COLD

Lincoln's Mayor Vetoes Another Resolution F. votable to the Precious Metal.

GOLD REFUNDING BONDS OBJECTIONABLE

Policeman Who Has Been Active in Prosecuting Fallen Women at the Capital City Discharged for Consorting with Lewd Characters,

Dec. 24.-(Special.)-Mayor Weir has vetoed another resolution to float bonds, payable, interest and principal, in resolutions were adopted relating to the ner. proposed issue of \$534,500 gold refunding bonds. One was a resolution approving the proposition of Green & Van Duyn to float connecting a 3-inch hose to the upper end of them at par, accrued interest payable in pay them in gold. Mayor Weir says, in the small, that the contract referred to has no binding force on the city, for the reason that it has expired by limitation, and quotes as It has expired by limitation, and quotes as follows: "This contract shall be in force and effect for nincty days after the date of the funding bonds." He finds that the bonds bear date January 1, 1894.

IN MEMORY OF T. M. MARQUETT. One hundred members of the bar of Lan-caster county met at the court house today In response to an order issued by the cour to take action relative to the death of Hon. T. M. Marquett. Judge Strode said that three weeks to fill the pond to the required height to harvest the 100,000 tons of ice the court had appointed the following com mittees: On resolutions, memorial and sub mission of the Lancaster county bar to the supreme court, Amasa Cobb, W. B. Leese, C. C. Whedon, S. B. Pound, S. J. Tuttle, J. H. Ames, N. C. Abbott, G. M. Lambert-Bon; as escort to the funeral, J. W. Dewesse, D. G. Courtney, J. R. Webster, A. W. Field, A. J. Sawyer, W. J. Lamb, E. E. Brown and W. H. Woodward; on funeral arrangements, F. M. Hall, H. H. Wilson, R. D. extended discussion took place over what day the bar should meet and hear the resolutions, but it was finally decided that the meeting adjourn, to reconvene at the call of the committee. The remains are expected to arrive from Tampa, Fla., Wednesday afternoon.

HOUSEBREAKER'S HARD LINES. For robbing guests at the Capital hotel during the last state fair, George Bush was today given eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Tibbetts. Bush is the man who emptied the pockets of a number of sleepers at the hotel just before daylight, and when WANT A NEW TRIAL.

WANT A NEW TREAT.

The many insurance companies against which Mr. Buckstaff has recently obtained judgments amounting to \$45,000 have filed next, the defendant's wife following with the baby, and then Gertrude Smeltzer.'

When they were near the door the dethe court's instructions were erroneous and the verdicts not sustained by sufficient and competent evidence.

in charge of its grandparents.

JAMES E. MURPHY PARDONED. Governor Crounse today issued an uncon ditional pardon to James E. Murphy, a for-mer resident of Seward county. Murphy is a man about 50 years of age and was mentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary at the January term of the Seward county district court for assault with intent county district court for assault with intent to do bodily injury upon an old man and a neighbor. He has never been in the peniout has lain in jail since his con viction. The application was backed by lengthy petitions from Seward's most prominent citizens. In the petition it is evmost exemplary character, that he is a man of high temper and excitable moods, and that it is the estimation of the petitioners that he has already been sufficiently pur

WILL BE RETURNED TO CHICAGO. The requisition of Governor Altgeld of Illi-ois for Jasper Maddox, now under arrest at South Omaha, was today granted by Gov-ernor Crounse. Maddox stands charged in Chicago with assault on the person of Elizabeth Frombach on November 1. He fled the city of Chicago on November 2.

IN THE SUPREME COURT. The East Omaha Street Railway pany is plaintiff in error against Louis dola. On July 3, in the district court of Douglas county, Godola secured judgment against the railway company for \$1,725. In plaintiff in error against Louis Gopetition in the lower court he set up t on August 6, 1893, he boarded one of endant's cars at Courtland Beach to ride to Omaha, and that, owing to the careless-ness of the motorman, he was shaken from the car and his leg broken in two places, and that he was otherwise cut and bruised about the head. In consequence of this he was confined to his bed for over a month. The appeal of Perry Bros. & Co. rman-American bank of Omaha was filed today in the supreme court. The bank secured judgment on a protested draft for \$1,281 in the court below against Perry Bros.

The Nebraska Irrigation and Power com-pany of Ord, Valley county, today filed ar-ticles of incorporation with the secretary GUILTY POLICEMAN DISCHARGED.

The excise board today summarily fired Officer Coleman, although his resignation was filed several days ago. The charge against him is that he willfully misrepreinted matters to the chief of police in going to Fairbury, and consorting with lewd women while in that city. Officer Coleman has been quite active in prosecuting women of this class in Lincoln, in conformity with the order of Mayor Weir to suppress proson in every nook and corner of the

Went Out in a Box Car.

VALLEY, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)-Frank Johnson's Minstrel company appeared to a small audience at the Valley opera house Saturday night. The company arrived in the city Saturday morning and took quarters at the Reid hotel—nine persons strong. It was understood between the manager of the show and the hotel people that the indebtedness of the company to Reid would be settled upon their return from the evening's entertainment. A grand ball was also to take place immediately after the show, and for this reason the actors were not expected at the hotel until a late hour. But they took a box car for Omaha. The company consisted of five men and four ladies. In their hurry in getting aboard the train several small articles were

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.) The residence of L. P. Hanson, a grocer, was robbed Sunday night during the absence of the family at a neighbor's. Forty dollars, a gold watch and chain, two neck-laces and a lot of other jewelry was taken. Two fellows were arrested today charged with the work, but no evidence could be-secured against them.

The Congregational church will ship four carlods of supplies to the drouth sufferers in Frontier county on Thursday, amounting to several hundred dollars in value.

Osceola Forger Sentenced. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-Wilfam A. Morrill, who was convicted of the crime of forgery, was sentenced to a term of three years of hard labor in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

J. F. Reynolds post No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, held its annual meeting for the election of efficers, and the following "will rule the roost" for the ensuing year:

Post commander, Hon. Comrade John H. Post commander, Hon. Comrade John H. Mickey; senior vice, William McBeth; junior

vice, W. H. Carson; quartermaster, C. M. Pulver; chaplain, T. H. Saunders; officer of the day, H. F. Bense; officer of the guard, Henry Hughes; surgeon, and to provide prescriptions for commissary, Dr. S. O. Whaley; adjutant, Dr. E. D. Buckner.

UNIQUE PLAN FOR BORING WELLS. Novel Method Introduced at Ashland by Swift and Company.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-A visit by a Bee representative to the Swift and Company ice plant this afternoon was Officials Say the Estimates Proposed by well rewarded by some very interesting facts concerning the progress of the filling of the ice pond, over which there has been so much litigation in the past few weeks between Swift and Company and the Ashland Mill and Electric Light company. The source from which they secure the water is by means of a series of 8-inch wells, put down to a depth of forty to forty-five feet, under gold. At the last meeting of the council two the supervision of Messrs. Foster and Gard-

the pipe, held upright by a portable tower, gold. The other directed the execution and plpe. As the water forces its way down the printing of the bonds, payable, interest and pipe and out the lower end it keeps up a principal, in gold. The latter was vetoed a continuous washing at the bottom, which few days ago. The mayor has filed another message, in which he sits down on the latter proposition. The resolution embodied a statement that there existed a contract to wish through the sand or dirt.

forces the dirt, sand, etc., up on the outrecommendations that the survey of public side, and thereby keeps the pipe free to settle as the washing proceeds. This permits them to put a pipe down to any depth they wish through the sand or dirt.

> about thirty-eight feet, where they struck a stratum of coarse gravel of the finest quality, ranging in size from a small pea to a walnut. Occasionally they passed through a layer of clay from four to six inches in They have ten of the wells down and the pumps running full capacity, which means about 2,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. At this rate it will require over

they expect to get into their house by March

They have fully met their expectations in their water supply from this source, as the depth to which the wells are sank is fully ten feet below the bottom of the Platte river, and as experience has shown that the entire Platte valley is underlaid with an immense stratum of sand and coarse gravel, it pro-Stearns, P. F. Clark, T. G. Munger, J. E. vides all the requisites for procuring the sup-Philpott, S. C. Burr and C. M. Parker. An ply of water needed in this great undertak-

ARGABRIGHT WAS RETREATING.

William Smeltzer Sald to Have Been Pursuing His Slayer When Killed. AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special Telegram.)-In the Argabright trial today the at the hotel just before daylight, and when caught struck a man in the face with a handful of silver dollars. The convict is 42 years old, and claimed to the court that he was innocent, that he had not had a fair trial, and that some of the witnesses had sworn falsely. Judge Tibbetts replied that he didn't believe him, but did believe he was a professional housebreaker.

WANT A NEW TRIAL.

When they were near the door the de-fendant advanced and said to Mrs. Smeltzer: "Is this my boy?" and reached forward as though he would take the boy from the The Kilpatrick quarrel over the care and custody of a bright 5-year-old little boy is again in court. Over a year ago the Kilpatricks were divorced and the child given ing: "You can't do that," and followed it with a downward blow, with his right hand over the left shoulder of Mrs. Smeltzer, striking the defendant on the side of the head, but the blow was not heavy enough to stagger the defendant. The defendant then turned about half way round and stepped back a step or two, drew his re-volver and fired. As soon as the defendant drew his revolver and pointed it at Smeltzer the latter tried to guard himself from the revolver by striking it to one side by his hands. He wore mittens at the time.

was tied and started on his way to the jai at Auburn. The state tried to show that the defendant made some kind of a confession while on the way, but Judge Babcock would not allow it at this stage of the proceedings. Two of the witnesses admitted the shot was fired the defendant was retreating and the deceased pursuing him. The counsel for the defense rely on this as a strong point in their favor to show that the defendant was acting in self defense.

SAD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Annie Andrew of Lincoln Dangerously Burned While Decorating a Tree. LINCOLN, Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.) Annie Andrews, a young lady residing in the Ledwith block, was seriously burned tonight while celebrating Christmas evening. She was engaged decorating a tree with presents when it caught fire from one of the numerous candles, and was instantly ablaze. The clothing of Miss Andrews was burned off, and tonight she is in a serious condition and suffering terribly. The fire department extinguished the flames with but

trifling loss to the building. William Devoll was arrested this evening y Detective Malone on a charge of forgery. He attempted to pass a check for \$14 pur porting to have been signed by M. L. Scott, on Melville Fredlich, proprietor of the Globe clothing house, from whom he purchased a \$3 hat. When searched at the station he had on his person two other forged checks Devoll is 25 years old, and an engineer by trade.

G. W. Schlagel, 42 years of age, a jeweler, was arrested tonight for perjury. It is charged that October 26 last, while testifying in a case in which a man was arrested for stealing a watch, he swore that he had never been convicted of a felony. It is asserted on behalf of Schlagel that he swore he had never been in the peniten-tiary, which is a fact; as he received an unconditional pardon for the crime for which he was convicted shortly after his sentence. He gave bonds in the sum of \$200 for his appearance for trial next Wednesday.

Exeter Brevities EXETER. Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-The fourth lecture of the High school course by Prof. Fossler of the State university Friday night was up to the usual standard of ex-cellence, and the attendance was very good

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kreider of Prairie City, Ill., will spend the holidays with their daughters, Mrs. Joseph Predmore and Mrs. visiting relatives and friends here. The egg social given by the Young Peo-ple's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Christian church proved a very pleasant af-

Wonderful preparations are being madby the Sunday schools of the reveral churches for the observance of Christmas. The Baptist and Christian people will each present a musical cantata, the Methodists a concert, the Congregationalists a Christmas cantata. The little folks are in great glee, and are looking forward to lots of

Frank Farmer and Monte Babcock of Lin coln will eat Christmas turkey with their

Miss Clara Owens, who is attending school Miss Clara Owens, who is attending school at Nebraska City, will spend the holiday vacation with her people, near this place.

Miss Mertie Davis of the High school has gone to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Bryant of Stromsburg.

Will Manning and little sister left Saturday for Nevada, Ia., in which vicinity they will spend their holiday vacation.

Fred Underwood was called home from

sister.

D. A. Langhead, who has been visiting with his nucle, Dr. T. C. McClurie, for the past several months, returned to his home in Washington, Ia., yesterday.

Mrs. Hollingworth of De Witt is spending

Fred Underwood was called home from

WORKING ON APPROPRIATIONS

Bill During Vacation.

MAKING AN EFFORT TO ECONOMIZE

Them Are Essential for Good Service -Surveying of Public Lands by the Geological Surveyors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The subcommittee of the house appropriations committee was today in session, considering the sundry civil bill. Director Wolcott of the geological survey and Commissioner Lamoreaux of the general land office, were before the committee, explaining the estimates for their respective bureaus, and were questioned by the committee as to the advisability of reducing expenditures. Both maintained that the estimates were as low as they thought judicious. They were also asked as to their retary, by the geological survey instead of veyor generals of the different states. This has been discussed by Secretary Smith with both these officers before the recommendathe change. They so assured the committee today. Assistant Secretary Hamlin of the Treasury department also appeared before the committee, and urged that full estimates be appropriated for carrying out the Chinese exclusion act, and also that provision be made for all estimates for Alaska, especially as to the customs. Mr. Hamlin last summer visited the Pacific coast, and Alaska as well, and was able to give the committee personal assurance that the estimates made by the treasury were absolutely necessary for the Chinese exclusion, and that the revenue would be increased by the better service asked for in Alaska. It is the intention of the subcommittee to have the sundry civil bill ready to lay before the full committee

LAUGHS AT THE STORY.

Senator Frye Amused at the Statement that Walsh Had Hypnotized Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senator Frye was quite amused at a story which appeared in the Washington Post today concerning the him in the nomination of Joseph Rapier as postmaster at Mobile. It was reported that Mr. Frye had "made active and earnest opposition to the confirmation, because Mr. Rapier had at one time abused Mr. Blaine, and that confirmation was hanging in the balance when Senator Walsh moved over to a vacant seat beside Mr. Frye and proceeded to exercise his peculiarly captivating powers upon the Maine senator, when, to the sur-prise of everybody, the opposition was with-

drawn and confirmation made."
"I made no opposition," said Senator Frye, "to Mr. Rapier's confirmation in the senate, unless an inquiry as to some trivial charges which had been brought to my attention may be construed as opposition. While it is true that Mr. Rapier attacked Mr. Blaine, the charges had no reference to the matter, and I had no intention of bringing this attack into the senate or using it against Mr. Raper. I asked Alabama senators about these charges, and I was assured by Senator Pugh that they were without foundation. I also spoke to Senator Walsh on the subject, be-cause he, as the committee's representative from that section of the country, would nat-urally have the matter in charge, but it is my recollection that I looked him up. any rate, it is not true that he exercised any 'peculiar blandishments' on me. Certainly I was not hypnotized," he added laughingly.

As to how formidable the opposition to Mr. Eapler is may be judged from the fact that the day he was confirmed, the 11th inst., the senate was in executive session twenty-five minutes, and confirmed, besides Mr. Rapier, ninty-three postmasters and sixteen nomina-

tions to other offices. SUBSTITUTE FOR WOOD

Noncombustible Material to Be Placed on

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Her bert has approved the report of the board, consisting of Constructors Hanson and Bowles, with Commander Bradford as president, which was instructed by him to report upon the joiner and woodwork in the battleships, cruisers and gunboats now building may be advantageously dispensed with, the increased facilities for extinguish ing fire in action which should be provided, and to consider the question of the ceiling of the sides of the living spaces in said vessels with iron, papier mache, or anything class less inflavorable that week or else less inflammable than wood. The board visited the ships at Norfolk and Philadelphia, and made a detailed report upon the alterations needed in the case

of each ship, recommending the substitution of corrugated iron instead of wood in the Texas in many cases, and of iron instead of wood 'adders wherever found. The board reports itself embarrassed for want of knowledge concerning the fires in the ships en-gaged in the action off the mouth of the Yalu river. The points in doubt are as to the amount of woodwork and combustible material, as to where the fires occurred, what first ignited them, and the facilitie for spreading; as to their facilities for ex-tinguishing fires; as to the place of storage of combustible materials, such as oils, tur-pentine, alcohol, paints, other, etc. The board was favorably impressed with the system of joiner work of the Texas, but thought that considerable of the woodwork could be dispensed with if time and opportunity were permitted to experiment. The board recom-mended that the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard be allowed to carry on such ex-periments. In the cases of the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Oregon, which are nearing completion, the estimated cost of the recommended changes is \$6,290 in

the case of each vessel. CAPITOL IS DESERTED.

Senators and Congressmen Taking a Rest

in Earnest. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The capitol was practically deserted today. Only a few rambling sightseers, the capitol police and now and then a stray senator or representative woke the echoes of its spacious corridors. The charm of the festivities of Christmas at home was the magnet that had drawn every one who could leave from the congressional grist mill. Only the memalso those whose families are in Washing ton, remained here. Several of them were at their desks for a short time today ex-amining their mail, but they had put their congressional labors behind them and matters congressional were in a state of sus-pended animation. Speaker Crisp was in his room, in the rear of the house of representatives, about noon, dictating answers to letters, but he was almost the only member in the vicinity of the capitol today.

Mrs. Crisp and her son and daughter are here to eat their Christmas turkey with the speaker, and he will remain here throughout the holidays. No committee work will be done at either end of the capitol during the recess. Senator Blackburn says the comthe recess. Senator Blackburn says the com mittee on rules, of which he is chairman will not take up the question of a cloture rule or any other subject until after Januar The Kentucky senator left the city today to remain until congress reconvenes. Some work will probably be done on the appropriation bills yet unreported by Chairman Sayres and some of the members of the subcommittee, but their work will be subject to ultimate revision when the full

Conference of Indian Agents. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- A conference of the agents of the Sioux Inidan reserva-tions in the Dakotas, of the Chippewa Intions in the Dakotas, of the Chippewa In-dian agent and of several army officers in charge of the agencies, with the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of In-dain affairs, will be held here during the first week in January. The object is a gen-eral conference on Indian matters and a discussion of needed changes and improve-ments in the Indian service. While here the agents will submit their estimates for

the reservations for the fiscal year commencing next July, The question of open market purchases will also be considered. The call for the mesting was made in dispatches sent by Commissioner Browning to the following agents: Captain C. G. Penny, Pine Ridge Agency, S. D.; J. C. Wright, Rosebud, S. D.; A. M. Keller, Sisseton, S. D.; Major James McLaughlin, Standing Rock, N. D.; Dr. Fred T. Troon, Crow Creek and Lower Brules, S. D., and Robert M. Allen, the White Earth (Chippewa) Reservation, Minn., and Captain Lorenzo Cook, Blackfoot Agency, Mont.; Captain P. H. Ray, Shorthorn Agency (Wyo., and Lieutenant Mercer of the Lapointe (Wis.) agency.

The call orders the agents to meet here for a general consultation between January 1 and 5. Subcommittee Busy on the Sundry Civil

DISCONTINUING SECTARIAN SCHOOLS. Those on Indian Reservations

Gradually Superseded.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The subcommittee of the house committee on Indian affairs has been considering the appropriation bill for several days and will report it soon after the holidays. There is a proposition before the committee to make a reduction in the expense of the eastern schools. Representative Wilson of Washington, who is a member of the subcommittee preparing the bill, says there is a general feeling that the Indians can be better educated on their reservations and in the west.

"There is no longer a frontier," said Mr. 'ilson, "the railroad, telegraph and telephone have obliterated it."

The committee also has been considering what steps to take toward securing the im-provements of the church contract schools, and it has been determined to appropriat to buy a certain number of them, and tions were made, and they were in favor of to begin acquiring them at about 20 per cent each year. These improvements, in the way of school buildings, were made by the churches when the contract system was in force. Now that it has been determined to discontinue the contract schools as rapidly as possible, members of the committee will be fair to the churches and a good thing for the government to acquire the buildings which are suitable for school pur-poses if they can be obtained at a reasonble price. If these purchases are provided for they will be under the direction of the secretary of the interior. Secretary Smitt has been asked to furnish the information as to the desirability of obtaining these build-

INDIANS WILL GET THEIR MONEY.

Department After Much Trouble Envolves a Plan of Payment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The problem of making the payment of \$500,000 to the Nez Perces Indians for their lands in Idaho, which has confronted the Interior department for some time, has just been settled. influence Senator Walsh had exercised over The payment was authorized by an act of congress, but the department has experienced great difficulty in finding a way of making the payment of the large sum, as the in-spectors and special agents were required to give bonds for only \$25,000, and consequently the amount could not be placed to their credit. There were no funds available from which special agents could be paid for making payments. Several of the Idaho banks offered to make the payment without government security, to secure the benefit of the deposits that might be made by the Indians, but the law prohibiting the acceptance of gratuitous service pre-vented the plan. But the commissioner of Indian affairs devised a plan for payment direct to the Indians, which Secretary Smith has now approved. It authorizes a special agent to proceed to the lands and make up a roll of the Indians entitled to the money The roll will be forwarded direct to the office, and drafts will be made out payable to each Indian in his own name for the amount due him. The drafts will be forwarded in the care of the special agent, who will identify each of the Indians. There are 1,809 of the Indians, each of whom will receive about \$230. receive about \$330. hatta

CARLISLE MAKING SOME CHANGES. Supervising Architect's Office to Be En tirely Reorganized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Secretary Carlisle today made public his plan for the complete reorganization of the office of supervising architect of the treasury. Under this plan, the architectural and technical functions will be entirely separated from present assistant supervising architect, will carry out the secretary's plan, and when reorganized, he will take charge of the administrative branch. The secretary's preschitect early in January. There are already bout twenty-five applications for this posiion now on file, but it is understood that the secretary will not examine any of the papers until he is able and ready to make the appointment. The new regulations state that in the office of the supervising irchitect of the Treasury department there shall be a supervising architect whose duties shall be those which are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law and the orders of the secretary. To the supervising architect six divisions are assigned, as herein below given, for the architectural and technical work, all of which, together with the discipline of the force employed in such work, shall be entirely under his direction and control, subject to such orders and regulations as may be made by the secretary.

ARMY POST AT SPOKANE.

Government Likely to Accept an Offer Made by Her Citizens. pect that the recommendations of General Schofield and General Otis for the setablish ment of a military post at Spokane, Wash. will be carried out. Spokane has offered 1,000 acres of land for the post, and Rep resentative Wilson has secured in the army appropriation bill an amendment providing that wherever the government acquires title o the land the secretary shall establish a nilitary post on it. Senator Squire has in-roduced an amendment in the senate providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting buildings and making improvements for the post at Spokane. General Schofield, commanding the army and General Otis, commanding the department, favor the establishment of the ner post at Spokane. The citizens of Walla Walla fear that this means the discontinuance of the post at the latter place, but Sen ator Squire says General Schofield assure him there will be no such discontinuance and no interference with Fort Walla Walla or Fort Vancouver will result from the establishment of the post at Spokane.

Bills Approved by the President. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The president has approved the following acts: Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for public printing and bind-ing; to supply deficiencies in the appropria-tion for the eleventh census and other pur-poses; extending the time for a report of the board of engineers surveying canal routes from Lake Erie to the Ohio river; amending the act authorizing the construc-tion of a bridge across the Missisippi river above New Orleans.

Medals for Volunteer Soldiers WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Medals of honor have been awarded to Captain William H. ward, company R. Forty-seventh Onlo vol-unteers, for distinguished gallantry in lead-ing an assault upon the confedrate battery at Vicksburg, Miss., on the night of July 3, 1863; to Private James R. Sturgeon, com-pany F, Forty-sixth Ohlo volunteers, for advancing beyond the line of battle, and with three comrades capturing twenty-five prisoners at the battle of Kenesaw moun-tain, June 16, 1804.

Hids for Naval Shells. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Bids were pened at the Navy department today for supplying 400 semi-armor piercing shells for the thirteen-inch naval rifles. Three bids were received, namely; Midvale Steel com-pany, 25 cents per pound; Sterling Steel company, 25 cents; Carpenter Steel company, 24½ cents.

Ex-Congressmen Hunting Jobs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The successor of General Armstrong as assistant commisdoner of Indian affairs will probably not be appointed for several weeks, although his resignation takes effect this month. He-tween twenty and thirty-five applicants are in the field, including several congressmen. Sorthern Pacific Land Selections Approved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The secretary of the interior has approved lists of land selected as indemnity by the Northern Pa-catic reliroad, embracing about 200,000 acres in Minnesots, and a grant of 202,000 acres in Montana, to the same company,

M. H. CLOTHING CO.

Men's Overcoats.

MEN'S BLUE AND BLACK CHINCHILLA OVERCOATS-cut stylishly long-Brand new-made especially for us

MEN'S ELEGANT OVERCOATS—IN THE new lengths—in the new patterns and latest shades of only reliable fabrics and the exact likeness of \$12 garments—

Made especially for us-Here at

MEN'S FINE BEAVER OVERCOATS-Brand new-made especially for us

MEN'S RICH OVERCOATS, IN THE most fashionable fabrics—beautifully tailored—correct in fit and finish— Brand new-Made especially for us-

\$15.00 and \$18.00 value at.....

Brand new-

\$12.00 value at.....

\$5.50 \$12.00 value at.....

Made especially for us-

Men's Suits.

MEN'S WINTER-WEIGHT SUITS-GOOD linings and strongly sewed-Brand new-made especially for us

MEN'S ALL WOOL WINTER SUITS-in the new lengths and weaves, and most carefully made up--Brand new-made especially for us

MEN'S CLAY AND FANCY WORSTED SUITS-artistic in workmanship, all sizes-Brand new-

\$15.00 value at ... MEN'S FLEE WORSTED AND CASSI-MERE SUITS—in every and any style gar-ment—equal to any \$25 custom made suit—

Brand new-Made especially for us-

\$5.00

\$8.00

Boys' Suits.

CHILDREN'S 2-PIECE SUITS-Ages 4 to 8 years, Strictly all wool cassimere-Brand new-Made especially for us-

\$4.50 values at.... CHILDREN'S REEFER SUITS— ages 3 to 8 years—large sailor collars-handsomely braided— Brand new-Made especially for us-

\$5.00 and \$6.00 values at CHILDREN'S JUNIOR SUITSages 3 to 7 years—fancy cassimeres and cheviots—adjustable reefer collar— Brand new-Made especially for us-

\$7.00 and \$8.00 values at..... CHILDREN'S DOUBLE - BREASTED REEFER SUITS— ages 4 to 10 years— very handsomely made and trimmed—

Brand new-Made especially for us-\$8.00 and \$9.00 values at..... \$2.50

\$4.00

Boys' Ulsters.

BOYS' ULSTERS-ages 6 to 15 years, dark colors and good fabrics-Brand new-made especially for us

\$6.00 value at

Brand new-made especially for us

The M. H. Cook Clothing Co.,

13th and Farnam, Omaha.

READY TO CLEAN HOUSE.

Chicago in the Mood to Investigate Her Municipal Rottenness.

in the city council to kill off the anti-cigar- stantly since the accident, has returned ette ordinance, announces that he will demand a searching investigation, which he claims will vindicate himself and the other city officials who are implicated in the alleged expose. The Civic Federation will take

a hand in the matter.

President Lyman J. Gage of the Civic Federation says: "A great crime has been committed against the people. It should be investigated to the roots. There are judges in the state, prosecuting officers and a grand jury to take such matters in hand. Such i crime will not go unpunished. If the officers of the law fall to act and allow such an enormity to go unnoticed, the Civic Federation most certainly shall not allow it to be said that the funds of the organization are being expended in other directions. We will have on our hands now all we can care for, but we are not so much engrossed that we would allow the Powers case to slide by

and out of sight without due justice being Attorney W. S. Forest, who has been managing the Civic Federation's election fraud cases, thought it would be a mistake for any organization to attempt too much at thought if the investigation could begin on some particular line, it would grow out

quite fast enough afterwards. "The city council ought to be investi-gated," he said, "and I believe the Civic ederation will take up the work with a

the question. The drift of sentiment was that the legislators ought not to be called upon to take a hand in the investigation, but that they stood ready to relieve Chicago in any way necessary. The new members especially are not anxious to become em broiled in Chicago and Cook county politics, and one of them said: "If the Civic Federation will come down to Springfield with a plain case, upon which we can act, there will be no hesitancy on the part of the sena ors and representatives from the rural dis-

When will housekeeping be reduced to a cience? When all other things answer their purpose as well as Dr. Price's Baking

STUDYING AMERICAN METHODS Transsiberian Railroad Officials Arrive a 'Frisco to Tour the Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 .- Among the

arrivals of the steamer Peking from the Orient were two officials of the Transsiberian railway, who have come to America to study the railway and ferry systems of the country. G. Adadvoran, one of the party, is chies engineer of the big Siberian railway, and P. Kokolon, who accompanies him, is the vice president of the board of directors. They have a letter of introduction from Secretary Gresham to the presidents of all the larg railroads in the country, and they will travel in search of information, which they expect will prove valuable in the operation of the Siberian road. They are more interested in ferries than in railroads, however, for the establishment of a line of ferry steamers on the Amoor river is contemplated, and the visitors say they want the advantage of the experience of the Americans in such matters. The two officials expect to visit the locome bly adopting the American locomotive for their use in Siberia. They expect to adop many American ideas. They will remain short time in California before proceeding east.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Dec. 24 .- A terrible accident happened at Tuckahoe, twenty-five miles north of here on the South Jersey raillast night. A carriage containing and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Emma Jones and another young girl were returning from the church and attempted to cross the track just as the 10:30 train came along. The engine struck the carriage, instantly killing Mrs. Lewis and severely injuring Miss Jones and the other giri. Mr. Lewis escaped without injury. The girls saved themselves by

Foot Bail Player Doing Well. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Bahan, the injured foot ball player, continues to hold his

own at the emergency hospital, and no un-favorable conditions seem to have followed the operation performed last night. Feeling Municipal Rottenness.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Alderman John Powers, who is alleged to have offered to "deliver," for a consideration, sufficient votes in the city council to kill off the articipation. He can be a performed and the performance in the state of the symptoms of permanent paralysis. Mr. Bahan, father of the young in the city council to kill off the articipation. assured by the physicians that no immediate change for the worse is to be feared. The and is attracting wide attention among phy-

KANSAS CITY'S NOVELTY.

Slectric Street Carriage with Storage Batteries Operated Successfully. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—A horseless carrlage went skimming along the smooth as phalt on Fourteenth street in the vicinity of Cherry street, fulfilling Mother Shipton's prophesy that "carriages without horses shall run" and terrifying two negroes who saw sparks and apparently sulphurous flames issuing from under it. The vehicle was an electric carriage of Kansas City invention and manufacture, and is the only one in the United States, although not dissimilar ones are seen in the world. The invention

is Dr. H. C. Baker's and was patented by himself and J. R. Elberg, in whose carriage shop in this city the vehicle was made.

E. S. Patton had charge of the electricity on the trial trip and the machine worked perfectly. A speed of eleven miles an hour was obtained. The carriage is about the size of an ordinary one. One seat holding three persons faces the front and another one that will accommodate a similar number faces to the rear. A storage battery composed of five series of cells each furnished a current of sixty-seven and one-half ohms and the cells are arranged in three tiers be-neath the seats. The wheels are of wood with India rubber cushions on the tires. The hind wheels, which are three feet two inches in diameter, have on their inner sides a cast iron flange twenty-six inches in diameter and five inches wife. Motion from the dynamos, which are over the hind wheels axle, is communicated to the by a friction pulley revolving from 600 to 1,000 times a minute and is capable of being elevated or depressed at will by the driver by means of divers, on which he

places his feet. places his feet.

The steering is done by a toothed segment and pinion attached to the axle of the fore wheels and handled by a steering post manipulated by the driver with his hands. The carriage can make quick short turns. The storage batteries will run the machine about seven or eight hours. The Kansas City invention weighs about 2,000 pounds and is quicker and lighter than the European

In city pelace, village home, and on the farm praise of Dr. Price's Baking Powder

Retirement of General Swaim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The following

order has been issued from the War depart ment:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—War Department—Brigadier General David G. Swaim, judge advocate general, having attained the age of 62 years, is, by direction of the president, retired from active service this date, under the provisions of section 124, revised statutes. He will repair to his home, the travel enjoined is necessary for the public safety.

DANIEL S. LAMONT,

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