the law, and has paid out gold instead of coin, and issued bonds to buy more gold, by both actions overriding the law and giving ed to the interests of any but me friends-I might say his owners or part

"While to this beautted tyrant coin has come to mean gold alone, he cannot by his more 'ipse dixit' change the law of 'his land rvert the plain meaning of the Eng

The repeal of the Sherman law, it was asserted, which was the first point of attack of this "unboly alliance," was only accomplished through the aid and in conjunction with a majority of the republican

This democratic president accomplished what was not possible for any republican ex-ecutive under the circumstances to have brought about. A change of the party in power had left a large number of offices in his gift with which to buy votes."

In discussing the "honest meaning" of parity of gold and sliver in the Sherman law, he said: "The object was to have them assist each other, to hold silver up by hold-ing gold down, and an honest secretary of the treasury who should have resigned his office rather than submit to the dictation of besotted chief would have paid out silver o protect the treasury from the gold ambiers and bond gambiers, as the law un-er his cath of office required. No wonder he senator from Massachusetts feels warranted in twitting as with the decay of southern statesmanship and charging us with

JUDAS FROM KENTUCKY. "He charges #, however, on another con-nection and as aiding and abetting this Judas from Kentucky, who after a brilliant career of twenty years or more as leader and chamwhole section should have so much color of truth and of fact to back it up in the apostacy from their principles of the two other secretaries from the south in the cabinet of a president who has so disgraced the name of nocracy. The south bows its head in shame at this

been one idea more persistently and promi-nently presented to the American people by President Cleveland than any other, it had been the iniquities of the tariff and the de-mand for its revision. In season and out of "damnable iteration" he had sung this siren song in the ears of the farm-In this connection he quoted from messages of the president of 1887 and 1888, and said he did it for "the purpose of pointing out the evolution of a tyrant and of showing the transition from a conscientious law-abiding chief magistrate to an arrogant and obstinate ruler who ignores the law nad issues bonds at will, and issues them under statute that is subject to the suspicion that t was intended to be temporary and limited in its application instead of conferring a discretionary authority. He not only issues them but does it secretly, with his law partner as a witness to the contract, and has created the suspicion in the minds of millions of his countrymen that a president of the United States can use his high office for private gain.

CLEVELAND A GIGANTIC FAILURE.. "He differs with the republican party only in the one particular of the tariff, and on that he has blown hot and cold as his pet hobby and will go down in history as the most gigant'e failure of any man who ever occupied the white house, all because of his

vanity and obstinacy. make good this charge Mr. Tillman argued that when President Cleveland came into power in March, 1893, and could call the senate and house (both democratic) for the first time since the war, to carry his policy into effect, he did not call an extra session to give tariff reform to the people, but in-stead called congress together to stop the

senate met there was an acknowledged majority of men open and outspoken in their determination to stand by the white metal. and who were elected on that Issue. But the process of debauchery began and slowly the enate yielded. In ninety days the deed was done, and the chains were riveted on the wrists of the tolling millions. Did the raid treasury stop?

'It was easy to see," the senator said in "that the struggle for the emancipation had begun. There were millions now on the march, and they tramp. tramp, tramp; tramp sidewalks hunting work and the highways, begging bread, and unless relief comes they will some day take a notion to come to Washington with rifles in their hands to regain the liberties stolen from them, or which their representatives have

COVERED WITH BURNING OIL Sheridan Electrician Has a Narrow Escape from Death.

SHFRIDAN, Wyo., Jan. 29.-(Special.)-Fred Ebenbach, electrician for the Sheridan Electric company, was badly burned yesterday by an explosion of gaseline in h's soldering furnace. The burning gasoline was thrown over him and his clothing and hair were in flames in an instant. The prompt action of a fellow workman, who threw a large tarpaulin about the burning saved his life, and he escaped with severe burns about the hands and neck,

On Tuesday last Vina, the little daughter f George Kirby, living on the Rosebud fell from a toboggan and broke her right leg. John Morris, a well known cowboy whose range name is "Pack Saddle Jack," rode from Mr. Kirby's ranch to this place a distance of fifty miles, in four hours and thirty minutes. He at once started back with the doctor and reached Mr. Kirby's house at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, making the entire trip of 100 miles in thirteen bours, changing horses but once.

Mining Expert Reports. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-Colonel E. P. Snow, the mining expert, returned today from the new mining camp at Table mountain, thirty miles from this place. He brought with him samples of ore which do not require an expert to see that they are very rich in gold. Colonel Snow will return to the camp tomorrow and will take a force of men out with him to commence mining a car of ore to be shipped to Dena thorough test. Numbers of claim expectations of mining men and all classes of Cheyenne citizens are raised to the high est pitch over the prospects for the establishment of a permanent and profitable

Last of the Almy Mine Disaster. EVANSTON, Wyo., Jan. 29 .- (Special.) The settlement of the cases of the heirs of the victims of the Almy mine disaster against the Rocky Mountain Coal company having rendered further work on the part of the Aimy relief committee unnecessary, the committee was formally disbanded on day evening last. During the life committee it distributed \$4,545.92 eash among the widows and orphans of the

Two Outlaws Shot and Killed. DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 29 .- "Kid" Moorand George Bridges who had been ordered by Marshal Thompson to leave town and did bot go, were shot and killed in their shanty on the outskirts of the city by Thompson and Officer Fassbinder. As the officers refused to testify at the inquest, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the men were killed by persons unknown. The officers claim that they shot the men in self-defense, but as their victims never carried firearms, further proceedings are likely to be taken in the mat-

Lumber Dealers in Convention. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—The eighth an aual convention of the Missouri and Kansas Association of Lumber Dealers was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning with a good a large and appreciative audience.

attendance of delegates. President E. W. The young men of the Presbyte Adams' annual address and the secretary's gave a social and oyster supper a attendance of delegates. President E. W. Adams' annual address and the secretary's report took up the time of the morning ses-

BUSINESS OF THE LUMBERMEN

Sixth Annual Convention of the State Association in Session.

Fallure to Come to Terms with the Railroads Results in Disappointment to the Delegntes.

ABANDON THE SOUTHERN EXCURSION

LINCOLN, Jan. 23.-(Special.)-The sixth annual convention of the Nebraska Lumber Dealern' association is in session at the senate chamber in the state capitol. The meeting will continue two days, terminating in a banquet at the Lindell hotel tomorrow even-

ing. There was a preliminary meeting of the board of directors at the hotel at 11:30 a. m. at which a number of claims were presented and filed for action. The board comprised John W. Barry, Fairbury; J. D. Brewer, Albion; George E. Ford, Kearney; A. Barnett, McCock; S. D. Ayres, Ord, and E. J. Tucker, Howe. At 2 o'clock p. m. the convention was called to order in the senate chamber by President William Fried of Fremont. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Secretary J. C. Cleland of pion of the silver forces has, in h's old age, Fremont, following which President Fried come into this pitiful pass. And then to delivered his address. The committee on resthink that an indictment thus brought against clutions named by the president comprised clutions named by the president comprised Frank Colpetzer of Omaha, Budd Cutchfield of Elmwood, P. D. Smith of Lincoln, S. W. Leighton of Monroe, and J. L. Baker of Beemer.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY. "The south bows its head in shame at this exhibition of moral cowardice and despises plained the cause of the abandonment of the Discussing then the tariff bill, which passed in the regular session following, he said: cially notifying him that the Missouri and it, and allowed it to become a law without approval, but here again we have a received. "It is true he (the president) did not sign it, and allowed it to become a law without to become a law without to become a law without to terms with the railroads, and in consequence of charlatanry and hypocritical assumption of superiority to his party which has always marked his career. The tariff law which he repudiated as unworthy, involving "party perfidy and party dishonor," is the sheet anchor to which he clings."

The senator contended that if there has been one idea more persistently and promipently presented to the American people by Retail Lumberman's Insurance associations had been unable to come to remise unable to come a terms with the railroads, and in consequence of this the excursion must be abandoned. This notice had come after the second notice had reached the members, saying that the excursion would certainly come off. He declared that great disappointment was felt over the failure of the insurance bill in the last legislature, in 1895, to become a law. The popularity of such insurance is proved by the great success of the Retail Lumberman's Insurance associations Retail Lumberman's Insurance association of Minneapolis. The report also showed that the rights of the retailer are now being better observed by the wholesalers than they were before the association was formed. Although the period of depression covering 1895 had had its effect the secretary rec-ommended that the membership fee of \$10 be reduced to \$5. The committee on auditing was announced by the president and J. Newton Nind of Minneapolis took the floor and made an extended address upon trade prospects for the future and other matters, dweiling particularly on the need of co-operation of the retailers with the manufacturers The greater portion of Mr. Ninds' addres

was devoted to impressing upon the members present the necessity of insisting upon the rule which forbids the lumber manufacture: er wholesaler from selling direct to the consumer. As a member of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association Mr. Ninds related the history of many years' experience in this line of dealing and dwelt upon its eminent ustness and fairness. He also devoted some lime to a discussion of grades and classifications of lumber.

The report of the treasurer and the election of officers were laid over until morning and the session adjourned at 5 p. m intil 9 a. m. tomorrow. There was no night session. A majority of the members this evening attended the concatenation of the order of Hoo Hoos in the Halter block. The convention will canclude tomorrow evening with a banquet at the Lindell hotel. THOSE WHO WERE THERE.

Among the lumbermen present are the following: John Erford, Seward; John Engle-hart, Milford; C. C. Stearns, Omaha; George W. Baldwin, Crete; Wilber Martin, Beatrice; W. Baldwin, Crete; Wilber Martin, Beatrice; Hons Hansen, Minden; T. L. Davis, Utica Discussing the repeal of the purchasing D. Y. Chapin, Lincoln: H. W. Congdon, clause of the Sherman law which followed. Weeping Water; O. W. Dunn, Omaha; J. H. he said: "Democrats and republicane vied Roggers, Elmwood; C. A. Pyle, Benedict; W. with each other in the furtherance of the policy which had been formulated and stead by pursued by the senator from Ohio. When the M. B. Copeland, Louis Bradford, Treasurer J. C. Barclay, D. C. Bradford, Omaha; A. H. Weir, D. E. Green, H. P. Hermance, R. He Oakley S. A. Foster, Herman Viert, Lincoln C. B. Kenderman, Adams, Nob.; G. W. Rick-erts, Sioux City, Ia.; J. H. Erford, Seward, Neb.; J. J. Adams, Genoa, Neb.; T. W. Whiffin, DeWitt, Neb.; W. H. Harrison, Grand Island; Benjamin Critchfield, Elmwood, Neb. J. B. Adams, Blair, Neb.; J. Newton Nind. Minneapolis, Minn: A. Bennett, McCook, Neb.; O. O. Snyder, O'Neill, Neb.; H. H. Mohr, Pierce, Neb.; William Krotter, Stuart, Neb.; A. F. Duysing, St. Joe. Mo.; J. J. Bonekempner, Sutton, Neb.; F. F. French, Rhinelsmder, Wis.; C. H. Walrath, Atkinson, Rhinelander, Wis.; C. H. Walrath, Atkinson, Neb.; B. D. Sherwood, Atkinson, Neb.; J. E. McBenny, Bassett, Neb.; S. J. Ayres, Ord, Neb.; J. C. Waugh, Fordyce, Ark.; E. L. Meyers, Newport, Neb.; E. M. Clark, Sterling, Neb.; M. V. Scott, Central City, Neb.; E. J. Tucker, Howe, Neb.; W. W. Fullum, Blue Springs, Neb.; H. Binger, Wilbur, Neb.; Charles R. Lehrock, Cook; William Fried, president, Fremont; E. J. Clarke, Gretna; Henry Ralerto, Arlington; W. J. Norway, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; J. C. Cleland, Fremont, Neb.

GOSSIP FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

Hockenberger Gets a Suspension of Sentence from Supreme Court. LINCOLN, Jan. 29.-(Special.)-The supreme court today ordered a suspension of sentence in the case of the ex-treasurer of Hall county, Edward C. Hockenberger. Hockenberger was found guilty of embezzlement of funds while serving as county treasurer and sentenced to a term in the peni tentiary and a fine. The court decrees that give a bond by the 10th of February, and ball for his appearance in the sum of

The State Banking board has authorize the Bank of Wauneta and the Commercial Bank of Brayton to proceed under section 35 of the new banking law and settle up their Business. Both institutions became insolvent a short time since. The section provides that whenever the officers, stockholders or owners of any insolvent bank shall give a sufficient bond; conditioned upon the full settlement of all liabilities by such officers stockholders or owners, within a stated time and such bond shall have been approved by the State Banking board, the board shall then turn over all the assets of such bank to the officers, stockholders or owners of the

bank furnishing the bond. Governor Holcomb today added the name of Henry Meyer, of the firm of Meyer & Raapke, Omaha, to the Nebraska beet sugar which meets in Fremont on the th and 6th of February next.

County Treasurers George Hemstedt of of the Sarpy county, J. G. Giffmore of Nuckells, F. ing. ming made settlements with the audito

oday. The Lincoln Building and Improvemen company has filed articles of incorporation with a capital stock of \$5,000. The company business in Lincoln and Crippl Creek, Colo., operating hotels and a stock-holders' boarding club. The incorporators five horses, wagon, buggy and harness on are: C. J. Crooks, H. M. Casebeer, J. A. Wallingford, Mrs. H. C. Smith, E. T. Hoberts mortgage.

Will Investigate the Dodge Jury. FREMONT, Jan. 29. - (Special.) - This norning Judge Marshall instructed Sheriff Kreader to investigate and report upon cerain reports which had come to his knowledge that the jurors in the Dodge damage case against the Elkhorn had been tampered with. The court made no statement of the with. The court made no statement of the nature of the reports or what parties it was alleged had endeavored to influence the jury. A rumor that some person or persons were trying to talk with the jury was current Saturday, but it could not be substantiated. Judging from the action of the judge this morning it would appear that there is some foundation ofr the report.

Dr. Harsha Lectures at Bellevue. BELLEVUE, Neb., Jan. 29.-(Special.)-Rev. W. W. Harsha, D. D., of Omaha, former president of Bellevue college, delivered e very entertaining lecture Tuesday evening on the "Scientific Causes of Tornadoes," to

RECEIVER EXCEEDED HIS POWER. and No Right to Sign the Firm's Name

LINCOLN, Jan. 29.-(Special.)-Judge Shiras was a surprised jurist this morning. 'Orr," he said, "was appointed to wind up their business, not to carry it on by incuring fresh obligations."

The case had come up for trial in the United States circuit court and was that of Watkins, receiver of the First National brnk of Ponca, against Orr & Currie for the recovery of \$125 on a promissory note. The amount was not large, but the circumstances were peculiar. As the facts were developed to the Jury It became evident that there was involved a principle the violation of which would establish a dangerous precedent and pen the doors to endless fraud and litiga-tion. Owing to some differences between the pattners Orr & Currie, druggists, a bill was filed in court asking for a dissolution of the firm. As Orr was a practical druggist, he was placed in charge of the firm's business and ordered by the court to wind up its cwers and deties as receiver and agent of he court Orr borrowed \$125 from the defunct bank for the purpose of paying for goods purchased in carrying on the business. He gave the firm's promissory note to the bank as security for the loan. Of course, this was before the failure of the Bank of Ponca." I. was when thic fact came out that Judge Shiras looked grave. So long as counsel for the receiver could find a leg to stand on he argued for his client. But his words were worse than uscless. Judge Shiras said; "If it were to be held that the court's agent had authority to issue negotiable paper in the firm's name, even for a short time loan, there would be nothing to prevent such

agent from giving the firm's note for ten years at 10 per cent." This doctrine was declared to be fallacicus and the precedent dangerous. The very fact that a dissolution had been asked for was presumptive evidence that to one of the partners at least it appeared it was time to call a halt. Thereupon the court directed jury to return a verdlet against Orr for

being an action in equity, submitted to the court on briefs last night, counsel agreeing upon a state of facts, will be heard by Judge Shiras next Friday. Editor Ellis of the Beatrice Tribune, ar-ested for sending obscene matter through he mails and bound over in the sum of \$300. will have a preliminary hearing in Beatrice tomorrow before United States Commissioner

Argument in the Valley county bond case

J. E. Colby. Information was received late this after oon that one of the Burlington's discharged foramen, T. H. Berkley, chief of the re-pair gang, had preferred charges against Superintendent Ed Bignell, which had been forwarded to President Harris at Chicago. Bignell is charged with having been instrumental in ousting Berkley from his position. Among the charges, it is said, is one to the effect that Bignell has employed railway men to work at Burlington Beach, a private en-terprise conducted by Bignell, for his per-sonal gain. Bignell's friends vehemently deny the charges. They say they were made once before and disproved.

once before and disproved.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—Frank Colpetzer, M. B. Coneland, D. W. Dunn, George W. Kelly, J. C. Barclay, J. L. Baker, H. N. Jewett, Louis Bradford, D. C. Bradford, A. J. Cooley, George Cott. At the Lincoln—C. I. Pettibone, F. E. Sanbotn, G. A. Rathbun, E. P. Sweeley, D. F. Hurd.

WALKER TO HANG MARCH Jury at Lexington Finds the Con-

demned Sane. LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 29,-(Special Telegram.)-The jury in the Walker case, after being out fifteen hours, returned a verdict of same and the judge ordered the sentence of hanging to be executed March 4. The examination to determine Walker's mental condition continued yesterday to an increased attendance. The projecution called a large number of witnesses who reside in or near Farnam, the scene of the crime. S. F. Parker, A. Garvin and Eugene Cedar testified that they had known Walker for a long period and that they considered Walker same at all times.

Dr. Crecoran of Farnam was also examined He testified that he knew the prisoner be-fore the crime was committed and had ex-amined him since the murder and that Walker was capable of judging right from wrong and in his opinion was sane. Sheriff Holson and Dr. Bancroft were examined, but no new facts were brough

Af 6 p. m. the prosecution and defense fused to hold the case open any longer, giving as his reason that the evidence could only be cumulative. At 7:30 the arguments commenced, lasting until midnight.
Considerable comment is indulged in over the fact that Judge Bell Greene represents the Widow Stevens in a suit for \$5,000 against Walker. Public sentiment is largely against Walker, more on account of the numerous murderers who have been cleared heretofore than upon the actual merits of

TWO CONVENTIONS WILL BE HELD. State Republican Committee Has

Practically Concluded Arrangement. LINCOLN, Jan. 29,-(Special.)-The reput can state central comm'ttee has practically decided to call two state conventions, the first for the election of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis, the last for the nomination of state officers. Thursday, April 30, is the day most favorably mentioned by the members of the committee for the delegate convention. The principal reason assigned for calling two conventions is the extreme length of the campaign which would follow nominations for state officers made at the necessarily early convention to elect delegates to St. Louis. A long campaign would be distasteful as well as expensive to candidates. Another reason given for two enventions is the apparent impossibility of idjusting a state republican platform to the platform before the latter has been ited. This would have to be done promulgated. were the state officers nominated at the sam convention. The latter part of July or the 1st of August are dates named by members of the Nebraska committee for the last convention.

PYTHIAN CONVENTION AT MCOOK District Meeting and a Banquet Well Attended.

M'COOK, Neb., Jan. 29.-(Special Telegram.)-The district meeting, Knights of Pythias, held in McCook this afternoon and evening by Grand Chancellor Commander George E. Ford of Kearney, Vice Grand Chancellor Gus Norburg of Holdrege and Supreme Representative Will L. Scism of Omaha, was a notable event in western Ne-braska Pythianism. Among the features of the meeting were the supreme concert in the evening by the Nebraska Brigade band of this city and the spiendid banquet follow-

P. Heston of Wheeler and J. F. Zajick of Left the State with Mortgaged Goods FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-T J. Grogan, late foreman of the Fitzgerald ranch, was brought back from Hanover, Kan. by Sheriff Mendenhall Sunday night to an swer the charge of removing mortgaged propfrom the state. He was leaving

The managers of the Jefferson County Agricultural society have decided to have the annual fair for 1896 on September 15 to 18 inclusive

Verdict Against Buckstaff & Utt. LINCOLN, Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)-The jury in the federal circuit court this morning brought in a verdict of \$7,900 against Buckstaff & Utt, formerly proprietors of the Lincoln Paper Mill. Russell & Co. sued the firm for payment on eagine and be furnished the mill in the sum of \$4,000. fendants set up that the engine had been represented to use less coal than a Corliss whereas it used much more, and they claimed an offset of \$10,000 for extra fuel. The ver dict is a great surprise to many who heard

Fire in a Hatel. BENNINGTON, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-The Oft hetel of this place caught fire last night under the large range. The fire was not noticed until an early hour this morning when the entire hotel was full of smok Prompt action on the part of the employed and citizens saved the hotel. The damage to the building will probably not exceed \$50. HUNDREDS GOING TO FREMONT

Proposed Bees Sugar Convention Attracting Many Delogates.

People of Praminence Who Will Address the Gathering in the Interest of Beet Culture

Agat Week.

FREMONT, Jan. 29.-(Special.)-The local committee of arrangements of the best sugar convention feel very much gratified over the outlook for the meeting. Word was received today that Fillmore county had appointed fifty delegates, thirty of them from the Federation of Labor. The badges of the delegates, which are made of red woolen printed and are unique. All the beet growers in this vicinity are deeply interested in gatherings ever held in the state. The following program has been prepared:

FIRST DAY-FEBRUARY 5. Call to order...... W. N. Nason, Secretary Prayer.

Address of Welcome.
Mayor of Fremont, Hon. William Fried Address of the President.
Hon. George D. Meiklejohn Appointment of Committees on Credentials and Resolutions.
Address. Governor Silas A. Holcomb The Best Sugar Industry as a Diversifier of Crops. Hon. R. W. Furnas Questions answered—ten minutes.
Scientific Treatment Agriculturally Considered

Beet Sugar Industry as a Factor n Manufacturing... Danie: Farrell, jr. Questions answered—ten minutes. iness meeting, election of officers, etc. Business meeting. SECOND DAY-FEBRUARY 6.

Morning, 9 a. m.— Prayer. The Industry Commercially Considered.

Practical Beet Raising. Adam Fuleride, I. W. Reynolds, Hans Penderson, W. H Hawley, J. D. McDonnid and others Subject of Seed, including varieties....

The city council last night selected John Unrub, Honi John A. Davies, Dennis O. Dwyer, John Ar-Guttche and Charles D. Grimes to represent this city at the beet

CHICKENS AND QUAIL KILLED. Wolf Hunt in Antelope County Ends

sugar convention at Frement.

ELGIN, Neb., Jan. 29.-(Special.)-The greatest wolf hunt ever witnessed in Antelope county took place yesterday. The circle ago, covered six townships. The lines were nicely to die, so the report goes. managed by the different captains and the roundup took place on a vacant section in the sand hills. There were about 800 people in the chase and as the lines closed in i presented quite a war-like scene, with their brave captains mounted, giving commands to fire on the poor victims who had been surrounded. There were eight wolves slain, 110 jack rabbits, besides the cotton tails, chick ens and quall, which were killed in large numbers. There came very nearly being puting over the last wolf slain, both claiming to have fired the fatal shot. The difference was finally settled by friends. The wolf was a fine specimen, being very large, almost snow white, with beautiful red tints. The hunt was so pleasant they will organize for

FREMONT, Jan. 29 .- (Special.) -- Saunders county people had a wolf hunt yesterday starting acress the Platte just south of this city. Several wolves were started, but only Enough ammunition was wasted to kill 100 wolves. About 200 boys and men Another hunt is planned for to

REPUBLICANS LINCOLN

Young Men's Club in Annual Conven tion at the Capital. LINCOLN, Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)-The annual meeting of the Young Men's Republican club was held tonight. John P Cunningham was elected president: E. F. Brown first and Fred Woodward second vice president; B. C. Fox, secretary; T. E. Smith assistant secretary, and John Farwell, treasurer. Resolutions were named indorsing Senator John M. Thurston's recent speech in favor of a vigorous enforcement of the roe dectrine. The officers will be installed on the night of February 12 at the annua banquet and club celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Combining Two Issues. STROMSBURG, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-Rev. Mr. Woodby and wife are now engaged in a thorough canvass of this county osten sibly in the interests of prohibition, but they invariably devote one of these lectures to free silver and finances generally. They will be in attendance here at the prohibition

convention to be held February 1.

Last evening a number of solons met and debated the question as to the advisability of the government issuing bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000. The house was crowded to overflowing and great interest was manifested. It was finally decided to

issue bonds. Mild Weather at Fort Robinson. FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 29.-(Spe cial.)-The conditions of weather in this portion of Nebraska are such that the people are treated 'q spen air concerts every day by the Ninth, eavilry band. The quarters occupied by Post [Quartermaster Sergeant John J. Hittinger, recently arrived here. been placed under quarantine, his children having contracted a case o fever while enroute from Atlanta Ga., to this place.

Banquet to Old Soldiers. VALLEY, Neb Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The banquet given by Charles Hanter last evening to the members and their wives of Atlantic post No. 174, Gfand Army of the Republic of Valley and Waterloo, at his residence was a grand success There were thirty-five couples present. Colonel Beansir and Rev. Mr. Yost spoke and 195 old soldiers heartily applauded. A few army songs were indulge n and the crowd gave a vote of thanks t their host. Whitmore Bros. shipped this morning three

loads of cattle to Omaha and one load of horses to Springfield, Mass.

The school board let the contract yesterday to Hamilton Bros. of Omaha to build the new brick school flouse here. Price, \$7,200.

War Concert at Fairmont. FAIRMONT, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.) The Woman's Relief corps of the Grand Army of the Republic gave a war concert to a crowded house last evening, the object being to raise money to pay the expenses of the delegates to the department encamp-ment to be held February 12 and 13. The re-ceipts of the evening were \$37.

Surprise Party at Duncan. DUNCAN, Neb., Jan. 29,-(Special.)-Quite number of young people attended a surprise party at Frankel Randall's last night, it be-ing her birthday. Just before dark they be-gan arriving and after a lunch of good things they spent the evening in pleasant games. AFTER GENOA'S BLACK DIAMONDS. Company Sinking a Shaft with a View

of Finding Cont. GENQA, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—This city at present is somewhat excited on the coal question. A company is now at work putting down a prospect shaft. They are down about thirty-five feet and have encoun-PREPARATIONS" OF THE COMMITTEES tered a stratum of state. They have passed through a stratum of scapstone and a formathrough a stratum of scapstone and a forma-tion of pyrites, from which most beautiful specimens were taken, a formation much re-sembling fire clay. That coal exists in this locality is vouched for by Judge Hudson of Columbus, who was with the Mormons when they located here at an early date. Hudson that the Mormons during their stay says that the Mormons, during their stay leave, to give place to the Pawners, they carefully concelled all evidence of its ex-istence so completely that he, after the istence so completely that he, after the lapse of time and consequent changes, is unable to locate the spot.

Some years ago the state geologist, I think Prof. Aurey, made a survey and examination here, and expressed the opinion that coal would be found here at a depth of 300 to 500 feet. Practical Illinois coal miners goods, manufactured in Fremont, have been being done here about five years ago and pronounced the formations through which the shaft passed similar, if not identical, with the success of the convention. From present indications it will be one of the largest gated the subject that all that is required is energy and push, with some capital, to open a mine of wealth to the state in coal.

> RAIN IN WESTERN NEBRASKA. Prospects for a Continued Fall in

Perkins County. ELSIE, Nab., Jan. 29 .- (Special Telegram.) A nice rain commenced falling here at 7 'clock this evening and is steadily increasing. The prospects are good for an all night

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Jan. 29.- (Special.)-

This morning the weather indicates rain or snow as it is very cloudy and threatening, BENKELMAN, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Since 4 o'clock this afternoon rain has been falling gently, with prospects

Failed to Pay for the Bridges.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-The natter of payment of the claim of \$23,000 of he King Bridge company has been engrousing he attention of the new board of supervisors almost entirely since its organization. It appears that in 1892 and 1893 the freshets carried out many of the old wooden bridges in the county and the bridge fund being exhausted a contract was entered into be-tween the board and the King company to put in a number of iron bridges, the com-pany to have interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the time of the com pletion of the work until the payment of th claim. In accordance with this contract the board last year ordered the county clerk to draw the warrants for the amount. At this Juncture an attorney prevented the issuance of the warrants. Since that time King's attorney has made the board a proposition looking to a settlement, which as yet has not been accepted. A telegram has been received from the bridge company that a representative from Des Moines has started Beatrice and upon his arrival will make the board another proposition. The matter has created a great deal of interest in the county, a few believing the board should fight the claim, but a great many looking upon a refusal to issue the warrants as a repudiation of a claim that has been acknowledged by the board is justly due.

Fish Dying at South Bend. ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Spacial.)-Re orts come from the state fisheries at South Bend, a few miles from here, to the effect that the fish are dying. Over 10,000 have died already, and if they keep on there won't be a fish left soon. Mr. O'Brien, who has been superintendent of the fisheries for the past twelve years, left over a week and since that time the fish commenced acting superintendent for the winter, and

The Ashland Young People's club spent very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr and Mrs. William Pickering last evening Oysters were served by the young ladies. Dancing and games were indulged in by Oysters were served by the

those present.
N. W. Wells went to Salt creek, at the o fish. He cut a hole in the ice, and, after fishing for a while, slipped through, his feet touching the bottom, while nothing but his ead was out of the water. He called lustily Mr. Anglin heard him and went to his rescae, pulling him cut. Gullty of Stenling a Buggy.

FREMONT, Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-The jury in the case of the state against John Spangler, charged with the larceny of a buggy from Hugh Scilley, foreman of the Standard Cattle company at Ames, brought in a ver dict of guilty this morning and fixed the value of the property stolen at \$50. Spangler was arrested at Glenwood, Ia., December morrow, taking in the country just west of town and north of the Platte. days protested his innocence and wanted a

The case against Peter Milledge, one of the alleged gang of hog thieves, is now on trial. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting a jury. The regular panel was exhausted this morning and the sheriff sum-moned ten talesmen. A jury was obtained at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There are a large number of witnesses on both sides and the case will probably last two days. The court room was filled with farmers today and the feeling against the prisoners is

strong. Ended All with a Bullet. NEW CASTLE, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-John Dempsey, aged 45, a single man, living with his parents four miles southeast of here, started for home yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. While two miles from town, by the railroad track, he stopped and shot himself through the breast with a 38-caliber revolver. The body was found by the section men shortly after the shooting. His clothing was then on fire. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide. The ball went through coming out near the shoulder blade. He was a poor man and tired of life.

Bloomington Woman Burned. BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.) -George Fisher's house caught fire this afternoon. His wife went into the room, not knowing of the fire, and before she could get out of reach of the flames her face and hands were badly burned. It was put out with but little damage. Sale of Fine Hogs.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special. -Gustave Dagendorfer, from west of this dity, sold today at Omaha what is considered the best lot of hogs ever taken out of Cars county. There were twenty-four of them, the total weight of which was 9,892 pounds, or an average weight of 412.15. Expenses of Jefferson County.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.)-The estimate of expenses of Jefferson county for 1896, as made by the county commis-sioners, amounts to \$56,060, of which \$600 is for Russian thistles.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. a hard struggle for existence the Basset Advocate has given up the ghost. The school teachers of Shelton recently visited the Grand Island schools in a body. Depositors in the broken First National bank at Ravenus have received 30 per cent of their holdings. M. L. Fries of Arcade announces himself

as a republican aspirant for congress in the big Sixth district. A Baptist revival at Crab Orchard has gar pered forty penitents into the fold, and the good work continues.

Little Walter Kerl of West Point fell from wagon and allowed the wheels to pass over his arm, breaking it above the elbow. The Grand Island sugar factory has many applications from farmers who desire contract for beets for the coming season. The Masonic Building association of Grand Island expects to pay off every cent of in-debtedness within the next eighten months. George Skiff of Heskins inserted his left hand into a corn sheller and the doctor is proud of the successful job he made of

he amputation. P. H. Barry, jr., son of Adjutant General Barry, has taken a wife, Miss Rose Mc-Fadden of Greeley transferring her hand TIME OF DROUTH IS ENDED

Result of the Operation of the Natural Law of Climate.

Prof. Moore Analyzes the Cause Yenra In Nebraska Points Out the and Bright Side.

In answer to a query from Secretary Agriculture Morton, Prof. Willis L. Mcore, chief of the government weather bureau, discusses the rainfall of Nebraska as follows:

"The excessive drouth of the fall of 1895, ipled with the fact that the rainfall of 1893 and 1894 was deficient in many localities west of the Mississippi and in other por-tions of the United States, has caused a feeling of dou't and uncertainty in the minds of many as regards the stability of our climate. It is, perhaps, not generally known that the rainfall of the United States. as a whole, for the past five years, and in some localities for a longer period, has been deficient. In some portions the deficiency has been continuous; in others the general deficiency has been broken by one or years of average or slightly excessive rainfall. But it is particularly in the plains re-gion where the normal rainfall is barely sufficient for the needs of agriculture that the distress has been most severely felt.
"In Nebraska accurate records of rainfall

have been kept for periods varying from fourteen to twenty-five years. The average rainfall of the state, as a whole, for the entire period of observation is twenty-three and a half inches. For the past ten years it is but twenty-one and a half inches. The average rainfail of a state, as a whole, is sometimes misleading. In the case of Na-braska the avergae of the eastern central section, from Dakota county on the north to the southern border, and extending west-ward almost to Fremont, is about thirty inches. Westward, with increase of elevanear the 101st meridian, it averages eighteeinches per annum, and on the western bor der of the state falls to about fourteen nches, except in the extreme northwest where it averages from sixteen to eighteen inches.

WET AND DRY SPELLS. "There was an abnormally wet period over a greater portion of the state from 1881 to 1884; also in 1891, when there was an abundance of rain over the whole state. the following year the rainfall was about the average; for the past three years, however, there has been a general deficiency in all sections. The deficiency in 1893 was about three and a half inches; in 1894, about sever nd three-quarter inches; and in 1895, about three and three-quarters inches.

"The wet period of 1881-1885 was followed by four years of barely normal rainfall— 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889—and one year, 1890, of deficient rainfall, making a total for the five years considerably below the preceding five years. The same condition of deficient rainfall for the five years ending with 1890 oids for the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Winconsin, Iowa, Illinois Indiana, northern Ohio, Kentucky, Tennes-use, Mississippi, Louisians, Texas, Arkansus Kansas, Missouri and other states "From the foregoing it would appear that

the creet of the wave of maximum rainfall was reached in the western central portion of the United States about 1885, corresponing to Bruckner's maximum period mentione herein, and that we have about completed period of diminishing rainfall, 1886-1895. is interesting to note, however, that the period of maximum rainfall for the middle states and New England was not 1881-1885, but the succeeding five years, 1886-1890, and this suggests the possibility of a progressive movement in the areas of excessive rainfall. The data at hand are not sufficient to de ermine the question satisfactorily.

"Periods of excessive and deficient rain-fall seem to alternate, but not with such certainty and regularity as would warrant the assumption that there is a well defined progressive change from wet to dry and vice

"Prof. Bruckner of Berne made a special study of the oscillations of climate in 1891 from all available data at that time. Using the averages for five year periods he finds that for Europe, Asia and North America the periods 1831-1840, 1856-1865 (1871-1875) were deficient in rainfall, while those of 1841. 1855, 1866-1870 (1876-1885) were in excess of the normal amount. It also appears from his investigations that this oscillation is true for the whole of the land surface, and that a deficiency in one section is not counter-balanced by an excess in another. In a hasty comparison of Prof. Bruckner's con-clusions with the actual rainfall of the United States for the period of 1876-1891 it is found that for portions of the country his results agree fairly well with the facts, but the ca ceptions are so numerous that it cannot be said the law is of general application. WILL RAIN AGAIN.

"As regards the drouth conditions that have

prevailed in Nebraska during the past three years, it is important to remember that at no time since the beginning of systematic observations in that state, twenty-five years ago, have such conditions obtained. At Ore gon, Mo., not far distant from the south eastern border of Nebraska, Mr. Josep Kaucher has kept an account of the rainfall for thirty-six years. The aggregate rainfall at his station for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895 is the least of any other three consecutive years since 1860, and the rainfall of 1894 is the least of any year of the entire period. Scarching through the rainfall records of Nebraska, which extend back to 1869 in the eastern portion of the state and to 1874 in the western portion, we are unable to find a parallel to the conditions that bave prevailed during the three years just past. The rainfall records kept at the military post of Fort Leavenworth extend back to 1837. The years of small precipitation at that post are: 1847, fourteen inches; 1860 fifteen inches; 1843, nineteen inches, and 1864, nineteen inches.

"If the foregoing proves anything, it is that the three years just past are exceptional, and that a return to normal con-ditions may be confidently expected. The accumulated observations of more than century show unmistakably that there is no gradual progress toward desert conditions in any part of the globe, and that while a single dry year may be followed by ana single other, and yet another, the return to nor-mal conditions is sure and certain."

GLADSTONE IN ANOTHER LETTER. Expresses Hope for a Solution of the

Armenian Problem. NEW YORK, Jan. 29 .- A special to the Herald from London says: Mr. Gladstone has written another latter on the Armenian question, in which, after referring to the murderous wickedness of the sultan, his absolute victory over the powers and their un paralleled disgrace and defeat," he says I cannot wholly abandon the hope that ou f this darkness light will arise, but the mat ter rests with the Almighty, to whom surely all should address fervent prayers in behalf of His suffering creatures."



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Much Attention. TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)-The taking of testimony occupied all the day in the Tate murder trial. Nothing of a startling nature was brought out, but the testimony of all the witnesses was de-PROGRESSIVE RANGE OF RAINFALL cidedly interesting. The state called Dr. A. J. Ramsey, Linn Carman, Homer Smith, Carlos Forell, Worthy Goodman, Sheriff W. H. Woolsey and Porty Catheart and the testimony of these men concluded the state's case. The defense called but one wilness tonight, Harry Sutton. He occupied the stand for a considerable length of time and gave some interesting evidence. The hope of the defense is to make the case one of justifiable homi-cide. The case will be taken up again at 9 o'clock in the morning. Great interest has been manifested by citizens in this case and many people from adjoining towns are in attendance. The court room today was ter-

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Slayer of Young Catheart Attracting

CROWDS

Urges Captain Cassell's Claims, AURORA, Neb. Jan. 28 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As the encampment of the Department of Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic at Omaha is drawing near, the candidates for the different offices are being thought of and talked about by the "old boys in blue." Senior Vice Commander Culver will undoubtedly be elected commander and Junior Vice Ehrhardt senior vice, thus giving the eastern part of the state the two first, and now as a matter of justice to the comrades west the third ought to go farther west, and for that reason Captain J. N. Cas-sell, Zach Chandler post No. 44, Aurora, is considered a very favorable candidate for junior vice and should receive the support the comrades from all parts of the state His levalty to the Grand Army public is beyond question and the best interests of the Department of Nebraska are uppermost in his heart. OLD COMRADE.

University Place Literary Trent. UNIVERSITY PLACE, Neb., Jan. 29. (Special.)-An unusually large crowd assembled last evening in the university chapel thirty to witness the graduating exercises of Miss Georgia A. Reed from the school of elecution. The young lady acquitted herself splen-didly. She recited "Derrick Sterling," "Nora Mulligan's Thanksgiving Party," and "In de Valley an' de Shadder." She responded to an encore after the second selection. Chancellor Crook made an appropriate speeca and presented the diploma.

Married at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 29 .- (Special.) -At the home of the bride's sister, in this city, today occurred the wedding of Miss Berenice Kearney to George P. Billup, a lumber merchant of Lindsay. Miss Kearney has been a leading temperance worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance union for some time, at present being state organizer of the L. T. L. and is held in high esteem by her associates.

Both Cut Their Throats. COLVILLE, Wash., Jan. 29.-Judge Arthur sentenced Adolph Niese and his wife to twenty years in the penitentiary for beating their 10-year-old son to death. beating their 10-year-old son to death, Shortly after the prisoners were taken from the court room and placed in their cells both cut their throats with a razor. Niese is dead and his wife is in a critical condi-

Waiting for Documents from Sutro. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 29.-Senator Goabel's bill to repeal the charter of the Southern Pacific Ra'lroad company is resting in the hands of the judiciary committee, awaiting the arrival of documents from Mayor Sutro of San Francisco, for which Senttor Goebel has telegraphed. The bill will be reported cromptly after the documents arrive.

Killed on Omaha Boy. PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 29.-Walter Lainson, 8 years of age, son of Mrs. Lainson of Omaha, who was living here with his brother, Will Sawall, was shot and killed this afternoon by Tom Holmes, the 8-year-old son of District Attorney Holmes.

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without food. They cry for it, and are not answered. The pity of it! But often nature cries out in other ways that her children need nourishment. Is your child thin; actually poor in flesh? Does it get no benefit from its food? Then give something which produces flesh and makes rich blood.

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