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Governor-Elect Holcomb Makes His Initial Appointment in a Private Scoretary.

HAS HAD EXPERIENCE AS AN EDITOR

He Had Charge of Independent Headquar ters at Omaha During the Campaign -Crounse and Holcomb in Conference at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Dec 22 .- (Special.) -- Governorelect Holcomb today made his initial apointment, which, though not yet official, will certainly be made so immediately succeeding the inaugural coremonles Thursday, January He has named Benton Maret of Eddyville to be his private secretary during his first term as governor of Nebraska. The salary of the position is \$2,000 per annum. Mr. Maret had charge of independent headquarters at Omaha during the campaign. He has been engaged in newspaper work for a number of years, and will assume the duties the doctor's care, but no serious result of his office accompanied by the best wishes and kindliest feelings of the press, as manifested by the expression of a number of Lincoln's representatives, as well as others now in the city.

Governor-elect Holcomb this morning called at the rooms of Governor Crounse, at the capitol, and held an unofficial conversation concerning the impending change of Dies While in Search of Health at administration. This afternoon the newly elected state officials met Governor-elect Holcomb at the Lindell. There were present State Treasurer Bartley, State Auditor Eugene Moore, Attorney General-elect Churchill, Secretary of State-elect Piper and Adjutant General Gage. The subject of discussion was in relation to arrangements for the inaugural of Governor Holcomb decided that the ceremonies should Holcomb will appear in representative hall, where he will be received by senators and representatives, and deliver his inaugural message. In the evening a reception will be tendered the governor, all the state officers-elect and their ladies in the senate

The city of Omaha is plaintiff in error in an appeal filed today in the supreme court against Fannie Bowman, administratrix of the estate of Albert D. Bowman. The case comes up from the district court of Douglas county, where Mrs. Bowman secured a judgment of \$1,000 against the city. On June 15, 1892, her little son, Albert D. Bowman, aged 7 years, was drowned in a pond at the corner of Davenport and Twenty eighth streets. The water at that time was between six and nine feet deep. In company with some other boys, Albert was playing on a raft utilized for the occasion from a section of sidewalk. In her petition in the lower court the plaintiff alleged negligence on the part of the city authorities in permitting such an accumula-tion of water in so prominent a portion of

YOUNG CONVICT PARDONED. Governor Crounse today pardoned from the penitentiary Ray R. Towner of Norden, Keya Paha county. Towner was 18 years of age at the time of his imprisonment, November 13, 1894. He was convicted of burglary. In company with other boys of about his own age, Towner broke into a store in Norden one night and robbed it of a few articles, none of them of great value. Upon being arrested he turned over all the property and made a strong plea for mercy. He was given the minimum sentence, one year. His mother, who is dependent on him for support, secured a strong petition, and this morning appeared in the governor's office with her young in-

LANCASTER CRIMINALS SENTENCED. Judge Strode had three men up before him this morning for sentence. They were J. N. Elchinson and W. S. Scott, the chaps who robbed several stores at Davey, and Henry Grossman, a hog thief. Etchinson asked what he had to say in his own behalf, and replied that he was driven to stealing from lack of work and money. The court gave him five years at hard labor. also a hard roast. He told Etchinson that the fact that he pleaded guilty and Scott insisted upon a trial, he was more deserving of punishment than his partner. the court was convinced he planned the robbery and got Scott into it, and it was also of the belief that he had deliberately perjured himself when he went on the stand and swore that Scott had nothing to do and swore that Scott had nothing to do with the robbery. Scott had nothing to say on his own behalf, and he was sentenced to three years. Both are young fellows who have been hanging around the country towns in the county for some years without doing much manual labor. Etchinson has no par-ents living, but Scott, who also went by the name of Saunders, has relatives living near Davey. Etchinson did not like his dose at all, and after his sentence and just as he was about to be taken into the jail again by Jailer Leighton, he made a break for liberty. jumping over the porch and skipping wer Leighton went after him, drawing his gun, commanded him to halt He halted and went back to his cell again. Old Henry Grossman was next in line. His attorneys argued that he ought to have new trial, claiming besides the usual allegathat there were irregularities in the that the county attorney had filed informations against Grossman and did elect which to try upon. His attorneys asked the court to remember the jury's recommendation for mercy, and also his own statement that he believed young Grossman the guiltier of the two. Grossman's age the gulitler of the two. Grossman's age was touched upon, and a plea for a light sentence entered. In opposing the imposing of a light sentence, Mr. Woodward said that le Grossman was well along in years, he was old enough to know better than to steal hogs or be concerned in their theft; steal hogs or be concerned in their theft; that the defendant was the head center of hog stealing industry in this and that he had for years conducted a fence for thieves down on his farm. The county attorney intimated that five years would be about right, and be a warning to others who may attempt similar crimes. The court, however, let him off pretty light, on a two-year and a half seatence at hard labor. The old man sat sofbing and using his handker-chief freely during the talk of the counsel, but after sentence was imposed he didn't seem so broken-hearted

MAKES CHARGES OF FRAUD. Pratt, Simons & Krausnick, who were let for about \$260 by the firm of Van Dusen Brydon, filed a petition of intervention today that makes some strong allegations of fraud. They set up that August 24 Van Dusen, for the firm, made a statement, on which they secured credit from the intervenor and other creditors. In this statement Van Dusen falsely claimed the stock was worth \$5,750; that they did not owe more than \$1,100, and that this was not due, whereas, the facts are, say the intervenors, that the stock was not worth to exceed \$3,000, and the debts were \$4,000. The firm was composed of Alice, E. Van Dusen and R. J. Brydon, and the fact that Mrs. Van Dusen is the daughter of Mrs. McConniff, who got the stock at receiver's sale, and who had a first mortgage on it, is made the basis of a charge of conspiracy to do up the other. a charge of conspiracy to do up the other creditors. It is further claimed that the various acis of the receiver were done without the knowledge of the creditors, and that things were rushed through in a suspicious The request of the receiver discharged is opposed on the ground that the sale was only a pretended one; that the purchaser, Mrs. McConiff, has not paid the purchase money, but that the receiver is endeavoring to have the court confirm his action in taking a receipt of her mortgage claim and turning it in as cash. The intervenor attacks the boundides of Mrs. McConniff's mortgage, and asserts that it is void because withheld from the record so long, thus enabling the firm to get goods on credit

because withheld from the record so long, thus enabling the firm to get goods on credit they otherwise could not have gotten. They want the purchaser compelled to pay the entire amount into court for the creditors. Blotchky Bros., who are out just \$26.61 by the failure of Samuel Goldgraber, began suit in attachment today, claiming that the debt was fraudulently contracted; that Goldgraber is concealing himself so that summons cannot be served upon him; that he has left the county to avoid getting a summons shoved in his face, and has assigned and removed.

his goods from the county for the purpose of defrauding creditors.

The injunction case brought by Joseph Burns and others against the sanitary com-Burns and others against the sanitary com-missioners, was continued for a week today.

Thomas H. Dewey is bound to have a divorce from his wife, Mary A. She re-cently began a sult but dismissed it. After she had done so Thomas filed a long reply, laying the blame for all his troubles on his wife's embracing the Minhart heresy. Yesterday he filed suit alleging that they were married at E-dorado, Ia., January 18, 1870, and that she deserted him November 20, 1892.

THE MANNEY STATES

Mrs. Sophia W. Davis, who was cited to appear today and show cause why she should not be punished for contempt for divregarding an order to pay the purchase price of some property into court, filed a certificate doctor to the effect that she ust undergone a surgical operation, and could not appear for four weeks.

The next term of district court will begin January 28. Judge Strode will finish up his

work next week, passing on motions and cases already submitted. Fred Hanson and John Boas, two boys attending school in district No. 80, just west of Emerald, got into a fight yesterday on their way to the morning session over some trivial matter. Hanson drew a pen knife and stabbed Boas three times, once in the neck, once on the side of the face, and again on the forehead, inflicting three very ugly Boas was taken home and is under take any action in the case, and friends of the Boas family came to town to lay the matter before Superintendent Baer. He went out to Emerald this aftercoon, having an engagement there to attend a union Christias service of the schools of the neighbor

HON. T. M. MARQUETTE'S DEMISE.

Tampa, Fla. LINCOLN, Dec. 22.-(Special.)-News was received at noon today of the death of Hon. T. M. Marquette. The Bee this morning mentioned that his health was in a critical con- Hat company. dition, and that his daughter, Gertrude, accompanied by Dr. Mitchell, had left for the companied by Dr. Mitchell, had left for the directors of the Manufacturers and Consumdirectors of the sufferer, at Tampa, Fla. Mr. was decided that the ceremonies should be brief, simple and economical. This is at the particular request of the governor-elect.

At noon Thursday, January 3, Governor Holcomb will appear in representative hall.

Omaha, and while ascending the stairs in the convention as shall be mutually agreeable. Omaha, and while ascending the stairs in the federal building, was taken with a fainting spell. Since that time his condition has oc casioned his friends much apprehension. A week ago last Monday he left for Florida chamber. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Second Regiment band, which caused the hurried call for his ployment for labor. True to the tradition that one factory begets another, a second that one factory begets another, a second that one factory has been started by A. S. interment, but arrangements in that direction have not yet been completed.

April following he commenced the practice to compete with other factories at of law, and continued it until he removed to Lincoln in May, 1874. representative in 1857, 1858 and 1859, and in 1860 was elected to the council. That position he held four years, and was renominated. but declined. In 1866 he was a candidate for congress under the new constitution, and was elected delegate that fall. He was attorney for the B. & M. railroad in Nebraska since that company has had a road in the state with it. He was born in Springfield, O., in 1831, and lived in Ohio until the spring of 1856, when he went to Kansas. After spend ing a few months there and in Iowa, he came to Nebraska. He was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1856, and in Nebraska in 1857

LEASING SCHOOL LANDS. Farmers in the Vicinity of Butte Forced to

Give Up Their Homes. BUTTE, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special Telegram.)-Land Commissioner Humphrey has been in the city today engaged in selling and leasing the school lands recently declared the property of the state. The land comprises While the Omaha factories do not make sections 16 and 36 in place and indemnity all kinds of brushes, they turn out a large lands, and embraces about 23:000 acres, Every quarter section is settled upon and improved by bona fide settlers, who were allowed to file on these lands by the officials of the O'Neill land office under a misapprehension of a ruling of the Interior depart-ment. Many of the settlers paid as high as \$1,500 for relinquishing to speculators, who took advantage of them and reaped a rich harvest. These settlers were nearly all present at the sale yesterday, but only a few

were able to buy their land, owing to the failure of crops and the hard times. About four sections of the best land were sold at prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$16.50 per acre. The latter figure was paid for the three quarter sections adjoining the town of Butte to the settlers having improvements on them and the price per acre will vary from 50 cents to \$3.50, according to location. The commissioner expressed himself as greatly surprised at the low figure paid for the land considering the excellence of the soil.

Relies of an Ancient Wreck. DECATUR, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)-Jesse Besst and Will Beard, while rambling on the sand bar north of town yesterday, in ing 300 pounds. It lay concealed under a huge log, and was discovered by accident Mr. Beard was cutting some twigs from the allen timber, and missing a blow, struck on the other side of the log, hitting the box con taining the grease. It is presumed to have been cast up by the old pay boat, which sunk here eighteen years ago. The lard was i air-tight cans, and is as good as the day i was packed. There was \$15,000 sunk with this boat, and often parties go up there in

the boat disappeared it is now a sand bar. Child Crushed to Death. BELGRADE, Neb., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-A fatal accident occurred this morning at the home of George Young, living about five miles from this place. A 5-year-old boy was playing near a pile of wood when it toppled over on the child, and when found a few

hopes of finding a clue to its locality, but

has changed its course since then, and where

ninutes later life was extinct. The recent splendid rain and subsequent fine weather which this locality is having here is having a most beneficial effect on the fall grain, which gives promise of being

Many new families are constantly arriving to take the places of those who left early in the fall and all the farms in this vicinity will be occupied and, with good crops nex-Nance county will forge away ahead

Constructing an Irrigation Ditch. JOHNSTOWN, Neb., Dec. 22,-(Special.)-The people of Johnstown have taken hold of the matter of irrigation in right good earnest. On Friday last they began the construction of a dam on one of the branches of the Plum, by which they expect to run water to the neighborhood of the town, six miles away, and demonstrate the feasibility of the plan. Articles of incorporation were filed with the proper officer last Saturday. The name is the Johnstown Canal and Irrigation company. As will be seen by the signation, the company does not contemplate the supply of power for any purpose whatever. It is simply an association for irriga

Mau and Wife Recome Insanc. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Today Chris J. Rhinehardt, a prominent tailor of this place, became suddenly in sano and attempted to cremate his wife by throwing kerosene all over her, but she made her escape. He then attempted to commit suicide by the revolver route but was stopped by the police. A few hours later Mrs. Rhine-hardt lost her reason and is entirely uncontrollable. They are both being closely

guarded. Falls City Odd Fellows Entertain FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)-The Odd Fellows of this city gave their secnd annual entertainment and banquet in their lodge room. There were about forty invited couples present. After the supper a grand bail was given. A number of people from adjoining towns attended.

Cuming County District Court Concluded. WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (Special.)-District court adjourned this morning after the county to avoid getting a summens shoved in his face, and has assigned and removed, ing case two of the prisoners were found ar is about to assign and remove, a part of guilty and one discharged.

Developing a New Industry in Spite of

Hard Times.

MEN WHO MAKE THE WHEELS GO ROUND

NEBRASKA MANUFACTURERS

Omaha Brush Factories Have Made Rapid Strides in the Past Few Months-Proposed Convention of Nebraska Traveling Men.

For some time there has been a feeling among the traveling men of the city that they ought to get nearer together for the purpose of working in harmony for the best interests of Nebraska. At last this sentiment has taken form, and as a result the following has been sent to Secretary Holmes of the Manufacturers' association: The undersigned commercial travelers, representing the business houses opposite our names, deeming it advisable that a meeting be had between the traveling men representing Nebraska houses and your association, respectfully request that a mee ing be arranged between us and the directors of your assoclation to perfect arrangements for a convention, the object of which shall be a discussion as to the best means of strengthening Nebraska's interests and encouraging more friendly relations among the trade in general. Ed Leonard, McCord Brady company; R. E. Watzke, Gilmore & Ruhl; M. Meyer, Fred Krug Brewing company; W. L. Eastman, Morse-Coe Shoe company; M. W. Rayley, M. E. Smith & Co.; J. H. Hitch, Williams & Cross; E. J. Roe. Gate City

MAKING BRUSHES.

In April last S. M. Gunsaul commenced experimenting with the manufacture of brushes at his planing mill, on South Eightnow a new industry that promises much The remains will be brought to Lincoln for Green, on South Thirteenth street, so that the city has two factories engaged in prac tically the same kind of work.

Hon. Turner M. Marquette, attorney, was one of the pioneer residents of Nebraska. He came passed the experimental stage and that he to Plattsmouth, December, 1856, and was has demonstrated to his own satisfaction employed there as a writer and clerk. In that brushes can be made in Omaha at a profit points. There are really no brush factories of He was territorial any account west of Chicago, so that there is a very large filed for the sale of this class

> This territory has been supplied largely by factories located at Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and other cities further east. Many of these factories furnish only prison work which is of the cheapest and most flimsy character, and the Omaha factories will not attempt to compete with them on the cheap class of work. When it comes to first-class work, it has been demonstrated that Omaha can meet all comers, and that is the class of work that is in the best demand in this part of the country.

> It is really surprising to what an extent brushes are used and for what a variety of purposes. They are not luxuries, but are as staple as sugar or salt, and the consumption in this state alone runs into the hun dreds of thousands of dollars every year. So far all the money expended for brushes has gone out of the state, but from now on a strong effort will be made to keep some

> assortment. There are floor brooms, counter stove brushes, shoe brushes, brushes, bottle brushes or cleaners, brushes for street sweeping, scrub brushes of many sizes and for a variety of purposes, in fact, being turned out at the Omaha factories, excepting paint and hair brushes.

The most interesting feature of a factory is the raw material used in the manufacture. It would seem as if almost every part of the world has been called upon for contributions. Most important of all are hog bristles, and it would seem as though they be plenty and cheap in a state like Nebraska, where hogs are the chief product, but they are not. The fact is manufacturers' have to send to Russia when they want something really good in that line The Russian boar grows bristles that are five to twelve inches in length, which are almost as soft as fur, and yet stiff. These bristles are used for the manufacture of he best quality of floor brooms, intended to remove the dust from polished wood floors. Next in quality come the Chinese bristles not so stiff as the Russian, but better for on the sand bar north of town yesterday, in some purposes. The cheapest bristles are search of wood, found a case of lard weighthe backs of the porkers at South Omaha but they are first sent east to be cleaned and put in marketable shape.

Bristles have one great advantage over most other brush material, in that a good bristle when mashed down will come up again to its place. There are many other cheaper materials than bristles, which are mixed in, and the price of a brush depends in no small degree upon the proportion of bristles used in its manufacture

The stiff hair from the manes and tails of horses are used for some purposes. there is a material from Mexico called tam-pico, which is to be had in black, gray, white and red, which makes a very good substitute for bristles. In the large cities there are people who

make a business of gathering up all the old paint brushes, and the factories clean them, and the bristles thus obtained are known as paint stubs, which are used in the are the most durable material that can be secured for that purpose.

Scrub brushes are made from the root about the color of broom corn, and is very ough and durable, even when put to the can be found in this section. hardest kind of usage. The heavy brooms used by the street sweeping gang are made from African bass, a material that is about as stiff and lough as wire. The brooms used by the packers and known as beef brooms are made from palmetto.

The above are by no means all the materials that are worked up into brooms, but only a few that were noted during a brief visit to the factories. At the present time the Omaha factories are employing only twenty-two people, but Mr. Gunsaul says that now he has made

up his mind that the business is bound to be a success, and he will make arrange-ments to increase the force rapidly in his factory. He will put four traveling men on the road the first of the year, and he expects to have seventy-five hands working in the factory in the near future. The making of a brush is a comparatively operation, and yet it requires some

considerable practice. There is a great deal of hand work, and this is done by the operator while seated, and is no more labori ous than sewing. This being the case, all classes of help can be employed, boys and girls, as well as men. The work is paid for by the piece, and a skilled brush maker carns good wages. Mr. Gunsaul said that a girl that started in with them five months ago to learn the business, and who had become fairly proficient, drew at the last pay day \$14.50 for two weeks' work. She is exceedingly well pleased with the work and pay. A skilled brush maker generally

The wages being good and the work agreeable, it is thought that there will be no trouble in securing in Omaha plenty of people who will be anxious to take up the business of making brushes.

Mr. Gunsaul says it is now only a ques-tion of selling the brushes. If the people of the state, the merchants, will give the Omaha manufacturers a chance, they promise to build up a business that will be a source of pride to the state. "Times are rather hard, and it is no easy matter to find work for all our people who want to work," said the gentleman, "but if the people of the state will buy home made

goods, the brush factories can easily provide places for 100 people, where they can earn wages that will enable them to live in comfortable homes, wear good clothing

ENCOURAGING LERIGATIONISTS. Charles W. Irish Makes Predictions as to

and have plenty to est."

the Future of Nebraska. KEARNEY, Dec., 22 -(Special.)-One of the prominent speakers before the state irrigation convention was Hon. Charles W. Irish, secretary of the United States office of Irrigation Enquiry, at Washington, D. C. Mr. Irish was through this country over thirty years ago, and was therefore considerably interested in its growth and development. Since the convention closed he has been spending a couple of days investigating the Kearney canal, and says there is no doubt in his mind that the theory of the under-flow is correct and that the canal will be a permanent success for water power and irri-

gation purposes."
"The underflow in the Platte river valley. said Mr. Irish, "flows from the western edge of the state castward. The water is drawn from the reservoirs of the mountains and extends from the Platte valley to the valleys the Niobrara and Elkhorn." He is quite enthusiastic over the work done on the Kearney canal and said: "Its value cannot be These statements coming overestimated." from a man who has been engaged in govern-ment surveys and has studied the matter thoroughly, are quite encoruaging, and can e fully relied upon.
The vice presidents of the State Irrigation

association as elected by delegates represent-ing the various counties in the state at the state convention, are as follows: liam Hutchins, Franklin; L. J. Nightingale, Sherman; A. B. Wood, Scotts Bluff; A. M. Sharman; A. B. Wood, Scotts Bluff; A. P. Fairfield, Deuel; James Oberfelder, Cheyenn James Stephen, Merrick; W. A. Sweezey Webster; J. E. Decker, Buffalo; Joel Hull Webster; J. E. Decker, Buffalo; Joel Hull; Kearcey; William Parchen, Sheridan, Adna Dobson, Lancaster; William Knoll, Dawson; H. W. George, Custer; Samuel McClellan, Valley: R. D. Rankin, Thomas; Silas Cark, Lincoln; G. W. Phillips, Platte; A. T. Shattuck, Adams; George Hutchinson, McCall, and

A. C. Stowell, Boone.

There is every indication now that the Kearney National bank will reopen. The officers have made a proposition to the depositors to give them certificates bearing 4 per cent interest payable in six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, and so far every depositor has signed it. heads the list for their deposit of \$10,000.

Mrs. Jane Downing, mother of W. A., R. , and George H. Downing, died from the

effects of a paralytic stroke yesterday. She was 71 years of age. ASHLAND'S HOLIDAY PLANS

How the Churches of that City Will Celebrate Christmas.

ASHLAND, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A representative of The Bee called on each of the Sunday school superintendents for the purpose of ascertaining what their expectations were for a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." The result was as follows:

The Emmanuel Baptist was found to be making elaborate preparations for a cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Mistakes," under the supervision of Mr. L. H. Lewis, after which they will have a large Christmas tree. Their preparations exceed any they ave ever made before. The First Baptist was the next visited.

The First Baptist was the next visited. They seemed as confident of a joyful holiday as their sister Baptists. They likewise will entertain old "Kris Kringle" with a cantata, entitled "Santa Claus is Coming," followed by a Christmas tree of the largest variety. The Christian church, under the management of C. W. Fuller is preparing an agement of C. W. Fuller, is preparing an extensive program, to be given in connection with a tree. They speak very encouraging of the prospect for a large distribution of gifts among their Sunday school scholars, who are doing all in their power to entertain Santa Claus in his visit of 1894

Ex-Lieutenant Governor H. H. Shedd has the supervision of the exercises for Christmas at the Congregational church. To Ash land people and all who know his ability this is sufficient to insure a rand enter tainment, which will be given also in cor canment, which will be given also in connection with a tree, where Old Santa will
be welcomed with a rearing reception.

At St. Stephen's, Episcopal church
more extensive preparations are being made.
The ladies will have their usual Christmas
decorations put in the church on Monday.
There will be three services held on Christmas day in the morning and one at 7:20

mas day in the morning and one at 7:30 p. m. On Wednesday, December 26, St. Stephen's day, there will be services at 6:45 a. m. for the patron saint of the parish, and as December 28 comes on Friday, the Holy Innocents day of the church, the children's day services held on that date will be held on Wednesday, at which time they will have a tree and festival in the rectory as in former years.

Indianola Items.

INDIANOLA, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)-Superintendent Bayson completed the division of the December apportionment last Saturday, and the money came Monday morning to the county treasurer. The amount apportioned to this county is \$2.161.19, about one-third less than the June apportionment of \$3,058.53. Each district is entitled to \$7.10 and each pupil 44 cents. In June each district received \$9.68 and each pupil 65 cents.

A County Relief association was organized here Monday evening for the purpose of distributing aid sent to the destitute of Red Willow county. The committee the county commissioners, J. B. Messerve, county treasurer, and J. H. Bayston, county superintendent. C. J. Ryan was elected chairman and J. H. Bayston, secretary. Three persons from each precinct in the county were appointed to superintend the work in the precincts. The committee will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

convention to be held in Indianola Saturday

December 29. Fake Factory's Latest.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (Special Telegram.)-The World-Herald's probable lynching in Beaver Valley is a fake, pure and simple. The report got started over a farmer named Drewery finding four of his cattle manufacture of horse brushes, and which shot. Himself and a neighbor at once suspected a young man named Dayton, who is on bad terms with him. Some sharp words ensued. It is rumored that another rice plant from Mexico. The root is party named Clausen is also mixed up in affair. No more law abiding community

REMOVED AGENT CURRIER.

Work of the County Commissioners Yester day-Macadamizing Deficient.

C. E. Currier was removed from his position as county agent by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon, the result of the investigation into the charges that he had been shortweighting the patrons of the county store.

The resolution calling for the retiremen of Mr. Currier was introduced by Mr. Williams. Commissioner Paddock was in favor of having an investigation of the charges against Mr. Currier, but after Jenkins, Williams and Stenberg had explained that the investigation had already been made, Mr. Paddock withdrew his objections, and the resolution was adopted by four votes, Mr Livesey asking to be excused from voting. The county surveyor reported the result of his investigations of the macadam pavement on West Dodge street. He found that the pavement was from one to two feet narrower than the requirements, and was some places from one to two inches short of the specified depth. The county clerk reported that for the past quarter the fees of his office had not

been equal to the expenses.

An application from George Crook post for the appointment of Thomas S. Hull as member of the Soldiers' Relief commission was referred. The county treasurer reported that the interest on bonds due on January 1 was \$17,-612, while the amount in the sinking fund

was but \$12,000. The matter was referred to New Omaha Limited Train. On and after Sunday, November 4, the Chicago, Midaukee & St. Paul "electric lighted limited" will leave Omaha at 6 p. m., arriving in Chicago at 9 a. m. Remember this train carries dinner a la carte.

C. S. CARRIER, Ticket Agent,

1504 Farnam

SOME STARVED TO DEATH

H rrowing Condition of Settlers in Parts of Knox and Boyd Counties.

NOT ENOUGH TO EAT TO KEEP THEM A WEEK

Clothing in Tatters and No Fuel to Keep Them from Freezing-Prompt and Sufficient Aid Must Be Forthcoming to Preserve Life.

NIOBRARA, Neb., Dec. 21 -- To the Editor of The Bee: I am here by invitation to preach a couple of Sundays for the people of the Presbyterian church. While here I have been pained by the recital of many cases of great destitution in the western part of Knox county and the county of Boyd, adjoining, among the farmers of the Sloux reservation, which was opened for settlement about three years ago, and settled by a poor, but good, class of emigrants coming from many of the old settled states. Three years ago they raised but a very light crop, and the stories. past two years the crops have been almost a total failure. Many families have not enough provisions in their homes for one week's sustenance, and no money to purchase the ginia; W. A. DeBord, State University of Provisions of the control of the total failure. Many families have not enough actual necessities of life.

Many of the merchants here feel they have aided these poor families to the extent of their ability and are unable to do any more W. Herman, University of Kanzas; A. Presfor them or to sell them goods on credit, The sufferers cannot obtain employment, and unless they receive ald very soon it is the general opinion that many will starve to death, and should the weather turn very cold many will freeze to death, as it is a fact that many are barefooted and have scarcely sufficient clothing to cover their nakedness. The marshal of this place witcessed twe've miles from here children without shoes and whose pantaloons were so ragged they scarcely covered their nakedness Thus far this winter has been beautiful and mild, but should it turn very cold, as it is apt to do, human beings and live stock will

A little aid has occasionally been received, but where there should have been a carload of provisions and a car of clothing, the amount received has been in small quantities. One box of clothing received was so filthy and ragged the president of the Niobrara Relief committee, Hon. B. F. Chambers, at mee had the clothing burned.

Some of the sufferers are so proud they

will not make their condition known. A committee has been appointed to investigate the extent of suffering there is. One family has been found actually destitute of clothing

THREE STARVED TO DEATH. A very sad case has this week been brought to notice. It is that of a mother and her two children found dead in their little cabir It is supposed the mother had been confined to her bed by sickness and she and her two

little ones starved to death. The stomachs of the children were opened and not a trace of food could be discovered. I am confident such a state of affairs is not allowed to exist for want of sympathy or for lack of means to relieve, even though our good citizens may have been heavily taxed to look after their own poor and some o the poor in other sections. The generosity and the sympathetic nature of the American people for suffering humanity is known the world over, and if we cannot take care of the poor of our own state, there are thousands in the eastern states who will heartily re-spond to a call for help. I am inclined to believe that our people have not fully understood the condition of affairs

SEND ON SUPPLIES. But it is time they awoke to a realization of the situation and to act at once, and in-stead of people who are able to give liberally donating a sack or two of flour, they should donate twenty, fifty or 100, and instead of donating a few old worn out garments, to donate dozens of good warm suits, and to purchase them when good second hand clothpurchase them when good second hand cloth-ng is to be had, or to seed a check for \$25 daily attendance, 8,344; 1889-91. let him or her whose heart is moved to attend to obtaining and sending their donations themselves without delay.

I have sent a statement of the condition of affairs here, signed by the president and secretary of the Niobrara Relief committee to Rev. Anderson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church and secretary of the Ministerial union of Omaha. Provisions cannot be tept at Spencer on the reservation, because he people are so destitute they cannot be restrained from reizing and carrying them away. In the line of provisions, flour, corn meal, beans and pork is mostly needed. All goods sent via the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, addressed to the relief committee, Niobrara, Neb., will have

free transportation (REV.) C. E. BATTELLE.

PRAIRIE DOGS AS FOOD. JUNIATA, Neb., Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: As one of the means of relief to the destitute people of western Nebraska, let me suggest to those who live contiguous to 'prairie dog towns" that if they will capture these little rodents—misnamed dogs—(since they are not of the canine species, but a link between the squirrel and ground hog, or wood chuck), they will find them to be very excellent food when properly cooked. Parboll about forty-five minutes in a weak solu-tion of saleratus water, then rinse in hot water and they are ready to fry to a crisp brown. Their flesh is sweet, and as flaky as a salmon trout. Many thousands of these animals may be caught in their villages to the pa afford a dinner. In these warm days of winter they may be cured and packed \$19.66. like other meats, for future use. In the early days on our frontiers, the West Point officers made a practice of killing these 'dogs' as a luxury for the table. I have one continuous village of these rodents covering a whole township of land, and so numerous were they that it would require railway trains to haul them to a marke A SUBSCRIBER.

LIST IS A LARGE ONE.

Report of the Number of Families in Western Nebraska Needing Aid. President Nazon of the Nebraska State Relief commission has received a carefully prepared report of the number of destitute families in the different counties in this state where there was a crop failure. The list is a large one, and it will require all the assistance that can be procured to keep them in the most urgent of necessities during the cold winter months. The report, as has been made out by Secretary Ludden, is as follows: Custer county, 250 families; Perkins, 200; Chase, 225; Dundy, 120; Hitch-cock, 250; Red Willow, 100; Hayes, 200; Frontier, 40; Furnas, 100; Lincoln, 700; Dawson, 45; Keith, 200; Deuel, 40; Cherry, 40; McPherson, 40; Blaine, 20; Boyd, 250 Holt, 30; Antelope, 30; Keya Paha, 25; Knox.

Contributions are coming in, but hardly as fast as they should. The committee has carefully gone over the field, and none but the deserving are being assisted. Yesterday \$14.55 in cash was received from the em-ployes of the W. P. H. Insurance com-pany and \$5 from Richard H. Calkins. Three boxes of clothing were received from the ladies of the St. Mary's Congregational church, seven pieces from Mrs. Peattle twelve dozen suits of ladies' underwear from Thompson, Belden & Co., two boxes shoes from Kirkendall & Jones, clothing Mesdames Worthington, Menning. Mesdames Worthington, Menning. J. M. Snyder, Frank Foster, Anderson, Ernest Nichols, Chandler. Shipments were made during the day to Boyd and Keith counties Those desiring to contribute here should address their packages to W. N. Nason, room 407 Brown block.

Too Strong a String. Monday afternoon the Board of Park Comnissioners will meet and will consider the proposition as accepted by the city council o change the name of Riverview park to Murray park. The members object to the provision that Tom Murray's contiguous property must forever be exempt from special and will therefore probably not ac the proposition. One of the board said yesterday that there was no question but that they would refuse

to accept the proposition with the new proviso attached. No such condition was mentioned when the proposition was laid before them or they would not have considered it for a moment. It looked as though there had been a clumsy attempt to victimize the board and make it appear as responsible for a scheme that they never had and never would approve. If Mr. Mur-ray wanted to donate the land in return for having the park and boulevard named after him they were willing to agree to it, but they would be vigorously opposed to accepting a gift with so significant a string

INTERCOLLEGIATE BANQUET.

University Eleven Christmas Evening. Every arrangement is now complete for what promises to be one of the most enjoyable banquets had in Omaha for years. The primary idea of this banquet is to extend compliments to the foot ball eleven of the State University of Nebraska, which plays the Young Men's Christian association team of this city Christmas afternoon. The program will begin at 9 o'clock Christmas evening and continue without date. Old college men are becoming enthused at the idea of being together again, reviving reminiscences, singing the old songs and telling the old stories. The committee on invitation consists of J. W. Broatch, Yale; L. P. Funkcuser, Princeton; J. B. McIntosh, Harvard Strickler, University of Virowa; F. Crawford, Charles Thomas, University of Michigan; George Gilmore, Monmouth; Edson Rich, Clement Chase, University of Nebraska; F. W. Hartigan, Doane; ton, Yale; Charles A. Goss, Mount Union; J. D. Ware, Iowa college; Henry Clark, Williams; J. W. Battin Cornell

It is the intention to cover the whole ground and extend invitations to college men from all colleges and universities, no one will be intentionally overlooked. Arrangements are completed for the entertain ment of 300 men. The banquet will be held at the Commercial club rooms. Several hundred invitations have been sent out, thers will follow as the names are made

It will be impracticable to invite the ladies from the coeducational institutions. The sending of invitations has revealed the fact that here are some fifty Yale men in the city; fifteen to twenty Harvard men; about the same number from Princeton and Pennsylvania; perhaps forty from the University of Michigan; forty from Monmouth; fifteen from the University of Wisconsin; forty from Donne; twenty-five from the Nebraska State university; thirty from the Nebraska State university; thirty from the Iowa State uni-cersity; varying numbers from Mount Pleas-ant, Ia., Mount Union, O., Hiram, Williams, Dartmouth, Brown, University of Virginia, University of Connecticut, University of Missouri, Cornell, Iowa college, Ames, Ohio State university, Johns Hopkins, and in fact college east and west. The program

will be:
Toastmaster, Major E. W. Halford; "The University of Nebraska," Chancellor Canfield; "The College Man in the West," John L. Webster, Mount Union, '67; "The Burbarian," W. H. Alexander; "Athletics," Very Rev. C. H. Gardner; "The Killed and Missing," A. W. Jefferis; "How it Was Done;" "Wives and Sweethearts," Frank Crane.

Hallet-Davis pianos at A. Hospe's. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Another Review of the Financial Difficulties -President Powell's Report. The Board of Education met last night to discuss matters of a financial nature pertaining to the Omaha school system. The committee on finance submitted a lengthy report, showing the condition of funds at the present time. With a balance of \$30,-277.73 from July 1, 1894, the total fund for the year closing July 1, 1895, is \$345,-777.73. This is less money than the board has had at its disposal since 1889, with nearly 4,000 more children attending the schools. The report has the following comparative statistics: Resources, 1888-89, \$468,641.81 \$372,978.67 or \$50, where they have before given 25 or attendance, 9,095; 1890-91, \$436,218.42; at thinks he has Mrs. Ida Notsen, the Omahn tendance, 9,715; 1891-92, \$459,598.62; attendance, 9,715; 1891-92, \$459,5 state or some other committee (who have so much to do and so many forms to go through, they consequently move very slow)

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680; 1894-95, \$345,777.73; altendance, 12,500 communication. altendance, 12 500 The estimated expenses for the present fiscal year amount to \$367,684.44, leaving a deficit of \$70,334.27 on July 1, 1895. The cost per captia on daily attendance amounts to \$34.13 per annum. These estimates are based on nine months schooling each year. It is also estimated that the number of pupils is increasing at the rate of about 700 per year. In concluding the report the committee says: present outlook along financial not an encouraging one. While our general fund resources for the present fiscal year will fall more than

> expenses will be increased by the addition of almost 1,000 pupils. It remains for the people of Omaha to decide whether or not they will provide the necessary funds for the proper support of our public schools. was ordered that twenty copies of this report be printed, for the benefit of the embers of the board. It was also decided to have the report printed in the daily papers, without expense to the board. The final report of ex-President Powell, on the work done during the past year, was read, and it was ordered that 20,000 copies of this report be printed and circulated among the schools. The report deals at length on the work of the kindergarten departments, which he highly commended. He scored the council for

\$65,000 below the resources of last year, our

annum had been reduced from \$20.51 to The board adjourned until January 2, at which meeting the monthly pay roll and bills will be allowed.

olicy in curtailing the school appropriation.

EXCITING SCENE AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE Only a Few Words Spokes, Then a Blow and the Old Man Was Killed-Incl-Arrangements for Entertaining the State

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (Special Telegram.)-Nemaha county's little old court house was packed to suffocation today to hear the Argabright trial, and when court convened after dinner many were turned away, being unable to gain admittance. Mrs. Ida Copeland, a daughter of the deceased. continuing her testimony from yesterday,

SHE SAW HER FATHER SHOT

Smeltzer's Daughter Tells of How Arga-

bright Murdered His Father-in-Law.

sents that Preceded the

Tragedy.

"I live just across the road from Mr. Smeltzer. I had a conversation with the defendant on February 8, about the children. He said he preferred to leave the children at my father's house for two years, as it was a better home than he could give them. He then sent me over to get his wife to come over. I went over, but she would not come. He came the next day but the children were not at home and I told him so. He was also at my house on November 28, 1893. The smaller child was brought over at that time. The older one was sick with the measles. The defendant's wife came over and the defendant asked her if she was coming back to live with him and she said no. The defendant's father went over to see the deceased on the 8th of February to see about the children, and my father said he would see his lawyer about it and said:

"B II, you have abused my girl, and I have seen the day when I would like to knock the thunder out of you.

"I never heard my father forbid the defendant from seeing his children. Gertrude Smeltzer said that the defendant took his station at the door as soon as the entertainment was over and stood with his back against the door facing us and when any one wanted to go out would allow the door to open. In about half an hour we all started home, mamma first carrying the defendant's oldest child, papa was next, then the defendant's wife, then me. As soon as mamma came near, the defendant said, 'is that my boy?' and mamma said, 'yes,' and he then went to take it out of mamma's arms when papa reached over mamma's left shoulder and struck the defendant on side of the head, but just before striking, papa said, 'you can't do that.'

"The next I saw was the revolver in the defendant's hand and then came the report." William Russell related the story of the shooting substantially as told by Gertrude and said when the defendant fired he stepped back and the deceased staggered forward toward him and fell.

James A. Stevenson said he was one of the first to leave the school house after the entertainment. The defendant was standing near the door, and when he passed him he heard the defendant say: "I'll stay right here." "I helped to lay Smeltzer out," said Stevenson. "and put cotton in the wound, helped to take Smeltzer's underclothing off and found the bullet in his underclother the back after it had passed through his

Williams related the killing, varying but very little as to details from the others, and said when Smeltzer struck the defendant on the side of the head the blow was not a hard one and that when the defendant had the revolver pointed at the deceased that the deceased struck at the revolver to knock it away. These two times were the only it away. These two times were the only blows aimed at the defendant by the deceases.

LOCATED MRS. NOTSEN.

Dawes County Deputy Sheriff Thinks Ele Has Found the Missing Woman. CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special Telocommunication with Detective Haze of Omaha for two or three days regarding a woman and two children who perfectly answer the description of the missing woman, who were described to Sheriff Handy by a reliable ranchman who lives quite a distance from the railroad, but in what direc-tion Handy refuses to state. The ranchman had seen the woman and children on the train some time before, but did not know her name. Handy further states that he was advised by the Omaha authorities that Mrs. Notsen had some relatives in this sec-tion of the country. He is confident he can lay his hands on Mrs. Notsen and children at any time, but acknowledges there is a possibility of doubt. The woman and children went through here twenty-for after being missed, and changed cars at this place, taking the westbound train from

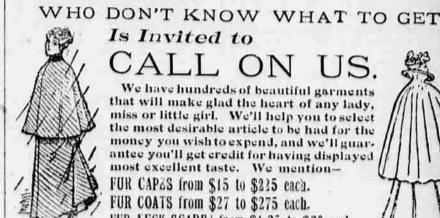
Tobias' Charity Movement.

TOBIAS, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)-The Ancient Order United Workmen lodge of Tobias leads the procession in getting aid to the western Nebraska drouth sufferers. Assisted by the ladies of the associate lodge they gave a supper and entertainment Wednesday evening, the supper netting \$34.35, the expenses being \$6.15. They will send the full amount, \$40.50, to the sufferers, paying the expenses out of their treasury. At entertainment every member who did He furnished figures to show that within the past six years the rate per capita per sing, speak or dance was to buy a bushel of apples.

The amount of goods received is as follows: Four thousand pounds of flour, five barrels of clothing, over seventy-five pounds of meat, one box of shoes. Solicited, but not collected; two loads of goods at Milligan, and a great deal in the country round about.

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