## JUDGE CHURCH WAS CHOSEN

Red Hot Election Held by the Delegates to the Grand Army Encampment.

FREMONT'S MOST GENEROUS HOSPITALITY

Dodge County's Capital Opens Her Doors to the Veterans and Makes Them Doubly Welcome-Details of the Canvass for State Commander.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BRE J -A little over 800 veteran union soldiers, aided, abetted and encouraged by about 400 women, stormed this beautiful city of 8,000 people, and on this day and in this year of grace the city aforesaid gracefully capitulated. It was a case of unconditional surrender, and there is not a thing in the place tonight that a citizen pretends to call his own. It all belongs to the visitors. The surrender was not the result of necessity, but it represents the Fremont. Idea of hospitality.

The occasion is the sixteenth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Nebraska, and it has brought together very nearly twice as many of the old soldiers as ever assembled before at an encampment in this state. The reason for this largely increased attendance was the interest in the election of the department commander, the contest being between Judge A. H. Church of North Platte and Church Howe, "the gentleman from Nemaha." The first named is the present senior vice commander, to which place he was unanimously elected a year ago at Columbus, at which time he was General Dilworth's closest competitor for first place. It was partially promised at that time that Judge Church should have first place this

Hard Fight Against Howe. Mr. Howe was a candidate last year, but

was entirely lost in the shuffle. He has been assiduously setting his pins for the place for several months past.

Tom Majors is here and jabbed his harpoon into the Howe anatomy whenever the opportunity offered. When asked this evening who was supporting his colleague. Majors replied: "I will say this much. Mr. Howe is being boomed by Sam Elder, Sergeant-at-Arms Dangan and Mart Howe, all rank independents and I am here to say that I don't train with that crowd. The independents named are all here and they boomed Howe with all the arder of early love from sunrise until after dark. Another reason urged against Howe's election was that he was one of the republicans who tried to bring about the election of J. Sterling Morton into the senate. In view of theafact that Morton is and always has been unalterably opposed to pensions or any legislation in the interest of the veterans, it may readily be surmised that this state of affairs did not improve Howe's chances very materially. So bitter was the opposition of Howe's enemies that when there was talk in the early evening of a compromise by which Howe was to be withdrawn with the understanding that he be given second place, they declined to enter into any such agreement, announcing their intention of crowding him completely

to the wall.

The first business of the day was the meeting of the council of administration. which lasted from 9:30 until noon. The session was devoted to routine business, as was that of the delegates in the afternoon, the time of the latter being taken up with the reading and consideration of the reports of the state officers.

The annual reports show that there are now 331 posts in the state, with a total mem bership of 8,736, and every post is in good standing, which is something new in the history of Grand Army encampments in Nebraska. Every post has its dues fully paid up to date and there is nearly \$1,000 in the treasury. The accredited delegates present number between 600 and 700, and fully twothirds of them are accompanied by their

At the meeting of the reunion committee this morning a resolution was adopted en-dorsing Seth P. Mobley of Grand Island for commandant of the Soldiers' home at that place. This cannot be construed as the en-dersement of the general organization, as the reunion committee had no authority to move in this direction. It is made up prin-cipally of Grand Island men to look after the reunion at that place and its action is merely an expression of good will toward a fellow townsman.

After the Next Session.

There are three cities in the field to secure the next encampment, Omana, Lincoln and Nebraska City, and if the first named loses it, it will be because of the indifference of her representatives.

The attendance has grown so that there is a strong sentiment in favor of keeping away from the smaller places hereafter and alternating between Omaha and Lincoln. Still Nebraska City is strongly represented here and is vigorously combatting the idea of freezing out all but the capital and

metropolis of the state.

All of the personal staff of the department commander are here and all the fiving post department commanders, with the exeption of Colonel R. H. Wilbur and Paul Vaudervoort.
The Sons of Veterans are numerously rep-

i, all of their state officers being The Women's Relief Corps is also out in force. The meetings of this branch e being held in Masonic ball, as there is n room at Love's opera house, where the vet-erans are holding forth.

## Work of the Relief Corps.

The Relief Corps was planning for a largely increased demand for relief in the near future, owing to the attitude of the in istration with reference to the veterans, and the members were there fore agreeably surprised when stor-elect Allen appeared at their and gave them a very entertain-ing address, in the course of which he told them that he was in favor of caring for the old soldiers. He assured the ladies that he would at all times be pleased to lend them such assistance as lay in his power, so that they would have nothing to fear from the course he would pursue in the halls of con

Church and Howe to Command. Under the usual course of procedure the election of officers would not have been brought up until tomorrow, but as many of the members of the legislature, who are delegates, desire to reach Lincoln on the morning train the election was a special order of business for 8 o'clock this evening The balloting began promptly at that hour but it was 10:20 o'clocks before 715 votes were counted and result announced. There was one ballot, and it gave Church 492 and Howe 231 votes. Church's election was made unanimous and if was followed by the election of Howe to the position of senior vice commander by acclamation.

Other Officers Elected.

The other officers who were elected were: F. A. Whittemore of Long Pine, junior vice commander: Dr. S. K. Spalding of Omaha, re-elected medical director; J. Wesley Tucker of Valentine, chaplain.

The body than adjourned, postponing the election of delegates to the national encampment at Indianapolis until tomorrow. Church Howe's Diplomacy. was one of the hottest sessions ever held

by the Nebraska veterans and one of the

most bitter fights ever waged by a minority. The Howe forces were hopelessly in the minority, but they refused to stop fighting even after the ballot was taken, and while the votes were being counted the charge was frequently made that the ballot box had been stuffed. It was stated that the roster prepared by the adjutant general showed only 606 delegates, while 719 votes were east, most of them being scattering. It was getting most of them being scattering. It was getting red hot, and the situation was rapidly assuming a condition not exactly compatible with Grand Army harmony, when Howe moved to make the election of Church unanimous. It carried with a tremendous whoop and the title was turned. The smooth gentleman from Nomaha immediately owned the whole state. He was called out for a speech and as good as it was over was elected to

whole state. He was called out for a special and as soon as it was over was elected to second place by seciamation and a great barst of enthusiasm. He was called for a second speech and later for a third one. The reports of the officers of the corps showed a total of 138 corps in the state with a membership of nearly 4,000. There were 549 accredited delegates, 436 of whom were present and voting. This is the ninth annual encampment of the corps. nual encampment of the corps.

To Push Pension Cases.

It is stated that resolutions will be adopted tomorrow calling upon congress to so increase the force in the pension office that work may be pushed twenty-four hours a day instead of eight hours as at present. There are 200-000 pension cases still hung up, although they have been favorably passed on and the old soldiers desire to experience the relief to which they feel that they are entitled.

Judge Church's Record.

Judge Alonzo H. Church was born in Green county, Illinois, June 16, 1844, and was raised in Springfield, where he enlisted August 15, 1862, in company G. One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois volunteer infantry, better known as the Lincoln Home Guards. He served in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth corps mder Logan and Sherman, and was captured in June, 1864. He served nine months im-orisonment at Andersonville and Florence. After the war he was engaged in newspape work on the Illinois State Journal, and it work on the Illinois State Journal, and in 1872 came to Nebraska, where for two years he acted as timekeeper for the Union Pacific at North Platte. He continued the reading of law begun in Springfield, and in 1874 was admitted to the bar. In the fall of that year he was elected probate judge and served for two terms. He was elected to the district bench in March, 1889, remaining until January, 1892, being then defeated by Judge Neville, the populist nomines.

He has been connected with the Grand Army of the Republic for the past ten years.

Army of the Republic for the past ten years, and is a post commander of S. A. Douglass post No. 409 of North Platte. His family consists of a wife and three children, one daughter being Mrs. Charles Sherman of Omaha. Judge Church continued his news-paper work in Nebraska, having been cou-nceted with the Western Nebraskan for seven years. That paper was the North Platte Republican when he secured possession of it, and it is now the Tribune. That Judge Church enjoys the confidence of those best acquainted with him is evidenced by his career, while tonight's selection tells of his popularity with the bays. popularity with the boys.

Simply Swapped Smiles. It was a case where out of defeat came victory, for Howe landed on top after all. as his calling and election next year is thereby made sure. It is conceded by all that Howe will be commander in 1893. as the precedent has never been violated. Majors was happy in the earlier hours of the evening, but it was Howe's time to smile at midnight. Prof. Hillibridge of Lincoln is here and undoubtedly takes much pleasure in the result as doesanybody, as Judge Church was one of his pupils in a Springfield business college in

1866, and he now rejoices in his success. Not Enough Beds. There were probably 200 of the visitors who will not go to bed tonight owing to the lack of accommodations. Cots have been set up everywhere, even the bath rooms in the notels being called into requisition for this purpose. The ladies of the Relief Corps are all provided for in private residences and many of the veterans have been likewise cared for, but there is a limit to all things, even to the resources of the untiring committee that has the matter in charge has been an object lesson for every and while not one complains in the least of

Fremont, four-fifths of them say it must be either Omaha or Lincoln in the future. A little Omaha energy will settle the The Relief Corps elected Mrs. Hard of Central City president for the ensuing year. Post Commander Joseph Teeter of Lincoln is to be presented with a handsome badge

Grand Island's Delegation.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The delegates to the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Fremont left on an early train this morning. They are: N. H. Hurford, Seth P. Mobley, George P. Dean, Hacry Harrison, George Ryan, James A. Wear, George J. Spencer, Henry Rosswick, B. F. Gardner, J. W. Leveringrouse, D. C. Crawford, G. H. Bush, J. O. West, W. D. Davis and C. H. Murphy. They were joined by George Humphrey and R. P. McCutchean at Doni-

Iowa A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 15 .- The grand lodge of Iowa Ancient Order of United Workmen (loyal) today elected officers, W. R. Graham being chosen grand master workman.

SOL STARR'S MAN DEFEATED. Stewart S. Thompson Appointed Mine In-

spector in South Dakota. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 15.-[Special Telegram to THE BRE ]-It is authoritatively announced that Stewart S. Thompson has been appointed mine inspector. The appointment is generally satisfactory to all Black Hills men, including isol Starr. The latter made a strong fight for Jack Gray, but the gov-ernor recomptorily refused. Starr threat-ened to join hands with Charley McCoy and

block legislation, but promptly saw his danger and withdrew his threat.

A bill was introduced in the senate today to legalize the election at Buffale Gap on May 2, 1892. A bill was also introduced sub-mitting a constitutional amendment moving the capital to Huron, and on a vote to in-definitely postpene, the house refused by 34 to 30. The bill to move the agricultural col-lege from Brookings to Miller was in-definitely postpened by a vote of 50 to 15.

The governor today appointed C. W. Staf-ord of Day oil inspector, and John Krause of Yankton public examiner.

Tenight two opposition republican caucuses are being held, one of the old farmers combine, intent on forcing the governor to make certain appointments, the other made up of friends of the governor, who have been quietly organizing for the past week. Both parties are in an angry mood, and an interesting time is looked for.

At the remultican caucus the capture of the c Yankton public examiner.

At the republican caucus last night in representative hall Packard of Spink, chairman, Representatives Prather and Grant were selected a committee to invite the gov-ernor to attend the caucus. A number of speeches were made and it was evident that rumors of factional fights are without foun dation in fact. A motion left pending from ast night, that the sense of the caucus was that the governor should appoint all the World's fair commissioners, was not considate, which now has a bill to enable the governor to make such appointments, to use all possible despatch, as the lateness of the date

nakes this important. DIDN'T ENDORSE CLEVELAND.

Selection of Judge Gresham. Sparnarimo, Ill., Feb. 15 -Meyer of Cook threw the lower house of the legislature into an uproar for a half hour by moving to sussend the rules for the passage of a resolu-ion eulogising Gresham and congratulating Cleveland on selecting him for secretary of state. The democrats opposed consideration of the resolution, but the republicans demanded the yeas and mays, with a view to embarrassing the democrats by forcing them into a position of witholding approval of Cleveland's action. The house refused-56

to 66-to suspend the rules.

STRUCK BY A SNOW PLOW

Louis Wholfiel Fatally Injured Near Randolph During a Blizzard.

IN THE INTEREST OF NEBRASKA FARMERS

Pawnee County's Annual Institute in Session at Table Rock-Weeping Water Agriculturalists Meet and Form a Similar Organization.

RANDOLPH, Nob., Feb. 15 .- | Special to THE BEE. Louis Wholfiel, a track walker on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, was struck by a snow plow running at a high rate of speed yesterlay, and had his skull fractured and ankle mangled. He was a mile and a half from Randolph at the time of the accident, and had his head muffled up so that he did not hear the approaching train, and a blizzard was raying so that ne could not see. He was brought to Randolph and all that medical skill can do for a case of this kind was administered. He probably will not live more than a day

TWO YOUNG MEN KILLED.

W. E. Moore and N. C. McCleary Cut to

Pieces on the Short Line. O'Nena, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram o The Bre |-At about 12:25 p. m. today a Short Line special from Sioux City, consisting of an engine, snow plow and caboose, struck a burgy containing W. E. Moore and N. C. McCleary, completely demolishing the buggy and instantly killing the two occupants, whose bodies were mangled and seat tered along the railroad track for a half mile

The accident occurred about two miles cast of this city. On the train at the time of the accident were Thomas Roope, master mechanic of the Short line, M. S. Sheeley, general roadmaster, and E. C. Blundell, assistant roadmaster, with J. W. Champer as conductor and Charles Wright, engineer. The train was stopped as soon as possible and backed up to where the mutilated bodies of the two men by The addiction of the two men by The addictions of the two men by The of the two men lay. The officials gathered the remains together, placed them on the train and brought them to O Neill and placed them in charge of Sheriff McEvany, pending the

rrival of the coroner.
The sheriff found in the clothes of the mangled bodies letters by which they were identified and their parents were immediately notified. They were both young men, their ages being 24 and 26 respectively, and reside with their parents near Stafford, a small town about fourteen miles east of this city. They started this morning to come to this city, where Moore desired to procure a marriage license as he was to be recorded now. riage license, as he was to be married next Thurs tay to an estimable young lady living war his home.

The coroner's jury, after being out an hour, returned a verdict exonerating the railroad company from all blame.

Nebraska Farmers' Institute. Table Rock, Neb., Feb. 15,-[Special to

FIRE BRE. |-The Pawnee County Farmer' Intitute began its annual winter meeting Monday at the Presbyterian church. This is emphatically a Table Rock institution, though gathering its members from all parts of the county. The members hold a picnic every summer in a grove near this village, and their winter session in this town.

For the coming year the following officers were elected: T. W. Peppon, president; M. R. Poole, vice president; Mrs. A. E. Lane, secretary; E. T. Böone, treasurer; Rev. W. H. Niles, chaplain. In the afternoon M. R. Pool read an interesting paper on "Leaks" on the Farm," and Prof. S. C. Bassett told what he knew of food adulterations and what he thought of oleomargarine. T. W. Pepson thought of oleomargarine. T. W. Pepoon had for a subject "Country Roads, and How to Improve Them." All of these sub thrown open for discussion, and the members very generally took their part,

In the evening, after a delightful reception by Miss Olive M. Barnard, Prof. H. W. Caldwell of the State university gave a carefully prepared and well thought out paper on the "Growth of the idea of Nationality," showing the opposing theories of states rights and nationality, with the final conquering of

the latter.
Today M. H. Marble read a paper on the "Great American Desert," followed by Peter Billings on "Silos and Ensilage." It is evi-dent that this is a new thing in these parts, and created considerable interest and dis After dinner Prof. Caldwell gave a talk on

the "Principles of Taxation." Mr. Benton Aldrich of Nemaha county told how to prune apple trees. He made the statement that the sap was stronger at the top, and that while water runs down hill sap runs up hill. Mr. Pepoon, the president, hereupon re-marked: "Perhaps that is the reason so many are sapheaded.

many are sapheaded."
Weeping Water, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A farmers institute was organized in this city—today and a large number were present to listen to an address by Mr. Bassett of Kearney on "Dairy Farming," a subject of interest to many. Permanent organization of the institute was effected and J. M. Bearkley elected presieffected and J. M. Bearkley elected presi-dent. Tonight Mr. Stevaris of Crete gave an address, subject, "Horti-ulture," which was of interest to all. A. F. Woods will talk tomorrow on the "Blight of Fruit Trees;" also L. D. Stilson, subject, "Beekeeping in Nebraska," and F. W. Taylor, on "Russia." From the interest manifested beneficial results will no doubt follow results will no doubt follow.

Osceola's Religious Revival. OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 15.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE !- Revival meeting have been conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church for the past seven weeks. The regular pastor, R. Pierson, has been assisted by Rev. J. H. N. Cobb of Thayer, Neb., Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Shelby, and Rev. Mr. Morey of Stromsburg. Up to the present time there has been a large number that have professed their faith in the Saviour, as well as a number of backsliders that have been reclaimed. The meetings are still con-

tinued with unbated interest.

ASHLAND, Neb., Feb. 15 .- [Special to THE Ben. |-- Dr. and Mrs. Mansfielde entertained a large company of friends at their beautiful residence on Quality Hill last evening. Progressive high five was the chief feature of he program. Music was furnished by the

Rumors have it that Ashland will have another railroad. It will be a branch of the B. & M. and will come via Seward. Ashland will soon have another newspaper which will be an organ of the independent

party. Social Events at Grand Island GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE !- The ladies of the Eastern Star chapter of the Masonic order gave a fine Valentive social last night. An elegant banquet had been prepared and each guest, and there were over 100, was presented with a souvenir valentine and boquet of natura

Accient Order of United Workmen hall last night. There were nearly 300 participants. SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special to The Ber.]—Miss Gertrude L. McIntyre, daugh-

The Social Hour club gave a ball at the

ter and only child of Hon. Edmund McIntyre, died at the home of her father in this this morning of typhoid pneumonia, BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special to THE BEE]—Clarence, son of Harry Higby, died this morning from the effects of spinal meni-

getis. He was a very bright boy of 8 years Judge Allen's Resignation FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.- Special Tele gram to THE BEE. ]-It is given out tonight that Judge Allen will tender his resignation tomorrow. He has settled up his judicial

business so far as possible and has turned the remainder over to Judge Kincaid. He will leave for Washington next Sunday and will remain to attend the inaugural. He will be accompanied by Private Secretary Mem-inger. Mrs Allen is here with him, but will not go to the capital at present. It is stated that Judge Isaac Powers is out of the race for Judge Allen's place on the bench, and the contest now lies between Jackson and

Northrop. Stolen Property Recovered.

JUNIATA, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE |-On the night of January 20, 1892, Thomas Hughes had a fine fur coat belonging to his wife stolen by some one while they were at a literary entertain ment in Pearson's school house. No trace could be discovered of it till yesterday, when could be discovered of it till yesterday, when Charles Triester started to the east, and when going into Rosaland he wore the coat and there tried to sell it. Some one remembered that Hughes had missed a coat of that description and at once role up here and told him. He got out a state warrant and went with the marshal to Rosaland for the coat and thief. It was Saturday night when they arrived there and they waited till daylight to make the arrest. The coat was still in his possession. Mr. Hughes immediately recognized Mr. Hughes immediately recognized out. Triester was arrested, brought here, had a preliminary examination before Judge Hammond, and despite the strong evi-dence against him and to the utmost surprise of every one was set at liberty. The coat was turned over to its right owner. Mr. Hughes paid \$57 for the coat in Omaha.

Grand Island Odd Fellows.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE. | - The Grand Island Odd Fellows e making special arrangements for a district meeting of Odd Fellows to take place next Monday night. Members of the Doni-phan, Wood River, Cairo and Chapman lodges be present and a fine banquet will be

Beatrice Business House Closed. BEATRICE, Nob., Feb. 15.—[Special Tele-gram to The Bee.]—The grovery establishment of I. L. Fisk was closed this evening under a chattel mortgage held by the Ne braska National bank and W. M. and L. F

Newman Grove's Blizzard. NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., Feb. 15 .- | Special o The Bee.]-A regular blizzard raged here yesterday, blowing from the northwest. The mail trains were delayed, but finally got through. It was not very cold.

WILL REOPEN MONDAY.

Rapid City's Suspended Bank to Resume

Business-About the Tin Mines. RAPID CITY, S. D., Feb. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE !- It may now be stated authoritatively that the doors of the Black trills National bank will be thrown open for the resumption of business on Monday next. It will be remembered that the bank was closed by the public examiner on December 13 last. During the time of suspension there never has been a doubt expressed that every depositor would uttimately be paid in full, but there were those who feared that it would not resume business. The general confidence in the integrity of the management has been a bulwark of strength to the institution. Every considerable depositor has offered all the aid in his power, and a large amount of new eastern capital has been secured. As a result the bank will resume business much stronger financially than everbefore. This assertion will be amply borne out by the first published statement. Henry E. Bailey, one of the shrewlest and most careful financiers of the Black Hills, will assume the presidency. Warren W. Price will be the cashier.

Letters are received from W. F. Coad, president of the Dakota & Wyoming rail-

tional of rails have been shipped from Chi-cago, and may be expected to arrive here within ten days. Little has been heard from this company of late, but it is evident that arrangements are well along for resumption of work on the road with the opening of spring. Responsible parties have signed agreements to complete the construction of the road to its intersection with the Burlington line, thirty miles west from Rapid City. President Cond and family, who have been in Chicago for some months, are ex-

ected home within a few days. Rumors of various kinds are still affoat concerning the cause for shutting down the big tin mill at Hill City. The Bee's corre-spondent recently visited the plant and found t working smoothly. There were then on the tracks above the ore chutes six carloads of ore. Of these two carloads were extremely rich. The others showed but little cassiterite in the rock. A visit to the Gerti mine within two miles from the mill dis closed the fact that very rich ore was being hoisted from the 400-foot level. An investigation will convince the merest tyro in min-ing that the company has some ore containing a very high percentage of tin. tion of quantity is one that he will not find so easy of solution. Where there are so many people more or less closely connected with the Harney Peaz company, one would not expect to find difficulty in securing an opinion entitled to some weight concerning the real cause for the shut down. Yet the employes and agents of the company are very close mouthed, and those who do the talking are as a rule not on the inside. A prominent gentleman in mining circles, however, assures THE BEE that he knows absolutely the mill is shut down on account of a disagreement between the English and American ends of the company relative to the proper method of opening the mines. He asserts that the superintendent wants au-thority and means of developing greater ore reserves. This would mean immediate great expense, and he is backed by a faction of the stockholders, while another faction wants returns from outlays already made be-fore incurring others to a large amount. Miners who have recently been discharged pay ore had anything to do with the stop-

page of work. Arraigned the Indians, DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 15 .- Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-Fights With and Too-Too, the Indians in custody charged with complicity in the White River murders, were arraigned today in the United States court and pleaded not guilty, through an in-terpreter, to the indictments found against them. Defendants' counsel demurred to the indictment because it did not state specially that the deaths of the cowboys occurred within the legal period after the shooting. but the court overruled the demurrers. The trial was set for the September term. and during the intervening time the Indians will be confined in the county jail here.

SHOOK THE EARTH.

Slight Selsmic Shock Experienced by Northwestern Nebraska.

Harrison, Neb., Feb. 15 .- Special Tele gram to Tur Ber. ] - A slight shock of earthpuake was felt here this morning between I and 2 o'clock. It was accompanied by a low rambling sound and lasted for about twenty seconds, rattling window lights in a degree to cause considerable fright.
Four Rousson, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to The Ber [—Several reliable parties here report a seismic disturbance about midnight last night. They were awakened by a palpable shock to the houses, accompanied by rattling of dishes in the

Lusa. Wyo., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BER.]—Two distinct shocks of earthmake occurred here about 12:15 last night. Charges, Neb., Feb. 15 - Special Telegram to The Bes. - Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here last night about 12:15

Senatorial Confests. CHETENNE, Wyo., Feb. 15-There was no change in the ballot for sonator today. HELENA, Mon., Feb. 15 .- The ballot for United States senator today resulted in no choice. None of the candidates displayed any greater strength than they did yester-

MINE EXPLOSION IN IOWA

One Man Killed and a Score More or Less Seriously Hurt.

COAL GAS WAS IGNITED BY A BLAST

Joseph Gallagher Beheaded and His Companions Enveloped in Fiames-Pathetic Scenes at the Mouth of the Shaft.

o Tue Bee.]-One man, Joseph Gallagher, killed, ten seriously burned on their faces and hands and as many more with lesser wounds, is the result of a dust explosion at the Chicago and Iowa mines at Cedar, three miles from Albia. One hundred men were in the mines at the

time and but for the fact that they were mostly close to the cold air shaft the results would have been unusually fatal. The man who fired the shot, Joseph Gallagher, was beheaded by the explosion and the coal gas igniting, shot a flame of fire for 100 feet about the room, felling all the miners within that distance to the floor, rendering some unconscious and burning a score more or less seriously. Those who are reported burned about the face and hands and whose condition is considered critical, although not fatal, are:

HARRY LONG. CHARLES LONG. JOHN ROBINSON. ALBERT ANDERSON. George Assort. TOM IRWIN. R. H. LARRIGO. H. H. Woppen. Gaberel Johnson.

MIKE HOPKINS. The scenes at the mine were extremely pathetic, the wives of the miners flocking about the mouth of the shaft mouning and sobbing. One woman was only restrained from jumping into the shaft by force.

To Increase Eates on Hay.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 15 .- [Special Telegram to The Bre. |- A case of much importance to shippers of northwestern lowa was argued today before the state board of railway commissioners A., effort is being made by roads, notably the Des Moines Northern & Western to have the rates on hay raised from class E to class C, an increase of about 50 per cent. The roads claim they cannot afford to do business at the present schedule. Colonel L. M. Martin of the Des Moines Northern & Western and Assistant General Freight Agent Gower of the Hock Island were present to present the case of the railroads. Hon. Spencer Smith, formerly of the commission, was here from Council Bluffs, and represents the hay shippers of northwestern Iowa. The shippers claim that the only way to determine the railway tariff is by comparison; that in Nebraska, where the annual hay tomage is much less than that of lowa, the rates are about the same, so that really the rates in this state are proportionately higher considering the increased tonnage. If anything is done the rates should be lessened. The arguments were submitted today, but a decision is not expected for several days.

Rev. E. W. Brown Installed. MALVERN, Ia., Feb. 15 .- Special to THE Ber. ]-The public installation of Rev. E. W. Brown as pastor of the First Presbyter ian church took place last evening. Notwithstanding the rey and almost impassable condition of the walks, a fair audience attended. The services opened with an anthem by the choir, followed by prayer by Rev. G. P. Hughes of the Methodist Epis-copal church. The sermon was preached by Rev. T. D. Ewing, D.D., president of Corning

Rev. R. G. Rowley of Brooks, moderator of the Presbytery, who also presided over the meeting. charge to the pastor was given by Rev. F. W. Grossman of Villisca. The charge to the people was delivered by Rev. R. C. Hughes, vice president of Tabor college, a personal friend and classmate of the

constitutional questions were propounded by

More Rallroad Facilities. MUSCATINE, In., Feb. 15 .- Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Muscatine North & South Railroad company. The purpose is to build a railroad between Mus-catine and Chicago or some point connecting with a Chicago line and from Muscattr west to the Missouri river. Fifty miles of new coad would connect the city with an one of the four trunk lines other than the Rock Island, the only one here, and from the high standing of the members of the new company considerable importance is attached to the move.

Victims of Iowa Wrecks CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special to THE Beg. |-Fireman John Conners, who was injured in a wreck at Hastings, died last even-

Ira Quick, a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rakeman, died this morning from the of feets of injuries received by being thrown from a car. He remained unconscious until

The stockmen injured at the Brush-Siding wreck are improving and are being sent to their homes. Brakeman Smith will not recover.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 15.- Special Telegram to THE BEE |- Dave Sutton, brother of Dick Sutton, the famous showman, was discovered in a dying condition in a barn in the rear of meat market in the east end of the city this morning. He had several ghastly holes about his head and when the physicians were dressing them they found that they were mortal pistol wounds. He died at noon, eaving the officers in complete mystery as to the cause of his death, although it is clearly a case of murder.

Will Have Cheap Gas.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 15.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The city council late last evening, after a stormy secret session in committee of the whole, passed a new gas ordinance, in which the prices are fixed at ordinance, in which the prices are fixed at 65 cents net for fuel gas and 90 cents net for illuminating gas. Besides this the city gets a rebate of from 5 to 10 per cent per 1,000 cubic feet used as the consumption increases. The present rates are \$1.65 for illuminating

Drank Carbolic Acid.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 15.- Special Tele gram to Tue Bee. ]-John F. Logsdon, aged about 22 and unmarried, while sitting with the family at home today suddenly said, "Well, good-bye ail," and drank two ounces of carbolic acid. He died in a short time in great agony. He had been on a protracted spree, and no other motive is known for the

Newton's Postoffice Robbed. NEWTON, Ia., Feb. 15.- [Special Tele gram to Tug Ben. |- The postoffice was roubed about 4 o'clock this morning. The safe was blown open and \$500 in money taken. No arrests have been made.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ja., Feb. 15. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.]-John Hickey, a brakeman on the Burlington, Codar Rapids & Northern, fell from a car at Nichols this afternoon and was killed. Arrested a Commercial Man,

Four Dongs, Ia., Feb. 15.-[Special Tele-

salesman for a wholesale liquor house at Rock Island, was arrested at Webster City, charged with violating the lowa prohibitory law. Klinger based his defense on the fact that he was only taking orders to be filled by a firm outside the state and Judge Marsh upheld this position, dismissing the case against him. County Attorney Boeve, who was prosecuting, has appealed the case and claims he can convict Klinger.

Fined an Iowa Editor.

Four Dobog, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- James Fardoll, editor of a weekly paper at Stanhope, has been fined \$250 in a conviction for criminal libel. During the campaign last fall Judge Hyatt of Webster City made a stump speech at Sun-hope. Fardoll, in writing up the speech, a stell that Judge Hyatt had been drinking before appearing on the platform. A case for criminal libel was brought and has just been tried with the above result. OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram

Iowa Prohibitionists Aroused. Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Tele grain to The Ber. -The prohibitionists have called caucuses for next week to nominate delegates to a city convention for the purpose of nominating a full city ticket. It is the first time in the history of the city that they have taken put in city politics and grows out of dissatisfaction with the council's action in setting aside state laws and licensing saloons.

Extending Lemars' City Limits. Lemans, In., Feb. 15 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE ]-At a special election today the city of Lemars voted to extend the city lim-its and take in about two square miles of

PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL IN AMERICA. Banker Seligman Tells an Interesting Story

of the Plot. New York, Feb. 15. - Big figures came to surface today when the special committee of the house of representatives investigating the American end of the Panama scandal heard the testimony of Jesse Sellgman, of J. W. Seligman & Co., one of the members of the American committee. He testified that he first became permanently connected with the American committee in March, 1881. His connection resulted from a suggestion from the Paris house of Seligman, in behalf of Ferdinand de Lesseps, that Seligman should not as a member of the American committee to protect the interests of the canal and secure the neutrality of the United States in relation to it. Similar communications were sent to Drexel Morgan & Co. and Winslow Lanier & Co. The chairmanship had been offered by Seligman to General Grant. by the au-

hority of de Lesseps, with a salary of \$25,-000 ayear for his life time. General Grant ieclining, the American committee surgestee Thompson In regard to compensation of the committee. Selligman said it was first agreed that \$7,500,000 was to be divided among Drexel.

Morgan & Co., Winslow, Lanter & Co. and Seligman & Co. "For what purpose?" asked Colonel Fel-

lows. "For the payment of salaries for our ser-This agreement was subsequently modified and de Lesseps formed a powerful banking syndicate abroad and in this country and al-lowed them 2 per cent on 300,000,009 francs of the stock and 300,000,000 francs of the bends of the caual. The members of the syndicate in this country were the American committee. This committee had to pacify the Panama Ruilroad company and the op-position of Colombia had to be resisted. The position of Colombia and to be resisted. The committee looked after much of the purchases of material and supplies and gave a great deal of time to furthering the interests of the canal in other ways.

"How much money was paid the American ommittee altogether?" asked Colonel Fel-"Six million francs, one-quarter of which was paid when the committee was formed and the rest in six annual installments. To each of the banking houses forming the American committee there was paid \$400,000 After the acquisition of the Panama railroad the American committee became its direc-tors. The controversy with the Colombian government was compromised by the pay-ment of various sums at different times. The American bankers of the canal company were Seligman & Co. In all \$40,000,000 was deposited with them to the credit of

the canal company."

When Congressman Patterson of Tennessee asked if any of this money was left. Seligman laughed and said it was all gone. selected for chairman, adding: "He was

not a great financier, was be?"
"No," said Seligman, "but he was a great statesman. Seligman also testified that \$100,000 had been on deposit to the credit of Chairman Thompson in addition to the other money

paid the American committee.

DOWN A STEEP INCLINE. Frightful Accident on a Street Rallway at Portland, Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 .- A frightful accident occurred on the City and Suburban Electric railway this afternoon, in which three persons were instantly killed and a dozen seriously injured. The car was going down hill when the motorman lest control of it and the car plunged down two blocks at terrific speed. When the car reached the curve at the bottom of the hill, it left the track and overturned. The momentum was so great that in leaving the track the car was dashed to pieces. There were forty-five passengers aboard, among them being twenty young people who constituted the graduating class of Williams Avenue Grammar

J. J. O. DENNIS aged 70. BERTRAM DENNIS, his son, aged 8. J. T. JOHNSON. JAMES MENTEE was probably fatally in-

chool. The dead are:

Nearly every one in the car was cut Suing Her Brother-in-Law.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Mrs. Garrafella F. Thickering has begun action to recover \$30,-000 from George H. Chickering, senior member of the firm of Chickering & Son, piano manufacturers. She is the widow of C. F. Chickering, and claims at the time of her husband's death he possessed 450 shares of the corporation of Chickering & Son, and that concern owed him \$16,000 besides. In her capacity as sole executrix of his will, she the stock and a \$16,000 claim to George bickering for \$30,000, but says her Chickering for \$30,000, other-in-law has never paid her George says after Charles' death his books were examined, and Charles was found to be a defaulter in the sum of \$150,750, and for this reason he refuses to settle with Mrs.

Chickering, though he admits having agreed

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15,-Judge Gresham could not be induced to talk today concerning his appointment or the circumstances surrounding his selection and would say nothing of his future plans. It is understood that Judge Gresham will

not resign from the bench until after March 4, when his successor can be named by Mr Cleveland. Hosts of the jurist's admiring friends called tonight to congratulate him. Movements of Ocean Steamers, Pebruary 15.

At London-Arrived-Michigan, from Bal-At Southampton Arrived-Trave, from New York for Bremen. Genoa-Arrived-Fulda, from New

from Antwerp.
At New York-Arrived-Majestic, from Liverpool; Victoria, from Genoa. Newspaper Publishers in Session.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The seventh annua convention of the American Newspaper Publishers association opened today in secret gram to THE BEE. j-J. Klinger, traveling | session,

## TROOPS CALLED ON

Kansas State House is Now in a State of Siege.

MILITIA GUARD IT ON ALL SIDES

Trouble Between the Houses Culminates in Open War.

REPUBLICANS BESIEGED IN THE HOUSE

Populists' Guards Passed by the Members of the Republican House.

SPEAKER DOUGLASS SMASHES THE DOORS

Efforts of the Populists to Blockade Business Thwarted-Troops and Volunteers from

All Over the State Hurrying to the Capital.

TOPERA, Kan., Feb. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-If tomorrow does not see Kansas in the throes of civil war it will be lue to the coolness and wise counsel of eaders whose influence is yet to be exerted. Tonight she rests upon a slumbering volcano that is likely to burst forth before sunrise. The republican house is imprisoned in the hall of representatives; the capitol is occupied by several companies of militia, and colunteers; the arsenal is guarded by a batery of heavy artillery; the state house is ocked and guarded, and picket lines thrown out in every direction. Special trains bearing fresh troops are speeding toward the city, and others with hundreds of armed citizens to reinforce the republicans are coming as fast as steam can bring them. Unless the republican house recedes from its position and vacates the hall, as it was tonight urged to do by Governor Lewelling and ex-Governor Osborne, bloodshed may not be averted twelve hours longer, and a battle such as was never before fought on

Kansas soil seems inevitable.

Patrolled by Populists. This condition of affairs is the result of the arrest last night of Chief Clerk Rich, Assistant Clerk Scott and Representatives Ryan, John F. Willitts and P. N. Gish at the instance of the republican house, by reason of which the populist members of the legislature determined to lock out the republican members. The trouble began at 9 o'clock this morning, at which time the stairs leading to the main entrance of representative hall were found to be guarded by about twenty-five populists, armed with revolvers and Winchesters. The populist members of the house were not in the hall, but the officers were on guard within, and the rear as well as the main entrance was protected by armed men. A large crowd, composed chiefly of republicans, had assembled in the corridors of the west wing of the capitol at the foot of the stairs leading to the hall in anticipation of an exciting scene and they were not disappointed. A. R. Miller, a doorkeeper of the republican house, was the first man to try to get through. He attempted to pass the populist guards on the lower steps, saying he was an employe of the legal house, but was pushed aside, and angry mutterings

were heard from the crowd. Republicans Come in Force,

"I tell you I will get in if I have to fight," said the doorkeeper. He was led away by State Chairman Breidenthal and told not to get excited, as the populists would treat everybody right, but could let no one in but members. After consulting with friends Miller returned, and

in a loud voice said: "I want you all to notice what I say. I am going to try and get in, and you can either let me go in or push me out. If you want to avoid bloodshed you will let me in. Now is

your chance." Thereupon he charged the populist guard and was again thrust back. Miller now went to the Copeland hotel and rallied the republicans, returning soon with a large force. Cn entering the state house they formed in double file and advanced toward the west wing. The column was headed by Speaker Douglass and Speaker Pro Tem Hoch and included the members and officers of the republican house and fifty assistant sergeantsat-arms, sworn in last night for this service. No opposition was encountered until they reached the foot of the stairs leading to the hall, where five able-bodied populists stood guard, their leader shouting at the top of his

voice: "You can't get in here!"

Formally Demanded Admittance. Speaker Douglass ordered the populist guards to give way, saying: "We are the members of the house of

representatives and I as the speaker order you to get out of the way." This demand was refused, and the guards flourished clubs, while other guards higher

up on the stairs made a demonstration with revolvers and Winchesters. A member of the press gang who had passed the guards on the rear stairs and made his way through the hall and cloak room now appeared on the landing above among the populists, and waving his hat and attracting the attention of the guards to

himself, he shouted to the republicans below: 'Come on men, the way is clear," A mighty shout went up from the corridor below, there was a tumultuous rush and tha republicans dashed up the stairs with terrific force, driving the guards before them. The latter took refuge in the hall

and locked the heavy doors. Douglass Smashed the Doors. This move had been anticipated and Instantly a sledge hammer was placed in the hands of Speaker Douglass, who with one powerful stroke smashed in the great oak

panel and with a few- more well directed blows battered down the thick doors. A populist guard inside raised his Win chester and was about to fire when he was covered by two revolvers in the hands of a republican assistant sergeant-at-arms and

retreated. The republicans rushed into the hall cheering wildly. Speaker Douglass ran to his deak, rapped the house to order and the roll was called and the house seclared in session, Immediately after the forcible seizure of the hali Adjutant General Artz issued an order calling the entire state militia under arms and ordered three companies and a battery of light artillery to come to Topeka at once by special trains. These troops with three volunteer companies of sixty men each composed of citizens of Topeka, all populists, were mustered in at 3 this afternoon, and are now in possession of the capitol building and grounds and are guarding the state arsenal.

At Phitadelphia-Arrived-Pennsylvania,

The populist house did not attempt to meet