EASILY SECURED A JURY

Rapid Work in the Case of One of Akeson's Murderers.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY AGAINST BENWELL

Indications that the Death Penalty Wil He lufficted as in the Case of

His Companion Harry Hill,

PLATISMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Bur. |- The proceedings in the Benweil murder trial took an unexpected turn this moraing. After seventy-six talesmen had been called and examined, and while the defense had twelve remaining preemptory challenges and the state four, the counsel for the defense offered to accept the jury as it stood and County Attorney Travis accepted for the state.

The jurors selected together with their places of residence and occupations, are as follows: J. Z. Bower, farmer, Greenwood precinct; Paul Frolich, hotel keeper, Tipton Precinct: John Robbins sr. contractor, Platismouth: L. L. Turner, farmer, Stove Crock precinct: Charles Murlin, liveryman, Wabash: Ezra Murphy, farmer, Liberty pre-Wabash; Ezra Murphy, farmer, Liberty pre-cinct: Joseph Comningham, farmer, Elm-wood precinct: C. D. Chumins, lumoer dealer, Plattsmouth: John A. Gutsche, foreman B. & M. brass foundry, Platts-mouth; William Laughridze, blacksmith, Murray; Frank Rauth, farmer, Plattsmouth precinct; Richard Horsely, farmer, Platts-

mouth precinct.

County Attorney Travis made the opening statement for the state setting forth that the state would be able to show that the prisoner was a participant in the murder of tre oil farmer, Matt Akeson, and on that showing conviction would be asked. Mr. Gering on behalf of Benwell, waived his statement and Judge Chapman then ad-journed court until the afternoon at I p'clock, when the state commenced the in-

First Witness Against Benwell.

Charles Tigne, a young man about 18 years of age, was the first witness called. He testified that he lived about three and one half miles from Weeping Water. On the day of the tragedy he had gone to Weeping Water to get the mail and on the road near the town he met flill and Benwell. Return-ing he overtook the two men and had a short conversation with them concerning corn-husking. He then positively identified Ben-well as one of the two men. The witness was vigorously cross-examined by the de-fense, but his testimony was not shaken in

Dr. Dearing testified that he arrived at Akeson's at 8 o'clock on the morning after the tragedy and found the body lying in the north room. He examined the corpse and described the wounds and the course of the builet through the body. He stated that the wound would cause instant death.

P. S. Barnes of Weeping Water testified that he saw Hill and Benwell at Weeping Water two or three days before the day of the tragedy. On Saturday, October 28, the two men called at his feed store about 6 o'clock in the evening and he changed \$1 for Hill. Coroner J. i. Unruh related how he had visited the Akeson home on the night of the murder; how he had found the body and produced the fatal bullet which blotted out the life of Matthew Akeson. The bullet was found in the folds of the undershirt on the

Mrs. Ida Gentry testified that she was a daughter-in-law of the deceased and that she had lived in the vicinity of Akeson's for fifteen years. On the evening of November, she was at Akeson's and took supper with the family. Immediately after supper she departed for home and when outside heard footsteps, apparently coming from the direc-tion of the barn. She had proceeded a short distance homeward when she heard seven shots fired. She went home, a distance of a quarter of a mile, and immediately returned. She described the surroundings inside the house and told of the finding of three bullets which she identified. She identified Ben-well as one of the men who had worked for Akeson and stated that she had heard him give his name as John Benweii to Akeson

Maintained Her Position. The witness was vigorously cross-exam

Ined by Attorney Gering regarding her indentification of Benwell, but she mainained her first position. E. Rathour, an undertaker of Weeping Water, testified that he prepared the body of the murdered farmer for burial and that then he removed the clothing he found the

when he removed the clothing he found the bullet in a fold in the undershirt.

Dr. Hungate of Weeping Water testified that he examined the body the morning following the tragedy and described the wounds and the course taken by the builet. The doctor explained fully to the jury the nature of the wound and said that the resolver must be a been held from circle to volver must have been held from eight to twelve inches from Akeson's body when fired. In his opinion it would be impossible for the wound to have been inflicted by a person while engaged in a hand-to-hand

This part of the doctor's testimony is sup-posed to be favorable to Benwell, because at the time Akeson was killed he and Ben-well were having a tussle. The doctor also testified to having examined the wounds on body of Akeson thirty-seven days after

Frank Sacket. a Weeping Water hard-ware merchant, testified to the selling of a 58-caliber revolver to Benwell on the morning of the murder, but could not identify the revolver taken from Hill at Lincoln when arrested as being the one he sold to Benwell , he said, however, that it was one exactly like that purchased by Benwell. He also said that Benwell purchased twenty cartridges to fit the revolver and paid \$3 for

Deputy Sheriff Tighe was called, but Mr. Gering objected to the introduction of his testimony for the reason that his name was not endorsed on the information at the proper time by the state as a witness, and

Peter Semon, one of Akeson's hired men, testified that he went to Akeson's house on the afternoon of the day previous to the murder; that he saw Hill and Benwell that night when they came in from the field where they had been picking corn; how they were discharged and paid off the next morning; how Tom Akeson departed for Louisville to market two loads of hogs, and how the old man instructed Tom to bring the money home on his return and not deposit it in the bank; how the two men returned after supper and entered the house and ordered "hands up;" now he received a builet in the knee; how the old man and To n struggled with the murderers, and how Akeson received his death wound.

Knew Who Fired the Shot.

The witness could not state who fired the fatal shot, because the lamp was par-tially extinguished when the first shot was fired but swore positively that both men were armed with revolvers and that eight shots were fired. He identified Benwell as one of the men. Theodore Bennett, deputy speriff and jailer of Douglas county, testified concerning the confession made by Benwell while confined in the Douglas county jail, and stated that the confession was made

and stated that the confession was made voluntarily.

The defense objected vigorously to the admission of the confession, but the court ruled otherwise, and the witness identified the confession as having been written by him and signed by Benwell. Ed Fitzgerald, deputy sheriff, corroborated Bennett's testimony as being present at the time of the confession, and stated that Benwell stated further that when he and Hill reached Weeping Water on the morning of the murder, Hill suggested that they return to the Akeson farm and get the money that Tom Akeson would bring home from Louisville as the proceeds of the sale of the hogs.

This concluded the proceedings for the day, and the court was adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning, at which time Mrs.

son, her son Tom and the other witnesses for the state will go upon the stand. It is considered quite likely that by evening the state's testimony will all have been in-

So far the testimony adduced is extremely damaging 'o Benwell, and the general public finds it difficult to conceive how he can es-cape the same verdict which was adminis-

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—At last night's meeting of the Board

of Education the vacancy in the presidency of the board, caused by the resignation of G. A. Mohrenstecker, was filled by the election of Mr. O. H. Geddes.

An empty B. & M. box car ran away at Abbott last night and was not caucht until it had arrived here. George H. Hood, the cashier of the B. & M. at this point, mounting the same as it came by and putting on the brakes. The latter had evidently been loosened by boys at Abbott. A high wind and down grade did the rest. No damage resulted.

ASSAULTED BY BURGLARS.

Wife of a Weathy Farmer Probably Patally Injured at Neison. NELSON, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special Telegram to Tug Ben | -Between 4 and 5 o'clock this norning burglars entered the house of Anderson Rouse, a farmer living about five miles southwest of Nelson. The family were in their heds. The noise made by the burglars wakened Mr. Rouse and the burgiars seeing they were discovered went to the bed where Mr. and Mrs. Rouse were sleeping and struck Mrs. Rouse, who was sleeping on the front side of the bed, with a hammer, fracturing her skull. Mr. Rouse grappled with the burglars and was also struck by them with the hammer and received painful injuries. Mr. Rouse's sons who were sleeping upstairs hearing the noise came to the rescue when the burglars made their escape

Searching parties have been out today looking for the burglars, but they have not yet been caught, though parties living not 1,000 miles away are suspected. Mr. Rouse is a prosperous farmer and had been selling considerable corn and wheat of late, and the burglars probably expected to find considerable ready cash, but they were discovered

Mrs. Rouse has been an invalid for several months, and the injuries which she has received make her condition critical. The people of the community are very indignant, and should the guilty parties be appre hended they would be roughly dealt with.

BARRETT SCOTT AT LIBERTY.

Another Chapter in the Holt County Em

bezzlement Case. O'NELL, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE .- Once more Barrett Scott walks the streets unattended by even the semblance of a Holt county official; Application was made last week to Judge Bartow for the privilege of giving bail, and he set yesterday as the day to consider the matter, and came down from Chadron in the morning for that purpose. He entered at once into the matter of taking the recognizance of the men who appeared. The work was continued up to 20'clock today, when the bong had been justified in the amount of nearly \$80,000, although the required amount was but \$70,000. The bond was signed by about sixty men from O'Neill and surround-ing country. The county attorney objected to the sufficiency of the bond, but the court stated that it was as good a bond as had ever been offered in Holt county; that the defendant had labored faithfully to give a good bond, and after quoting from the constitution regarding a man's right to be admitted to reasonable bail, said Barrett Scott was discharged from the custody of the sheriff to appear on the first day of the next term of court.

Although the date for the next term has not yet been set, it will no doubt be in Feb-ruary or March.

ruary or March.

County Attorney Murphy asked leave to file information against Attorneys Adams, Uttley and Dickson, against whom indictments had been found by the grand jury and quashed by the court. Leave to file same was granted, but the defendants interposed a plea in abatement, which was sustained. The state still has the right to prosecute the defendants by generating them, but it is not defendants by rearresting them, but it is not thought it will be done.

FREMONT, Dec. 19 .- [Special to THE BEE, -Dodge county boasts of one of the most successful mutual insurance companies of the state. It is controlled entirely by the farmers of the county. At the recent annual meeting the report of the secretary showed that on policies aggregating about \$200,000 there has been but \$65 losses and the running expenses have been confined to \$34.25. The officers elected are: S. S. Van Horn, The officers elected are: S. S. Van Horn, president; W. D. Holbrook, secretary, and C. A. Bang, treasurer. The board of directors comprise: James Harvey and Daniel Jones, Webster; Levi Williams, North Bend; E. S. Larsen, Fremont; C. A. Bang, Bang; S. S. Van Horn, Hooper; A. J. Taylor, Bang; Rasmus Johnson, Fremont, and W. D. Helseck, Francti. D. Holorook, Everett.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian association last night W. E. Smails, G. W. D. Reynolds and W. A. Carcarroll was elected secretary. A woman's literary club was organized Saturday. Miss Vesta Gray is president; Mrs. H. G. Wolcott and Miss Haiford, vice presidents, and Miss Princess Crowell, sec

etary and treasurer. W. Love has recovered from his proracted illness sufficiently to be out of The canal project is being revived in this city under the lead of J. D. McDonald, who engineered the first movement. He is not satisfied with the report of the surveyor that threw cold water on the enterprise and a new one will be employed to make a thorough survey and it is hoped a

more favorable report.

The Fremont men who attended the beet sugar meeting at Omaha are very favorably impressed with the showing made and are impressed with the snowing made and are more determined than ever that the Platte valley, near Fremont, shall have a factory. William Hindmarsh, one of the pioneer and enterprising farmers of Elkhorn township, died Sunday at the asylum at Hastings, and was buried at Arlington today. William F. Hart was arraigned before dustice Huff this merning on complaint of Justice Huff this morning on complaint of his wife. Emma Hart, who states that she is

fearful of great bodily injury and even death at his hands. He was discharged. Clay Center A. O. U. W.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Dec. 19 .- | Special to THE BEE]-Last evening Clay Center lodge No. 95, Ancient Order of United Workmen, held its annual election and the following were selected as officers for the ensuing term: Master workman, George A. Shike; foreman, N. W. Johnson; overseer, Thomas Eller; recorder, N. M. Graham; receiver, A. B. Perkins; financier, J. L. Campbell; guide, John W. Crouse; medical examiner, Dr. O. P. Shoemaker; inside watch, Chris Frei; outside watch, L. B. Sluyter; trustee for three years, O. C. Williams.

This lodge is growing apidly and is con-sidered one of the most thrifty organizations

Stromsburg's New Enterprise. STROMSBURG, Neb., Dec, 19. - | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Articles of incorporation will be filed tomorrow by the Stephen son Electric Light company, with J. B. and son Electric Light company, with J. B. and P. T. Buckley, J. A. Frawley, G. S. Osborne and Dr. W. A. Post as the incorporators. The capital stock is placed at \$25,000. The inventor and patentee is Mr. C. F. Stephenson of this city. The company comprises some of the most successful business men here. The concern will at once be placed in the front ranks of its class.

IAWRENCE, Neb., Dec. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Grip numbers its victims in Lawrence

by the dozen. No fatalities as yet.

Mrs. Anna Friend has been at the point of death for several days.

J. Butler of Lincoln. grand lecturer for the Ancient Order of United Workmen, gave two lectures in the Methodist Episcopal church under the auspices of the lodge here.

There is talk of furnishing another room and hiring a third teacher for the school here.

Poultry Fanciers at Auburn

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special to Tur BEE.]-The first annual exhibition of the Nemaha Valley Poultry association com-menced here today and will continue for three days. There are forty-one exhibitors from all parts of southeastern Nebraska and northeastern Kansas, and 28i entries. Much interest is manifested by the citizens, and a large attendance is promised.

Do not forget the meeting at the Commer-cial club rooms this evening to discuss the distress of the poor in Omaha.

NEBRASKA CONVICT ESCAPES

Sudden Disappearance of Charles Johnson of Dodge County from Prison.

GUARDS PUZZLED OVER THE AFFAIR

Scaled the Walls About Midnight Without Disturbing the Officials-Interesting Allegations Against the Mis-

souri Pacific at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—[Special to The Ber.] — Another convict fell out of the Nebraska penitentiary last night in a sudden and altogether surprising manner. His name was Charles Johnson and he had been sent up from Dodge county for two years on the charge of forgery. He had but a few months of his time to serve and was looked upon as a trusty by the prison officials. He was employed as the night fireman in the boiler plant and has always performed his duties with as much fidelity as if he had been employed by the state for the work. Johnson went to work last night as usual and was at his post every time the guards made the rounds until 19:30. When the guard visited the poller room at 11 o'clock Johnson was absent and he was permanently absent, for the most careful search of the grounds and prison enclosure failed to reveal his presence. It is believed that he left his work immediately after the guards made the rounds at 10:30 and making his way to the walls surrounding the prison yards, scaled them and made his way across the country. He was dressed in the regula-tion prison garb and unless he succeeded in finding citizen's clothing on the outside before morning his capture sometime during today ought to have been reasonably certain.

Nearly Burned to Death. Chief Malone of the Lincoln fire department is authority for the statement that during the past year twelve persons have been burned to death in this city by the ex-plosion of gasoline stoves. The fire on T street nearly supplied the thirteenth vic-tim. Miss Gertrude Regnier, a domestic in the family of J. M. Camp, living at 3026 T street, lighted a fire in a gasoline stove last night. Then she discovered that the reservoir needed filling and extinguished the light, as she thought. She failed to com-pletely extinguish the light, however, and left a small flame burning indistinctly around the burner. As soon as she went to fill the tank the fluid caught fire and in an instant her clothing was in flames. She ran screaming out of doors, but fortunately the people in the house were able to follow her and tear the burning clothing from her before she had been fatally injured. As it was she was badly burned about the waist and hips. One arm was also badly burned, and the physicians who were called in were of the opinion that nothing but the fact that the girl wore a corset prevented her death. The corset steels were heated almost red hot and left their marks deep in the flesh. The inmates of the residence were so active in going to the assistance of the young lady that they neglected to look after

ment had arrived the house was doomed. It was entirely consumed, involving a loss of \$1,000 on the building and \$300 on the furniture, none of which was saved.

Druggists Not Guilty. The cases against the druggists, Schilling and Mckinney, for alleged violation of the rules of the excise board, were completed and both men discharged by Judge Waters. In the case of Schilling but one witness was examined. W. A. Bales testified that he had purchased liquor of Schilling on Sunday, De-cember 1. The defense made no attempt to cember 1. The detense made no attempt to refute his testimeny, but after establishing the fact that he had been employed by Mayor Weir, moved to dismiss the case. The judge dismissed it. In the case against McKinney, the East O street druggist, W. A. Mahone swore that he purchased a half-pint bottle of liquor to be used as a beverage. te produced the bottle that he had not sold the liquor to the wit-ness and denied that he had any harf-pint bottles similar to the one produced by the witness. Detective Malone was sent to investigate the bottle question, and he re-ported that he could find no half-pint bot-tles in McKinney's store. The case went over, but was finally dismissed by the judge.

Asks for a New Trial. Interest in the case of Coberly and Mow-berry against the Missouri Pacific, in which the company was sued for damages for the death of the two young boys killed by a switch engine in the yards in this city was revived again today by the filing of an ap-plication for a new trial with the cierk of the district court. The plaintiffs allege that they have discovered another witness in the person of Fred Chevront, who will testify that at the time the accident oc-curred the two boys who were killed were in plain sight of the engineer, fireman and switchmen. They claim that the influence of the railroad company was exerted to prevent this testimony from coming to light. Two affidavits were also submitted, one by Deputy Sheriff Dilion and the that during torney L. C. Burr. They recite that during the trial it became necessary to the scene of Deputy Sheriff Dillon and the other by Attake the jury to the scene of the accident and the Missouri Pacific placed a private car at its service in charge of Yardmaster Dolan. While at the scene of the disaster five of the jurymen walked out to the switch and held a private conference with each other. They also listened to the argument of Yardmaster Dolan until the deputy sheriff was compelled to request the latter to desist. The object of the affidavits is to prove that the jury was unduly influenced by the railroad people

Heard in the Court Rooms. Mattie Shepherd and Hannah Rhynearson were today given divorces from their respective husbands, the former on the grounds of drunkenness, cruelty and nonupport and the latter on the grounds of

extreme cruelty. The suit brought against H. T. Clarke by the administrators of the Lowrey estate to recover the sum of \$10,000 was dismissed

The memory of the contest over the estate of John Sheedy was revived again today by the heirs coming into court with a request for an order requiring J. H. McMurtry, C. W. Fisherdick and A. D. Ricketts to specifically perform their part of a contract to murchase their interests in the estate for purchase their interests in the estate for

\$24,000. The case in which William O'Shea sues The case in which William O'Shea sues the Hub Printing company of Kearney for breech of contract is up for trial today. O'Shea moved a book binding plant to Kearney and made a contract with the Hub company whereby he was to run the bindery as a part of the establishment and receive one-third of the receipts. The Hub people claim that they lost \$1,000 by the venture, and therefore there were no reasons why they should be called upon for a division of profits which they nover received.

University Regents Meet. The regents of the State university met in annual session today to receive the annual report of Chancellor Canfield. The report was very volumnious, covering every de-partment of university work. In regard to the fluances of the university, the chancellor

the finances of the university, the chancellor states that by careful management the institution will be able to pull through the winter and until April and with no charges against the funds for next year.

The most important part of the report deals with the proposed changes in the curriculum, which embrace the abolition of the preparatory department. The changes recommended are briefly as follows: That after June, 1895, the first year of the preparatory department for all groups be discontinued, balance to be discontinued after June, 1897; that the university provide for instruction in manual training for entrance to the groups in the industrial college; that there be established, to go into effect in 1895, a school of agriculture and mechanical arts.

Chancellor Canfield states in his report that in order to make this move entirely suc-

that in order to make this move entirely suc-cessful it is necessary to move strongly and persistently for such legislation as will make possible the county high school.

State Dairymen in Session The ninth annual convention of the State Dairymen's association of Nebraska met at

the university chapel tals evening, there being a large attendance. The association will be in session three days, and an extensive exhibit of dairy profficts will be shown in Grant memorial half of the exercises to-night partook of a literary and musical character. Chancellor Canfield delivered one of his characteristic indicesses of wel-come, while D. P. Ashburn made the response. Advesses and reports were made by President Sutton and Secretary Bassett. One of the feature of the musical program was a solo by Jules Lombard of Omaha Charles Harding of Norfolk and Miss Hat-tic Carpenter of York also assisted.

Lincoln Bonds in Dealand.

The city council at its regular meeting to night offered for sale the \$10,000 issue of per cent ten-twenty refuming bonds author-ized by the voters of the city of Liucoln at the last election. The competitors were R. Line dast election. The competitors were it.

E. Moore, N. C. Brock and D. C. Vanduyn of
Lincoln, J. N. Harris & Co. of Chicago and
Lamprecht Bros. & Co. of Cleveland. The
bidding, which started in a listless manner, became quite spirited later. R. E. Moore started out with an offer of par, while N. C. Brock offered \$100 premium. Vanduyn forced the bidding by offering \$900 premium. Successive bids ran the premium up to \$3,500 and accrued interest. Harris & Co. offered this amount and were given the bonds. The sale is considered quite advantageous to the city, as two months ago Lincoln bonds were being nawked over the cast at 95 cents on the dollar, with no taxers.

Lincoln in Brief. Frank Huber will be taken to the penientiary tomorrow. Eugene Vaughn was today sentenced to the reform school for general all around

wickedness. Judge Lansing sent three boys, Henry litchcock, Richard Dubois and William Pace, to the reform school today. They have ong enjoyed a bad record.
Sheriff McClay, who has been seriously ill for six or eight weeks, is once more able to be about the city, although not yet in a con-

dition to resume the active duties of his Albert F. Woods, assistant in the botanical laboratory at the State university, has been appointed assistant chief of the division of pathology in the Department of Agricul

of pathology in the Department of Agendary ture at Washington.

It has been learned that the absconding constable, W. C. Mallory, is located at Detroit. An officer will be sent to enforce his return to Lincoin. The official four years term of C. H. Gore as postmaster of the city of Lincoln will ex-

pire tomorrow. Consequently a great many people look for an appointment tomorrow.

As to Transfer Switches. O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special Tele gram to The Bee. |-Messrs. Kootz, Dillworth and Beardsley of the railroad commission and Messrs. Hughes and Reynolds with Attorneys White and Wright have been in the city today hearing the matter of putting a transfer switch between the Fik-horn and Short Line at this place. A number of witnesses were examined from O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart and Page. The hearing closed at 4 o'clock. They go from here to Plainview in the morning on business of a like nature

Burgiars at Etkhorn.

ELKHORN, Neb., Dec. 19 .- [Special to The BEE.]-Burglars last night, or early this morning, cracked the safe in E. Lamhoefer's general merchandise store here. Four dollars was the amount of the hall. The opinthe house. The flames from the burning gasoline had communicated themselves to the woodwork and before the fire departion prevails here that the "trick" was turned by local talent. The suspected parties are under surveillance, and two or three arrests are likely to follow.

HIS LOSS GALLED HIM.

Former Omaha Druggist Causes the Arrest of a Gambling House Proprietor. Charles W. Mullen, one of the proprietors of the gambling rooms in the "Denver." was taken custody yesterday and detained at the station until John L. Webster, his attorney, came to his relief and signed a bond in the sum of \$1,500 for his client's appearance in

police court this afternoon at ? o'clock. The case thus instituted promises to develop some interesting features, as Attorneys Gurley and Ransom will appear for the complainant, J. F. Huntzinger, who is a traveling salesman in the employ of a Chi cago liquor house.

The complaint and affidavit for a search

warrant in this case charge that Mullen and his partner, Charles O. Pietson, have set up with felonious intent, various gaming de vices and machines, such as fare, roulette and stud poker tables, for the purpose of playing games of chance for money and property. In compliance with the issued search warrants these devices were seized by the police Monday evening. Hunt-zinger, it is alleged by the de-fense, took this course to revenge himself for the loss of \$1,200, which he suf-fered on the green cloth. It is further asserted that he is no green man at the bus-iness, but has been around the rooms for two weeks or more. Several years ago this same party conducted a drug store in this city on Howard street, but since that time he has resided in the Windy City. The prosecution contends that the money was search warrants these devices were seized prosecution contends that the money was drawn from a local bank and lost at a gambling table in one night, while the de-fense will set up that the total amount was won by Huntzinger at the tables in the

Plans for Public Works. Chairman Winspear of the Board of Public Works is daily receiving copies of the plans and specifications of public work from the different cities of the country. The chairman has a few ideas of his own regarding specifications for public work and will present them to the board when those for the coming year are made up. He favors all contracts in paving districts going to one contractor. That is, where a street is to be paved, he believes one con-tractor should do the entire work—paving, curbing and the putting in, of water, sewer and gas connections.

Commercial club members must feel it a duty to attend the special meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.



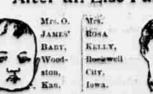
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WATER FOR WASTE PLACES

Meeting of the State Irrigation Convention at North Platte.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY DELEGATES

Dr. Mercer of Omaha Chosen to Preside-Plan for a State Association Adopted -Letter of Encouragement Read

and Able Addresses Heard.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19. (Special Telegram to THE BEE. | -Two hundred men faced President L.A. Fort of the local irri gation association this morning as he called to order the first state irrigation convention ever held in Nebraska. The number in attendance increased to 400 during the afterneon and evening. Of this number about 150 are accredited delegates from the principal towns of Nebraska west of the 100th meridian. Omaha is represented by a dozen or more delegates, and Lincoln by one. Great interest is shown, being aroused at times to intense enthusiasm.

The convention was opened by prayer by Rev. J. C. Irvin. Mayor E. B. Warner of North Platte welcomed the convention in a fitting address to this charming little city, which has thrown open its nomes to this convention with a hospitality unexcelled.

Dr. S. D. Mercer of Omaha was selected as temporary chairman and J. G. P. Hilde brand of Lincoln, secretary, with Ed M Scarles of Ogaliaia as assistant. This or ganization was later made permanent. A letter was read from Hon. J. Sterling Morton, endorsing the movement, pledging his support in securing the aid and co-opera-tion of the government, but warning the convention against expecting to accomplish too much, for the reason that water supply was not sufficient to do what was demanded Letters of an encouraging nature were also end from Senator Manderson, ex-Governor urnas, Juage Broady and Colonel Alex Hogeland, while a congratulatory telegram was read from William E. Smythe, Chicago chairman of the national committee. State Organization Formed.

The committee on organization, R. Howell of Omaha, chairman, reported favor of a permanent association being formed to co-operate with those of other states, to meet in December of each year, the officers of which for the ensuing year shall be: I. A. Fort, Lincoln county, president; J. G. P. Hildebrand, Lancaster county, secretary: P. Montensen, Valley county, treasurer, and an executive committee, consisting of the president, Martin Gering of Scotts Bluff, R. B. Howell of Douglas, D. Zimmerman of Dundy, D. H. Cronin of Holt. E. M. Searies of Keith, together with a vice president from each county. This report

was unanimously adopted.

Among the prominent persons present are: Governor Crounse, E. R. Moses, president and J. L. Bristow, secretary of the Kansas State Irrigation association; Martin Mohler, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture; Judge J. S. Emroy, Topeka, lecturer for the National Irrigation association and Donald W. Campbell, the well known irrigation engineering authority vell known irrigation engineering authority of Colorado.

Listened to Able Addresses. Judge Emory, D. W. Campbell and J. L. Bristow delivered the addresses of the afternoon, all of which were practical, en-thusiastic and yet fair statements of the problems involved. Government aid was favored for surveying and laying out dis-tricts, which shall properly combine water sheds and basins, give an intelligent idea of available water on and under the ground and, in general, demonstrate the practicability of irrigation. Also aid for the establishment of experimental stations was advocated storm water storage, pumping water by electricity or wind power, small farms, col-lection of farmers of irrigation districts into villages, and the advantages of the whole system of irrigation were eloquently set forth in these addresses.

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On Wednesday morning our stock of Smok ing Jackets will be divided into two lots at \$5.00 and \$9.00.

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