SURPRISED HIS

Return of an Omaha Boy Who Was Mourned as Dead.

JOHN DOHERTY'S STRANGE EXPERIENCE

While Enroute to School He Concludes to See the World-Story of His Wanderings with a Professional

Tramp.

The coming of this Sabbath morn will bring joy and gladness to many in Omaha, but in none will there be more happiness than in the little cottage of Charles Doherty, at 412 North Fourteenth street, where for six long months a loving father and a loving mother have mourned a son and have supposed that he was numbered among the

Last May their eldest son, John, a goldenhaired boy of 15 summers, suddenly disappeared and dropped out of sight as effectually as though he had been swallowed by the earth. On the morning of his disappearance he started for school, as had been his usual custom. The noon flour came, but it did not bring the lad. This fact did not cause any anxiety, as his parents supposed that he was playing with some of his associates, but when he did not return in the evening they became alarmed and notified the police.

The town was searched and advertisements were inserted in all of the leading papers of the country, but they brought no returns. The boyish playthings were laid away and the parents gave their son up, thinking that he had been murdered, or else thinking that he had been murdered, or else that he had been drowned. No trace of the lad was ever obtained until last Tuesday morning, when he called at the High school and announced that he wanted to see his sister. As the young lady opened the door of the school room she found herself standing face to face with the long lost brother.

The meeting was one that brought tears to the eyes of the spectators, but it was soon ended, and hand in hand the brother and sister hurried to their home to break the glad news to the mother who still had hopes that sometime her boy would return comfort her in her declining years. It was some time before the good woman could fully realize that her son had returned, but it was true, and again joy reigned supreme in the family circle. The boy was sought out by a BEE man and the story of his travels, which reads like a novel, was given. Concluded to See the World.

"It's like this," said the lad, "On the morning when I left home I started for school and as I passed through Jefferson square I met "New York" Slim, who proposed that we take a trip. I don't know what made me do so, for I had always been treated well by my parents, but I said that I was ready, and away we started. We went down to the depot and boarded a freight trai I that was going west. We rode to Valparaiso and then up to Norfolk. I had 35 cents, but Slim did not have a single sou.

"If you have ever been at Norfolk you know that the town is no good. We bummed our 'chuck' there that night and then rode a blind baggage to Sloux City.

"Don't know what a blind is, do you?

"Well, I will tell you. You know that there is no door in the front end of the bag-

gage car on passenger trains? That's a blind. You just get on that end of the car and you can ride as far as you want to or until the train men fire you. "As I was saying, we rode the blind right

into Sloux City, getting there on the morning of that terrible flood, and, after looking the town over, we concluded that it was a good place to leave behind. Then the police were of the same opinion, and as we were not needed we shipped, going to Clinton. That was a long trip to make, but we got there by riding the beams.

"So you never rode the beams and don't ow what that means?
"It's easy enough, but sometimes rather esome. You just watch for a train that's going your way and when the train men are out of sight you skip under the car and straddle a break beam. If you have a good grip and lots of nerve you can ride almost any distance, for the men hardly ever look under the cars for first-class passengers. That was the way it was on that trip, for when the 'con' and his men found us we were at Clinton, just the place where we wanted to stop. I tell you we were dirty, that is, Slim

"We went down to the river, where we cleaned up, and then started out to work the back doors for a handout. The town had back doors for a handout. The town had been worked by the gang and we did not fare very well until we struck a lady who swal-lowed the story that we had been grasshop-pered and hallstorm-swept in Dakota. That worked well and we got all that we could eat, brsides having a snack tied up in a rag for breakfast. Then I went to work in the lum-ber yards, telling Slim that I did not like to lie, Slim said that I would get over those little fancies of mine, but I told Slim that I

Got Too Strong to Work.

"The next day I got a job in one of the lumber yards, but I did not like the work, so I shipped for Chicago by crawling into a cattle car. Chicago is a great town, but you are not in it if you have not got the stuff.
"That's what I said and that's what I mean. Why, do you know that the first day after I got there I went down on the lake front to watch them build a depot and I had not been there half an hour before a fly copeame along and told us that if we did not jump the town he would send us to the work house. I told Slim I was not traveling for the purpose of going to any work house. Slim agreed with me and way we went on a blind over the Lake Shore road and did not

stop until we got to Toledo.

"I don't like Toledo, and if any person ever tells you that the town is any good you just tell them that they are talking through their tile. After we had worked a cold lunch we took the beams for Cleveland and stopped there we took the beams for Cleveland and stopped there we took the beams for Cleveland and stopped there just long enough to look at some of the fine residences from their back yards and then worked a stock train to Buffalo. That's a great town and they know how to treat a man. I can buy more chuck in Buffalo for a dime than I can in Chicago for six bits.

"A funny thing happened to me in Buffalo and they tried to work me for a jay. It makes me laugh every time that I think

Of course you know that they do lots of shipping from that town, and those sailors are what I call tough. One day I was walking along the docks, when two old roosters jumped off a ship and offered me a drink of uor. I was sharp enough to call the game, r I knew that the fellows wanted to

hanghi me right then and there.

"Don't you know what it is to shanghi a fellow! Guess you never traveled much.

"To shanghi a fellow is this: The sailors will catch you on the shore and give you some of the poorest liquor that ever guryled down your throat. It will make you dead drunk in about two minutes. When you come to yourself you will find yourself way out in the lake, and the chances are that out in the lake, and the chances are that you will not get ashore for two or three Then you make a kick, and they tie you to the mast and flog you until you can't stand. They shanghi lots of the boys, but they did not get me, for being from Omaha I was just a trifle too smooth for them that

Experience in Canada.

"After I got out of Buffalo I rode a cattle car back to Chicago and took a good look at the World's fair buildings, and I want to tell the World's fair buildings, and I want to tell you that those buildings are great. Once more the police told me that the town was not big enough for them and me, so I told them that I would let them have their old town. Then I took a blind and went down to Detroit, where they arrested me and took me up to the station. I thought that I was booked for the work house, but by putting on a long face and telling the judge that I was trying to get home, they turned me loose. They gave me just six hours to get out of town, but it did not take me six minutes to get outside of the city limits.

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"I took Silm out and told him to get, as he was too slow to travel in my class. It broke him all up, but it was no use to mince the matter, for I was through with him.

"After getting rid of Silm I went over into Canada, where they dubbed me Jimmy, the Kid, and that name stuck to me until I got, back to Omaha. Beats all how a name will follow a man.

"I don't like Canada, simply because the

people are too slow, and that's why I did not stay there. It's a good place for bank cashiers and that sort, but for a man who has got any snap it can't hold a candle to the

"After I got out of Canada I worked the beams, hit the blinds and rode stock cars until I got down to St. Louis, the deadest and sleeplest town on the face of the globe. and sleeplest town on the face of the globe. I stopped there a few days and then pulled for the south, but did not go far until I turned north and started for home. I thought I would come up and see how the folks were getting along with Johnny far away. When I got to Kansas City I boarded a stock train and rode until they put me off, but I got about 100 miles, after which I hit a blind and rode into Council Bluffs. It was easy sailing after that, for I jumped a car that was being switched and rode to this car that was being switched and rode to this end of the bridge. "No, I don't intend to take another trip.

I've got enough of it, and am now satisfied to settle down and stay in Omaha, the best town on earth.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abington J. Briggs.

Superior, Neb., Dec. 10 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The great social event of the season at Superior was the silver anniversary of the wedding of Abington J. Briggs, esq., and Alice Carey Brooks, which took place at the opera house last Wednesday evening. The opera house was transformed into a most handsome drawing room, the windows being hung with tapestry and lace curtains,

and the walls relieved by handsome paintings and engravings, and in addition choice plants and flowers scattered around in beautiful confusion. Taken all together it can be said that the hall presented the picture of a beautiful bower. At 8 o'clock the guests commenced arriv-ing, the orchestra playing appropriate music while Mr. and Mrs. Briggs received their guests at the door, standing meanwhile under the conventional arch, and for upwards of an hour received the congratulations of their numerous friends. Mr. Briggs was attired in the conventional black, while Mrs. Briggs presented a handsome appearance in black silk and velvet, with a magnificent corsage bouquet of tea roses. The toilets worn by the ladies were all handsome. After the reception supper was announced and to the music of the orchestra the guests-repaired to the stage, which had been most artistically transformed into a beauti-ful banquet hall. The menu was sumptuous and the service perfect in every detail. Messrs. George Brown, W. H. Dean, W. F. Buck, G. L. Day and Mrs. J. D. Stine responded to the toasts appropriately, which greatly enlivened the occasion, and the host, Mr. Briggs, replied in a very happy manner. After supper the guests repaired again to the hall, where they were treated to a grand musical selection. Misses Crisic Brown, Louisa Cunningham, Dora Leeper, Ella Cur-tis and Mrs. C. F. McGrew, all of whom possess more than ordinary musical talent sang and Mrs. J. R. Woodcock gave a recitation which captivated the audience. The balance of the evening was spent in social talk until the hour of midnight, when Mrs. Briggs at the request of her friends sang as only she can sing, "Home. Sweet Home," the audience assisting, when the elderly portion of the company dispersed Then the floor being cleared the young folks tripped the light fantastic until the early

Mr. Briggs, who is the son of the late Rev E. L. Briggs of Iowa, a noted Methodist divine, was married to Alice Cary Brooks of Mount Pleasant, Ia., on the 7th day of December, 1867, by Rev. Dr. C. E. Holmes, president of the Iowa Wesleyan university A romance is connected with their marriage They were children together and resided near each other. As children they mutually fell in love with each other. When the call to arms was sounded in 1861 Mr. Briggs enlisted and served most faithfully. After the war was over Mr. Briggs went to St. Louis, Mo., where he engaged in business He had not, however, forgotten his attach ment for his old playmate, who had in the ment for his old playmate, who had in the meantime become a most accomplished musi-cian and vocalist under the efficient tuition of Dr. Palmer and other eminent artists, and correspondence brought the young people together again, which resulted in the marriage which has been a most happy one. Mr. Briggs is now engaged in the banking business at Superior, although largely interested in other finan-cial institutions, and has a large circle of friends. Mrs. Briggs is well known throughout the state as a most accomplished woman, she being a prominent member of the P. E. O. rociety and its ex-president. She has been prominently identified with every move that has been inaugurated for the advance-ment and better education of woman. She has a legion of friends everywhere and is considered the most accomplished vocalist in

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has a legion of friends everywhere and is considered the most accomplished vocalist in this section of the state. She is also a member of the school board of Superior.

Notwithstanding "no presents" was the request, many of their friends presented Mr. and Mrs. Briggs many fine and valuable gifts, which were displayed in an alcove in the hall. The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Day, F. J. Padden, T. E. Ebert, J. S. Johnston, M. G. McNaughton, D. Guthrie, James Guthrie, L. S. Smith, Joseph Smith, Prof. I. E. Wilson, T. M. Mackey, C. C. Stevenson, A. C. McCorkle, John Hall, James Gilmore, A. L. Spear, M. L. Pearce, T. Edsail, L. S. Southard, O. S. King, A. King, H. C. Vollbehr, W. F. Allen, E. E. Capps, N. O. Robinson, Dr. W. B. Jones, J. H. Kestelson, H. L. Cronkhite, Dr. J. S. Butler, Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Dr. A. L. Powell, G. Catudal, L. B. Bosserman, T. H. Akers, G. F. Cotton, Alexander Hunter, A. E. Hunter, George Brown, J. G. Meck, G. L. Fisher, W. A. Meyers, D. Bosserman, Rev. J. R. Woodcock, F. V. Bishop, Thomas Stitts, F. J. Miller, J. A. Miller, G. W. Stubbs, H. H. Mauck, M. J. Coen, B. C. Waid, Asher Beal, L. U. Beal, William Brennemen, B. Curtis, J. G. Gillespie, L. S. Naylor, F. P. Bonnell, W. Brittain, N. A. Clark, M. L. Fogel, J. Hanna, W. H. Dean, W. L. Douglas, Dr. F. J. Moflitt, T. E. Vale, John Templeton, John Wyss, D. T. Hills, W. Conner, N. Mendall, W. F. Buck, W. S. Young, H. L. Le Feber, R. G. Nelson, J. D. Stine, S. Reed, L. B. Adams, Dr. W. Foster, John Reilly, E. J. Smith, S. H. Volts, Rev. J. N. Hick, J. F. Kendall, E. Bossemeyer, H. F. Heltman, S. Timmerman, C. Schaer, D. W. Quackenbush, Mrs. Broadstone, Mrs. S. A. Yerrick of Superior and Mrs. C. F. McGrew and Prof. J. F. Curran and wife of Hastings and Mrs. Miller of Lincoin.

Mesdames Ella Vollbehr, Maggie and Crisie Brown, Mattle Naylor, Kate Meck, Dora Leeper, Shirley Foster, Nannie Moyers, Nannie Bosserman, Mary and Anna Lawrence, Mangie Guthrie, Evaline Broadstone, Dora Spear, Anna Padden, Manie Vollbehr.

Nannie Bosserman, Mary and Anna Law-rence, Maggie Guthrie, Evaline Broadstone, Dora Spear, Anna Padden, Mamie Vollbehr, Amy Robinson, Maud Beal, Annie Cleary, Jean Todd, Mary Benson, Miss Shultz, Miss Doyle, Miss Curtis of Superior and Miss-Louisa Cunningham and Ella Myles of Knox-ville, Ia.

Messrs. V. H. Kendall, Rev. Martin, Rev. Powers, G. W. Brown, F. Naylor, W. Foster, L. Broadstone, David Guthrie, Guy Heltman, Dr. Charles Vollbehr, M. J. Feit, W. Miller, Fred Padden, H. Nelson, Roy Hunter, J. Peacock, James Harrington, C. S. Johnston, A. Timmerman, S. Johnston Johnston, A. Timmerman, S. Johnston, Frank Henderson, S. B. Sage, W. N. Hunter, A. C. Dryden, Clarence Stine, C. Winger of Superior and M. Finch and Thomas Auld of

Owing to the trains being blockaded by snow many expected guests were prevented from reaching Superior until the next day.

An Arcadian Wedding. Tuesday evening a very pretty wedding was solemnized at Arcadia, Neb., the contracting parties being Mr. George H. Kinstracting parties being Mr. George H. Kinsley, cashier of the State bank of Arcadia, and Miss Ruby Hastings, the accomplished daughter of Mr. George E. Hastings, one of the pioneer merchants of that place. The ceremony was performed in the pleasant and luxurious parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Hastings by Rev. W. R. Hodges. After the ceremony the guests present, about forty in number, partock of a wedding supper prepared by the bride's mother. There were many beautiful add costly presents presented to the bride and groom to testify to the high standing of the parties in interest.

Entertained the "Still Alarm Quartet." Entertained the "Still Alarm Quartet."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reiner entertained the "Still Alarm" quartet Tuesday evening at their home on North Twenty-second street. Music was the order of the evening and elegant refreshments were served. The invited guests were: Misses Adda Carlin, M. Carlin, Nan Smith, E. Smith, K. Smith, Emma Lutz, Edith Baker: Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Flannigan and Mrs. Steinbrook of Chicago; Messrs. M. Reiner, J. Davis, W. Maxwell. W. Metcalf, J. Cavanaugh, E. Burch, W. Flannigan and Mr. Steinbrook.

REITERATES HIS STORY

Jacob Gerber Asserts the Correctness of the Account of His Escape.

DEARNAUD'S SARCASM DOES NOT COUNT

Tried and Sentenced Two Years Before His Capture - The Victim of a Petty Off. cial's Spite - Saved by His American Experience.

Jacob Gerber, the escaped Siberian exile, was somewhat grieved yesterday to learn that the story of his escape from the clutches of the minions of the egar was doubted by Charles Dearnaud of Washington, who had sought in a published interview to discredit it as the product of a diseased mind. Mr. Gerber called on THE BEE last evening, and said that the truth of his statements could be readily ascertained by corresponding with the officials in the town from which he came. One or two discrepancies that crept into the story of the escape as previously published may have had something to do with the opinion that was formed by Colonel Dearnaud. It was stated that Gerber passed through Yakutsk, when it should have been Irkutak. His route led through the following places after leaving Ilga: Irkutsk, Tomsk, Tomien, Perma, Nijni Novgorod, Moscow, Smolinsk, Minsk, Vilua, Kovna, and at the latter place he made his first attempt to get across the German frontier, but was turned back on account of the cholera quarantine. He went back to Vilna, and made a circuit before trying it again, but was once more unsuccessful, and made a third attempt that resulted in his getting to Vienna, and thence to Bremen where he took the steamer that brought him to Baltimore.

How He Was Tried.

He reaffirms the statement that he did not have a trial, maintaining that a hearing cannot in justice be called a trial, when the tried party is not present and knows nothing about it, and has no opportunity to present any showing or make any defense.

He violated the Russian law when he left the country to come to America, without first securing a passport, but in all probability nothing would ever have been done about it had it not been for the fact that before leaving he had some trouble with a neighbor over a boundary line. The neighbor had crected a building about three feet over the lot line, and on Gerber's property, and re-fused to give him any satisfaction when the matter was called to his attention, but on the contrary threatened to cause him trouble n case he persisted in annoying him about it The neighbor was a clerk in a public office and Gerber felt that the opposition carried more force than he could muster and the matter was allowed to rest. He left the country soon afterwards, and had no idea that trouble would come of it because he had neglected to secure any passports. Nor would such have been the case, had not the neigh-bor conceived the idea that Gerber might return some day and renew the fight over the division line, and perhaps get the better of the contest. To prevent anything of the kind, he called the attention of the authori-ties to the fact that Gerber had left without the necessary permission.

It seems that an offense of this kind cannot be taken up after five years have clapsed, as the statute of limitations would then have run, and just before that time had clapsed the case was taken up and tried. Gerber was found guilty and was sentenced to fifteen years exile in Siberia. That occurred in 1888, and Gerber did not return home until two years later. It was then that he learned for the first time of what had occurred during his absence, and when he heard that the officers were aware of his return and were after him he slipped across the line into Germany.

Forced to Leave Germany.

Now comes in a phase of German law that requires all visitors from other countries to be provided with passports, which they are required to register every eight days during their stay at any one place. Gerber crossed the line, hoping to escape the Russian officers, but his flight was detected and the German officers were notified that Gerber was tarry-ing in their midst without his passports. The Germans did not know Gerber, but located the man they wanted in a company of worshipers in a church, and speedily found that he was the only Russian there who was not provided with the papers that gave him the right to stay there. He was told to re-cross the line immediately, and was forced to do so. It was but a short distance away, and when Gerber got across he found the officers of the ezar waiting for him, and he was at once taken into custody.

He was immediately attached to a com-

pany of convicts curoute to Siberia, and the only trial or hearing that there was was tho one that had occurred two years before, and of which the convicted man had known

nothing.

He was not a political prisoner, but was sentenced for the violation of a civil law. He was not safe as long as he was in any of the adjoining countries, and for that reason hastened back to America. Had he been recaptured he would have suffered the knout. He does not maintain that he was treated with exceeding crucity after his arrival in Siberia, as he was there turned loose and Siberia, as ne was there turned loose and told to take care of himself, as his punishment was simply exile and not hard labor with it, and whatever cruelty was shown there was in turning him loose to starve, as he had no means of supporting himself. He was cruelly treated on the trip to Siberia however. treated on the trip to Siberia, however, as he was put with the felons and highest criminals, who were going to the mines for life and he was chained to them and accorded the same treatment that was meted out to them, and he regards it as little less than a miracle that he made the whole trip alive.

American Experience Aided Him. As to the "unlikelihood" of the story regarding the disguise adopted by Gerber, spoken of by Colonel Dearnaud, the details are given elsewhere in this issue by the escaped exile in a manner that leaves no doubt as to the truthfulness of the parrative. He does not claim that it was all his shrewdness that enabled him to make his escape, as he realizes that nothing but the contributory assistance of the greatest good luck in supplementing his good sense and scheming would have rendered the desperate attempt successful. He says, furthermore, that had it not been for the sharpness acquired by a residence of seven years in America he would not have been able to do what he did, and he feels that while his visit to this country got him into trouble it was also the means of getting him out of it. not claim that it was all his shrewdness that

DREW A PRIZE.

Miss Eva Wilson of South Dakota Suddenly Becomes Wealthy.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 10 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Miss Eva Wilson, a young lady who has been employed in the cloak department of a Yankton dry goods store for two months has just received a bequest of \$50,000 made to her by an English aunt named to her by an English aunt named Hodgers, who died recently at her house a few miles out of London. The aunt's fortune amounts to \$100,000 and it is to be evenly divided between Miss Eva and her younger sister. Edna, who is a student in a Now York art school. The sisters go to England early next year to assume possession of their new home. They are girls who are compelled to earn a living and have character and energy so that their windfall will be fully appreciated.

Minister Egan's Movements. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-The announcement today of the departure of United States Minister Patrick Egan for Chili was premature. Mr. Egan has his affairs so arranged that he could have started today, but he prefers to begin his journey by the same steamer on which he returned here from Colon, the Newport, which will sail on or abut the 20th inst.

Cooks Choose Officers. At the annual meeting of Epicurean Council No. 3 Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: High chief, W. Kounelt; assistant high chief, Wil-

liam Linnett; secretary, M. Kurtze; corresponding secretary, William Mauning; treasurer, J. Lorrie; employment agent, Leen Mathieu. The coultell, which comprises nearly all the cools, and chefs in the city, is preparing for its dinual ball and banquet, which will be given at Germania hall, January 14.

LOCAL BITS OF COLOR.

A venerable looking individual approached Clerk Connell at the Paxton counter the other afternoon and inquired whether or not there was a typewriter anywhere about the establishment. On being answered in the affirmative, he cautiously asked whether the typewriter was a man og woman. He was told that the keyboard manipulator was of the gentler sex, and the answer seemed to greatly disappoint him, but after thinking it over for a minute or two he desired to know whether she was married. The clerk vouchsafed the informa-tion that to the best of his knowledge the typewriter had never gone through the mat-rimonial mill, and the v. i. aforesaid re-marked that that settled it. He was about marked that that settled it. He was about to depart when the clerk remarked that while the house was not accustomed to guaranteeing the typewriter, he would give it as his personal opinion that the Indy in question understood her business and that she would satisfactorily attend to whatever work might be given into her charge. The visitor sized up. His Clerkship for several seconds, and the scrutiny seemed to reassure him, for he concluded to risk it, and pulling out a huge bundle of papers, went over and asked to have them copied.

The conversation at the counter was over-

heard by a half dozen greatly tickled by-standers, and when the venerable individual departed bets were offered and taken as to the cause of his uneasiness. It was finally ascertained that he was the author of a medical paper on "Fits" and that he had never been married, so that the man who had bet that he was the defendant in a pending divorce case lost the drinke, but the crowd is still wondering why he was so sus-picious of a young lady who like himself was

The group on the corner had engaged in a guessing match as to the business of the passer by. He was dressed as a laboring man but his bearing was that of a gentleman of leisure. He sauntered along the street gazing into the attractive show windows or turning listlessly to watch the busy throng of shoppers, clerks and others whose movements bespoke industry and activity. Mem pers of the corner group indulged in various surmises as to the occupation and iden tity of the man who could take life so easily in the midst of much bustling activity. He was some rich man with an eccentricity n the matter of dress. He was a duke in isguise. He was some blood who had donned his coachman's clothes and gone "slumming." Finally several wagers were laid and one of the group was detailed to approach the stranger and ascertain his business. The answer was brief, but it ex-plained his dress, his independence, his nonchalance and liesurely manner. He was a rush worker on the city hall marble con-

There was a frightful crowd on the motor train. The platforms were growing under their load of human freight. Wedged in the jam was a sad man with one eye and an air of despondency. An arequaintance asked him what he was doing and received the information that the sad looking individual was soliciting advertising for the World-Herald, on commission. I you ought to do well now," said the friend, as the holiday advertising is on in full plast."

"I am not after the merchants," replied the sad-eyed man. "I am working the salor and druggists for the liquor applications. And then he went on to rell about Mr. Hitch-cock's guaranty and all that stuff. Inquiry on the part of listeners to the conversation drew from the canvasser that of the hundred or more applications filed the World-Herald had secured the publication of four notices, the others having gone to THE BEE. The conductor had heard the conversation and when the sad-eved man hended up his nickel. the conductor hesitated and then turned away, remarking, "If that is part of your commission keep it; you need it worse than the street car company does."

Opposed to the And-Option Bill. NATCHEZ, Miss., Dec. 10.—The following etter was sent today to Senators George and Walthall of Mississippi by C. L. Tillman, president of the Natchez Merchants and Cotton exchange:

Our cotton exchange, composed of mer-chants, planters, buyers, manufacturers, bank-ers and business men of all callings, respecters and business men of all callings, respect-fully request that you will use your influence to have action on the Hatch bill postponed until January. It is thought that the receipts after the holidays will be so light as to ad-vance or sustain prices, and the markets will not be affected by consideration of the bill.

Whittier's Homestead.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 10 .- A deed was recorded at the court house this morning from James H. Carleton, who recently purchased the Whittier homestead in Haverhill, con veying to a board of nine trustees the homestead, to be held in trust forever as a memorial to the poet and to be at all times open to the public, subject to such conditions as the trust may impose.

Death of General R. H. Jackson. Brevet Brigadier General Richard H. Jackson, lieutenent colonel of the Fourth artillery, stationed at Fort McPherson, died at Atlanta, Ga., on the 28th ult. His remains were taken to the West Point military academy for interment.

General Richard H. Jackson was a native of Ireland and was born in 1832. He came to this country with his parents when a lad, and in 1851 enlisted in the Fourth regiment of artiflery as a private. At the outbreak of the war he had risen to the rank of first !ieutenant and in February, 1862, attained a cap-tancy. He participated honorably in many of the battles in Virginia, receiving brevet promotions for meritorious conduct at the battles of Drury's Bluff and Newmarket Heights. In March, 1864, he received the brevet of brigaadier general for gallant and meritor-ious services during the campaign of 1864, and in November of the same year was breveted major general of volun-teers for services during the war. In February, 1866, he was mustered out of the volunteer service and assigned to his old regiment. He became major of the Fifth artillery regiment in July, 1880, and lieutenant colonel of the Fourth artillery in December, 1888. He was regarded as one of the best artillery officers in the service, and stood fourth on the list of lieutenant colonels in that branch of the army.

Official G. A. R. Appointments. A recent order of A.G. Weissert, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, makes the following appointments of comrades of Chicago to official positions: J. L. Bennett, assistant adjutant general, with rank of colonel; Henry S. Dietrich, member of the National Council of Administration for Illinois, with rank of colonel, and he is also appointed chairman of the execu-tive committee of seven of the National council; J. G. King, and de-camp, with rank of colonel,

In the order department commanders are requested to rigidly enforce the strictest observance of article xi. which is one of the fundamental laws of the order, not only during political cam-paigns, but at all other times. The art-icle reads: No officer or comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic shall in any man-

ner use this organization for partisan purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings, nor shall any nominations for political office be made. General Weissert adds that any vio-lation of this rule should subject the perpetrator to the severest condemna-

tion of all his comrades. Put the right kind of a good man in any community and he will soon make every mean man among his neighbors feel ashamed of himself.

ALLEGED ROBBERS ON TRIAL

Emerald's Postmaster Thinks Wesley Johns and William Rose Robbed His Office.

STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND ON ROSE

Uncle Sam's Agent Quite Positive That He Observed One of the Accused Among the Burglars-Other Lincoln News Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10 .- | Special to Time Bun]-Wesley Johns and William Rose, the two men charged with the robbery of the postoffice at Emerald last Saturday night. were arraigned before United States Commissioner Billingsley this afternoon. Deputy Attorney Baldridge of Omaha appeared for the presecution and Judge Karr, of Benkleman and Colonel Philpott of this city for the defendants. Postmaster Lee of Emerald was the first witness called. He told all the circumstances of the robbery, and asserted that he was positive that Johns was one of the men whom he saw in the place last Saturday night. He claimed that he saw a portion of Johns' face during the time the cobbery was being committed. He also identified a pair of gloves found in Rose's possession as being the ones stolen from his store on the night of the robbery. Colone Philpott subjected the witness to a very severe cross-examination, and scored a point by proving that one of the men was several inches taller than Lee had stated.

Lincoln's Oratorio Society.

The annual concert given last evening by the Lincoln Oratorio society is the general theme of discussion in musical circles of this city today. The society is under the very efficient direction of Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond and during the past year the chorus has been brought to a high state of perfection. Last to a high state of perfection. Last evening's concert was devoted entirely to the work of American composers and the program is looked upon as the best that the society has rendered in its history. The society was assisted by Mrs. Anna K. Martin, Mr. Douglas Bird and Mr. G. E. Holmes of New York. of New York. Their excellent work added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening's entertainment. The orchestral work under the direction of Prof. Irvine, formerly of Omaha, but now a resident of this city, was

Narrow Escape from Fire.

The residence of C. H. Gere at Ninth and D streets, had a narrow escape from fire at an early hour this morning. The family were awakened by smoke that filled the sleeping apartments on the third floor and found that the flooring under the steam radiator was on fire. A bucket of water was thrown on the fire and an alarm was sent in The department responded and the fire was extinguished by the F street chemical before much damage was done. The fire burned the flooring for about four feet under and around the radiator but otherwise the dam was slight. The house was fully insured. Back at His Old Home.

Prof. L. E. Hicks, chairman of the Board of Public Works, whose citizenship of Lin coin has been called into question by O. P. Dinges, moved back into the city from Grand Dinges, moved back into the city from Grand View today, and is again living at his former residence, 1426 L street. Prof. Hicks, it will be remembered, was brought before Commissioner Billingsley on the charge of illegal voting in precinct C. Fourth ward, but was discharged at the preliminary examination, Commissioner Billingsley holding that inasmuch as there was no corrupt intention on the part of the defendant he was not guilty of the charge.

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At Tuesday night's council meeting O. P.
Dinges filed a protest against the council awarding the contract for the erection of the new standpipe at Twenty-first and South streets to F. C. Sholes upon Chairman Hick's recommendation, claiming among other things that Hicks was not a citizen of Lincoln. The council let the contract but decided to investigate the charges. Lincoln in Brief.

The management of the Western Normal college denies the report that a large num-ber of cases of diphtheria and fever exist at the present time at Hawthorn. They claim that with the exception of a few cases ness of any character at the place.

Alvin Monroe, a colored man and brother, was fined \$10 and costs this morning for

kicking in the door of Sophia Dean's room in a South Eleventh street block last night and inadvertantly striking her a few blows Articles of incorporation of the Young American Mining company of Nebraska City were filed with the secretary of state this

afternoon. The company proposes to operate

in New Mexico with a capital of \$80,000. The Adamant Brick and Tile company of Kansas City filed its certificate with the Ne-braska secretary of state this afternoon, to

enable it to do business in this state.

The Phonix Insurance company against Lucius Kinsman is the title of a Furnas county case, filed in the supreme court this afternoon.

The case of Storz & Her against L. W Finklestein reached the supreme court this afternoon from Omnha.

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Another case filed with the clerk of the supreme court this afternoon was that of the Culbertson Irrigating and Water Power company against W. D. Wildman. It comes from Hitchcock county.

Dakota county furnished a case to the supreme court today entitled John Hartnett against Thomas Hartnett.

The Bee has received a letter from a citizen of Lincoln who denounces the authorities for permitting gambling houses to run without molestation. He gives the location and

out molestation. He gives the location and names of the proprietors and says that the newspapers of Lincoln dare not expose them, as repeatedly urged to do. Pronounced Insane.

New York, Dec. 10.-Daniel McLaughlin the blacksmith from Roanoke, Va., who imped into the East river from the Brooklyn bridge Thursday, was pronounced insane in Bellevue hospital today and was com-mitted to the asylum on Ward island.

The kind of religion that tells in the long run is the kind that never howls and growls because there is no pudding on wash-day.

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