BURDEN OF CUILT TOO HEAVY

Chicago Embezzler Surrenders Himself to the Lincoln Police.

HIS CONSCIENCE HURT HIM VERY MUCH

Charles L. Van Inwegen Confesses to Having Stolen Forty-Five Dellars From His Employer and Getting on a Glorious Drunk.

LINCOLN, July 24.—(Special.)-Quite startling case of conscience broke out today in Lincoln. This morning Chief of Police Melick received the following letter, written on hotel stationery:

'LINCOLN, Neb., July 23, 1895,-Chief of Lincoln, Neb .: Dear Sir-The writer left 88 Fifth avenue, Chicago, III., (where he was employed by one James McKinney), last Wednesday night with \$45 which did not be-long to him. Remorse over my actions prompts me to write you that I am willing to give myself up and return for trial without delay. I am rooming at 932 P street and will surrender at any time. I am, yours very respectfully, "CHARLES L. VANINWEGEN.

"My room is next to 21, at end of hall."
The chief lost no time in locating VanInwegen, and soon had him down to the station, where he told his story. He said he was a bookkeeper for McKinney, who runs a printing office. The establishment was moved scross the street last Wednesday. Nearly all he found himself in Lincoln. The money was all gone. Chief Melick wired McKinney at Chicago and received instructions to hole VanTawegen and communicate with the Chi-cago chief of police, which he did.

ARRESTED AN IOWA WOMAN. A remarkably comely woman of apparently 22 years of age is Mrs. Ida May Shafer, and she is now in custody at the police station awaiting the arrival of a sheriff from Pacific Junction, Ia., the charge against her being adultery. One week ago today a constable from Glenwood, Ia., was here on the same errand, but failed in his mission and went home. This morning Officer Sipe discovered her in a boarding house and escorted her to the station, from whence the Iowa officials were wired. It is evident that she is arrested at the instance of her husband. She says. however, that she left her husband thremonths ago at Glenwood, and at that time h was in jail for selling liquor without a license His name, she says, is John Shafer. She denied that she had come away with any man. but somewhat confidentially remarked that a "friend" had come on to Lincoln ahead o her, and when she had arrived she secured room at his boarding house. She expressed confidence that her husband could not prove adultery, because, as she explained, each of them had a separate room. The name of the friend she declined to give. Two months ago, she said, she came to Lincoln and begun suit for divorce. This is true, as shown by the records of the district court. The paper on file show that she was married to John F Shafer at Hastings, Neb., November 29, 1893. At the end of a month he drove her from home, as related in the affidavit, and compelled her to seek the protection of the sher-iff. Since then he has continued his abuse at intervals. She asks, also, to be restored to her maiden name of ida May Wilkins.

John F. Shafer is the son of a wealthy proerty owner at Platismouth. A young man named McElwain from that city has been seen escorting Mrs. Shafer around the city during the past two or three days, but it is understood he is not the "friend" referred to. She says her parents live at Shelton, Neb., and that she had come from that town about ten days ago to look after her divorce suit. She is very self-possessed and not at all alarmed over the probable outcome of her ar

RELICS OF A LAND BOOM. Nell Griffin filed an interesting deposition the district court today in the case of ie West Side Improvements company vs. F. W. Brown. The latter was one of the subscribers to the capital stock of the as-sociation, which is the one that built the Western Normal college. He declines to pay the balance of his assessments because the company failed to carry out its agreements. Griffin is a farmer of Barneston. Lincoln by Prof. Croan and one Kinsley in the fall of 1891 to help them work their scheme of locating the college here. He says he was induced to give it out that Des Moines had made Croan splendid offers to locate in that city. Because of Lincoln's superior railroad facilities they preferred to remain in Lincoln. He swears that Croan and Kinsley put down as subscriptions large sums of money, Croan's being \$5,000 or \$10,000, the idea being to convey to those for whom they were fishing that they were putting into the enterprise their bottom dollars.

As a matter of fact, they, recording to Griffing did not pay anything and never intended to do so. Again he deposes that another scheme, successfully worked, was for the stock agent to represent that, under circumstances, would subscribers ever called upon to pay more than 15 per cent of their assessments. It was also to be claimed that a number of prominent "giltedged" people of Lincoln had agreed to take stock. It was represented that the capital stock It was represented that the capital stock should not be over \$100,000 and that the land was worth twice that sum. Griffin swears that he himself headed one list with \$5,000 subscription, the arrangement being that he

OMAHA PEOPLE IN LINCOLN. At the Lindell-S. Fleming. At the Windso W. Burns, E. W. Arthur. At the Lincoln R. L. Metcalfe, C. W. Caulfield, C. J. Greene, E. P. Simeral.

should never be called upon to pay it

GOSSIP FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

Dr. J. T. Steele Commissioned as As sistant Physician at Hastings. LINCOLN, July 24 .- (Special.)-This aft ernoon Governor Holcomb affixed his signature to the commission of Dr. J. T. Steele, to be assistant superintendent of the Hastings Asylum for Incurables. The appointment will date from August 10. Dr. Steele, who needs Dr. Kern, was born in Boston ns., in 1852, and has resided in Ne braska about twelve years. For a number of years he has been a resident of Hastings, and is well acquainted with the present officials of the hospital. The doctor says they are now preparing to open an addition to the asylum which will accommodate about 100

taore patients. Congressman Kem, ex-Congressman Mc Keighan and Fish Commissioner May were callers today on Governor Holcomb. Con-gressman Kene bas just returned from a month's visit on business to the southern portion of Colorado. He did not find an opto accompany the congressional delegation to Pen-look over the Indian troubles in Thurston county, although he expressed himself heartily in sympathy with the objects of the expedition. Commissioner

May said that he was preparing to make an elaborate display of fish at the state fair next September. Aside from the exhibit of the state he has interested a number of private pond owners, who will join with him and demonstrate that the fish culture of the state is not confined to the state's round in the state is not confined to the state's round in the state is not confined to the state's round in the state is not confined to the state's round in the state is not confined to the state's round in the state is not confined to the s next September. Aside from the exhibit of the state he has interested a number of private pond owners, who will join with him state is not confined to the state's ponds in Sarpy county.

A petition to Governor Holcomb for the parden of William Pike has come down from Omaha. Three years ago Pike was sent to the penitentiary by Judge Davis in Douglas county for ten years for chicken stealing. The offense was aggravated, however, by the fact that P'ke had once before been in state's prison and had been pardoned out. Attorney Var Dusen today brought down the affidavit of the prosecuting attorney in the case and a number of witnesses for the state. who also join in the petition. The governor has the matter under consideration.

Attorney General Churchill is at work upon an opinion which is to be submitted to the governor concerning the powers and duties of the latter in connection with the various slate institutions. It is expected that the opinion will be quite elaborate. The docu-ment may be ready for publication shortly. State Treasurer Bartley went to Omaha this evening and Land Commissioner Russell

Menaced by Russian Thistle. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., July 24 .- (Special.) -One farmer recently walked into the land

office at this place and voluntarity relin-quished his title on a timber claim in this county. His reason for se doing was that the land was not worth the cost of clearing off the Russian inisies. In southwest Lincoln county, near the lines of Peckins and Keith county, near the ines of Forkins and Keits counties, the pest has gotten a strong start. Road overhears find themselves severely taxed to fulfill the requirements of the law, as in sparsely settled portions of the county where only every tenth quarter section is occupied the district, are very large and land all owned by represidents. Many overseers find it absolutely impossible to comply with the law.

GIRLS DROWNED IN THE PLATTE Three Lose Their Lives While Bath-ing Near Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 21.-(Special Teleram.)-Lizzie, aged 13, daughter of Charles Klaus of Columbus: May, aged 11, and Hulda. own, went bathing in the Platte river about o'clock this evening and were drowned. The bodies of Lizzie and Huida were recovered by M. Welch and R. Lizce about a half mile below the place where they were drowned. May's body was taken out by Lizce and Sparhawk about two miles below. A fourth member of the party, a Klous girl of 15, was carried half a mile by the current and escaped on a sandbar and gave the alarm.

Good Rains Are General. TRENTON, Neb., July 24 .- (Special.) -- Two

hurt the corn now AUBURN, Neb., July 24.- (Special.)-Yesterday's rain refreshed all products. FREMONT, July 24.—(Special.)—Farmers across the street last Wednesday. Nearly and the boys were drinking and he, himself, became considerably under the influence of liquor along with the rest. While in a state liquor along with the rest. While in a state with the rest which was in the liquor along with the rest. While in a state with plenty of rain within a few days the liquor along will be a big one. The northern of intoxication he took \$45 which was in the vault and left Chicago that evening. He stopped awhile in Council Bluffs, going from there to Fremont, and when he sobered up and reports all crops in good shape, though rain would be beneficial.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 24 .- (Special.)-A stalk of corn measuring thirteen feet six inches in height was brought into the city yesterday. It is said the field will yield 100

pushels per acre.
PIERCE, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)—While other countles are boasting of their enormous crops it might be well for Pierce county to give a few samples. William Korth has a field of oats near town that will yield over 100 bushels to the acre. Matt Bullerton, a farmer living east of Pierce, has a large field of oats that will average about the same. The heads of the oats are from twenty-three to thirty inches in length, and contain from 200 to 260 grains each. Some barley that has been threshed gave 117

bushels to the acre. Pierce county will be right in the swim at the state fair.

RANDOLPH, Neb., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Threshing of barley has begun here and some heavy yields were reported today. August Gerlains, living four miles southwest threshad one a quantity that averaged. west, threshed out a quantity that averaged sixty-one and a half bushels per acre, machine measure. He measured the ground and is accurate. Two other neighbors of his raised fifty-one and a half and fifty bushels. machine measure, respectively. One other yield was sixty bushels. The acreage is not large, but the yield shows what can be produced in good years. Oats and wheat har vests now in full swing and grain will all b

Deserted His Wife. FREMONT, July 24 .- (Special.) -- About two nonths ago Joseph Ruen, a German farm hand living near North Bend, was married to Josephine Simerka, a Bohemian girl of the same neighborhood, Joseph being at that time under arrest on a charge of bastardy preferred by Josephine. After living with his wife a few days Joseph skipped out, taking with him what little money his wife had saved from her wages as a sevent girl, and has not been seen or heard of since. Mrs. Ruen has no relatives or acquaintances in this vicinity and was taken to the county poor farm yesterday. Matters took a new turn in the Backer fallure yesterday. Backer undertook to get pos-session of the stock which was held by Krohn, who bought it on a mortgage sale, claiming that Krohn was to hold it for him. An soon as it was known what Backer was doing A. Zlotke and Max Rosenthal, creditors of Backer, swore out attachments, and the stock is now in the possession of Deputy Sher-

Burned with Gasoline. NEBRASKA CITY, July 24.—(Special.)-Charley Rollins, colored runner for Hotel Watson, narrowly escaped being burned to death last night. In lighting a gasoline stove the oil ran down and caught fire, causing a big blaze. In extinguishing the fire his be put out he was badly burned. He will are printed from year to year a larger num

Garrow Bros. commission merchants, have brought suit against the Farmers bank to recover \$600 and interest which they claim belongs to the firm and which the bank refuses to turn over. The money is claimed to have been deposited by plaintiffs to be drawn by F. R. Finney of Union, Neb., in payment for hogs which he was to buy for Garrow Bros. So far he has failed to buy any hogs and the bank refuses to give up the ioney, so plaintiffs claim.

Musical Event at Auburn

AUBURN, Neb., July 24.-(Special.)-Monday evening at the Presbyterian church a class chorus of fifty voices was organized under the direction of Prof. William Apinadoc of Chicago, organizer and secretary of the World's Fair International Welsh Eisteddfod. He is the guest of John E. Thomas. music and the class chorus is a great success. The work the chorus goes through in theory and reading of music has created much interst in musical circles. The Teachers' institute is in session at the

high school with every prospect of accomplishing good work.
Prof. Apinadoc, Mrs. Thomas, soprano, and Mrs. Fellows, accompanist, go to Hiawatha, Kan., Friday, and Stella, July 39, to hold

Demise of Mrs. James Kerr. AURORA, Neb., July 24.-(Special.)-Mrs. Kerr, wife of James Kerr, an old resident of this county, died at Grand Island Friday,

aged 66, of cholera morbus. The Hamilton county Teachers' institute is in session today and promises to be largely attended. Nearly all the teachers in the county are present.

The new court house is receiving its finishing touches. Its exterior is as next as any county building in Nebraska. The in-

terior arrangement is almost perfection. It Wedded at Arlington. ARLINGTON, Neb., July 24 .- (Special.)-At 10 o'clock today Miss Jessie, the daughter of John Fink, and Major Ormsby, son of Colonel L. M. Ormsby of Casper, Wyo., were married, the ceremony being performed at the residence of the bride's parents by the county judge. The wedding was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties only. Coionel Ormsby and son are extensive sheep raisers in the Big

Horn mountains. Ralph Woodruff Bound Over. YORK, Neb., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)-The preliminary examination of Ralph Woodruff, charged with havwill be held Saturday.

Lincoln County Populists. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., July 24.—(Special.) The populists have called their Lincoln ounty convention to be held in this city August 24. The call for the populist judicial convention of the Thirteenth district has been issued for September 10, at Sidney. Republicans have issued no convention calls as

Found Dead in Bed.

AURORA, July 24.— (Special.) - John Klimpe, a bachelor, 46 years old, was found isthmus, stating that the railroad is obdend in his bed yesterday noon in this city. structed and calling for help. Heart disease is said to be the cause. He has three brothers in the county, old settlers here, and prosperous farmers. The deceased had resided here eight years.

Scribner Team Active.

SCRIBNER, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)— Next Monday Scribner's team will play two games of ball, one with Lyons, in the morning, and the other with Ashland, in the afternoon. These are return games, and will be hotly contested.

Fort Meade and Much of that Territory

WESTERN MILITARY CHANGES

WILL FACILITATE MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS

Transferred to Department of the Platte.

Half of South Dakota is Placed Under General Coppinger's Command by the Order of Secretary Lamont.

WASHINGTON, July 24.-(Special Telegram.)-The secretary of war today issued an aged 7, daughters of Gottleib Klaws, who live order increasing the boundaries of the Denear the Platte bridge three miles south of partment of the Platte. All that portion of the state of South Dakota lying between the forty-fourth and forty-fifth parallels north troops serving therein.

This question of extending the limits of the Department of the Platte has been receivdays of fine rain has fallen here. Corn is ing the attention of Secretary Lamont ever doing nicely. Nothing but a hall storm can since he returned from his western tour of inspection. The first and principal reason for this action was that it would be more conto the Department of Dakota it was neces-sary to send to St. Paul all official mail, the destination of which was Washington. This was considered a very indirect way of transporting mail, and often caused serious and vexatious delays. Now that it has been at-tached to the Department of the Platte all official mail for Washington will go through Omaha instead of St. Paul. OBJECT OF THE PLAN.

In the language of an official of the adjutant general's office the Department of the Platte was extended "in order to simplify military control and administration." military control and administration."

Fort Meade is the only army post now in that section of South Dakota which has been added. Fort Meade is headquarters for the Eighth cavalry. The following troops of the Eighth are there: B. D. E. F. G. H. I and K. Fort Meade is in command of Colonel Carlion, who recently had a misunderstanding with Jentenant General Schofield and was tempo-

Lieutenant General Schoffeld and was temporarily relieved from command.

The forty-fifth parallel passes through the center of the state of South Dakota. It touches Faulkton, S. D., and St. Paul. All south of this parallel and west of the Missouri river has been added to the Department of the Platte. It is said that during his visit to Omaha and other posts in the Department of the Platte. Secretary of War Lamont was impressed with the advisability of making this change, and thought it would be advan-tageous to the army service, and hence took action as stated above soon after his return.

MORTON MAKES A NEW DEPARTURE His Assistant Devises a New Method

of Compiling the Annual Reports. WASHINGTON, July 24 .- A new departure has been made in the publication work of the Agricultural department. Hereafter it will call on specialists in certain lines of agricultural work, though not connected with the office, to make investigations of importance to agricultural interests and to prepare brief papers or articles embracing the results of the work. These will be paid for at rates which the department regards as reasonable, the funds being provided for in the congressional appropriations. Many per-sons well known here and abroad will be asked to contribute. The new scheme originated with Assistant Secretary Dabney and it is stated has never before been adopted by any branch of the government. Its object is to do away with tife publishing of labored articles of unusual length, couched in technical scientific language and of little interest or importance. The plan is to be carried out in all branches of the service, though many of the publications will be written by experts in the employ of the department. Messrs. R. B. Handy and John Hyde, jr., have been detailed to assist the editorial division in supervising the work. Concerning the change in the method, As

sistant Secretary Dabney said today: "There ber of copies of the superintendent's annua report than any other book printed in the English language, with the single exception of the bible. Hitherto, however, the annual volume has been a collection or divisional reports, in which at one time or another lists of clerks, estimates of expenses, the disparagement of the work of other depart ments, the exploitation of new varieties agricultural products subsequently found to matter of a highly technical character has been intermixed with whatever was of real practical interest and value to the agricul

rist. All this is now changed.
"Work has already begun on the year book for 1895 and it is the intention to in-troduce into it further new features Farmers' bulletins will hereafter be issued o make them interesting and instructive and of as practical a character as possible. Am those now in course of preparation are bulle tins on sheep feeding, poultry feeding, potato culture, silos and silage, frosts and freezing, the culture and diseases of the peach and

TELLS OF HORSELESS CARRIAGES. Result of a Recent Practical Test

Made in France. WASHINGTON, July 24 .- C. W. Chancellor, United States consul at Havre, has made a report to the secretary of state on the subject of horseless carriages, in which he tells of than horses. The course prescribed was from Paris to Bordeaux, a distance of 358 miles and back, any vehicle which consumed more than 100 hours on the road to be disqualified. Prizes were offered, the principal one amount-ing to 40,000 francs for four-seated carriages. Ing to 40,000 francs for four-seated carriages. The best time was made by a four-seated and a two-seated vehicle, both propelled by gasoline. They covered the distance in twenty-four hours and fifty-three minutes, making about fifteen miles per hour. This record, Mr. Chancellor says, is considered very creditable in view of the necessity of climbing long lines of hills. These hills appear to have proved too much for the electricity propelled carriages, only one of which got through. The electric carriages lost time by being compelled to stop frequently to renew their dynamic charges, as did the steam propellors by stopping for fuel and water, while the petroleum machinas carried sufficient fuel for a twenty-four-hour run.

Mr. Chancellor says the ordinary feeder is used for short distances in the petroleum carriages, containing less than four quarts

carriages, containing less than four quarts of oil, and this is sufficient for a journey of twenty miles. He also mentions a petroleum cycle which entered this race and held its own with the larger vehicles, and says that the time will soon arrive when gasoline will come into general use for propelling bicycles, tricycles and even four-wheelers. Altogether be concludes that petroleum is

destined to become the popular agent of the future for conveyance without horses in the streets of great cities and on smooth country NO WARSHIPS YET SENT TO COLON.

No Vessel Now Near the Scene of the Trouble. WASHINGTON, July 24 .- Officials of the Panama Railroad company at New York have forwarded to the State department a letter concerning the labor troubles on the

At noon today Secretary Herbert had not ordered a warship to either Panama or Colon to protect the Panama railroad property. He would say nothing as to his intentions, however, and from the fact that Acting Secretary of State Adee was again peculiar nature of the restriction

operation of the Panama railroad, the instructions to the payal commander who is sent to the isthmus must be guardedly framed. It is and that the United States has the right to maintain free communica-tion on the railroad in the event that Colom-bia falls to carry out her obligation to keep it open, and if there is any forcible obstrucion to traffic our maval forces will undoub edly remove it. But further than doing this and incidentally protecting the property o the railroad from destruction or damage, the soldiers cannot do. They have no power to compet the strikers to operate the road.

RICH MINERAL LANDS OF THE WEST

rogress Made in Their Survey by the Congressional Commission WASHINGTON, July 24.-The June reports of the twelve mineral commissioners appointed by act of the last congress to asertain the character of the public lands n Montana and Idaho are being recrived at the Interior department. The commissioners are divided into four parties. Three parties are in Montana and one in Idaho. So far they have been able to examine and report on about 30,000 acres out of a total of some 10,000,000 submitted for their adjudication. even if they made to stop for examining the character of the land.

The appropriation for this work is limited to \$20,000, and the monthly expenses are about \$4,000. So far about one-fifth of all the land examined has been cartified to be averentiated.

agricultural. The precedure observed is the same, what-wer the character of the land. The com-nissioners first file with the register of the redure observed is the same, whatthis action was that it would be more convenient to supply military forces in this newly attached section from Omaha than from St. Paul. The recently built Elkhorn railroad has greatly simplified transportation and made it easier to communicate with the Black Hills country from Omaha than formerly. As long as that section was attached to the Department of Dakota it was necessary to send to St. Paul all official mail, the Whenever anyone contests the findings of the commission the case is heard by the local land office and adjudged by it, and if the decision is unsatisfactory, appeal may be had to the department.

> INDIANA MAN GETS THE PLACE. James W. French Will Be Warden of

> WASHINGTON, July 24 .- Attorney General Harmon has announced that he has decided to appoint as warden of the United States penitentlary at Fort Leavenworth. Kan., Mr. James W. French of Indiana.

Mr. French was formerly for years warden of the Michigan City, Ind., pen, but was recently legislated out of the office. He is said to be efficient and progressive, and is well known as a prison reformer, Mr. French will soon be called to Washington when the question of the appointment of other officials and employes will be discussed. Mr. Harmon has had an extensive correspondence with the best known prison officials throughout the country with a view to getting suggestions as to administrative and it is his purpose to make the first United States penitentiary, if possible, the model for all other penal institutions of the country. News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, July +24,- (Special Tele gram.)-The general court martial at Willet Point, N. Y., is dissolved and another general court martial appointed to meet there Friday, July 26, detail for which follows: Captain Walter L. Fisk, corps, engineers; Cartain Nathan S. Jarvis, medical department; First Lieutenant Charles McQuiston, Fouch infantry; Second Lieutenant Hiram McL. Powell. Second Infantry; Second Lieutenant William P. Jackson, Twenty-fourth infantry; Second Lieutenant James P. Jervey, corps engineers Additional Second Lieutenant George P. Powell, corps engineers; Additional Second Lieutenant Merriweather L. Walker, corps engineers; Additional Second Lieutenant ert P. Johnson, corps engineers; Additional Second Lieutenant Robert R. Raymond, corp. engineers; Additional Second Lieutenant Wil-

anaugh, corps engineers, Judge advocats. Leaves of absence granted to Captain Edward J. McClarnard, Second cavalry, one month and fifteen days; Captain Caivin D. Captain Richard E. Thompson, signal corps, one month's extended; Captain Philip Reade.

Third infantry, five days, Piest for the control of t Alexander S. Porter, assistant surgeon, two

liam B. Ladue, corps engineers; Additional Second Lieutenant William J. Barden, corps

engineers; Second Lieutenant James B. Cav-

Western Postmasters Appointed. WASHINGTON, July 24.—(Special Tele gram.)-S. L. Leidgh was today appointed postmaster at Lancaster, Lancaster county, Neb., vice A. T. Dorgan, resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Wenata, Dayls county, Ia., with Amos R. Lightfoot as The office at Newport, Yankton ounty, S. D., has been discontinued. Mail nes to Menno. Postmasters were commissioned today as follows: Nebraska—David A. Clausen, Amelia; Presley M. Payton, Dike; John Haeber, Ken-

nedy. Iowa-Matthew M. VonStein, Glidden. THINKS THERE WILL BE NO STRIKE Action of the Pittsburg Miners Wil

Help the Situation. PITTSBURG, July 24.- The action of the convention of the coal miners of the Pittsburg district yesterday will have an im portant bearing on the condition of western diggers, according to President O'Connor of the Illinois miners' organization. In an interview today he said:

"The action taken was the only one that will save the western commercial diggers. It means a restoration of the Columbus compromise schedule with some improvements. If this had not been done the 35,000 miners in Illinois would certainly have been asked to accept a reduction. We are now receiving 72 1-2 cents for digging, the two prices being summer and winter mining. The miners of Indiana are now out and the diggers in Ohio are working at a low rate under protest.

If the Pittsburg miners obtain the prices demanded, or if the strike occurs, it will help us the recent competition in France between to maintain our present rates, stimulate the carriages of various kinds of motors other prices in Ohio and probably result in a settlement of the strike in Indiana. I don't be lieve there will be any strike in the Pittsburg district, as there seems to be that operators will pay it rather than have their mines closed."

At noon today President Cairnes formally notified the Coal Operators' assocition of the action taken at yesterday's convention.



This picture has no more to do with this ad. than the price has to do with the quality of \$175. It is a perfect Plano, eastern made, and while you can buy it at \$15 down and \$8 a month, it don't pay to rent one. You own it so easy-\$175.

A. HOSPE, Jr.

Sad Plight of the Negroes Who Went from This Country to Mexico.

MUST HAVE AID FROM SOME SOURCE

State Department Has No Funds Which Can Be Used to Relieve Their Wants or Return Them to Their Former Homes.

WASHINGTON, July 24.-Bad news has

been received from the colony of American negroes who went into Mexico some time ago and settled on a tract of land near Liabualite A telegram was received at the Department of State this morning from United States Consul Sparks at Pledras Negras stating that the negroes are in a deplerable condition These emigrants went from the southern Commissioner Lamoreaux of the general land office computes that it would take five years to merely ride over this immense territory. Dama and the Carolinas, under most alluring promises from the emigration agents of comfortable homes in Mexico, but from all ac counts they have been Ill treated and suf fered great hardships from the time of their arrival in that country. Consul Sparks say the negroes are scattering for miles along the rallroad, without friends, homes or food, living on mosquito beans and branch water. The consul says that he can do nothing toward their relief, and he fears trouble, because the negroes are starving. The railroads offer to make liberal rates to take them out

> Later the consul reports that he has received a telegram from Dr. L. H. Barry at Torreon, Mex., dated July 23, to the effect that 153 of the negroes from the colony were there in a destitute condition, with fifteer cases of contagious diseases among them. The Mexican police have prevented them from en-tering the town. A letter on the subject has also been received at the State departmen from Representative Bankhead of Alabama inquiring whether the government could as sist in bringing back to their homes the members of this colony of colored citizens who are destitute and dissatisfied. The department has tried in every way to afford re lief in this case, but it is well nigh power less, and it is probable if the unfortunate regross are to be saved from starvation privataid must be extended to them immediately. The consul at Piedras Negras has been to

structed to render any assistance which he can properly extend and to report any seri ous developments. Our charge at the city o Mexico has been informed also of the stat of affairs as reported by the consul and in clonists. The Department of State has n funds which can be applied to maintaining destitute Americans other than seamen i other countries or to provide for their trans portation home, and has been obliged to so inform the consul and all those persons wh have made inquiries concerning these colo nists.

Echo of a School Fight.

BENNINGTON, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)-One month has elapsed since the school meeting fight, but the result is still fresh in the minds of the defeated party. Timme seems to realize that his political situation in this part of the world is that of a drowning man going down for the third time, and conse-quently he is grabbing at everything in sight, but without effect. He still continues to boycott the barber, and is being assisted by his "right hand bower," C. J. Warner, who purchased a barber outfit and is agsisting with all his powers to get a barber to use it. These two gentlemen have succeeded in getting four barbers to come here, but for some unknown reason are unable to get them to stay. The fourth one took the west bound train this morning. All this trouble is caused by Boyar, the barber, voting at the school meeting as his conscience dictated.

Horticulturists Banqueted. WYMORE, Neb., July 24 .- (Special Teletram.)-The summer meeting of the State Horticultural society, which has been in session here the last two days, practically



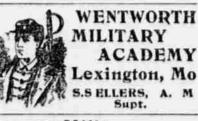
ONE ENIOYS Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys. Liver and Bowels, cleanses the sys-

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