HAD SUFFERED SUFFICIENTLY

Mrs. Anna Mason Pardoned for the Murder of Delavan Oole.

REVIEW OF THE REMARKABLE CASE

Peculiar Influence Exerted by the Unfortunate Women Over the Female Prisoners in the Penitentiary-She Accomplished Much Good,

LINCOLN, Dec. 15 .- (Special to THE BEE.) Governor Crounse this forenoon signed a free and unconditional pardon for Mrs. Anna B. Mason, the young married woman convicted of manslaughter at Hastings for the murder of Delavan S. Cole, one of the prominent citizens of that town. Mrs. Mason was received at the state penitentiary on January 23 of the present year and has rapidly failed in health ever since. The petition for her pardon was signed by 800 of the leading citizens of Adams county and Governor Crounse is in receipt of a letter from Judge Beal, who presided at her trial, in which he states that had she not confessed to the killing of Cole she could not have been convicted in any county in the state. The subsequent trial and acquittal of Mrs. Mason's husband, who was an accessory in the crime, leads Judge Beal to unite in the recommendation that the woman be pardoned.

Mrs. Mason is suffering from consump-tion and evidently has but a short time to live. She is also suffering from the effects of a delicate and serious surgical operation performed upon her a few days since. She was re acced from the pentientiary to Tabitha hospital, and as soon as she is well snough to travel she will be taken to her infant children and aged mother at Hastings. End of a Celebrated Case.

The pardon of Mrs. Mason closes one of the most celebrated cases in the criminal annals of Nebraska. Mrs. Mason, according to her own statement, had been seduced by the man whom she afterwards killed. This occurred when she was only 15 years old. She continued her relations with Cole for several years, and had been promised a deed to a farm in Adams county as a partial re-compense for the sacrific of her virtue. Finally she married her present husband. It is claimed that she continued her relations with Cole even after her marriage. She had been urging him for weeks to fulfill his promises and he finally refused. Her husband, aware of her relations with Cole. practically compelled her to murder the old man. She did so, and in a manner that left no suspicion against herself. In all prob-ability she would have never been accused of the crime but for a singular fact. She commenced to attend a series of religious meetings held near her own home and became profoundly interested. She finally professed religion and to a Suntay school missionary living at Hastings, Mr. Charles Kelsey, she told the story of her crime and stated that she wished to make a full confession to the authorities. She was so carnest that those who learned her story became convinced of its truthfulness and a meeting was arranged between her and Deputy Sheriff Boyd of Adams county. Her arrest, trial and con-viction are still of recent memory.

Her Conduct in the Penitentlary. Mrs. Mason was incarcerated in the state penitentiary on January 23 of the present pententiary on January 23 of the present year to serve a four years sentence. Had she served the full four years she would have been at liberty on January 23, 1897. Making allowance for her good time she would have been free on February 17, 1896. She was 25 years old and her presence among the other female mmates at the pententary produced a marked im-ression. She talked almest constants pression. She talked almost constantly upon religious subjects and soon converted nearly all the inmates of her own sex to her way of thinking. Then she instituted a series of prayer meetings, and several nights in the week the female inmates of the insti-tution would engage in singing and praying until a late hour. A deep religious fervor pervaded the female ward and the hardened characters from the slums, convicted of erimes too shocking to mention, became the was visited several times by Mr. Kelsey, the missionary, who first received her confession, and he has been untiring in his efforts to secure her pardon.

Petty Thieving at the Capitol.

For some time the officials and clerks at the state house have been annoyed by the acts of some petty thief who has made a systematic practice of forcing the locks of their desks at night and abstracting postage stamps and other articles of value. The stamps and other articles of value sufferers have been the State Banking Board, the State Board of Agricul-ture and the oil department. Mr. Townley and Mr. Shaffer of the banking and agricultural departments, respectively, addressed letters to the secretary of state in forming him of the thefts. Secretary Aller with the request that some action be taken in the premises. An investigation will doubt-less follow for the charges are made with a directness which makes an evasion impossi

Saed for Breach of Promise.

Mrs. Jennie Reed of this city has sued William H. Nelson for \$10,000 damages for his failure to keep his promise and marry her, as he agreed, and the people of Lincoln are talking about it to the exclusion of almost every other topic. Mrs. Reed is well known in this city, and is highly connected. She claims that Nelson came to live at the Home hotel, of which she is the proprietress, in July, 1892. Shortly after he estab-lished himself there he became ill with typhoid fever and she nursed him through a ckness of three months duration. knew that he was a married man, but he had already comulenced an action for a divorce from his wife. Finally he got well and the court gave him his divorce. Then he proposed to Mrs. Reed and she accepted him, the wedding to take place in October. He has changed his mind, and will have to explain to a jury why he did so. Nelson is a man of moderate means, and is worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Settled Out of Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy settled their trouble out of court. Murphy entered a plea of guilty in police court this morning to the charge of frequenting rooms of illrenute, and the girl acknowledged to the court that she was no better than she ought to be and both paid the customary fines. to be and both paid the customary fines.

Will Dance on the Excise Carpet. The excise board is once more engaged with the cases of a number of Lincoln druggists and saloon keepers who are accused of violating the liquor laws. The parties now under arrest (a) S. A. Shilling, C. A. Mc-Kenney, S. E. Roy, E. A. Mann and J. A. Hail. All are druggists. The saloon keepers are L. L. Lindsey and Ivisen & Lindsey. The accused all appeared before the police judge this morning and gave bonds in the n of \$100 each for their appearance on the h. The cases against Lindsey were continued to the 21st.

In the Courts.

James Botts, the colored man arrested at Washington, D. C., and brought back to Lincoln to answer to the charge of forgery, was acquitted late this evening.

In the case in which Mrs. Coberly sued the Missouri Pacific for \$5,000 for killing her little boy in this city about a year ago the jury today returned a verdict for the railroad The verdict created something of The case was hotly contested a sensation.

the general solicitors of the company coming to Lincoln to conduct the defense. C. W. Underwood and S. D. Learn commenced suit for damages against the city of Lincoln today for \$10,000 each. They were the men injured by the accident at the Autelope bridge some months ago. The executors of the estate of T. W.

Lowrey today commenced action in which they ask for a judgment of \$10,000 againt the H. T. Clarke Drug company on two promis-

The case against John Herring, who was today brought before Judge Brown for trial on the charge of grand larceny, came to a somewhat unexpected conclusion. Herring's attorney moved for a continuance on the grounds that his client had been kidnaped and brought back to Nebraska from Illinois without a lawful warrant. Governor Crounse Issued a requisition for Horring's return and it has since been discovered that Governor Airgeld of Illinois declined to honor it. The

officer surceeded in making Herring believe his warrant was lawful, nowever, and brought him back to Limoin. Judge Brown continued the case until the 25th in order that an investigation of facts may be made.

THE REAL PARTY LIVAY DECEMBER

Fire at the Peniteutiary. A slight fire was discovered at the peni-tentiary last night just as the convicts were being marched into their cell house. The blaze was located in the cooper shop and would have resulted in a much larger fire than the one some weeks ago had it not been discovered before it had gained any head-

The fire was discovered by a watchman whose duty it is to go through the shops immediately after the convicts leave. There is no doubt that some of the convicts deliberately attempted to fire the building. A hole had been made in the floor near the cor-ner and filled with inflammable material. Then a pile of light, dry wood had been placed over the hole and a lighted match dropped in. The watchman discovered the moke, and kicking away the kindling, ound the flames burning vigorously. The penitentiary authorities are making a rigid investigation.

Dr. C. L. Mullens of Eagle was this after-noon examined before United States Com-missioner Billingsley on the charge of sell-ing liquor without a federal license. He was held to the federal court in the sum of

James France, the man accused of robbing the rooms over Ivison's saloon night before last, was this morning held to the district court. In lieu of bonds he was taken to the county jail.

James McDonald, the man arrested yester-

James McDonald, the man arrested yester-day afternoon for stealing a cloak and other articles from the rooms of Miss Dora Wil-son, entered a plea of guilty and was sent to the county jail for thirty days.

The police are flattering themselves that they have at last got rid of C. H. Brockway. He was sent to the home of his brother in lows.

William Howard and Frank Duffield, two men captured by Policeman Mitchell last evening while entering a residence on C street, were this morning sentenced to ninety days imprisonment in the county iai!

Gossip at the State House.

Representative Davis of Cass county was a visitor at the state house today.

The case of William H. Crites against

The case of William H. Crites against Levi C. Hart and Anson Havens has reached the supreme court from Merrick county.

Custer county contributes to the supreme court calendar the case of T. P. Haley against James McCarty.

The Home Fire Insurance company of Omaha brings its case against John G. Arthur to the supreme court. The action originated in Thurston county.

H. A. Jandt et al against W. C. Beatly is the title of a Holt county case filed with the clerk of the supreme court today.

Another case filed with the clerk of the supreme court is entitled the American In-

supreme court is entitled the American Investment company of Emmettsburg, Ia., against Gregor McGregor and others.

Douglas county brings the case of Soren T. Peterson against Francis E. Reisdorph

to the supreme court. · Amended articles of incorporation of the ftaller Proprietary company of Blair in-creasing the capital stock to \$75,000 were filed in the office of the secretary of state this afternoon.

Articles incorporating the Nebraska Children's Home society were filed with the secretary of state this a ternoon. The society is organized for the purpose of securing homes for homeless, dependent or destitute homes for homeless, dependent or destitute children, the incorporators including Chief Justice Maxwell, W. P. Hellings, H J. Davis, John Williamson, G. S. Behawa, T. E. Cramblet, E. P. Quivey, J. B. Maxfield and Mrs. J. B. Jardine of Omaha; G. W. Crofts of Beatrice; Mrs. H. T. Davis and Mrs. Alonzo Hight of Columbus; P. W. Howe, L. P. Ludden, C. J. Ernst, C. A. Bentley and A. W. Henry of Lincoln, and James Whitehead of Broken Bow. The society is intended as an auxiliary to the society is intended as au auxiliary to the National Children's Home society and will make quarterly reports to that organization. The officers are: President, Samuel Maxwell; vice president, W. P. Hellings; secretary, L. P. Ludden; treasurer, G. S. Benawa; state superintendent, E. P. Quivey.

ROBBED BY HIS WIFE,

Peculiar Developments in a Case at Auburn, Neb.

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 15 .- [Special THE BEE.]-County court is now session here, with Judge Babcock of Beatrice presiding. Wednesday a peculiar case was tried. Some time ago James Wolf of Aspinwall had a young man who was working for him arrested and lodged in jail on the accusation of stealing \$100 from him. The young fellow had a preliminary hearing and in default of bail was placed in all, where he has spent three months. When the case came up for trial and all the witnesses were present, Wolf's little son, about 9 years of age, was placed on the stand and destified that his mother stole the money and told him not to tell, and said she would tell his father that it was the nired nan The father was completely astonished the case was dismissed, but it may cause some trouble yet, as the young man's friends are very bitter towards Wolf and his

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Coddington and sons, James, Harry, William and Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langford and baby departed Tuesday for Pomona, Cal., where they will make their future homes.

The typhoid fever and the grip are raging n this vicinity and there is scarcely a home that has not been visited by it. There have been no fatal cases. Prof. James R. Dye was stricken down very suddenly Monday night with some-thing similar to cholera. For a while death seemed mevitable, but finally his life was

WILL NOT DAMAGE STOCK.

Nebraska Farmers Well Prepared for the Approach of Cold Weather.

McCool Junction, Neb., Dec. 15 .- | Special o THE BEE. |-One of Nebraska's old-time snow storms is raging here. The snow is drifting. No damage will be done to stock, as farmers have provided well for shelter.

David City, Neb., Dec. 15.—[Special to The Bee.]—It is snowing here, with a high wind from the northwest. It is growing cold rapidly.

Fremont News Notes.

FREMONT, Dec. 15 .- [Special to THE BER.] The committee appointed by the city council to investigate the charges against Engineer Lord of the city water works held a session last night. The charges were for drunkenness and other irregularities pre ferred by Mr. Ferguson, who had been his assistant and had been discharged. Quite a number of witnesses were called, but the evidence was mild and evidently did not sustain all the charges. The committee took

the matter under advisement.

The divorce case commenced in the district court by Mrs. Olive L. Smith, daughter of Evangelist Wilson, against her husband. Rev. J. G. Smith of Appleton, Minn., has Two small fires called out the department

esterday, one at the east public school and the other a small barn.

The Standard Cattle company has surveyed a route for a new cut-off ditch across their ranch into the Platte river.

W. L. May of the broken banks of Hay

Springs and Rushville, although one of the old firm of May Bros. of this city, has had no financial connections with the firm during the past four years, and the firm has no in-terest whatever in W. L. May's banking en-

Wanted the Precinct Divided. COZAD, Neb., Dec. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Dawson county not being under township organization, it is divided for township organization, it is divided for political purposes into precinces for convenience in voting. Cozad precinct embraces a scope of country five miles wide, bounded on the south by the Platte river and extending northward a distance of about fourteen miles. The village of Cozad is situated in the extreme southern part, near the river. Until within the past few days all thoughts of a division of the precinct were but varue. A few radical populists circulated a petition praying the honorable Board of County Commissioners to divide the precinct on the north line of the village corporation, thus politically isolating the town. So quietly did they work that the town. So quietly did they work that the matter did not become public until the evening previous to the meeting of the county board. Injunction papers were, how-ever, served upon the members of the board at their meeting yeaterday to prevent their taking action on the same.

THEIR CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Matthew Akeson's Murderers See the Shadow of the Scaffold.

HARRY HILL BREAKS DOWN AT LAST

Admits that He Expects to Pay the Death Penalty for His Cowardly Crime-

All the Evidence Sub-

mitted.

PLATT'MOUTH, Neb., Dec. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The fate of Murderer Harry Hill will soon be known. The taking of testimony, both for the state and rebuttal, was concluded early this evening and the opposing counsel gave notice that they would be in readiness to make their arguments immediately after the convening

of court tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Attorney Byron Clark will open for the state, Matthew Gering will follow for the prisoner and County Attorney Travis will close for the state. The address of Mr. Gering is looked forward to as an oratorical effort of more than ordinary worth. He is an eloquent speaker and his plea for the prisoner will be all that he can possibly

The state will also be well cared for in the line of arguments as it has been in the evi-

When court convened this morning the de fense placed the accused on the stand as a witness in his own behalf. He began by stating that his name was Edward L. Smith and that he was born in South Carolina and was about 30 years of age.

Hill's Life Story. Then followed the course of his life since then followed the course of his life since he became a man, relating how he enlisted in the regular army and was assigned for duty at charlotte, S. C. After his term expired he removed to Washington, D. C., where, upon the recommendation of Senator Wade Hampton and a South Carolina con-gressman, the Commissioners of the District gressman, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia appointed him to a position on the police force. This position he held for two months, when he was discharged for drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer. From Washington his travels took him to Hagerstown, Md., New York City, Boston, Fort Logan, Colo., Denver, Greeley, Colo., Deadwood, Lincoln, Omaha, and thence to Weeping Water.

thence to Weeping Water. He related that while he was in the national capital he received a course of treattional capital he received a course of treat-ment for the liquor habit at a gold cure institute and at Denver he received treat-ment for the are habit from a physician. During all he rels his appetite for liquor appeared to be only limited by his finances or his luck in procuring it. He related his experiences with the post canteen and the ost traders while in the army at Charlotte, S. C., and Fort Logan, Colo., and if his story is at all accurate be has established a reputation for putting down strong drink second to no man in Nebraska.

His Work in Nebraska.

During the fall or winter of 1893 he turned up in Lincoln and procured employment with a railroad steel gang as a spiker and worked on the railroad two months. He then went to Omaha, where he worked for a month in the Missouri Pacific yards, after-wards for a contractor named Ritey and then for Jim Stephenson as a hackman. He then enlisted with a railroad gang and finally turned up at Union, where he met Benwell.

Together they went to Weeping Water, and then he related how they hired out to John Murphy to husk corn, for whom they worked six days. He told about visiting worked six days. He told about visiting Manly, drinking ginger ale, which was a nom de plume for beer, and then their visit to the Akeson farm in search of employment. On the day of the tragedy he and Benwell were in Weeping Water, where they played several games of pool, and while he drank sixteen or seventeen glasses of whisky.

On cross-examination he denied the particulars of Benwell's confession. They left Weeping Water on foot, he said, going in the direction of Akeson's. They practiced lodged in the fork of a tree and at a knot in he planking of a bridge. During all the time the witness was on

the stand he was visibly affected and at times so much so that he could scarcely Many People Present.

This afternoon's session was attended by so large a crowd that it was found necessary to lock the court room doors for fear of over-crowding the room. The prisoner was first placed on the stand and the state finished its cross-examination. The defense then offered in evidence an affidavit taken at Denver and sworn to by Isaac Frankenfield, regi mental quartermaster sergeant of the Seventh United States infantry, with headquarters at Fort Logan, Colo. Hill was an habitual drunkard while in the army and had the effect of slightly strengthening the plea spring by his coun sel, of dipsomania. This affidavit also stated that Hill served a year at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for par ticipating in a stabbing affray. Several wit nesses from Omaha followed.

J. W. Priest, Charles Moore, Orion Fair, Martin Miller, Oscar Hongland, Charles Fry, Joseph Steffen and Allen Coleman were put on the stand in the defendant's benan. Their testimony was also introduced in an endeavor to show that the prisoner was generally known as an habitual drunkard during the few months he lived in On aha

last spring. Expert Testimony.

The defense also placed some half dozen Plattsmouth physicians on the stand with the intention of showing that Hill, according to his own testimony, was a dipsomaniac, and that by reason of his presumed intoxi-cated condition he was not accountable for his actions at the Akeson farm. The testinony of the physicians, if anything, tended to strengthen the state's case.

The defense then rested and the state in troduced some seven witnesses in rebuttal.

Among the latter were Detectives Dempsey and Savage both of whom testified that in pursuance of their duty of looking after juestionable characters they had never imprisoned Hill for drunkenness. The Weeping Water saloon keeper from whom Hill stated that himself and Benwell had procured some sixteen drinks the afternoon of the tragedy swore that neither man took more than four drinks at his saloon and that they were to all appearances perfectly sober when they departed. Another of the state's witnesses who met and talked with the two murderers while they were walking toward Akeson farm testified that both were

This concluded the testimony in the most exciting murder trial in the history of Cass county and which may never have an equal, except in the arraignment of Benwell next

Hin's Confidence Shaken. Hill's self-confidence has suffered a rude

shock today. The trying ordeal of this morning was too much for him to bear, and when brought from the jail after dinner he was constantly in tears. During the afternoon session his breakdown was complete and he carried a handkerchief to his eyes a great portion of the time. His sobs were fre-

portion of the time. His sobs were frequently heard all over the court room.

The Bee correspondent saw him at the jail tonight and when he arose and came forward to taik from within his cell his eyes were red and swollen from a frequent flow of tears. He reiterated his complaints against the unfairness of his trial and stated that he had about given up all hopes that the verdict of the jury would be other. that the verdict of the jury would be other than that he should suffer the death pen-alty. His companion, Benwell, also feared that his fate would be the same. As a matter of fact, the guilt of the mer

has been positively proved and the general public will be disappointed if either pris-oner is accorded a sentence short of hanging.

David Cirr, Neb., Dec. 15 .- |Special to Fus Bee |-Scott brothers' hardware and implement store was closed this morning by W. E. Brown, who too's possession by virtue of a chattel mortgage of \$3,200. Other mortto the amount of \$1.600 have been Light business and slow collections are stated as the cause.

Thomas Wolfe, president of the First Na-

PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Don't let "What to give for Christmas bother

you." Come and see us, We'll solve the question for you easily and cheaply. This is going to be a utility Christmas season combined with the ornamental. We are ready to meet both demands. Our stock this year abounds with all the latest novelties in Jewelry, Silverware, Art Goods, Novelty Notions, China Ware, Japanese Ware, Cut Glass, Toys, Books, Blocks and Games for little folks, besides a wonderful assortment of general Dry Goods for Christmas

COMMENCING SATURDAY

and as long as they last, we will have general utility, serviceable bargains in every department for those who believe in practical Christmas giving. Note some of the specimen bargains and come prepared to buy liberally.

\$2.00 dress goods for \$1.00.

100 Dress patterns for \$3.50 a pattern; worth as high as \$10.00.

8-yard dress patterns for \$1.00.

Gross grain silk pattern, \$10.80.

Peau de Soie, Satin Duchesse or Faille Francaise dress patierns, \$12.00.

Men's \$3.00 underwear for \$1.50.

Men's \$2.00 ribbed underwear, \$1.25. Men's \$1.25 ribbed underwear, 75c.

New si'k umbrellas, \$2.00, \$2.50. \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

All \$1.50 colored embroidered fian-nels, 75c.

per cent under regular prices.

A fine \$10.00 linen cloth for \$5.00.

A lot of \$6.50 blankets for \$5.00.

A lot of \$5.00 blankets for \$4.00.

A lot of \$3.75 blankets for \$2.75.

All 75c French flannels for 45c.

A table of choice 50c china and bric-a-

A table containing china and bric-a

brac novelties worth as high as \$1, in

orac in the basement, choice for 25c.

A lot of \$10.00 and \$12.00 blankets for

Ladies \$10 suits for \$5.

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Beautiful assortment of them. Our sets of books,

Ladies' \$20 suits for \$10.

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Ladies' scolloped handkerchiefs with ilk initial, only oc.

Ladies' fine hand embroidered hand kerchiefs, 3 for 25c.

Very fine embroidered hemstitched

Ladies' Japanese silk, regular 25c

Men's large colored hemstitched handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c.

Large assortment of ail silk ribbons,

Concentrated perfumes for the hand-

All the popular toilet soaps 5c.

and scalloped handkerchiefs, worth as

high as 50c, choice 4 for \$1.0d.

ones, on sale, 2 for 35c.

pretty colors, 3 tc.

kerchief, only 17c ounce.

New jewelry at special prices.

A lot of soiled hoods that are worth up to \$1.00 and over for 15c.

Ladies' natural wool white vests, extra quality, at 19c,

Children's and misses' all wool drawers 121/2c.

Ladies' Swiss ribbed heavy weight black and natural vests and pants, \$2 goods for \$1.43.

CHRISTMAS GLOVE OFFER.

Commencing Saturday and as long as they last we offer a line of Biarritz gloves in blacks, tans and browns, real value \$1.25, for 65c a pair, and with 4 pairs we give a beautiful plush covered glove box.

The Morse Dry Goods Co.

tional bank, while skating on one of the ponds in the park, fell and fractured the bones of his left arm between the wrist and

Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, at its last regular meeting elected D. C. Reynolds, P. C.; J. R. Townsend, S. V. C.; R. C. Walter, J. V. C.; W. A. Russell, A. Q. M.; C. H. Sargent, surgeon.; G. H. Moulton, chaplain; W. E. Garlow, O. D.; George Pratt, O. G.; C. H. Sargent, delegate and A. Adkins alternate to state cheampment.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The Board of County Supervisors yesterday passed a resolution notifying the county attorney not to carry the cases of Dakota county against G. W. Wilkinson, ex-treasurer to the supreme These cases are to recover a deficit of \$15,000, claimed to be due the county by Simon Fritzson, an expert employed to in vestigate the records. At the recent term of the district court the jury acquitted Wilkinson of the charges. These cases have cost the county upwards of \$8,000.
The eldest son of ex-Postmaster Mansfield Homer while out hunting yesterday, in taking his gun from the buggy, accidentally discharged the load, the contents entering

his arm between the wrist and elbow. Amputation of the arm will probably follow. O'NEILL, Neo., Dec. 15 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-At a meeting held tonight for the purpose of electing officers for the militia company the following were elected: Captain, John H. Meridith; first lieutenant, Neil Brennan; second lieutenant, Clyde King; first sergeant, D. H. Cronin; second sergeant, John Lappin; third sergeant, Ed E. Evans; fourth sergeant, Samuel Thompson: fifth sergeant, Romaned Saunders quartermaster sergoant, Charles C. Hall; first corporal, E. M. Merriman; second corporal, Philip Sullivan; third corporal, A. Coy Kendall; fourth corporal, H Bentley

The state officers are reported up to muster the company into the state militia some

Deaths in Adams County.

HASTINGS, Dec. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Harriet, the wife of Louis Herman, one of the first settlers in the county died at the family home near Pauline today Mrs. Elizabeth Strower, aged 86, the mother of a well known Adams county tarmer, also died today. Roelf Gruers, aged 28, was buried in Hastings today.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 15, - Special to THE BEE. | -Some time during Thursday night

thieves broke into W. J. Patterson's restaurant and stole about 600 cigars and twenty pounds of chewing tobacco. With the Corrent Topic Club Owing to the disagreeable weather tife at-

endance at the weekly meeting of the Curcent Topic club was smaller than usual last evening. Major Elijah Halford was the principal speaker. He talked in a general was about the events of the week. spoke of the bomb throwing in the Chamber of Deputies in Paris, and gave a brief description of some of the leading deputies and of the Chamber. The speaker then referred to the precautions taken i Washington against such outrages and thought it a good idea, as such crime moved in waves and was liable to drift to this country. "Late reports," said the major, snow that there are 117,000 persons in thicage out of employment. This condition grows into revolts and rebellions against the existing conditions.", He then advocated that each one present do something, if cated that each one present do something, if ever so little, to ameliorate the suffering of the poor and helpless.

In speaking about Hawaii Major Halford said that he had no opinion to express and in his remarks only reviewed the newspaper

Died from Her Wounds. DENVER, Dec. 15 .- Ida Hall, who was fatally shot on Wednesday by her jexlous lover, Edward Hanfield, died at the county hospital this morning.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 15 -- Coroner M. Ershon has commenced examining witnesses in the case of John Giller. Sensational evidence is DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pills,

Sensational Evidence Expected

MACLEOD INQUIRY ENDED

Testimony of Builders that Bills Allowed by the Superintendent for Repairs Were Much Too High-Aute-Election Increase in Employes.

The ninth and last session of the special committee of investigation recently appointed by the Board of Education to shed light on the charges against Superintendent of Buildings Macleod was held last evening. The last three charges were not gone into in detail, as most of the members of the committee were anxious to finish the work These charges related to the difficulties be tween the superintendent. Mat Hoover and

Janitors Gablen and Garrabty. The greater part of last night's session was occupied with the charge of extravagance in repairs on school buildings.

Macleod's Brother as an Expert. M. G. Macleod, a brother of the superin tendent, was called to the stand in the character of an expert accountant. clared that he had gone over his brother's books and prepared a statement of the ex-penditures on the High school building. His ideas of the result seemed rather vague however, as he was continually prompted by Macleod's attorney. His evidence disclosed

no new facts. Secretary Gilian was called by Mr. Eigut ter and produced his books, which showed that \$2.383.42 and been spent for repairs on the High school building during the months in question. Mr. Gillian was shown the alleged estimate by Graham Park on the Webster school plumbing, which was intro-duced by the defense to show that the board had known what the work was going to cost The witness testified that the estimate had never been received by the board.

Mr. Morrison testified that the alleged

stimate had never been seen by the com mittee on buildings and property. The charge relating to extravagant ex-penditures for repairs at the Vinton school was taken up and Mr. Morrison described in detail all the repairs which the committee ness stated that \$150 would more than cover the expense authorized. This was less than half the amount that Macleod had expended according to the records of the board, and the following testimony of Mr. Elgutter and Secretary Gillan.

All Found Expenses Were Too High, Contractor A. F. Swickert, who helped huld the Vinton school, was called to esti mate the cost of the repairs made by Mac-leod. His figures were a few dollars under Mr. Morrison's estimate.

The defense did not choose to combat these figures, and the question of similar extrava-gance at the Jackson street supply house was considered. The testimony this case was a repetition of preceding. The highest estimate placed by witnesses on the expense of the repairs was about half what had been ex-pended by Mr. Macleod.

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The next specification charged the superintendent with having increased the number
of employes without authority during the
months of June, July and August. Mr. Macleod admitted that he had added a number
of employes without authority from the board, but pleaded the excuse that it was necessary for him to do it in view of the amount of work ordered.

number of employes was nine, in July twenty-three, and in August forty-six. Mr. Macleod stated that it was his intention to follow the directions of the board when he could, but sometimes he did not consider i advisable to do so.

It is not thought probable that the report
of the committee will be long delayed. It
may be offered at the next regular meeting advisable to do so.

How They Increased.

The records showed that in June

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