NEBRASKA FARMERS' WEALTH

Marvelous Evidence of Prosperity Throughout the Counties of the State.

MORTGAGED INDEBTEDNESS REPORTS.

With Few Exceptions, the Instruments Released Largely Exceed Those Filed-Important Questions to Be Considered by the Alliance.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7 .- [Special to THE BRE. |- The monthly reports of the mortgaged indeptedness of the several counties of the state are beginning to come in and some of them make very interesting reading. For instance, Buffalo county makes a showing almost marvelous. During the month of December the farmers of the county filed thirty-three mortgages amounting to \$30,-719. aFor the same period fifty-one farm mortgages were released, the total amount being \$138,237. Buffalo county is one of the banner counties of the state, and for the past seven months has made an enviable record, for during this time her farmers have paid off \$296,177,43 of their mortgaged indebtedness, over and above the mortgages filed.

Richardson county also makes a good showing. During December her farmers filed mortgages amounting to \$21,056.50 while for the same time they released twenty-six, amounting to \$18,309.75. Her chattle record is also a favorable one. She filed \$8,783 and released \$12,302. Kearney county filed \$29,-387.07 and released \$32,516.50. Reports are coming in every day and white some of the counties do not make as favorable a showing as the above the general average is favorable Ready for a Big Convention.

The arrangements for the meeting of the State farmers alliance in Lincoln next Tues-day are practically complete and everything points to a big interesting convention. About 1,600 delegates are expected and the meeting will be the most important in the history of the alliance in this state. A full set of alliance officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and there are indications that several interesting contests will take place. Another important matter to be taken up will be the plans for the ensuing campaign and the re-vision of the platform. Delegates are to be selected to attend the national alliance, which

Judge Post Dons the Ermine. The supreme court of Nebraska is con ducted wholly without ostentation or cere-mony of any sort. Consequently Judge A. M. Post, the newly elected and qualified as-sociate judge of the supreme court, walked into the court room this gorning and took

meets in Chicago in June, and also to the great conference of February 22.

his place with no formality whatever.

The most interesting case before the supreme court today was that of Hamer vs.
Holcomb, in which the former contests the election of the latter as judge of the Twelfth. judicial district. After Judge Hamer had instituted his contest he filed a motion for the appointment of a referee, while Judge Holcomb filed a motion to have the complaint made more definite and certain. Both motions were today overruled, with the exception that the plain-tiff will be required to amend his complaint before any proofs can be taken and make it more definite and certain by stating the names and places where voting of each of the alleged persons not having the qualifica-tions of electors who east illegal votes for the

defendant. The case of Hurd vs Lentz was dismissed and the following cases argued and sub-Obernalt vs Johnson, Williams vs Eiken bary, McCord vs Kranse, Campbell vs Bros-

s, Alexander vs Overton. Court adjourned to January 12, 1892, at 9 o'clock a. m., when the causes from the Third district will be called.

Gossip from the State House. The case of F. L. Englebert vs B. F. Troxell, et all., was filed in the supreme court today. It is a case involving the title to lot 3 today. It is a case involving in Gise's addition to Omaha.

In Gise's addition to Omaha.

The Board of Purchase and Supplies held a short session today. The contract for supplying the capitol building with coal was awarded to the Whitebreast Coal company. Betts & Weaver secured the contract for supplying the insane hospital.

Regent Marple filed his oath of office with

Secretary Allen today. CJudge Sullivan of the Sixth judicial dis-trict has appointed Frank North as his official stenographer.
G. F. Corcoran of York was today appointed official stenographer for Judge

Wheeler's court in the Fifth judicial district. Will Ship to Russia This Month.

Commissioner Ludden has notified his correspondents all over the state that he de respondents all over the state that he desires to have all corn and supplies intended for the Russian people ready for shipment by the 20th of the present month. This will bring it to the seaboard about the ist of February, at which time the agents of the Russians of th sian government will be ready to receive it. The commissioner states that already about forty car loads have been guaranteed and the other twenty car loads which it is hoped to raise will be ready by the time the big train is ready to start. The work of collecting this corn has been accomplished in an in-credible short time and the result is a very gratifying evidence of Nebraska's readines to promptly respond to the cry of distress o any stricken people in any quarter of the

Extent of the Suffering in Russia. Commissioner Ludden, who has charge of the work of collecting supplies for Russia is a pastor and a prominent worker in the Lutheran church. Today he received ad-vices from officials of that church in Russia stating that 350,000 German colonists in the famine stricken district of the Volga, distributed among twenty-nine parishes, are perishing unaided. The Volga districts are also being ravsged by scurvy and typhus fever. The starving peasants attack houses and other buildings in which they are likely to find plunder with which to secure food The authorities are endeavoring to suppress all information. The czar has not been un-mindful of the cries of distress which are going up on every side and has contributed from his private estate 50,000,000 roubles,

equal to \$25,000,000 of our money. Intricate Case in Court.

A case of more than ordinary interest to the people of Lancaster county was filed with the clerk of the supreme court this after-noon. It is to be determined whether or not John H. Wescott is legally entitled to a seat on the Board of County Commissioners. Previous to the last session of the legislature caster county had five commissioners three, the law to take effect on August 1 The question naturally arose was the number of commission ers to be reduced? The law carried with it a provision that when it took effect the incumbents of the office should con tinue to held their places for the full term for which they were elected. There were four members of the Lancaster board who would come under this provision of the law, none of their terms expiring until January, 1833. At the last election the republicans nominated and elected John H. Westcott to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Alva Brown on January 1 of the present year. The other commissioners claim that Westcott is not entitled to sit as

a commissioner and they ask the suprem-court to endorse their view of the case. Changes at the Court House,

There was no little bustle and confusion at the court house today over the many changes which took place in the several county offices. Contrary to general expectation, there was no contest or struggle between the rival claimants for the office of clerk of the district court. Promptly at 9 o'clock Mr. Baker, who holds the certificate of election, made his appearance and assumed the duties of the office. Mr. Walte, who has instituted a content for the office and who has taken the oath of office and appointed a full force of cierks, failed to put in an appearance and the expected sensation did not develop. Mr. Baker's force of cierks consists of Deputy J. D. Harris, S. S. Jones, John Dethless, T. H. Pratt, W. L. Crandali and Nellie Harris.

Pratt. W. L. Crandali and Nollie Harris.
I. M. Lansing, the "singing pilgrim" of Nebraska politics, walked into the county indge's office and at once proceeded to business by calling the docket for the January term. Then he issued two marriage Reenses and appointed H. T. Westerman and C. Y. Long to assist him in retailing justice.

J. D. Woods, accompanied by his deputy,

tfarry Wells, received the keys of the county clerk's office from Mart Howe, the outgoing

J. S. Baer assumed the duties of the office of county superintendent, vice F. D. Mc-Clusky. Treasurer Burnham commenced his second term with no change in his force of clerks. Sheriff McClay was also manugurated for a second term. His office force will con-sist of H. V. Hongland, Grant McFarland, Louis Otto and A. M. Trimble. Coroner Holyoke was succeeded by Dr. F. D. Crim.

Shilling Bros., the printers who got left in Shilling Bros., the printers who got left in the competition for furnishing stationery and supplies, today applied in the district court for a peremtory writ of mandamus against the county commissioners, compelling those officials to award them the contract, alleging that their bid and that of C. M. Leighton were the only ones on file on the date named as the limit for filing bids. The case will be heard over Thursday.

heard next Thursday.

Elesha Anderson was at one time the owner of a town lot in University place. For some reason she deeded it, in trust and with-out consideration, to John Percival, who was inconsiderate enough to die last summer without leaving a will. She wants to get her lot back and has asked the court to assist

The First National bank filed a petition in the district court alleging that in October, 1891, I. W. Ives deeded his property, without consideration, to Frank G. Kaufman, for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, and ask-ing the court to have the conveyance set aside. The bank has a claim against Ives amounting to \$1,050.

In the county court the contested election case of Waite vs Baker was set for hearing on January 22.

Lincoln News Notes. The Rock Island appraisers have not yet made their report. It is asserted tonight that the Burlington has made concessions in favor of a union depot but the rumor cannot be

raced to any authoritive source.

B. H. Hicks reported to the police today that his 12-year-old son had mysteriously disappeared, not having been at home for three days. The boy had on a pair of blue overalls over his other clothing, dark coat and yest and cloth cap.

Thomas McMahan awoke this morning to

a realization of the fact that his gold watch had been either lost or stolen. He thinks his pockets were picked in a Lincoln saloon last

Mrs. Otto Glasar, wife of a Lincoln salcon keeper, missed her gold watch and accused Mary Schonemann, a domestic in her employ, of having stolen it. A search warrant failed to discover the missing ticker in Mary's possession and her accuser was compelled to admit her innocence. The sixth (annual session of the Woman's Christian Temperance union convened in the

First Presbyterian church this morning. Luncheon was served at noon, and this atternoon a very interesting program was carried out.

James Devine was arrested on suspicion

of being a horse thief wanted at Nebraska City. He will be held until the arrival of the Cass county officials. Dick Williams and Jessie Parkston were arrested today on the charge of stealing a gold watch from C. M. Cherry in Lindsey's saloon or restaurant last evening. Their case will be tried tomorrow.

Death invaded the nome of Mr. and Mrs.

E. C. Babcock, 1304 J street, this morning and carried away their little daughter, Retta May, aged 2 years and 4 months.

Lincoln has a colored constable. His name is W. C. Mallory, and he entered upon his official duties this morning in Justice Fox-

worthy's court. John Connors carried away two blankets from the Pacific hotel last night. He un-doubtedly needed them, but they cost him a \$10 fine with costs in police court this morn-

NEW PRICE ON SYNDICATE.

Spring Lake Park Offered to the Commissioners at a Low Figure.

The South Side park matter appears to be rapidly approaching the focal point. A member of the Board of Park Commissioners said vesterday: "We shall probably decide this matter soon

and I think the feeling is turning toward the purchase of Syndicate park. Some of us have been down and have looked the ground all over, and I must confess the proposition made by the Syndicate park people is one that is calculated to stagger a man. Here they come with fifty acres of land which is in places a little too rough, but it is a natural park with fine lakes of pure spring water, roadways already made, good, sub-stantial dams built and the entire fifty acres covered with a fine growth of timber and blue grass-this is offered to us for \$50,000. In addition to that the owners of Syndicate park have offered to give us a quit claim deed to a tract of ten acres about a quarter of a mile west of Syndicate park, which can e in time made into a neat little breathing

"Now, against this we are offered forty-eight acres by Clark and Murray some distance east of Syndicate park at \$64,000. This latter tract has no water at present. It is desirable land and has some nice timber, but it has no water and it is not grown over with grass like the Syndicate tract. I am told today that the Syndicate park people will make us a more favorable proposition

than that already submitted.
"There is one matter that will cause us to make haste slowly, however, in this matter. Syndicate park is really within the corporate limits of South Omaha. Now the question arises as to whether or not we can have jurisdiction over a park that lies within the limits of any town or city but lies within the limits of any town or city but the city of Omaha. Would there not be some danger of a conflict of public regula-tions between the Board of Park Commis-sioners and South Omaha! We have Judge Lake and other attorneys now looking the matter up and we shall be sure of our ground in that respect before taking any steps toward the purchase of the park."

DeWitt's Little Carly Risers; best little ills for lyapapa ia, sour stomach, bad breath CITY HALL WORK.

Conference Looking to the Speedy Comple-tion of the Building.

An important conference was held in the mayor's office yesterday forenoon between Contractor Coots, several members of the council and the mayor, relative to the work of completing work upon the first story of the city hall st an early date so that several of the city officers now occupying rented quarters may move into the city hall and

ave the expenditure of public funds.

The mayor stated that the city was paying out about \$50 a day in rents and he was in favor of expediting the work upon the city hall if possible and shut off this expenditure as soon as possible. Mr. Coots said he thought he could get the first floor of the city hall ready for use in about sixty days by rushing the work. The matter will very likely come before the council tonight for consideration.

Comptroller Olsen today transmitted a statement to Mayor Bemis showing that if Superintendent Coot's last estimate, which was passed by the council, amounting to \$9,142.92, is allowed, the City Hall fund will be overdrawn.

The books in the comptroller's office show \$25,926.75 in the fund, but the amount is 10 per cent reserve, which the charter provides shall be held to be used in cases of emergency.

Comptroller Oisen is of the opinion that the estimate cannot be legally paid until the bonds, amounting to \$175,000, voted last fall, are sold and the proceeds become available.

DeWitt's Little Early itisers; only pill to cure sick headache and regulate the bowels.

License Board's Work. Mayor Bemis was initiated into the mysteries of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners' regular secret session last night. The board held a special session to grant licenses and hear protests, the mayor presiding. These liquor licenses were granted: P. O. Hansen, 1335 North Twenty-fourth avenue; John Buck, 1123 Douglas street; William F. Wendhausen, 1923 Pierce street; William F. Wendhausen, 1923 Pierce street; Erick Scialer, 723 Leavenworth street; Henry Hornberger, 1321 Douglas street; John Reechmann, 612 South Thirteenth atreet; Edward Barrett, 1024 North Sixteenth street; Matthias Neu, 802 South Thirteenth

The protested case of John Hart, Twelfth and Capitol avenue, was heard, but a decis-ton was reserved until the regular meeting on Saturday night.

Genaler's Magiorica lacue Wafers. Cursa a beadachesin 20 minutes. At all druggists

WAS OSCAR OLSEN MURDERED

Mystery Attending the Death of a Western Union Messenger.

FOUND BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS.

Begged His Helpers Not to Strike Him as He Had No Money-Theory of Foul Play Advanced-His Mother's Support.

From the fullness of healthy life and activty to the stillness of death was the fateful tep taken shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning by Oscar Olesen, a Western Union messenger boy, while in the discharge of his usual duties.

how it happened is a mystery, and it is highly improbable that the truth will ever be positively known, for the boy was found in an unconscious condition near the rear door of the company's office in the alley north of Farnam street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, and died soon afterwards with-out making any statement that would shed any light upon the affair.
The unfortunate lad was returning from

THE BEE editorial rooms, where he had been with the last pages of the night's telegraphic report, when he received the blow that caused his death. Whether it was dealt by a murderer's hand or was the result of a misstep and an accidental fall is unknown, though each theory has its advocates,
If there was foul play, the murderer is andoubtedly the only living witness, and the utter absence of any plausible motivo or of any clew, renders the apprehension of the

guilty one improbable. Although the idea that the boy had been slugged was prevalent at first, it is now generally believed that his injury was the result of a fall that caused concussion of the brain, but the detectives are still at work trying to unearth a possible murderer.

Found Unconscious, The first that was known of the sad affair was when a feliow messenger, starting out of the office with a telegram, stumbled over the body of young Olesen a few feet from the door. He was moaning pitifully, and help was summoned and he was assisted into the office in the basement of the Omaha National bank building. He was bleeding from the nose and ears, and with the aid of the chief clerk staggered to the sink, where he check the flow of plood with a towel. He could give no information as to what had occurred, but threw up his hands several times and mouned, "don't hit me- I havn't

got nothing."

He was made as comfortable as possible on one of the tables in the office and Dr. Sum-ney was called. The physician found that the boy was suffering from concussion of the brain, and stated that recovery was nardly probable. A slight bruise was discernible just between the eyes, but no other wound was apparent. The doctor ordered the sufferer removed either to the hospital or to his home, and shortly before 6 o'clock the patrol wagon conveyed him to his mother's residence at 411 Woolworth avenue, where he died two hours later without recovering from the shock.

The puff on the forehead disappeared, and

a larger one, nearly the size of the palm of the hand, became visible on the left temple. In speaking of the case, Dr. Sumney expressed the belief that the boy had fallen and thus sustained the concussion. "It is not necessary," he said, "that there should be any blow struck to cause concussion, as a jar would have been sufficient."

How it Likely Happened. It is quite probable that the boy was running down the alley, and as the night was cold and he was all bundled up, either slipped on the key paving stones or ran against something. A large spool of wire cable stands near where the boy was found about twenty feet from the alley entrance for which he was making. The path runs just to the right of it, and it is possible that he ran against it, the contusion on his left tem-ple being thus received and the bruise on his right arm being caused by the fall that fol-lowed. His heavy cap would prevent an abrasion of the skin, though, in the doctor's opinion, such a blow might readily cause concussion of the brain.

No significance is attached to his delirious words by the physician, who states that the idea of assault would naturally impress itsel on the mind of the unexpectedly injured per-son, and in support of his position cited the case of the man who was struck by a motor at the end of the Douglas street bridge yester-day, but who insisted that he had been drugged and slugged.
The robbery theory contemplates that the

assaulting party could not have been ordinarily intelligent, as the boy could not be ex-pected to have any money. The story that he had 60 cents which was not found after his death, lacks confirmation, and there is little to support that idea. The deceased was 17 years of age and was almost the sole support of his widowed mother and two small brothers. He had

been in the employ of the Western Union about two years and was one of their most trustworthy messengers. The company's manager, Mr. Umsted, interested himself in the case and gave the family financial assistance to relieve their most pressing needs. The company will defray

Result of the Post Mortem. Dr. Wilcox, assisted by Dr. Sumpey, made

Dr. Wilcox, assisted by Dr. Sumney, made a post mortem examination of the body yesterday afternoon. The surgeons found a fracture over the left temple which undoubt-edly caused death, as no other marks were found upon the body.

Coroner Maul stated last evening that if he had understood the case properly or had heard the police department's version of the affair, he would not have ordered a post mortem examination, as he was satisfied that the boy's death was purely accidental.

An inquest will be held at 9 o'clock this

In the Lecture Room. Nothing disturbs a lecturer so much as a d, healthy, fully developed cough. Some folks think a squaling baby is worse, but Mark Twain says that in an emergency you can kill the baby, but most lecturers now carry a bottle of Haller's Sure Cure Cough sirup and give a dose of that.

Dr. Cullimore, oculist, Bee building

AMONG MILITARY MEN.

Inside Facts of the Kellogg-Ray Difficulty-Would Better Desist.

The Kansas City Times has recently contained several attacks upon General John R. Brooke, commander of the Department of the Platte, written by a correspondent at

Leavenworth. There appeared in the Times recently a long alleged review of the Kellogg-Ray difficulty at Fort Washakie, in which General Brooke was charged with having been very partial to Captain Ray and very unjust to Colonel Kellogg in dealing with the charges which they preferred against each other at Fort Washakie.

Fort Washakie.

Speaking of the matter yesterday a prominent officer of the department headquarters said: "The source of the screeds that have appeared from time to time in the Kansas City Times has been known to many of us connected with this department. There is a man named Schindier at Leavenworth who used to be a soldier. He is corresponding for the Kansas City Times and he has persuaded the managing editor of that paper that he knows a few things about the army. The fact of the business is he is very ignorant of army affairs and is blindly prejudiced in the little that he does know. He tried to in the little that he does know. He tried to make it appear that Colonel Kellogg had been very much abused by General Brooke, when everybody who is at all acquainted with the facts knows that Colonel Kel-

logg is simply an incompetent man.

"Kellogg has had trouble at nearly every nost where he has been stationed and has been moved about from one place to another for his own good until there is hardly a place in the department where he can be sent without coming in contact with somebody who has had trouble with him.

When Captair Ray went to Washington When Captair Ray went to Washington to recruit an Indian company Colonel Kellosg gave him no encouragement. He rather threw cold water upon the efforts Ray put forth and scoffed at the idea of making soldiers of the Indians. Captain Ray was a man in earnest and he naturally felt indigna.t at a superior officer who should treat him in that manner.

Everybody who has ever met Captain Ray knows that he does not host ate, when aggravated, to speak his mind is no uncertain language, and he was not backward in telling Colonel Kellogg what he thought of his conduct.

duct. "Kellogg supposed that as he was commanding officer at the garrison that Ray would be compelled to submit to his orders, but he found out that General, Brooke looked beneath the surface and located the real cause of the trouble and that it was found to be in Kellogg's incapacity and inability to command a garrison in a manner creditable to the service. General Brooke, therefore, removed Kellogg from the garrison and gave him an appointment more congenial to his peculiar disposition and capacity.

"General Brooke has dealt kindly with Kellogg, and it would be well for the latter if his fool friends, like this man at Leavenworth, who has been filling the columns of the Kansas City Times with absurdaties, would keep quiet. The less said about Colonel Kellogg's record at Washakie the batter for him." better for him.'

One Minute. One minute time often makes a great difference -a one minute remedy for bronchitis choking up of the throat, lungs, etc., fo ourse is a blessing. Cubeb Cough Cure is such a remedy. For sale by all druggists. Cubeb Cough Cure—Oneminute.

PLEADING FOR DIXON.

New Trial Asked for Corporal Carter's Slayer -Federal Court Notes.

Attorney Dolan made his argument for a new trial in the Dixon case yesterday morning before Judge Dundy in the United States court. Dixon was convicted of murder in the United States court about three weeks ago. On the last day of September, 1891, Private Dixon shot and killed Corporal Carter at Fort Niobrara. The evidence went to show that the act was premeditated and was the result of malice u the part of Dixon, caused by the fact that Corporal Carter had been obliged to drive some women of ill-repute, with whom Dixon had been intimate, away from the garrison. The arguments of Dixon's attorney in ask-ing for a new trial were based upon the allegation that the vergict was not sustained by the evidence, and that the court erred in

jury should not consider itself bound by the opinion of the court as to the character of the evidence submitted, Mr. Dolan claimed that the judge had posi-tively stated to the jury that he was fully persuaded by the evidence that the crime could not be less than manslaughter if it were not murder and vet he failed in that connection to inform the jury that the opinion of the court should not bind the jury in dealny with the case.

failing to state in the instructions that the

Judge Dundy called Attorney Dolan down, saying that he had instructed the jury in two separate instances that the opinion of the court should not bind the jury in weighing the evidence. The judge said that he had been obliged to make several corrections in the transcript of his instructions as made from the court reporter's copy because the re-porter did not get it right. He said he sup-posed Mr. Dolan had a copy of the uncorrected report.
After some discussion as to the wording of

the judge's instructions the attorney proseeded with his argument. ceeded with his argument.

Dixon was present, looking thinner and paler than he looked during the trial. He seemed to realize that his case had reached a very critical point and the question of life or death with him would very shortly be decided.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Cornelia Snow against the city of Lincoln brought in a verdict favoring the plaintiff and assessing the damages at \$6,000.

he damages at \$6,000. Mr. Scott, the attorney for the city of Lincoin, gave notice that he would file a motion for a new trial. The judge said he might argue the motion for a new trial at the Lincoln term of court which be-

Spoopendyke Tells His Wife Something. Yes, I see, you have got a terrible looking face—all pimples and blotches. Now, Mrs. Spoopendyke, if you'de lot those everlasting, dodgasted powders and cosmetics alone, and use Haller's Sarsapacilla and Burdock compound you'de look like something. See!

LIEN LAW CHANGES. Real Estate Owners' Association Takes Up

the Matter-Some Resolutions. The Real Estate Owners association held a meeting yesterday afternoon in its quarters in the Life building. The attendance was light but considerable business was trans-

The committee on legislation was in structed to ascertain what changes should be made in the mechanics' lien laws, and after its duty was prescribed the committee was directed to confer with a similar com-mittee belonging to the Builders' and Traders' exchange. A report on the matter vill be made at the next regular meeting of he association.

The committee on municipal administra tion was instructed to ascertain, if possible the advisability of consolidating the offices of plumbing and building inspectors, the street commissioner and sidewalk inspector. It was also the general opinion of the asso-ciation to endeavor to relieve the city of other offices and thereby reduce the city

A resolution was then adopted tendering thanks to THE BEE and other publications for their efforts in encouraging the patronage of home industries; congratulating the Manufacturers and Consumers association on its uccess in organizing and building up local patronage and trade.

The resolution was also to the effect that the Real Estate Owners association would be sustained in building up the manufacturing industries that could be induced to locate in Omaha. With this object in view a meeting was called for an early date, when business men generally, whether they belong to the association or not, will be expected to at-

The following resolution was then intro duced and adopted: Resolved. That it is the sense of the Real Estate Owners association that it is a dangerous practice for the city, county or school district authorities to appropriate money from or incur obligations upon any fund except in strict compliance with hw: and that in future the said association will resist such misappropriation by legal proceedings, if necessary.

A very small pili, but a very good one. De-Witt's little Early Risers.

RAILROAD PROPERTY.

Question of the City's Right to Assess it Judges Davis, Irvine and Keysor were upon the bench yesterday to listen to arguments in the case of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and the Fremont Elkhorn & Mis-

souri Valley railroads against the city.

in this case the plaintiffs apply for an injunction to restrain the city from assessing their right-of-way and warehouse property within the city limits. They maintain that the city clerk had no authority of law for listing their property and in doing so that he acted in violation of the constitution. They also charge that they have been assessed under the provisions of the state law; that their valuations were returned to the state auditor and that he made the assessments after which he distributed the tax in propor-

tion to the mileage. Martha A. Leeper was granted a decree of divorce yesterday afternoon by Judge Hope-well from her husband, James Leeper. The well from her husband, James Leeper. The decree was allowed on the grounds of drunk-enness and extreme crisity. They were married in 1880 at Topcka, Kan.

In the district court, John Seira has brought suit against Charles Bachman in an action to recover damages in the sum of \$5,000, charging malicious prosecution and false imprison-

ing malicious prosecution and false imprison ment. The complaint alleges that October 5, 1891. Bachman filed a complaint in police court charging Seira with the crime of horse stesling. A warrant was issued and an ar-rest followed, by which the plaintiff in the present suit was thrown into jail, there to languish for one whole day, and so languish-ing he suffered a great montal strain, enough to entitle him to the amount of cash for

which ho sues.

John Dourberty, a resident of South
Omaha suffered a loss of property resulting
from a change of grade. He brought suit to
recover damages and the defendant con-

fessed judgment for\$1,075.

Joseph Mezzetti has a reputation that has been horribly mutilated if his sworn petition is true. The mutilation is of such a nature that he insists that it will take \$10,000 of Jimmy Ish's money to put it in presentable shape. He charges that on Christmas day Ish without any authority of law caused his arrest, after which he was thrown into jali.

WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT.

The St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad to Form a Seperate System.

IN HARMONY WITH THE UNION PACIFIC.

Slight Changes in Management-Terms of the Separation-Figuring on Methodist Conference Rusiness-Iowa's Railroads... Notes and Personals.

to be operated as an independent line by a set of general officers located at St. Joseph. That much was determined in New York at a conference between Union Pacific officers and representatives of the second mortgage ound holders of the Grand Island.

The St. Joseph & Grand Island railway is

General Manager Clark of the Union Pacific, and W. P. Robinson, Jr., the new general manager of the Grand Island, are in Omaha arranging details of the future conduct of theemancipated line.

While there will be an independent management of the Grand Island the Union Pacific by no means relinquishes its control. For example, under the terms of the new deal J. G. Benedict was compelled to resign the presidency of the subject road, and Sidney Dillon was chosen to his place. Mr. Robinson will be required to make duplicate reports, one to be sent to the Union Parity of the Section. be sent to the Union Pacific office in Boston and the other to the second mortgage bond-holders. All net earnings are to be sent to the Union Pacific at Boston. The Grand Island has deposited with the Central Trust ompany of New York \$42,000 to pay overdue

company of New York \$12,000 to pay overdue interest on second mortrage bonds.

On the other hand the Union Pacific has bound itself to carry out the agreement of 1885, and will nereafter deposit \$15,000 each month with the Central Trust company to pay interest on the first mortgage bonds.

It is very distinctly agreed, however, that

It is very distinctly agreed, however, that the Grand Island is to be conducted in harmony with the Union Pacific, and the election of Mr. Dillon to the presidency clearly indicates that the big corporation will continue to boss the little one.

One effect of the change will be to give st. Joseph the headquarters for the Grand Island and a number of general officers. It is understood that S. M. Adsit, now general agent of the Union Pacific at St. Joseph, will be general passenger and freight agent. J. G. Drew, now chief clerk to Superintendent Rush of the Grand Island, is stated for the auditorsh!p. He is in Omaba with Mr. Robinson. Richard Berry, now at St. Louis, s mentioned for Mr. Robinson's chief clerk The Grand Island has 252 miles of main line and nearly 200 miles of branches. The second mortgage bond holders charged that it was being used as a feeder for the Union Pacific and that much of its traffic was unfairly diverted to the latter. The independ-ent management is expected to correct this abuse, and the owners of bonds hope the road will then be able to pay the interest on its obligations.

Iowa Railway Affairs,

The annual report of the Iowa railroad commissioners is out for the year ending June 30, 1891, and contains much interesting information. There are thirty-three roads in Iowa, with a mileage of 8,440 miles. The number of passengers carried was 6,669,659; number of tons of freight, 19,996,322. The total earnings on Iowa business were \$43,-102,399.35, an increase of \$1,784,265.69. The number of employes in Iowa is 27,580. During the year 178 persons were killed and 773 injured on the roads. Of the killed 82

were employes, 5 passengers and 91 other persons. Of the injured 601 were employes, O passengers and 92 others. The betterments reported during the official year include \$1,333,000 expended for buildng, mostly new depots, thousands of freight cars, passenger cars, heavier engines, automatic couplers, air brakes and other improve

ments, besides 2,338,096 ties and 37,789 tons of steel rail to replace old iron and worn out steel; only 411 tons of iron rail being laid in lowa during the year.

Iowa stands fifth in railway mileage of the states—surpassing New York, Massachusetts and Ohio, having 8,413.16 miles June 30, 1891, with the Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines

and the Winona & Southwestern construct-Since June the Winona line has twenty-three miles in operation and the Fort Madison road four miles. The Ottumwa & Kirkville road, 3,33 miles, and the Claringa & St. Louis, 11.5 miles, have been abandoned since June. The former was a coal road, and the track of the latter was torn up because it would not pay operating expenses.
'The statement is made that there is no

spot in Iowa more than tifteen miles from a The Chicago & Northwestern has built eventy-six miles of double track from Clin-

on west. Union Pacific's Annual Review. A Union Pacific statement reports the employes of its system as averaging about 24,000, with a monthly payroll of \$1,600,000. About 2,200 employes reside in Omaha. Of these 500 are engaged at the headquarters, 1,300 in the shops and the remainder in the yards and local freight offices.

The mileage for 1891 was 7,668, with no change during the year. In 1891, sixty-six ocomotives and sixty freight caboose cars were added to the rolling stock.
The freight received at and forwarded from Omaha and South Omaha during 1891 September estimated) was as follows: At Omaha, received 462,579 tons, forwarded 210,813: at South Omaha, received 245,980

ons, forwarded 126,951. For the year ending December 1, 4,357 cars of stock were forwarded from Omaha and South Omaha, and 14,549 were received. The rolling stock of the system is as follows: Locomotives, 1,058; Pullman sleepers, 37; dining cars, 13; other passenger cars, 706; freight cars, 25,647.

Working Conference Business Already. James Munn, assistant general passenger igent of the Sioux City, has returned from the meeting of the Western Passenger association held in Chicago, and reports arrangements made for the business growing out of the Methodist general conference, which will meet in Omaha in May. On certain days preceding the opening of the conference tickets will be sold at all points in the territory of the association at one fare for the round trip. On certain other days during the conference and the total co ference round trip tickets will be sold in a limited area for a fare and a third. This

latter concession is for the benefit of laymen who wish to visit Omaha during the great meeting.

Mr. Munn's understanding is that a half rate is to be given for the republican national convention at Minneapolis and the people's convention at St. Louis,

After St. Joe Dry Goods Men. Frank G. Kretschmer, special agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been investigating the acts of railroad officials and shippers at St. Joseph and thinks he has a strong case against them for violations of the national law by manipulating rates. At

any rate he is going to set the federal grand jury grinding at the matter.

When the investigation at Kansas City was on last November it appeared from the evidence that the dry goods rates at St. Joseph were being manipulated. The regular first class rate on dry goods from New York to the Missouri river is 95 cents, and the third class is 60 cents. It is alleged that St. Joseph has been enjoying cut rates of 80 and 50 cents.

Milwankee Earnings. The earnings of the Cnicago, St. Paul & Milwaukee for December were \$3,093,050, an increase of \$638,770 over the same month in 1890. The earnings for the last six months of 1891 were \$17.553,085, an increase of \$1,356,614 over the corresponding period in 1890.

Railroad Personals.

A. C. Ziemer of Lincoln, one of the ablest and most popular ticset agents on the Burlington system, was in the city today. David E. Burley, general agent of the Union Pacific pussenger department at Salt Lake, is a visitor at headquarters. Mr Burley is an old Omaha man, having been a deputy aheriff of this county in the 70s. He has been in the service of the Union Pacific

for thirteen years, and has won his present high position on merit by a series of promo-

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FROM 'ROUND ABOUT US. Nebrasios.

Eisle is to have a new two-story brick school house to cost \$4,000. Saline county farmers have been holding an interesting institute at Crete with a good

attendance. M. A. Leftwich has sold the Lexington Herald to a stock company and Clarence Adams becomes the editor. The Culbertson Republican has been resurrected by F. B. Eistey after lying in in-

ocuous desuctude since last August Howell's new mill is now running full time and the farmers, merchants and citizens generally are patronizing home industry on

Burgiars blew open the safe at the Cairo postoffice, but failed to get a cent. This is the second time the safe has been burglarized and the first burglar has just finished serving time in the pen for the job. A stranger giving the name of Mason drank considerable whiskey at the Grafton

saloon and when asked for pay flashed a check for \$1,500. He was arrested, and when asked by the judge if the check was good replied that it was "as good as the whiskey." He got five days in jail. The neighbors of Charles Brown of Wil sonville found his wife ill and suffering from lack of coal and clothing, her husband being away from home. They sold some of Brown's corn and bought the necessaries to make Mrs. Brown comfortable, but instead

of thanking them when he returned the old

man got angry. The commissioners of Madison county have called an election in Norfolk precinct on Saturday, January 30, for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to the Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern Railroad company. The bonds are to take the place of those voted in 1889, and are not to be delivered to the company until the road is completed.

Colfax county republicans mourn because after electing five county officers at the late election, three of them refuse or are unable to take their seats. The treasurer-elect will not qualify because of the new law relating to the depositing of county funds, the commissioner has been given the cashiership of a bank and hasn't the time to serve the county and the seat of the superintendent of schools is contested by the defeated democratic can

Four wild loaded freight cars caused quite wreck on the B. & M. between McCook a wreck on the B. & M. between McCook and Indianola. They had been blown from a sidetrack and came in collision with a passenger train. The engine and wild cars were all pretty badly demoralized, but passengers and crew escaped, thanks to the vigilance and promotness of the engineer. The shock drove three of the freight cars back fully half a mile. It is regarded by all as a fortunate escape. as a fortunate escape.

Vinton has \$100,000 invested in church Davenport's macaroni factory is now in H. L. Weston of Jasper county wants to

Iowa.

be warden of the Anamosa pen. The grip was responsible for the closing of two Keokuk churches on Sunday. Major and Mrs. Birmingham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Gowrie Two letters written by Alexander Hamilton have been added to the Alarich collection

at Des Moines.

The 4-year-old daughter of A. L. Grant of Creston fell into a pan of scalding water and died in a few hours. Miss Stebbins of New Hampton, claims to be the first woman in the world to be appointed a notary public.

James Hunter, a member of the Seventh Day Adventist society at Boone, has sued the church for slandering him. A. Harris, prominent in the political circles of the people's party, is dead at Avoca. He was formerly mayor of that town. Death resulted from grip. A car load of empty whisky barrels was leized at Dubuque while in transit for not having the stamps and brands thoroughly re-

moved as the law requires. A Dubuque saloonkeeper had a Christmas tree at his place of business which bore presents of pipes, tobacco, candy, nuts, apple and other sundries for every customer. Will Scrambler of Alta had about six

inches of bone taken off one of his legs last week. He jumped from a hay mow last July and injured his leg, and has been sick ever The death of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock at Epworth was a sad coincidence. A week or so ago Mrs. Murdock was taken with la grippe, and being quite aged, 81 years, it was too much for her weakened vitality, and Saturday evening at 11:30 she loosened the grasp urday evening at 11:30 she loosened the grasp she had on life and quietly passed away. Mr. Murdock, who had also been ailing, re-marked that it was too bad she could not have waited a week so that he could have gone with her. He went quietly about mak-ing arrangements for her funeral, and when all the little details had been arranged to his satisfaction he went to had and at 12 ciclosk satisfaction he went to bed and at 12 o'clock

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Sunday evening his wish was fulfilled,

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the souls were again joined together in the

portance of Her Grain Market. Local grain dealers are discussing the prospect of securing another large elevator company fer Omaha. The St. Paul, Kausus City and Minneapolis Grain company, whose principal office is now at Minneapolis, contemplates a removal of its headquarters. The company has twenty-five elevators along the Milwaukee railroad in western Iowa and Minneapolis is not the most convenient point from which to operate them. The president and secretary of the company were in Omaha recently, and thought favor ably of removing to this city. One officer would like to go to Des Moines and another thinks that by locating in Chicago a broker's

"Here is a chance for the Board of Trade to do a good job," said Mr. H. C. Miller, the well known grain broker, in discussing the matter. "A meeting could be held to raise a bonus for an insignificant factory, but here is a concern that probably disburses \$500,000 a year and supports quite a number of fam-ilies. Another tuing, its paper would go through our clearing house. If 1 am cor-rectly informed only two of our grain firms make their clearances through Omaha, and that's where the Kansas City clearing house has a big advantage of ours. If Omaha is to be made a great grain market no opportunity should be lost to secure a big buying firm like this."

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