## HILTON IS HOLDING OUT spector to approve any illuminating oil above the 190-degree test.

Has Nearly Five Thousand Dollars Belonging to the State General Fund.

EX-DIL INSPECTOR'S OPEN ACCOUNT

Out of Office Without Settling the Matter of Fees Collected or Expenses Paid -Surplus in His Hands Known to Be Large.

LINCOLN, Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Yesterday L. F. Hilton was state oil inspector. Today he has been succeeded by J. H. Edmiston, who assumed the duties of the office this morning. And yet there is much for Citizen Hilton to do before he can read his title clear to an honorable discharge from the service of the state. There are several little matters connected with his administration that have an ugly look. His friends have kept them under cover, but they must now come out. In the first place, Hilton is charged with a deficit of \$1,122.29 from his first year's term ment it is susceptible of proof. Hilton was made chief oil inspector in the month of January, 1893, by Governor Crounse, and he at once assumed the duties of his office. He inspected, approved or rejected oils, according to the statutes in such cases made and provided. He appointed deputies, set them at work, allowed their expense vouchers. He collected the fees from the oil companies-10 cents for each barrel of oil inspected, whether approved or rejected. From these fees he reserved his own salary and expenses, together with the salaries and expenses of his deputies. All these things were done according to the strict letter of the law, but at the further

The law requires the chief oil inspector to make an annual report in detail to the governor. It also requires him to make a detailed report of his receipts and expenditures to the state auditor, and, if there is any excess over the salaries and expenses, he is required to pay the amount of such exciss into the state treasury, for the benefit of the gen-

strict observance of the law Citizen Hilton

balked.

HIS FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

On January 17, 1894, after he had beer chief oil inspector for practically a year, Hilton addressed a brief note to Auditor Moore, in which he stated that during the year his department had inspected 122,325 barrels of oil, and had received \$12,232.50 in fees. Of this amount he had paid out for salaries and expenses \$9,110.21, leaving a balance of cash on hand, according to his own statement, of \$3,122.29. According to the statutes, as they are read by ordinary people, once have turned into the state treasury \$3,122.29. Hilton himself recognized this requirement of the statutes by paying a part of that sum into the state On February 15, a month, practically, after he had filed his memorandum report with the auditor, he paid into the state treasury the sum of \$2,000, retaining a balance in his own hands to the amount of \$1,122.29, There is evidence that Hilton did not pay the amount into the treasury until he had been severely and repeatedly prodded. It is known that the state was anxious to com mence proceedings against him and that Hilton only escaped these proceedings by the friendly intervention of Governor Crounse, who personally explained that Hilton would the state treasurer \$2,000 and retain the \$1,122.29 as a guaranty against any possible deficiency in the year 1894, then just

From that day to this Hilton has failed to pay the balance of the amount remaining in his hands into the state treasury. He has ventured no explanat on for his refusal to do so. His friends claim that the law only provides that he shall turn over any excess of fees for the whole of his two years' term of office. Under this lame construction of the law any county officer might possibly decline to turn over fees in excess of his yearly sal-ary on the ground that the fees collected durfull amount of his prospective salary. Hilton simply discounted any possible deficiency in 1894 by retaining money belonging to the state collected in 1893. His strongest defense is that he had the sanction of Governor

HIS SECOND YEAR WAS WORSE. Ex-Inspector Hilton has been as lax in his Ex-inspector Hilton has been as lax in his observance of the law during the past year as he was in 1893. Although the law requires him to file his report "during the month of January," he has not done so. He was notified three weeks ago that his suc-cessor had been appointed and that J. A. Edmiston would take charge of the office or Famiston would take charge of the office on February 1, but Hilton allowed the whole month to pass without complying with the law. Yesterday he stepped out of his offi-cial position, never to resume it again. He left the office owing the state nearly, if no more than, \$5,000, and no one insisted on his making a final settlement. He merely informed the auditor of public accounts he would be in "some time next week" make his report. He made the somewhat desultory excuse that he could not make a final report until his deputies had finished up their reports for the month of January

of the deputies, Ross, Timme, Brown and Daugherty, had filed their reports up to February 1, before Hilton relinquished his grasp upon the office. exact amount for which Hilton is

debted to the state cannot be ascertained to night. On November 30 last he filed a report with Governor Crounse, in which he stated that his department had inspected for the oil, and had received in fees \$14,224.70. this amount he had expended \$10,436.02, leaving a balance in his hands at that date, No vember 30, 1894, of \$3,783.68. This, with his deficiency for 1893, makes \$4,995.97 that Hilton owes to the state. To this amount must be added the fees collected in excess of expenses for the month of December, 1894. and January, 1895.

Hilton filed a bond with the secretary state according to law. It is in the sum of \$20,000, and his sureties are Richard Blac W. C. Walton, E. A. Stewart and J. A. Mc-

spector of oils has Hilton complied with the law which requires him to make a detailed report of all expenditures. His failure to do so was a constant source of annoyance to Governor Crounse, who insisted upon such a report and who demanded it of Hilton last December. If Hilton filed such a detailed report the executive office is not aware of the

TEST OIL MUST STAND.

Nebraska has had a law regulating the sale of illuminating oils for twenty years. The original act was passed by the legislature of 1875, and that law is to be found on page 27 of the session laws for that year. page 27 of the session laws for that Jean That law absolutely prohibits the sale of Illuminating oils in the state that will ignita at any temperature below 110 degrees Fahren Any dealer who offers illuminating of for sale that will ignite under 110 degrees in made subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment in jail not exceeding twenty days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Any manufacturer, refiner or wholesale dealer, acting as agent or otherwise, who shall sell oil for illuminating purposes that will ignite at a temperature below 110 de-grees is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than twenty

Such is the law on the statute books, and the law has been violated every year since

In 1887 Senator Conger introduced a bill known in that session as senate file No. 170, providing for state inspection of oils. This bill is the one now on the statute books. Senator Conger's bill provided that the chief oll inspector and his deputies should test every barrel of oil offered for sale in Ne-

been juggled in the engrossing room. This is a mistake. The bill as it was originally introduced by Senator Conger was found in the vaults of the secretary of state's office this ternoon, and it corresponds with that part

TWO BILLS PASS THE HOUSE.

Some Work Done by the Short Saturday Session of the Legislature. LINCOLN, Feb. 2 .- (Special Telegram.)-Following the roll call in the house this morning, Walt sent around a box of cigars among the members as a token of appreciation of the handsome compliment paid him in Chapman's resolution of yesterday relating to the girl twins recently added to his family. The secretary of the senate appeared with a communication to the effect that the senate had appointed a committee of three-Rathbun, Tefft and Sprecher-to confer with a similar committee from the house concerning an adjournment for a week. appointed Allan, Mattison and Higgins as

On the call for bills on third reading, the following measures were acted upon: House Roll 77, by Sutton of Douglas, providing for a submission of the question of the discontinuance of township organization by a vote of the electors of the county.

Passed—71 to 16.
House Roll 233, by Pohlman, providing for a military board for the state militia, consisting of the adjutant general, brigadier general, two colonels, judge advocate gen-eral, ranking officer of the artillery and rank-

Wait of Otce introduced a resolution that the form of contract for public printing from one to two weeks. These supplies were recommended by the committee on printing be transferred to the secretary of state, and

o'clock p. m. Monday.

Among the new bills introduced today is one by Merrick of Gage, House Roll 454, making an appropriation of \$50,000 for additional buildings to the Nebraska Institute for Feeble Hinded at Beatrice. This makes the sixtleth measure for building appropria-This makes tions for state intitutions now pending in the nouse, asking for \$132,000 in all, and Lincoln still to hear from. Brockman's bill, House Roll 453, introduced

published in daily papers having a circulation of 5,000 and over. In the senate this forenoon a few reports from standing committees were received.

Owing to the absence of many senators on committee work, no further business was transacted and an adjournment was taken intil Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. WORK OF THE SENATE. The senate transacted but little business

during the less than two hours that it remained in session this forenoon. Several important committee meetings had been set are daily arriving from the west, many of for 10 o'clock, and but few senators were at their desks during the brief session. Nearly an hour was consumed with the read-ing of yesterday's journal.

The committee on counties and county

boards reported favorably on Watson's bill allowing county commissioners \$3 per day for their services, but providing that in counties of less than 70,000 population the commissioners shall not receive pay for more than forty days in any one year.

The committee on municipal affairs pre-sented a favorable report on Holbrook's bill, creating a board of park commissioners to be appointed by the judges of the judicial district, in cities having more than 5,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants; also upon The judiciary committee presented a num-ber of reports, several bills were introduced and read for the first time, after which the senate adjourned until Monday afternoon. BILL FOR A STATE PRINTER.

Among the new bills introduced yesterday was one by Rouse of Hall, House Roll 430. which provides that the state audi-tor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall comprise a printing board, with power to appoint a su-pervisor of public printing, who shall be a practical printer. He is to hold office two years and all public printing is to be sub-mitted to his inspection, and he is to give bonds and securities for the faithful performance of his duty. The bill is a long one, covers the whole ground of state printing bidding is to be conducted on lines which tend to secure actual competition and pre

COHEN'S LATEST PROPOSED LAW.

His Plan for Removing the Plumbing Inspectors from Control of Board of Health. LINCOLN, Feb. 2 .- (Special.) - Among the bills presented by the members of the third house from Omaha is the one drawn up by H. Cohen of the Central Labor union of the metropolis, and introduced by Senator Sprecher at Cohen's request. The bill is intended to override the provision of the proposed new charter, which reconstructs the Board of Health, by taking the plumbing inspector away from the board. The pro-visions of the bill are as follows: "In all cities of the metropolitan class there

shall be a plumbing inspector appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the city council. No one shall be eligible to the position of plumbing inspector, or assistant plumbing inspector, unless he shall have served an apprenticeship of three full year at the trade of plumbing, and in addition, shall have been actively engaged in the plumbing business as a journeyman, master or inspector of plumbing continuously for the last five years next proceeding his ap-pointment. The plumbing inspector shall have the enforcing of all ordinances relating to plumbing and house drainage, and shall also be a member of the board of health. During the absence of the plumbing inspector the assistant plumbing inspector shall have full authority and power to perform all the duties of said office. The plumbing inspector shall receive the sum of \$1,800 per annum. The assistant plumbing inspector shall receive the sum of \$1,500 per annum.

## WESTERN PENSIONS.

Veterans of the Late War Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Pensions granted, issue of January 21, were: Nebraska: Original-James Dare, Gates, Custer county; Wyke Elliott, Omaha, Doug-

ias county. Renewal-Isaac N. Floyd, Beat-rice, Gage county. Increase-Thomas M. Draine, Carns, Keya Paha county. Reissue

—Irvin H. Emery, Valentine, Cherry county.

Marcus M. Staples, Table Rock, Pawnee Marcus M. Staples, Table Rock, Pawnee county.

Iowa: Original—Luther J. Main, New Virginia, Warren county. Restoration and ressue—John Stoudmour, Alburnette, Linn county. Increase—Bernhard Velth, Keokuk, Lee county; Devillia D. Segner, Des Moines, Polk county. Reissue—David G. Rummel, Jamaica, Guthrie county, Original widows, etc.—Margaret Sienk, Oxford, Johnson county. Widow Indian wars—Rebecca Johnson, Des Moines, Polk county.

South Dakota; Original—Samuel R. Shankland, Custer, Custer county.

North Dakota: Original—Robert Newell, Williston, Williams county.

Williston, Williams county.
Colorado: Original-Spencer M. Hillebert,
Crested Butte, Gunniscn county; John D.
Carter, Walsenburg, Huerfano county.

## O'MALLEY FOUND NOT GUILTY

All the Gang Acquitted on the Ground Insufficient Evidence. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.-The trial of ex-State Senator John F. O'Malley and seven mem-bers of the so-called gang, including "Major" John Sampson, under one of the in-dictments found in the North Side election assault cases, was called in Judge Ewing's court today. The prosecution stated that after due consideration it had been decided that there was not sufficient evidence to convict. The jury, under instructions from the court, gave a verdict of not guilty without leaving their seats.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 2.-A nonsuit was granted today in the suits of Waring Bros. against the Pennsylvania railroad for \$3,600,000. A suit for \$1,500,000 was entered for "reject for illuminating purposes such of them as will emit a combustible vapor at a temperature of 100 degrees."

It has been charged that the bill originally degree test was concerned, but that it had been juggled in the engrossing room. This

Sudden Death of an Aged Ship Builder. MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.-Captain Thomas F. Davidson, one of the best known ship-builders and vessel owners on the great takes and president of the Wisconsin Steam-ship company, died suddenly today, aged 67.

HOW SUPPLIES ARE HELD UP ary 24, of lung fever and lack of proper food and clothing. A wife and two small children are left in destitute refrequents and children are left in destitute refrequents and this man Smith postmaster, as reported to the Journal.

CAUGHT IN THE ELEVATOR

While Hundrels Starve.

GOODS DECAYING WHILE PEOPLE SUFFER

M. Awaiting Shipping Orders from L.

P. Ludden-Union Pacific Still Handling Relief Free. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.-To the Editor of

the State Relief commission. Your conclusions are eminently right. In company with Dr. Saddler of Alma, Neb., we visited the loaded with supplies for the destitute were then in the B. & M. yards, and about three car loads were in the freight depot, besides what was then stored in other warehouses. We proceeded to a building said to belong to of said building sixty car loads which the men in charge said had been there meal, beans, potatees, kraut and a large amout of groceries and clothing. The potathat he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he car load, were frozen naturally amount of the such that he car load, were frozen naturally amount of the such that he be authorized to adopt it. On such that he be authorized to adopt it. O out of this warehouse on January 30. then visited another warehouse owned by Kendall & Smith. There we found two car loads of supplies, mostly clothing, a few quarters of fresh beef, unsalted and packed away with the other supplies. This lot of supplies showed plainly that the proper care was not being given them. We were informed by the B. & M. agent that no more Brockman's bill, House Roll 193, 1900 people today, provides that in cities of 100,000 people free billing could be had of his company, but on visiting the Union Pacific freight depot we found that company loading supplies on free billing orders, and that there was then in possession of the Union Pacific company one carload of supplies on track in their yards, while from statements made to us by those in charge we found seventy-seven carloads in the hands of the B. & M. company. The parties in charge stated that their company was ready and willing to ship these supplies whenever ordered to do so by are daily arriving from the west, many of them written in the most heartrending language, asking in the name of God and suffering humanity that aid may speedily them and their destitute people. And these

are words of truth, so help me God. CAPTAIN W. H. HUNTER. ONLY TOOK TWENTY-FOUR DAYS.

Time Necessary to Get a Shipment of Re llef to Its Destination. MARTIN'S RECTORY, SOUTH

OMAHA, Jan. 31 .- To the Editor of The Bre: Apropos the general criticism the Nebraska State Relief com-I should like to contribute Holbrook's bill, empowering cities of the same class to purchase ground for parks and to issue bonds for their improvement.

mission, I should like to contribute my mite. On January 5 last I was entrusted with the sum of \$17.50 by the guilds of St. mission. with the sum of \$17.50 by the guilds of St. Martin's Episcopal church to provide flour for the needy in western Nebraska. I was told by the president of the relief commission that by sending my money to Mr. Ludden should get good flour for 90 cents per hundred; that the flour would be purchased at the nearest point to the place of distribution and that the railroads would thus have a less distance to ship. Accordingly, I sent to Mr. Ludden on January 5 my check for the amount, requesting him to purchase flour and send the same, subject to the order of Rev. George A. Beecher of Sidney (our clergy-man at that point), for distribution distribution at the same time writing Mr. Beecher of this fact. Mr. B. wrote at once to Mr. Lud-den, directing him to send flour to him at covers the whole ground of state printing and prescribes type and quality of paper which shall be furnished and designates the probably be shipped that day. On the 25th I received a letter from Mr. Ludden. which had miscarried by being sent to the wrong address, acknowledging receipt of my check, and stating that the quality of flour ent was such and such; that the grain of our was cut in two in milling; one-half used for pastry flour, the other half made up into a flour of such and such qualities, which was good enough for any one, etc. I at once remailed this letter to Mr. Beecher, asking him if the flour had been received on the 29th inst. Mr. B. replied, saying that he had read Mr. Ludden's communication with interest that the flour had not tion with interest; that the flour had not yet arrived; nor even a bill of lading of the same; that Mr. Ludden was evidently too busy to send it, but was not too busy to go into a description. tion of various processes of milling; that peo ple in Cheyenne county were not so curious which end of the grain the flour came from as they were anxious to see the flour. Now, I submit this query to The Bee: If takes twenty-four days for the Nebraska relief commission to ship \$17 worth of flour, how long will it take for them to save a man from starving? Respectfully yours, IRVING P. JOHNSON.

## NEGLECTED THE DESTITUTE.

Relief Commission is at Fault. HOLDREGE, Neb., Feb. 2 .- (Special Telegram.)-The County Relief commission has rented rooms in the Central block and is distributing goods to the destitute Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week. There is a great deal of complaint against the State Relief commission, as only two boxes of goods have been received here from that source, and the most of the contents of the boxes were unfit for use and had to be con-signed to the rag pile. All other goods distributed have come through the various churches and charitable institutions and many feel indignant at the way the State Relief commission has treated the county commit-tee in withholding goods from it.

Miss Frary Mather, a teacher in the public school, went to the secretary of the school board last night after school and obtained her order for January services. She then handed in her resignation as teacher, to take place immediately, as she had secured a better posi-tion in Denver and was going there at once to begin work. The teachers are all under contract to remain until the school year ends and the school board promptly accepted the resignation, but ordered the treasurer not to eash the order issued to Miss Mather.

Relief Work at North Platte. NORTH PLATTE, Jan. 31 .- To the Editor

of The Bee: Calls for assistance upon the relief stores here are be coming more numerous, and investigation hows there is much need for provisions and fuel among the destitute farmers out in the sand hills. Farmers along the Platte valley are, however, in comfortable circumstances the requisitions for help coming altogether from those who have been unable to irrigate their farms. Many of these, however, are worrying through the hardships of winter without asking for help, some denying themselves the necessaries through a reluctance to accent assistance. accept assistance. It is the exception, and not the rule, that supplies are misused. Every precaution is taken to insure a just and equitable distribution among the deserv-ing poor A large proportion of the supplies received have been consigned to the pastors of the various churches here, and these over-taxed men are personally supervising the work of relief. This place has become the cen-tral supply station for a large scope of country, farmers living as far as fifty miles dis-tant from railroads coming here for help. The provisions consigned to the county comnissioners are distributed to the needy ers of this county, but the relief stores operated by the churches give to citizens of this county and adjoining counties impartially, the question of need being the only one raised. F. M. SOMERS

It Was Not a Fake.

INDIANOLA, Neb., Feb. 2 .- To the Editor f The Bee; In the State Journal yesterday is a special branding as a fake the telegram which appeared in the state papers of the 9th regarding the death of Postmaster Smit of Box Elder. The report in The Bee the 28th was correct. The report in the Journal a day later was 90 per cent false. A man residing in Frontier county, a few miles from Box Elder postoffice, died Thursday, Janu

CHASING A GANG OF THIEVES. Plattsmouth Officers Expect to Make Some

Arrests of Importance Soon. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 2 .- (Special relegram.)-The authorities are hopeful of running to earth the willains who kindled the Louis Meyer, Who Lost Heavily in the Seventy-Seven Car Loads Held by the B. & two fires down on the big island in the river below this city, which destroyed the homes of Tim McCarthy and Gharles Conant. It has come to light that McCarthy's house was broken into before the fire, and some blankets and two mattresses taken. A path made by The Bee: I have read your article of today dragging away the mattresses can be plainly in The Bee showing up the shortcomings of traced in the snow out to the read, where they were evidently placed in a wagon. The au-thorities are searching houses in the neighborhood of the island, and as the stolen blankets and mattresses are minutely described by Mc-B. & M. freight office yesterday, and were there informed by the agent that twelve cars the authors of the two fires may be located. had not yet arrived, entered the cage and Residents of Plattsmouth and this vicinity are well pleased over the action of the lower house of the state legislature in voting to indefinitely postpone the bill introduced to divide the agricultural ecciety funds in all the valve, and as soon as the pressure was counties where there are two or more fairs. of office. Although this is a broad statement it is susceptible of proof. Hilton was such by the commander-in-chief. Passed—
from statements made by the party in charge duced the bill in the interest of a fair held luced the bill in the interest of a fair held in the western part of the county, in which ighborhood the author of the bill resides. The Cass county fair is a Plattsmouth insti-

ution, and its officers are elated over the fate of the bill. Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Plattsmouth Journal by its owner, C. W. Sherman, to Barnhart & Pool, late proprietors of the Nemaha County Herald. The prosective purchasers are newspaper men of wide experience. The Journal is the only demo-

ratic organ in Cass county. Cass county's mortgag record for the month of January is: Farm property filed, \$36,385.65 eleased, \$35,294.26; town property filed, \$8, 414.62; released, \$4,889.80; chattel mortgages filed, \$16,901.61; released, \$41,317.15. The chattel mortgage record is the best scored keep the depot open. They say the refusal in any one month in this county for the is a direct violation of the agreement entered past several years.

### WHOLE FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

r. H. Hoeliwarth, Wife and Child Overcome by Gas from a Stove.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Spe cial Telegram.)-T. H. Hoellwarth and wife were found in their room this morning about 10:30 unconscious, caused by gas from a stove. Their little child, 1 year old, was dead by their side. Their little niece made the discovery and gave the alarm. Every-

Interesting Revival at Lyons.

LYONS, Neb., Feb. 2 .- (Special.)-The reing in interest. There have been over forty conversions. A great many are turned away each evening, not being able to get into the church. Rev. T. L. Webster is assisted by Miss Brown and Mrs. Herrick of Omaha.

Wet Snow at Benkelman.

BENKELMAN, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Special Telegram.)-A very wet snow began falling at 6 o'clock, with no s'gn of abatement. This insures Dundy county a sure crop, and will put a quietus to aid in years to come. Schools Closed on Account of Scarlet Fever.

HASTINGS, Feb. 2 .- (Special Telegram.)-On account of the numerous cases of scarlet fever in this city, Mayor McElhinney issued orders today closing all the Sunday schools in the city tomorrow.

LONG PINE'S CHAUTAUQUA HOTEL. LONG PINE, Feb. 2 .- (Special.)-Within the last week this town of the beautiful Chautauqua grounds has suffered the loss by fire of its pride, "The Dwinell." after midnight last Sunday morning smoke and flames were discovered at the rear of and flames were discovered at the rear of the building near the flue to the range. It spread slowly at first, but before the fire company had arrived it had crept and traveled through many cracks and crevices to such an extent that it was impossible to get water upon all the flames and soon the entire building was ablaze. The fire, in spite of a strong wind, was well confined to the one building, and the firemen are praised for preventing further disaster. It may also besaid to the credit of our fire department and water system that although a dozen different fires have occurred since the completion of the water works, in each instance the fire has been confined to the building in which it originated, and only twice has loss to any extent resulted. When the water was turned upon the Dwinell it was considered that it would be easy to overcome the fire and not until suddenly the whole building was burning in the upper floors was it though wise to remove the furnishings. By that time it was possible to save only what was on the first floor, and ail of that was removed without much harm. Absolutely nothing was rescued from the upper floors, where all the family wearing apparel was left to be consumed. Mrs. Showers was fortunate in saving a sealskin cloak, which is all that remains of her valuable wardrobe. Misses Dale Gilman and Kate Joiner, cousins of Mrs. Showers, were glad to escape with even their night robes, losing every other article of clothing and belongings. Mrs. Thurber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Showers, now visiting in Omaha, was not here to save even her clothes, which were packed away on the second floor. The loss of the personal property is considerable, with no insurance, but the building was insured for \$3,000. The Queen of America and the Manchester will have the loss to pay. The destroying of the Dwinell house is looked upon as a great calamity to Long Pine; it also is a misfortune to the transient public, who delighted to make the house their home, and Mr. Showers promises the town a new sixty-r the building near the flue to the range. It

Dwinell.

Rev. J. M. Bates has during the week removed his family from Valentine to this place, where they will continue to reside. Dr. Bates is a missionary of the Episcopal church and has many charges in this part of the state to which he pays regular visits. His principal motive in taking up a residence here is to give Mrs. Bates, who is troubled with rheunatism, the benefit of these curative waters. these curative waters.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and Slightly Colder with North Winds WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-The forecast for

Sunday is: For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansa -Fair; slightly colder; north winds. For Colorado-Probably fair and slightly older; northeast winds. For Missouri-Fair; colder in the northern ortion; sontheast winds, becoming north-

For Iowa-Generally fair, except flurries in the extreme eastern portion; colder; north winds. Local Becord.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU,
OMAHA, Feb. 2.—Gmaha record of temperature and rainfall, compared with the corresponding day of the past four years:

1895. 1894. 1893. 1892.
Maximum temperature... 31 36 7 42
Minimum temperature... 31 36 7 42
Average temperature... 16 28 \*2 36
Precipitation... 91 .00 .21 .00
Condition of temperature and precipitation 1891:
Normal temperature 19
Deficiency for the day 62 inch
Normal precipitation 62 inch
Deficiency for the day 91 inch
Total precipitation since March 1 16.37 inches
Deficiency since March 1 16.37 inches

Cold Wave Promised. At the signal station in this city the order

At the signal station in this city the order to hoist the cold wave flag was received during the afternoon, the telegram stating that the mercury would drop 20 degrees be-fere night, thus bringing the temperature to about 5 degrees below zero.

Gasoline Stove Did It. A gasoline stove exploded last night in the rooms in the third story of the brick block at 810 North Sixteenth street. The fire was put out before any damage was done.

the Lincoln Hotel.

ONE OF MOSHER'S VICTIMS LOSES H.S. MIND

Capital National Wreck, Becomes a Raving Manlac-Taken from Home to the Asylum.

LINCOLN, Feb. 2 .- (Special.) -- John Mockenhaupt, one of the bell boys at the Lincoln hotel, may die from the effects of injuries received this morning in an elevator. enhaupt, who is a new boy at the hotel, about 16 years of age, heard the elevator turned the valve. The elevator did not move as the pressure had not yet been turned on. He sat down to wait, forgetting to turn off applied the elevator began to glide upward. Mockenhaupt made a jump for the cage and tried to scramble into it, his body resting on the floor of the elevator, and his legs hanging outside. For some reason he could not draw himself into the cage, and when it reached the next floor above the elevator was stopped by his body while the pressure continued to give it an upward impetus, thus holding the boy as in a vice. Dr. Crim was called and unced the injuries serious, but as they are of an internal nature time alone disclose the nature and extent of the boy's

WANT THE DEPOT OPENED. The people of Rock Springs precinct, Clay county, are complaining to the State Board of Transportation against the action of the Kansas City & Omaha road in refusing to into at the time the precinct voted \$7,000 worth of bonds to the road. The depot was closed last October and has not since been opened, the road maintaining that the small amount of business done did not warrant them in keeping it open. MOSHER VICTIM BECOMES INSANE.

Since Louis Meyer returned from his eastrn trip, over a year ago, when it was known that he was suffering from softening of the brain, and would never recover, he has been kept at home by his family. His wife was averse to the idea of taking him to the asy-lum. Until today he has been docile, but serious doubts of their recovery. Mr. Hoellwarth is one of the leading merchants of Greeley Center. night shirt. On his refusal to come out of the cellar, it became necessary for the officers to carry him upstairs. The commissioners of insanity found him insane. vival at the Methodist church is still grow- fore them he was very violent, and this afternoon he was taken to the asylum. Losses in the Capital National bank and other banks are said to have unbalanced his mind.

OTHER LINCOLN AFFAIRS. At a meeting of the Commercial club thi ofternoon plans were discussed to make the Lancaster county fair fully the equal of th State fair at Omaha.

Memorial exercises in honor of the late Hon. T. M. Marquett were held in the district court this morning, Judge Hall presiding Eulogies were delivered by C. E. Magoon, F. M. Hall, S. B. Pound, F. W. Collins, J. L. Caldwell, J. W. Demeese, S. J. Tuttle and Sheriff Miller left today for Houston, Tex.

armed with the necessary papers to bring back Charles Shumate, who was arrested yesterday afternoon at Crosby, Tex. Shumate is wanted here to answer the charge of se-duction, preferred against him by J. D. Olney, guardian of Shumate's victim

#### ASHLAND PEOPLE INDIGNANT.

wift & Co., Import Men to Harvest Ice in

Preference to Home Labor. ASHLAND, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—This city is again wrought up over the Swift and Company ice plant. This time the indignation has been aroused by the acts of the company Company and the Ashland Mill and Electric Light company last fall, over the filling of the pond from which Swift obtains ice, the citizens took it upon themselves to assist Swift in every way possible to fill the pond, and now, when the time has come to employ men, their foreman, a foreigner, absolutely refuses to furnish work to an American until all the imported Swedes have been put to work, then what is left is given to the that come, and now as a result, has become thoroughly disgusted and the citthe laboring class of Ashland before they im-port men. An exciting time is expected at Ashland any moment now, as the employes at the plant will not venture into the city after night for fear of violence on the part of some of the men deprived of work who live

About a week ago Ashland's generous pe ple collected a carload of provisions for the drouth-stricken sufferers of the west and leaded it into a car for shipment, and now it stands at the depot waiting the action of the railroad company which is asked to carry i to its destination. The company refused to do so until the charges are prepaid. One carload of relief at this time surely will return five cars of traffic when another crop s raised in Nebraska.

Last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs George Robinson was given a party of the highest type in honor of their daughter, Miss Minnie, who had reached the age of 20. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens throughout, which gave a deightful effect. Many were present. The State University Dramatic club made its first appearance in this city last night in

he expenditure of a great deal of labor and At the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Dear yesterday afternoon, from 4 to 7 was given a reception by Miss Nellie Dean, in honor of the "Delta Delta Delta" of the State university, to which all the Ashland "bloods" were invited, excluding the correspondent of

Miss Maud Brush entertained a number her young friends last evening in an Home," to which over forty were invited. E. P. Putney has loaded his housel goods prepartacry to moving to Arkansas, where he has invested heavily in land.

where he has invested heavily in land.

A. W. Bissett, operator at the B. & M. depot, returned yesterday from an extensive trip through the east, where he visited rela-Mrs. Judd March returned home today from Beatrice, where she has been engaged Goldgrabber's Boston store, in the capacity

Deputy Sheriff Frank Whitlock left las beputy Sheriff Frank whitock left last evening for Wahoo with Dennis Pottinger, who will serve out a sentence for coal stealing at the B. & M. depot in this city.

County Superintendent George Farley of Cass county was in the city yesterday, spending the day with John D. Robbins, student of the High school.

The revival meetings at the Methodist Epis-

The revival meetings at the Methodist Epi copal church are being well attended under the management of Rev. J. W. Seabrook. Another Newspaper for York.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-York is once more possessed of two daily papers. On

tast evening Messrs. Dey & Co. published their first edition of the York Daily Vidette, which will be in the future published daily, newsy little sheet. In its salutatory it states that the politics of the same will be republican. During the last year there have been three dailies started in this city. First was the Daily News, published by Duncan Smith, which some time ago discontinued business, then the Daily Morning Press. which after changing hands many times gave up the struggle, and last of all, though not least, comes the Daily Videtto. The firm is composed of energetic and hardworking people, and are the editors of the Monitor, a monthly, entirely devoted to religion. The first edition was "chuck full" at the home of Miss Alta Brewer. Covers were laid for about twenty. It was an affair and vicinity. From the encouragement and so many subscribers already received, the the society as the leading one in town,

firm will, without doubt, be successful in their new enterprise.
Last night at the Baptist church an ir eresting lecture was delivered by Rev. G Woody, on the "Negro in Ancient His

The firm of Johnson Bros. & Co., have disposed of their stock to Messrs. Lukes & Hankins, who will continue the business in the future. Both of the gentlemen are from Mount Pleasant, Ia. The firm of Johnson Bros. & Co. have for a long time been residents and business men of this place.

#### ASKS THE COURT FOR RELIEF.

Fred Hobelman Files Suit for Divorce Under Peenliar Circumstances.

BEATRICE, Feb. 2 .- (Special Telegram.) -A petition was filed in the district court today wherein Fred Hobelman asked for a divorce from Maggie Hobelman, setting up as grounds that the defendant had been previously married to Moses Ellicit, who is been divorced.

Hobelman went to Omaha some months ago and through a fortune teller made the acquaintance of the Elliott woman and brought her to his farm in Gage county, marrying her sometime afterward. Later Elliott got track of the couple, followed them down here had them arrested for bigamy, and, upon preliminary hearing, they were bound over to await a sitting of the district court. Hobelman, being well-to-do, succeeded in giving the bond of \$500 required and was released but the woman still remains in jail.

Events of the Week at Fremont. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Postmaster Carroll and his office force are busy preparing to move into the new postoffice building at the corner of Broad and

Sixth streets, recently completed and approved by the inspectors from the United The move will States Treasury department. be made Monday night, after office hours. Revival meetings have been going on me time at the Methodist church of this city, and last evening Rev. F. M. Sisson con-ducted the first of a series of meetings for The next meeting of the kind will be

held next Friday evening. Bachelor Giris' Mus e club met last night with Miss Maud Turner, and the gentlemen friends of the members were invited to attend and were royally entertained. fine musical program was rndered and refreshments and games indulged in. It was a very pleasant affair, thoroughly enjoyed by every participant.

The committee of the county board of supervisors on bonds and settlements have ompleted checking up the books and acthem all in excellent condition.

The Congregational Church society is preparing to give an entertainment on Wash-

ington's birthday, when a chorus will sing army songs, and addresses will be made upon Washington and Lincoln. An original poem will be read.

The degree team of Centennial lodge No. 59. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will go to Dodge, Neb., next Tuesday evening to assist Grand Secretary I. P. Gage in instituting a new Odd Fellows' lodge there. Harry Markell, for the last year the ef-icient secretary of the Fremont Young Young

Men's Christian association, expects to go to Newark, N. J., and become assistant state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beveridge of this city will depart soon for Providence, R. I., where they will be prominent features as singers for a state temperance revival. They were engaged several months last year in tem erance work in New England.

Ord Personal Mention. ORD, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-H. E. Babcock and family returned to Ord after a few veeks' visit in the eastern part of the state. Hon. A. M. Robbins went to Lincoln Wednesday evening. R. T. Dearinger has just finished harvest-

ing his ice crop.

The citizens of Valley county met at the court house for the purpose of organizing a county central relief committee. Peter Mortensen was elected chairman and Charles A. At a meeting of the supervisors sub-relief

an Epworth league meeting

of Ord. They have their meetings in the court room each evening. These me will continue from three to five weeks. Charles Phillips has returned to his hom in St. Paul. Mr. Phillips has made a host of friends in Ord during his short stay. Dr. J. G. Sharpe returned from a week's visit to Omaha Tuesday.

Day of Frayer at Bellevue College BELLEVUE, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The day of prayer for colleges was duly observed at Bellevue college. After religious services at the college chapel the Young Men's Christian association and the Young Women's Christian association held separate meetings. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. McCormick of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha addressed the students on "Having a Definite Plan in Life." In the evening a union prayer meeting was held at the Presbyterian church. Rev. and Mrs. McCormick are the guests

of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr. Miss Nellie Patterson of Papillion has been visiting with her brother and sister here for

Miss Bertha Hertzler of Omaha is the guest of Miss Laura Kast.
Mrs. J. D. Kerr has returned from Plattsmouth, where she has been spending several days with relatives.

A large number of men began cutting ice The ice is proving better than was anticipated.

Looking Over the Soldiers' Home GRAND ISLAND, Feb. 2 .- (Special.)-The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home of this city was called upon by the legislature's joint comthe college farce, "Chums" and the stirring drama, "Open Gate." They were greeted with a large house. The club came highly recommended by Chancellor Canfield of the university, and proved well worthy of the university, and proved well worthy of the very commended by Chancellor Canfield of the university, and proved well worthy of the university, and proved well worthy of the populist papers. The committee was composed of Senators Caldwell, Cross, Black, the expenditure of a great deal of labor and Graham and Representatives. Akers and Graham, and Representatives Sis son, Thomas, Jones, Harkson, Gelten, Mer-rick and Shook.

The Grand Island public was favored with the home production of the Irish drama, "Colleen Bawn," at the opera house last night. It was witnessed by a large audi-The proceeds are to be used for charitable

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Among the passengers on board the ill-fated steamer Elbe were Eugene and Emma Schlagel. They were on their way to this city to visit their cousin, G. W. Eiser. Miss Schlagel was drowned, but her brother es caped.

E. Zock, trainmaster of the B. & M. this point has been sued by J. E. McKissick for \$500 damages. The suit grows out of the building of the "Q" wagon bridge at this city. While grading for the approach some dirt was removed from land that McKissick claimed to own. He drove the graders off with a Winchester, and was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Zook, and the damage suit followed.

In Destitute Circumstances. MILFORD, Neb., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Wil-

liam and Walter Smith, from Fort Hays, Kan., drove into town with two span of horses and a covered wagon a few days ago entirely destitute. They are now waiting here with the hope of learning something of their parents, who lived at Springfield. Clay county, but recently left for parts un-known. The boys' father, William Henry Smith, is a tall man, partially blind in the which will be in the future published daily, right eye, is an ex-union soldier, who served except Sunday, in this city. The size of in the Fourteenth Wisconsin infantry. He the paper is 9x12, and, though small, is a has a wife, son and daughter. Any one newsy little sheet. In its salutatory it states favor by addressing the boys at Milford.

> Albion Brevities. ALBION, Neb., Feb. 2 .- (Special.) - The Albion minstrels, with the Mooney brotkers as specialists, under the management of T. De

> Becker, visited Newman Grove Thursday, playing a one night's engagement.
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> Extensive preparations are being made for the Parmers' institute, which meets here next

# GOLD GOES TO THE VAULTS

Banks of Omaha and Other Western Cities

Retaining the Yellow Metal.

PAYING OUT CURRENCY INSTEAD Local Bankers Say it is Not in Hope of

Getting a Premium, but Because

Patrons Prefer the Paper

Dollars.

The drain on the gold reserve in the United States treasury has developed the fact that in addition to large exports abroad a large number of the golden cogles have still living and from whom she has never flapped their wings westward and liked the country so well that \$2,500,000 worth of these gilt-edged visitors have taken up winter quarters in Omaha. At Denver and other western cities large quantities of gold have accumulated, and a prominent business man is authority for the statement that the bankers of Omaha and other western cities are holding on to gold coin and paying currency, unless customers demand gold in payment for

checks. For the past month considerable gold has been given the preference for vault service n this respect, and a reporter, who has watched the payments made over the paying tellers' counters at local banks for several days, has noticed that currency and silver were invariably pushed to the patrons, unless the latter asked for gold. It is claimed that this action of the banks has a tendency to create a premium for gold, when coupled with the fact that the gold reserve at Washngton is jeopardized and st are agitated in political circles. and silver interests

Henry W. Yates, when asked about it, aid: "I do not know of any organized intention of Omaha bankers to thus force a premium on gold. In fact, the people seem o prefer currency to coin when checks are onored. The trouble in national financial circles is due to the fact that while confidence has been restored since the repeal of the Sherman act, its abuses have not been corrected. There is too much silver in circulation, caused by the Sherman act of 1890. People who shout the loudest for silver are generally the most inconsistent. For ingenerally the most inconsistent. For in-stance, look at the gold in the Colorado banks. There is more gold new in the west than in the east. The agitation for free silver will certainly have a tendency to appreciate the value of gold and put it at a premium. The gold reserve at Washington s down to \$42,000,000, and it should be up to \$100,000,000. The banks are sold and there

is plenty of gold in western banks."

Another rumor is to the effect that the Omaha banks are hoarding their gold in order o get a good sized plle of it on hand to send to the United States treasury in exchange for currency and thus protect the gold reserve in a manner similar to that performed by the Denver bankers two years

"Overland" Pays in Currency. For the first time in fifteen years the Union acific paid its employes Friday in curency. This action on the part of the "Overand" caused considerable discussion in railroad circles, and speculation was rife as to the reasons for this action. A representative of the local treasurer's

said that there was nothing significant in the matter except that the banks were desirous of holding their gold. "We have given the banks a great deal of gold, and had we insisted upon gold we would have received it to meet the checks of employes, but as it seemed to be a good time to make an experiment with currency we decided to oblige the bank and take greenbacks. Many a time have employes objected to gold and wanted currency instead, which has put us to some trouble. While it takes a little longer to pay off in currency, we found little difficulty in cashing checks, and the change seemed very satisfactory to employes. matter of paying in currency was discussed, but as the bank seemed to have more of that article on hand, we made the change,

"It is noticeable that banks, everywhere have lately been hoarding their gold, but as currency seems quite as satisfactory I don' know why we shouldn't pay in greenbacks."

One Year from the Fire. It was a year ago last night that the Boson store, Sixteenth and Douglas streets, burned down, but the enterprise of the comburned down, but the enterprise of the com-pany is shown by the fact that today a larger and handsomer building occupies the site, a larger and more varied stock of goods is carried and a larger patronage visits the counters. Members of the company did not forget the anniversary last night and con-gratulated themselves that beginning with disaster a year considered dull in the busi-ness world, they had been again rewarded for the confidence they had placed in Omaha as a business point.

Gave Him a Bad Check. S. Jorgensen claims to have been defrauded out of \$10.75 worth of merchandise by Hans Schmittein. According to Jorgenby Hans Schmittein. According to Jorgensen's story Schmittein came to his store and purchased some goods from him, for which he gave a check on a Council Bluffs bank for \$19.75, representing that he was a depositor in that bank and had a balance to his credit. The goods were delivered, but when the check was returned to Jorgensen without being cashed for the want of funds he swore to a complaint against Schmittein, charging him with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. B. Mandl of Chicago is at the Millard. F. F. Lewis of Chicago is an Omaha visitor. Mrs. J. B. Latta of Tekamah is visiting in

W. R. Parks is registered at the Murray from Chicago. M. T. Grier of Colorado Springs is a guest at the Murray.

George Waldron of Moberly, Mo., is a guest at the Dellone. J. M. Sheffler of Des Moines is in the city for a few days.

F. P. Moffat is registered at the Merchants from Des Moines. Thomas F. Phillip is registered at the Paxton from Dubuque. C. L. Cole and H. W. Beck of Davenport, la., are in the city.

F. Currie, a merchant of Whitney, is regstered at the Dellone. A. E. Chamberlain is registered at the Arcade from Huron, S. D. E. L. Roy, agent for the Cleveland min-

strels, is at the Barker. C. E. and A. A. Millette of Sloux Falls are registered at the Dellone. H. W. Marshall and wife of Arlington are topping at the Merchants.

L. P. Judd, a prominent business man of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is in the city. L. D. Craig and J. S. Shaub, tobacco salesmen, Louisville, Ky., are at the Barker. M. Shloss, M. Yamlker and A. Sheuerman of Des Moines are registered at the Paxton.

S. W. Gumperiz, manager of John W. Hop-

kins' Transoceanic company, is at the Barker. Arthur Ware, E. S. Smith, H. G. Moorshead and J. W. Brown are registered at the Barker from Chicago. C. Walker and wife, Kansas City, Mo.; Henry Cruse and wife, Schuyler, Neb., and F. Driscoll and wife, Creston, Ia., will spend

Sunday at the Barker. At the Mercer: F. W. Sears and wife, Ra-venna, Neb.; Mrs. Williams, Chicago; Guy Colilns, Cincinnati; J. A. Inslee, St. Louis; Colonel R. F. Sellers, Atchison; R. P. Hall, Chicago; Gene Kinnee, Richfield; H. B. Gaussen, St. Louis; Albert Alford, Chicago; J. H. Dixon, St. Joseph; J. W. Hewitt, Portland; W. G. Sawyer and wife, Minneapolis; F. E. Osborn, Cleveland.

Nebraskans at the Hotels. At the Murray-Charles A. Ellis, Lincoln,

At the Dellone-Judge F. G. Hamer, Kearney; F. Currie, Whitney, At the Paxton-J. W. Trammell, Oxford; H. L. McMeans, Grand Island. H. L. McMeans, Grand Island.
At the Millard-Charles E. Clough, Bellevue; Mrs. J. B. Latta, Tekamah; Miss M. Glenn, Alexandra.
At the Merchants-J. B. Barnes, Norfolk; H. P. Brandes, E. R. Sadler, Lincoln; M. A. Daugherty, Ogalalla; H. W. Marshall and wife, Arlington.
- At the Arcade-E. J. Bristol, Hay Springs; H. G. Eryant, Fremont, George H. Margray, Gordon, F. M. Rathbun, Cambridge; William Bloedorn, George H. Hopkins, Platto Center.