

They Hold Up a Mail Wagon and Shoot the Driver.	has already been made and that the go through to Omaha by way of J Coon Rapids and Audubon. This er tion of the state is anxiously awaiti reliable news of the future intention company.
REGISTERED LETTER POUCHES SECURED.	Death of Prominent Catholi DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 16 Special
Af or a Chase the Valuable Booty Was	to Tue BEE.]-Rev. Fither Haltenbe Sisters Vincent and Monica have di

Abandoned and the Bold Robbers Made Good Their Escape-Other Iowa News Notes.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 16.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE] .- This morning at 6 o'clock the mail wagon on the way to the Kansas City train was held up on Nebraska street by four men. They ordered the driver to halt, and when he whipped his horses they fired several shots at him, wounding him in the shoulder. Two of the men seized the horses, while the other two secured the pouches of registered letters. The bags were found unbroken within a block of the scene of the robbery. A policeman passing by frightened the high-waymen and they dropped their booty, which was quite valuable. There is no clue yet to the perpertrators.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

Towa's Legislature Prepared to Begin Work Plans for the Inauguration.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16 .- The house this morning increased the committee on inauguration by the addition of Messrs, Campbell and Stone. A report was received from the committee to the effect that the mauguration be held next Wednesday afternoon. The house then adjourned till 8 o'clock this after-

When the house reconvened the speaker innounced the most important house com-mittees and will give out the remainder Monday morning, to which time the house adjourned. The republicans have fifty chairmanships, the democrats two, six republicans being left without chairmanships publicans being left without chairmanships. The following are the more important chair-manships: Ways and means, Lane; judic-iary, Chase; appropriations, Norris; rail-roads and commerce, Morrow; schools and school books, Crawford; normal schools, Encoded Spaulding; suppressing intemperance, Bruce agriculture, Austin; mines and mining, riculture, Austin; mines and mining, iller; retrenchment and reform, Young; rederal relations, Van Gilderi, Hodicine, surgery, pharmacy, Brooks of Audubon bounty; municipal corporations, Coffin; dialms, Lindman; insurance, Hoover; tele-graphs and telephones, Sowers; banks and anking, Harriman; private corporations, Enley; roads, McNeely; public charities, sells; labor, Spuntz; domestic manufactares, Hollard; woman's suffrage, Jester; constitutional amendments, Carponter; horticulture and forestry, Britts; peniter-itaries, Doane; public lands and buildings, Beach; congressional districts, Stone; judi-Beach; congressional districts, Stone; judi-tial districts, Wyckoff; senatorial districts, Brooks of Boone county : , representative dis-tricts, Goodwin; rules, Jones.

Impressive Funeral Services.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |--- The mother of United States Senator T. C. Power of Montana was buried ere today with impressive ceremonies, Senator Power and other relatives were pres-ent and beautiful floral tributes were sent from Chigago, St. Paul, Milwaukee and other The venerable ex-Senator Jones was as pall bearers. The deceased had the of the na!! bearers. The deceased had been an old resident of this city up to six years ago. diam'r.

New Iowa Road to Omaha.

FORT DODGE, In., Jan. 16 .- (Special Telegram to THE BRE. |- Recent developments idicate that the Winona & Southwestern has bought or is about to buy the Mason City & Fort Dodge road. At a meeting of the Business Men's association last night a communication was read from Secretary Simpson asking what inducements Fort Dodge had to offer, Mr. Simpson visited the

efferson. First of a Series of Important Y. M. C. tire secing same is of the Telegran erger and ed at the

mother house of the Sisters of Charity in Table Mound township, this county. Father Haltenberger waf one of the early priests of this section, coming here in 1841 and being associated with Bishop Loras, the first of this diocese, and had been chaplain of St. Josepb's convent for twenty-two years. The two sisters were among the hineteen founder of the order, coming here from Philadelphia nearly fifty years ago.

Colonel Steadman Appointed. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Judge Woolson of the United States district court for the southern district of Iowa today appointed Colonel J. . Steadman of Council Bluff's clerk to fil the vacancy caused by the death of H. K. Love. E. R. Mason and C. L. Dahlberg of this city were the other candidates.

GONE AFTER THE CONVENTION.

Kansas City's Committee Starts Out for Washington with High Hopes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.-The committee which will plead the cause of Kansas City before the national democratic committe and will endeavor to show that this is the only city in which to hold the democratic onvention, left for Washington this evening in two special cars. The route lay over the Alton to St. Louis and thence over the Penn-sylvania. The committee is composed of many influential and wealthy business men

of this city and is accompanied by delega-tions from St. Louis and many of the im-portant cities of Missouri, Kansas and Okla-homa territory. Governor Francis also achoma territory. Governor Francis also ac-companies the committee and Hon. C. H iones of the St. Louis Republic leads the St. Louis delegation. The committee carries with it a guarantee

to provide \$100,000 with which to defray the expenses of the convention and also the plans of a four-story building of brick and stone, 160x240 feet, which would comfortably seat 15,750 people. The building will be erected, in the event of Kansas City getting the convention, by several organizations which have for a long time needed it as a place for meeting.

SHERIFF DUNN'S SLAYERS.

Four Held for Examination and Two Re-

leased on Ball. LIBBRAL, Kan., Jan. 16 .- The preliminary hearing of the men charged with the killing of Sheriff Dunn was continued at 11 o'clock today until Thursday, January 28. The court discharged Robert Hutchinson of Has-kell county, one of the defendants. because no evidence was [] preduced sprinsthim. Carey Anderson, chairman of the county commissioners of Seward county, and Lee Estes were admitted to ball in the sum of and the four remaining prisoners were held for further examination The will be held under the sheriff's guard a Springfield until the bearing is resumed.

Governor Humphrey authorized the re-moval of the troops here at noon today and they departed at 1 o'clock. It is believed that quiet has now been permanently restored in the turbulent county.

Judge Botkin Will Not Resign. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16 .- Judge Botkin stated this morning that he would not resign. He gave this information after consultation with the governor.

Newspaper Life in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 16 .- A duel took place by moonlight last night between Chartes Espersa, a discharged prison official and Innocenclo Arriola of the editorial staff of the Diaro del Hogasu. The newspaper published an article which ied to Espersa's dismissal. Both were wounded at the socand fire.

A. Meetings. EVIL EFFECTS OF RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE. History of Some of the World Famous neard it. Men Whose Intelligent Efforts Have Been Directed Against the Oppression of England, The first in the series of Saturday night neetings at the Young Men's Christian association to be devoted to subjects of particula nationalities was that held last night and was called "Irish Night." It proved to be a lecided success.

The lecture room on the second floor was entirely filled by a very intelligent and earnest audience of gentlemen with a slight sprinkling of ladies. Mr. J. W. Battin presided and the first speaker introduced was Hon, M. V. Gannon. He spoke very ear nestly and entertainingly upon the charac teristics and wrongs of the Irish race. Mr Gannoz said he had been given but a very short time to prepare anything like a speech but he would talk about the Irish people in general way. He was glad to meet and talk to the Young Men's Christian association pecause it was not the first time he had addressed the organization, and he felt sure that what he said would be listened to without prejudice and with that broad Christian spirit that should characterize intelligent

men of every nationality.

Wiping Out Prejudice. He was glad to do his part at all times to help wipe out those miserable prejudices which had been a surse to the human race and a hindrance to the peace and progress of the world. Mr. Gannon said that there was a popular falacy in this country among the American people, that all the crime committed in Ireland was the product of Catholicism, With the single exception of Daniel O'Connel, Mr. Gannon said, all the reat Irish leaders in the struggle for libert and justice had been Protestants. Fitz-gerald Shears, Emmet, Mitcheil, O'Brien and Parnell were shining examples of what Protestants bad done to unite the sons of Ireland in their efforts to free themselves from the oppression of Eng land. There was to bitterness between th different religious denominations in treland but those who had written English history and English literature had taken pains to nisrepresent and slander the Irish people Mr. Gannon then spoke deploringly of the prejudice born of religious bigotry. He said Of all prejudices in the world that which

has religion for its foundation is the least excusable." He pictured the misery and bloodshed and desolation that had been occasioned by re-ligrous prejudice and contrasted with this the Christlike works of mercy and goodness and the ennobling and elevating influence of true Christianity as exemplified in the lives of the Sisters of Mercy, the missionaries and true ministers and priests who follow the meek and lowly Nazarene. Mr. Gannon spoke highly of the work being accomplished by the Young Men's Christian association, and hoped that such meetings as that of last night would create a feeling of the universal

rotherhood of man among the young men and make them to feel that This world is full of beauty, As are the worlds above; And did we do our duty, It might be full of love.

Mr. Gannon's remarks were loudly applauded

Career of a Famous Man.

Hon. T. J. Mahoney was then introduced. He delivered a very able and interesting ad dress upon the life of John Boyle O'Reilly, He followed the thread of the famous poet and journalist's life from his birth at Deif, on the river Boyne, near the spot where James II. was defeated by William of Orange, all the way through the romantic and re-markable vicissitudes of his wonderful career to his sudden and unexpected death

and most talented newspaper writers and poets of the century were all presented i choice and effective language by Mi Mahoney. The address was exceptionally entertaining

and was eagerly listened to by the audience. The hearty applause which followed the closing sentence attested the high estimation upon the speech by those who placed

Secretary Ober thanked the speakers for their courtesy and kindness in furnishing so admirable an entertainment for the evening. He said it was the aim of the Young Men's Christian association to teach the idea that all men were trothers and that while people might differ in their religious beliefs yet a broad-minded consideration and respect for bclief every honest man's conscientious Should be entertained by every professed Christian, by every intelligent, generous

hearted man BOOMING SOUTH DAKOTA.

Funds Will Be Secured to Prepare World's Fair Exhibition.

YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 16 .- [Special to TH BEE. |-The chances are very much in favor at this time of a special session of the South Dakota legislature to consider an appropriation looking to a fund to be devoted to the collection and placing of an exhibit of South Dakota products at the World's Columbian exposition. In May of 1891 a state World's fair convention was held in this city which created a World's fair commission. It has abored at its own expense to raise money for a state exhibit at the exposition. Early in its existence the commission en

deavored to induce the governor to call a special session of the leg-islature and secure pledges from a majority of the legislators to unite for an appropriation, should the legislature be convened, but Governor Meilette positively de-clined to convene the body if it would entail any expense to the state. So the commission tried a stock company scheme, an individual contribution scheme and a county appropria tion scheme. Each one failed to encourage the commission and the condition of things made success impossible unless a session of

the legislature could be secured. When the commission met here Thursday, President Evans said emphatically that he would not go home until the matter of funds was settled or the commission dissolved. He had previously invited Governor Mellette to attend the meeting, but the governor failed to appear. The commission in its first session telegraphed his excellency to come, but he could not. The commission resolution stating in substance that passed a the commission was aware of the sentiments of the copie in the state, and there was no other way of raising the money except by state appropriation asking film to call a special session and wired it to him verbatum. The governor replied that he was anxious to call the session without expense to the state, and the commission promptly fendered him its assurance as a commission and individually each member speaking for his district, that the session would cost the state nothing and

asking him to call the special session at once The governor accepted the itender assur ance and the commission named Fred Evans Oliver Gibbs, jr., and Charles Keith to cal on the governor and arrange details.

kota will have an exhibit at the World's fair because it is well established that a majority of the legislators are favorably disposed toward an appropriation.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Jan, 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-One hundred and fifty farmers from all parts of the hills met her today to organize for the purpose of securing the services of Melbourne, the rain maker A Black Hills organization was for committees appointed to negotiate with Melbourne. A second meeting was called for January 30. Much interest and enthusiasm was shown.

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

Board of Health Sustain Mayor Bemis in Dr. Somers' Appointment.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE CASE EXPLAINED.

City Attorney Connell Gives the Board His Interpretation of the Charter's Provisions on the Point-Dr. Gapen Gives it Up.

The new Board of Health met vesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the board's rooms in the Barker block for the purpose of effect ing an organization. It organized and Dr. Clarko Gapen was unceremoniously ousted without any particular demonstration.

Mayor Bemis rapped the assemblage to order. Chief of Police Seavey, Sanitary Commissioner Andres, Health Commissioner Somers and Councilmen McLearie and Howell looked him squarely in the eye as he said; "Gentlemen, I suppose you all know what we are here for-to organize the Board of Health under the new administration."

City Attorney Connell, who sat over by the door, looked on as if he had no interest in the proceedings, and Dr. Gapen and his attorneys maintained a sort of aggressive position in the background.

"What is your pleasure, gentlemen" asked the mayor, and Mr. McLearie read the fol owing:

lowing: Whereas, Dr. A. B. Somers has been duly appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council as commissioner of health of the city of Omaha; and Whereas. His predecessor in office, Dr. Clarke Gapen, raises some question as to his right to hold said office; therefore be it Resolved, by the Board of Health. That Dr. A. B. Somers be and hereby is recornized as a member of said board, and that he be re-quested to participate in its proceedings and act as its secretary as provided by the char-ter.

Declined to Recognize Gapen.

Dr. Gapen's attorney wanted to make a statement at this juncture, saying that he ppeared as counsel. 'For whom ?" demanded the mayor.

"For Dr. Gapen." "He is not a member of this board and has

to voice in its deliberations." "That is just the matter that we want un lerstood.

"Ha will not be recognized as such," wa be mayor's final ultimatum. "Read your letter, doctor," said Gapen'

counsel, and the ex-commissioner stepped forward and read and handed to the mayor the following letter, which had been drawn up by his lawyer a few minutes before, and on which the ink was hardly dry:

on which the ink was hardly dry: OMAHA. Jan.16.—HOn.George P. Bemis, Mayor of the City of Omaha: Dear Sir: You are re-spectfully informed that I am ready to per-form the duties of commissioner of health for the city of Omaha in conjunction with you and the other members of the Board of Health of said city; I shall conlinge per-sonally to perform all the duties pertaining to that office and will meet you and the other members of the board for consultation and action at all proper times and places. Yours to respectfully. CLAREE GAPES, action at all proper times and places. Your very respectfully. CLAIKE GAPES. Commissioner of Health. The mayor took the letter but paid no at

tention to it, and asked what was to be done with McLearie's resolution. McLearie moved its adoption and the question was McLearie voting 'aye" and Gapen ' It was declared carried, and Gapen out. 'no." isunanded a yea and nay vote of all the oembers. It was so ordered, and McLearle sung out

'aye" good and load when his name was called.

Attorney Council Heard From.

Chief Seavey was next called upon, and h didn't know what to do, so he asked that the resolution be read again. It was read, and then the chief wanted to be excused from voting. He said that he knew nothing of the and nerits of the case as between Gapen and Somers, and the courts would probably have to settle it anyway. He would rather be exused, but would vote if so ordered. McLearie insisted that the chief should

Mr. Conneil replied by stating that the provisions regulating the appointment of commissioner of health were somewhat conflicting, but he thought they could be recon-ciled. Regarding section 143, under which the appointment was made, he said the section was sweeping, plain and mandatory. The mayor must appoint a commissioner of health, and if the council fails to contirm, the mayor must repeat his appointment every Tuesday night. The term of office of every one of the many officers appointed by the mayor expires with the mayor's office, unless sooner removed. This provision was undoubtedly made in order to insure all the officers working in harmony, either polit-

ically or otherwise. "Dr. Gapen's attorneys claim," said Mr. Connell, "that the section under which he was appointed is an exception. If this is so it is strange that it is the only one. Such an amendment looks very much as if its passage had been secured by some one interested in this department, either directly or indirectly as it is utterly at variance with every other provision of the charter. It provides that his term of office shall be for two years, but with this reservation-'unless sooner removed or retired.' It is very plain to me that he is retired in this case by the action of the mayor and council. The sections are conflicting, and it is fair to conclude that the legislature never intended to make a single exception in this case. All courts hold that conflicting sections shall be made

to barmonize if possible, and it is possible to harmonize these in this way.'

Chief Seavey Voted Aye. This brought the vote around to the chief

again, but he looked around and asked "Who seconded that motion to adopt? If i wasn't seconded there is nothing before the Nobody pleaded guilty to having seconded the motion, and after waiting a minute the mayor said: "I suppose the president can second it, and I will do so. It is now ready

for your vote, chief." There was no way out of it, and the chief id: "This is a matter for the courts to determine, and it may be months before it is settled, but the board cannot afford to wait, as it should be organized at once or the health of the city may suffer. I don't know Dr. Somers, but Dr. Gapen is a personal friend of mine, and I have always gotten along well with this department. But I don't propose to allow friendship to stand in the way of the formance of my official duties, either in per this case or any other. It seems to me that the clause regarding the contention between the two might as well be left out. 1 don't know is it amounts to anything, but there may b

omething behind it." The chief was assured that the resolution was not loaded at both ends, and thereupon voted "aye" for its adoption.

Mr. Howell voted "aye" without a mur-Arguments for Gapen.

house

said:

Dr. Gapen's attorneys managed to get a few minutes' hearing, and argued the case from their standpoint. They urged that the ntent of the legislature was nonpolitical and insisted that the last action of the body was surely intended to lay over previous leg-They urged that a special provision slation would hold over a general one, but their ar zuments failed to convince the mombers of the board that the mayor had in any degree exceeded his prerogatives.

When Mr. Andres' vote was called for h said that inasmuch as the mayor had the appointive power it was not for the board to decide as to its legality, and he voted "aye." The mayor voted the same way, making it unanimous, and Dr. Gapen was thus legis-lated out of office. His attorney stated that lated out of office. His attorney stated that his client would turn over the office without urther trouble

McLearie introduced another resolution, ceading as follows:

Resolved. That all inspectors or other par-ties heretofore employed by the Board of Health or in connection with the Health de-partment of the city of Omaha he and the same are hereby relieved from duty and dis-charged from further service. It was adopted without a dissenting volce,

and the board adjourned until 2 o'clock Tuesday, when it will consider rules for the egulation of the sanitary department Dr. Gapen left last evening for Schuyler.

Bishop Newman Offers a Suggestion as ter the Opening of the Cherokee Strip.

MAKE A DRAWING FOR THE LANDS.

Only Two Ways to Avoid a Repetition of the Disgraceful Scenes That Attended the Opening of the Oklahoma Reserve.

"I want to suggest something to the people and the president of the United States," said Bishop Newman yesterday to a BEE reporter. "I have just returned from Okla. homa, and I found while down there that the people were becoming very much excited over the opening of the Cherokee strip, which the Indians recently agreed to sell to the United States and which the president will probably open by proclamation next spring or summer.

"Now, the people well remember the ter rible rible scramble and actual loss of life that attended the opening of Oklahoma three years ago. The opening of the Cherokee strip will undoubtedly be a repetition of the disgraceful scenes of the Okiahoma opening. I doubt the wisdom of such a procedure.

Draw for the Lands,

"What I want to suggest is that the claim-ants decide apon the final ownership of these lands by a drawing. Let every quarter section of land be represented by a number and let there be a ticket with a corresponding number in the box. Let lots in organized town and villages, if there should be any, be disposed of in like manner.

"Then I would make it necessary for every erson desiring to draw to furnish a certificate, duly signed, witnessed and sworn to, setting forth the fact that izen of the legal right as a citizen of the United States to the ownership of United States to be opened for settlement. I would let no one draw who could not furnish such a certificate prior to the time set for the drawing. In case the number of people in attendance at the drawing should exceed the number of pieces of land and lots to be distributed then a certain number of blank tickets could be put in. This would give every one a chauce to draw a valuable ticket, whereas if the tickets should all be exhausted before the people have all drawn those left out would have cause to complain.

Least of Two Evils.

"I am well aware of the fact that some people will hold up their hands in horror at beopte will hald up their ing anything which the idea of my suggesting anything which resembles a lottery, but I am simply sug-gesting the least, in my opinion, of two evils. The element of chance is already present in the scheme to open these lands for settle-ment, and it is a dangerous, and I might say barbarous, kind of chance. The man who gets upon the ground first after the word is given is supposed to be the rightful claimant. o the entry of the land. In other words every man takes a physical chance of securing his title. He may have an encounter, He may lose his life in the struggie. I simply wish to suggest a way that would be safer and I believe more just, because it would shut out fraudulent speculators.

Would Eliminate Chance.

"The only way to eliminate the element of chance from the disposition of these lands would be to sell them at public auction and place the funds in the public treasury. This would benefit the entire psople, and every man who wished could bid on the lands. But the element of chance is in the scheme as contemplated at present and I would like t see some plan adopted that would avoid bloodshed and disgrace to cur country.

"The Cherokee strip is a magnificant stretch of country and will in a very short time be occupied by a thrifty, energetic and progressive people. But I dread the pro-posed opening if the plan adopted at the opening of Oklahoma is followed. I hope it is not too late for President Harrison to act upon some such suggestion as I have gives

Melbourne's Services Desired.

That committee went to Pierre today pre-pared to urge the governor to convene the egislature within thirty days. South Da-