HAD A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Share of Prosperity.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31.—The year just end-

ing has been a prosperous one for the rail-

roads centering in Chicago. Every one of

them is able to show handsome gains in both

gross and net earnings, notwithstanding the

fact that rates have been figuratively lower

during the greater part of the past year. At

no time has there been such a rush of busi-

ness as to seriously embarrass any of the

roads, yet, taking the twelve months to-

company will assume charge of the express business of the entire Burlington system of railroads, supplanting the American Express

company. The change is an important one and while it will practically double the business of the Adams company in this city, it

will turn over to that company the thousand or more express offices along the lines of the Burlington and affect probably 7,000 men. It

is understood however, that nearly all the employes of the American company will be

THE DEATH ROLL.

Ex-Governor Baldwin of Michigan Called to

His Reward.

C. Baldwin died this afternoon after an ill-

Henry P. Baldwin was born in Coventry

February 22, 1814. His ancestry was notable.

One of his forefathers was Nathaniel Baldwin, a Puritan, who settled in Milford, Conn., in 1639. His paternal grandfather was Rev. Moses Baldwin, the first person who received collegiate honors in

Connecticut, who was later more than fifty

years pastor of the Presbyterian church a Palmer, Mass. Histather was John Bald

the Congregational church at Bromfield, Mass., and a descendant of Roger Williams,

a Puritan, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in

resentation in the United States senate

which ex-Governor Baldwin was chosen to

Will Refuse to Pay Their Gas Bills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-A number of capitalists

enforce collection, that under the anti-trust

law of 1891 the trust has no legal existence

and cannot, therefore, collect any money

from them. The officials of the company

say they are not afraid of the outcome, as they have made all contracts under the

name of the several companies composing

the trust, and none under the actual name of the trust itself.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Domestic.

Michigan's railroads last year earned \$69,-120,000.

Earnings of the Great Northern railroad for the year just passed amounted to \$12,604,128. Stamboul the famous trotting stallion, is now under Bud Doble's care at Terra Haute,

The Central Illinois Farmers' association has passed ressolutions demanding the defeat of the anti-option bill.

The Shawmut Congregational church of Boston, Mass., has voted to extend a call to Rev. W. E. Barton of Wellington, O., to become

The populists will establish publishing ouses in the south for the purpose of furishing country newspapers with ready-rinted matter advocating the doctrines of the

A quarrel that commenced during a dice game in a saloon Friday night at Chicago, Ili., ended in the murder of Daniel Dennehy, a fruit peddler. His slayer, Michael McSherry, eluded arrest.

Kings county democratic assemblymen have held a caucus, but have taken no action in the senatorial question, but the probability is they will support Murphy as New York's represen-tative in the senate.

Ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer, president of the World's fair commission, has sold his famous Log Cabin farm near Detroit, Mich., for \$1,500,000 to a syndicate headed by Sena-tor James McMillan.

Governor-elect Lewelling of Kansas, in his inaugural address, will advocate the estab-lishment of a state loan commission, having for its object the securing of loans for farmers and other property holders at a low rate of in-

George C. Smith of St. Louis, Mo., the assistant general manager of the Missouri Pacific has been appointed general manager of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern railroad by Receiver Newman Erb, the appointment to become effective January 1.

Foreign.
The electoral law of frustemala has been re-

The difficulties between Nicaragua and Hon-luras resulting from the late Honduran rebel-lon have been settled.

degree of protection that oscal as we accorded to others.

Letters from Tashkend, Russia, report that General Bariuk, who recently died at that place and is generally believed to have poisoned by persons having cause to apprehend the results of the administrative reforms which he was about to introduce in Turkistan, had in hand at the time of his death a commission of exceptional delicacy and difficulty. He had been deputed from a high quarter, it is said, to investigate and report upon the conduct of the Grand Duke Kicholas Constantinovitch, the cast's cousia, who has, for a long time, shown signs of insanity

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.-Ex-Governor H

retained by its successor.

ness of several weeks.

## HIS GUARANTY WAS NO GOOD

Fritz Miller, Who Advertised in the World-Herald, Denied License.

OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL BY THE BOARD

Decided That the Applicant Acted in Bad Faith in Not Publishing His Notice in the Paper Having the Largest Circulation.

In the application of Fritz Miller the license board decided in executive session last night to refuse the license. The following resolution shows the feeling of the board in the matter:

Resolved, That the board finds from evidence that the applicant, Fritz Miller, did not act in good faith in making the selection of the newspaper in which he published his notice, and therefore the board refuses to

grant him a license. The guaranties of the World-Herald company are therefore worthless and not worth the paper they are written on so far as obtaining licenses are concerned. All of the applicants who have advertised in the World-Herald must act in accordance with the original resolution of the board in order to procure permission to sell liquor. Dealers not already supplied with licenses will be

closed after today. At an afternoon session of the license board the protested case of Fritz Miller was resumed. Two complaints had been filed against the applicant by Mr. Rosewater, the first claiming that the applicant had not complied with the law when he advertised in the World-Herald, because that was not the paper having the largest circulation in Douglas county. The second count in the charge was for selling liquor to minors and also selling liquor on Sunday, contrary to

At the opening of the session Mr. Rose water stated to the board that he wished to withdraw the second count in the protest and desired to fight the case on the first charge of illegal publication. This, of course, was agreed to by the board, and the contin-uance of the trial on the first count was proceeded with.

Testimony from the Records.

Frank S. Brownlee, the clerk of the board, was called by Attorney E. W. Simeral, who represented The Bee. Witness produced the records of one year ago, which showed that Miller had advertised his application in The Bee, as required by law. This evidence was in direct contradiction to Miller's testimony, when he was on the stand last Thursday night. At that time he testified that a year ago he had advertised in the World-Herald and had obtained his license. Mr. Brownlee was also called upon to relate a conversation between himself and the defendant in the rooms of the police commission. During this talk, and after the clerk of the board had told Miller of the resolution of the commissioners de claring Tur Ber the official paper, the de fendant had signified his intention to plac his advertisement in the World-Herald in order to save \$10, and because he had been guaranteed a license by the World-Herald management.

The protest against Charles Shartro was also withdrawn. management.

Attorney Simeral then offered in evidence on the first charge against Miller the affi-davits filed by the business managers of The Ber and World-Herald. The figures in these documents showed The Bre to be the paper having the largest circulation in Douglas county. Then the resolution of the license county. Then the resolution of board declaring THE BEE the declaring THE BEE the paper designs the paper in which applications should be printed was read and placed on

record as evidence.

In connection with the original affidavits the attorney for the World-Herald called G. M. Hitchcock to the witness stand. In au-swer to questions, witness told what a hard time he had to get his circulation figures before the board. The reason was that he had not complied with the resolution of the commission, which requested bidders to make affidavits to the number of subscribers for both the morning and evening papers The World-Herald never has done this, but has always bunched its entire circulation, including newsstands, railway trains and free papers. THE BEE affidavit which showed a larger circulation did not include news stand sales, train sales or free papers.

How the World Counted.

Mr. Hitchcock was then asked by Mr Simeral if the estimated circulation included the World-Herald's morning, noon and even ing editions and the witness said it did Even including all these editions the circula tion according to the sworn statements did not equal that of The Bee. Witness then testified under oath that the noon edition of the World-Herald did not have a single paid subscriber and that only a small number of papers were placed on the street to sell. Continuing, the witness swore that only about twenty-five subscribers took both the morning and evening World-Herald.

Mr. Hitchcock then wanted to go back on his affidavits filed and have the board take

the World-Herald circulation for November and December as a slight increase. The board declined to admit any such evidence. At the evening session of the board the protested case of Fred Dahlman, Nineteenth

and Leavenworth streets, was taken up. It was proved that Dahlman had sold liquor on Sunday and the board sustained the protest

by refusing to grant the license.

Notwithstanding the protests of the military authorities the applicants who wanted to sell liquor out near Fort Omaha were granted their licenses.

## Licenses Granted.

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The following licenses were granted:

H. A. Stockman, 1307 Douglas street; John
Tideman, 1824 South Twentieth street; Fred
Stein, 1401 Jackson street; Charles Bouffler,
414 South Thirteenth street; Charles Bouffler,
414 South Thirteenth street; Goodley Brucker, rear
1418 Harney street; Goodley Brucker, rear
1418 Harney street; W. W. Thompson, rear
1517 Douglas street; W. Steinmetz, 624 South
Thirteenth street; Joseph Jicha, 1422 South
Thirteenth street; Hans Schouboe, 1716 South
Tenth street; Ed. Maurer, 1214 Farnam street;
Paul Schnett, 1419 Jackson street; Justice
Kessler, 1214 South Thirteenth street; John
Kelkenny, 311 South Seventeenth street;
Ida Wuctherich, 1024 Dodge street;
Orin W. Pickard, 1419 Dodge street;
Oscar Manger, 1013 Farnam street; Schiltz
Brewing company, 2516 Cuming street;
Thomas Garvey, 702 South Thirteenth street;
Walter Brandes, 820 South Tenth street; P. F.
Andreson, 1520 Dodge street; M. J. Kaufman,
1314 Douglas street; R. Kopald, 424 South
Tenth street; Bosalia Kopald, 902 Capitol
avenue; J. T. Kerns, 215 South Fourteenth
street; W. W. Guill, 223 North Sixteenth
street; Wight & Newman, 105 South Twelfth
street; John Tuthill, 1513 Farnam street;
Julius Treltschke, 501 South Thirteenth
street; Charles Storz, 1401 North Twentyfourth street; Edward Quinn, 1102 North Sixteenth street; Charles Toft, 312 South Fifteenth street; Charles Storz, 1401 North Twentyfourth street; Paul Senf, 1906 Vinton street;
J. F. C. Rumohr, 2123 North Tenth street;
Sol Prince, 524 South Tenth street; Gotte &
Co., 1511 Capitol avenue; R. Schultz, 621
Pacific street. The following licenses were granted:

Pan-American Doctors.

The first pan-American medical congress will be held at Washington, D. C., on September 5, 6, 7 and 8, this year, and it is expected that fully 2,500 delegates will be present. This meeting is the result of a resolution passed at a meeting of the American Medical society held in Washington in May, 1891. A committee consisting of one member from each state and territory was appointed to effect a permanent organization. Dr. R. C. Moore of this city was the member from Nebraska. The work of the committee has been remarkably well performed, and there is every prospect that the coming pau-American congress will be an event of un precedented importance in the medica

world.

The roster of the members of the congress includes the names of many of the leading physicians of Nebraska, and they are also well represented among the officers. Dr. John E. Summers of this city is one of the vice presidents of the congress and Dr. Dewitt C. Bryant and Dr. W. G. Gaibraith are among the honorary presidents of the section on railway surgery. The auxiliary committee on Nebraska consists of Dr. R. C. Moore, Omaha; Dr. Harold Gifford, Omaha Medical society; Dr. A. F. Jonas, Omaha Medical

ciub; Dr. I. O. Carter, Lincoln Medical society; Dr. M. L. Hildreth, Nebraska State Medical society; Dr. A. S. Mansfelde, Ashland; Dr. T. P. Livingston, Plattsmouth, Dr. N. F. Donaldson, North Platte; Dr. D. A. Waiden, Beatrice; Dr. E. M. Whitten, Nebraska City; Dr. A. Bear, Norfolk, and Dr. H. G. Leisenring, Wayne.

### SOUTH OMAHA.

Masonic Hall the Scene of an Interesting Social Affair, Adah chapter, No. 52, gave a social and canquet at Masonic hall last night. The hall was filled even to standing room and the

program delighted the audience Mr. James Price of Chicago added much to the entertainment by song and recitation, his contributions being heartly cheered. A banquet followed the literary feast.

Notes and Personals. Miss Sarah Hyman is with friends in Des

Jay Hawley of Percival, Ia., was in town esterday and left this morning for his

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sweeney, Twenty-third and Brown street.

Frank L. Erion will leave this evening for Plattsmouth to take charge of Swift's beef business at that point. Mrs. C. G. Jaycox returned from Lincoln

last night, where she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Buckstaff. W. H. Kyne returned to his home at salida, Colo., yesterday, after a ten day's visit with friends in this city. Gust N. Peterson and Hanna Olson, and

James E. McCusick and May Gray, all of this city, have been licensed to wed. Regular services at the First Baptist burch. Morning service at 11, Sunday chool at 12, m., and eqening service at 7:30. Daniel Rafferty, one of the pioneer citizens of South Omaha, has taken up his residence a one of the new brick dwellings at Twenty-

fourth and E streets. The closing day of the year was marked by the highest price for hogs ever paid in the South Omaha market. One load sold at \$6.65, and several at \$6.62%.

Charles Black, wife and two children] of Atlantic, Ia., are visitors with the family of H. Heyman. Mr. Mose Black of Des Moines s also a guest at the Heyman home. James Sprague of Nova Scotia and J. Gay

of Council Bluffs, called on Captain Cock-rell yesterday. Mr. Sprague talks of engag ing in the mercantile business in this city. A German living near Gilmore tried to run his hand through a feed grinder today, but failed, and appealed to Dr. Siggins, who finished the job by amputating a portion of

First Presbyterian church, corner of J and Twenty-fifth streets. Morning services at the usual hour. New Year sermon, "Unto Whom Shall We Pay Tribute?" Evening opic, "Taking Invoice."

Preaching at the Baptist church, corn Twenty-fifth and H, this morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 this evening; Sunday school at 12 m; young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Rev Thomas Stephenson, pastor Jo Wetzler, a small boy who works at Hammond's, had two fingers crushed by a ollision while coasting at Twenty-eighth and R streets last night, and another boy whose name could not be learned had two ribs

FOR BETTER PROTECTION.

Plate Glass Manufacturers Enter Into a Combination. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.—In order to more losely cement their interests and to stop cutting of prices, the plate glass manufacturers of the United States have appointed general agent to sell the product of their factories and distribute their orders.

The agent selected is S. E. Wheeler, eral manager of the Standard Plate ( works at Butler. All orders will pass through his hands, and will be distributed by him between the eleven factories in the country on the basis of production. Mr. Wheeler will have his headquarters in Pitts-burg. Present prices will be steadily main-

It Was an Unlawful Combination. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 31.—An opinion delivered by Judge Biddle today declares the association, which was formed by the beer brewers of Philadelphia in 1886 and known as the "Brewers Pool," to have been an unpublic policy and restrained trade

PITTSBURG, . Pa., Dec. 31,-The Edgar Thompson Steel works will resume operations Monday after a suspension of ten days, necessitated by making improvements in the

Will Start Up Monday.

New York Exchange Quotations. New York, Dec. 31.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- New York exchange was quoted today as follows: Chicago, 80c premium; Boston, par to 5c discount.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Major Furay is in Schuyler on business. Burnett Scott of O'Neill is at the Millard. C. D. Bessie of Kearney is at the Murray. Will Young leaves Monday for San Diego,

F. L. Campbell of Norfolk is at the Pax-

M. F. Blackburn of Lincoln is at the Ar-

Dr. A. C. Sabin of Beatrice is at the Merchants A. C. Hull of Hastings is registered at the

C. Butterfield of Denver is stopping at the T. W. Eustice of Auburn is a guest at the

E. S. Nichols of Winterset, Ia., is at the J. H. Kent of Ashland is stopping at the

W. H. McCue of Crete was at the Barker F. C. Bell of Madison is registered at the

L. A. Welwood of Fremont is registered at the Barker. A. J. Kuhn of Louisville is registered at the Murray.

J. F. Eller and wife of Havard are guests at the Millard. O. J. Aldrich of Galesburg, Ill., is a guest

at the Murray. C. W. Bowlby of Silver Creek, is a guest at the Merchants. Dr. E. A. Bowerman of Reynolds is a guest at the Barker. W. R. Hutchinson of Broken Bow is a

guest at the Paxton. Charles J. Grable of Crawford is registered at the Paxton. F. D. Palmer of Hastings was among yesterday's arrivals at the Millard.

Ex-Mayor Frank P. Ireland of Nebraska City was at the Paxton last night. John H. Howell of Kearney was among yesterday's arrivals at the Paxton. C. A. McDonald and wife of North Platte are in the city, stopping at the Paxton Miss Ruby has returned from the east and

is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs Ben F. Marti. Mrs. Dr. W. B. Smith, Miss Smith and K. K. Kennon of Gothenburg were guests at the Millard yesterday. Hon. H. M. Grimes of North Platte.

receiver of the United States land office, is in the city, stopping at the Merchants. Miss Nellie Naile of 2613 Dodge street left Wednesday evening for Spokane Falls, Wash., to spend the winter with relatives. Mr. W. B. Andrews today assumes the chief clerkship of the Millard hotel, made racant by the resignation of C. C. Hulett, who becomes one of the proprietors of the Merchants hotel. Mr. Andrews is well known in connection with the Omaha ciub.

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At the Mercer: Miss Emma Fayerweather, Muscatine, Ia.; A. S. Prescott,
Lincoln; Geo. M. Martin, Kearney; Harry
Armstrong, Edgar, Neb.; John Herr, Laramie,
Wyo.; John Carter, Cincinnati; James Sanford, Sioux City, Ia.; J. H. Peterson, Lima,
O.; Lewis Snyder, Springfield, Ill.; Geo. W.
Cole, Chicago, Thos. Little, Harrisburg.
New York Poet 31—[Special Telegram to

New York, Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Omaha: G. Williams, West-minster. Nebraska: W. F. Cody, Hoffman. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec.31.—] Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following Nebraskans are registered here today: Grand Pacific—A. F. Bosche, Omaha. Tremont—J. D. Malone, P. B. Williams, L. S. Mears, Omaha.

# MET IN ITS LAST SESSION

Proceedings at the Final Meeting of the Old Board of Education.

PRINCIPALS DISAGREEABLY SURPRISED

Expected Increase in Salaries that Did Not Come-A Number of Bills Allowed and the Usual Routine Rushness Transacted.

One of the final acts of the retiring Board of Education, at its meeting last night, was to give the principals of the public schools a disagreeable New Year's surprise by adopting the report of the special committee appointed to adjust the salary list for this term. Many fond expectations were annihilated, and some of the principals will be horrified to find that the rules of subtracinstead of addition have been applied in connection with their Besides shattering earnings. the hopes of the principals the last business meeting of the board was not characterized by the transaction of any important busi-

President Spalding occupied the chair and all the members were present except Messrs. Coryell, Elgutter, Poppleton and Powell. A number of contracts and bonds could not be approved because of flaws in the wording or manner of signing. The contract for the heating of Franklin school with the Fuller & Warren patent and ventilating according to the Holbrook system was found correct, but in the bond ho mention was made of the Holbrook ventilator, so the contract and bond were not acted upon.

Bills Allowed. A report of Chairman Morrison of the committee on claims, allowing forty-four bills aggregating \$3,052.19, was adopted. The claims were for fuel, repairs, rent, furniture, insurance and numerous other things. The largest claims were those of the Nebraska Fuel company, fuel, \$926.35; the McGeath Stationery company, stationery, \$40; Milton Rogers & Sons, repairs of heating apparatus, \$256,95.

Byron Reed was ordered paid the \$150 withheld from the price of the site of Central school, the taxes having been paid.

Pay rolls were approved allowing \$23,043.75 for the salaries of the teachers during December, \$2.980.50 for the janitors, \$586 for the superintendent of buildings and employes, and \$812.44 for miscellaneous salaries. The expenses of the committee appointed

The expenses of the committee appointed to examine applicants for positions as teachers, amounting to \$120, were allowed.

The bill of J. A. Rogers for \$8 for shoveling snow from the sidewalk around the high school was, with due humility, referred to the janitors of the school for liquidation out

f their own purses. Chairman C. E. Babcock submitted the rechairman C. E. Babcock submittee the re-port to the special committee appointed to adjust the salaries of the principals of the different schools under the rules of the board, the effort to alter the rules and establish a permanent salary for the principals of lish a permanent salary for the principals of each school having failed. He said that the heads of the schools would be disappointed and the action of the committee. The rules were interpreted literally and obeyed with iron-clad particu-larity, he said. Many of the ladies who im-agined that they had earned additional salary through years of service would be dis-appointed in some cases, as the committee appointed in some cases, as the committee decided that if the rules are to hold abso-lutely in one respect they should do so in all others. Only one member out of the three signing the report favored not interpreting the rules literally, as applied. Mr. Bab-cock admitted that the application of the rules was not entirely satisfactory, but held that while they are in effect they should be observed to the letter. The ad-justment of the salaries was as follows:

Adjustment of Salaries. Omaha View, \$115; Pacific, \$130; Park, \$125; Saratoga, \$100; Sherman, \$80; Vinton, \$40 added, \$95; Walnut Hill, \$115; Webster, \$120; West Omaha, \$95; West Side, \$80; Cas tellar, \$125; Bancroft, \$20 added, \$105; Cas \$20 added, \$115; Center, \$20 added, \$110; Central, \$5; Central Park, \$95; Clifton Hill, \$90; Davenport, \$90; Dodge \$105; Dupont, \$100; Farnam, \$130; Franklin, \$90; Hartman, \$130; Hickory, \$95; Izard, \$90; Kellom, \$140; Lake, \$140; Leavenworth, \$115; Long, \$140, Lothrop, \$5 added, \$110; Mason, \$140; Monmouth park, \$80.

A vote of thanks, suggested by Mr. C. E. Babcock, was extended to the president and secretary for their earnest work during the

Other important matters preceded adjourn

## BOARD OF TRADE ELECTION.

Much Interest Being Shown and Considera-

ble Caucusing in Progress. The Board of Trade election Monday bids fair to excite a pretty hot rivalry between some of the leading members who aspire to the offices of president and secretary of the board. An unusual amount of caucusing has been done the past few days by the several factions—one com-posed chiefly of mossbacks as against the element composed of active, progressive business men, who want to bring about a

business men, who want to bring about a complete reorganization.

Among the candidates for the office of president are Messrs. Ayer, Babcock, Gibbon, Martin, Wheeler, Rector and Cady. Each of these has his friends. Some of them are making an active canvass of the entire membership, so that it is generally predicted that the election will witness more of the com-petitive spirit than has been known in the board of trade rooms for many a day. Presideent Martin met with a few of his friends in secret session Friday, and it is said an effort will be made by them to oppose any radical change in the officers, directory or policy of the board. It is known, how-ever, that another strong faction is quietly at work to bring about the desired reorgani zation, so that the entire voting strength of the board may be expected at the election

BURIED IN A SNOWSLIDE.

Monday afternoon.

Colorado Miners Overwhelmed-One

Them Killed. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31 .- A special to the Republican from Jimtown, Colo., says: Recently several snowslides have occurred on the mountains in the vicinity of this town, but until today no fatalities have occurred E. L. Cox is working a mine on Bachelor mountain. This morning he and Dr. Allen started down the mountain side, leaving William Schloss and William Cox in the winiam Schloss and Whilam Cox in the tunnel. They had not proceeded far until an immense slide started just above the tunnel. They attempted to return and warn their companions of the impending danger, but were themselves caught in the avalanche and half buried. After hard work Allen and E. I. Cox extricated themselves, unjuged. E. L. Cox extricated themselves, uninjured with the exception of a few bruises. They made their way to the tunnel and found William Schloss suffocated by the slide, but William Cox was dug out alive.

## EWINGS RECOVERING.

become effective January I.

The charges of cruelcy against Captain I. C. Nichols, First Officer Mobert Crosby and Second Officer Daniel McCaskill of the ship Wandering Jew. to the Seidnen in the harbor of Manilla, Phillipine Islands, are being heard before Judge Nicholson of the United States court at Boston, Mass.

George W. Vaniferbilt presented to the American Fine Art Society the ground and building known as the Vanderbilt gallery, in New York City, which adjoins the property of the society in the rear. It is a practical reproduction of the George Pettis gallery in Parls and is valued at \$100,000. Victims of Joe Ewing's Vengeance Coming up Out of Danger,

It is now not improbable that all the mem bers of the poisoned Ewing family will recover. Dr. Woods, yesterday, reported that for the first time since he was called in to attend Mrs. Ewing he has discovered signs of pulsation in the extremities of the patient. While Mrs. Ewing's condition remains serious, Dr. Woods entertains hopes of her ulimate recovery. The other members of the family are improving and are considered out

Dr. Woods says he has not been able to de termine the nature of the poison used on the Ewings. It can only be ascertained by a chemical analysis. Williams continues to successfully elude the police.

Business Troubles. PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 31 .- A sensation vas caused here today by the failure of Altheimer Bros.', wholesale and retail dry goods dealers and planters. Assets, \$300,000; liabilities, \$100,000. The failure was caused by the refusal of the insurance companies to settle Altheimer's claims of \$40,000 for the destruction of their establishment two years

ago. This is coupled with disastrous over-flows on their plantations and the poor busi-ness this fail. The impression prevails here that their troubles will be only temporary. Pronts, Ili., Dec. 34. Kirkwood, Miller & Co., dealers in agricultural implements and bicycles, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors. The assets are \$162,000; lia-bilities \$200,000. INSURANCE

Showing of Business Done in Omaha by Leading Companies Last Year.

FIGURES

MORE THAN TWELVE MILLIONS WRITTEN Railroad Companies Have Enjoyed Their

Yesterday Spent by Managers and Agents in Closing Up and Planning Work-Some Notes on the City Business-Roeder Surprised.

Yesterday brought the hustling of the life insurance men for '92 to an end. Books were closed and records were made for the year when the different offices were locked up last gether, the volume of freight and passenger traffic has been enormous. The amount of freight exclusive of live stock brought into night. Nothing equals the intense rivalry among thoroughbred insurance agents and, freight exclusive of live stock brought into and taken out of Chicago, will, it is estimated, reach a total of 10,000,000 tons. At the same time the managers of the various lines say that it has been a very expensive year for them on account of the heavy outlays necessary in preparing to handle next year's business. A very large proportion of their earnings have been set apart for this purpose, and for this reason some of the companies are compelled to postpone contemplated increases in dividends. It is thought that \$50,000,000 would hardly cover the metaphorically speaking, the fur fairly flew during the past few months when the representatives of the different companies, with their corps of hustlers, put the finishing touches to their record-making and recordbreaking campaign of the past year. Though the ink has hardly had time to dry on the new year, every agent knows his exact standing and the amount of business his plated increases in dividends. It is thought that \$50,000,000 would hardly cover the amounts appropriated since April 1, and now being expended for terminal facilities, new equipment and betterments generally, in an-ticipation of a heavy increase of business during the World's fair year. Beginning tomorrow the Adams Express commany will assume charge of the express company has done during the year in Omaha Calculations have been kept up to date for weeks past. The following list of the business of some of the leading companies during '92 was obtained from a thoroughly reliable source.

of the control of the tate Mutual. lome Life rovident Savings ennsylvania Mutual Life inited States Life Germania Life .... ...\$19,200,000

This is the last day of the existence of the Transcontinental association. At its meeting in Chicago it resolved to disband December 31, and Chairman Vining was instructed to wind up the affairs of the organization as soon after that date as possible. In the meantime there is some talk of call-The official figures will not reach the state insurance authorities for several months. The figures printed show a wonderful in-crease in the local insurance business and ing a meeting in January for the purpose of effecting a new association. one very flattering to the energetic life underwriters, to whom the credit is due.

Notes of the Guild.

The last day of 1892 was a very pleasant one for Mr. M. L. Roeder, general western agent of the National Life Insurance com-pany, as it left with him a handsome testi-monial of the esteem of his agents. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the agents filed into Mr. Roeder's private office headed by Mr. Ed Walsh, who presented him with an elegant gold-headed cane. Mr. Walsh said: "I have been select-Walsh said: "I have been ed by the agents in your em present you in their name with this token of their appreciation of you as their manager and employer. In doing this I assure you that as a patient, kindhearted and generous manager, a wise counsellor and assistant and a most excellent instructor in the science win, a graduate of Dartmouth college. His mother was a daughter of Rev. Nehemiah Williams, a graduate of Harvard, pastor of of life insurance, you will always be remem-bered by the agents of this office with the lfighest regard and esteem." The gift was a total surprise to the recipient, who recovered from his surprise sufficiently to express Coming to this selty in 1837, Mr. Baldwin engaged in business pursuits, in which he was very successful Beginning with the year 1800, he took a prominent part in state politics, serving in the legislature and was also identified with the improvements of the Sault Ste. Marie ship canal. He was elected account in 1873 and a place of 1874. his appreciation of the present both in words and by the production of a box of fine "Perfectos." The cane is of ebony with a hand engraved handle and bearing the inscription.

"M. L. Roeder, from the inscription. L. Roeder, from his agents, Dec. 31. governor in 1868, and re-elected in 1870. His terms of office were signalized by splendid advance in the state's affairs. Owing to Zachariah Chandler's sudden death in 1879, there occurred a vacancy in the state's rep-

The report that certain big insurance com panies, last month, offered free insurance policies for one year, provided the persons accepting policies would agree to carry their insurance during the second year, is denied by their agents, who assert that no such scheme was resorted to for the purpose of increasing their year's business or gaining a desirable class of insurance. Other agents, however, insist that they received their information from persons they have insured, and who have also accepted free certicates, and are sure that the offer was made.

The influence of the Life Underwriters have determined to make trouble for the gas trust by declining to pay their bills. They will allege, when the company endeavors to

association is steadily increasing. Agents for all the companies are falling into line, and a number of new member pate in Monday's election.

RACING IN SIXTY-NINE,

How Blind Billy Saved the Day Twenty-Four Years Ago.

Looking over an old scrapbook the other day I came across this report in an Omaha daily paper of the time. In the light of other changes here, and the 2:07 and 2:09 trotting time that 1892 has developed, this little screed may remind many an old timer of the change in pace he has witnessed and been

made part of in his later years.

It is headed as follows: "Big Trot on the Omaha Driving Park—Match for One Hundred Dollars a Side—Blind Billy and a New Horse—Blind Billy Wins the Race." "Yesterday afternoon a big crowd for this place assembled at the track to witness the race between Blind Billy, well known here,

and a new horse named Aleck. Both horses Brewer Murphy seems to have a cinch on the New York senatorship. Despite Cleveland's opposition to Mr. Murphy, Tammany will in-sist upon his election. and a new horse named Aleck. Both horses are sorrel and look somewhat alike with their clothes off. The day and track were favorable as the best lover of the horse could desire. The judges being chosen, on a 'toss up' Billy won the pole and the horses were called. With little preliminary fuss An effort has been made by a syndicate of New York capitalists to secure a controlling interest in the Fireman's Insurance company, one of the oldest companies in Baltimore, they got the word 'go' at the first trial and made a very even trot throughout. Time, California people are petitioning President Harrison and Secretary Tracy to award the contract for the building of one of the new battle ships to the Union Iron works at San

made a very even trot throughout. Time, 2:45; won by Blind Billy.
"Second Heat—Both horses got away at the first trial, Blind Billy a little ahead. On the second half mile both horses broke badly, and on the homestretch also, nevertheless they made time at the rate of 2:46, the beat second Alach taking the heat. the big sorrel, Aleck, taking the heat.
"Third Heat—Aleck changed drivers and there was a good deaf of scoring, but when

they did get away it was as pretty a trot as one could wish to see, neck and neck part of the way, and the old blind one came down awful on the home stretch, winning the heat in 2:43. Between the third and fourth heats scrub running race came off, which caused a good deal of merriment. Time: 2:14. "Fourth and last Heat—Mr. Hodges now took Aleck in hand again and at the second score they got the word. It was a beautiful sight. In the first half mile they were up and up, and as they passed the stand it was hard to tell which was ahead. Toward the last quarter Aleck broke badly. Billy was up for a moment, and then both horses settled down on the home stretch to their best licks and passed the pole close together. Blind Billy won the heat and race, 2:45. It is proper to say that Aleck was not in first-class condition and cut himself badly the second heat."

in the second heat."
"Big trot; \$100 a side; the beautiful sight"
—of doing their best at a 2-46 gait—the old
fashioned style of reporting it, with the
word "go" and the names of horses and
owners long "passed over," may have more nterest to readers at the beginning of 1893. Blind Billy was owned by Captain Ed Patrick, I think. Aleck belonged around Mat Wilbur's stable, and Billy Hodges was an old time horseman here.

WEATHER FORECASTS. It Will Be Generally Fair Throughout the

State Today. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 81.-Forecast for Nebraska and Iowa-Generally fair, except occasional snow in extreme eastern Iowa; variable winds, mostly from the west. For the Dakotas-Fair; westerly winds.

Local Record.

M. Eiffel has secured the contract to build a gigantic bridge across the Neva river in Rus-sia. He bid \$15,000,000. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA The new Salvadoran silver dollar weighs twenty-five grams, and, bearing a bust of Columbus, is called a colo. Dec. 31.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with corresponding day of Columbus, is called a colo.

The Canadian parliament will be asked to appoint a committee of the house to consider the question of tariff reform; what industries have profited by the protection of the last twelve years; what industries are now likely to be able to submit to less protection, and the degree of protection that ought to be accorded to others. past four years:

 
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threatening situation on the Mexican border,

To Supply the Troops. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—In view of the

it is understood here that more active campaigning will soon begin. This is deduced from the fact that word has come from apparently reliable sources that the commissary subsistance department of the army is making extensive preparations for feeding the troops. The supplies, it is stated; will be collected with St. Louis as a basing point, and from here forwarded to Texas points in need of them.

SMOKED THE YEAR OUT.

Omaha Wheel Club Pleasantly Parts Company with 1892.
The members of the Omaha Wheel club

parted company with the old year and welcomed the new in a manner as unique as it was enjoyable. "A wild west smoker" is what the club termed its entertainment, and nothing was lacking to recall frontier life. Fully one-half of the members were costumed as "Big Injuns," and so com-plete was the disguise that the practiced plete was the disguise that the practiced eye might easily have been deceived, and concluded that the owner was in the midst of an Indian camp. They smoked the pipe of peace, participated in the ghost dance, and war dance, and done other remarkable things fully as characteristic of poor Lo. The Sutorius Mandolin club was present and favored the boys with some very fine music. Refreshments, were served during the Refreshments were served during the evening and included many good things to eat and drink.

The following members of the club and

visitors were yresent: E. G. McGilton, Isainh Hale, J. A. Cavanaugh, Ralph Richerdson, George Sancha, J. E. Strathmann, J. F. Polter, F. H. Siefkain, W. A. Pixley, O. E. Eponeter, J. H. Kastman, Sam Rumel, A. E. Epeneter, J. H. Kastman, Sam Rumel, A. L. Root, J. L. Henritzy, W. M. Wilson, George F. Waldron, W. D. Ryan, E. R. Smith, E. H. Cummings, E. J. Brett, E. Zitzmann, M. Wagner, Wallace Taylor, Ray E. Thomas, W. D. Townsend, A. S. Wolcott, F. M. Conner, B. J. Scannell, J. A. Colter, A. H. Perrigo, H. P. Sutorius, John Blakesle, C. V. Durling, C. L. Coleman, J. L. Livesey, S. C. Rhodes, W. J. Morris, B. D. Cone, T. W. Collins, H. H. Rhodes, Ed. M. Cox, B. L. Porterfield, W. H. Head.

Colorado's Precious Metals. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.-The astonishing figures, \$41,865,114.23, are the total values of mineral productions of Colorado for 1892 giving totals of \$2,012,052,92 in copper, \$6,682. 478.34 in lead, and \$28,161,111.18 in silver, and \$5,667,807.42 for gold, as against \$33,548,934 for 1801. These figures do not include the Holden smelter at Leadville, whose estimated output is \$2,000,000.

Still Arcesting Iron Hall Officers. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31.—Supreme Justice Somerby of the collapsed Iron Hall was arrested here this morning on the charge of conspiring to defraud the members of the order. He gave bail for a hearing Tuesday.

Had Smallpox Aboard. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31 .- The new Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma, from China. arrived at Victoria, B. C., yesterday and was quarantined. There was smallpox among the Chinese passengers.

Movements of Ocean Steamers. At Lizard-Passed-America, from New York for London. At New York—Arrived—Britannic, from Liverpool.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The B. & M. and Union Pacific offices will e closed on Monday on account of its being legal holiday. Theosophy—Vedanta Branch meets in Royal Arcanum parlors, Beg building, January I, at 4 p.m. Subject: Brothe Inequality. Visitors are welcome. Subject: Brotherhood and

Yesterday afternoon the police arrested E. C. Mills for being a fugitive from justice. Mills Jumped a \$300 bond in Kansas City, where he is wanted for a \$140 embezzlement. The officers of the Young Men's Institute for the year of 1893 will be installed next Tuesday evening, January 3, at Kuony's hall 1405 Dodge street. A splendid literary program will be presented. All members and their friends are expected to be in attend

He Was a Good Shot. "The finest rifle shot that ever walked the soil of the west was a man named 'King' Woolsey, an old timer, who lived near Yuma, Arizona, in th stage days of the west." said Wallace McLaurin to the St Louis Republic. This man Woolsey was originally from Ohio. He moved to Arizona in his early childhood. When he was about the age of 10 his father and mother were killed and scalped by the Apaches. He hid in the rocks and escaped. Five years later. when he was a mere boy, he went on the warpath for the Apaches, and he never spared one. He could not count exactly how many he had killed in his life.

"The last time I saw him was one day while the stage stopped to let the horses rest near Texas Hill, on the Gila river, in 1872. His fame as a rifle shot had spread all over the west, and the mention of his name filled the Apache's heart with fear and trembling. The passengers persuaded him to exhibition of give an marksmanship and he consented. He nailed a board up to the side of a little shanty, and put 100 balls at a distance of 100 yards in the same place, without the difference of a sixteenth of an inch in 100 shots. He then drove the nails far into the board with ten more shots. Every one applauded. Then he took a common bullet, tied it to an infinitesimally small thread, fastened the thread to the limb of a tree twenty feet above the ground, placed a small neck bottle on the ground, and started the bullet swinging to and fro. walked back fifty paces, wheeled sud-denly around and fired.

"Well, gentlemen you may stuff me with sawdust and exhibit me at the World's fair as the biggest liar in the universe if Woolsey didn't cut that string in twain with his rifle ball and make the bullet drop in the mouth of that bottle."

A Northwestern Bear Story. The City of Pueblo brought down a passenger from Tacoma with something new in the way of a bear story, says a Seattle reporter. Jacob Nelson is a North Bay rancher whose integrity and veracity are vouched for all through the northwest, and the bear is the hero of the story that Nelson vouches for.

He shot a bear perched in an overhanging fir tree from a cance. The bear fell into the cance and Nelson swam ashore and hurried for help. When he returned he found the bear up the same tree, with the cance on his It was not until he and his companions had made a lead sieve of the bear and canoe that it was explained how the bear had broke all previous records by climbing a tree with a good

sized dugout on his back. The cance presumably tipped over and in swimming out the bear poked his head and, neck between a seat in the bow and the bottom of the cance. The little craft fitted his back snugly, and bruin climbed the tree but littleh ampered by his burden.

## GUARDED AGAINST

Organized Railroad Employes Understanding.

NDIVIDUALS ASSURED MUCH

Conservative Members Feel That T Gained a Point in the Federa Effected, as Hasty Action Wi Be Checked.

CEDAR RAPIDS, In., Dec. 31 .- [Spec gram to THE BEE |- Representatives ganized railroad employes, who session in this city d the past three days endeavoring arrive at some plan of union, a onight on what is known as "syst ederation. The term "system" is used? tradistinction to "national" federation, means that the members of the organizat m any one railroad system will be left o form a union or not, as may seem best hem. Such union, when formed, will sinding upon them alone.

At several times it seemed the members the conference would be unable to reach agreement. The point upon which there wa he greatest difference of opinion w the greatest difference of opinion was whether or not it should be made obligator upon all the orders of any one tailroad sy tem to become members of a federation, was finally settled by adopting the phoffering the most freedom. Any two more orders will be allowed to unite, leading the others to join or not, as may see to them best. Such union will be binding upon its members.

upon its members.

Conservative members feel that they ha gained a point in securing even so liberal plan of union as this, as it will serve as check upon ill-advised strikes and has actions of all sorts. As adopted under t new system the method of arriving at strike will be extremely simple, but at t same time will be so carefully guarded th the rights of none will be endangered. When the employes of any railroad feel that they have a grievance against their employers, the matter will first be referred to the grievance committee of the order, particularly in-terested. It will be the duty of this commit-tee to put forth every possible effort toward securing an amicable adjustment of the differences. Should this be found impossible the chief executive of that order will then be called upon and not until both of these have failed will the executive heads of the various orders in the federation be called into con-

Nostrike can be ordered without the unani mous consent of the chief officers making up the council of the union, but when a strike is ordered all the orders must go out. Mem bers of the federation are conductors, switch men, firemen, trainmen and telegraphers As the engineers at their last convention en dorsed a federation whose fundamental principles were the same, it is thought they may join later. Owing te the fact that several of the delegations were not authorized to act finally for their respective orders, the details of the federation will not be made public until they have reported and occived the sanction of their constituents. Missouri Valley Masons.

Free and Accepted Masons, installd officer as follows last evening. G. W. Ells, wor shipful master; F. R. Coit, sculor vurden; F. Haskins, junior warden; E. J. chapman, secretary; R. Robinson, treasuer; G. W. Burbank, senior deacon; George Varus junior deacon; J. F. Lewis, tyle

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 31. [Special

to The Bee.]—Valley lodge, No. 232 Ancient

Quietly Married. RED OAK, Ia. Dec. 31 .- [Specil to Tin BEE. |-Mr. John Baxter, one of led Oak' most promising young business no, was o Monday last quietly married to '8s Carrie Olson in St. Louis. Miss Olson w. formerly one of Red Oak's most promine' society belles. It is understood that '8. Baxter will remain in St. Louis for some me before joining her husband here, their force home.

Took His Own Life. Кеокек, Ia., Dec. 31.-J. C. Comley, a prominent citizen of Canton, Mo one of the most extensive hav and grain dealers

northeast Missouri, committe suicide shooting himself at his home ist evenir No cause is assigned for the ac-

Vanderbilt Knew HicMan. A good story is told of one of the Van derbilts. While abroad recently he was visited by a rich Berlin jeweler, who without waiting the usual formalities incident to gaining an audience, marched in on Mr. Vandgrbilt unan-

The intruder was an elacity man with an intelligent face, and attired in faultless evening dress, the fashion prescribed by European etiquette for visits to potentates, ambassadors and other high dignituries, irrespective of the hour or senson.

Mr. Vanderbilt was surprised, but not overwhelmed, by the jeweler's evident attempt at continental complaisance. He listened to his tale of the "greatest ruby on earth" which the dealer was willing to dispose of at a sacrifice, with a courteous air, and then offered him one-tenth of the price demanded. "I have five stones of exactly the same

dimensions and coloring," said he, "and I am wilting to complete the half dozen at a fair figure. You may send me your answer within two hours. Good morn-

The answer arrived eighty minutes before the prescribed time had einsped. It was in the affirmative.

A Decidedly Lucky Accident. It was a fortunate accident that led to the discovery of the method of transferring handwriting to iron. A Putsburg iron founder, while experimenting with molten iron in different conditions, accidentally dropped a ticket into a mold. He presently found that the type

the ticket was transferred to the iron distinct characters. Following up idea which this fact suggested, he cured a heat-proof ink, with which I wrote invertedly on ordinary whit This paper was introduced in the

mold before the molten iron was pured in. When the mold cooled the aper had been consumed by the heat, It the ink, which remained into t, hadeft a clear impression on the iron.

The great banking house of the Barin in London, "busted" some time ago an son of Lord Revelstoke, a member of firm, lately engaged himself to Miss Grewilson, one of the Astor family, with a victo pecuniary recuperation. The ladifather, however, refused to come down liberally as the young man tlength propand the engagement has been declared. The poet says, "Men must work and won must weep," It is altogether probable to Miss Grace will do her full share of lames. must weep." It is altogether probable t Miss Grace will do her full share of lame tion, but it is exceedingly unlikely that Cecil Baring will burden himself with appreciable amount of labor.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.





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