Ex-Treasurer Hill and All His Bondemen Summoned to the Supreme Court.

SUIT OF THE STATE FOR ITS LOST FUNDS

Documents Placed in the Hands of the Sheriffs of Douglas, Laucaster and Gage for Scrvice-Why Bartley is Not Implicated.

LINCOLN, May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The case in which the state of Nebraska anes ex-Treasurer John E. Hill and his bondsmen for \$236,364.60, was formally commenced today by the action of Attorney General Hastings filing a praccipe with the clerk of the supreme court, directing that official to issue a summons in the case to the ex-treasurer and his bondsmen. The eterk immediately issued the summons and placed them in the hands of the sheriffs of Douglas, Lancaster and Gage countles. The following is a copy of the summons placed in the hands of the sheriff of Douglas

"You are hereby commanded to notify Victor B. Caldwell, Samuel E. Rogers, John F. Coad and Frank Colpetzer, impleaded with John H. McClay, John B. Wright, Charles W. Mosher, D. E. Thompson, R. C. Outcait, J. D. Macfarland, John Pitzgerald John E. Smith, Samuel C. Smith, John Ellis, C. T. Hoggs and N. S. Harwood, de fendants, that they have been sued by the state of Nebraska, plaintiff, in the supreme court of the state, and that unless they answer on or before the 18th day of June, A. D. 1894, the petition of the said state of Nebraska filed against them in the clerk's office of said court, such petition will be taken as true, and judgment rendered accordingly."

A copy of the above summons will be served upon each of the ex-treasurer's bonds Treasurer Hill gave a bond for \$2,000 000, divided as follows: John Fitzgerald \$400,000; C. W. Mosher, \$300,000; J. D. Macfarland, \$200,090; Samuel E. Rogers, \$200,000; John F. Coad, \$200,000; D. E. Thompson, \$150,000; R. C. Outcalt, \$150,000; Frank Colpetzer, \$100,000; N. S. Harwood. \$100,000; C. T. Boggs, \$100,000; John Ellis, \$100,000; Samuel C. Smith, \$100,000; John E. Smith, \$100,000; Victor B. Caldwell, \$100,000; John H. McClay, \$50,000; John B. Wright,

In connection with this case, which is by far the most important in which the state of Nebraska has been a party, it may be interesting to note the process of legal reasoning by which the state establishes its case against ex-Treasurer Hill. Many people fail to understand why the deposit of the money in the Capital National bank under the state depository law does not release the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Hill or State Treasurer Bartley. Still others fall to understand why the state does not institute its suit against Treasurer Bartley, as the money was lost two months after he took possession of the office. A few brief paragraphs from the petition filed by Attorney General Hastings and Judge Wakeley will show the line of argument taken by the attorneys for the state.

After citing the election of Treasurer Hill, the filing and approval of his bond, the petition establishes the following propositions 1. It was by law the duty of Treasurer Hill to receive and keep all moneys of the state and to account for and pay over to his successor all of such funds.

2. On January 8, 1891, when Treasurer Hill assumed the duties of the office he re-ceived into his custody the sum of \$1,524,-554.74. During his last term he received from other sources the sum of \$4,290,834.50. making the total sum held and received \$5,725,389.24.

3. Treasurer Hill did not perform hi duties as provided by law, inasmuch as he loaned to the Capital National bank the sum of \$285,357.85 and more. On January 14, 1893, when he surrendered his office to Treasurer Bartley he failed and refused to over to Bartley the said sum of \$285,-

4. That when he did turn over his office to Bartley he induced the latter in som manner to accept certificates of deposit for \$285,357.85, when at the time the said cer-tificate of deposit was turned over the Capital National bank was insolvent and unable to redeem the certificate of deposit.

MORE VIADUCT TROUBLES. Mayor Weir, accompanied by several members of the city council, went to Omaha today for a final conference with the railroad managers over the viaduct The complications have finally reached the point where work will have to be entirely suspended unless the railroad companies make further advances of money to complete the structure. The work is so nearly done that the final estimate of \$16,000 will complete it, if the money is secured at once. The entire trouble arises out of the fact that the city council has no funds with which to pay damages to abutting property. the contract with the railroad companies the companies were to pay the actual cost of the structure while the city was to settle for abutting damages. The via-duct was to cost \$116,000. The railroads which were to advance the money as fast as the work is done have so far complie with their contract. They have advanced \$93,000, and the contractor has done about \$96,000 worth of work. The city has allowed another estimate of \$16,000, but the railroads decline to furnish the money on the grounds that but \$36,000 worth of work has been done. Mayor Weir hopes to secure the money by giving the railroad managers some assurance that the city will

at once take steps to raise the money to pay the abutting damages. CITY POLITICS IN COURT. Mayor Weir made application today for the vacating of the injunction obtained by Water Commissioner Percival, on the ground that the facts alleged in the petition do not constitute sufficient to authorize the issuance of the injunction, and because the alle gations therein are untrue. In the answers filed therewith the mayor avers that he never has nor does have any intention of interfering with the rights or privileges of the plaintiff, nor has he any desire to control his department other than a part of the duties of the office of mayor. He reiterates that the ordinance fully empowers him to appoint the employes of the water depart-ment, and that in pursuance of said power he on the 9th day of May appointed A. L. Quay. The man Worthington has never been appointed as an employe, nor has Mr. Percival ever requested his appointment. He avers that he has no desire to harass or annoy the commissioner in the performance of his duties, but that when he goes outside of his duty only will the detaining hand of the mayor fall athwart his path. NOTED INSURANCE CASE.

J. A. Buckstaff, who is plaintiff in forty cases against as many insurance companies for losses sustained by the destruction of his brick making plant, pours some hot shot into the companies in an amended reply filed today. He says that the companies conspired together to cheat and defraud him by refusing to pay the just losses, fraudulently insisted that the boilers and movable machinery were personal property and not entirely destroyed. That they took advantage of the necessities of his business situation and the fulfillment of contracts force him to arbitrate. He named C. Boggs as his arbitrator, and the companie recommended one E. P. Davis as a compe tent and disinterested party. Buckstaff in-sists that as a matter of fact Davis was not competent and disinterested, but was strongly blased in favor of the companie. was under obligations and controlled by them, and was a sort of professional arbitrator for them. Davis, he says, was head-strong and insisted on having his own way, would not consent to the naming as third arbitrator any man but A. J. Vierling of Omaha; he refused to hear any testimony on behalf of Buckstaff, nor would be talk over the matter with Boggs, whereupon the latter sent in his resignation in disgust, and this is how the companies wanted to arbi-

Auburn Burglars Arrested. NEBRASKA, CITY, Neb., May 19 .-(Special Telegrom to The Bee.)-Ed Parks, Lew Thomas and Dan Smith, all colored residents of this city, were arrested last hight charged with burglarizing a bardware

() of at Auburn about six weeks ago. Sheriff Glasgow of Nemaha county took them to Auburn on the midnight train.

DOANE COLLEGE ITEMS.

Winners in the Tennis Tournament Rev. Drasser's Lecture CRETE, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram o The Been The winners in the college tennis tournament are: Ladies' singles, Miss Bertha Sawyer; mixed doubles, Miss. Sawyer and H. S. Fuller; men's championship doubles, Fuller and Davidson. The grounds have been in fine condition and the weather favorable, barring wind, and very

satisfactory work was done. Commandant Hardin on Thursday read the following order, subject to the approval of the president of the college. "Doane College battalion, company A-To be captain, J. battslion, company A—To be captain, J. M. Farrar; to be lieutenant adjutant, L. M. Oberkotter; to be lieutenants, B. J. Williams, A. T. Cassel; to be first sergeant, F. W. Leavitt; to be sergeants, F. W. Dean, L. N. Farr, H. Miller, J. M. Kokjer." Corporals were also appointed. The new uniforms (regulation West Point fatigue) have arrived and the boys make a neat appearance.

Field day, which was billed for today, has Field day, which was billed for today, has been po the poned for one week.

"Father" Dresser, pastor of the Congregational church at Camp Creek, gave this week's lecture on the college course. Rev. M. Dresser is 82 years old and made his one and one-half-hour talk on "Reminiscences" very entertaining. He was connected with the founding of Oneida and Lane seminaries and Oberlin college. He Lane seminaries and Oberlin college. He gave a thrilling account of his being publicly whipped in Nashville, Tenn., where he was selling bibles, because in order to preserve the books he had wrapped them with frag-

ments of anti-slavery papers. West Point Pointers WEST POINT, Neb., May 19.-(Special to The Bee.)-The north Nebraska conference of the German Lutheran church is in session in this city. Forty-five ministers are in attendance. A missionary service will be held Sunday and after services a large

feast will be spread.

Prof. Lawrence Bruner of the State university will give a lecture on entomology ext Friday for the benefit of the senior class.

The school board of this city reduced the teachers' salaries \$5 for the next year, thus making the salary but \$45. A great deal of opposition is shown toward this

Rev. Joseph Ruesing, accompanied by Henry Gentrup, started on their protracted trip to Germany Thursday. E. P. Roggen was in this city the greater part of this week looking after the interests of the New York Life Insurance company.

H. D. Readinger, a popular resident of this city, has opened a large shoe store

The mandolin club of this city left for Stanton Friday evening where they will play at the Stanton County Teachers as-

A Fat and Lean base ball club has been organized in this city and a match between the two sections has been arranged for a future date.

D. C. O'Connor, superintendent of the

public schools, left Friday evening for Stanton, where he is to deliver a lecture at the teachers association at that place Four daughters of Amandus Krause ar-rived in this city from Huron, Can., Friday, to make this place their future home

Fort Niobrara Notes. FORT NIOBRARA, Neb., May 19-(Special to The Bee.)-Mrs. F. G. Hodgson, the highly esteemed wife of the former adjutant of the Sixth cavalry, now assistant quarter-master in the United States army, is at the post visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Cruse, wife of Quartermaster Cruse, Sixth cavalry. The Sixth cavalry band serenaded the new

Major Thomas Lebo, Sixth cavalry, is at present at Fort Omaha at a general court martial convened at that post for the trial of First Lieutenant Maxwell, Second infantry.

Lieutenants Beach and Gray have recently returned from Fort Leavenworth, where they have been before an examining board for promotion and passed Lientenant Gray is absent again at Chey-

enne, Wyo., as a witness before the United States court Privates Keane and Metzger were appointed corporals, vice McDonald and Hayes reduced, company G. Eighth infantry. Lance Corporal Meller was appointed corporal, vice Stutz reduced, troop A, Sixth cavalry. Corporal Thomas, troop A, Sixth cavalry, was also reduced, which leaves an other show for a young, ambitious man. John Marshall, lance corporal, detachmen

of Indian scouts, is entitled to a great deal of consideration on account of length of service, he having recently re-enlisted for the twenty-sixth time.

Saline County Sunday Schools. TOBIAS, Neb., May 20 .- (Special to The Bee 1-The semi-annual meeting of the Saline County Sunday School association, which has been in session at the Atlantic Center church Tuesday and Wednesday, closed with a lecture on "Young Men and Mafdens" by Rev. P. C. Johnson, D.D., of Table Rock and ex-president of the associa-tion. The lecture was attentively listened to by a very large congregation, a large number from town being in attendance. The following officers were elected: Rev Will J. Scott of Western, president; J.

Dick of Crete, secretary and treasurer; C S. Buchtell of Tobias, statistical secretary About 100 delegates were present, and one of the best meetings in the history of the organization was had. The next meeting will be held at DeWitt the third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

Blair Blowings. BLAIR, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The

Bee.)-The teachers of this county held a picnie at DeSoto on Saturday last. A child belonging to E. Estaque was bitten

a few days ago by a pug dog. The child was taken to a madstone at Ottumwa, Ia., and has just returned. It is claimed the bite showed signs of blood poisoning. The Blair canning factory will only can sweet corn. It was too late to contract for peas after its recent sale under a mortgage. The farmers report corn planting all done around Blair. W. P. Viele, an old Washington county

farmer, has sold out and returned to Ver-montville, Mich. Dr. W. H. Palmer has just returned from Texas and Mexico. He was a delegate to the national convention of railway surgeons

held at Galveston. Palmyra Republicans Organize.

PALMYRA, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A republican league club of seventy-five members, which will at once be largely increased, was organized here The officers elected are as follows: President, C. A. Sweet; first vice president, Dr. W. L. Cameron; secretary, Will Thalerp; treasurer, J. R. McKee; delegates to the state convention, Rev. C. W. Turrell, J. Q. Moore, P. King, F. Cook and Dr. W. L. Loper, A. working executive committee was appointed and much enthusiasm manifested.

Lost the liet by Six Hours. HOLDREGE, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-About 4:30 p. m. today two men came running into town, claiming they had run all the way from Omaha, and had been fifty-six hours on the road. Their names are Tom Gibson and A. D. Woodruff. They claim to have made the run on a bet against time. They were to get \$500 to make the trip in fifty hours or less. Gibson was ahead when they crossed the ward line of this city, about thirty-five feet.

Grand Islanders Hear Good Music GRAND ISLAND, May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The Pacific Hose Company band gave a concert at the Bartenbach opera house last night which was met by a large and very appreciative audience, every num-ber on the program being liberally en-cored. The rendition of the descriptive fan-tasie, "In the Clock Store," was especially

Picked Up a Mammoth's Tooth. M'COOL JUNCTION, Neb., May 20,-(Spe cial to The Bee.)-A mammoth tooth in good state of preservation, weighing about nine pounds, was found by workmen in a sand pit on the Org farm near here. C Norquest of this place owns the tooth.

Christian Endeavorers at Grand Island. GRAND ISLAND, May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The third semi-annual conven-

tion of the Seventh district of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is being held at St. Paul's English Lutheran church in this city. State President Rev. Harry Omar Scott addressed the delegates, of whom there are nearly 100, at the open-ing session last night, and Rev. Turkle of Omaha delivered a discourse this morning. The greater part of the day has been occupied by the reading of reports from the various societies in the district. Publis sessions will be held tenight and tomorrow

LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS.

but Postpone Action. FREMONT, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A large meeting of republicans was held in the court house

Fremont Republicans Meet to Form a Club

tonight to form a republican club. The meeting was called to order by Ross L. Hammond. L. D. Richards was elected chairman and W. H. Haven secretary, The organization of a club was postponed for the purpose of obtaining more names for membership. I. W. Lansing was then introduced, and in his characteristic style of mingled sound logic and humor entertained the large audience for over an hour. I. M. Raymond followed in a stirring speech of about the same length.

The Ladies Relief corps and Sons of Vet-erans gave a strawberry and ice cream supper last evening, realizing about \$15. The Woman's Christian Temperance union is meeting with good success with their Saturday afternoon sales of home-made food t the temple.

Walt Seeley, ex-secretary of the republican state committee, was in the city yes-The police made a raid on a gang of tramps in the railroad yards yesterday, driving forty from the town and landing four in the city prison.

Verdon Gossip. VERDON, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.) The report is circulated that Falls City has three cases of smallpox.

The Congregational pastor, Rev. J. S. Fisher, from Oberlin, O., preached his first sermon to his Verdon congregation last Sunday morning. D. Howe has finished repainting his store building.

Gilbert Hall of Verdon, a State university student, is making preparations to go to Europe this summer with the excursionists from the university. A shooting gallery was established in town this week.

An excellent entertainment was given by the primary department of the Verdon school Hon. Moses Veach returned this week from

his California trip.

A large number of persons from Verdon and vicinity attended the circus at Falls City today.
Parents' day, as announced by the scho

was last Friday. The room occupied by the third and fourth grades was filled with school work of different kinds, which a large number of visitors called to examine Sunday School Congress at Table Rock. TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to

The Bee.)-The Pawnee county Sunday school convention was held in the United Presbyterian church at Mission Creek Thursday and Friday with a good attendance of delegates and a large number of visitors from the neighborhood. The program was carried out without a single failure. The xercises were all interesting and instructive exercises were all interesting and instructive.

Rev. C. H. Mitchell of Summerfield, Kan.,
conducted a "model class." Papers were
read by Mrs. Nash of Mission Creek, Mrs.
Fulton and Mrs. J. D. Nesbitt of Pawnee
City and Rev. W. H. Niles of Table Rock
on subjects of interest to Sabbath school
workers. The discussions and question box workers. The discussions and question box were interesting, Mr. J. D. Nesbitt and Mrs. L. W. Harrington of Pawnee City were re-elected president and secretary and Mrs. S. C. Boyd of Table Rock, treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. D. J. Barr of Mission Creek and Mrs. L. W. Harrington of Pawnee City were elected delegates to the state convention at York.

National Guards Inspected. MILFORD, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Adjutant General Gage and Inspector General Hotchkiss inspected troop A of the Nebraska National Guards yesterday. The drill and inspection was dismounted and the company created a favorable impression. After inspection General Hotchkiss and General Gage both addressed the company, giv ing the members some words of advice, complimenting the company on its excellent dis cipline and care of state property. The cavalry is the hardest branch of the service to maintain and yet Milford's troop has survived for the past seven years and has always been ready for service.

Druggist Vining's Case Opened. WAVERLY, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The much looked-for trial of Druggist E. R. Vining came off today at Lincoln. Twenty ladies, representing the Women's Christian Temperance union of this place, attended the proceedings. Nearly a score of witnesses were called by the state One important witness, Howard Auchmuty, who was the clerk that sold the bottle llquor over which the trouble originally started, failed to appear, and consequently an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. Tuesday. About all the evidence is in and a speedy decision is then expected. Both sides claim the advantage.

Released After Seven Weeks. BEATRICE, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Jack Marshall, the Red Cross Vinegar company's traveling salesman, who a couple of months ago secured the endorsement of the Paddock house proprie tors on a draft for \$50 by the use of a bogus telegram, was today released, the Red Cross people refusing to come up from St. Louis to testify against him. Marshall lay for seven weeks in the county jail.

Funeral of an Old Soldier. GRAND ISLAND, May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The funeral of Joseph Riker. an inmate of the Soldiers' home, who was taken to the asylum at Lincoln and died yesterday, death being the result of exhaustion, took place at the home burial grounds today. Riker was 68 years of age, was a private in company F, First New Jersey infantry, and leaves a wife, who is also an inmate of the home.

Jumped His Board Bill DECATUR, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Yesterday while Landlord Jerry Page was absent on business one of his boarders, who has posed himself as a gentleman of leisure the past winter, suddenly departed, leaving his board bill unpaid. Mr. Smith has been a suspicious character about town and is supposed to have been connected with the bootlegging business the past win-

Boy Killed on the Tracks. BEATRICE, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bec.)-A 14-year-old boy named Ira Jennings was killed by a stock train on the B. & M. at Liberty today as he attempted to drive across the track. Coroner Fletcher went down to the scene of the accibut decided not to begin the inquest until Monday.

Getting Ready for the Fourth DAVID CITY, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Arrangements are being made for a rousing Fourth of July celebration in the city. Nearly \$400 has been raised and a committee appointed that will make the celebration a success. Continued to the Next Term.

GRAND ISLAND, May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The two criminal cases on the district court docket against Ed Hackenberger, defaulting county treasurer and sec-retary of the Board of Education, were continued to the next term.

Cut Wires on the Union Pacific. ROGERS, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Some miscreants cut the wire at several places on the Union Pacific fence here

Alleged Stage Robber Arrested. FRANCISCO, May 19 .- John Kelly, alias "African Jack," a notorious crook and desperado, was arrested here today on suspicion of being the lone highwayman who successfully held up the Sonora and Angels stage within the past two weeks in the vicinity of today's attempted rob-bery above Milton.

FROST MAKES FARMERS SAD

Everything Above Ground Bitten by a Taste of Winter in May.

ALL GARDEN TRUCK ENTIRELY DESTROYED

Hot Winds and Long Brought Had Left the Crops in Poor Candition to Withstand the Cold-Five Degrees Below Freezing Point.

BLAIR, Neb., May 19, (Special Telegram o The Bee.)-Considerable damage was done to fruit in this section on account of the heavy frost Friday night. It was worse in certain localities, such as along the ravines and low lands on the bottom. Several farmers were seen today, and they all say that no damage has been done to corn, oats and wheat, although nipped badly. They think it will come out all right. All garden truck is killed. Grapes are hurt, and in some sections, where the freezing was the worst, apples, plums and cherries are badly frozen. Grapes are just in bud, and the crop is badly injured. Wild grape vines have all turned black. The damage all seems to be with the fruit. Strawber-ries have suffered badly; probably the entire rop is killed.

DAVID CITY, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)—A killing frost has ruined the gardens in the city and seriously injured corn, potatoes and fruit in the country. Yesterday afternoon the wind suddenly ceased blowing and the sky cleared, while the temperature fell steadily till the freezing point was reached, and this morning the nd was white.

DUNCAN, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)—Heavy frost last night destroyed nearly all tender vegetables. Potatoes are frozen down to the ground, and many fields of corn are ruined. It is a desolate looking sight this morning, where yesterday everything was luxuriant and gave great promise. Farmers are discouraged. The ground is Rye and oats are dying for want of

ELKHORN, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Frost last night devastated vegetables in this locality. Corn that the farmers were cultivating or would have started to cultivate in a few days was cut down to the ground. Aside from retarding the maturity of the crop from two to three weeks, however, it is not thought the corn is injured. Early potatoes suffered likewise. The fruit crop fared worse. Grapes, strawberries, currants and gooseberries will amount to nothing. Apples, plums and cher-ries will possibly make one-third of a crop. A number of farmers in this vicinity will plow up their fields sown to oats and plant the ground with corn. The recent season of frouth as well as last night's frost has made this necessary.

SMALL FRUIT CROP RUINED. FAIRBURY, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A severe frost last night ruined the prospects for strawberries and raspberries. Cherries and plums are badly injured; apples but little. Before the frost the prospects for a big fruit crop were never

FREMONT, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A heavy frost visited this locality last night. Rye, potatoes, all garden vegetables and cherries and grapes are ruined. Corn is cut off to the ground, but with moderate rain will probably come up again. Wheat is badly injured. Apples thought to be unharmed. The Ames beet fields suffered badly.
FORT CALHOUN, Neb., May 19.—(Special

to The Bee.)—Last night a heavy frost vis-ited this locality, injuring the garden plants, potatoes and corn. The fruit does not seem to be much injured. GREELEY CENTER, Neb., May 19 .- (Spe cial Telegram to The Bee.)—There was a heavy frost here last night, and ice formed

in some places a quarter of an inch thick. Early garden stuff and fruit are almost en-tirely killed. Potatoes that were above ground are killed. Farmers from all over he country report wheat, rye, oats and corn badly damaged. GRESHAM, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—Heavy frost last night in this section killed all garden stuff, and almost all fruit. Nearly all vegetation is laid low.

FOLLOWED ON THE DROUTH. HASTINGS, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Tele gram to The Bee.)—A genuine frost this morning nipped fruit and wilted vegetation. The frost followed on top of ten days hot, dry wind, which completely ruined small grain. There is no prospect of rain

HENDERSON, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)—The severe winds with which this locality has been visited the past few days were last night followed by a vigorous frost, which laid low all garden products, including potatoes, which were looking fine. All fruit is believed to be totally destroyed. Farmers are badly discouraged.

HOLDREGE, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—There was a freeze

last night that killed all fruit and vegetables, corn and potatoes. Ice formed on water three-eighths of an inch thick. The frost was hard enough to kill all the leaves on the trees. There has been no rain here for three weeks, and only light showers then. Crops are bound to be light. HUBBELL, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bez.)—Vegetables and fruit were seriously injured by the heavy frost which fell here last night. The drouth which is prevailing in this locality is working serious damage to growing crops. Farmers are be-coming greatly discouraged at the outlook. JUNIATA, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The

Beer)—This vicinity was visited by a slight freeze last night that killed considerable garden truck, and fears are entertained for the fruit crop. Ice formed an eighth of an inch thick. There have been heavy winds for ten days, but it is calm today. Rain is greatly needed. The small grain crop is going to be short, and many fields are being into corn, thus greatly increasing the already large acreage of that cereal, and with timely rains an immense crop will be har-

LINWOOD, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)—There was a heavy frost in the Platte valley last night, and water froze one-half inch thick. Garden truck is a complete loss, and small grain is badly damaged. The hot south winds of the last two weeks have damaged the oats crop to such an extent as to cause a majority of the farmers to plow up their oat fields and replant with corn. LYONS, Neb., May 19.—(Special to Th Bee.)—There was quite a severe frost here this morning. Tender vegetation and garden products show the effects of being frozen. The fruit is safe. Corn blades show signs of being injured some, but the main stalk is not hurt. Potato tops are falling over, but little damage to them is done. The severe winds of the past week did some damage to small grain in high places, but farmers report prospects for a good crop were never so bright at this season of the year. Some farmers have cultivated their corn once. During this week 15,000 bushels of corn were

shelled and shipped from here. McCOOL JUNCTION, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—There was a heavy frost last evening which destroyed nearly all growing garden truck.

WINTER WHEAT TURNING BLACK. MONROE, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—This vicinity was visited by a severe frost last night, which killed all the corn, potatoes, fruit of all kinds, garden vegetablis, and it is thought the rye is also ruined as it was just in the blossom. T winter wheat is also turning black The tops of NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 19 .- (Special

Telegram to The Bee.)-Reports from Swift this county, today state that frost last night entirely ruined the grape crop and market gardens. Water in vessels froze to the thickness of a knife blade. There was white frost in this immediate vicinity, but little NELSON, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Tele

NELSON, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A heavy frost fell here last night, doing great damage to fruit and growing crops. Ice froze over water as thick as glass. Grain and crops will be retarded, but fruit is probably all destroyed.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—This section was visited last night with a light frost, doing considerable damination.

age to garden truck and small fruit. The season is far advanced and prospects good. NORTH LOUP, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The B(e.)—A heavy frost visited this locality last night, doing considerable damage. The heavy winds and hot weather of the past week have done little real damage. Dr. C. E. Coffin and Attorneys Babcock & Bab-

cock have just put in water plants, consisting of windmill, pump and large elevated tanks, for irrigation purposes.

ROGERS, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—The frost Friday night frose the ROGERS, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)—The frost Friday night froze the early corn and garden truck badly in this vicinity. The corn will perhaps start to grow again. Rain is needed.

STROMSBURG, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—One of the most revers May frosts over known in the history.

severe May frosts ever known in the history of this vicinity occurred last night. Reports from various localities in this county are that lee formed from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch thick. All tender vegetation, such as corn, potatoes and all garden truck, was frozen to a crisp. The destruction of small fruit and vines is almost total in some instances. Cherries and other fruit froze on the trees. The streets are crowded with farmers today discussing the condition of affairs and the probable result of this unusual occurrence. It was a very blue Saturday for the people of this vicinity. TECUMSEH, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A heavy frost last night damaged corn and potatoes in Johnson

county, also killed grapes, berries and some VERDON, Neb., May 19 .- (Special to The Beca )-A light frost occurred in the low places last night. Had it not been for the

wind much damage might have been done everywhere, as the temperature was ex-tremely cold for the time of year, YORK, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The turning black this morning, owing to the heavy frost last night. Gardens will not be damaged much, but cherries are nearly

SCHUYLER, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)—There was a heavy frost here last night that did great damage to crops, gardens and trees. In most gardens every thing is dead. Corn of any size is seriously injured, and tall catalpa trees have every leaf killed. Grapes are killed. and it is feared that great injury has been done to fruit of all kinds. The temperature

fell to 25 degrees above zero.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., May 19—(Special to The Bee.)—A very heavy frost visited this section last night and this morning truck patches present a sorry plight. As many of the farmers have but just finished planting corn the damage will not be so great, yet many have it up and it will no doubt suffer. Fruit that was much exposed will also have suffered to some extent. SEWARD, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The See.)—This locality was visited by a heavy frost last night that did considerable damage to garden truck and early vegetation of all kinds. Ice as thick as window glass

was formed on standing water. RESCUE, Neb., May 19.—(Special to The Bee.)-Ice formed this morning, doing much damage to growing crops.

NORTH BEND, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The heavy frost last night ruined the strawberry crop. Garden truck, fruit, corn and oats were badly frost

Loss to the strawberry crop is esti-

REPORTS FROM OTHER STATES.

mated at \$2,000.

Iowa, Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri Also Suffer Greatly.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 19.-(Special Telegram to The Bee.)-There was a heavy frost throughout northeastern Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and parts of Iowa this morning. Corn and small grain, garden vegetables, etc., were cut to the ground. Corn and grain will recover, but will suffer a severe set back. Fruit buds were nipped and the crop is ruined. It is warmer to-night, but there is still danger of a frost. DES MOINES, May 19 .- Water froze here last night, but the atmosphere was dry, There was not much damage to fruit.

LAMONI, Ia., May 19.—A severe cold wave was felt here last night, resulting in

erious damage to young plants.

LEMARS, Ia., May 19.—A hard frost here cut corn and all tender plants to the ground. CEDAR RAPIDS, May 19.—There was a heavy frost in this region last night and con siderable damage to gardens is reported.

DUNLAP, Ia., May 19.—(Special Telegram

to The Bec.)—A heavy frost fell here last to fruit, vegetables and early potatoes, all of which were in an advanced state of de-velopment. Inquiry among farmers shows that while the corn crop has suffered it is not thought the yield per acre will be CARSON, Ia., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)

-The temperature here last night was four degrees below the freezing point. To vegetables are frozen to the ground. Tender ind. It is yet too early to determine how much damhas been done to fruit GLENWOOD, Ia., May 19 .- (Special to The

Bee.)—There was a heavy frost here last night. Corn and nearly all vegetables were frozen to the ground. Small fruit materially injured. Apples were somewhat tected by foliage and are probably not hurt except on low ground.

MALVERN, Ia., May 19 .- (Special to The Bee.)—The frost last night seriously damaged early vegetables and fruit in low lands. Reports that have come in indicate that no material damage was done on the high lands. Rain is needed very badly for

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., May 19 .-(Special to The Bee.)-A soaking rain visted this section Wednesday morning, continuing incessantly until. Thursday evening From all sources at present attainable it is learned that it was general in scope Creeks are bank full water holes are filled and fears of a drouth on the cattle ranges near here are now dispelled for the season This assures plenty of feed and a heavy hay crop, and cattle men are jubilant. Farmers now feel confident of excellent crops, unless hot winds of unparalleled severity and duration visit them later in the

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., May 19 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Farmers in town today report light damage to gardens by

MINNEAPOLIS, May 19 .- Specials to the Journal from points in northern Iowa, south-ern and central Minnesota and Wisconsin say that there were heavy frosts last night, cutting corn and garden stuff to the ground. KANSAS CITY, May 19.—Dispatches to the Star show that many Kansas points were visited by frost last night. The frost also extended to the Cherokee Strip. Great damage was done to garden truck, but crops will not be much affected.

ST. JOSEPH, May 19.—A light frost fell in this vicinity last night, but no damage resulted. Reports received at the railroad offices and by commission men, however, are to the effect that in the counties north of here and in Kansas and Nebraska the fall was sufficiently large to injure growing vege-tables and fruit. Small fruits sustained tables and fruit. the greatest injury, the chill preventing them from properly maturing. Towns in Kansas along the Grand Island road report the heaviest frost. The weather is cool to-day, but it is not thought there will be frost

GALESBURG, III., May 19.-Last night the weather was so cold here that water was frozen. Reports from other parts of Knox county show injury to fruit and vege

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 19 .- An unprecedented cold wave struck Chattanooga last night. The weather observer's ther-mometer shows a fall of 32 degrees. Snow flurries are reported on Lookout mountain and Walden's ridge, and overcoats and fires are needful for comfort.

Notorious Smuggler Convicted. SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.-George Wishman, George H. Thomas and Louis Greenwald, members of the Emerald smuggling waid, members of the Emerato sandging gang, notorious on the Pacific coast, were today found guilty of smuggling, conspiracy and transporting and landing smuggied goods. Their trial has lasted several days in the United States court. Henry Mensing, the sailor aboard the sloop Emerald, which was used evidently in smuggling operations, was discharged. He had been indicted with the three others.

Mercy for Murderers. DENVER. May 19.-Governor Waite to lay granted further respite until June 17 Thomas Jordan, sentenced to be hanged the coming week, to permit an appeal it his behalf to the United States supreme court. The governor will commute the sen-tences of Nebit and Torres, the other two murderers sentenced to be hanged next week, to life imprisonment, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Partions.

Indiana Factories Burned GOSHEN, Ind., May 19.-Fire today detroyed the five-story brick factory of Stutz & Walker, carriage manufacturers of this city. The loss is \$35,000; insurance, \$25,000. The fire spread to the manufactory of E. W. Walker & Co., damaging it \$2,500.

GO TICKLE THE VIRGIN SOIL

An Appeal to the Unemployed to Secure a Nebraska Farm.

SIDE-LIGHTS ON LIFE IN A DUG-OUT

In Enthusiastic Young Farmer Tells of the Field Awaiting Idle Men Who May Soon Gain Health, Independ-

ence and Fortune.

It has often been a cause of wonder why, when "hard times" prevail, some of the unemployed young men in western cities, and older men, too, for that matter, do not go out and try their luck in the country. It is easier to get a living in the country than it is in town without work, and the farmer is always better off in hard times than are the working classes in a city.

While on a visit to Omaha recently I saw hundreds of idle men walking the streets, many of them in such sore financial straits that they could not see clearly where the next meal was coming from and were altugether uncertain where they were going to spend the night. Now this is a sad condition of things, especially in the winter, when the thermometer is down in the neighborhood of zero and from that to 15 or 20 below, but it is just the condition that has existed during the past winter in all our large cities—in Omaha among the rest.

Many graceful pens have described the adantages of Nebraska as a farmer's paradisc and it is not the intention to try to improve here on the good work already done in that line, but let us glance for a moment at the farmer and see how his condition compares with that of some of the dwellers in cities who depend for a living on employment by the day or month.

Last year the season was bad in many parts of the United States. We had droughts, hot winds, disastrous storms, and, n places, a few grass hoppers, some potato bugs and endless other unfavorable things, and of these misfortunes Nebraska received her full share; but have the farmers been obliged to call for relief from the state or any other source? Not to any great ex-tent. Why is it? Simply because the far-mer raises things to eat and if his crops are not a total failure he has enough pota-toes, meat and breadstuffs to live on even if times are hard, and if he does have any-thing to spare for market it brings better prices, generally, than when times are ordinarily good.

Nebraska, at present, is not quite as good an agricultural region as some of the older states, but all it lacks is a few more far-mers and a few more towns, the latter to afford closer markets, and then she will rank with the best in the union. This fact has long been apparent to some of our far-seeing citizens. They have loudly sung the praises of the state, both verbally and through the press and it is not the fault of The Omaha Bee if all the world doesn't know these things for your paper has certainly been indefatigable in its efforts to push home interests and has given space to all who had anything to say in favor of Nebraska.

At present we haven't farmers enough and we want more. With an increased population will come better markets and then our future is assured. People from other states are beginning to find out our advantages and are flocking here in gratifying umbers. It is possible now to make s thing more than a very good living, and if some of the young men in Omaha, unem-ployed, or even those who will swelter this summer in offices and shops on poor pay, or half pay, as salaries undoubtedly will be low while financial depression lasts—if they would come out in the country and establish themselves in two or three years they would bless the inspiration that started them. Somebody lectured a year or two ago in

one of our eastern towns on 'How Any Fool Can Farm.' Now it isn't strictly true that any fool can farm, but we don't want fools and we're not talking about them, but any sensible man can plow and plant and that is all that's necessary, for the Lord will do the rest until it is time to reap. If there is anything the beginner doesn't quite under-stand there are always neighbors who are glad to give advice and information, and if a man will work half as hard for himself as he must in town for some one else he will get along, besides he will have the additional satisfaction of being independent and not subject to the orders of foreman, chief clerk or manager, and need never fear dismissal m some superior who happens to bear him grudge.

This part of the state is known as the "Sand Hills," once despised under the er-roneous impression that it would never be anything but a desert, but people are get-ting over that fallacious idea and the district is settling up with encouraging rapidity. It isn't much of a country for wheat or corn, although we raise sufficient for home use and enough surplus to pay our grocery and store bills, but we older settlers are slowly awakening to the fact that this land was intended for potatoes—potatoes with a large capital P, just as some parts of Colorado and the region about Salt Lake seems to be adapted to that particular crop. When this fact becomes a little more generally realized it is safe to predict that train loads of decious tubers will go out of here.

That may be considered rather a dublous statement, but stranger things have hap-pened, and the end is not yet. God is good, Nebraska is great, and there needn't be much fear of exaggeration as to her possi-

Now when a man talks or writes, either for himself or for a community, it is generally suspected there is an axe to grind, so let me be frank and acknowledge that that is true

in the present instance.
The axe is just this: Thomas county wants more settlers and must have them. We want them this year and we want all the world to know it, so if there are any young men in Omaha, or elsewhere, whose "hearts in spring time lightly turn thoughts of farming" let them come Thomas county, Nebraska, and if they do not all get here this spring they will be warmly welcomed just the same when they do come, and the old men are not debarred. This was inspired by he sight of so many idle young men in town during the winter. Land is cheap here and the best of it is north of the Middle Loup river, between here— Seneca—and the county seat, Thedford, about twenty miles east. It doesn't cost much for a team and tools enough to start with, and if one doesn't care to purchase a farm outright there is plenty of govern-ment land, title to which can be acquired by taking a homestead and simply living on By the time the five years are up a nice home can be established. Let no man say he cannot come for lack

of a wife, for there are lots of jolly bachelors here who live alone, do their farm work and the housework, too. It is just like camping out and not at all unpleasant. There are neighbors enough for sociability, and once in a while there is a dance or pleasure gathering at somebody's house, and if you must have a wife—why, take one of our girls. Better ones are not to be found. Life here is not all a summer's holiday. however, and I do not mean so to represent it, nor picture an Eldorado which will disappoint those who come to see it. The man who comes must expect to work here, as well as elsewhere. There are advantages and disadvantages wherever one may pitch his tent, and thorns freely mixed with the roses, but we do claim for our country that the roses are sweeter, far sweeter, than they are in lots of other places.

As to the thorns, one of our greatest draw-backs is the lack of growing timber. In sorrow it must be confessed that away from the few streams there are hardly any trees in the county, but then, nearly all of the state was bare of timber originally and ne one can say that Nebraska has suffered therefrom, or fallen behind any of her sisters in the march of progress. The settlers are quite generally planting trees and the next generation will see the deficiency fully remedied. In the meantime we have a durable and perfectly satisfactory building material at hand in the ever ready sod. We make sod houses and barns and get along comfortably. The buildings are warm and wholesome; with a little care they will last wholesome; with a little care they will had almost indefinitely, while if a man is fastidious it han't very long to wait, if he attends to business, until he can afford to gratify his craving for magnificence by building a frame house, with lumber im-Another inconvenience is the difficulty of

getting water. There are but few atreams

and they lie in deep valleys, the land around consists of high, rolling prairie, and wells must be dug. Rarely is water struck less than 100 feet below the surface, and—yes, it is hard work to draw water by hand from so deep a well, but it is a very simple matter to arrange things so that one can draw with a horse if there is much stock to be watered, and then when able the farmer be watered, and then when able the farmet can put up a wind mill.

One more disadvantage, and perhaps the greatest, is the wind. The wind blows about all the time during the spring months, and this is why we cannot raise small grain. But then, grain is not the only, thing in this world and we look to the potate to place us all on the high road to independence and ease.

Independence and case.

These are a few of the drawbacks and now let us glance at the other side of the

The country is generally hilly-some of it

o rough as to be forever unfit for anything on grazing, unless it shall be found in time

that grapes will grow here, as they do in the high hills around Council Bluffs. But nestling here and there among the

hills are numerous little valleys or depressions, some of them 1,000 acres in extent, and in these the settlers have located. The

soil in sandy-yes, unconditionally sandy, but contrary to generally acc pted ideas it is

but contrary to generally acc pted ideas it is productive, very much so. It is a black or dark-colored sand and yields amazingly when persuaded a little by cultivation.

Last year there was a drouth, and Custer county, just below us, the boasted promised land of the agriculturist, reported a distribution of the agriculturist, reported a distribution of the agriculturist, while our total failure in some places, while our despited and with no more rain than they

despised sand, with no more rain than they had, held the moisture and gave us considerably more than a half crop, potatoes—potatoes again, you see—yielding 100 bushels per acre, dry as it was.

Hay? Yes, we get plenty of hay, though the uplands it is sometimes necessary o go over a great deal of ground, for while

ne grass grows very thick and affords un-scelled pasturage it is so short and close to

he ground that it is hard to mow and rake

p. Along the rivers, however, some of he best hay in the world is found. In

fact, the river lands are not good for much of anything but hay. There is a layer of gravel just under the surface and over this

gravel corn and other crops will not grow, but hay grows in extravagant profusion-

enough to supply all the rest of the country.

All kinds of vegetables grow here, likewise delicious melons. It isn't necessary for a man to work himself to death trying to take care of seventy-five or a hundred acres of corn. It is best to raise just grain

nough for home use and put out from two of five acres of potatoes, as much of the

latter crop as the man thinks he can at-tend to. Probably thirty or thirty-five acres under the plow in all would keep a

beginner busy the first year. This amount of land, if properly handled, will bring him

a good income, and a garden in summer will furnish half his living. Butter, eggs and milk can be obtained from the neigh-

bors at a small price if he doesn't care to bother with keeping hens and cows at first.

A man can be his own master, have his own home and do as his pleases, and the longer you stay the better you like it. Ours is one of the healthlest regions in the country, being especially beneficial to persons with weak lungs or kindred troubles.

The water, though so hard to get, is ex-ceilent when once obtained; the air is

balmy and pure, and what an appetite it gives a man from the city! The climate is mild, exceedingly so, considering how far north we are. Real winter seldom begins before January; the cattle and horses can

run in the hills and pick their own living until Christmas. The severest weather comes in the form of blizzards, which, how-

ever, are considerably modified when they get here, as their greatest force is expended

west of us and in Wyoming. These storms are generally followed by a week or more of good weather and sunshine.

We received a touch of the blast which wept over the northwest in the latter part

f March, though no damage was done in

this vicinity. But winter is over now and this is just the proper time to commence

farming. It is not too late to begin, as our season is longer at the other end, frost

rarely occurring before the middle or latter

part of September.

We are only one day's ride from Omaha
on the Deadwood branch of the Burlington.

farming.

We have all parties here. The populists and republicans have been with us always, and Cousin Tobias came up last summer and organized the democratic party, so now we are prepared to please every one, and perhaps Thomas county will furnish the next meteor—who knows? Come out and join us, anyway, young

men, and besides getting good homes for yourselves you will be here to share in the general honors when Nebraska achieves her lestiny and becomes, as she is fast becoming, the Ohio of the west.

JOHN SMITH.

## VALUE OF "OUTSIDE" REALTY.

The Washington correspondent of the Lincoln, Neb., State Journal says: "I was talking with senator Jones of Nevada on the subject of the growth of great fortunes. There is one, and only one, sure way to get rich,' said the senator, 'and that is to buy what is called outside real estate and to hang on to it until it becomes inside property. The greatest fortunes in this country have been made in this manner. Look at the Astors, for instance. Run over the roll of millionaires of the west and an astonishing proportion of them will be found to bear out my statement. I tell you, young man, no investment on earth is so safe, so sure, so certain to enrich its owner as undeveloped realty. Every year the country grows in certain and well defined lines. Stocks rise and fall, notes go to profest, houses and business blocks burn, but the realty remains. Tornadoes and cyclones cannot blow it away. Panics themselves can only temporarily affect its value. But even in a panic outside real estate has a monumental advantage over inside property. It is the first affected and is the hardest to dispose of. Business property can always be put on the market at a sacrifice, and the impulse is to raise money on it at once. But your out-side really stays with you, whether you want it to or not, and in the end is certain to bring you in great profits, just because you can't get rid of it when you most want to "I always advise my young friends to plant their savings in realty near a growing

where. Purchase a good sized tract, carry it in all its unprofitableness, and wait for the sure and certain returns of the growth of this wonderful country of ours to make you the master of your own fortunes.

own. There is no such a savings bank any-

## This Hits Omaha.

property as an investment and the enormous ofits to be realized therefrom is well illus trated by the case of a prominent capitalist of this city, who purchased twenty-six acres on west Farnam street fifteen years ago for a few thousand dollars and has since divided the property into 130 lots, many of which have already been sold for \$3,000 to \$5,000

The whole tract probably did not cost as much fifteen years ago as the value of one of the 130 lots today. The history of all large western cities abounds with similar instances of enormous profits made on investments in well located acre property, and the opportunities presented today are just as good. There is hardly an acre adjoining Omaha that will

not be enhanced enormously in value by the next active overment in real estate.

There never was a tetter time to secure desirable investments in this class of property and the man who buys twenty or forty eres close to Cmaha at present prices w ll Acres close to Channa at present prices with have laid the foundation for a fortune.

We are agents for some of the finest acre property adjoining this city and can offer several 20 and 40-acre tracts at from \$250.00 to \$250.00 per acre. Call and see the bargains we offer.

HICKS, 305 N. Y. Life Building.