BOSSED BY THE BURLINGTON

Preliminaries of the Coming Legislature Directed by B. & M. Pluggers.

BURCH AHEAD FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP

Backed by the Operating Department o the Czar's Road He Pulls Shead of Richards Who Was the Legal Department's Choice.

LINCOLN, Dec. 29 .- (Special.) - The work of manufacturing a speaker of the house of representatives goes merrily on at the Lindell hotel. But is should be noted that the process is not taking place in the crowded rotunda, where members and lobbyists congregate and exchange guesses on the outcome. They imagine that they are important factors, but they are not. The real work is being done in a small room rented by the B. & M. railway, where B. & M. agents are busily engaged "putting up the job." The large rooms rented by the republican central committee were deserted all the afternoon, while a secret conference was being held in the B. & M. auxiliary.

It has lately developed that there are two factions among railroad manipulators of Ne- Musa Perry of Brownell hall, Omaha, is braska legislation. One is the legal depart- spending the Christmas vacation with her ment of the Burlington and the other the operating department. It is understood that the former is for C. L. Richards of Hebron for speaker, the other for J. C. Burch of Wymore. Upon the final settlement of this question hang a multitude of inferior official positions, and there are many on the anxious seat. Whoever wins, the Burlington will have named the speaker, and the caucus next Monday night will be a hollow mockery and a political farce.

Not more than three-fourths of the mem-bers-elect are in the city. Of course there is a showing made of a fight among some of the other aspirants for the speakership, and it must be admitted that they are making considerable noise. W. O. Chapman, editor of the Crete Vidette, believes he is in it and that he has a strong following outside of B. & M. influences. John Brady of Kear-ney, Randolph McNitt of Red Cloud and J. O. Cramb of Fairbury join with John J. Sanborn in shying their castors into the ring. born in shying their castors into the ring. It is being openly claimed against Richards that he has had charge of the Burlinton's business at Hebron, and it is known that two of his most ardent champions are A. W. Agee, Burlington attorney at Aurora, and J. H. Agee, the Burlington's all-round plugger. What hopes have the above-board candidates against such a combination? The fight on the part of the legal department of the railthe part of the legal department of the railroad is led by Mr. Deweese, while Mr. Big-nell is in charge of the operating end. Rep-resentative T. C. Munger of Lancaster, who announced himself as a candidate for speaker some time ago, is now out of the race, and is said to have gone over to the Richards

ABOUT SETTLED FOR BURCH. LINCOLN, Dec. 30 .- (Special Telegram.) At 1 o'clock this morning the indications are positive that J. C. Burch of Gage county will distance Richards in the speakership race. The contest has been bitterly waged all day. Richards has suffered a number of serious defections from his forces. Burlington strikers give it out cold that Burch is the man.

For president pro tem of the senate John Watson is regarded as the sure winner. All opposition to him has apparently melted away. It looks now as though log rolling will continue all night at the Lindell. For secretary of the senate Tim Sedgwick has gained steadily until he now seems to have a walkaway.

There is a strong probability that the Sabbath will be badly fractured by the un-seemly scramble for minor offices. Governor-elect Holcomb is expected to ar

ARGABRIGHT'S DEFENSE.

Testimony in the Annurn Murder Trial Favorable to the Accused. AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 29,-(Special Telegram.)—The defense in the Argabright trial commenced to put in their testimony Friday morning. Most of the testimony introduced that the same men who a few days ago robbed John Collin, a farmer near that day was for the purpose of impeaching | Sloan, of \$4,500. the testimony of John Van Wie and James Sparks. John Van Wie was the man who swore for the prosecution that he was on the force in South Omaha at the time the defendant was, and heard him say just before he come to Nemaha county that he was going home and get his children if he had to kill his father-in-law to get them.

Miles Mitchell, Ivor Thomas, C. C. Stanley, John W. Snively and Charles Curtis all said that the reputation of John Van Wie for truth and veracity was bad. James Sparks is a son-in-law of the deceased and swore on the stand for the prosecution that he did not strike the defendant at the time of the shooting, and J. M. Wright, Amos Hughes Levi Hughes, all said that soon after the tragedy Sparks said: "I hit him a blow in butt of the ear intending to knock him down, but it must have been a glancing blow as it did not knock him down.

The testimony today was that James Sparks and the deceased were both attacking the defendant, and that the defendant was retreating and had retreated to the wall before he fired the fatal shot; that after the shooting Smeltzer was carried on to the porch, and one witness testified that Smeltzer there said: "Have they got the rascal? Tell them to keep him and kill him; I would One witness said that Smeltzer was mad at

the time he attacked the defendant. Two witnesses testified that the defendant of-fered to loan another policeman his revolver in South Omaha before he took the train for home, but the offer was declined.

Unkindness of a liotel Landlord. ABHLAND, Dec. 29 .- (Special.) -- Frank Whittlock went to Schuyler last night and brought back George F. Royce of that place. who took "French leave" from here and forto settle his board bill at Hotel Selma was taken before Judge Jesse N. Moon and got a continuance till Monday at 9

o'clock a. m., when he will have his hearing. Miss Susa Ward, who has been visiting Ashland for the past few days, returned to her home in Pawnee City yesterday, ac-companied by Miss Fredericka Derry, who will spend a few days visiting friends and rela-tives in that vicinity.

Mrs. T. J. Pickett, accompanied by her two sons, Stanley J. and James S., spent Friday in Lincoln. Don Folsom, assistant postmaster, is spend

ing the holidays in Wahoo among friends and Misses Nellie Nichols and Lillian Bell are spending the holidays in Council Bluffs. Rev. John M. White returned today from

Auburn, where he spent Christmas. The generosity of the young men of Ashland came to the surface in good form Christmas night. They organized in a band and visited the hen coops of the wealthy citizens and carried off a chicken apiece and placed it on the front porch of the cus todian of the Associated Charities.

New Chairs Too High in the Pack. LINCOLN, Dec. 29 .- (Special.)-There has been discovered a fatal defect in the new and elaborate chairs recently furnished by Secretary of State Allen for the house and senate at a cost of \$975. The chairs are very high and the backs are of solid wood. Therefore, when a member arises to "catch the speaker's eye" the chair immediately in him completely obscures the large the front of his own desk desigposter on the front of his own desk designating his name and the county from which he hails. There are many new members, and the only way left open to the speaker or president of the senate to recognize the member who has the floor is by means of the placard on his desk. This obscured, as it is by the latest extravagant importation of the secretary of state, confusion is sure to the secretary of state, confusion is sure to result. It may be that the old chairs will have to be used after all.

Albert Whipple's Store Sold. CRAWFORD, Neb., Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-The general merchandise stock of Albert Whipple here, invoiced at \$2,765, was sold today under the Hay Springs Milling company's \$1,200 mortgage to F. E. Jandt for \$1,465.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The tank of the Rushville water works burned early this evening. It caught from a stove which had been placed in a

bound enclosure to thaw out the pipe. No water was in the tank at the time. There

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

Life and Commits Suicide. RAVENNA, Neb., Dec. 29.-(Special Telegram.)-Joseph Valek, a Bohemian blacksmith and an old time resident, committed suicide about II o'clock this forenoon, blowng his brains out with a horse pistol. He did the decd in a small bed room in the rear of his blacksmith shop, and when found was sitting on the floor in an upright position, his back leaning against the side of the bed. The weapon with which he com mitted the deed lay across his lap. His wife and children, who were at the house about fifty feet from the shop, heard the report and were the first to see the body. Mrs. Valek was entirely prostrated. Hanging to the lapel of Valek's coat was a lengthy letter, written in Bohemian and addressed to his family. He gave a list of the debts he owed about town and made known his wishes as to the disposition of his property. He advised his son Edward, who has been associated with him in his business, to giv up blacksmithing and learn another trade Valek was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and seven children, three of whom are living at home. His life was insured for

\$1,000 in the C. S. P. S., a Bohemian benevo-Ord Personals.

ORD, Neb., Dec. 29,-(Special.)-Miss.

Mr. James A. Patton, cashier of the Ord State bank, returned Saturday evening from a visit to his old home in Indiana. Fred L. Harris of Lincoln spent Monday

n the city.

Miss Alice Robbins is visiting with ac quaintances in Omaha.

Misses Turner of Omaha are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. O. L.

A. G. Lehmer of Lincoln is visiting among his old acquaintances here. Frank Mallory was an Omaha visitor this

To Command the State G. A. R. SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 29 .- (Special.)-Hon. C. E. Adams of this city has, after much persuasion of his friends throughout the state, announced himself as candidate for department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Nebraska. Mr. Adams is prominent in Grand Army circles from the immense success which he has made of the interstate district counions held in this city for a number ars and from the present position he holds as senior vice commander in the department

Celebrated St. John's Day. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—It has been the custom of Osceola lodge No. 65, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, ever since its organization to celebrate St. John's day, and last night the brethren to the num ber of seventy met at their hall and ob-served the custom. Addresses were delivered by Brother J. L. Makeever and Rev. A. B. Whitmer. Afterward they sat down to the banquet table, which was loaded down with the good things of life. The banque

broke up at midnight. Populist Mass Convention INDIANOLA, Neb., Dec. 29 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The populist mass convention was largely attended and resolutions outlining a plan of work was adopted. Seth T. Par-J. Mitchell secretary. Meetings are to be held the last Saturday of each month at Indianola. The Bee's fight against corporate influence was indorsed

Two cars of relief held since December 6 for freight charges were released this even-

Dakota City Farmer Robbed. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29.-(Special Tele gram.)-A farmer near Dakota City was robbed of about \$100 last night by masked men, who went to his home in the middle of the night and after intimidating him and his wife bound them and ransacked the

Grafton Brevitles. GRAFTON, Neb., Dec. 29.-(Special.)-George Burt, R. Stuckey, Charles Bosserman and W. M. Sheppard returned yesterday from the State Teachers' association

Prof. W. H. Bartz of Ravenna, formerly principal of schools at this place, is spending the week in Grafton. in Hamilton county for the holidays,

Crippled for Life. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 29 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Peter J. Jones, a carpenter for the Elkhorn's Black Hills division, attempted to board the afternoon Omaha passenger train at the junction. One foot was cut half off

Result of the Ashland Alumni Contest. ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-Frank Young won first and Will Rosecrans second in the alumni contest. Profs. B. W. Dnasky, Prague, S. W. Miller, Schuyler and C. Abbott, Fremont, were the

OXFORD, Neb., Dec. 29.-(Special Tele gram.)-At Mascot last night fire destroyed the general merchandise stock of Postmaster Grace. The building and stock were a total loss, covered by \$1,400 insurance.

REFUSED TO INDICT POWERS.

Chicago Grand Jury Piaces No Credence in

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- The grand jury by manimous vote today refused to indict Alderman John Powers for soliciting a bribe. Alderman Powers had been charged with attempting to secure \$25,000 to repeal an antieigarette ordinance. The principal evidence against Powers was

the notes of a stenographer, who claimed to have been concealed in an adjoining room when the alderman's alleged proposition was eral days since. made to a representative of the Cigarette trust. The notes as produced before the grand jury gave a detailed report of the conversation, but a return of "no vordict" was made on the ground that the stenographer did not see Powers during the con-versation and the notes were made in a darkened room after 5 o'clock in the ever e charges against Alderman Powers had created a profound sensation in political circles, as he is a prominent member of the city council, having for years represented the Fourth ward and being recognized as a leader of the democratic side of the chamber.

HARDIN STILL IN CHICAGO.

Kansas City Officers Fail to Secure the Custody of the Express Messenger. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.-The attempt of Kansas City officers to secure ex-Express Messenger C. J. Hardin, who was acquitted at Nashville of the charge of stealing \$35,000 from the Adams Express company, again failed today. Hardin was in court charged with threatening to kill Clara Bushon, a colored girl, and she not appearing to prose cute, the case was dismissed. The Kansar City officials at once presented requisition papers and charged Hardin with assaulting a railroad man in the Missouri city, but Chicago officers succeeded in having the prisoner sent back to jail to await trial charged with being a fugitive from justice. The case has developed a bitter struggle between the Kansas City and Chicago police for the custody of Hardin, who claims be is being persecuted

Twelve Torpedoes for the Olympia. NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 29.-Orders were received at the torpedo station to ship, at once, twelve Whitehead torpedoes, to placed on beard the cruiser Olympia, now at

Drouth Sufferers Ready to Meet Hardships Joseph Valek of Ravenna Becomes Tired of and Try Again.

CHEERFUL AMID THEIR DESTITUTION

Not Anxious to Rely Upon People Outside of Nebraska for Aid to Enable Them to Tide

LINCOLN, Dec. 29 .- (Special.) -- Ex-Representative W. Z. Taylor of Hitchcock county was in the city today and spent considerable time assisting officers of the Lincoln Prevident association in packing supplies to be sent to the destitute of his county. The reports of the destitution existing in his locality he confirms. He states that there has been a total failure of crops for two years in succession; that everything on the farms has been sold off, and that the people are sadly in need of food, fuel and clothing. Mr. Taylor says that the state relief commission has the names of 250 needy families in his county, and that the figures are not too

NOT SUFFERING FOR FOOD. Dr. R. D. Harris, representing Lincoln, Cheyenne, Keith and the unorganized territory west of Logan county in the legislature, is a prominent practicing physician residing in Ogalalla. His profession has afforded him ample means for informing himself regarding the situation in that territory, as well as in Deuel, Lincoln and Perkins counties. As one of the directors of the Ogalalia school district he sent relief blank applications to a large number. But six applied for re-He says that while it is true that the people are hard up, they are not suffering for food. What they do need, however, is feed and seed grain. Dr. Harris does not wish to be quoted as saying there is no destitution, but it is by no means so general as has been represented by the correspondent of an Omaha paper. Perkins county is the secure aid for feed and seed in the spring. In the other counties the residents will help each other to food and clothing. Representative Harris is firm in the belief that the situation in his locality has been grossly misrepresented, magnified and exaggerated by sensational correspondence

AMONG THE EX-GOVERNORS. The portrait of Governor Lorenzo Crounse was today added to the galaxy of ex-governors in the executive rooms at the state capitol. Ex-Governor Thayer today placed in the adjutant general's office two swords presented to him by members of forces which he formerly commanded. One is a handsome officer's sabre, presented to Briga-dier General John M. Thayer by the officers his old regiment, the First Nebraska, in 1863. The other is a less elaborate and more ncient relic presented by the Omaha Light Artillery as a token of their appreciation of his kindness to them in the Indian outreak of 1859.

Buffalo Bill has gone into the beet sugar industry. Articles of incorporation were filed today of the W. F. Cody Beet Sugar company of North Platte. The incorpora-tion is authorized to build public water powers for irrigation, as well as to manufacture sugar from sorghum and beets. The works will have a capacity of seventy-five tons of sorghum and 100 tons of beets per day. The capital stock is \$250,000 and the incorporators are W. F. Cody, James Pratt, Thomas C. Patterson, W. C. Keith and William E. Hymer.

IN THE COURTS. The city of Omaha and Henry Bolln, treasurer of the city of Omaha, are appellants in the case against Samuel Hawver. This is the case in which Hawver in the Douglas county district court set up that a portion of his land had been wrongfully taken by the city as a right of way. The Midland State bank is appellant against the school district of the city of Omaha in a matter involving \$11,385 for construction of

Robert Barrett and Frank Mileham, two young fellows arrested with the Grossmans aplicated in the theft of a lot of hogs, were arraigned this morning and pleaded guilty. The court gave them each a year at hard

William Duvall pleaded guilty to forging bank check and passing it on the Globe Clothing house He was sentenced to two

years at hard labor. LOOKING FOR STOLEN GOODS. A Missouri Pacific detective was in town day, and in company with Detective Maone visited the penitentlary to ascertai the whereabouts of \$500 worth of cutlery stolen from a traveling man's grip from the Missouri Pacific depot some time since It is known that the theft was committed by young Orth, now in the pen.

LINCOLN LOCALS. Nebraska Academy of Sciences elected the following officers prior to ad-journment: President, A. W. Norton, Peru; vice president, W. S. Skinner; secretary and treasurer, G. D. Sweezy; custodian. Lawrence Bruner; directors, H. B. Lowrey and A. M. Bell.

At a meeting of the board of managers o the State Poultry association in the council chamber of the city hall, Secretary Ludder cupied the chair in the absen-Arrangements were made for the annual "chicken show," to occur in this city, beginning January 15 and continuing three days. To provide for a list of special premiums F. T. Dean was made a committe At a meeting of the Federal Labor union

last night S. J. Kent, independent candidate for commissioner of public lands and build-ings, received the club's endorsement for deputy labor commissioner. The resolution endorsing him was adopted by a rising vote and a vote of thanks to the Omaha Centra

Kent. The young son of Mrs. Wirth, who has been missing since Monday morning, turned tonight in a pitiable condition. has been as far as Plattsmouth looking for work. He walked thirty-two miles and his clothes were in tatters. He sold his shotgun expenses, but ran out of money sev

EXAMINATION FOR POLICEMEN. Iwo Hundred and Twenty Big Officers

Undergoing a Test. CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- The first examinatio under the new civil service government of the Chicago police force was held today Every policeman on the rolls must submit to a physical and mental examination, and their falling to reach the required standard will mean dismissal. Today's installment consisted of 220 big officers from the north side districts, and every one of them wore worried look under his helmet as he file into the examination rooms and took his sea at the desks. The examination was a long and tedious one, but it was not believed that many of the policemen would lose their positions, as it is understood that past efficiency in the service would count heavily in the markings.

PROBABLY A DOUBLE MURDER of Thomas Morton Found at

Louis and His Wife Dying. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.-The body of Thomas Morton, the owner of a shanty boat in which his wife, Lizzie, was found with her skull crushed on Christmas day, was found at o'clock this morning buried in a shallow grave about 100 feet south of the tent oc cupled by Noble Shepard, who is new under cupied by Noble Shepard, who is new under arrest for the assault upon the woman. It is supposed Shepard also killed her husband. Morton had a builet hole in his neck and his head was beaten to a jelly. Mrs. Morton lies at the City hospital fatally injured, but refuses to say anything about the assault. It is said Shepard made a confession to detectives late this afternoon.

Four Ologies at Baltimore. BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.-The Geological Society of America, the American Society of Naturalists, the American Physiological so-clety and the American Morphological so-clety have been holding sessions here. Tech-nical papers were read.

THE "FOREIGN ELEMENT" BUGBEAR.

ussions than the attempt to unload responsi billty for unsound views and bad government upon the "foreign element." We could ge along well enough, it is often said, if we had not had for a generation this flood of immigrants from Europe. It is they, the argument goes, who are to blame for all the bad things in our government-municipal, state and national.

A census bulletin has recently been published showing what proportion of the inhabitants of the United States in 1890 were of foreign parentage, which, for the first time, gives a basis for accurate statements on this subject. The report covers all persons, whether themselves born in this country or abroad, who had either one or parents foreign-born. This is a much fairer system than the old division of native and foreign-born, since the child born here of parents from a European country is juite as much a foreigner as though he, too. had been born abroad,

It appears that almost exactly one-third our people are the children of parents one both of whom came from another country, the proportion being 33.02 per cent of the population. The variations in proportion are from seven-tenths of 1 per cent in North Carolina to 78.98 per cent in North Da-kota. Most people would probably expect to he north Atlantic seaboard, and particularly New York; but it turns out that the greatest proportion is in the northwestern states of nearest of which is 1,000 miles from the port where most immigrants land. The south as a section is extraordinarily

from any foreign mixture Carolina, as has been said said. has than per such inhabitants, and the proportion does not reach 3 per cent in Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi or Alabama, while it is the whole south. That region is almost exclusively peopled today by the descendants of the original set lers.
One of the chief issues before the nation for

many years past has been the financial one, in its various phases of greenbackism, inworst off, but the people there are gritty in its various phases of greenbackism, in-and determined to pull through if they can flation, and the hodge-podge of theories known as populism. Theoretically, if the country is being ruined by the "foreign element." it ought to have been, during the past twenty years, the section where that element was strongest which would have gone furthest wrong, and the section from which it was almost absent that would have stood true to ancient traditions. In point of fact it city through fraud and official connivance. has been the foreign north that saved the south would have involved it if it could have had its way. Over and over again the south has come near to being unanimously wrong, while the right has been sustained as overwhelmingly by states like Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, with more than half of their people foreign-born, and almost as warmly by such states as Wisconsin and Minnesota, where the proportion reaches three-fourths.

Take the recent campaign, for example

and consider Georgia as a native state, only 1.78 per cent of her people being of foreign parentage, and Minnesota as a foreign state. the proportion being 75.42 per cent. Almost every leader of the people in Georgia has advocated free coinage, while many of them have gone far toward outbidding the populists on kindred issues, and the populists polled a heavy vote, of which probably not 500 came from the foreign element. In Minnesota the populists were routed, and the leader of the sound money side was Governor Knute Nelson, born of a poor family in Norway, whose widowed mother brought him to this country when he was 6 years old, and who has made his way to prominence and honor by his own efforts. The legislature of Minnesota contains 168 members and fortyseven representatives-elect are Scandinavian republicans, who are as sound on the financial issue as Governor Nelson. If the foreign element increases the diffi-

culty of securing good government in our great cities, it is easy to exaggerate its influence. More than 80 per cent of New York's people are of foreign parent-age, and less than 57 per cent of Philadelphia's. The proportion was still smaller in the latter city years ago, and yet Phila-delphia has had its rings, its machines, its stealing from the public treasury, its frauds n elections and its demands for popular uprising against the enemies of good govern The city which has the largest for eign element is Milwaukee (86.36 per cent), and the city government of Milwaukee will compare favorably with that of Baltimore, where the proportion is less than half as great, or Memphis, where it is not one-fourth Indeed, any student of municipal government must have been impressed by the complaints of the same evils and the same difficulties as exist in New York which ome from smaller cities all over the country

where the foreign element is small. Run over the list of men who have been eaders on the wrong side in our politics and one will be struck by the small proportion of them who are of foreign descent. Speaker Crisp was born on English soil, but there is not another man in the whole south who has sen prominent in advocating financial follies who was not a "good American" by descent. The Dave Hills, the Tom Platts, the Camerons, the Quays, the Ingallses, and a long list of such leaders who believe that "the purifi-cation of politics is an iridescent dream"these are not ignorant importations from forign countries, but products of our own stitutions-not a few of them, like Ingalls, graduates of our colleges. It was not a foreigner who challenged the indignant wrath of the people by running for judge of the court of appeals in New York last year, or for grayer or the people by the court of appeals in New York last year, or for grayer or the people by the peopl for governor this year. It is not a foreigner who now threatens to deprive the people through the legislature of the fruits of their victory, nor is it the party which depends on

If New York, Pennsylvania and Kansas had never had any more emigrants than North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia there would still have been Hills. Platts Quays, Camerons and Ingallses to demoralize the politics of the north, as there have been Vances, Tillmans and Crisps in the south

Passed Worthless Checks.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29 .- J. G. Patton, who claims to be the proprietor of a mammoth shoe house in Portland, Ore., is under ar rest here charged with attempting to swindle. He had purchased big bills of goods from several local firms and given in payment therefor worthless checks on the First National bank of Seattle, Wash. Patton is a well educated and stylishly dressed negro.

Iowa's School Roll. DES MOINES, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-The statement of the superintendent of public instruction, made public today,

shows there are 697,228 children and youths

of school age in the state, a gain of 10,078 during the year ended with October, 1894.

The apportionment of interest from general school fund is made from this statement. Denver to Have a Convention Hall. DENVER. Dec. 29 .- A committee of the hamber of Commerce is negotiating for a site for a huge convention building which it s proposed to build in this city with a view to having one or more of the national politi-cal conventions held here in 1896. The

Modern Woodmen's Growth in Missouri. JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 29.-The state camp of the Modern Woodmen of America has adjourned. The first lodge in the state years ago, and the report of the treasurer tonight showed a membership of over 3,200

plans call for an auditorium with a scating

Shortage of Seventy Thousand. ROME, N. Y., Dec. 29.-The shortage of Cashier Bielby and Teller Gillette of the Central National bank increases as the excontinue their investigation of the It has now reached an aggregate of

Suing a Newspaper for Libel. CINCINNATI, Dec. 29 .- Each of the four embers of the city board of administration today sued the Tribune for \$25,000 damages, a total of \$100,000, for false charges in con-nection with recent contracts for wa works

PREPARING THEIR REPORTS

Heads of the City Departments Show What They Have Accomplished.

SOME FOOD FOR LUTURE REFLECTION

Many Changes Are Advocated All Along the Line, Tending to Show that Reforms Are Needed in the Several Branches of City Government.

According to the established procedure is nunicipal affairs, all heads of departments are now beginning to consider the substance of their annual reports, which must be completed not later than February 1. Some of these have been practically completed and will soon be in the hands of the printer, while other officials have not started on the tank. It is customary for heads of departments, in addition to a detailed report of the transactions in their departments, to suggest such measures as they may consider advisable and to recommend any changes that in their opinion would be of benefit ! the city. As the year past has been a very quiet period in municipal circles, so far as public improvements are concerned, this feature of the reports will be capable of cor densation, though some new ideas may b suggested which will be of interest to all who are interested in the welfare of th

City Engineer Rosewater is working on his report, which will be an interesting docu-ment. Among the matters which he will consider in detail will be the question o water pressure, of which he has been student since long before he became city but little larger in any other state in that engineer. His suggestions will be largely part of the country. In short, the "foreign along the line detailed in his testimony element" amounts to practically nothing in before the investigating committee, but he will go into details more particularly and submit diagrams showing the present wate system, and indicating the nature of the changes which he believes would be bene-ficial. His general conclusion is that the mains in the business part of the city are too small and that the hydrants now in use are too complicated and get out of orde too easily to obtain the best results.

Mr. Rosewater will also consider the pay ing question at considerable length, and it unwritten history of the combination that, in his opinion, has systematically robbed the asphalt contractors have reaped and the manner in which they have succeeded in excluding all real competition in the business. He will urge that the monopoly that has been enjoyed by the Barber Asphalt company and its different branches cannot be broken in any other way than by letting down the bars to all kinds of asphalt, only stipulating that it shall be first-class in quality and that the pavement laid shall be as good as

The report of the Board of Public Works s still in contemplation. As this has been a very light year for public works, it will not equire a voluminous document to represent he transactions of that body.

WANTS BETTER INSPECTION. In connection with his report Commissioner of Health Saville will recommend the addition of several new features to his depart ment. Chief among these will be an appropriation for a supplementary bureau fo the inspection of water, ice and various articles of food which are known to be subject to adulteration by dealers. The recent discovery that dealers in flour were mixing more than 12 per cent of alum in their best grades to give the product a white apearance is only one of the several reasons why the commissioner will contend ought to be a thorough inspection o all articles of consumption.

Dr. Saville will also recommend that special inspector be employed to see to the disinfection of the houses where contagious diseases have been reported. It is his experlence that many people are either too poor or too careless to properly perform this task and that it it was made the special duty of an energetic inspector it would

disease. The city of Minneapolis appropriates \$2,000 year for this purpose alone and the com missioner thinks that Omaha should make a provision of at least \$1,000 to be applied for a more thorough disinfection and an ex-periment in the way of the inspection of food products. He says that while piles of manure and refuse may be unsightly and disagreeable they are not necessarily the most dangerous sources of disease. Impure food may be responsible for a great deal of disease and if there were more rigid regulations in this direction the results would manifestly satisfactory.

Dr. Saville will also reiterate his previou recommendations in regard to a city hospital in connection with the city jail and an ambulance service. He will also urge the necessity of establishing a contagious disease hospital at some proper location where all such cases may be immediately taken without offering further inducement to the spread of the disease by unnecessary delay. The report will show that the general health of the city during the year has been

exceptionally good. A slight epidemic of smallpox was suppressed with more success than might have been anticipated, considering the lack of facilities at the command of the department, and the cases of other contagious diseases have been generally of a mild character. The report of City Attorney Connell will

be in the nature of a general recapitulation of the business transacted in the legal department during the year. It will show the cases pending and those which have been disposed of and will present a complete record of interested. It will also show that the expenses in that department have been cut in two during the year and that an equal reduction may be made next year. This is owing to the fact that the city has been successful in a greater majority of cases o that the demands on the judgment fund have been materially reduced. The reports of the various departments of the Board of Education are nearly com-

plete and will be issued some time in Janu That of Clinton N. Powell, the retiring president of the board, will devote a goo deal of space to the more ornamental branches of the school work, especially the kindergartens, music and drawing. He will take the ground that there is a general misconception of the utility and expense of the kindergarten system of education. Contrary to the general impression, the es-tablishment of the kindergartens does not add a penny to the legitimate expenses of running the schools. No pupils under school age are admitted and since these would have to be provided for in any case it costs no put them in the kindergarten dur ing the first year than in the lowest of the regular school grades. The argument in favor of the kindergarten is that if a pupil is to spend three or four years in the schools he or she will be further advanced at th end of that period if the first year is spen in the kindergarten than if the taken at once into the regular grades as was formerly the custom. The kindergarten training teaches the child to think and trains the memory so that the progress is much more satisfactory during the remaining years

Mr. Powell will also protest against the elimination of the present course in music and drawing. These together only represent a per capita expense of about 25 cents out of a total of \$25, and he maintains that they has adjourned. The first lodge in the state are essential to the welfare of the schools was organized at St. Joseph less than two Nearly three-quarters of the pupils are children of poor parents and this affords them advantages that they could not obtain in any other way.

The report will also deal to some exter

with the financial question. It will take th ground that there must either be a decided weakening in the educational system or as increased tax on the property owners. ing the past ten years from \$40,000 to \$70 000 of the \$400,000 required for school pu poses has been raised by taxation, and he contends that if this amount was doubled, n single property owner would feel the differ OUTLINES A NEW PLAN.

Superintendent of Schools Marble make no report beyond the one which he submitted to the board at a recent meeting. The report left by Superintendent Fitzpat-

Have You Ever Seen

A ray of snnlight pass across a darkened room? Have you noticed the millions of particles of fine dust which its rays disclose? Some of this dust is taken into the lungs every time you breathe. When it contains the germs of disease, as it often does, they find lodgment in the system.

This is how the consumption germs enter the lungs.

They are contained in the expectoration of the consumptime patient, and are thrown off by coughing. They soon become dry, mix with the air and are then ready for their

Now, after the germs have been inhaled, if the conditions are tavorable -- that is, if by reason of cold or cough or any hereditary cause, the lungs or air passages have become inflamed, or their tissues or air-cells abraded, and thus a suitable soil prepared for the reception of the germsthey lodge instantly, develop quickly, and multiply with

If, however, the lungs and air passages are in a healthy condition, and the constitution is strong and vigorous, nature, unaided, destroys the poisonous germs and expels them from the system,

The way, then, to prevent and cure consumption is to put the body in such a condition of perfect health that the germs of disease cannot find lodgment, or if already present, that they will be destroyed. This can be done by the use of

Ozomulsion

But, you ask, what is Ozomulsion, and how does it prevent and cure consumption?

We will tell you,

Ozomulsion is a scientific preparation of col liver oil, with guaiacol: It is a rich, liquid food, powerful as a nutrient, and the only remedy which contains ozone and guaiacol,

Ozone is a contensed form of oxygen, Oxygen, as is well known, is a gaseous element which helps to support life, and forms 22 per cent. of the atmosphere in which we live, Ozone, or condensed oxygen, when taken into the blood in Ozomulsion, kills the germs of consumption, and thus cures the disease.

Guaiacol is a chemical product made from the resin of pine and beech trees; and it is the volatile principle of this agent which makes a residence in the woods so invigorating to the consumptive. It increases the appetite, lessens the cough, lowers the temperature and heels the injured surfaces of the lungs.

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grades such numbers as will render the teaching of these grades both efficient and economical. In this connection he outlines economical. In this connection he cutlines a plan for the concentration of the upper grades which he estimates will result in the saying of about \$8,700 per year.
It is also suggested that the ratio of teach-

ers in the High school should be kept down to one for every thirty pupils, as required by the rules of the board, and in reply to the contention that this could not be done, he presents a table showing the attendance and number of teachers in the various high schools of Boston. The report of the superintendent shows the following figures in regard to attendance.

1894. 15,969 12,321 11,680 15,306 663 11,568 753 19,768 912 11,333 473 875 12,311 The average number of pupils per teacher n the High school was twenty-four, and in the whole system thirty-eight. The total amount paid out in teachers' salaries during

year was \$244,329.21, an increase of

\$3,353.94 over the preceding year. The cos of the special branches is estimated as fol ows: Drawing \$1,100; music, \$1,400; kin-lergartens, \$3,754. Secretary Gillan's report will show the usual detailed account of the transactions of the year with some additional information with respect to the financial condition of the board. The reports of the superintendent of buildings and of the superintendents of special departments will consist of the usual statement of the year's work.

Secretary Doane of the Board of Park Commissioners is engaged in the preparation of a report from that body which will record the doings of the year in the matter of parks and boulevards. A good deal has been accomplished, especially in the development Shipbuilding company has decided to grant of boulevards. The most notable of these its employes a 10 per cent increase in accomplishments is the opening of the north wages. About 150 men will be affected.

rick covers the year up to September 1, and boulevard, which makes a beautiful drive some particulars similar to that of some particulars similar to that of to Miller park. This is the first boulevard that has been brought down to the central Mr. Powell. all Plantage and a year ago, that that has been brought down to the central suggestion that he made a year ago, that that has been brought down to the central there should be such a classification of part of the city, and although it has only schools in respect to grades and classes to been completed a short time it has become schools in respect to grades on the upper a favorite drive. The intention of the board became grades such numbers as will render the state of the southeast boulevard to connect with the southeast boulevard which leads to Bisto eventually extend the boulevard which leads to Riverview

At Elimwood park four entrances have been constructed at a considerable expense and a great amount of work has been accomplished in the direction of laying out and improving the roadways. There has been but little done at Bemis park, a pipe system for irri-gation and some minor improvements telling the story. At Rivervie's a good deal has been accomplished. A vast number of old stumps and dead trees have been removed. two miles of roadways have been constructed and two and one-half miles of track. Rustic bridges have been added to the attractive features of the place and a considerable amount of heavy grading has been done. An artesian well will be completed this win-ter and next year it is proposed to complete the take, for which the well is expected to supply the water.

SUNSET LIMITED WRECKED

All the Cars Went Into the Ditch, but No One Was Hurt.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.-A report has reached here that the Sunset Limited was wrecked early this morning at Ochon, Ariz., fifteen miles from Henson. A burnt bridge gave way under the engine, which carried the balance of the train into the ditch. The train was composed of five ears. Two sleepers were completely burned. ars. Two sleepers were completely burned, he composite car was also burned. The ariy of Mrs. Emery in the private car leopatra, for Pasadena, escaped injury. It stated that the other cars were unsuched. Though the passenger list was true, the officials say no one was injured, train was made up at Tucson and sent to be seene of the wreck. The passengers will e transferred and brought to this city to-orrow.

Shipbuilders Advance Wages. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 29.—The Cleveland Shipbuilding company has decided to grant