WANING POWER OF THE PULPIT

Expounding Materialistic Questions in Preference to God's Gospel.

SHALLOWNESS OF UP-TO-DATE PREACHERS

Temples Defamed by Sensational Harangues and the spiritual Sentiment Locked Out-A Fair Criticism of Modern Methods of Holding Rearers.

G. Monroe Royce in January Forum. Buckle, in his "History of Civilization," says that the average intelligence of the American people is above that of any other nation. This is certainly a most flattering thing to say of the youngest of all the nations of the world. But after this very high compliment to our general intelligence he lets our pride down, with true British bluntness, when he adds that, as an offset to this superior enlightenment of the mass of the people, we have fewer first-rate scholars than any other nation. I think this criticism is fair; and I think also that it is much better for a nation to have a high average of general intelligence than to have a few highly trained scholars. But my point now is to account for the

widespread skepticism of our time. Our education is too rapid to be thorough, and a want of earnestness always accompanies a want of thoroughness. We are not a serious people; lightness is one of the conspicuous people: lightness is one of the constituous features of our civilization. But lightness is not to be wholly condemned. It is just as well, now and again, for nations as well as individuals not to take themselves too seriously. "We must be serious minded now." said Wilberforce, the famous bishop of Oxford, to some of his merry clerical friends, "for there comes a fool." Just so; but let us frankly admit that we as a people are inclined just a little too ple are inclined just a little too far toward the "light" view of things. This has been almost unavoidable thus far, for we have had too many things to do to think very seriously of any one thing. We offer— have been forced to offer—too many rewards for mere smartness, and we de not give suffi-cient encouragement to thorough study and solid attainments. Mental discipline, habits of honest study, a masterly knowledge of something or other, enable one to perceive the true conditions of all real knowledge. Intellectual discrimination is the important thing just now. Most people know poetry from mathematics; but few seem to under-stand that the facts of chemistry, geology and natural history—however interesting in themselves—are wholly different things from religion, have no vital relations with it, and are as far removed in fact from the things of the spirit as mathematics is from

There is an unmistakable feeling abroad —one which can not be blinked at—that the clargy are impostors, by teaching what they do not believe, and by undertaking work which they do not perform. How many of the educated clergy believe in "original" (that is, inherited) sin?—believe that "in Adam's fall we sinned all?" How many believe in everlasting punishment?—in predestination?—in total depravity?—in the inerrancy of the bible? If our pulpit would frankly discard these unbelievable dogmas, it would gain at once that influence and power which honesty alone can command. The other feeling—that the clergy undertakes work which it -one which can not be blinked at -that the that the ciergy undertakes work which it does not perform—is in my opinion an un-just and mistaken feeling. The clergy of all the churches is doing more good work as pastors than ever before. It is, in fact, doing about all the charitable and humanitarian work that is being done, while your philosopher and your skeptic are doing al-

most nothing.

But my subject is the pulpit, and not the pastor, and I have said this much concerning the pastor in evidence of the fact that my purpose is not wholly that of a fault finder. Indeed, if I understand the true motive which prompts me to write this paper,

it is a deep love of the pulpit, and not a mere disposition to find fault with it.

I doubt if it is ever wise for the preacher to bring into his pulpit the "topics of the hour," be they financial, political or social. The utterances from the pulpit on labor troubles and other social questions have gone a great way toward weakening the in-fluence of the clergy, for the reason that fact that the preacher does not always take the trouble to know a thing before he presumes to pronounce judgment before he presumes to pronounce judgment upon it. "False in one thing, false in all things," is the logic of the masses. The late bishop of Massachusetts—or Phillips Brooks, as we all prefer to call him—once said that he thanked God he had never written a sermon on "Science and Religion." It is also true, I believe, that he never preached a sermon on the "topics of the hour." The "un-to-date" preacher is up to very poor business. That the preacher should be fully awake to what is going on about him is one thing; that he should make his pulpit a platform for haranguing the people upon all sorts of questions is another, and, as I believe, a fatal thing; and the true spiritual teacher and leader sees it, knows it, and avoids it.

DVision-spiritual vision—is what the pulpit needs. All great preachers are at heart poets: for religion is always and everywhere poetry, not press. Poetry is the true, the only language of the spirit. It is the poetical and not the scientific key that unlocks the beauties of the bible, the beauties of nature, the beauties of the soul We want more poetry and less prose in the

Out from the heart of nature rolled, The burdens of the bible oid. The litanles of nations came, Like the volcano's tongue of flame, Up from the burning core below, The canticles of love and woe.

These lines are the key to the whole sub ject, and give more light to the spiritual eye than volumes of commentaries. Intuition, spiritual insight, the poetical mind and heart, see far beyond the duli horizon of the mere understanding. I repeat that the preacher should be a poet in the poise of his mind and the attitude of his thought.

But the truth is, sad to say, that the pulpit in a great part is materialistic rather than spiritual in its tone and feeling. The training schools are in a great measure responsible for this false ring of the pulpit.

Men and women have always been willing and anxious to be led by the spirit rather than the senses, if they can only find the leaders. He takes a very shallow and a very false view of human nature who thinks that mankind prefers the material to the ideal; the things of the flesh to the things of the spirit. No real leader of men eyer thought this, and a preacher is nothing if he is not a leader. "Young men of Italy," said Garibaldi, "if you love your country, follow me. I have nothing to offer you but raga and hunger, the prison and death; but if you love your country, follow me." And they followed him and achieved Italian unity in the face of bulls of excommunication and threats of everlasting damnation from the vatican. The young men of Italy would not be bullied by the pope. The people of America will not be bullied by the pulpit. The pulpit can no longer appeal to the motive of fear. Let it appeal to the ideal, the beautiful, and it will not appeal in

The churches and the pastors of this land have done, and are still doing, a great work for morality and religion. But this work is not keeping pace with the growth of the nation. The pulpit is losing its hold upon nation. The pulpit is losing its hold upon the life and thought of the people, because it is losing its spiritual eyesight. If the preacher has but the eye to see and the tongue to express the glories of the singdom of God, men will hear him gladly. When William Blake, the poet-painter, was asked if he saw the rising sun, he answered: "No! No! i see a heavenly host, and I hear them chanting 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Heaven and earth are full of the malesty of Thy glory." He saw with the spiritual eye, and he heard with the spiritual ear, of the poet; and he who cannot thus see, and hear, to him "has not been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

Brickingers Yesterday.

The convention of bricklayers and masons met again yesterday at 9 o'clock, and after about one-half hour's discussion upon the order of business to be followed, adjourned to meet again in the afternoon, at which meeting the report of the grievance committee was submitted, they having completed their labors and adjusted all differ-

enced to the satisfaction of the committee

and the interested parties.

Delegate J. T. Tallins of Kansas City, Mo., received an urgent request to return home yesterday to look after some business matters, and upon motion was excused from the further deliberations of the twenty-eighth applied convention. Secretary O'Dea 2375. annual convention. Secretary O'Dea says that the routine business of the convention is progressing rapidly, and that this meeting is one of the pleasantest and most interesting of any annual convention the order has held. The session, so far, has not been held. The session, so far, has not been troubled with any great differences of opin-ion, as is usually the case at such meetings, but on the other hand, everything has been harmonious. The campaign for the general offices is now beginning to warm up a little. It is expected that the meeting will continue until the latter part of next week.

A Follower of the Grip, The persistent cough which usually fol-lows an attack of the grip can be perma-mently cured by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, W. A. McCuire of McKay, O., says: "La Grippe left me with a severe bough. After using several different medianes without relief, I tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which offected a permanent oure. I have also found it to be without an equal for children when troubled with colds or croup. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by

CHADRON DIVORCE SENSATION.

Mrs. Smith Hayward Secures the Property and Mr. Hayward the Divorce. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 12.—The suits of Mrs. Mary E. Smith Hayward against W. E. Hayward have ended in the award of an absolute divorce to the husband and or the greater share of the property to the wife. Mrs. Smith Hayward has been a woman suffrage leader and humanitarian and was the one who brought out the agents of the humane society to Chadron to check the cowboy race to the World's fair. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward did a mercantile business of \$500,000 per year under the name of M. E. Smith & Co. Last fall the wife sued for a limited divorce and a receiver, accusing her husband of embezziement and adultery with the cashier. The latter dultery with the cashier. The latter charge was subsequently dropped, and the cashier now threatens damage suit. Hayward filed a cross bill for absolute divorce. The trial occupied three weeks.

Developments in the Cage Murder. Nation, Neo., Jan. 12.- Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |- In the matter of the murder here last evening the coroner's jury found a verdict to the effect that the deceased, Charles Cage, came to his death by the hands of George P. Housh. The evidence discloses that Cage was not assaulting Housh at the time the death blow was struck. Housh will be arrested in the mornng on the complaint and bound over to the district court. County Attorney Boyd was one of the first to arrive after the killing and had entire supervision of the matter to the

Grand Island Printers Organize. GRAND ISLAND, Jan. 12 .- [Special to THE Bug.]-The printers of the city organized last night. W. J. Keyes was elected president; Charles Fralick, vice president; Fred Hald, treasurer; Guy Partridge, secretary; Charles Buck, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee, Fred Baldwin, C. Keith and Charles Hurley. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday and a charter applied for from the state organizer at Lincoln. Mrs. P. F. Miller died suddenly yesterday of heart trouble. She had been ill only a

few days. Wlicox A. O. U. W. Installs Officers, WILCOX, Neb., Jan. 12 .- | Special to THE BEE.]-Wilcox lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, installed the following offiers Wednesday evening, Deputy Grand Master Workman G. D. Coulant of this place officiating: Past master workman, D. C. Shelter; master workman, G. D. Coulant; foreman, E. C. Daily; overseer, O. Leftey; recorder, C. B. Elkins; financier, E. C. Golden; receiver, C. H. Headburg; inside watchman, J. T. Tillman; outside watchman, C. W. Morrow.

Identified as a Bank Robber.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 12 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The desperado, who tried to bluff Chief of Police Overmeir yesterday by throwing a couple of big six shooters in his face when arrested, was identified this morning by Sheriff Hamilton of Dawson county as "Billy" Fry, the bank robber who broke into the Dawson County bank at Lexington a couple of weeks ago. The sheriff took him back to Lexington this aft moon.

Alleged Swindler Caught. NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 12. - Special Telegram to The Bre. |-Sheriff Huberledeft for Council Bluffs today armed with a warrant and requisition for J. S. Adams. Adams is accused of swindling E. C. Bickford, a merchant of this gity, out of \$75 seven years ago and Bickford has been on his trail ever

E'evator at Elkhorn Burned.

ELKHORN, Neb., Jan. 12.—|Special Telegram to THE BEE !- Fire tonight completely gutted the old Roanoke elevator, owned and operated by H. A. Molte. The origin is un-Loss, \$10,000. No required heroic measures on the part of the citizens to save the town.

RECOVERING BY REPLEVIN.

Waterloo Farmers Seeking to Retrieve Losses by Stimmet Failure. Coroner Maul, in behalf of Waterloo farmers, has replevined from Sheriff Drexel during the past three days, goods to the amount of several thousand dollars.

When the wholesale seed firm of Phil

Stimmel & Co. failed there were a number of farmers who had contracted with the firm to supply them with garden seeds to sell on commission, and when the crash occurred many of these were caught for large amounts. They all live in the country around Waterloo. A. Blake lost seventy-six bags of cucumber seeds and recovered forty-eight; H. P. Larson lost a total of 313 sacks of various seeds and saved thirtythree; Charles Dougherty lost fifty-three sacks of cucumber seeds and recovered twenty; Nelson Brown lost 980 sacks of different varieties of seeds and places the amount at \$2,000, but recovered 269 sacks; Hiram Pedan lost 239 sacks of different kinds of seeds and recovered thirty-five sacks. The firm of Myers & Hopper re sacks. covered all it had in forty-six bags; John H. Petersen had in 175 bags of various seeds and recovered fifty-seven; W. H. McCurdy lost twenty-six sacks, but got all but two; John Zeis lost goods to the value of \$1,800 and will probably realize \$300 on the replevin; Louis Zweibel lost a total of fifty-four sacks and got all but five; Sam Rodes at Valley station lost all he had in; Charles Maguire, out of 129 sacks, recovered sixty-one, and John W. Moore recovered all, forty-six

George F. Burgess from Waterloo had sold the firm \$1,000 worth of seeds and only re-covered to the value of \$79.10. His is a pathetic case, the seeds he had sold the firm being all he had in the world, and he said his family was awaiting his return in order that they might obtain clothes and shoes.

Little pills for great ills: DeWitt'sLittle Early Risers.

SCARF DRILL,

Entertainment by Little Girls of the First Congregational Church. The First Congregational church was crowded last night on the occasion of a scarf drill by eight girls between 10 and 13 years of age. This is a new form of amusement. The participants are dressed in pink and wear pink scarfs or sashes. They march and countermarch and form different fig-

Miss Lizzie Allen played the violin very prettily and Alma Beckett sang "Little Orphan Annie." The tambourine drill was a pretty feature

of the evening and was taken part in by those who formed the scarf drill. Rittle Hobble sang "Won't You Come Out and Play?" and "When Mama Lets Me

The good night march by six little girls, the youngest, Abilene Eastman, being only 2 years old, closed the program.

Cure indigestion and ollousness with DeWitt's Little Early Risors

WEIGHTY DECISION FROM AUDITOR MODRE

When Township Collectors Have Had Their Fees on State Taxes County Tressurers Cannot Come in and Be Paid Also.

[Lincoln, Jan. 12 .- [Special to The Ben.] Quite an important question has arisen in the auditor's office concerning the commissions to be paid for the collection of state taxes. Under a former decision of the supreme court county treasurers can not ollect commissions from the state for taxes collected by township collectors. During the past week several county treasurers have presented claims for commissions without making any showing of the amount of the taxes collected by the township collectors. Auditor Moore decided this afternoon that all county treasurers must present a statement of the exact amount of state taxes collected by the townsnip collector in order that the state will not have to pay double commissions. In former years the state paid commissions to county treasurers for taxes collected by township officers and also paid the township collector. The decision of the supreme court put a stop to the practice of paying double commiss but some of the present county treasurers seem to have jost sight of the fact.

Alter Wait Seeley. Wait M. Seeley, who is not entirely un-known to readers of The Bre, is involved in a somewhat questionable case filed against him in the district court for Lancaster county today. The sult against him is in stituted by John N. Stall of Bennett. Stal claims that as long ago as 1885 he held notes signed by his brothers and parents for \$2,200. Seeley came to him and represented himself as an attorney and agreed to collect the amount for a small and reasonable compensation. At Seeley's request Stall endorsed the notes over to the alleged attorney who afterward commenced suit and secured a judgment in his own name. The jud-ment still stands in Seeloy's name, and Se ley has made no effort to secure the amoun although it is easily collectable. Stall wants the district court to set aside the judgment already given to Seeley, and also sues for damages to the amount of \$2,000.

He Loved the Cook. A man named Robert W. Bland is in the hospital in this city, suffering from the effects of a pistol wound in the head. Whether he received the wound from the accidental dis-charge of his revolver, or whether it is a case of attempted suicide, the authorities are at the present time unable to determine. Bland is a single man and has supported himself by doing odd jobs of work about the city. He is somewhat eccentric and affects the garb and characteristics of a cowboy of the plans. Since he has been boarding at 326 South Fleventh street he has been very much smitten with the cook whose charms of face and figure are said to equal her proficiency in the kitchen. The cook refused to reciprocate the young man's passion and the people at the boarding house believe that he tried to work the despondent ver act and shot himself. He is in no danger of dying.

Remnants of an Old Case. Receiver Gibbons of the Commercial and Savings bank of Kearney, long since defunct, filed his January report with the clerk of the supreme court today. The re-port shows that the total amount of bills reeivable in Mr. Gibbons' possession is \$48,-177.50, and he gives it as his opinion that 'scarcely any of them are good—nearly all loubtful—mostly worthless." Of the assets in the hands of the receiver the sum of \$18,-884 consists of notes signed by the cashier of the bank, John Barnd. The wife of the cashier claims to have purchased claims saner claims to have purchased claims against the bank to the amount of \$13,294. She has made a written proposition to the receiver to exchange her notes for an equal amount of the notes held by the bank. The Mutual Loan and Investment company, which was activated a secondary with the management. intimately associated with the managenent of the wrecked institution. a proposition to the receiver. The invest-ment company holds claims against the bank amounting to \$19.735.07, for which it offers to accept unpaid notes against the debtors the bank to be selected by the receiver. is a significant fact, however, that the in vestment company declines to accept notes given to the defunct bank by itself or by S. S. St. John, T. E. St. John or L. N. St. John The company also evens up matters by agreeing to pay notes signed by the invest ment company to the amount of \$19,737.07, making the same exception against notes signed by the numerous St. Johns.

Another interesting feature of the report shows the disposition of the money collected by the receiver up to date. The total collections amount to \$4,381.39. amount \$666.25 was expended for legal ser vices, \$1,000 went to the receiver, and \$368.58 was used for expenses, leaving a balance of \$2.146.56 in the hands of the receiver.

Gossip at the State House, Among the cases filed with the clerk of he supreme court today were three from Douglas county: The Omaha Street Railway company against Christian T. Haman, involving a indement of \$750 and costs obtained oy the defendant in error; Max Meyer and others against A. P. McKenga, and Edward

T. Graham against James Frazier. The case of James Forrester & Co. against the Kearney National bank was filed in the supreme court this afternoon.
The Omaha Wine and Liquor company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The projectors of the enter-prise are M. McGuire, Max. Heimberger and

Oscar Reinard. The capital stock is placed Will Resign flis Position.

L. E. Hicks, chairman of the Lincoln Board of Public Works, has accepted an appointment tendered him by the Baptist Missionary union as an instructor in the missionary college at Ragoon, Burmah, and will leave for India about the 1st of next month. This will necessitate his resignation as chairman of the boar', a position he has held for nearly three years. The knowledge that Prof. Hicks will resign his position has encouraged a number of public-spirited citizens to consider themselves eligible to the osition and Mayor Weir will have no diffi ulty in finding a man willing to assume the vacancy. The chances are, however, that he will promote O. P. Dinges, one of the present members of the board, to the chair-Favorable to Louis Otto.

The decision of the United States supreme ourt in the Boyd-Thayer case was made to to duty today in a case involving the title of Louis Otto to the office of constable in one of the Lincoln precincts. Otto was ap-pointed constable to succeed the colored man who ran away some weeks ago. At the ment held only until the expiration of Mal lory's first term. Mallory was re-elected but his absence prevented him from qualify ing for his second term. Later Otto filed a claim with the county commissioners in which he asserted that his appointment was good until Mallory's second term expired. The commissioners referred the question to Deputy County Attorney Collins and this afternoon he filed an opinion favorable to otto. The commissioners accepted the view that Otto was entitled to hold over to the next general election and he was permitted to qualify, which he did at once.

In the United States Court. District Attorney Baker today entered olle prosequi in the case in which B. I Grant of Boyd county was charged with the embezzlement of postoffice funds amounting

practice in the federal courts of the A motion for the continuance of the case in which Nancy M. Bluzer sues the city of Lincoln for damages was argued and sub-

W. D. Robinson of Luncoin was admitted

The entire day in the federal court today has been taken up with the trial of Adam Cook, the Clay county man who is charged with writing obscene letters to his niece in Fairfield. Both Cook and his wife were on the stand and both denied emphatically that the questionable letter was written by the

WILL ONLY PAY FOR IT ONCE Saturday, Last Day Sale for Rescue Hall.

Do you want to help the needy a little this winter—patronize our sale. We are offering extra inducements in seasonable goods. We give 10 per cent of sales from the largest department to Rescue Hall. You cannot miss a bargain Saturday

CLOAK DEPARTMENT. A table of ladies' tea gowns and

ready-made suits. Choice on the table for..... A table of ladies' and misses' all wool cloaks and flue shawls, choice for \$5.00

A table of ladies' and misses' all wool cloaks and fine fur mnffs, choice \$2.95 The above are fully half former

prices.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

We are having unusual success with our January sale, our sales exceeding all former seasons. The goods are right and the prices more than right. We will repeat Thursday's special prices in order to give everybody a chance.

A line of chemise, skirts and 47c drawers, robes and corset covers made of good muslin and well trimmed, considered good value

A finer line of the same garments, 67c very choice and considered good value at \$1.00. We had a great sale of these two lines Thursday. Everybody bought.

OTHER SATURDAY BARGAINS.

The balance of a line of French Blaritz kid gloves at...... 55c Former value \$1.00.

A line of fine black goods, 45 to 50 inches wide, sold formerly at \$1.50, for..... 200 pairs of cotton blankets, choice of any one of them for-

merly \$1.50 and \$2.00, Satur-One lot of fine wool blankets, 11-4 and 12-4, worth \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00, to close them out. \$5.00

Heavy cream damask, regular price 50c, for 37tc

Saturday We Sell Saturday, Basement Day

We will offer extra special inducements Saturday, in China and Decorative ware, at much under cost, You can help Rescue Hall by buying. Be sure you get our prices.

Tinware.

A table of tinware at 5c. Articles worth up to 25c. A table of tinware at 10c, including articles worth up to 40c. A table of tinware at 25c, including articles worth up to 75c.

Dinner Sets.

1 lot of sets of 104 pieces German china at \$15; former price \$30.00 1 lot of 113 pieces, at \$16.50; former price \$32. 1 lot of 116 pieces at \$18.50; former price \$35. 1 lot of 119 pieces at \$22.75; former price \$40.

Tea Sets.

Sets of 56 pieces at \$3.50, former price \$7. Lot 2, 56 pieces at \$4.50, former price \$7.50. Lot 3, 56 pieces \$5.75; former price \$10.50.

Toilet Sets

lot decorated sets \$1.75, formerly \$2.75 1 lot complete with jar \$4.00; formerly \$6.50. styles of \$15 sets, reduced to \$10.

These low prices should close out all the above lots and make Saturday a

Great reduction in Lamps.

Other Saturday Bargains -- Cont. Boys' wool waists, extra weight

of flannel, which have been selling at \$1.00, reduced to... 50c Men's 75c canton flannel drawers 48c Mon's \$1 unlaundered shirts 75c Men's 75e unlaundered shirts ... 570 Men's dress shirts, tormerly \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50, odds

and ends, at ... \$1.00

Men's heavy ribbed underwear. 75c FRIDAY'S SALE CONTINUED.

We'll continue Friday's prices for Saturday on notions, yarns and knit goods. Many desirable articles you will want at very low prices. Be sure and visit these departments.

We will also offer unusual values in ladies' winter underwear.

SATURDAY EVENING.

From 7 to 10 we offer: Men's night shirts, made of extra heavy cotton, good value .. 500 Men's 4-ply linen collars 10c Men's 4-ply cuffs 2 pairs for 25c Men's fine balbriggan half, hose, 100

Cheap at 15c. Those \$1.00 white shirts-see them! We have about 20 dozen of fine dress shirts, made for fine trade and have sold them for \$2.00 and \$2.50 apiece. They are too fine for the times, so we have made a price that will \$1.00 each.

4-4 brown sheeting..... Canton flannel..... Vaseline..... Best perfumes..... Florida water. German cologne...... Fine 10c soaps..... Store full of bargains Saturday. Be

on hand to swell the sales and help the Rescue Hall fund. It costs you nothing, so why not come in?

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO

accused. The evidence against Cook is en-tirely circumstantial. T. J. Mahoney of tirely circumstantial. T_* J. Mahoney of Omaha made the argument for the defense

Three More Depositories.

Three Lincoln banks, the First National, Three Lincoln banks, the First National, the Columbia National and the Merchants, have filed bonds with the county commissioners for the safe keeping of county funds and have been officially designated as county depositories. The First National gets the larger portion of the funds, having filed a bond for \$100,000. The Columbia National comes next with a bond for \$50,000, while the Merchants files a bond for \$50,000, The the Merchants files a bond for \$20,000. Th tepository law has been observed by Lanaster county ever since it went in operation and the law is regarded with favo fact that the Capital National bank holds \$39,000 under the law.

JUDGE TIERNEY'S DEMISE.

Death of a Well Known Tecumsch Lawyer-Funeral of Dr. Harrington.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 12.- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- Judge Kyron Tierney lied at his home in this city this morning aged 70 years. The cause of his death was grip, with which he had suffered one month. The deceased leaves a wife and five chiliren. He had been a resident of Tecumseh for twenty-six years. The funeral will be held at St. Andrew's Catholic church in this

city Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Holder, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to The Ber.]—Today Jachia lodge, No. 146, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, chartered a special train and went to Berrand to attend the funeral services of Dr Horace E. Harrington. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge there. The lodge has been organized eight years and this is the first time death has taken member. Dr. Harrington died Sunday night, The body was embalmed and laid in a vault in the Bertrand cemetery for the present. Mrs. Harrington, widow of the de-ceased, intends to go to her old home at Burlington, Vt., as soon as she gets the estate settled up, and will probably take the remains with her. There were over 100 Masons in uniforms at the funeral and the

ceremonies were very impressive.

Tank Rock, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to Tag Bre.]—J. B. Phillips, a respected citizen of twelve years, standing in this county. fied yesterday morning at the age of 60 years. He leaves a wife and eight children. The Masons will assist in the buriat ceremony which will be held at the Presbyterian

Seward, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special to The BEE | Joseph Taage, an old and highly re-spected citizen of this county, fell dead at the residence of his son, four miles southwest of Seward, yesterday afternoon. He was in his 70th year.

Hastings, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to The Ber. [—Mrs. Frank Daiby, the wife of a Hastings merchant, died at the family residence this afternoon of the grip. Mrs. Daiby was a member of the Woman's Relief corps. James Nelson, living seven miles south of the city, died this morning. Two Small Blazes.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12 .- [Special to THE BEE.] -A fire started in a restaurant and grocery last evening from a defective flue Prompt action of the fire company kept the damage down to about \$500; loss covered by BANCHOFT, Neb., Jan. 42 - [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Fire | this afternoon de stroyed the wagen shop and its contents be-longing to A. F. Mack, and the household goods of Maranda Baker, which were stored

n the building. It is not known how the fire tarted. The building was worth \$700 and

stock \$975; insurance on building \$400 and on stock \$300. There was no insurance on

the household goods. 110

lucreased the Insurance Rates. HASTINGS, Jan. 12 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE . Today the new tariff book for fire insurance agents in this city was put into use. About a week ago the state organization ordered a raise of 20 per cent on rates

the infant child and only son of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles P. Schwear died of scarlet fever this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

on all risks, and a meeting of the local boar underwriters was called to discuss the natter. A committee was appointed to draft a protest, but the objections of the agents were not considered and the secretary of the ocal board was instructed to put the inreased rates into effect. HEBRON, Neb., Jan. 12. - Special Telegran o THE BEE . |- After an illness of one week

DEBNEY'S PATHETIC PLEA

Fullerton Wife Murderer Recites His Life Story in an Effective Manner.

WHY HIS MIND WAS MUCH DISTURBED

His Home Had Been Broken Up and He Fear of Death-Closing Features of the Trial.

Fullerton, Neb., Jan. 12 .- [Special to The BEE.]-At the opening of court yesterday morning the examination of Debney was resumed by the defense. With a great deal of feeling he told the story of his life from the time he landed in America up to the fatal day of July 4, 1893. He said that at one time his hair was caught in some machinery, teating the entire scalp from his head and fracturing his skull. He also told of the loss of his two children in his shanty, which caught fire while he and his wife were at work in the field, burning the little folks to death, and the loss of his first wife from the bite of a rattlesnake snortly afterward. During the narration of this story to the tury he was greatly affected and several times sobbed

He said that when he married his second wife he took her together with her three little children, to his home and had lived happily with her until about three years ago, when she and her first children commenced making life intolerable making for him by insisting that he should deed his property to them. He refused, saying to her that the boys were old enough to take ca e of themselves, and that they had four children, of which he was the father, to support and educate, but that he was willing to give her cldest son his note for \$500, payable in three years, for the work he had done for him, and that as soon as they were able and got out of debt he would give her other two sons something, too. To this his wife consented, whereupon he gave her oldest son his note, as agreed upon. No sooner was this done than she insisted that he should give her other two sons \$500 each or his note for that amount, saying she would not give him any peace until this was done. He further stated that she and her sons had conspired against his life and made threats that he would get his head broken before he knew it Was Afraid of Being Killed.

On several occasions she had told him

that she would as soon sleep with a dog as with him. He said she had struck him in the head with kettles, frying pans and threatened to knock his brains out with a rolling pin. He stood in great fear of being murdered by her and her sons, as she had made such threats many times during the past three years. His wife had left their home about the middle of June and had refused to live with him longer un-less he would deed all his property to her and her children. On the morn-ing of July 4, 1893, he had taken two friends to the house of two friends to the house o William Browlack in Prairie Creek town ship, where his wife was, and entreated her to return to his home and dismiss the di-vorce proceedings which she had instituted against him. This she refused to do. After the meeting he took the pricets back to Genoa. While in Genoa he drank freely of rum and beer, and did not remember any-thing that took place on his road home from Genoa until he saw his wife at the house where he had left her a few hours previous. He again renewed his entreaties for her to return and live with him, which she refused to do, and jumping up caught hold of him, exclaiming: "John, John!" He thought that she was calling for her dest son John to come and kill him, whereapon he became wild and shot off his re-

volver, after which he knew nothing until some time that night when he recovered consciousness and found himself in the timber near the Loup river. He then returned to his home where he met his little boy who asked him what made him kill his mother.

The boy told him a mob was hunting for him and if they found him they would hang him. This caused him to run away and hide. He said Mrs. Speice had told him that his wife and her boys threatened to rob

On cross-examination the attorneys for



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the state were unable to materially change

Another Witness for the Defeuse. The defense then put upon the stand John Bartusbuck, who testified that he had seen Mrs. Debney strike her husband with a fry ing pan which contained hot meat and grease. Mrs. Debney had given him (the witness) \$10 to procure the signing over of Debney's property to her sons. She had also given witness \$1 to get the defendant drunk so he would sign decds to the property to her sons.

The defense then rested their case and the state immediately commenced introducing rebuttal testimony. Mrs. Speice upon the witness stand emphatically denied that she had ever had the conversation which the defendant claimed she had with him. Several other witnesses denied most of the things testified to by the defendant. In the afternoon the arguments of counsel sere commenced. Judge Brower made the pening argument for the state in a strong clear and logical manner, after which Mr. Morgan, Mr. Reeder and Mr. Albert, for the defendant, made able and exhaustive arou

Mr. Critchfield, county attorney, closed for the state. During the arguments of counsel perfect order prevailed until County Attorney Critenfield finished, when many in the room cheered. Judge Sullivan couls scarcely make himself heard. When quie was again restored Judge Sullivan adminis tered a scathing rebuke to all who partici-pated in the applause. The case went to the jury at 5:30 last evening.

Could Not Secure a Bond,

GRAND ISLAND, Jan. 12 .- [Special to THE Bee.]-The county treasurer, William Cornelius, re-elected last fall, resigned today Mr. Cornelius was caught in the Citizens National bank failure with \$9,000 of the county funds. This made it difficult to secure the bond of \$150,000 required by th county board. Mr. Cornelius was a repub lican, and had served a term satisfactorily Mr. H. J. Palmer, a republican, has been appointed as his successor. It was currently reported this morning that the Citizens National bank would soon

be able to make a payment of 35 to 50 per cent. Receiver Westervelt says he would

be glad if such were the case, but no divi-dend could be declared until all the claims are in, which will be not less than ninet days. The receiver will send his first report a voluminous affair, to the comptroller to morrow. Surprised by Their Friends. FAIRMONT, Neb., Jan. 12 .- (Special to THE

BEE.]-Citaries Hallingshead, the B. & M. agent here, is to be removed to Creto. Yesterday he and his wife were invited to take tea at Dr. Ashby's. As soon as they left a few of their most intimate friends took possession of their bouse and set the tables and session of their bouse and set the tables and loaded them with the best the country affords. It was a most complete surprise. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Randall, Dr. and Mrs. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Putt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Maxfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxfield, Mr. and J. D. Craymer, Mrs. V. E. Wostert, Mrs. Vinsent, and Mrs. Westcott, Mrs. Vinsent and Mrs Rippsam.

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A bond in the sum of 40 per cent of the amount bid, with two acceptable sureties, one to be a resident of Sioux City, must accompany each bid.

Two bids are asked, one conditioned upon payment on monthly estimates in cash, and one on payments on monthly estimates in sewer bonds running two, three, four and five years, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per

Cent.
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Chairman Sewer Committee.
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