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Omaha and Lincoln Gitizens Finally Come

to Terms.

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Case-Read His Own Obitnary-

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the City.

Robbed a Sick Man.

an opportunity to take up his case.

Famous Railroad Case

supreme court several years ago by Attorney General Leese to annul the charter of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad company has

been dragging its weary way through the tedious channels of the law for so long a time that the people of the state would long

ince have forgotten it had not an occasional

eference been made to it in the newspapers

Woolworth has appeared on behalf of the de-

fendant and asked that the order of continu-

ance be set aside. The court complied with the request and the case will be argued on

December 17. The referes to whom the case was submitted reported to the effect that

the lease and franchise of the road were

Read His Own Obituary.

Roberts will have the pleasure of reading a

large assortment of well written obitary notices, not only in his home papers in Idaho,

Registrars Will Sue the City.

valid.

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However, it bids fair to be settled one

noney involved.

NOT UP TO THE MARK.

Omaha Illuminating Oil Which is Away Below Even Nebraska's Staudard.

APPLYING THE TEST TO SAMPLES SOLD.

No Theory About the Result Noted in These Several Experiments.

FAILED EVEN BY THE FOSTER TEST.

How That Unreliable Instrument Served to Convict the Cil Companies.

THEMOMETERS THAT ARE WILLFUL LIARS.

Accurate Record of Careful Tests of

Illuminating Oil Sold in Nebraska Within the Month -- Is

Your Oil Here?

For some days past, as a consequence of the articles in THE BEE with reference to the oil inspection law of this state and the manner in which it is enforced by the state inspectors, a number of complaints of poor oil from people in all waiks of life, have come to this office.

Some of the complainants claimed their oil "smoked," others that it "jumped," others that it burned so rapidly that it kept them "baying all the time;" others that it didn't "burn at ail" and others still, when the lamps were ignited, seemed to discover a series of short snapping reports, although loud enough to direct the attention of the family to the lamp, with the result either of substituting candles or retiring early to bed and seeking an explanation from the grocer or the tank man in the morning.

These complaints were not solicited by Tur. Bug. They justified, however, the steps this paper had already taken to shed all the light possible upon the kerosene inspection in this state.

inspected by The Bee.

One of these steps was to provide for an inspection of oil samples on the part of THE BRE itself. Accordingly, a member of the staff of the paper, in a recent visit to a number of cities and towns in this state, procured a number of samples of oil. He made no at-tempt to get poor petroleum, leaving the dealer to sell to him presumably the same oil which he was doily dispensing over his counter to his various customers. The same thing was done in the city of

Omaha, and was supplemented by contributions of cil from the cans of private families in various parts of the city.

This last mentioned feature was resorted to to checkmate the oil companies. The latter had been informed of what THE BEE was doing, and had secretly imported wagon from Council Bluffs to aid in sapplying the unexpected demand from all sections of the city for better oil, The precaution of the oil people, however,

was taken too late, because Tur Bre had al-ready secured the greater part of the oil which it intended should undergo inspection. When the oil men learned of the examination that was about to be made they smiled because they feit their oil would easily stand the inspection which the most conscientious state inspector could give it, under the Nobraska law.

tsed the Elliott Cup.

As has been stated, the test in this state is made by means of the Foster cup. At the risk of being wearisome regarding this contrivance, it will here be repeated for the last crape oment it makes its appearance, or bonas, in a gas from the oil. The cup ch docs indicate the immediwhich presence of danger, however, the Elliott. In most states ate

G -- Purchased at J. L. Tedrow's grocery, 608 West Second street, Hastings, Neb. Flashed at 890 Flashed at 89°. H-Bought of Matthiesen Bros., grocers, Blair. Gave a strong flash at 57°. I-Purchased in a small frame grocery numbered 442 on the main street of Norfola. This stood the ordeal until 91° had been donad. J-Bought in a small grocery, 223 Main street, Fremont, Flashed at 897. K-Bought of - & Robbins, Superior. lashed at 87= L-Precured at Fred Weis', 223 East First street, Frement. Flashed at 90 ⊂. M-Bought in Omaha at 904 North Six-teenth street. Flashed at 87⊂. N-Bought in this city at 1914 North Twenty-seventh street. A slight flash at 85° and a strong one at 89=

of Seventeenth and Capitol avenue, Omaha.

'Inshed at 86°

O-Bought by Mr. N. P. Fell of Frank ang, South Thirteenth, near Jackson street. Flashed at (83°). This oil was especially sought as the best in the store and was deominated "headlight." P-Contributed by Mr. T. J. Fitzmorris and bought at MaNeill's grocery, Leaven-worth, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. Flashed at 872.

Flashed at $S7^{\circ}$. Q-Contributed by Mr. J. C. Campbell, and bought at Johnson & Co's., Park and Woolworth avenues. Flashed at 88° . R-Contributed by Willie O. Wether. Bought at P. M. Back's, Seventh and Pacific streets. Flashed at 87° .

Pacine streets. Fiash at 85%, S-Contributed by Mr. J. B. Haynes, and bought at Johnson Brothers', Leavenworth street, near Park avenue. This was one of the three samples which stood a test of more than 100° , flashing at 103° . It could not, however, have found welcome in Council

Bluffs, T-Contributed by Mr. R. B. Wallace. Bought off a wagon tank. Flashed at 85°, U-Contributed by Mr. Harry Haskell, Bought at Vapor's, Clark street. Flashed

 w-Contributed by S. W. Niles, and bought from a wagon tank. Flashed at 90[°].
W -This sample was contributed by Mr.
A. B. Davenport, but, there was an insufficy of it with which to make a test. --Contributed by Fred Young and bought X-Contributed by Fred Young and bought of H. Ratchman, Sixteenth and Corby streets.

Y-Contributed by Jack Castle and bought at a grocery on Twenty-fourth street. Lo-cation not ascertained Flashea at 84° . A most dangerous oil. Between it and gasoline

nly about 10⊃. Z-Bought of C. Leissge, 417 South Tenth street. Flashed at 90⊃. No. 1—Bought at the Missouri Cash gro-

cery, northeast corner of Capitol avenue and

No. 2-Bought at northwest corner of Capitol avenue and Tenth street. Flashed THE BEE disclaims any intention of reflect-

ing upon the grocers who sold these oils. The law compels the oil companies to sell them no better oil. They can, therefore, get only what is for sale

With the Foster cup, that used by the state inspectors, the following flashes were made by some of the oils above referred to, and, as proviously remarked, with a corrected thermometer eight of them failed to comply

thermometer law. with the law. M, 103°; N, 98°; O, 101°; P, 100°; Q. 98°; S, 119°; T, 98°; Q, 103°; X, 99°; Y, 90°; Z, 96°; No. 1, 95°; No. 2, 9314°.

Lamp Explosions in Omaha.

In this connection, it will be possible to appreciate the part the oil sold in this city has played with the fires and lamp explosions which are now a matter of record. This record is in the possession of Chief Galligan of the Omaha fre department and extends back to 1874. It is substantiated in ater years by the records of Fire Reporters

Beard and Elliott. The number of fire slarms in this city occasioned by lamp explosions each year dur-ing the past seventeen years is as follows: In 1874, 1; 1876, no record, ; 1877, 2; 1878, 4; 1879, 1; 1880, 9; 1881, 5; 1882, 2; 1883, 6; 1884, 2; 1885, 10; 1886, 7; 1887, 10; 1888, 13; 1889, 10; 1890, 14; 1891, to date, 17.

This record greatly exceeds that of other cities of this size in states in which a salutary oil inspection law obtains. The following lamp explosions have taken

place as shown by the reports of the fire and public commissioners and fire chiefs of the cities mentioned, the past year: Milwaukee, 11; Columbus, O., 4; Denver, no inspection) 12; District of Columbia, 6;

Paul, S; Sacramento, 16. In California, it is believed, there is no oil spection law. Sacramento accordingly

givides the palm with Omaha.

certain extent, left to take care of themselves, and the inspector is obliged to rely upon the honor of the warehousemen or Tank Line manager to apprise him of the receipt of new

shipments of oil requiring inspection. Much of the oil at these places is received tanks and distributed in iron containers of tank warona. Oil May Escape Inspection.

BIG SUMS INVOLVED IN THE LITIGATION. If the tank manager so desires, one-half of more of the oil received need never be in spected, and no one be the wiser. This coul be avoided and the inspection made certain by the appointment of a deputy in each of these towns in which warehouses Robbed a Sick Man-Famous Railroad or tanks are located, with full authority to inspect oils received in said town or vicinity. and to receive, in remuneration therefor, a portion of all the fees collected. It should be provided by law that the brands of oils of the different companies designating the kind, such as "prime white," "water white," "headlight," etc., should be registered in the state inspector's office as being at all times not less than a stipulated degree of test. As happy termination in the district court toit is now, there is drawn from one tank, oll barreled and branded under three or more different names, marked three or four differday. The city council held a special session ent degree fire tests, and sold for as many

different prices. Meaningless Brands.

When I say "fire tests" 1 do not mean the tests as branded by the inspector, but a brand applied by the companies and which the oil inspector could not prevent even if he which the bill inspector could not prevent even if he so wished. For instance, headlight oil which with the Elliott cup, would be entitled to a brand of about 125° flash test by the inspector, is marked 175° "fire test by the company; and as this brand is in large prominent figures, it is one of the first marks that catches the dealer's eye and frequently he is led to believe it to be the heremetry hered. Thes is show be the inspector's brand. This is also wrong. No brands should be allowed on the barrel, except that of the manufacturer or dealer, the kind of oil contained in the same, he gauge and that of the inspector. The ap proved tests should also be raised, making place of 100° flash test 110° flash test and ascertained by the Elliott or Iowa cup. We are at present a dumping ground for the relected oils of Iowa and other eastern states. If it is necessary for the oil companies to have dumping ground, let them seek some other state more willing to prostitute itself for the state more whing to be benefit of this monopoly. Louis HEIMROD.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh. Bee bldg. SHE'LL GET HER HORSE.

Mrs. Offerman Makes a Winning Fight for Her Property. Calvin Bradeen, the farmer charged with tealing a horse from Mrs. Offerman of this

city, was arraigned before Justice Breen yesterday afternoon. The evidence showed that there existed a misundersianding between Mrs. Offermar, and Bradeen in regard to the pay for the pasturage of the horse by the latter for four months.

Mrs. Offerman, who has a sick husband, in addition to a large family to support, testified that she paid Bradeen \$5.60, the amount agreed on, for the pasturage and although meanwhile the farmer had had the constant use of the house he demanded \$10 more from her. She refused to comply with this attempted extortion and Bradeen advertised the horse for sale. He then demanded that she pay \$8 for this advertisement in addition to the off manded or he would sell the horse. the other \$10 de-

Mrs. Offerman told Bradeen that even if she was a poor friendless woman he could not rop her in such a manner, and she walked out to Bradeen's stable, took the horse, and led him home. Friday morning she discov-ered that somebody had stolen her horse. Later the missing steed was found in Braieen's barn.

The farmer claimed that the horse had been sold as advertised, and, although the animal is a valuable one, had been bid in for \$20 by him and, therefore, belonged to him and he defied her to take the horse.

With tears in her eyes the poor woman asked the judge if the law would allow her to be robbed in such a manner. His honor declared that there was not evidence suf-ficient to convict Bradeen of horse stealing

and he was discharged. Braceen had testified that another farmer named Van Emp had the horse and im-mediately after Bradeen's discharge preparations were made for the arrest of Van Emp

Serious Fun

on the charge of horse stealing. Bradeer

others too numerous to mention, are, to a IMPORTANT SUITS SETTLED. his principal assets being the equity in the certain extent, left to take care of themselves, IMPORTANT SUITS SETTLED. Copely Hotel. A meeting of creditors was Copely Hotel. A meeting of creditors was held and a committee of investigation appointed.

MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

Horrible Fate That Befel a New York Farmer's Wife.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 -A woman has been murdered in the Atlantic Highlands and armed men are searching the surrounding country for the murderer.

Near the outskirts of the village, upon a small farm, lives Charles T. Leonard, his wife and three children. The husband, besides cultivating the farm, occasionally works for his neighbors.

Yesterday a farmer living some distance away sent for Leonard to help him kill some LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 28 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The case in which H. T. Clarge and hogs. Leonard left early in the morning. Hugh Murphy of Omaha and one or two When he returned home late in the afternoon he found his children crying near the house. Lincoln men were interested reached a "We can't find mamma anywhere," they said when they saw him.

last night and the proceedings paved the way Mr. Leonard thought at first that his wife for the settlement today. The case has been had gone out to call upon a neighbor. When attracting attention in Lincoln since 1887, he asked his children how long the mother not only on account of the prominence of the had been gone, all they could say was parties, but also because of the large sum of "Mamma went out a long time ago."

He waited and waited, but she did not The city council last night instructed the city attorney to compromise the case by con-fessing judgment in favor of Naugle & Co., Hugh Murphy and L. C. Burr, to the amount of \$26,859.93. On als part Mr. H. T. Clarke come. The dishes were on the table and the water in the kettles upon the stove was cold Leonard grew alarmed and began to search the premises. At last he found her horribly mutilated body at some distance from the agreed to confess judgment to the city to the amount of \$11,771.46. This compromise was to be made in full settlement of all matters house. A small rope was fastened in a tight noose around her neck. The cord had sunk deep into the flesh and the face was discolored. in dispute. This afternoon in the district court, Judge Field filed a decree stipulating and distorted. One side of the woman's head was crushed in. The murderer had struck her upon the head, and then fearing that she that Clarke shall pay to L. C. Burr \$8,953.31, and to Naugle & Co., \$2,818.15, which will wipe out his personal indebtedness to the might still live, went to the clothes line, cut off a few yards, formed a slip-noose and drew ity. The decree further stipulates that udgment shall be readered against the city it tight about her neck. When the husband realized that his wife

a favor of Naugle & Co., for \$6,135,16 and in had been murdered, he hurried to the near favor of Hugh Murphy for \$5,953.31. This settles one of the most important cases that est neighbor and gave the alarm. A crowd of farmers and villagers rushed to the has come up in the history of the district court for Lancaster county, and all parties breathe a sigh of relief.

Some laboring men who were working in the neighborhood of the Leonard farm, remembered that they had seen a farm hand named Louis Harrison that afternoon, not Charles Harris, the young man arrested in Omaha last week by Deputy United States Marshal Melick, was given a preliminary hearing today on the charge of grand larceny. far from Leonard's house. He had blood upon his clothes and hands, they said. Many of the neighbors are killing hogs at this season, and it is not an uncommon sight Four years ago Harris was employed to nurse M. M. Trimble through a spell of sickness. to see a farmer with blood upon his clothes. So the men said nothing to Harrison, who One night he abstracted a purse from under the sick man's pillow and skipped out. The

was walking rapidly up the road. As soon as the villagers heard this story they decided that the blood upon Harrison's the sick man's pillow and skipped out. The purse contained something over \$100. His whereabouts was only recently discovered, and although he denies that his name is clothes and hands was human blood. They went to the place where he had been work-Harris he was today positively identified by ing, but he was not there, and the people knew nothing of his whereabouts. The rall-road station was watched, telegrams were sent out with a description of Harrison and horsemen were sent out over the country the members of the Trimble family. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 and in default will be compelled to lie in the county jall until the district court finds roads in all directions; but up to midnight Harrison had not been found. Little is known about Harrison in Atlantic The somewhat famous case brought in the

Highlands. He is a native of Loraine, and a short time ago went to work on a farm in the village. He is described as about 30 years

old, six feet high, dark, with grey eyes. The murdered woman was 25 years old. It is not believed that she had any enemies among the villagers, and the general belief is that the murderer assaulted her and becoming frightened at her resistance killed her. The coroner will hold an inquest today.

Dr. Birney cures catarch Bee bldg REFINEMENT OF BRUTALITY.

Cruel Treatment of His Family by a

Michigan Lumberman.

WEST BRANCH, Mich., Nov. 28-Three miles north of here in a small clearing lives The information which reached Lincoln James Benson, a rough lumberman, with his early in the week to the effect that George H. Roberts, at one time attorney general for the state of Nebraska, had died in the city of wife and three children. He has always treated his family shamefully, but his latest New York, now turns out to be incorrect. John H. Ames returned from Washington, mode of punishment exceeds all former for brutality, and has resulted in his confinement D. C., yesterday and states that he met Mr. Roberts on the streets of that city one day this week and that he was apparently as in the county jail and numerous threats of lynching by enraged neighbors. well as ever. The information came from what appeared to be authentic sources. Mr.

Lately Benson came home in an intoxi-cated condition and immediately raised a disturbance because his wife had not supper prepared. He knocked the woman insensi-ble. Then procuring a long clothes line be bound her firmly to a heavy bedstead. His three children aged 1, 3 and 6 years respec-tively, were treated in a similar manner. locked up the he se and

Lottery, against whom indictments were re-Lottery, against whom indictments were re-turned at the recent term of court at Sioux Falls, have been required to give \$2,000 ball each to appear in Sioux Falls at the next term of court for trial. A writ of removal was granted by the district juoge, but he re-fused to make it for trial at the December term as requested by Attorney Sterling. These whose bonds were approved are A. J. Bachiwan, P. Voornis, L. Bruiatour, L. Bachiwin, P. Voornis, L. Bruiatour, L. Poche, L. Barre, W. Valenton, Joseph Her-wig, P. F. Herwig, Joseph Horner, M. Arnault and Paul Conrad.

REHYPOTHECATED THE BONDS.

Union Pacific Officials Finds Themselves Short a Million in Securities. NEW YORK, Nov. 28 .- The suspicion that Field, Wiechers, Lindley & Co.,

which failed yesterday, had rehypothecated securities held by them on a loan of \$600,000 and amounting to \$1,000,000 developed into a certainty this morning. At the stock exchange \$800,000 of Union Pacific and Denver & Gulf consolidated first mortgage fives were sold out

under the rule on the account of the firm. Upon hearing this fact Judge Dillon sent for Assistant Secretary Burnham of the stock exchange and had a conference with him at his office. Sidney Dillon was present. Burnham was notified that the entire list of securities was not good delivery and was requested to post the notice. A meeting of the committee on securities

A mosting of the committee on securities was hurriedly called by Secretary Fly, and they came to the decision that the securities would not be good delivery, and posted a notice to that effect and sent word to the various banks. Sidney Dillon spoke about the notice and

said: "Their rehypothecation of these se-curities is what I call criminal borrowing. I don't think there can be any milder view of their action takes." At the office of Field, Wiechers, Lindley &

the assignee, Charles W. Gould, was . In reply to questions, he said : ieen.

seen. In reply to questions, he said: "I really don't know in what condition things stand. I have been preparing to take an inventory of the securities and other assets. As to the reported rehypothecation of Union Pacific securities, I really don't know anything about it, but I can hardly believe that such a thing has been done? done. In regard to the condition of Edward M. Field, the senior member of the firm, Gould

said it was very serious. Arrangements are being made toend him to a private insane asylum. A prominent member of the produce ex-

Mr. Timme with his figures. He had secured them for the county aud-itor. He had asked for them personally, and change who saw Lindley this morning said he denied the statement that the firm was not as a member of a committee, and all he wanted to do was to have the information go short on Nevember corn in Chicago. After the close of the stock exchange today the exchange officially announced that the out to the public that the road fund was not bankrupt. Mr. Paddock thought the condition of the

Union Pacific railroad had notified it that securities of the face value of \$1,710,000 had oeen misappropriated, and these securities were accordingly declared to be not a good delivery on account of sales made in the exboard a statement showing the amount of money in the fund, the obligations which the board will be required to pay and the amount due on unfinished contracts. Mr. Timme said that his report showed an

change. The following statement is made by officers of the Union Pacific in regard to the notice given to the stock exchange: "Of the se-curities of its system, which are held by Field, Lindley, Welchers & Co , in relation to which the stock exchange has made a ruling that they are not a good delivery, a large part were delivered to that firm as collateral part were delivered to that firm as collateral security for the three toans, which matured November 13, 24 and 25, and that balance of them were security for a loan which matures January 1, next. The company has repeatedly offered to pay off these loans since the funding scheme was consummated, and has stood ready to do so, but prepayment was refused. Since the three loans matured the company bas made every effort to take up the loans, but the tenders delayed, making various ex-cuses for not being ready to deliver the collateral on receipt of payment. The company stands ready at any time to pay the loans on

delivery of collateral, or to meet any of its obligations, provided collaterals are returned. Several of the brokers of the suspended irm have sold bends and must make delivery on Monday to the buyers, as they are not a

have the buyers cancel the transactions.

diciary. The report of the committee on court house and jail, granting the use of one of the court rooms in THE BEE building for kindergarten good delivery, the sellers are endeavoring to purposes, was rejected, the board concluding that the rooms could be used for no other than court purposes.

Tool Company Assigns. The judges and clocks of election, outside of Omaha, were allowed \$4 each for the time during which they served at the election PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 28 .- The Provi-

dence Tool company has made a general assignment. held November 4. Owing to the fact that the county attorney

TRAINMEN FIGHT ITALIANS.

bound locals were switching cars in the

side track, at the far end of which stood a

caboose in which were some twenty Italians,

against whom the trainmen had a grudge.

WILL GIVE THE RACERS A REST.

Their Fast Vessels for a While.

The Adriatic will take the place of

American company have already issued the

order for the temporary withdrawal of the Augusta Victoria and the Columbia.

HE DID NOT ELOPE.

Denial of a Slanderous Story About

an Ex-Resident of Denver.

Charles Norwood Gregg, a prominent citizen

of Denver and an officer in one of the leading

investment companies of this city, had eloped

from New York with Ray Allen, one of the

dancers in "La Cigale," is believed to have originated through an unreinable correspond-ent of a New York paper in this city. The mother of Gregg telegraphed from New York

last night that there was absolutely no truth

is the roport, and that her son was at her home ill, and had been unable to leave his

Two Children Burned to Death.

conversation of about half an hour's dura-

Blaine left for Washington at noon.

They Wiped Out the Feul.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., Nov. 28 .- A double

room for several days.

Childs.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28 .- The report that

dangerously hurt.

CONDITION OF THE ROAD FUND,

Commissioners Timme and Berlin Hold Opposite Views on the Subject.

THEIR ESTIMATES DIFFER GREATLY.

Discussion of the Matter Before the Board Results in a Report Being Ordered-Routine Work Finished.

Owing to the fact that Commissioner Timme had left the papers at home, he did not present his plan for the county, the city and library board joining forces and crecting a mammoth public building upon the court house square. The matter, however, will be brought to the attention of the poard next Saturday.

Notwithstanding this there were other things that interested the spectators, as well as the commissioners. Last Saturday Mr. Bertin intimated that the road fund had been overdrawn fully \$50,000. Yesterday Mr. Timme, who is chairman of committee on roads, armed the himself with figures and was on hand to dis-pute Mr. Berlin's statement. He said that he showed by figures that the road levy for 1891 was \$71,120, of which the S5 per cent available would be \$60,452. Of this sum \$52,-055 05 had been expended, leaving a balance of \$25,836.92 in the fund when the last warraut was drawn, November 21. He had looked up the condition of the fund and had ound that the outstanding claims against he fund amounted to \$3,922.98. These had

Mr. Berlin did not want to enter into a dis-russion of the subject, but stated that he was compelled to do so. The showing made by

Mr. Timue did not include \$20,000 that was due to South Omaha, nor did it include \$45.-

000 that the city of Omaha was entitled to. There were other amounts, so that the county found itself called upon to pay \$93,000

of road indebtedness with but \$32,000 at its

lisposal. Mr. Timme replied that Mr. Berlin was

nly covering up what might happen. Chairman O'Keefe asked who furnished

fund could be arrived at without any friction

The other members were of the same opin-

ion and the committee on roads was in-structed to submit at the next meeting of the

error of \$500, which when corrected and stricken off would reduce the amount just that much. The item was stricken off.

Mr. Berlin said the board had a majority

by which anything could be railroaded

through. The report on communication had

not been called for, but was put up in a un-derhanded way. Mr. Timme replied ne made the statement

simply for the purpose of correcting what Mr. Berlin had said a week ago, when he

stated that the road fund had been over-

drawn at least \$50,000. He said that there

were a few other items, but the gross amount

would not exceed \$6,000. The fund was in would not exceed \$0,000. The fund was in good shape, in fact in better shape than it had been for years. The official bond of George A. Bernett, sheriff-elect, in the sum of \$10,000 was pre-

sented and referred to the committee on ju

ot been passed upon.

or discussion.

but, unfortunately, not in Nebraska, the moment oll emits such a dangerous gas under inspection, the oil is rejected. Under the Foster cup such rejected oil may be approved and sent among the people to cause irremedia-ble loss to perhaps both property and human life. The Foster cup was therefore rejected

and the Elliott employed. The latter is the cup used in similar work by the Board of Health of Iowa, and also by the Consolidated Tank Line company and several other oil concerns, save when they wish to palm off their cheapest and most dangerous oil upon the deceived people of Nebraska.

For the purpose, however, of reducing the Nebraska state inspection to an absurdity, several of the samples which, under no cir cumstances could have been tolerated across the Missouri river, were inspected in the Foster cup and the result is later appended.

It will not afford the oil men much pleas ure to look at either figures, because with the Foster cup and the thermometer cor rected, out of thirteen samples tested eight were below the standard of 100° required by the law.

Thermometers That Lied.

The inspection under the Elliott and the Foster cups was conducted by three skilled and conscientious gentlemen. All of them have long been familiar with the business, and all of them were instructed to carry or the work regardless as to whom it might please or offend.

The thermometer which accompanied the Elliott bore with it a certificate of its accuracy signed by its maker in Germany. With

it was tested four other thermome-ters, one of which had formerly been used by some of the oldest oil inspectors of the state. No two of these latter thermom eters read alke. They varied with the El-liott thermometer from one to seven degrees. The greatest variance in each of them was below 100° . The thermometer that had been used by the oil inspector registered 100° when that whose reliability had been vouched for read only $931_4 \odot$.

With such a thermometer as the former no inspector could have done conscientious work. Net that thermometer was kept pretty busy for many a day.

Some of the samples were submitted to three and some to four inspectors. None underwent fewer than two examinations. In making the tests the greatest care was employed. The atmosphere of the room was kept in a temperate condition, and every expedient which could in any way prevent a draught and contribute to the justness and accuracy of the test was conscientiously The bottles were differently employed. labeled and the testers did not knew where the oil had been bought.

At Work On the Samples.

Some oil from Council Bluffs was intro duced and the test readily detected its su periority, the flash taking place at 106⇒ Fahrenheit by the Elliott cup, under a less standard than which no oil can be burned in Iowa. That and another bottle from Creigh-ton, Neb., and a third from this city, were the only ones to stand a test of 100⊖, which

is the miserable one required in this state, No attempt was made to ascertain from which of the oil companies or peddlers in this city the kerosene had been obtained. That is a matter upon which the people can inform themselves by conversing with their grocers. It may be stated, however, that in almost every instance, when the oil was purchased the seller vouched for it as "headlight," the standard of which was variously estimated at from 124= 10 160= It certainly ought to have stood a test of 100°. The result is as follows:

What the Tests Show.

Sample A-Bought in a grocery, 804 South Thirteenth street. Emitted a bright flash

B-M. O. Caleff, Council Bluffs, flashed at 106°. The Iowa law rejects oil which flashes at even 105>

-Bought at Ledwith's grocery, 1032 P street, Lincoln. Flashed at 919 D .- Bought at 213 Court street, Beatrice.

ties, attending to inspector is about or should be kept, busy supervising the work of his depu-ties, attending to inspection at localities or warehouses, where he has reason to believe inferior lots of oil are being received and such other duties as are naturally thrown Finshed at 93= E.-Purchased at Graesser & Hillside's store, Creichton. The brand of the oil was not ascertained. It stood a remarkable test, not flashing until $123 \,^{\odot}$ had been reached. In the ophion of the inspector it was a species the other, their traveling expenses, to say nothing of their salaries, far exceeding the fees received for inspection; and, as they cannot be in more than one viace at a time, many of the interior points such as Fremont.

of "water white" headlight, the advertised standard of which is from 122° to 145°. F.-Bought at ivistgard's grocery, corner

finally agreed that he should either return ation in this city since the alleged oil inspection law went into effect, the results of the horse or pay Mrs. Offerman the value of the latter in preventing lamp explosions may the same. easily be determined.

MR. HEIMROD'S EXPERIENCE,

He Writes of the Utter Inadequacy

he law governing oil inspection.

below.

which," together with my suggestions as to

the alteration of the present law, I give

Imperfect Test.

1. The test required by the present law is mperfect and irregular. The law provides

that the Foster apparatus, or Ohio cup, shall be used in making the test, and makes no provision for the accuracy of the thermom-

provision for the accuracy of the thermom-eter. By experiments I find the Foster ap-paratus is not reliable, the test varying from 5^{\Box} to 10^{\Box} on the same oils, according to the circumstances surrounding the tests-

circumstances surrounding the tests-the height of the flame, the rapid-

changing the results. I also detected that bit tested with one of the Foster cups would

show a 105° test and the same oil tested

with another Foster cup would a 110° test. The thermometers with the Foster apparatus

are almost invariably inaccurate, varying all

the way from 1⊃ to 5⊃. The use of the Elliott, or Iowa cup, with a

thermometer regulated and approved by proper and competent authority, as is re-

for testing oils and is used by all the oil re-

Law is Worthless.

The law is incomplete and insufficient and fails to provide for a thorough and economi-cal inspection. It does not protect the dealer nor the consumer, but operates to the ad vantage of large oil companies. The re-

struction of the number of deputies and the stipulation of the exact amount of salary to be paid each deputy are in-judicious. A greater number of deputies, paid in accordance with the amount of oil

uspected, would be productive of better re

suits at no greater expense. The force of inspectors at present consists of and is re-

stricted to one chief inspector and five depu

ties. Two of the deputies are required to inspect the oils received by the three com-

panies in Omaha, one to attend to the inspec-

tion at Lincoln and the immediate vicinity. The other two are held subject to calls from

the many small interior towns at which

Warehousemen's Honesty.

The chief oil inspector is kept, or should be

upon an officer occupying so responsible a position. The two last mentioned deputies are often called from one end of the state to

Grand Island, Hustings, Falls City and many

load lots received from adjoining states.

ouses and tanks are located and car-

The law is incomplete and insufficient and

fineries for that purpose.

of Nebraska's Law. his companion in fun. At 1 p. m. Peter Pier-OMAHA, Nov. 28 .- To the Editor of THE son, a liveryman, let a fellow named Hayke BEE.-Having been appointed by Governor have a horse and buggy. After driving James E. Boyd chief oil inspector of Nethree or four hours Hayke got dry and chilled and went into a saloon to get three or four hot whiskeys, leaving the livery rig outside. When he went brasks, and although prevented from fulfilling the duties of my office by J. M. Thaver livery rig outside. When he went outside about a quarter of an hour later he and E. C. Carns, I feel that, in justice to myself, it becomes necessary to say that the found the outfit missing and learned that a criticisms of THE OMAHA BEE on the oil couple of fellows had got into the buggy and in sport had driven off. nspection of the state cannot apply to me. My acts, and the acts of my deputies, while performing the duties of the office, An hour later the horse was found dead were, at all times, in strict accordance with

with a broken neck at Twenty-seventh and L, and the buggy a perfect wreck. Inquiry revealed the fact that Ed. Cassidy and a companion had been driving the horse at a furious rate and when Mr. Carpenter had t had already recognized the weakness of our inspection law, and, after giving it con-siderable attention, in which I was mainly remonstrated with them for abusing the horse in such a manner they told him with assisted by my competent deputy, J. S. Kittle of Seward, I found how it could be improved. I also made comparative tests of the result of the use of the Foster apparatus curses that they proposed to kill the animal At Twenty-seventh and L, near the viaduct, the exhausted steed stumbled and as compared with that of the Elliott cup, and had likewise made comparisons of the fell, and in the fall the animal's neck was broken and the vehicle smashed. Cassidy different thermometers used in connection and his companion crawled out of the wreck with the Foster apparatus, the results of and fied.

She Robbad the Stockman

Grace Russell, the "solid girl" of Muggins the hasher, bound over to the district court for robbing Stockman Olson, was arraigned before Police Judge King on the same charge today. The main evidence brought against her was the confession made by her to Captain O'Hara and Jailer Montague, that Muggins and Johnson induced her to take the \$90 out of the stockman's pocket while he lay in a drunken sleep. After robbing the fellow she became frightened and turned the money over to Johnson, who has since mysteriously dis-appeared, evidently with the bulk of the swag.

ity of the rise in the thermometer as the oil is heated, the temperature of the room and the humidity of the atmosphere, all changing the results. I also detected that Grace was put under \$1,000 bonds to appear before the district court to answer the charge of grand larceny. Sophie Mattis Williams were held as witnesses. Sophie Mattis and Clara

Church Services.

First Christian church, corner Twentythird and K, Rev. Marion Boles, pastor. The gospel meetings still continue with increasing interest, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morn-ing subject: "The Victory;" evening sub-ject: "Sixteen Bible Reasons Why We Say so Much About Baptism." Young Peo-ple's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 quired in Iowa and other states, would do away with this trouble. The Elliott cup is conceded to be the most reliable apparatus o. m. The gospel meetings continue during the week.

Yard and Office Notes. George Whitehead of Oakland, Ia., mar-

keted cattle. Henry Beggs of Casper, Wvo., brought in wo cars of range cattle.

O. E. Merrell of Little Sloux, Ia., came in with cattle. George Treenor of the same town marketed kine.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh. Bee bldg.

Depositors Will Not Suffer. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 28 .- When the an nouncement was made that the Suffolk Trust company would close its doors officials of the institution made the statement that the de positors would not suffer, that with but \$162,-000 of deposits there was \$100,000 cash hand and over \$50,000 in quick assets. A A re port to the bank commissioners on the con-dition of the bank on November 21 last shows the deposit to be \$151,000 and the cash \$17,000, over \$2,000 of which is in the Maverick bank

Trying to Get a Jury.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28.-Seven talesmen all that remained out of an original pauel of 250 names, were examined for jurors in the Graves case this morning, after which the court adjourned until Monday, when a new venire of 150 names will be ready to select from. It is expected that the jury will be completed by Monday right. completed by Monday night.

DeWitt's Little Early itis ers for the live

The eighty-one gentlemen who officiated as supervisors of registration just previously to the recent election have come to the conclusion that they are laboring men within the

but in several hundred in Nebraska.

scope and intent of the eight-hour law en-acted by the last legislature. Consequently they have demanded \$33.75 each for their Edward Cassidy passed the night in the city jail for a bit of pleasantry that proved services. The city has tendered the regis-trars \$15 each and obdurately refuses to give to be very disastrous, and the police are after more. The registrars have "chipped in" and employed an attorney to push their claims in the courts. The case will be watched with interest, as it will affect all cities coming within the provisions of the registration law. Last year the Lincom council paid the regis rars \$25 each, and in case the present suit is decided in favor of the city the defeated registrars threaten to have the members of the old city council prosecuted for misappropriation of funds.

Picked Up in the Courts.

Judge Hall today heard the arguments on the demurrer of the brothers and sisters of the late John Sheedy to the petition of Mrs. Sheedy for a partition of the estate. The de stands a fair chance of securing her legal share of the dead man's estate.

In the case of the seven members of the incoln base ball club who sued F. W. Little for salary for the balance of the season, the plaintiffs were given until December 10 to give security for costs or the case will be dis-

Charles Burns was today sentenced to a term of two years and a half in the peniten-William L. Green today asked for a divorce

from his wife Elizabeth on the grounds of iesertion. The Lincola Hotel company was today ried to a Member of Her Company.

sued for \$5,000 damages by the administrator of the estate of Wesley Woodward, deceased. Woodward was employed at the Lincoln notel and on January last was killed by being caught between the freight elevator and the door frame. The netition sets forth that he was the son and only support of a widowed motner.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh. Bee bldg.

SPRINGER FOR SPEAKER.

Friends of the Illinois Congressman Sure of His Success.

Cutcago, Ill., Nov. 28 .- Congressman Springer's friends are becoming very sanguine of the Illinoisan's ultimate success in the speakership contest. Last night Congressman A. F. Dubarow of Chicago telegraphed from Washington: "We are not claiming too much when we say that Mr. Springer is now entitled to rank abreast of either Mills or Crisp.: We have made careful estimates of our forces, which show that Springer now commands as many votes as Crisp or Mills.

"The mail today brought unexpected ac quisitions to Springer. Representatives who had not been reckoned by is as having Springer tendency seat unsolicited assur-ince that they would support Springer. It will cause surprise when the names of these recruits are made public. Their names can-not be given yet, but they will be here Saturday to personally aid Mr. Springer's con-test. New England is also going to contri-bute to Springer, notwithstanding Mr. Mills claim that he would control the northeastern states. We feel assured of having most, if not all of the Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan

delegations besides that of Illinois. Drowned While Hunting.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28 .- Two men, named Allen and Miller, employed in a sawmill, near Azotea, N. M., were drowned in Horse lake Thursday, by the unsetting of an old boat in which they were duck-shooting. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Held to Answer.

CARLISLE, Pa., Nov. 28 .- The directors of the poor at a hearing this afternoon were held to appear before the court on the charge of neglecting to loost after Joe fler, the whose death is ascribed to maibound boy. treatment by Farmer Lafferty.

Financially Embarrassed.

Bostos, Mass., Nov. 28.-Fred Pope, architect and builder, is financially embarrassed. He has unsecured liabinities of about \$117,00),

to his debauch. His wife and three child ren remained bound for twenty-four hours. when passing neighbors heard their cries and released them. They are all in a serious condition and their wrists and ankles are raw from the pressure of the rope. The youngest child will probably die.

FOUGHT IN THE HIGHWAY.

Illinois Farmers Engage in a Duel Which May Result Fatally.

The engine backed in on the siding and col-CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 28 .- A special dispatch says the village of Five Points, twenty miles lided with the car containing the Italians with terrible force. The same trick was north of this city, is all torn up over a sensaperpetrated by the local crew last week .and tional duel which took place near there bloodshed was narrowly averted. yesterday. Baron Whatredge and Godfrey

The Italians who are employed on the Chi-cago & Erie work train a few weeks ago did Haver, two popular young farmers, were both in love with a young lady of the comsomething which incurred the displeasure of the local crew, since which time there has been blood between the men. When the munity, and they met on a public highway and resolved to settle their claims then and there, with the proviso that whoever was de caboose was "bunted" again yesterday the Italians were wild. Little did the Italians feated was to cease his relations forever with the young lady. The fight raged desperately, Whatredge was having the best of the flerce think the cowardly trick would be repeated. and before they were aware of what was struggle when Haver drew a revolver and fired at his rival. The bullet entered the breast and ranged upward, producing a dangoing on they were knocked into a confused heap. Their rage knew no bounds, trainmen, having anticipated trouble, gerous and perhaps fatal wound, Several armed themselves with revolvers, while the parties were attracted by the shooting and Italians had taken a good supply of clubs and rocks. A pitched battle ensued between Haver, seeing be was in danger of being apprehended, skipped. The injured man was taken home. The affair created a tremendous them, and three Italians were fatally wounded, while two of the trainmen, sensation and is the talk of the hour.

CARMENCITA IS PROVOKED.

She Denies that She Has Been Mar-

Steamship Companies Will Lay Off LOCKPORT, N. Y., Nov. 28 .- Carmencity has just heard the story, telegraphed from NEW YORK, Nov. 28 .- Several of the big steamship lines will lay off their fast steam somewhere in the west, to the Press that ers in January. These steamers have been she had been married during the summer to doing good service during the "rush" season Senor Pablo Escheparo. Carmencita is proand need a rest. The White Star line will voked. She doclares "that there is no reason or excuse why the falsehood should be spread. Ask Jennie Joyce-but Jennie is not here. Butshe would say that I am not lay up the Teutonic and the Majestic for a the Teutonic on January 13. The Inman line will lay off the City of Paris and the City of married. Telegraph Koster and Bial. They will deny it too." lew York early in the year. The Hamburg-

Senor Escheparo is in the same company bere with the lady, but they have separate apartments at the hotel. He is the chief of the Spanish students who play for Car-mencita while she dances. They appear to be good friends, but that is all.

THEY CANNOT FIND GARZA.

No Trace of the Mexican Revolutionist-Hurrying Up Troops.

LAREDO, Tex., Nov. 28 .- Cantain Hardie's troop of the Third cavatry, has returned from a two weeks' scout down the Rio Grande in quest of the Mexican revolutionist, Garza. He reports that it is impossible to secure any definite information of Garza's where abouts. Mexican troops are pouring in now over the Mexican National rai,road from the interior of Mexico, and are being hurried down the river to take the places of the frontier soldiers whom the Mexican government has evidently begun to distrust.

CORSICANA, Tex., Nov. 28.-The anti-subreasury members of the farmers alliance, in convention here, have reorganized the order under the original charter. The new constitution provides for prohibiting any man from becoming a member who believes, belongs to or aids in any way any secret class organiza-tion that makes political demands upon its members or in any way exercises any of the distinctive functions of a political party.

tion with Blaine this morning, after which the secretary of state called upon George W. while hunting in a cornfield of Jacob Ross. about a mile and a half east of this city this about a mile and a hair east of this city this morning, found the dead body of an unknown man. He was well dressed but there was nothing indicating the cause of death. From appearances he had been dead several days.

killing occurred nine miles east of here yes-HURON, S. D., Nov. 28 .- A telegram from terday. The victims were two well known New Orleans to West Sterling, United States citizans of Parker county, A. S. Freeman and William Rivers. They were neighbors district attorney of this city, says that the officers and directors of the Louisiana State between whom a feud existed.

Bloody Conflict on the Eric Which May Cause Several Deaths.

precincts were not touched. Sr. MARY's, O., Nov. 28 .- A riot occurred For corn shuckers-Hallor's Australia at Yorkville, a village on the Chicago & salve. Erie railroad, about twenty-five miles north-Dr. Birney cures catarrh. west of this city, yesterday. The west-

Western Pensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The following list of pensions granted is reported by The Bes and Examiner Bureau of Claims: Nebraska: Original-John H. Finity, John

Bee bldg.

clerks and judges who served within the city

London, John A. Davis, Charles P. Sohwer, Horace Willis, George Grantes I. Solwei F. Bowlsby, Additional-William S. Haines, George W. Orr, Edward Barchess, David Brien, Increase-William V. Innes, George W. Dougherty, William Craig, John W. Robinson. Reissue – Joshua Dye. Original widow-Ede M. Owens.

Iowa: Original-John L. Converse, Sanford Hoffman, George Kearns, Charles Young, Amanzer Strong, Matthew M. Prino, Henry Bray, Peter N. Barker, Abraham Stumbauge, Daulel B. Catter, Moses J. Teeters, Barney Quinn, Levi M. Doty, Vol-ney A. Dubel, Joseph Huffvine, Ira Hendrix, Marion Ungram, William A. Curry, Samuel The Marion Ungram, William A. Curry, Samuel L. Evans, John A. Lewis, Faarces M. Fitz-singer, Additional-Morgan J. Umsted, Joseph Strope, James H. Campbell, William H. Kerrick, Increase-George Hickman, John Witt, George W. Hicks, Solomon Stutsman, John W. Edmonsou, William Myers, Abner R. Stilson, M. M. Owens, John Wylle, Reissue-Andrew J. Acton, Hiram M. Sherman, Original wildowperhaps whose names could not be ascertained, were Hiram M. Sherman. Original widow-Julia Rowe.

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Spreckles Conters with Blaine. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 28, - Claus Spreckles, the Hawaiian sugar king, held a

Found Dead in a Cornfield.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 28 .- Two women

Lottery Officials Under Bonds

Texas A liance Reorganizes.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Moule of Metamora went to church, leaving their 4year-old daughter Lizzie in charge of the house and her 3-year-old sister. The children began playing with the fire and the flames communicated to their dresses. The neighbors, hearing their screams, came to their rescue, but were too late to save the children's lives.