quired to give said notice in order to secure a lien for labor.

Sec. 2. Section 2, article 1, chapter 54, of the compiled statutes of 1887, is hereby repealed.

Mr. Dech Wants a Contest.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mr. Dech, the candidate for lieutenant governor on the independent ticket, said today that another contest resolution would certainly be introduced. Whether it would pass, he would not attempt to say. The legislature had no right to say that the contest should not take place. In doing so, it overrode not only the supreme court but also the constitution. The latter was mandatory in its reference to the matter, and the legislature could not stultify itself by acting in that manner.

The resolution in question was to have been introduced in the senate today, but, owing to the early adjournment, had been set aside.

Mr. Edgerton of South Omaha, the defeated candidate for attorney general on the independent ticket, said that the idea of again reviving the contest was not entertained by the former contestants. He was asked why, and said:

"Just for political motives. I have abandoned the idea and have spoken with Mr. Powers, Mr. Root, and Mr. Wolf, and I find they are pretty nearly of my own way of thinking on the subject. I have not spoken to Mr. Dech, although I understand he still favors the contest. I have not talked with Mr. Wright.

"I have told the gentlemen I spoke to that we could not get our opponents in a better place than we have them now. They have shown to the people that no matter whether our demand was right or wrong they would not allow the matter to be inquired into. Now what better thing could we have with which to go before the honest people of this state? That's why I am opposed to a contest now."

Relief for the Settlers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—In response to the question which has several times been propounded to Mr. Ludden, that gentleman says that the commission has not yet drawn any money from the treasury of the state to pay for the goods ordered for the relief of the drouth sufferers, which latter amounted to about $16,000. Mr. Ludden is now sending out orders to Paxton & Gallagher and McCord, Brady & Co. of Omaha and mills at several places in the state for both groceries, flour and meal in the following quantities: Oat meal, 19 barrels; rice, 19 barrels; hominy, 19 barrels; beans, 118 bushels; flour, 114,000 pounds; corn meal, 107,000 pounds; meat, 700 pounds. The commission does not supply tea, coffee or sugar, the small supply of these articles previously given being intended for old and feeble people. The value of the rice in this order was $282.15, hominy and meal, $122.50 each, and beans $283.20.

The mills from which the flour and meal have been ordered are as follow: Culbertson, Broken Bow; Jaggle & Schubert, Columbus; Queen City, Hastings; Kearney and North Platte.

The value of this last order of goods, owing to a shade of difference in the price of flour at the several places mentioned, could not be given. The flour, however, will be furnished cheaper than it could by any of the wholesale houses, the freight being saved on the run from the trading point to the interior.

Claims Allowed.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The house committee on claims has allowed George W. Davis, who was injured by the boiler explosion at the Lincoln insane asylum in February, 1889, the sum of $2,000 in full for his injuries. The same committee recommended that John Lanham, who fixed up the grounds around the capitol, be allowed $1,805, including interest, for "extras."

State Laws Killed.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The house judiciary committee, after giving the matter a full hearing, decided to indefinitely postpone all bills to extend the stay of executions in foreclosure of real estate mortgages. The majority of the committee were convinced that such a law would not only have a tendency to drive out capital, but would clearly "impair the obligations of existing contracts," and all laws of this character are prohibited by the constitution of the United States. Chairman Shrader of this committee is strongly in favor of an extended stay law, and the question may yet come up on the floor of the house as he may submit a minority report.

The Saloon Licenses.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The house committee on constitutional amendments have spent nearly a week considering amendments to the constitution relative to the disposition of fees arising from saloon licenses. At one time they decided to turn these funds into the general school fund of the state, but before a report could be filed they reconsidered the matter and advocated putting them into the general expense fund. They were not certain that this was the right plan, and finally the proposition to turn the license fees and fines into the county school fund rather than let them continue to be a part of the revenues for educational purposes, was agreed to by a small majority of the committee. It is very evident that no change will be made in the present law.

Opposed to the Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The house committee on constitutional amendments has been unable to come to any conclusion in regard to the holding of a constitutional convention, and have agreed to report the matter back to the house without recommendation and transfer the fight to the committee of the whole. The party prohibitionists appeared before the committee and strongly urged the calling of the convention, alleging that they were ready and desired to at once renew the struggle for constitutional prohibition. Mr. Cornish (rep.) pointed out the fact that our present constitution was strongly tinctured with anti-monopoly doctrines, and conferred ample power upon the legislature to control all corporations. He also said that it strictly limited the number of public officials and kept their salaries within reasonable limits, and questioned whether a new convention would draft a constitution so satisfactory in every respect. The independents are becoming extremely weary of the importunities of the prohibitionists, and are feeling less disposed each day to accede to their demands. The sentiment in the house is clearly against the convention idea, and it is not the least likely that the proposition can muster the necessary votes when the final test comes.

World's Fair Appropriation.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Governor Furnas of Brownville, Euclid Martin of Omaha and A. G. Scott of Kearney, representatives of the World's Columbian exposition, have been before the finance, ways and means committee of the house. They asked an appropriation of $150,000 to enable the state to be properly represented at the great undertaking. Several members of the committee favored the request and others opposed it. Another meeting will be held. It is not thought that an appropriation of more than $100,000 will be made.

Some of the committeemen held that an appropriation of $10,000 ought to suffice.

Chairman Nichols favored allowing the full amount asked because in view of the unhappy advertisement which the state has received because of the drouth, a first-class exhibit was deemed imperative.

The main part of the appropriation is not asked for until next year. Ten thousand dollars, however, will be appropriated for immediate use to enable the state members of the commission to undertake the preliminary work immediately.

The Fish Commission.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Hon. W. L. May, the indefatigable chairman of the Nebraska fish commission, left this afternoon with the committees on finance, ways and means and fish and game, and a large number of senators, for the state hatcheries at South Bend. The party was accompanied by M. E. O'Brien, superintendent o the hatchery. The object of the trip was to enable the legislators to see what is being done by the fish commission in pisciculture in this state. Many of the members have never been to the hatchery, have no knowledge as to what kind of a place it is and in fact scarcely know that such a place exists in the state.

The appropriation asked for this year is a fraction over $15,000 which is to serve the next two years for salaries, the excavating of new ponds and the erection of some buildings. The amount is considerably less than that sought two years ago.

The demand for fish for river and pond purposes is increasing in all parts of the state. It exceeded in 1889 that of the preceding year, and the present season it is expected will witness the greatest demand yet experienced.

Appointed Illegally.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The senate spent nearly an hour and a half discussing a resolution by Senator Christofferson that Harry Chaffee, a messenger between the senate and the governor's office, be placed on the pay roll of the senate. The move induced a discussion of the multiplicity of employes now under pay the advisability of assuming responsibility for the employes in other departments, the respect due the governor and finally the statement that every one of the senate employes had been employed or hired in an illegal manner.

This assertion was made by Senator Switzler of Douglas, who showed that the men and women now working for the senate should have been elected by that body, whereas in point of fact they had all been appointed by individuals. He had not before objected to this method, but he thought that men who had appointed their own assistants at the expense of the senate should not show disrespect to the governor by granting him a messenger to work between that gentleman's office and the senate. The gentleman also showed that it was not the governor who had inspired the resolution.

Senator Christofferson fought hard also for the measure, but it was laid on the table.

Liked the Message.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Governor Boyd has received a letter from Congressman McKeighan, dated house of representatives, Washington, in which occurs the following:

Your excellency will please accept my hearty congratulations on your message to the legislature. It meets my views from beginning to end, and I sincerely hope that the present legislature may be governed by your advice. Yours to counten.

W. A. MCKEIGHAN.

The Senate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The committee on judiciary reported favorably upon the following senate files: No. 74, relating to estates in dower; No. 75, relating to estates by curtsey; No. 76, amending sections 30 and 176 of chapter 23, statutes of 1889; No. 77, amending section 16, chapter 36, statutes same year.

The committee on finance, ways and means, recommended the indefinite postponement of Nos. 102, relating to fees, and 15, regarding frauds; also the passage of No. 52, regarding counties and county officers; also No. 54, relating to mortgagors and mortgagees, which was referred to the committee on judiciary; H. R. 81, regarding the issuance of bonds; senate file No. 33, levying and collection of taxes, which was indefinitely postponed.

The committee on medical legislation recommended the passage of senate file No. 79, prohibiting undertakers from putting embalming fluid, without the consent of the coroner, into the stomachs of people who die felonious deaths or under suspicious circumstances.

The committee on internal improvements favored the passage of file No. 73, repealing section 8 of chapter 45 of the statutes.

Senate file No. 95, relating to the registration of votes, was recommended for passage by the committee on municipal affairs.

The committee on revenue endorsed senate files 107, amending section 123 of chapter 77, and No. 81, regarding oil inspection.

The committee on university and normal schools reported favorably on H. R. 16, regarding the library fund at the university.

On motion of Senator Keiper, the committee on insane asylums was ordered to visit the institutions under its care and the secretary of state to furnish them with transportation.

Senator Poynter introduced a joint resolution that all articles of incorporations of banks hereafter be stored in the office of auditor of public accounts.

Senator Stevens offered a resolution that the old flag of the senate be given to Stephen A. Douglas post, Grand Army of the Republic, North Platte, for post decoration. Laid over under the rules.

The following files were read a first time: No. 17, appropriating $75,000 for the expenses of the legislature; No. 155, punishing fraud; No. 150, rendering a mortgage of household property void without the signature of husband and wife or head of the family.

The following were read a second time: No. 153, regarding the issue of bonds; No. 152, regarding public schools in metropolitan cities; No. 150, gradd juries; No, 149, posting names of railroad employes; No. 147, erecting scales at stations; No. 145, transferring cars; No. 144, recounting judicial amendment vote; No. 143, usury.

Senator Poynter introduced a resolution, based upon the suggestion of Governor Boyd in his message, that Senator Christofferson, Dysart and Brown be appointed a committee to investigate the offices of the executive departments of the state and report to the senate. Laid over under the rules. It has attracted attention because of the subject contemplated, as also because it originates with the independents and places a democrat as chairman.

The present incumbents say they court investigation, but there is some danger that others not now in office may be called on to explain some facts and figures.

Leislative Notes.

The members could not withstand the temptation to go a-fishing, and an adjournment for this purpose was taken. A very large delegation of the members went along with the fish committee to see the hatchery.

Hon. A. E. Gout, county attorney, J. H. Overman, a prominent merchant, and I. W. Harris, president of the Farmers' mutual insurance company of Richardson county, called upon Representative Vandeventer today.

Speaking of the Omaha charter today, Senator Switzler said: "Omaha people are writing to us for bills regarding charter amendments. We cannot give their orders attention owing to the fact that some of us, myself, for instance, has the aid of no clerk either as an individual or a chairman of a committee. Will you state in THE BEE that the bills relating to the charter are Nos. 94, 95, 96, 97, 110, the last being the main one, may be procured by addressing the secretary of the senate and giving number required."

Mr. W. F. Gurley of Omaha, in behalf of the Douglas County Bar association, arrived this morning and had a conference with some of the lawyers from Lancaster. Each organization had introduced a bill proposing to do away with the evils of the present jury law and remedy the defects of the law of 1889 which prevented it from going into effect. Some of the minor features of each bill were eliminated as the result of the conference, and both measures will be merged into one and receive the support of the attorneys from both counties.

World's Fair Work Stopped.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The work of grading in Jackson park in preparation for the world's fair is at a standstill. Late yesterday afternoon a lot of idle workmen, finding they were unable to induce the Italians there to strike for an advance in wages, attacked them and the Italians quit work in fear of another assault. They have been dissatisfied anyway with the wages, $1.50 a day, saying that many had to work standing in water and mud up to their ankles, and wanted $1.75. This morning another large crowd of idlers congregated and maintained a threatening attitude toward the Italians, and the latter determined not to resume work. The contractors will resume in a day or two and demand protection.

A Short Bank Teller.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 13.—Charles Ritter, teller of the First National bank, is short in his accounts. It is estimated that the deficit will reach $50,000. Ritter confesses to using the funds and says he will make the loss good.

Ritter is the head of the Schmidt music house in this city and has established branch concerns in Terre Haute and Owensboro, Ky. Those houses were badly managed, and not having money of his own to keep them going, the presumption is that he appropriated the bank funds.

A Cool Suicide.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A clerk named Young at Axtell, Kan., took poison this morning with suicidal intent. He walked into a drug store and asked for rat poison. Taking a quantity of the box he asked if that was enough to kill a rat and was informed that it would kill all the rats in town, when he said "Good-bye" and swallowed it. A stomach pump was procured and used with good effect and he may live. He was married.

SPRINGER REPUDIATES HIM.

The Illinois Democratic Statesman Goes Back on Grover.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. — [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] — "Cleveland and Springer" will not be the democratic ticket for 1892. It will be remembered that the Illinois congressman inaugurated the Cleveland boom at the Thurman banquet at Columbus, O., a few weeks since. It was about o'clock in the morning when Mr Springer aroused the wildest enthusiasm by declaring that in choosing a candidate to represent democratic principles in 1892 the party would not have to look beyond that banquet hall. It was accepted as an informal nomination of Cleveland and it aroused the banqueters to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Mr. Springer was the lion of the hour. He was invited into the ex-president's private car on the way back to New York. He was boomed for the speakership as representing the Cleveland idea, but today Mr. Springer hauled down the Cleveland colors, and if another Thurman banquet was held tonight he would withhold the Cleveland panegyric and nominate a free silver man if he nominated any. In an interview today Mr. Springer stated that Cleveland's letter had put a new aspect on the presidential question. He believed the democratic party was unalterably committed to the advocacy of free silver, and that the future candidate of the party would have to be a free silver man. "Look forward one year and see what the situation will be," said Mr. Springer. "The next house, overwhelmingly democratic, will pass a free coinage bill. The senate may reject the bill. If they pass it, it will go to President Harrison and be vetoed, but in any event, the silver issue will be clearly brought before the country, with the democrats of congress united in supporting free coinage. With the party thus supporting it, the question of coinage is certain to be an issue at the next presidential campaign."

It is, of course, impossible to reconcile this statement of Mr. Springer with his famous speech at the Thurman banquet. The congressman does not even seek to reconcile it, for he views the letter just as most of his colleagues do—as opening up an unreconcilable difference between the ex-president and his party.

Hardly a democratic member of congress has escaped the interviews on the Cleveland silver letter, but the republican members have been let alone, for it has been taken for granted that they would criticise the ex-president. But there are some exceptions to this rule. Senator McMillan of Michigan, for instance, thinks that the Cleveland letter will help him among the people, particularly in the west, to some extent. Mr. McMillan is chairman of the republican state committee of Michigan. He said that if Cleveland was the democratic nominee of 1892 he would be stronger in Michigan than he would have been without his anti-silver letter. The senator thinks that the silver cry is a popular wave which will soon subside and that the sober second thought of the people and particularly of the business people will be in favor of the Cleveland idea.

WITHSTOOD THE ORDEAL.

Civil service reform and the civil service commission have withstood a shocking ordeal in the house of representatives during the past two days. Yesterday the opponents of the commission succeeded, while the house was in committee of the whole, in knocking out of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill the usual salaries given the large corps of examiners and clerks in the civil service bureau, and today, while the house was yet in committee of the whole, it simply gave the commission one examiner, a stenographer and a messenger and provided the annual salaries of $3,500 each for the commissioners. This was done, it must be remembered, when the house was in committee of the whole, where no aye and nay vote is ever taken, and therefore the opposition of each member could not be made a matter of record. When the house went out of the committee of the whole and took up the bill for final adoption the assailants of civil service reform changed their positions as their names were called and they came to the record. The amendment yesterday knocking out the salaries and clerks passed by a vote of about three to one. Today when a record of the votes was taken the majority changed the other way and almost as many voted to give the commission a lump appropriation to be expended as it wishes for clerks, examiners, etc., as yesterday voted the other way. The record has again proven a great civilizer. It was expected, in view of the large number of members who will retire from this congress, that the civil service commission would be given a severe drubbing and that the reform, as it is now being conducted, would be seriously crippled. The only thing the house succeeded in doing was to record itself in opposition to making the civil service commission an independent body, reporting to no executive department unless it was to invest the commission with greater discretionary powers by appropriating so much money for a given number of clerks to be expended by the commission within its discretion. Altogether the civil service commission has taken a step forward instead of going backward.

FOR ISSUING ARMS TO WESTERN STATES.

Senator Casey of North Dakota has presented a joint resolution, supplementary to the resolution which some time since became a law, providing for the issue of 1,000 stands of arms to the states of North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska by inserting after the word "rifles" the following, "together with all infantry equipments necessary to their use in the field." This will provide the citizens of the states with ammunition, side arms, etc., so they may take the field any time against marauding Indians. From a report to congress by the secretary of war, it is seen that Nebraska's militia aggregates 1,444 men, that of Iowa 2,521 and of South Dakota 493 men.

NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Earl H. Calvin has been appointed postmaster at the new office of Pawiet, Deuel county, and Joseph Grewe at Riege, Cherry county. The following postmasters have also been appointed for Nebraska: Eight Mile Grove, Cass county, W. Jenkins, vice S. Maller, resigned; Gilmore, Sarpy county, T. De Smith, vice S. B. Knapp, resigned.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A favorable report has been made by the appropriation committee upon Senator Manderson's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating $80,000 to be made available immediately for the construction of suitable buildings for a military store house and office at the military depot at Omaha.

In the senate today Mr. Manderson offered as amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill a measure appropriating $8,000 to reimburse the city of Lincoln for paving about the federal building in that city; also an amendment giving $3,000 to improve the square about the federal building in Lincoln.

The committee will also report favorably Mr. Manderson's amendment to the bill increasing to the extent of $400,000 the appropriation for the site and public building at Omaha.

Representative Gifford today presented the joint resolution of the South Dakota legislature asking for an appropriation for the drouth sufferers in that state.

A favorable report has been made by the house committee on military affairs upon Mr. Dorsey's bill removing the charge of desertion against the military record of Patrick Dunply of Grand Island.

Rev. Father King of Falls City, Neb., who has been here for some time in connection with the enrollment of the Murphy family with the Sac and Fox tribe, has left for his home.

PERRY S. HEATH.

ONLY AN OUTRAGEOUS LIE.

A Sensational Newspaper Report Without Any Foundation.

PAXTON, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There is great indignation here over a report which is said to have emanated from Ogallala that over one hundred persons were assembled here for the purpose of holding up trains, a great many of whom were armed with revolvers and shotguns, their object being to supply themselves with coal and other property, and that the sheriff had notified the gang to disperse, otherwise to would call upon Governor Boyd for sufficient assistance to suppress them. The only excuse for this sensational news is that about fifteen persons have been around the Union Pacific depot and it was believed that their object was to "rustle up" a little coal. There has been no violence attempted and none of the parties suspected of wanting coal are armed.

WHO MURDERED MRS. COWLES?

A Coroner's Jury at Clarks Fails to Answer the Question.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR CONVENTION.

A Deputy Marshal Robbed—A Hastings Millinery House Makes an Assignment—Notes From Fremont—About the State.

CLARKS, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The coroner's jury in the Cowles murder case today returned a verdict that Mrs. Fannie C. Cowles came to her death by violence at the hands of a party or parties unknown; that the killing was felonious and further recommended that the evidence before them justified a thorough investigation at the hands of the proper authorities. Detectives are still at work, but no further arrests have been made.

Knights of Labor Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last evening the opening session of the state convention of the Knights of Labor was held at Bohanan's hall and the session was resumed today. The attendance is very large, virtually every assembly in the state being represented by delegates, in all a representation of about two hundred laborers from over the state.

General Master Workman Powderly of Philadelphia is present and lends his benign presence throughout the deliberations, which are, in part, the consideration of proposed legislation respecting Nebraska laboring men in regard to labor measures. Ere the convention adjourns state officers will be elected.

The press committee gives it out that there is yet nothing done that may be given the public, all work so far being strictly private and of direct interest only to the members of the order. It is thought, however, that at tomorrow's meeting matters of general interest will be called up and considered, when the public will have an opportunity to know partially of what the convention is doing.

Hon. T. V. Powderly addressed an immense assemblage at Bonhanan's hall this evening. His speech was received with great enthusiasm and greeted throughout with cheers. He gave a resume of the history of the Knights of Labor and the principles of the order. He dwelt for some time on the taxation of suburban property where laboring men build homes. He characterized it as fining industry. No man, said he, has a right to speculate on God's green earth. Usurious interests and high rates of transportation were scored. He declared that manhood was worth more than money, and yet manhood in his state drew but $1.25 per day or $375 per year, which was less than the legal rate of interest on $7,000. This showed manhood as being valued less than money.

Robbed the Marshal.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last evening, about 7 o'clock, and while the occupants were at supper, a sneak thief entered the room of Deputy United States Marshal Hepfinger and Herman Ruegge in the Towle block in this city and captured a suit of clothes, about $30 worth of papers, and some of money. There is no trace of the culprit as yet. Mr. Hepfinger has offered a reward for his arrest.

Millinery Assignment.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The millinery house of Saxelby & Whipple made an assignment to the sheriff this afternoon for the benefit of their creditors. The condition of affairs is unknown. It was one of the oldest millinery firms in the city.

Fremont Notes.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—L. C. Olsen, an old settler of this county, residing near Jamestown, died last night and will be buried next Monday at 1 o'clock.

Gus Schrager, who fell yesterday and injured his limo, finds no consolation in his physician's ultimatum that he will be obliged to lie pretty much in one position for a month or six weeks in order to be brought out in the spring in as good condition as when he fell.

The two burglars, Michael F. Swift and Frank Utterson, on trial this week for going through Sickel's store, were found guilty by the jury, which returned a verdict at 2:30 this afternoon. The other two of the four, Harry Thomas and James Reed, were brought up for trial today. Thomas pleaded guilty, and Reed asked for and was granted a continuance to the May term.

Twenty-Two Years Old.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—The twenty-second anniversary of the chartering of the university of Nebraska will be celebrated tomorrow afternoon and evening by a reception and address. From 3 to 6 p. m. the public are invited to visit the various departments, which will be open for inspection, with the heads of departments and others on hand to direct visitors and answer questions. Cards of admission to the buildings at this time can be obtained without charge at the chancellor's office.

The evening exercises are free to all and will consist of the annual address, delivered by President Peabody of the university of Illinois, and brief remarks by Acting Chancellor Bessey, C. H. Gere, president of the board of regents, and President Dungan of Cotner university, who was a member of the first board of regents of the state university.

Fired the Jail Again.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Marshal Melick filed complaint with the insanity board this morning charging Mary Briggs with being off her base, and she will have her hearing before the commissioners at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

For the sixth or seventh time Mary last evening set fire to the city jail. This time she tore one of her skirts into shreds and threw them on top of the stove. The flames were subdued by the officers in short order. It is probably a good thing that Mary's time is out. Had she been kept in the city jail much longer her entire wardrobe would have been sacrificed to her desires to fire the jail.

Contested Tobacco Stock.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Several weeks ago a cigar manufacturer named Nugent jumped the town in the middle of the night and left numerous creditors to regret his departure. He took the precaution before leaving to turn over his stock of cigars and tobaccos to George Corcoran of this city, giving him a chattel mortgage on them. Yesterday Sheriff Shreek seized the goods on an execution against Nugent. Mr. Corcoran promptly replevined them, and the case was tried before County Judge Montgomery, who decided that the title to the property and right of possession was with Corcoran.

The Y. M. C. A. Conference.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The session of the state Young Men's Christian association secretaries' conference today was an interesting and largely attended one. Secretaries J. M. Bothwell of Grand Island, J. B. Carruthers of York, A. M. Clemence of Fremont, E. E. Griffin of Fairbury, A. Nash of Omaha, C. M. Spring of Crete and William Franklin of Weeping Water were the speakers today. The session will continue over tomorrow.

A Receiver Appointed.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Deputy United States Marshal J. C. Emery was today appointed receiver of the roller mill property of Baling & Voorhees, Filley, this county. The property was taken by the Noyes milling company of Canton, O., on a mortgage of $8,000.

A Relic of the War.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—W. R. Barton of Berwyn had his left leg amputated this morning, between the hip and knee. The cause was a shell wound received during the war, which has caused him more or less trouble since. Dr. M. J. Gahan of Grand Island performed the operation, assisted by Dr. R. C. Talbott of this city, and it was very successful. Mr. Barton is a prominent Grand Army of the Republic man in this section.

Brave Fight with Snow Drifts.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The west bound passenger train that left Long Pine at 8 o'clock p. m. Saturday, the 7th, arrived at Chadron at 2 o'clock Wednesday, the 11th, after superhuman efforts on the part of the brave boys representing the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road. The passengers on this train sent them a vote of thanks for bringing them safely through and they deserve it. They overcame mountains of drifts, packed so hard that heavy men could walk over them without sinking and that were taken out in great cakes more like ice than snow. Some of the banks were ten and twelve feet thick. The snow plow crew jeopardized their lives at every drift. Following are the names of the brave snow plow men: Conductor, Tug Wilson; engineer, John Pritguse; fireman, Ed Briggs; brakemen, Harlan and Isgrigg, with twenty-one men snow shovelers. Crew of passenger train No. 3: Conductor, John Sammons; engineer, Mitt Carlton; fireman, George Barnwell.

Fire and Snow.

BURWELL, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The dwelling of Postmaster F. A. Webster burned to the ground at 7 o'clock this morning. The members of the family were all in bed, but escaped. The contents of the building were mostly saved. There was no insurance.

No trains have been run out from here this week. The snow plow is now at Greeley Center, and probably the road will be opened tomorrow morning.

A Return Shoot.

ELKHORN, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Jim Mayhew is not satisfied with the result of yesterday's shoot between him and Mark Turner. He challenged Turner and was accepted for a $100 shoot, $50 a side, to come off next week, on February 19. They will shoot at fifty birds each, from two plunge traps as before. There will be sweepstake shoot as on the former occasion. No one is barred.

Threatened Lynching in Missouri.

POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., Feb. 13.—Sheriff Gardner returned from Vienna, Ill., this morning, having in custody Marion Long, who, according to the confession of Mrs. Vandever, killed the latter's husband. It is known that an attempt will be made to lynch the pair tonight, and to prevent this the sheriff summoned a posse of armed men to guard the jail.

Trains Running Again.

LONG PINE, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A passenger train from Chadron at midnight Wednesday night was the first train to arrive from the west since last Saturday morning, on account of the snow blockade. The through passenger from Whitewood arrived on time yesterday morning, and schedule time has been restored.

GOVERNOR HILL'S POSITION.

He Will Accept Any Explanation of Mr. Watterson's.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Governor Hill, who is stopping at the Hotel Normandie, was shown Mr. Watterson's second letter this afternoon and asked what, if anything, he had to say about it.

"I have only this to add," said the governor, "Mr. Watterson now affirms that a letter felt to be offensive in its defense of me and in the motives and role assigned to me was in fact written by him and in fact written at the time of its date. My reasons for believing the letter a forgery were three. First, I have never received it; second, I thought Kentucky good manners would have required my receipt of the letter and my assent before the publication, and third, it says the writer never held office and I remembered Mr. Watterson's brilliant career in congress.

"I do not seek to fathom Mr. Watterson's motives and I accept whatever explanation he offers."

THEIR PREFERENCES.

Who the Democratic Legislators Want for the Next President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Herald this morning publishes the reports of the canvasses in twenty-eight democratic legislatures upon their preferences for president. The recapitulation of returns from all sources show that ex-President Cleveland is favored by 1,515 legislators, Senator-elect Hill by 199, and that 276 of the men approached favored no candidate or will not commit themselves. The states canvassed are New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, Colorado, Wisconsin, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Indiana and Illinois, where sixty-eight representatives and eighteen senators prefer Cleveland; Arizona, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Arkansas, North Carolina, North Dakota, Minnesota, Connecticut, Montana, West Virginia, Washington, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Oregon.

Double Hanging in Delaware.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 13.—Jesse H. Proctor and Frederick Young were hanged here at 1:53 this afternoon.

The murder for which Proctor and Young were hanged was committed August 23 last. The victim was Stephen Lindsay, a colored man eighty-two years old and a local exhortor in the colored church at Media, Pa. Robbery was the motive.

The two negroes slept fairly well and breakfasted heartily this morning. Young, who had broken down badly after learning yesterday that there was no hope of a respite, had recovered much of his nerve and said that he felt pretty well this morning. Neither of the condemned men spoke a word on the scaffold, but after a prayer by Rev J. C. Cole (colored) and the benediction by Rev. Penfield Fikes they stood steady and unqualiingly while the noose and black caps were adjusted and their legs were being bound. At exactly 1:52 Sheriff Cole severed, with one stroke of his hatchet, the rope that held the trap. The two doomed men shot downward five feet and died without a struggle, with every appearance of having had their necks instantly broken. About one hundred and fifty spectators gathered around the fields and on the roofs of adjacent buildings witnessed the execution.

The Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The demand for wool has been good and the sales of the week 3,048,000 pounds of all kinds. The market has been firm, but there has been but little change in prices. In domestic wool the principal sales have been in territory grades and have been in the range of 16@24c. Fine medium Montana was sold to a good extent at 22@23½c. On the scoured basis the principal sales of territory wools have been at 60@65c for fine, 58@60c for fine medium, and 55@57c for medium. In Texas, California and Oregon wools there has been nothing of consequence done and prices are unchanged. Pulled wools have been in good demand at super selling at 40@45c for the best, at 30@38c for fair to good, and at 22@30c for extras. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces have been quiet, with sales at 31@32c for X, at 33@34c for XX, and 37@38c for No. 1. Michigan sells at 29@30c, No. 1 washed coming is firm at 39@42c, Ohio fine delaine are at 36@37c and Michigan fine delaine at 35@36c. Sales of unwashed combing have been made at 27@32c for quarter and three-eighths blood. Australian wools have been active and firm at 36@42c. There has been more demand for foreign carpet wools.

If that lady at the lecture the other night only knew how nicely Hall's Hair Renewer would remove dandruff and improve the hair, she would buy a bottle.

Bombarded and Burning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Flint Co. today received the following cablegram from Chili: "Pisagua has been bombarded and is burning. The blockade has ceased at Valparaiso."

A Forging Banker.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—It has been discovered that Victor Mace or Berneau, the banker of this city who absconded a few days ago, was the forger of the telegrams recently sent to London ordering the sale of large quantities of Brazilian securities.

IOWA NEWS.

Joined the Stucco Syndicate.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The three big gypsum stucco mills in this city have joined the syndicate now being organized to control the stucco business of the country. Hamilton Brown of St. Paul, who is engineering the combine, was in the city today. He says the syndicate has secured control of every gypsum mill of any size in the United States. It is proposed to operate all the mills as branches of a single concern, in which all mill owners as well as outside capitalists will be interested. The organization of the combine will be completed about April 1.

An Atlantic Newspaper Change.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—O. M. Hobart and Eugene Johnson have purchased the Atlantic Messenger, they taking possession March 1. The politics of the paper remain unchanged. Hobart and Johnson are practical printers and will undoubtedly make a continued success of the Messenger, which has been one of the stalwart republican papers of western Iowa for twenty-six years.

Recovered the Check.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Henry Bickel, the young fellow who worked himself into the good graces of Mary Barger and skipped out a few days ago with her pocketbook containing $50 in money and a $900 check, has been captured and returned to the city. The check was all right, but the most of the $50 had been spent.

A Hamburg Man Killed.

HAMBURG, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Hunt Brown, a well known and respected young man here, was accidentally killed at Montgomery, Ill., while en route with a train load of cattle for Chicago, shipped by G. L. Allen of this place. His remains will be brought here for interment.

Dropped Their Roll on a Foot Race.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Three farmers from Illinois were inveigled into betting on a foot race here today. Their man fell down and they dropped $1,200. The case is being investigated.

Miss Bessie H. Bedloe of Burlington, Vt., had a disease of the scalp which caused her hair to become very harsh and dry and to fall so freely she scarcely dared comb it. Ayer's Hair Vigor gave her a healthy scalp, and made the hair beautifully thick and glossy.

DEMPSEY THE BEST.

How Champion Fitzsimmons Talks of His Antagonists.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bob Fitzsimmons, champion middle-weight pugilist of the world, arrived in the city at 9 o'clock this morning from New Orleans, the scene of his recent bout with Jack Dempsey. He was accompanied by Bill Woods of Denver, who vanquished Mike Conley on last Monday night at the Auditorium club in New Orleans and carried off a $1,000 purse offered. Speaking of his plans for the immediate future, Fitzsimmons said: "I have signed a contract with George Clark to exhibit myself and take part in a friendly set-to with Woods with soft gloves wherever he designates, during a term of fifteen weeks, commencing on Monday next. I will accept no challenges until after the expiration of this contract. Then I will challenge the winner of the Jack Burke-Ted Pritchard fight, which takes place soon. Pritchard claims to be the champion of England, but would be an easy mark for me."

Bob talked freely of his recent fight with Dempsey as well as of his bouts with McCarthy, champion of Australia, and Upham, champion of New England, and stated that none of them gave him much trouble, although he admits that Dempsey was the best man he ever whipped.

Stirring Resolutions.

ST. JOHNS, N. F. Feb. 13.—Immediately after the reading of the governor's speech at the opening of the legislature today Colonial Secretary Bond proposed resolutions reciting certain statements regarding reciprocity negotiations which will cause a stir in Canada, the United States and England. During the discussion several of the most notable conservative members expressed strong sentiments in favor of annexion and in condemnation of the unfriendly attitude of Canada. The resolutions were supported by the opposition, passed unanimously and sent to the legislative counsel for concurrence. The preamble states that on July 8 the Newfoundland delegates proposed to the British government that Newfoundland should be permitted to negotiate a convention for reciprocal trade with the United States. On September 8 this proposal was acquiesced in. On December 16 a satisfactory convention was arranged and accepted on behalf of the United States government by Secretary Blaine. Though strongly urged by Newfoundland the British government up to date has declined to ratify the convention. The resolutions declare that the house views with profound disappointment and alarm the failure of her majesty's government to carry out its solemn obligations to the colony and is aware of the interference of Canada and cannot fail to appreciate the same as a menace to the independence of the colony. The members emphatically protest and regard the delay as evidencing utter disregard for the prosperity of the colony and calculated to permanently disturb the loyalty for which the colony has in the past been remarkable.

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Farmers Want Reciprocity.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 13.—The report adopted by