Witnesses Detail the Operations of the Knoz County Cattle Thieves.

HAD BEEN WORKING THE GAME FOR YEARS

Levi and Blum, Who Confessed, Testify that the Outfit Had Been in Existence Three Years at Least-Rothwells Deny It.

Nelign, Neb., Dec. 8 .- [Special Telegram to THE HER |- In the Rothwell cattle stealing cases from Knox county the whole of yesterday and today were consumed by taking testimony. The prosecution showed by Witnesses Levi and Blum, who turned state's evidence, that the cattle were stolen by Lyons and Levi, who drove them to the ranch of the Rothwell brothers, two miles west of Creighton.

The evidence was that in Lyons' agreement with Thomas the cattle were to be driven to the stock yards at Creighton in time enough to ship in the morning; if they did not get there they were to leave them at Rothwell's ranch, where they would be tagen care of. They left the cattle there and Levi talked with Jim Rothwell about them. Jim asked Levi if he was the man who fetched the Thomas cattle down, and told him he was. Levi then went back to Lyons' place.

Recovered by the Owners.

The cattle were driver into the stock yards at Creighton by O'Connell, who was working for Jim Rothwell and were found there by Nelson, from whom they were stolen. Nelson came down on the train the callle were to be shipped out on and identi-fied and claimed the cattle.

The evidence of both parties shows that Lyens was induced to skip the country, but that Levi refused to do so. Also that one Gross took out \$100 and gave it to Lyons to skip with and drove Rothwell's team out. and back. Gross was Thomas' foreman. Thomas was a cattle buyer at Verdigree and had a ranch near there. He is a brother-inlaw of the Rothwells.

Levi stated that he had been working for

Lyons for three years and during all that time had been stealing cattle for them. Blum also testified he had been stealing cattle for the Rothwell-Thomas Lyons outfit for years, and stole some on his own hook and ran away and then came back and com-promised by giving up the money. Rothwells Deny Complicity.

testified that for six weeks before the day the cattle were brought in to ship he was to the east at the World's fair and Connecticut and knew nothing about the affairs of the ranch. He came home a day or two before the cattle were brought in.

James Rothwell's testimony was a general

denial of all connections with the cattle ex-cept to ship them for Thomas, but the cross-examination brought out many facts that fully corroborated the testimony of Levi and Blum as well as Nelson and others. The state is calling witnesses in rebuttal.

NEBRASKA CHICKEN FANCIERS.

wards Made in the Annual State Association Meeting at Bastings.

HASTINGS, Dec. 8 .- | Special to THE BEE. The Southern Nebraska Poultry and Pet Stock association closed its annual show and meeting here tonight, after a three days session. Last night the annual election was held and these officers were chosen: President, E. C. Blowers of Edgar; first vice president, J. B. Campbell of Hastings; sec-ond vice president, W. J. Ohlbeiser of Junista; secretary, J. A. Howard of Edgar; treasurer, C. H. Searle of Edgar. The awards announced this morning are:

Edgar positry vards, Edgar, second on pen Indian games, first on pair Indian games, first on cockerel, Indian games, first on pullet, Black Langshan, first on pair Brown Lerborn, first on pair Red Caps, first on pullet and first on pair Silver Laced Wyandottes, first on pair Light Brahmas, second on hen, first on hen and second on pullet, Partridge Cochin, first and second on hen, first on pullet, second on pullet, White

B. Campbell. Hastings, first on pen Cornish Indian games : first on hen, Partridge Cochin; second on pair.

Spicer, Harvard, second on pullet. Light Brahmas; first on cock and first on Light Brahmas: first on pair; second on hen; honorable mention on pullet, Partridge Cochin; first on pullet, first on cockerel, artridge Cochln. Julius Beeck, Grand Island, second on pair

Ben Binke, Hastings, first on hen, Indian

J. W. Drury, Bloomington, first on cock, second on hen, Black Langshan; first on pullet, second on cockerel, Light Brahmas. A. T. Malley, Hastings, first on pair Black Langsbans.

C. A. Coe, Burress, first on pair; first on cock; second on cock, Silver Laced Wyandottes.
D. M. McFarren, Juniata, first on pair Dark Brahmas. W. Miles, first on pair Black Breasted

I. A. Hall, second on cockerel, Partridge

The place of the next meeting and show has not been determined, but it will be settled at least three months before the next meeting, to beld in the second week in De

For Charity's Sake. FREMONT, Dec. S .- [Special to THE BEE.]

The charity ball given under the auspices of the Charity club of this city was held last night. The results were very satisfactory, netting the club over \$400.

The physician who is attending young Osterman, who was shot near Arlington Wednesday night, reports that his wounds are not necessarily fatal. The only wound that is at all serious is the one in his left breast, from which the pullet has not yet been extracted. There seems to be no doubthat the plea of self-defense may be well sustained as Osterman seemed to be the

The Congregational society, under the lead of its indefatigable pastor, Rev. Mr. Buss, is organizing in the interests of charity and a committee of ladies will be at nted on Sunday to canvass the city to locate those who require assistance.

The Christian evangelists, Speck and Birdsal, are awakening a lively interest at Women's Christian Temperance union temple and the meetings are increasing in atattendance as well as enthusiasm.

Walter F. Brown and Miss Lillie E. Dickerson of North Bend were married County Judge Plambeck yesterday.

Interesting Fairmont G. A. R. Meeting. FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 8 .- [Special to THE BEE |-At the regular annual meeting of W. A. Webb post No. 18, Grand Army of the Republic, the following officere were elected: B. Thompson, commander; G. C. Maxfield, senior vice commander; A. C. Herrott junior vice commander; Dr. A. B. Braselton surgeon; O. J. Morfitt, coaptain; O. J. Cox, officer of the day, and John Thompson, guard. Comrade William Shanklin, one of the charter members of the post who move to Washington six years ago, presented the post with a beautiful gavel which he had Ashley made the presentation speech.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 8 - Special Telegram to THE BEE |-There was a large meeting of the leading educators of western Nebraska here today. State Superintendent Goud) and Mrs. Goudy were here and expressed themselves as surprised at the thorough work done here under the instruction of Superintendent Valentine. The superinrendents of the various counties in western Nebraska were here, and this evening Minard's opera house was filled to overflow ing with the citizens, who listened to ad dresses by Superintendent Goudy, Mrs. Goudy and others.

Charged an Editor with Libel. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 8 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE |-Heary Huckins, editor of the Independent, was arrested this after-

HOW THE STOCK WAS STOLEN | noon on the charge of criminal libel, pre-ferred by Mayor H. H. Bartling. The al-leged libel appeared in the Independent a few evenings ago, wherein Bartling was accused of accepting bribes. The charge refers to incase collected from gambling houses. Huckins contends that gambling is a felony under the state law, and a ficense is nothing but hush money. Huckins gave bond. Attorneys have been retained, and a bot fell is in presented. hot fight is in prospect.

Y. M. C. A. IN SESSION.

Opening of the Annual Convention of State

Associations at Fremont. FREMONT, Dec. 8 .- [Special to THE BEE.] Delegates to the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association have been arriving on every train during the day. and their headquarters in this city have been a scene of lively interest to those con-They admire the magnificent quarters of the local organization, and many have expressed a determination to emulate them their own cities.

There are already on the grounds many notables from other states, including Edwin L. Hamilton of New York, Robert Weidensall, retary of the international committee, F. Peck, general secretary of the Des nes association, Major Elijah Halford and others.

The general secretaries of the state pres-ent, held a very interesting meeting at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association this morning to map out state work and discuss matters of interest to the organ-ization. There were present, S. D. Adkins of Columbus, J. S. Miller of Grand Island, C. F. Rideout of North Platte, and L. T. Haven of the Omaha association. After a short and interesting session they adjourned to meet again in the morning. again in the morning.

The opening exercises and organization of the convention were to have taken place at an afternoon session, but on account of the few delegates present there was no meeting. The evening session was commenced by a short conference and prayer services in the pariors of the Congregational shurch, where the convention is held. There was singing by the full choir, after scripture reading by Rev. Mr. Buss and an invocation by Presi dent Warren of Gates college.

Major Halford for Chairman.

President Williams called for the report of the nominating committee which was as follows: Chairman, Major Elijah Halford, of Omaha; vice chairman, C. M. Williams, of Fremont; secretary, Fred Abell, Omaha; assistant secretary, F. F. Tucker, of Lincoln. The report was unanimously adopted.

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Rev. Mr. Browne on behalf of the churches of the city welcomed the members of the Young Men's Christian association organization to their city and their homes. George L. Loomis on behalf of the business men of the city, in an earnest and eloquent manner, welcomed all to the hearthstones and hearts of the city. The guests were advised that they had freedom of the city to its fullest extent and the keys were placed in their hands. President Samuel J. Rothwell, on his own behalf, keys were placed in their hands. President Reynolds of the local organization extended earty welcome in the name of the young

Christains of the city.

The response to three nearty welcomes was made by Robert Wiedensell. He culogized the public spirited citizens of Frenont, and commended their Christian integrity and enthusiasm. He spoke in glo w-ing terms of the record being made by the organization he represents, and declared that in welcoming them to this city they were entertaining representatives of the grandest band of men that the world ever

The secretaries of the Columbus, Blair, Crete, Fairbury, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Lincoln, North Platte, Neligh, Omaha and Beatrice associations made very encouraging reports of the work of the past year. Most of them reported great gains in membership and increase in interest.

What a Young Man is Worth.

The interest of the evening centered in the address of Major Halford of Omaha, on "The Association and Its Work." He culo-"The Association and its work." He emogized the city of Fremont and considered it a happy opportunity to make his initial Nebraska bow to the people of a city with that name. It was his great pleasure to hand to its illustrious namesake the commission from the president of the United States that restored him in his old age to the army that he had henored, and from which he had been developed. His lecture was the conbeen dropped. His lecture was the consideration of man as he is, was, and should be and he canvassed his capabilities and destines from the human standpoint as well as the divine. He was not here to promise any eulogium or panegyric on the Young Men's Christian association. He would say, as Daniel Webster said on Massachusetts, it speaks for itself. The young men of a city are the city's best assets, and perly handled they are its hope and its \$1,550 in the light of political economy, and ording to that should the total prosperity of the university be wiped out and man should remain there would still be \$90. 000,000,000 of actual wealth on the surface of the earth. From this he figured the value of the young men who were permitted to run wild and go to destruction. His address was most attentively followed and greatly

Hebron Hotel Damaged by Fire. HEBRON, Neb., Dec. S .- [Special to THE Brg.] -About 8 o'clock last night smoke was discovered issuing from the Commercial hotel. Hook and Ladder company No. 1 responded, and after two hours of bard work

the fire was extinguished. Loss \$1,000, covered by insurance in London, Liverpool and Globe and the North American. The Thayer county Society of Christian Endeavor has just closed a very pleasant and profitable convention of four days dura-

It is reported upon reliable authority that George Wasson is slated for the deputy treasurership under William H. Ellison, treasurer-elect. The same is true of Fred . Hensel for deputy county clerk. Sheriff-elect Alfred Lindsey of Chester

was in town today, County Clerk-elect G. G. Pratt of Davenort is making arrangements to remove his amily to this city.

The Board of County Commissioners is in session and has fixed the amount of W. H.

Ellison's bond at \$125,000.

Mrs. C. M. Weiss is visiting friends in Attorney M. H. Weiss is in Omaha.

D. L. Bartlett, jr., of St. Joseph is in william Y. Thornbury has returned from

Lost His Two Children.

HASTINGS, Dec. 8 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Frank, the youngest and only remaining child of W. R. Snyder, died this morning of diphtheria, making the fourth death in this city from that disease. Mr Snyder's other child, Claude, died a couple of weeks ago of the same disease, and he himself has been very sick with it, but has about recovered. No other cases are appre-

Western Pensions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Special to THE

BEE 1-The following pensions granted are reported:

reported:

Issue of November 21. Nebraska: Original-Richard A. Maloney, Madison, Madison. Original widows, etc.—Nancy Miles.
Lincoln, Lancaster: Samuel P. Cason (father) Broken Bow, Custer.

Iowa: Original—Addisor J. Booth, Cedar Valley, Cedar; William H. Crammer, Prescent, Adams, Panagal and Ingrass. cott, Adams Renewal and increase— Reuben M. Todd, Vinton, Benton. Increase George Ingram, Seymour, Wayne; Cyrus E. Hunter, Pomeroy, Calhoun; Samuel Smith, DeWitt, Clinton; David L. Needham, Guthrie Center, Guthrie, Original widows, -Mary Green, Ottumwa, Wapello tha J. Wilson, Promise City, Wayne; Martha J. Wilson, Promise City, Wayne; Flora E. McElroy, Tabor, Fremont: Char-iotto Bowman, Lisbon, Linn, Renewal— Martha Fain, Moulton, Appanoose, Issue of November 22, Nebraska: Restora-

tion, reissue and increase Samuel M. Van over. Auburn, Nemaha. Increase—Irvin J Childs, Benkelman, Dundy; George Hartley Beatrice, Gage. lowa: Original-Eli Overpeck, Clinton

Clinton; Peter Hart, Sioux Rapids, Buena Vista. Additional—Levi H. Olney, Clinton, Clinton Increase—Daniel Pickens, Siduey, Fremont; Charles Magoon, Mason City, Cerro Gordo: Robert W. Guthrie, Tunnel, Hamilton. Original widows, etc.—Johanna Toohey, Strand, Adams. Mexican war survivors: Increase-Saxton Webster, Inde-pendence, Buchanan.

A cough, cold or sore throat should not be neglected. Brown's Bronchial Troches are a simple remedy and give prompt relief. 2)

MUST SEITLE WITH THE CITY

Lincoln's Controversy with the Street Railway Company Nearing an End.

PROGRESS OF THE TELEPHONE WAR

Subscribers Engaged in an Interesting Discussion on the Subject of Reducing Rates.

LINCOLN, Dec. 8 .- [Special to Tau Bau]-The controversy between the city of Lincoln and the Lincoln Street Rallway company is nearly closed and the result of the case taken up by Judge Strode today will end the matter. The case now on trial was instituted by the street railway company last February, when it applied for an injunction to restrain the city treasurer from collecting the assessment against the company for its share of the paving on the streets occupied by its lines. The street railway company does not deny that it owes its share of the expense of paying, but it does claim that the cost of grading shall not be taxed up against it. It also claims that it cannot be required to pay for the paving between the rails for the reason that it was never notified so to the reason that it was never notined so to do under the provisions of the city enarter. The street railway owes the city about \$20,000 and this amount it has withheld pending the settlement of the controversy over the limbility of the company for the grading expenses. Some few weeks ago the city treasurer issued a distress warrant and threatened to assume control of the system. At that time the company gave here is for the At that time the company gave bon is for the payment of the assessments. Now the only thing left of the controversy is the suit commenced before Judge Strode today.

Progress of the Telephone War.

The telephone war has reached that advanced stage in which both sides have com-menced to write open letters to the news-papers. A few days since President Yost of the Nebraska Telephone company published in the Lincoln papers a statement in which he argued that his company could not afford to make any radical reduction in rentals at the present time and that some important improvements, including a new building, a new and improved switchboard and underground wires, were in store for Lincoln. Today J. H. Harley, who is at the head and front of the citizens' movement, publishes a reply in which he presents many figures which bolster up his cause. He quotes figures showing that at the present time the citizens of Lincoln are paying all the way from \$3 to \$7.50 per month for telephones. n the meantime, hostilities have ceased, thile Attorneys G. M. Lambertson and J. R. Webster, who have been employed by the city council, are writing an opinion as to the legality of an ordinance reducing the rates. Got a Requisition.

Captain Mostyn of the Omaha police force called at the office of Governor Crounse today and secured a requisition for the return of Fred E. Luechezy, the young man arrested yesterday in New York City, and who is charged with the crime of embezzlement by the American News company. Mostyn with start for New York for his prisoner. tyn will start for New York for his prisoner at once. Will Occupy New Quarters.

The arrival of the Nebraska World's fair

exhibit at the state house will make several changes necessary in the offices of the State Board of Agriculture, the state banking de-partment and the oil inspection depart-ment. For some time the banking depart-ment has occupied rooms in the quarters as-signed to the agricultural board. The banking department has been transferred to the rooms assigned a few years ago to the oil inspection department, but have not beer used by that department for the past year. Back from the Reform School.

The two Fedawa girls, who gave the police so much trouble many months ago, are at home again, after several months sojourn at the Girls Industrial school at Geneva. They are now regarded as models of deportment and propriety, and their stay at the school has made an almost complete change in their habits. Superintendent McKelvey states that on the day the girls came to that institution with Sheriff McClay they wer inclined to be boisterous. They commence to rebel the moment they entered the institution, but he told them very firmly that their conduct would not be tolerated for a moment. His stern methods quieted then effectually, and in fifteen minutes they perfectly willing to abide by the rules of the institution. Since that time they have studied diligently and have shown every evidence that they have completely re-

Robbed a Grocery Store.

The grocery and drug store of L. J. Fowler at 820 South Sixteenth street was robbed by two men shortly after 10 o'clock last night although the fact was not discovered until this morning. The thieves effected an entrance by breaking a pane of glass in the front door. Once on the inside they helped themselves to flour, canned goods, groceries of every description, cigars and a large een by a motorman on a passing car, but he failed to give the alarm.

Lincoln in Brief,

The Lincoln Light infantry has prepared for an elaborate entertainment at represent-ative hall at the state bouse next Thursday evening. The program will consist of a promenade concert by the Nebraska State band, and exhibition drill and music and

The cases against the local engineers ar rested yesterday evening for alleged violation of the city ordinance have been post-poned until the 18th inst. It is hinted that the engineers have employed attorneys and will-make a hard fight.
The sash and blind factory of Janes &

Ainsworth will be greatly enlarged by the formation of a new company, which will add \$30,000 to the present equipment. Mayor Weir today filed with the city clerk his veto of the resolution passed by the council, giving the free use of the council chamber to the members of the Progressive society. The society in question is a non-political organization, formed for the purpose of discussing social and economic

questions. Officer Pound of the city police force went to Beatrice this afternoon with a warrant for the avrest of Isaac Whitman, who is wanted for complicity in the robbery of the store at Malcolm several weeks

John Herring, the man arrested for selling mortgaged property, was brought back from Illinois last night. He will be tried before Judge Brown tomorrow afternoon.

LINCOLN'S POSTOFFICE.

People Down There Expect the Successor to Editor Gere to Be Named Today. Lincoln. Dec. 8.--[Special to Tag Ber.]-In discussing the postoffice appointment the News this evening says:

All reports from Washington agree that the postoffice fight has narrowed down to a contest between D. W. Huff and H. J. Whitmore. If these be true, and private lifting to the News are to the same effect, this paper is willing to these be true, and private liferies to the News are to the same effect, this paper is willing to risk its reputation as a prophet by stating that b. W. Huff will be the next postmaster of Lincoln. When the inside history of this fight is written, if it ever is written in all its details, it will be the indicest kind of reading. J. D. Calhoun would have been the man without a doubt if it had not been for his fight for Bryan as against the pie dealers. After him H. J. Whitmore, who has led many a foriora democratic hope from pure devotion to party, was next in succession. But Isnac Oppenheimer loc med up on the scene, and his stock speedily took a boom because of the endorsement he received at the hands of leading members of the party, and for a time it looked as though he was going to knock the plum. D. W. Huff was at one time a candidate for the office, but months ago dropped out, and, it is stated, endorsed Calhoun's papers. A few weeks ago he received a tip from headquarters that it would be a very good idea for him to circulate a petition among the prominent business and professional men of the city. He took the him and went to rustling. The papers were sent a few days ago and arrived in Washington ahead of iton. Tobe Castor.

A well known democrat who stands very near the throne of Clevelandism in this county gave the following tip to the News. It sounds peetty straight, and here goes: "If you have any money to wager it on the Castor represents the Burlington in democrate polities. Mr. Huff's son-in-iaw is the chief clerk of Mr. Calvert, the Burlington superintendent, as well as being a warm personal friend. The Burlington influence was thrown to Huff, and Castor represents the Burlington superintendent, as well as being a warm personal friend. The

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK



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Boys' Ulsters..... HALF PRICE For this SATURDAY One day.

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These are Half Prices.

Boys' Long Pant Suits, a ges 14 to 18, at \$3.00 to \$10.00 Boys' Overcoats, ages 21/2 to 11, at \$2.25 to \$6.25 Youth's Usters, ages 14 to 18 at \$6.25 to \$10 Boys' Ulsters, ages 6 to \$3.25 to \$6.25

Those Are Half Prices.

The prices may seem small but you're perfectly safe in buying them, as everybody knows, who attended our last Saturday's sale, that Half Price means just what it says when we say it.

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Mr. Huff is also backed by N. S. Harwood, who is one of the stalwarts of stalwart administration men. Oppenheimer's friends say that, aside from any personal friendship toward Huff, the latter is under financial obligations to Harwood's bank, and that is one reason why Harwood wants to see Huff in. Oppenheimer, too, is a debtor to the bank, but he was unfortunate enough to owe too small a sum. With these influences and the fact that both have a great deal of weight with J. Sterling Morton, who can name the next postmaster if he wishes, lead to the belief, aside from a pretty straight tip from one of Mr. Castor's ter if he wishes, lead to the bellef, aside from a pretty straight tip from one of Mr. Castor's closest friends, that Huff is the man.

"Mr. Whitmore will, however, be given a consolation prize in the shape of either register or receiver or the land office, which, now that the Grand Island office has been consolidated with the Lincoln one, makes either office worth \$2,500 a year. It is true the postoffice is worth \$3,200, and involves less work and worry, but a land office sit is not to be sneezed at. I do not know anything definite about the matter, but I would be willing to wager that Mr. Harwood will take care of Oppenheimer in the government building somewhere. You may also put it down in your book that

"You may also put it down in your book that F. W. Redford, the present deputy postmaster, will remain in that position during the incumbency of Mr. Hoff. The reason for this is not difficult to conjecture when one takes the trouble to look up the records to find out what bank was the largest creditor when Mr. Redford had the misfortune to fall in business some years ago. The same bank influence, it will be remembered, was said to have been behind Mr. Redford in his candidacy for register of deeds before the last republican convention, and for the same reasons that will hold him in his present position. Those are other particulars about this matter, connected with the deal by which Mr. Gere secured certain influence in exchange for a promise when he was a candidate four years ago, that can be obtained if you ago, that can be obtained if you care to go after them, but they are not exactly germane to this case. Watkins, you may state, has never had a petition in for the postoffice, but has simply been holding up a lightning rod in hopes. The postmastership will be settled within the next day or two, or at farthest the first part of next

week."
Another democratic authority declares that
the deal is as follows: Huff for postmaster,
Whitmore for deputy district attorney, Oppenheimer for one of the land office jobs and a
Grand Island man for the other.

She Was Not Guilty.

HASTINGS, Dec. 8 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE]-Miss Susie Walker, the Hastings school teacher who was arrested some time ago for whipping Pete Fisher, the 12year-old son of Jacob Fisher, was today brought up before Justice Rohrer and ac-quitted. It is understood that she is going to bring suit against Fisher for damages.

FOR THE POOR.

Christmas Sale by the Ladies of the St. Mary's Avenue Church. An annual Christmas sale of fancy articles and toys was held at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church last evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. In honor of the occasion the church pariors were tastefully decorated and a couple of hundred members and their friends were present to enjoy the entertainment and take a look at the dainty articles offered for sale. A new feature in evening entertainments was introduced in the shape of a phonograph concert. A large sized Edison phonograph reproduced popular songs, much to the amusement of those present.

tion to the satisfaction of all. Several booths were scattered about the large pariors, all handsomely decorated. The doit booth was presided over by Mrs.
Pettibone. Coffee, chocolate and tea were served by Mesdames Connor, Patterson, Squires and Blake At the fancy table were Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Ely and Mrs. Manning. Naturally, the candy booth was the great-

The hostess of the evening was Mrs. F. A. Dawes, who fulfilled the duties of her posi-

est attraction, especially for the young peo-ple. This elegant display of sweets was in charge of the Misses Hulbart and Chass, and it is hardly necessary to say that they made a success of it, as they have always done heretofore. The profits derived from the sale will be given to charity.

EVIDENCE AGAINST MACLEOD

Secretary Gillan Gives the Committee Facts that Look Bad.

CITES OVERCHARGES AND DUPLICATES

Contractors Perfectly Willing to Be Docked on Bills O. K.'d by Macleod-Disregarded Instructions of the Board

The special committee appointed by the Board of Education to investigate the official transactions of Samuel Macleon, superintendent of buildings, began its inquisition last evening. The charges will be considered in their regular order and all the evidence on each count will be received before another is taken up.

The first charge, that of purchasing materials without authority from the board. was considered last night and the evidence completed as far as the prosecution was concerned. James B. Meikle, the recently elected attorney for the board, conducted the prosecution and A. S. Churchill appeared for Mr. Macleod. Much of the time was occupied by discussions as to the admissibility of evidence, so that only two witnesses were examined during the session.

The first witness was J. M. Gillan, secretary of the board. He was called on to produce the records of the meetings of the board held on April 8 and April 17, when the resolution relating to the purchase of material by the superintendent was introduced and passed. The resolution provided that thereafter all bills should be ascompanied by a written order signed by the secretary or by the committee authorizing the pur-chase. This was afterward supplemented by a resolution by Mr. Knodell, which di rected the secretary to supply the superin tendent with blanks which should be filled out with the required requisition and then signed by the secretary under the direction of the committee on buildings and property Overcharges and Duplicates.

Mr. Gilian testified that he had the blanks printed as directed by the resolution, and turned them over to Mr. Macieod. The latter had used one blank on the first day after they were printed, and had then neglected to use any blanks until during the past ter or fifteen days since the investigation had been decided on. He had said that the reason why he did not use them was that the blanks contained no space for the inser-tion of the name of the merchant of whom the goods were to be purchased. while he had used an old order be signed for the use of the secretary, but after that was up he had simply ordered materials as he saw fit, without obtaining an order of

any kind from the secretary. In response to a question the witness stated that Maclood was the only employe of the board who ordered supplies without a written requisition signed by the secretary er upon an order from a committee of the board. The bills for the materials purchased by Macleod were O. K. d by him and turned over to the committee. A number of in-stances had occurred where Macleod had O. K 'd two bills for identically the same material Instances of overcharge had also been found. The witness remembered one bill of something over \$50 for building a flight of steps. It was O. K.'d by Macleod and was ordered paid on his recommendation and was ordered paid on his recommendation.

When the witness handed the contractor his warrant he asked him if it was not pretty steep, and the man replied that he guessed it was as he had not figured it very close and he cheerfully consented to a rebate of \$10 on the bill. A number of bills for lumber had also gone through on Mac-

lead's O. K. which the witness considered exorbitant. He remembered several in-stances where Macleod had O. K'd bills for umber in which it was afterwards found hat the prices were in excess of those speci

fled in the contract with the lumber company. No Means of Detecting Errors.

Until the last meeting of the board there and been no limit on the amount of material which the superintendent of buildings could purchase. Hardware had been ordered by dacheod at his own discretion and the bill O. K. d by him as in the case of lumber. There were no means of detecting errors in these bills, except in the case of duplicates. Most of the supplies had been purchased from retail dealers and there was no way of detecting overcharges, except in lumber, which was bought under a specified

contract. The witness was subjected to a long crossexamination by the defense, but no addi-tional facts of any importance were elicited. He was asked to go over all the bills which had been introduced in evidence and point out the errors to which he had referred in his direct examination. This occupied some time and several instances were pointed out. Frank M. Woolley, formerly superin-

tendent of buildings, was put on the stand to tell whether he had procured orders from the secretary before buying materials. His testimony was objected to by the defense on the ground that his experience antedated the rule which was alleged to be broken and the objection was sustained.

Hoover Got Verbal Orders Only. Matt Hoover, who was foreman of repairs under Macleod until about a month ago, was the next witness. He testified that he had held that position from 1872 until the day after the recent election, when he was discharged by Macleod. He had often ordered materials under the direction of the superin-tendent. Under former superintendents of buildings he had been provided with an order signed by the secretary when he was sent after supplies, but since Macleod was appointed he had seen only a few. Some-times Macleod would give him an order signed by himself and at other tin would simply tell him to go and get what he

wanted. At this point Mr. Meikle announced that he had finished the introduction of evidence as far as this count was concerned and an adjournment was taken until tonight when Macleod will have an inning.

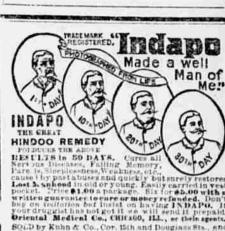
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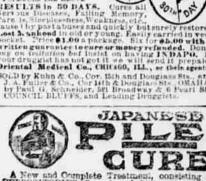
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