men out.

owe to death in the stomach.

April L.

after arising in the morning.

Blaine has bought a \$5,000 house in Wash-It costs 64 cents to run a train a mile m

the movement Canada in behalf of continental free made is not likely to go England Daniel Bandmann, the actor is ranching in backward. The new tariff of this

OMAHA DAILY BEE: THESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1891.

pressure of our tariff begins to be felt.

a position to regard the matter with a

large measure of complacency, if not

indifference, in view of the fact that

much promising progress is being made

valuable service if he will serve notice

on officials and employes of state insti-

ple. Ability and integrity should alone

that the vacancy be filled by a man of

more than average ability, one who will

protect the interests of tax-pavers and

ern deficits, with several back number

accounts to hear from. Like the dis-

tinguished Mr. Tate of Kentucky, the

Arkansas treasurer enjoyed a monopoly

of the office-so much so that he re-

garded it as personal property and dis-

Williamsport Republican.

When to Be Truthful.

New York Herald.

Escless Legislation.

Chicado Tribune.

tion of law, and the law-making power can

no more force the lending of scarce money at

low rates of interest than it can make water

Grooming Anther Horse.

Russell of Massachusetts would suit. That

is not a bad idea, neighbor. Russell is vig-

orous, brainy, level headed and eloquent. He

likewise has the courage of his convictions.

It might not be a bad idea to give that thor-

Beautiful Snow.

Smith & Gray's Monthly.

Ball

Hat

Flies,

Dies.

Gent Mad

Swears Bad.

Joy, Fun,

Boy Run.

little short of an outrage.

Boy, Snow,

Joy, Know.

Hands

Make Ball.

Gent

High Hat.

Small.

Fat,

bursed the funds accordingly.

Sunday.

run up hill.

thesavage breast.

be discountenanced.

toward free trade in other directions.

high tide. Nearly five hundred converts have joined the Methodist church the past month. Montana. country has, as Professor Smith re-From 1880 to 1890 the Indians decreased

marks, irritated the Canadians while nearly 7 per cent. they have hardly yet had time to feel its Telephones are now being introduced on pressure, but this feeling will pass away,

board men-of-war. The daily surplus of births over deaths in the United Kingdom is 1,500. and perhaps the more rapidly when the

There will be seven natives of Vermont in the next United States senate, Meanwhile the American people are in

in Mills county recently, is a half-brother of Isaac Warren and a brother-in-law of Tony Gettler, prominent and wealthy farmers liv New York and Brooklyn consume daily ing north of Gienwood about sixty thousand chicke

The factory of the Tri-State can company at Keokuk, which has been in operation less Alice, daughter of the poet, Longfellow, is a fine photographer of the amateur class. than a year, regularly employs 125 operatives and turn out 30,000 cars daily. The monthly

Six millions of dead letters are annually torn and sold as old paper in Washington, The largest peach orchard in the world is at Blownwood, Tex., which contains 11,000 trees

GOVERNOR BOYD will render the state Theodore Calf and family have petitioned the Kamas legislature to have their names changed.

tutions to attend to their respective There are 377.77 grains of pure silver in a duties and keep out of the lobby. If the Mexican dollar and 3711 grains in an Amerilegislature desires any information concan doilar

Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819, and succeeded her uncle, William IV., on June 20, 1837. cerning the condition of state institutions, not obtainable from the biennial reports and governor's messages, it

February treats the days of the week imwill summon such officials as may be partially this year. There will be four and able to enlighten its committees. But the ho more of each.

The Chinese have no straight streets or habit of officials to hang around the state walls, because they believe the devil travels of in a straight line, capitol for the purpose of lobbying for appropriations is permicious and should

The first dictionary was compiled by out-She, a learned Chinaman, who lived in the year 1100 B. C.

An oyster supper was given recently by the authorities of a Maine village in the interest THE political affiliations of candidates for the vacancy on the board of public of the "hearse fund." works are of no consequence to the peo-The soreness can be extracted from a rag-

ged wound or puncture by holding it over a quantity of burning sugar.

be considered. The board has charge of A London matrimonial agent boasts of havwork aggregating nearly one million ing arranged 40,000 marriages between members of all classes of society. a year, the bulk of which is taxed

"Some people say," says Evangelist Moody, against the real estate owners. The re-"that so long as you are sincere it makes no sponsibilities of the position demand matter what you believe or do."

In Alaska, 200 miles up the Yukon river, the snow never melts, and in some places it is said to be fully two miles deep.

The German emperor is a rapid talker. When he delivers an address in the reichstag resist the blandishments of contractors. he speaks at the rate of 275 syllables a minute, Previous to the time of Elizabeth the only article to assist in eating was the jackknife, THE treasurer of Arkansas adds a mite of \$96,000 to the long roll of south-

High heels, it is said, owe their origin to Persia, where they were introduced to raise the feet from the burning sands of that country.

Dutchman, who loves a quiet and simple home life free from extravagant surroundings

Not if You Dismount Before Entering. to be "good for nasal catarrh," and sell read Is it wrong to ride a bicycle to church on

Mrs. Anna C. Fall and her husband are

Kate Field tells of a Washington woman who defines courage as the absense of petti-coats. In her lexicon it is clothes, not sex,

A horse treadmill grinding sugar cane and When money is abundant in proportion to

> and one or two other southern cities. Anroe Brown claims the distinction of be

> weighs over 500 pounds. Thomas Clark, who had kept the pledge of

New York Herald. If Messrs. Hill and Cleveland conclude to on a spree in New York, which ended in cut-ting her throat and killing her. mife each other in 1892, the Boston Globe would like to know how young Governor

Nebraska.

Rev. F. Moore has left Neligh for Texas. The Columbus police ran in ten tramps and a dog found in a box car theother night.

A special meeting of the Logan county al-liance will be held at Gandy next Saturday.

THE IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

All Arrangements Completed for the Gathering Tomorrow Afternoon.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DELEGATES EXPECTED.

Opening Session of the District Court -The Belt Line's Route-The Sheedy Estate-Odds and Ends.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9 .- Special to THE BEE.]-The state irrigation convention, pay roll aggregates about \$3,000. Joseph Smith, jr., the son of the Mormoh prophet killed at Nauvoo, resides at Lamont, Decaur county, which is the headquarters which is to be held in Lincoln on Wednesday, promises to be the most remarable gath; ering ever held in the state, not only in point of interest, but also in numbers and the importance of the matters to be discussed. There will be present probably fifteen hundred delegates and the action taken by them will have a perpetual effect on the fature business interests of the state. Successive to be insane, and there is a possibility after all that he is not the man. He confessed that he was to Detective Parcell, but some of the failures of crops in particularly the western part of the state have taught the farmers that they must be independent of the rain supply, which is somewhat uncertain. With such a difficulty removed, it is conceded that west ern Nebraska, with its rich soll and superb

Courtship with a bit of romance in it has ust closed in Dabuque in the marriage of Hency B. Hiebe and Miss Kate Spahn. The climate, will become one of the most productive states in the union. Engineers and men of science and practical information all seem to agree that the remedy lies almost at the doors of many of the farmers, to wit: The utilization of the water from the various trothed would not surrender him to death, but followed him to the hospital and by as-siduous care and loving ministrations wooed great streams that traverse almost the entire length of the state.

A gentleman interested in the matter says: "The question of benefits is entirely beyond controversy. The benefits have been dem-onstrated in neighboring states so completely that if we had those we could draw a con-clusion, but we have had a trial of irrigation in Nebraska sufficient to confirm a conclusion that might be drawn from the experience of farmers in neighboring states. Irrigation is desirable for every acree in Nebraska from the Missouri river to the Colorado line. In the eastern counties where irrigation is not now thought of seriously it would cetainly double the yield. In central Nebraska it will treble or quadruple the yield produced by natural rainfall. And in the extreme west-ern countles the ratio of possible irrigated products to non-irrigated products would be as a considerable finite quantity to zero."

The local arrangements for the convention have been attended to. The first session, at 2 p. m. Wednesday, will convene at the state university chapel. Ex-Governor Formas, the pioneer advocate of irrigation in Nebraska, will probably preside. No individual in the state could more fittingly preside over such a

Convention, Hon. R. H. Oakley, president of the Lincoln board of trade and a leading member of the lower house of the legislature, will call the convention to order. County delegations are requested to name a chairman, make up a list of delegates and have it ready for the committee on enrollment. In case dele-gations have not been formally appointed from any county any person or persons pres-cut from such county or counties will be in-vited to sit in the convention as representa-tives from those counties. Reduced rates have been secured on the various railroads. There will be a committee on legislation

appointed at the convention to act in con-junction with the committee appointed at McCook, Sidney and Ogallala, and possibly other points where action has been taken, to formulate bills and other matters for legislative consideration and action. The legisla-ture will also probably be asked to make an appropriation to assist in the beginning o irrigation enterprises. As the majority of the legislature are farmers it is believed that they will do all m their power in the further ance of this great enterprise which it is believed will prove a boon to the tillers of the soil throughout the state.

Tomorrow Representative Oakley will ask permission of the house to have the use of representative hall for the evening session. DISTRICT COURT OPENS.

The February term of district court opened this morning with Judge Field presiding. Before proceeding to the call of dockets Hon. Charles L. Hall addressed the court on the necessity of impressing on the legislature the fact that Lancaster county should be created into a separate judicial district, with judges, and submitted a table showing

station. The Brigham Young estate will have \$500.-000 worth of property to divide soon among the heirs. A \$3,000 package mailed at Ogden January 23, for Denver didn't reach its destination which also served for sundry other purposes. and two postal inspectors are looking it up. The supreme court granted George W. Hancock a new trial. This is the noted Jones bomicide in Utah county more than thirty John D. Rockefeller is a Pennsylvania years ago. George A. Smith and wife have sold to ohn A. Van Pelt the Extension and other

nining claims in West Mountain mining dis-Prof. Koch's portrait has been printed on notion handkerchiefs, which are advertised rict for \$40,000. It is claimed that there are \$15,000 worth of naccounted-for territorial warrants in circuily in Berlin. ation, issued in past years during the Mor-

In Lake county, Tennessee, a short time since, a young man of twenty-seven married a widow of forty-sine, who has seventeen Frank Repp, a quarryman, quarrelled over a living children.

practicing law in Boston and present the agreeable spectacle of people doing their courting after marriage. Between campaigns we ought to be able to tell the truth about our public men. But a

racy falsehood always has charms to soothe which makes women cowardly.

pressing out the juice for sale to passers by is an odd feature of the wayside in Tampa the wants of borrowers it can be obtained at low rates of interest without the interven-

ing the largest woman in Georgia. She is forty-seven years old and lives in Houston county. She is 5 feet 8 mches in height and

located near the Anchor group of twelve claims located near the Anchor group and joining it on one side. He has just sold this group to Dr. E. H. Taft of New York for a good round price. It goes as a lease during the time of payment, of three years. The purchaser is to pay \$15,000 per year, one-fifth the ore in royalty and spend not less than \$5,000 per temperance four years, was tempted by his aunt, Mrs. Riordan, to drink wine and went year in Improving the property until the final payments are made.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

while the aggregate decrease amount to 6.3 per cent, the number of cities marking a decline is only 20, against 27 last week. The decrease is due to the sharp falling off in New York City, amounting to 11.9 per cent. Four of the "big five" western cities mark a decline, ranging from 2.3 per cent at Omaha to 14.5 at Denver. The record as a whole shows a slight improvement over the January average.

THE controversy between the commissloners and the council as regards the expenditure of the road fund is very much like a quarrel between man and wife as to the control of the purse strings. The city practically contributes four-fifths of all the money raised by the county, and the city ought to have the benefit of at least the lion's share of the money its property owners contribute for public roads. To be sure it is all in the family and there is very little difference who pays out the money so long as it is not diverted from the purpose for which it was raised. If the commissioners would guarantee that at least half the fund shall be expended for street grading it would not matter whether the money was paid by order of the commissioners or the city council.

* IT is announced as very probable that an extra session of the United States senate will be called to meet immediately after March 4 to consider highly important business. It is a matter of conjecture as to what this business will · be, but doubtless a reciprocity treaty with Spain regarding Cuba will be a part of it, it being understood that negotiations are now in progress. Very little gets to the public as to what is going on at the state department, but doubtless other matters connected with reciprocity, which will require to be passed on by the senate, are under consideration with such promise of being soon perfected as to warrant calling an extra session. There may be some agreeable surprises for the country batween now and the date of the expiration of the present congress.

THE most important work devolving upon the legislature is the revision of our revenue laws. Our system of assessment and taxation is defective and unsatisfactory. Our appraisement of taxable property is altogether too low and our tax rate too high. The burden of taxation is almost entirely borne by the owners of real estate, while the men who have invested in stocks, bonds and mortgages are allowed to shirk their taxes under various pretexts. A joint committee on revenue and taxation charged with the duty of formulating a new revenue code should be appointed without delay to make a thorough investigation of the defects and abuses of our assessment and taxation methods and recommend such changes as may be needed to equalize the burdens of taxation upon all classes of preparty.

oads which have not signed the agree ment is larger than of those that have. and as many of the former are in rather poor financial condition and doing a light business, they cannot be depended upon to hold up rates if cutting them would increase their traffic. Thus up to this time the new agreement appears to have accomplished nothing toward bettering matters, while it is already threatened with disintegration.

The New York Sun is authority for the statement that Mr. Jay Gould and Mr. C. P. Huntington did not entirely approve of the present agreement, which did not go far enough to suit either of them, and that they accepted it simply as a step in the right direction. That journal also says that since the association was formed neither Gould nor Huntington has been idle, nor have they abandoned hopes of ultimately perfeeting an alliance between the railways west of the Mississippi which will reduce the evils of competition to a minimum. A scheme these managers are said to now have under consideration is the consolidation of the Missouri Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Atchison systems, which have a mileage of over twenty thousand miles. If it be true that negotiations are in progress between Mr. Gould and Mr. Huntington the result will have great interest for railroad circles if not for the general public, which it is not to be expected would be benefited whoever of these two magnates should get the better of

the bargain. One thing may be accepted as certain, if Gould and Huntington have concluded that the new agreement will not work to their advantage, as would seem to be implied in what is reported regarding them, the Western Traffic association will not continue beyond the six months prescribed for its duration. From present indications it appears quite possible that it will go to pieces before that time.

A VERY COSTLY LESSON.

In the campaign for union of the two Omahas, the chief argument of the opposition was that anaexation meant a vast increase in taxation. It was claimed that South Omaha taxpayers could not stand the Omaha levy, and that it was decidedly cheaper to maintain an independent municipal government.

These fallacies were exposed at the time, and the people warned against the consequences to follow the defeat of annexation.

A bill pending in the legislature, amonding the act governing "cities over 8,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants," is designed to meet the financial emergency in South Omaha. It provides for a tax for the year 1891, of 18 mills for general purposes, 8 mills for police and 8 mills for the fire department, a total of that platform. 34 mills, an increase of 16 mills over the present law. After 1891 the levy 18 limited to 12, 6 and 5 mills for the

The arbitrary course of the exchange will not commend itself to the judgment of the public, and the legislature may try the effect of law in dealing with it.

CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE Prof. Goldwin Smith, in a letter to

the New York Times, forecasts the result of the coming parliamentary election in Canada as likely to be unfavorable to unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. He says that beneath the immediate question of trade with this country lies the broader issue between a continental and an anti-continental policy. The liberals, whether they look for the ultimate absorption of Canada into the United States or not, regard the inhabit ats of the entire continent as partners with whom they desire to cultivate the closest relations. The conservatives, on the other hand, wish to keep Canada in all things divided from her continent and attached

to Great Britain, where the social center of their party lies. Practically they seek to make Canada, to state the situation in Prof. Smith's own way, the engine of the conservative aristocracy of Great Britain for averting the triumph of democracy in the new world and keeping a part of the American continent under aristocratic institutions or

influence. The sentiment in favor of continental free trade has been making steady progress among the people, and it is the apprehension that a year hence it might become so strong as to overcome the conservative influence that induced the government to go to the people at once for their judgment on the issue of enlarged and closer trade relations with the United States. In doing this the government has been most careful to declare its unalterable opposition to unrestricted reciprocity and to any scheme of commercial union that would involve a discrimination against Great Britain. On this line the contest will be fought, and as the government has all the political machinery

in its control, and is not averse to employing methods that are not strictly in keeping with fair and honest politics, there is every reason to expect that it will be successful in securing a popular verdict favorable to the programme of a new trade arrangement it has announced. The railroad corporations and the manufacturing industries generally can be

depended upon to support the government policy, so that its efforts will need to be exerted only with the agricultural producers, and while it is not doubted that a majority of these are favorable to unrestricted reciprocity, they are not strong enough to carry the country on

While the conservative party in Canada is committed to an effort to secure partial reciprocity, it is a question three funds respectively. But this is not whether, in the event of its success, parall. The mayor and the council is author- | ticularly if its pollcy should be endorsed

Fireman Hayes of the B. & M. had his foot badly mashed in a collision in the Platts-mouth yards. Subscriptions are being solicited in Schuy

ler to raise \$5,000 to secure the building of an oatmeal mitl.

William Claypool of Cozad has invented a water wheel for elevating water into a tank for irrigating purposes. The coal shaft at Hubbell, which is now

300 feet deep, will be suck to a depth 700 feet. The citizens have raised \$1,400 for that purpose A big bull charged through the streets of

Ragan the other day and drove men, women and children in the stores and houses for safety.

There is talk of bonding Custer precinct, in Keya Paha county, for the purpose of sinking an artestan well, to test the utility of frrigation.

dale store. The peculations amounted to about \$600. None of them are over tweive H. B. Strong, the first postmaster and the first B. & M. agent at Elk Creek, died Satur-day night, aged sixty-seven years. He was a native of Onadaga county, New York. years old, and all belong to the best famihes in Grantsdale.

veyors are still at work in the field headed for Billings. The chief locating en-A shooting tournament is to be held at Valley Thursday, during which Jim May-head of Elkhorn and Mark Turner of Elk gineer is expected to be here within ten and an opportunity will then be offered to talk over the route to Billings, which has al-

City will shoot a live bird match for \$50 a side W. S. Cormett has been appointed commissioner of Hitchcock county to succeed John H. Powers, the contestant for governor, who hadn't time to attend to the duties of the

office Chief of Police Wheeling of Nebraska City is in trouble. He is charged with releasing a prisoner who had confessed to grand larceny upon the payment of \$50. Wheeling asserts that he accepted the money as a reward for his services in running down the thief.

Mr. Mack of Bennett, who discovered coal on the Winnebago reservation some weeks ago, is making preparations to sink a shaft in the spring. He says there is good coal and it burns as well as any coal he has seen. H is making no effort to publish his find and will not until he sinks a shaft.

Ernest Rottmann of Palmyra seems to in trouble all the time. A few months ago he was arrested at Palmyra, charged with river from its original course by building a canal from the head of Weber canon or some point on the Weber river to tap Bear river at some point near the Utah and Wyoming line. committing rape upon a farmer's daughter living near Paimyra. He was acquitted, and the girl committed suicide. It was made so warm for him that he left Palmyra, returnchampion fat man is meeting with fair spe-cess in a desperate systematic effort to relieve ing in a few weeks, only to be arrested the got out of this scrape and found a dozen or more similar charges against him. Then he went to Cortland. As soon as he got to the town he was winter Robert Plison of Port Steele weighed 380 pounds. For months he has subsisted exclusively on a diet of plain strong tea and stale bread. He has reduced to 300 pounds slapped into the county jail on the charge state oread. He has reduced to soo points and his heath is greatly improved. For a long time Pilson could sleep only in a kneel-ing posture, and a fat growth about his heart threatened his life. He is a merchant and an cohabiting with a certain widow of that He was fined and went back to Palplace. New York Herald," Contempt is what we feel for the men who commit the sins we have no inclination for. myra. In a day or two an officer from Cort land arrived and took Rottmann back on the charge of carrying concealed weapons while there. He paid his fine, returned to Palmyra and is open for the next engagement. old timer.

Iowa.

Mahaska county has about ninety divorce

Secretary Shaffer says, "the line of sugar beet growing includes all of 10wa as regards

climate.'

Inte revival.

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The census bureau reports that th 10,336 Indians in Montana. This is 734 less the number of cases in the district court had than they numbered in 1880, Victor Murray, employed in the East

increased from 116 in the October term of S71 to S54 in the present term. He offered the following resolution which was unani Helena smelter, had both arms crushed by being caught in some machinery. nously adopted: Prisoners in the Dillon jail pass their leis

mously adopted: That it is the opinion of Lancaster bar on ne-count of the great volume of legal business of Lancaster county that this county should be placed in a judicial district by itself, with not less than three judges for said district, and that the court appoint a committee of ten members of this bar with H. H. Wilson president of the bar association as its charman to act with the committee already appointed by the Lan-caster bar association to secure at the present session of the legislature, the redistricting of the state in conformity with this resolution. Theremon the court appoint the first of the a smooth cement and makes an excellent skating floor. Thereupon the court appointed the follow-ing committee: H. H. Wilson, chairman, C. O. Whedon, E. P. Holmes, E. E. Brown, J. B. Strode, O. P. Davis, H. F. Rose, John L. Dotz, W. H. Woodmard, J. Savaran, T. Doty, W. H. Woodward, A. J. Sawyer, T. C. Munge

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The following names have been drawn for jury duty during the two weeks beginning today: Webb Eaton, Third ward; Walter Deitz, Buda; James Kyle, Mill and Rock Creek; H. B. Vaile, First ward; James G Creek; H. B. Valle, First ward; James G. Beck, First ward; J. W. Ruffner, Third ward; A. K. Hardin, Seventh ward; T. B. Raymond, First ward; C. L. Harrison, Second ward; L. Baker, Sixth ward; C. E. Alexanber, First ward; J. M. Meyers, Rock Creek; J. D. Bruser, First ward; D. F. Tubbs, No-maha; P. M. McKinney, Second ward; J. Johns, Nemaha; John Doolittie, Fourth ward; F. I. Pardoe, Second ward; J. C. Stire, Fourth ward; A. D. Greeg, Third ward; J. H. Harley, Fourth ward; H. L. Andrews, Fourth ward; F. W. Pynchon, Seventh ward; T. B. Davis, Third ward; Mike Pad-den, Second ward; H. S. Bowers, Fifth ward; J. E. Adams, First ward; William Robertson, Second ward; E. K. Young, Lancaster; O. K. Adams, Middle Creek.

Henry Mohr, charged with shooting his wife with intent to kill, and Tom McGuigan, charged with stabbing his mistress, will have their trials tomorrow

The court overruled the motion to discharge Albert Chall, who is under indictment for orse stealing, and Albert will have to face the music

Carrie A. Schell this morning dismissed are improving, but pneumonia is feared, as the lungs of each were struck by bullets. the petition for divorce against her husband, John G., retaining the right to begin another one whenever she wanted to. Carrie secured a divorce from the court last November, but before she had time to get married again John had it set aside because of fraud and ieceit.

SHEEDY'S ESTATE.

John Fitzgerald. administrator of the estate of John Sheedy, filed his inventory of property today in probate court Good jud however, say the realty valuations are only about two-thirds value. The Hotel Mack property is inventoried at \$24,000; the residence property where the murder occurred s placed at \$24,000; the half interest in the lot on Eleventh street, just north of Richard's block, at \$4,500; lot at Nineteen and Q, \$2,000, and eighty acres of land in Cia county, personal property, including fur-niture, checks and notes, but no money in banks or on hand, is valued at \$3,000.

ODS AND ENDS.

As the prosecuting attorney in the New-beny-Littlefield criminal libel case is absent from the city, the warrant has not been served.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.



cases a year. Osceola county is moving for uniformity of school books.

With a cloudlet steeped in silvery light-Lies on my desk tonight. The chimney of the electric railway power house at Burlington will be 107 feet high. 'Ah! fragrant waifs of flower-wooed climes,

Come, tell me, whence are ve?" Breathing their perfume into rby mes And tones of richest harmony,

Forty persons joined the Methodist Episco pai church at Spirit Lake as the result of the

The average number of patients upder dally care at the Independence insane asylum during January was \$23.

Charles T. Fenton and John Meeks, both residents of Webster City since 1856, died on

PASSING JESTS. They made the stew in half a minute, The syster chuckled, "I aint in it."

Atchison Globe; So many mon are patriotic to get even with an old enemy.

Wife-Do you really think, dear, that this sounet matches my hair! Husbaad (tired of waiting)-What does it natter? If it doesn't, all you have to do is to

get another-set of hair. Harpers' Bazar: Hoffman Howes-The

world owes everyone a living, doesn't it! Temple Court-Of course it does, Hoffman Howes-Well, collect mine from it for me, and I'll give you half.

New York Herald: Hungry Jack-What have you been doin' lately, Peter Bunco Pete-I did a man out of a thousand dollars about a year ago and since then I've

been doing time St Joseph News: Pfg iron is probably ex-

racted from razor-backed hogs. Green-How was it the fox hunt turned

ont a failure? White-The fox struck; said he wouldn't run with non-union dogs

"Let me give you a weigh," remarked young Dolley as he motioned Miss Amy to "My father is the only person who can do

that," replied Amy, archly. Washington Post: A current paragraph

states that antique spoons are quite the rage in Washington. This is, we hope, not a fing at the very necessary and estimable oid beaux.

LOVE'S MESSENGERS.

Kate Field's Washington.

A bunch of violets, purple-twinged,

They fondly answer me.

Would dim our deepest blue, Whose brow is fair as morning skies,

We come from one whose love-lit eyes

Whose check has the sunset's hue,---Love's ressengers to you."

Tied with a ribbon white-Like a tiny bit of sky befringed