tal before the law. This the Union Pacific employes should all recognize in view of events of the past few months in the courts. they did otherwise they would degrade themselves to allow such a question affecting their rights and conditions to be considered on a lower level. Labor must necessarily defend its interests with a united front The agitator of strikes should be gagged Men always snarl when they lose a strike The word strike is a distasteful one to me We can settle our troubles now in a more dignified manner. These have long been my ideas, and I have presented them in Union Pacific employes magazine, of which I am editor, from time to time, but not until now have I had my hobby realized. I re-joice that capital has placed a dignified weapon in the hands of labor."

Mr. Corbin said that it was evidently the intention of General Solicitor Thurston to ride into Denver quietly and secure an order from Judge Hallett, but the employes were apprised of the move, and he (Corbin) went Judge Hallett and asked to be heard or the question before an order was issued Workingmen of the west were agreeably sur-prised at the result, because in former years Judge Hallett had sent several prominent labor leaders to jall for participation in a strike. Mr. Corbin said that the throwing of labor cases into court gave the judges an excellent opportunity to study the great problem of muscle and money, and that he believed that judicial minds would be guided by fairness after they saw the justice of the stand taken by organized labor. He ce in the courts and men should

not be too hasty in contempt.

George Vroman is confident that the conference will be productive of good results.

He heartly commends the Caldwell order and in substance echoes the sentiments expressed by Mr. Corbin.

SUBSTANCE OF THE ANSWER. The answer filed by the Union Pacific emyes before Judges Hallett and Riner in substance dealed many statements in the petition filed by the company.

They denied that, with possible rare ex-

ceptions, which are unimportant in effecany of the achedules were to be justified, if at all, by conditions not now existing denled that the same had become so vol uminous or obscure as to produce in opera tion inequalities to either the property or to many of the employes of said system: specifically denied that it is best to so revise or rearrange the schedules as prepared in the petition and in exhibits "F" and "G." instead of ordering any horizontal percentage of reduction in the wages of the non-salaried employes of the system, and also denied that such a rearrangement the schedules will secure a more equitable distribution of such reductions as might be necessary or reasonable or proper. They cited as unfair for the receivers to make mparisons of the transactions of what was well known to them to be the most unproperous, with the most prosperous year in the history of the said system, whereas a comparison of the business of the year 1893 with the year 1890 or 1891 would have shown comparatively small falling off in business and respondents avered that such compari-sons of extremes were not only unfair to them, but were calculated to lead the court into error prejudicial to the rights or respondents and others, the employes of the Union Pacific system, continuing under the management of the receivers.

respondents further said that they were not, nor were those whom they rep resented and for whose rights and interests in the premises it was sought to secure the asideration of the court, at all or in any manner, except from a partial and to a great extent selfish standpoint, by those having adverse interests in said matters, represented before Judge Dundy prior to the making of the order made by him on the 27th day of January, 1894, else these de fendants respectfully venture the assumption that Judge Dundy, upon a full and fair hearing of the facts with regard to the matter; set forth, would have greatly modified the order in many respects.

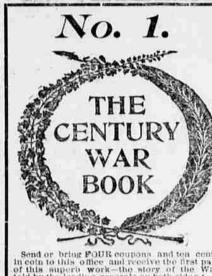
MAXWELL'S COLUMN SAFE.

News Reaches Calcutta of Its Movements and Whereabouts.

CALCUTTA, March 11.-The anxiety felt regarding the safety of the British column regarding the safety of the faiths column under the command of Captain Maxwell, which is operating in Assan against the border tribes, has been dispelled by the receipt of news of the safety of the expedition. Advices received today from the expedition show everything had gone well with the troops up to the 8th instant. The column had attacked and destroyed the column had attacked and destroyed the Abors' stronghold. The Abors made a strong defense before they retreated and a number of them were killed.

Want to Hold on to the Office.

O'NEILL, Neb., March 11.-(Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Hon. H. R. Henry, member of the legislature, was elected yesterday by the county board to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of John Skirving Friday. formal demand was made on Skirving to step down and out, but he refused and will take the case to the district court if possible. The prosecution will apply for a mandamus to secure the office.



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A. S. Jones, Wanted for a Killing at Sprague, Gives Himself Up.

KNOCKED ON THE JAIL DOOR AT LINCOLN

Ever Since the Tragedy He Has Been Quietly Living with a Friend in Missouri-Refuses to Talk of the Affair.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 11 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A. S. Jones, the Missouri Pacific station agent, who shot and killed Jerry Peck at Sprague, a small station in this county, on February 21, arrived in this city this afternoon on a B. & M. train shortly before 4 o'clock, walked to the fail and surrendered himself. His coming was not entirely unexpected, for Sheriff Miller this morning received a telegram from him saying: "Am on my way to surrender myself to you." Sheriff Miller did not expect Jones to arrive until about 5 o'clock, thinking he would come over the Missouri Pa cific, and consequently was not at the jail when his man arrived. Jones introduced himself to the deputy and took a seat in the fall office until the sheriff arrived.

When Sheriff Miller returned Jones asked o be taken into custody. He stated that he had telegraphed his father at Deep Water, Mo., and his father-in-law at Burr, Neb. to meet him at Lincoln tomorrow, and that until after they arrived he wished to see no one, and especially desired that the newspaper reporters be kept from him

He conversed freely with Sheriff Miller on the ordinary topics of the day, but studiously refrained from talking of the shooting. He did inform the sheriff, however, that immediately after the sheoting he went to Warrenton, Mo., and that he had remained quietly in that place with an old friend, named Jardyne. He had not left that place until yesterday, when he started for Lincols Jardyne, who appears to be a farme past the middle age, accompanied him to Lincoln, and, after Jones had been locked up, was accompanied by a deputy to the Palce restaurant, where he said he would re

main during his stay in the city.

Jones informed the sheriff that he had heard but little from Sprague sluce he fled from that town. He had purchased the news papers, but they had contained but little news concerning the tragedy. He had not heard that a reward had been offered for his arrest. He had studied over the matter a great deal and had finally made up his mind to surrender himself. He is in good bealth and does not look as if the tragedy had caused him any great amount of mental dis He has sent for his wife and she will be here tomorrow.

CARD FROM MRS. PECK.

SPRAGUE, Neb., March 9 .- To the Editor Bee: There is a statement in the Weekly Call of March 6, made by of The Bee: the wife of the murderer A. S. Jones, which wish the public to know is untrue. There was no enmity existing between the men Jones was frequently seen in my husband's place of business and if there was hatred in his heart he did not show it. He has taken the life of my husband and left me to struggle to keep my four little ones (aged 5, 3, 2 and a babe 6 weeks old) from hunger and cold. Mrs. Jones thanks the Order of Telegraph Operators, to which her husband belongs, for their sympathy. I do not expec any from them, but I do ask the sympathy of the people who love truth, honor and mercy.

MRS. J. F. PECK. mercy.

RESIGNED HIS PASTORSHIP.

Rev. Brown of Fremont Accepts a Call-

Gossip from the City. FREMONT, March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The resignation of Rev. G. W. Brown, the popular pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will take effect on the 15th inst. He has accepted a position with the National Chautaugua association.

Fremant division Uniformed Bank of Pythias, has elected the following officers: Captain, L. Leedour; lieutenant, J. H. Mathews; herald, Grant Parsons; recorder, W. J. Yost; treasurer, George Wolz; guard,

B. Cowan; sentinel, L. B. Harris. Herman Echteneamn of Washington county harged with attempting to kill Frank Osterman at a dance a few months ago, has been

The Nesbitt & Rogers bankrupt stock of hardware was sold yesterday to satisfy the mortgagees. They realized from 50 to 75

per cent on their claims. It is understood that one Fremont man has offered to donate \$5,000 toward the new Young Men's Christian association building and one lady offers \$1,000 for the same

laudable purpose.

The "mothers" meeting held in the Woman's Christian Temperance union temple Thursday afternoon was numerously attended, and the subject, "Evenings at Home and How to Make Them Attractive to Young People," was enthusiastically considered and discussed. A short program was carried out, including a very interesting paper by Mrs. J. A. Van Anda.

The little daughter of Martain Nelson was seriously scalded Wednesday by the overturning of a vessel of boiling water.

O. H. P. Shively of the hemp and twine factory of this city has commenced suit in the district court against certain insurance companies to recover the instruction warehouse and contents destroyed by fire on November 26. They have thus far refused to settle. The amount involved is companies to recover the insurance on the about \$6,000, covering the entire loss.

In the cases in the district court against

Blue & Stephens, the carriage dealers, who failed, the court finds that Stephens has money in his hands to pay the judgments and is ordered to pay the same into court and is ordered to pay the same into court before March 16. He has given notice of R. M. Allen of the Standard Cattle com

pany was in the city yesterday to file with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors petitions for a system of cut-off ditches as lows: One between Ames and North Bend, one just west of North Bend and one east and west, north of Fremont, discharging into the Elkhorn river. This system is in accordance with the plans originated some ten years ago for the complete drain-age of the Platte bottom and is supported by the Board of Trade of this city backed by 90 per cent of the land owners of the bottom and a petition of 1,200 merchants, professional men, mechanics and laborers of the section interested. In an interview with Mr. Allen today he stated to The Bee correspondent that the Standard Cattle company had so far done on their lands about two-thirds of all the ditching of the Platte valley. They have readily and earnestly assisted every enterprise, and had freely spent their time and money to perfect a system of thorough drainage, and he was sanguine that if the proposed ditches could be built as a basis and the proper laterals constructed every acre of the bottom could be converted into the most productive soil of the county. The plea by the opposition that the diagonal ditches would greatly injure the farms he pronounced without foundation, but on the contrary would benefit them greatly. claimed that the opposition to the cut-off ditches was inspired by would-be politicians,

as the basis of all their complaints is that it is a corporation scheme and, hence, must be sat down upon. "We have demonstrated," he said, "that the land of the bottom that had heretofore grown one and a half tons of prairie hay to the acre at a possible value of \$3 can, by properly draining, be made to produce six-teen bushels of beets to the acre and have drawn the eyes of the whole civilized world to the results of our experiment, and we certainly should be considered above any selfishness in the matter." He sees in the future for the Platte bottom the most valuable farms and the liveliest cities of the country if the advantages already gained shall be followed up by the system of drain-

age proposed by these popular petitions. This matter will come before the board of supervisors on Tuesday.

The county teachers institute held a most delightful session Friday, there being nearly 100 teachers in attendance. Superintendent Coney of Stanton county was present and took up the subject of "Geography," handling it in a most able and comprehensive man-Prof. Williams of Scribner on and Prof. Dooley of Hooper on

TIRED OF BEING A FUGITIVE Who is the Teacher?" were carefully followed and elicited marked interest.

HE IS AN OLD MAN.

At Santee Agency There is a 106-Year-Old

Buck-Fire at Niobrara. NIOBRARA March 11 -(Special to The Bee.)-At Santee agency there lives an old Indian, named Firstborn, who is said to be 106 years old. According to the old man's account he was 17 when the soldiers first came to Fort Snelling, Minn., in 1805, under command of Lieutenant Pike. It is said that the old man's account of things that hap-pened and in which he had a part is quite circumstancial and probable. He has been quite feeble for several years and sleeps most of the time. He is cared for by his youngest son, who has taken the English name of John Charman and who is, for a vonder among these Indians, a gray-haired

Niobrara's water works were practically tested for the first time on the 8th, 4-year-old boy having set fire to an exposed hay stack in the residence part of town while playing with matches, burning a barn town Promptness on the part of the fire com panies saved a possible large loss, as there were two barns near by and several dwellngs in the direction of a brisk west wind in conceded that this one effort has paid the cost of the water works, which is

fed by an artesian well.

The ice on the Niobrara river went out Friday, and, by considerable hard work, temporary spans that were placed it the temporary spans that were placed in last summer after the breaking up of the river and washing away of part of the bridge, were saved from further damage other than the loss of two piles.

isiderable improvement will be made n Niobrara island this season, the same having been donated by the government to Niobrara for a park at the time of the Sioux tains about 600 acres and has i fine natural lake in about the center, which will be stocked with fish. The park com-missioner, will reside there and make im provements, the citizens having agreed to ve him a lease of five years for certain

mprovements each year.
A number of Santee and Yankton Indians, elonging to the Twenty-first infantry, staloned at Sidney, are in town on a furlough They are very tidy and conduct themselves It has been suggested that it centlemanly. they are a specimen of army discipline the into the ranks who like fire water too well comfort of their neighbors. much bad whisky being drank, and yesterday several Indians were brought in from the Santee agency who had turned a neigh pors family out of its house in the middle of the night, and a week scarcely passes but that similar troubles take place.

DESERTED HIS SICK WIFE

Shabby Trick of a Nebraska City Man-Au Accident to a Doctor. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 11.-

(Special to The Bec.)—Frank McKinney, well known in this city and Omaha, placed his wife in the hospital yesterday and then went, as he said, to consult the managers of that institution, and has been a minus qui tity ever since. Mrs. McKinney is seriously ill and penniless, and the county commissioners were called on for relief.

Dr. A. Bowen, one of the oldest practi-tioners in the state, met with a painful accident yesterday. While in the act of stepping into his carriage he slipped and fell his head striking against the curbstone rendering him unconscious. In view of the doctor's advanced age the injury may result

A Burlington freight train had a narrow escape from a serious wreck yesterday be tween this city and Peru. Shortly after leaving Peru the engineer noticed a large avalanche of dirt and rocks on the track ahead of him. He reversed his engine and obstruction at a slow rate of speed, escaping with a broken pilot. The track a this point runs along the river, and had the engine left the track, the train would have gone into the river.

J. E. Conley visited Omaha last week and

purchased from Max Myer & Co. the finest stock of jewelry ever displayed in this city. Dr. Doherty of Omaha occupied the pulpi Mary's Episcopal church in this city

yesterday. The Ladies Union Helping Hand society has done a great work during the past wants of the needy. Forty-one members are enrolled in the society from the best families in the city, and they have brought comfort to many cheerless homes during th The democrats hold their city convention

tomorrow. From present indications F. P. Ireland will head the ticket.

READY FOR THE FRAY.

Plattsmouth Republican Preparing for the Coming City Election. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 11 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The Plattsmouth republicans had their ward primaries last evening and selected delegates and nominated candidates for the council. Those placed in nomination were: First ward, Henry Mauzy; Second ward, John Hinshaw; Third ward, F. H. Steimker; Fourth ward, Charles Hassen; Fifth ward, George Hawkins and

The city convention will be held next Satur-Plattsmouth republicans are unusually aggressive this spring and though the city is generally democratic they feel extremely confident of electing a great portion of the ticket.

The case of Karnes against Dovey & Son, the second of the garnishee damage cases tried in district court during the week past was decided yesterday morning, when the verdict of the jury was returned. The finding was for the defendants. The suit had its origin in the selling by the defendants of an account against the plaintiff to Iowa parties, on which the plaintiff's wages due im from the B. & M. were garnisheed. The plaintiff thereupon commenced suit against the merchants for damages, but by the find ing of the jury his claim was disallowed. The other sult, Thomas against Kraus and McCord, Brady & Co., had the same result A motion for a new trial has been filed in both cases, and if the same is not allowed an appeal will doubtless be prosecuted

the supreme court. Improvements at Minden

MINDEN, Neb., March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-On Saturday evening last at the United Presbyterian church Prof. W. E. Andrews of Lincoln addressed a large and appreciative audience on the subject, "Patriatic Scholarship." It would be folly to at tempt any comments. The speaker and sub ject are given above, which means that the audience were given a rare literary treat Excellent music was furnished by a male quartet and Miss Grace Russell, soloist, with Mrs. Dr. Phar organ accompanist. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Kearney County Educational association. The city is being much improved by the following buildings: An elegant residence

just completed by Mr. C. Rogers, president of the Kearney County bank; F. S. Kingsley of the banking firm of Kingsley Bros., ba modernized and enlarged his residence: Geoorge Kingsley of same firm has recently crected a handsome residence; Clearman of the New York store and O. R. Clark are each building large residences; Mrs. P. . this week to build a neat cottage; Dr. Mc Lean is building a two-story brick business house on the west side of the square, and Jensen & Anderson, implement dealers, an

Considerable enthusiasm is being manifested over the coming city election. Mass meetings are being held each week by the anti-license people and the election bids fair, as usual, to be close.

Awarded Pay for His Hogs. GREELEY CENTER, Neb., March 11.-(Special to The Bee.)-The case of M. Kittredge against the B. & M. railroad for \$585 for damage for hogs killed in transit from Byron, Neb., to Greeley Center in 1893, was decided in the district cour here today, the jury giving a verdict for \$40 in favor of the plaintiff. The company will carry the case to the supreme court.

Beginning Their Spring Work. JUNIATA, Neb., March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The fruit crop never was more promising than at present, especially so in regard to cherries, plums and small fruit, and if the spring continues as favorable, we will undoubtedly be blessed with a bountiful erop of fruit. The farmers have begun spring work here.

Wheat sowing is in full blast. Many are plowing. The ground seems to be in the best of condition, and every one is hopeful of a large crop this year.

Our corn market is a few cents above that of any other town around, and consequently a vast amount of that cereal is coming here o market, even coming from the vicinity of Hastings.

Juniata will not be much behind other towns in the building line this summer. Al-ready many new buildings are under way Some very nice and costly residences be among the number; also a creamery plant is a probability.

AFFAIRS AT WEST POINT.

Municipal Politics Beginning to Grow Warm-Tickets Nominated. WEST POINT, Neb., March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Charles Rosenthal of this city

was appointed captain by Colonel J. N. Killian of Columbus, to have charge of the local, and Fremont organizations of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. Wenzel Jerman, brother of Joe Jerman of this city, died of consumption at his home on the reservation Thursday. Deceased was

27 years old. This is the third member of he Jerman family that has died of consump tion. Wenzel was well known in this city, where he clerked for some time. The remains were interred in the public cemetery in this city Friday afternoon. Mrs. Charlotte Melcher, wife of J. E. Melther and an aunt to our citizen, F. W. Mel cher, died at her home near Rock creek Thursday and was buried in the cemetery

n this section, coming here with her fam ly in the 60's. On Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's brother in Garfield township, Charles Holmquist of Davey, Neb., and Miss Augusta Erickson of this city were united n marriage by Rev. C. A. Seaberg. A large feast was held and a numerous number of riends and relatives participated. The bridal couple left for Davey, where they will make their future home

n that locality. She was one of the pioneers

The supervisors are in session this week and will continue until next week. Kleine returned from Chicago Thursday evening from his purchasing trip. William Patterson has sold his barber shop to an Omaha gentleman named Gatling Patterson and wife have returned to Dodge, much to the regret of their numerous

Several large donations of good books were added to the public school library by nterested citizens. The following ticket was nominated at the citizens convention held in the court house Saturday evening: Mayor, Fred Sonnenschein; city clerk, H. W. Deininger city treasurer, P. F. O'Sullivan. The folowing ticket was nominated at the republican convention held in the city hall on the same night: Mayor, Robert F. Kloke

city clerk, William Traunke; city treasurer,

A. A. Peterson. Cedar Rapids and Vicinity.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., March 11 .- (Special o The Bee.)-Recent rains have put the ground in excellent condition for farming in this locality and inside of two weeks the greater part of the wheat crop will be sown A meeting was to have been held at this place Wednesday, at which time the promoters of the proposed narrow-gauge railroad from Albion to Taylor, Loup county were to have made a proposition to the citizens of Cedar precinct looking to the completion of the road in eight months if the requisite amount of bonds be voted, but failed to meet on account of the lack of nterest taken in the matter by our citi-

Last summer bonds to the amount of

pose of putting in a system of water works

were voted by this village for the pur-

They are to run twenty years and draw per cent interest, but for some reason unknown to the general public they have not been sold and Cedar Rapids is still at the mercy of the flory element. However, a hope is expressed by some of the city council that they can be sold this spring.

Mr. McMillen, a por of the Union Pacific company, carr in on the Wednesday afternoon train an xamined the accounts of Agent A. O. Stion, who has been promoted to the second for ditor, with headquarters at Salina, Kan., n good shape. Mr. Sumption left for Salina Thursday morning, carry-ing with him the best regards of the many friends won during his residence of nine

and a half years here. J. W. Austin of Lawrence, Kan., has succeeded Mr. Sumption as agent at this place. An endowment rank, Knights of Pythias, ias been formed here. Silvia camp, No. 797, Modern Woodmen of America, gave a supper at City hall Friday evening and entertained over 200 guests

An excellent musical program was a feature

of the evening. Tales from Tecumseh. TECUMSEH, March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-After prolonged suffering from erysipelas, William Faggart, who resides near this city, was compelled to suffer the amputation of a foot, the member being

recently removed Bishop Worthington of Omaha preached in the Episcopal church, this city, last Thurs-

The Tecumseh military band is in specia training for a grand concert to be rendered at the opera house on the evening of March Homer Gehr has returned to his home in Pittsford, N. Y.

Albert Russell and family have removed to Hastings, where they will reside in the fu-Mrs. G. S. Strong has taken her invalid son to Chicago for surgical treatment for

spine curviture. Commencing tomorrow the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance union of this city will hold a series of temperance meetings. Mrs. Anna M. Palmer of Des Moines will be present and assist in the work, he pupils of the Tecumseh High school will hold a declamatory contest at the opera ouse next Friday evening. The successful contestant will compete in the district conest to be held in Beatrice March 29. The stockholders of the Johnson county Agricultural and Mechanical association eld their regular annual meeting in this city last Wednesday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and superintendents for the various departments appointed. The

for October 3, 4 and 5. News from Talmage. TALMAGE, Neb., March 11,-(Special to The Bee.)—Cummings & Adams shipped a carload of hogs to Nebraska City on Monday. E. T. Evans and J. L. Shuff of Lincoln vere in Talmage this week. Miss Lula Reeve is the happy recipient of

late for holding the fair this year was fixed

grand square upright plane, a present her father. G. Hamilton of David City, state organizer of the Modern Woodmen of America, has been in town for a few days. Prof. Sublette will attend the Southeast-Nebraska Educational association Beatrice, March 28 to 30, and read a paper

n "Reading." Attachment proceedings continue to be brought against J. G. Tangeman & Sons. An assignment will be necessary, but it is predicted that the mill will soon be in operation under a new management.
The railroad traffic at this station on the Missouri Pacific railroad for the months of November, December, and January is sum

narized as follows: For November, receipts, \$1,584.55 and forwarded \$1,937.20. ember, receipts, \$953,99; forwarded, \$2,205.34. January, receipts, \$668.75; forwarded,

Local News from Greenwood,

GREENWOOD, Neb., March 11 .- (Special o The Bee.)-James Sullivan intends going o Oregon. He has rented his farm and will have a sale of his personal property and then leave for that country. William Baker put his goods and stock on the cars and shipped them to Harlan county. Thomas Carns will commence the erection of a new house on his farm, one and a half south of here, as soon as his rock arrives.
The Railsback Elevator company shipped

for the same. The revival at the Methodist Episopal hurch is still going on. There is great interest taken in the movement. Farms are selling in this vicinity at from \$40 to \$50 per acre. Mahoney drug store changed hands

ighty cars of corn during the month of

56,000 bushels, and paid out \$9,500

Captain H. E. Palmer Zakes Issue with Facts and Figures Prezented by The Bec. OMAHA, March 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A leading New York journal confesses that the "daily press has not the intelligence to deal justly and has not the honesty to keep silence when it does not know what to say. It thinks it is speaking like an oracle when it is only braying like an asa." After twenty-five years hard study and constant application as an insurance agent and adjuster of fire losses I have learned that I am just beginning to understand something about the problem of insurance.

The Omaha Bee has always extended to me the privilege of reply to attacks on insurance interests, has even invited me to discurs the question. Insurance interests are so closely allied to business interests that I feel compelled in justice to buyers of indemnity generally to reply to your insurance writer, who favored the readers of The Sunday Bee with two columns of his figures and conclusions on insurance. If his statements should go unchallenged a false impression would be formed to the injury of the insured and insurers. I will not attempt to reply to the entire

ommunication. The writer undoubtedly meant to be honest and fair, only he did not know well the subject in hand. The Bee says: "When a newspaper publishes a tabulated statement it aims to make its figures so clear that 'he that runs may read,' and reading, understand. It does not try to becloud plain facts with a shroud of misty hypothesis. In what it has hitherto given to the public The Bee has only printed plain figures. There has been no attempt to deny these; only to explain." This commits The Bee to a full endorse

"The imputation that an insurance policy s a contract of the same nature as one made for newspaper subscription or advertising has so little weight it hardly need be noticed. Business men need only compare their experience with newspapers and insurance companies to appreciate how far-fetched illustration is. An insurance policy is only a contract to pay a certain amount under certain conditions, and that the company

ment of figures and promises not to "becloud

does not anticipate paying the amount at all is evidenced by the fact that for so small a im as 1 per cent or less it assumes the risk Only in the remote contingency of fire is the company liable." Nonsense. An insurance policy is "a contract to pay a certain amount under certain conditions," and any reliable fire insurance

ompany cannot assume a larger risk than the law of average will demonstrate as safe. The company that writes a \$1,000 policy for \$10 must assume the obligation imposed, but by average tables as correct as figures on the rise and fall of the tide or for planetary movements has or should have the data for the hazard assumed. Competent underwriters know these figures as the master of the ship, who steers clear of the rocks and shoals. The untried, incompetent, dishonest underwriter is soon wrecked. The Omaha Bee, as a great metropolitan

journal in a growing, intelligent city like Omaha, should know chaff from wheat and should not misrepresent or belittle a busi-ness of the importance and magnitude of insurance, next to any interest here of benefit to our people. Insurance is not a game of chance, ex-

cept to ignorant underwriters and to wildcat outfits that are in the business as is the green goods man—to win a stake chanc-ing any responsibility. Your article says: RISKS AND THE PROFITS THEREON. Whatever else may be said, it is true that the insurance companies, prior to 1893,

found the rates at which they assumed risks sufficiently remunerative. That this is true may be seen from a glance at the following figures, which are from the books of the ruditor of Iowa. They show the whole business done during three years by the companies doing business in Iowa. Here are the figures:

ses Paid. Premiums Collected. Year. Losses Paid. 1850 \$ 56,878,032 10 1891 87,805,891 79 1892 77,781,782 47 139,403,955 55 160,177,101 31 Totals\$202,465,706 39

This statement is misleading. At first glance one would think that it was intended to show Iowa business, which is not true; it shows the whole business done by 118 com-panies in the United States and Canada and all American companies doing business in foreign countries. The statement shows \$430,392,846,96 premiums collected by all these companies in three years, but not 1 cent for cost of collection, for agents' commissions, for salary of state and special supervising agents, adjusters, home office force, officers and clerks, taxes, license fees, advertising, etc., which averages about 38 per cent. But for this statement we will figure it at only 35 per cent (much less than the running the Omaha Bee or any large business in the world), which amounts to the snug little sum of \$150,637,496.43.

Add to this 7 per cent for three years' interest on \$70,000,000 actual capital invested \$ 14,700,000 00

Net profit for three years' busi-In round numbers, 14 per cent of premium receipts for three years business, backed by \$70,000,000 capital, and the labor of over 00,000 men, a triffe over 11 per cent per annum on capital invested. Not so wonder fully inviting to capitalists, considering the risk assumed.

This shows the business of only 118 companies out of about 150 companies doing business in New York state during the same it shows the result of the business of 118 among the best managed companies and includes results of business done in several foreign countries, where the losses have not been so excessive, where adverse and damaging legislation is not applied to insurance companies. In this scattered busi-ness, well selected and supervised, lies the profit and safety gauge that gives to insurers in nearly 100 companies some tangible hope of protection against the demon fire. To select the companies only reporting to Iowa is manifestly unfair. While these reports show a fair profit in the field covered, the same companies have lost money on their United States business, the business which our cost price for indemnity is based. For instance, for the same period, 1890-91-92 and including 1893, four the total premium receipts in the United States of companies doing business in New York was \$428,957,813. Total losses and expenses for same period, \$437,496,720; showing a net loss to the companies on the last four rears business in the United States of \$8,-

Do you comprehend the fact that insurance rates have not been advanced in Omaha be-cause of the fearful losses here? The advance general all over the United States because of the disastrous results of the past four years business in this country. you realize that the actual destruction of insured and unlasured property reported, and unreported fire losses in the United States for the four years ending December 31 last amount to nearly \$800,000,000, representing over two and one-half years work at \$1 per day of 1,000,000 wage earners? How long can accumulated capital of the country stand this waste of earnings, brains and muscle is it not time to study the question of fire. vaste, insurance, cause and effect, to instruct the people how to get along without this protection, possibly to legislate against the in-cendiary rather than the companies who are eting as custodians of our hard-earned cash? Do we wish to rob ourselves to make rascals rich? Then enact valued policy laws.

NEBRASKA BUSINESS. I quote from last Sunday's Bee: But the insurance people do not always do this well. Like farmers, they have their good seasons and their had seasons. They struck one of their bad seasons in 1893. Returns are not all in yet, but from the way in which the companies have been pushing up rates in the last six months it would sem that they either expected to have another bad season this year or to get even at one fell swoop and bring the low average profit of 1893 up to the figure that repre-sents that of the last three preceding years. In Nebraska nineteen companies have made their reports to the state auditor so comas to be ready for publication. It is thought that all will be ready to give out said as to soon. The figures which are here given as to show what all the stock companies doing pla."

companies are not included in these tables: 842,983

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years, viz.: Longes and Premiums Received. Exp\$1,963,821\$1,983\$137,983\$11,993,147 \$7,002,954 \$6,772,786 60

Eight hundred and twenty thousand, one condred and sixty-nine dollars and forty four years business; an average of 2½ per cent per year. This is the combined business of over 100 companies doing business in Nebraska. Nothing for interest on capital invested. The premium receipts and losses paid in Iowa or Nebraska have but little effect on rates in these states, as of necessity the rates must be made on the average re sult of the entire business of the country. If the companies had tried to recoup them selves for Chicago or Boston losses from these cities Chicago would never have been rebuilt, and Boston with all its wealth would have rebelled against so unjust a tax. insurance the burden of loss must fall upon the whole country, as the scheme illustrates the golden maxim, "bear ye one another's burdens." United, as contributors to each

other's misfortunes, we stand; divided, we If fire insurance is so great a bonanza why do you not buy stocks or put cash and try the scheme? The truth is, if our daily press would treat the subject of fire insurance fairly, honestly and intelli-gently, there would be no prejudice against the companies, business men and all insurers would recognize the community of interests between the men who risk their fortunes for the protection of their customers and those who of necessity must have this protection

VALUED POLICY LAWS.

Valued policy laws would be repealed, as would all laws which add seriously to the cost price of insurance indemnity. The valued policy law enacted in Nebraska four years ago has not benefited one single honest claimant to the value of a dollar, and yet the people of Nebraska have paid over \$1,000,000 for this bit of venomous spite work, a law that will not permit a corporation to make a contract which any individual member of the corporation can make any day and have the courts enforce same. No hencest, thorughly intelligent man, who knows fully the nature and scope of an insurance con-tract, who knows what insurance is—the problem of obligating a corporation for milions of dollars for a premium based on average tables, as well as the moral and physical hazard—will not for one moment favor so iniquitous a measure as the valued policy law, enacted wholly to compel the insurance company to pay some dishonest man more oney than he has actually lost, more than the company contracted to pay, to the effect that the insured shall profit by a fire which may destroy the property of an uninsured neighbor. For this hazard at least 15 per cent is being paid in excess of what would have been the rate without the valued policy

Every farmer, merchant, manufacturer and everybody who insures are paying in every state where the law is in force 15 per cent today more than they need to pay if it were not for this valued policy law. It is time the public press should study the insurance problem or let us all quit insuring or take Lloyds, or mutual insurance, which is more dangerous and desperate than

carrying your own risk. The public press is the great educator of the people." Editors who by their vocation become the best educators and brightest men ought to admit that there is something in law, in metaphysics and other deep stud-ies that they are not masters of. So in Insurance there is a science in the business beyond the mere writing of policies and collecting premiums, otherwise the business not have flourished for 2,700 years and today hold a stronger grip on ness interests of the world than that held by any other aggregation of capital.

If the theory is wrong crush it out; if the practice is bad the public press and not the hired and paid insurance press should be able honestly and intelligently point out the right course to pursue.

H. E. PALMER. MARTIN MILLER'S STATEMENT

Says He Can Easily Prove that He Did Not Shoot Ribak. The police are now sure that the assailant of Grocer Ribak is in the hands of the law. Martin Miller, who was arrested as the guilty man, was positively identified as such by Ribak and his wife. After Miller had been returned to jail Ribak was asked if he had any doubts and if he was likely to change his mind in a day or two. he said emphatically, "that Miller is guilty man I am as sure as that I am liv-ing and would be willing to swear to it if necessary. He is the right one, as while he was in the room I had an exceedingly good opportunity to see him closely. As already stated at the moment the man first entered and requested my money I thought he was only in jest and when things took on a serious aspect I can assure you I took a good look at him, both as to size, clothes and any other marks by which he might be known. I can tell you that when a man comes as near to being killed by a highwayman as I did and lives to tell the tale the impression fixed in his mind at the time of the assault is one that he will

scarcely ever forget and that is the case Miller is now in the city jail and will be retained there until some further evidence is secured. He was brought upstairs and o a reporter for The Bee he told the fol-owing story: "I have been in Omaha some lowing story: "I have been in Omaha some time, possibly two years, and have most o the time worked for one ice company and another, but principally for the Kimbali ompany. Of course in winter time, there eing no driving, I was out of employment, except a few days that I worked on the less out at Cut-Off lake. There as in the sum-mer I worked for the Kimball company. My arrest is a surprise to me; I am sur I cannot account for it and think I can prove

my innocence."

Miss Thomas Misinformed. A letter was received by the chief of police from a Miss Elmina Thomas, Bala, Kan. The letter stated that she had a female relative living in this city, named Corn, and that she was murdered by her husband. woman's name was Josie Corn and she for-merly lived at Bala, Kan. She left there ome time ago and went to Omaha. The letter was turned over to the detec

tives and a visit made to the residence of

Mr. Corn, 2526 Pacific street. The circun stances of the letter were stated to him an he said that his wife was alive and well and that, not finding Omaha as suitable as she thought, she had temporarily loft the city and would return soon. Cricket Club Entertainment. The executive committee of the Omaha Cricket club held a meeting Saturday night. at which it was decided to give an entertainment on March 30. Dancing will be the

order of the evening, while cards will help to beguile the time in the case of such as do

Refreshments will be served during the evening in the form of ices and lemonade

care to indulge in the "light fantastic.

RIME IN HIGH PLACES! It is not strange that some people do groug through ignorance, others from a failure to investigate as to the right of wrong of a matter. But it is strange that individuals and firms, who are fully aware of the rights of others, will persist in perpetrating frauds upon them. High-toned, wealthy manufacturing firms will offer and sell to retail merchants articles which they know to be infringements on the rights of proprietors, and imitations of well known goods. We want to sound a note of warn ing to the retailers to beware of such imita tions and simulations of "CARTER'S LIT-TLE LIVER PILLS." When they are of fered to you refuse them, you do not want to do wrong and you don't want to lay your self liable to a lawsuit. Ben Franklin said "Honesty is the best policy;" it is just as true as that "Honesty is the best princi-

business in Nebraska in 1892 did. Mutual and everything done to conduce to the comfort and enjoyment of such as attend the

The Metropolitan club of Harney and Twenty-second streets will be engaged and music of the best procured. To enable such as live at a distance it has been decided to bring the affair to a close before midnight. It is anticipated that between 500 and 600, chiefly friends of the members of the club, will attend the dance, and it goes withlarge number of people will call forth the best endeavors of the management.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A Pair of Kids" proved an attractive

bill at the Fifteenth Street theater last night and every seat was occupied. The comedy has been rehearsed on the local stage so often that it is familiar to all theatergoers, but its popularity seems to increase with age, and it was received with just as much evidence of approbation last evening as on the occasion of its first appearance. The luguinious marital experiences of Doe Do Funny and the dry humor of old Jiles Button seemed to strike the audience just as effectively as ever and to all appearances the farce might live another dec-ade in popular favor. The performance pretends to nothing beyond its laughter-exciting apabilities. The humor is abundant and is pleasingly intersperced with songs and dances of more than average merit. Henry Winchell, as Jiles Button, the farmer who comes to town to find a missing heir, furnishes a fund of quaint, old-fashioned drollery that is a show in itself, and John Mc-Gee, as the Irishman with matrimonial encumbrances, makes the most of a very funny character. Gilbert Sarony, in his character of an antique but unsophisticated female, keeps the ball rollingand his specialties were received with the usual favor. The female characters are costumed far more elaborately than is usual in performinces of this character, the La Verde sisers especially appearing in several very effective dresses. Lilly La Verde's dancing specialty in the last act is a very clever turn and was received with enthusiastic vidence of approbation. ditional dances are introduced and these, with an abundance of good singing, form an agreeable interruption to the humor of the piece. "A Pair of Kids" is a performance that is well worth seeing for a second time.

Affairs in Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, March 11 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The warrant sworn out last week against Sylvanus Halstead of Decatur for incest on the person of his 13-year-old daughter lodged the prisoner in the county jall here, he being not able to give bonds. His preliminary trial was held Wednesday and he was bound over to the next term of district court. The comic opera l"Pinafore," by local

talent, under the able management of F. W. Conkling, who at one time was a member of the Hess Opera company, came off at the opera house Thursday and Friday evenings to full houses. The costumes were elegant, and scenery, painted especially by the scenic artist of Boyd's theater at Omaha, produced a pleasing effect. A large number of people from surrounding towns were present. It is quite probable that the opera will be produced outside of Tekamah. Decatur's new paper has made its appearance and is called the News, Alonzo DeMilt

being the publisher. The News has no Craig's new paper, the Craig Times, made its appearance last week. B. A. Brewster,

late a typo on the old Journal, is the pub-

lisher. It is republican in politics.

At Death's Door Blood Poisoned After Tv-

phoid Fever A Marvelous Cure by Hood's After



"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: "Dear Sirs: Twenty-five years ago I had a billious fever, and later it turned into typhoid fever, and for five weeks I lay like one dead, but at last I pulled through and got up around. I soon discovered on my left leg just above the knee a small brown spot about as big as a three cent piece, which puffed up but did not hurt me or feel sore. I did not pay any attention to it until two years after, when it commenced to spread and have the appearance of a ring worm. It itched and burned and I commenced doctor-

ing, but to no avail. I Cot Only Momentary Relief, And sometimes not even that. I could not sleep nights, and on account of the itching I scratched the spot until the blood would run. In hot weather my elbows and all my joints were just the same, and what I have suffered I cannot describe with a pen. Last February I tried an herb for the blood and it broke out in the worst form of a rash all over my body. I began my scratching, and scales would fall off. The sores continued to discharge and I longed to die. Finally my husband bought a bottle of Hoed's Sarsaparilla and I had not taken more than half of it before I began to change for the better. I have had four bottles,

Now I Am All Well but two little spots on my leg. I can now sleep

and eat well and work all the time. I am 54 Hood's sarsa Cures years old, and the mother of eleven children and think I can do as much as any one my age My son has also taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for dyspepsia, and has been greatly benefited by it, Heelvery grateful for the benefit I received from Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mus. Physic L. Hall, Galva, Kansas.

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