### TURNED DRY SOIL INTO MUD

Rain or Snow at Almost All Points in the State.

MUCH AS HALF AN INCH IN PLACES

Record of the Fall as Made at the Railroad Offices-Indications Are that More Will Come. .

At all of the railroad headquarters yesterday some form or other along the lines. In most

six inches; Red Cloud, snow and rain; Resix inches; Red Cloud, snow and rain; Re-publican, rain, 15-100 inches; Norton, rain; of the year and predicts great things for Oberlin, mist; Orleans, rain; Wilsonville, rain, 10-100 inches; Herndon, rain; McDonaid and St. Francis, cloudy; Arapahoe and McCock, mist and rain; Benkelman, Eckley and Akron, cloudy; Corona, light snow; Denver, light rain; Imperial, Burns Junction and Lyons, cloudy.

cloudy.

On the Wyoming division there was light snow at Crawford, Ardmore, Custer, Hill City. On the Wyoning division there was light snow at Crawford, Ardmore, Custer, Hill City, Deadwood, Spearfish Merino, Clearmont and Sheridan. At Newcastle and Arvada three inches of snow fell. At Broken Bow and Dunning there was light snow, combined with rain. It was stormy at Belmont. At Plattsmouth the fall of rain was slight, 15-100 inches; at Ashland, 27-100; at Schuyler, 15-160; at Lincoln it was light; at Seward it amounted to half an inch; a good rain was reported from Columbus; at Aurora it was 29-100; at Grand Island, 42-100; at Central City, 46-100; at Palmer, 17-100; at Greeicy Center and Ericson it was very light; at Burwell it was 25-100; there was snow at Loup City; at Crete, 6-100; at Fairmont there was a light rain, which fell all night; Sutton reported 48-100; Harvard a good rain; Hastings and Kearney a light rain.

From the Burlington's southern division there was reported a light rain at Atchison; mist at Ruio; light rain at Nemaha, Nebraska City, Syracuse and Salem, Tecumseh,

braska City, Syracuse and Salem, Tecumseli, Hanover, Washington, Concordia and Chester, It was cloudy at Table Rock, At Hickman, Wilber and Odell there was some rain. At Endicott the fall amounted to 32-100 inches; at Strang, 36-100; at Superior, -100; at Edgar, 30-100; at Blue Hill,

The Rock Island reported rain in Nebraska and heavier storms east of the Missouri. A prominent railroad official who came through prominent railroad official who came through Iowa yesterday said that there was a good deal of rain all through the state. There seems to be but little snow, however, except in the higher altitudes. This was the report of the Elkhorn, as well as the general report. In the opinion of men who are supposed to know what the state needs most, it is a heavy fall of snow. They say that the ground is hard and that most any fall of rain will run off the surface and drain into the Missouri river, while a good snow would give to the earth the moisture it so badly needs.

it so badly needs.

Between 8 o'clock Thursday night and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, 14-100 inches of rain fell in this city. The morning was a cloudy one, with a slight fall of rain at intervals. At noon it was drizzling. The weather bureau reports the pressure as high over the west and northwest. Light snow has fallen in the northwest.

#### QUANTITIES OF RAIN AND SNOW. Nebraska Farmers See Certain

Signs of Prosperity. SUPERIOR, Neb., Jan. 31 .- (Special.)-The fine rain of ast night was a very unusual occurrence in January. The season so far has been exceedingly damp and cloudy, without much moisture. Many springs that victims are heartily disgusted. have been dry for the past two years have commenced to flow and all indications are

commenced to flow and all indications are for a bountiful harvest for this year.

TRENTON, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A gentle rain began failing last evening and continued most of the night.

FARNAM, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—This locality was visited last night and this morning by a succession of showers, which was ing by a succession of showers, which was followed by a heavy, damp atmosphere, which is likely to result in more rain. This condi-tion of things tends strongly to confirm the farmer in the conviction that good crops this

year are pretty well assured.

WAUNETA, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Rain commenced falling here yesterday evening and continued during the night, fully one-half inch registering. This is the first rain that has fallen here for some time and it appears to have been very general over this part of the state. It is still cloudy and prospects are for more rain or snow. Farmers are anxiously looking forward to a wet seed time, which will insure them a bountiful harvest the coming season. The conditions are regarded as very favorable. NORTH BEND, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—

Light rain has been falling here for the past twelve hours and will do much good to win-

UTICA, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Rain began falling here about 9 o'clock last night and continued nearly all night, and this morning the prospects look good for more moisture, thus placing the ground in good moisture, thus placing the ground in good condition for the spring plowing. Fall wheat is looking splendid and bids fair for a rich

GENOA, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell here last night, the first for several weeks. The ground being well thawed out, was in excellent condition to receive the moisture. There are fine indicans for snow this morning, which, if it mes, will insure the best prospect for crops

LITCHFIELD, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—
A light rain fell here last night. It has been cloudy all day and is misting tonight. The clouds have every appearance of a good rain. Though there has been a great deal of cloudy, mp weather the past two weeks, but little DELGRADE, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A

fine rain set in yesterday and continued a steady downpour all last night, and as the ground is not frozen, it was all absorbed. This will put the ground in fine shape for pring work. This section has had a re-markably fine winter so far, and all through this month the ground has not been frozen so as to prevent farmers from digging post holes and making fences, which is remark-able for this latitude. The fail of snow so has not exceeded an inch. Stock of all kinds are wintering on the commons, and the farmers will have a surplus of feed which they can sell, and to some extent make up for shortage of crops and low

ORD, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—One-tenth of an inch of rain fell here early this morn-It has remained dull and cloudy all and this evening it is raining again. This kind of winter weather is beyond the memory of the oldest inhabitant. IMPERIAL, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The

first moisture of any consequence that this county has received for many months made its appearance last evening, when it began ruining, and continued during the night and rolling, and continued during the night and up to this afternoon. Over one inch of water has fallen, and from appearances at the present time it looks as though it would continue during the day and night. The people greet with joy its coming, and it is the belief of all that it is a forerunner of a good crop season. January has been a phenomenal month. There has been but two or three days in it that the thermometer has reached zero and these who had out. two or three days in it that the thermometer has reached zero, and three who had out-door work to do could perform it in their shirt sieeves with comfort. A comparison of this month with the diary kept by citi-zens of the weather of January, 1891, shows the two months almost identical, and in 1891 Chase county reised as fine a crop as was

raised in the state. The farmers feel very much encouraged, and are making preparations to put out a large acreage of crops in the spring.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A drizzling rain fell here the greater part of last night which, with the melting snow, will be described by the state of the state of the spring snow.

be of great benefit, but lots more of it is badly needed.

NELSON, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—This section was visited by a fine rain last night, the first since November. Although three failures in succession have visited Nuckolis county the people still have faith in Nebraska and are waking propagations to the agent. and are making preparations to try again.

BRAINARD, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A nice rain commenced falling here last night about 7 o'clock, and continued all night. This is the first good rain since early last

fall, MONROE, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—It At all of the railroad headquarters yesterday commenced raining here last evening at 9 morning there was reported moisture in o'clock, and continued steadily until this some form or other along the lines. In most morning. This rain will materially benefit places it was no more than light rain, al-

places it was no more than light rain, although in a number of localities the rainfall amounted to half an inch and at other points there was considerable snow. On the Union Pacific there was light rain Thursday night between Omaha and North Platte, and some on the branches north and south.

The Burlington's weather report was as follows: Western Division—Holdrege, rain; Curtis and Holyoke, mist; Cheyenne, snow, six inches; Red Cloud, snow and rain; Reground in excellent condition so far.

EXETER, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—For several days this week the indications have been favorable for moisture of some kind. Every day has been cloudy, with heavy mista, especially during the nights. Yesterday a heavy mist fell all day, and last night a light rain commenced falling, which heavy mista, especially during the nights. Yesterday a heavy mist fell all day, and last night and follows: Western Division—Holdrege, rain; Curtis and Holyoke, mist; Cheyenne, snow, six inches; Red Cloud, snow and rain; Re-

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.) —Considerable moisture has fallen in this vicinity during the past three days. Last night it rained quite heavy, and this morn-ing the ground is covered with a light snow. The farmers say that the ground is in better condition now for farming than it has been

dering the walks about town very slip-

condition now for farming than it has been for several years at this time.

FREMONT, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—It commenced raining about 11 o'clock last evening and rained steadily until morning. The warm weather had taken nearly all the frost from the ground, and most of the water that fell soaked in. The amount of the rainfall is estimated at three-quarters of an inch. A fall of over one inch is reported at Ames.

ported at Ames. OSCEOLA, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Polk county people are feeling pretty good to-day on account of the rain. It began to come down last night about 9 o'clock and is still

BINGHAM, Neb., Jan. 31 .- (Special.) -- This section was treated to a good rain last night. The ground is wet to a considerable depth.

### NOW THEY ARE KICKING.

City Hall Attaches Not Pleased with that Basement Juli.

It will require about thirty incandescent lights to properly illuminate the city hall basement. The indications are that the basement will prove to be a very gloomy location for the jail and the lights will have to be for the fall and the lights will have to be run day and night. The wiring has to be entirely remodeled in order that none of the him what he should do with it. The board

for the next two months in the midst of such a hubbub. The ease with which sound is conducted to the upper part of the building is also suggestive of the chorus that will be in evidence after the cells are filled with a lot of howling drunks, and, altogether, the

## RICE MUST PROSECUTE SAVAGE.

on a Serious Charge. The preliminary hearing of the charges against Hiram Savage was set for Thursday afternoon in police court, but was continued until next Monday. The continuance was granted on a showing that all the witnesses in the case were not secured and that neither the defense nor the prosecution was ready.

The state is taking steps to compel William Rice, whose daughter, Alberta, Savage is charged with debauching, to prosecute the After the complaint was filed Rice suddenly dropped his desire to prosecute and announced that he did not care to push the matter further. Assistant County At-torney Day, however, has informed him that if he does not produce the girl at the hearing he will at once draw up a complaint, charg-ing him with compounding a felony.

Interests South Omaha Exchange Men The members of the Live Stock exchange at South Omaha are considerably interested in a ruling of the court at Kansas City. The exchange at the Kansas City yards imposed a fine of \$1,000 on a commission firm for cutting commissions, contrary to the rules, and threatened the firm with expul-sion unless the amount specified was paid. The firm in question went into court to obtain an injunction, preventing the ex-change from interfering. The court held that as the exchange was an unincorporated body, and as members agreed to the rules and regulations in signing the constitution and bylaws, the court could not enjoin the enforcement of those rules.

The exchange at South Omaha is incor-

porated, and whenever it has attempted to discipline any of its members the courts have been appealed to successfully. As a result, the exchange has been powerless to enforce its rules and regulations, which in some in-stances have almost become a dead letter.

Stanfield Says It's Spite Work. With reference to the report in Tuesday's paper that F. S. Stanfield of a barber supply company would be arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses, Mr. Stanfield. who returned from a business trip into Iowa

who returned from a business trip into Iowa yesterday, says that the Mr. Johnson, from whom it was alleged be had collected \$1.15 which A. L. Undeland claimed was due him, came into his store during state fair week and did pay \$1.15, which was a legitimate debt, as he himself admitted at the time. Undeland's name was never mentioned and he knew perfectly well that he was in Stanfield's store. Mr. Stanfield says that the whole matter is a piece of spite on the part of Undeland. Pushing Toward the North Pole.

Word was received here yesterday that Thomas Trainor and his brother, A. V. Trainor, who left Omaha a fortnight ago on their bicycles, arrived Thursday in Minneapolis. They rode along the route of the Elkhorn road from Missouri Valley junction. After passing through Sioux City thay I close to the railroad, and often found best riding between the tracks. They left Minneapolis yesterday for St. Paul, riding behind Beeker, the Minneapolis rider, who is out after a 100 mile record.

Will Meet and Talk Cinder Path. Another meeting of the bicyclists of the

city has been called for this evening at the Young Men's Christian association building for the purpose of discussing the proposed c'nder path between this city and Council Bluffs. The scheme seems to have captured the attention of bicyclists and the meeting has been determined upon in order to allow them to make any suggestions that may please them.

Amount Stolen from City.

INFORMATION IS IN THREE COUNTS

His Bond Given to School District for First Term Cannot Be Found -May Not Be Material.

Criminal proceedings were commenced in police court yesterday against Henry Bolln, late city treasurer, charging him with the embezzlement and stealing of city funds to the amount of \$105,500.

Assistant County Attorney Day filed the information, which contains thirteen counts. The first three counts charge the embezzlement, converting to his own use, converting to the use of some person unknown, and stealing the sum of \$2,500. The language of the information is such that it covers the offense charged in every way, so that it may be tried on any one, or all three counts.

The second three counts charge the embezzlement of \$3,000, the language of the counts being the same as in the counts mentioned heretofore. The remaining seven counts in the information charge, in the same manner, the embezzlement, converting and stealing of \$100,000.

It is also charged that Bolin has refused

and failed to make a settlement within a reasonable time after notice so to do and after a demand duly made by the proper legal au-Henry Bolln was arrested last evening and taken to the city jall at 6:15. He did not seem to be much surprised.

Upon arriving at the jail Bolln said that he had no statements for publication. A mittimus had already been made out by Judge Gordon and Bolln remained in the jail office but a few minutes. As soon as his name had been entered upon the jail records he was taken to the county jail. HIS BOND MISSING.

The bond of Henry Bolln, as treasurer of the school district, given at the beginning of his first term of office, has disappeared. The fact has been known for some time, but according to the policy that has been followed from first to last in the treasury investigation, it has been studiously kept a secret. It leaked out during the last day or two and the statement is confirmed by officials of the city and the Board of Education. cation. This bend was approved by the board at the meeting held January 2, 1892. Some time after that it was seen in the hands of Comptroller Olsen. That is the last time its existence has been in evidence and the closest search has failed to discover its

whereabouts.
When the bond was approved Charles Conoyer was secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Conoyer remembers the trans-action and the bond. He says that he took electrical appliances may be left in the spaces that will be used for cells. The workmen have cut out the stone network in front of the basement windows.

In m what he should do with it. The board then occupied quarters in the Masonic Temple, and as there was no safe place for keephave cut out the stone network in front of the basement windows. has disappeared. Comptroller Westberg says he has never seen the bond and that it is certainly not in his office. Olsen is in Cripple Creek, Colo., so that there is no opportunity to obtain any explanation from him. In the meantime both the city attorney and the members of the Board of Education cannot account for the myterious disappearance of a document which has become very important in the light of the recent defalcation. Comptroller Westberg says that the only explanation that he can give for the disappearance of the bond is that Olsen thought that it was not properly in his custody and that he had turned it over to the city clerk or some other official. So far, however, it has not been found among the clerk's files and the fact that all the other school board

bonds that were deposited with the comp-troller are still on file helps to disprove this City Attorney Connell says: "It has no been determined whether the loss of the bond will seriously affect the legal proceed-ings against Bolln." So far as he has learned there was no shortage in the school fund at the end of Bolin's first term. "If this should prove to be the case the loss of the bond would not be a very serious matter," added the city attorney. "The final figures have not been submitted yet by the experts and it would be impossible to tell whether the bond was important or not until after these were obtained and exam-

CLEARED OF CHARGE OF MURDER.

Promise of Sensationalism. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31 .- A special to the Star from Wichita, Kan., says: F. M. Williamson, one of the three alleged murderers of H. H. Leonard, was acquitted of the charge otday. The jury was out all night and brought in its verdict at 10 o'clock this morning. At the trial Michael Jordan, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, testified that Williamson and his divorced wife, Mrs. Irene Williamson-Leonard, had entered into a conspiracy to kill Leonard in order to get the \$5,000 insurance which Leonard carried in his wife's favor.

There will be no more skating at Hanscom park the present season. This was the decision of the Board of Park Commissiondecision of the Board of Park Commissioners at a meeting yesterday afternoon. The decision was for the sake of economy, which practically amounted to necessity, as the condition of the fund was such that there was no way to pay the expense of keeping the ice in condition during the balance of the winter.

This was all the business transacted by the board except the appointment of a committee consisting of Kilpatrick, Redfield and Tukey to meet with the city council and protect the interests of the board in the tax levy matter.

# Notes of the Courts. The bar docket for the February term of court has been issued. It contains 1.696

The Pekin Plow company of Illinois has brought suit against Wilbur H. Kreidler \$2,452.30, alleged to be due on two notes. Ellis L. Bierbower and A. B. Hunt, acting as receivers of the American Water Works company, have commenced suit against the city of South Omaha to recover \$3.024.89, alleged to be due for hydrant rental for the last six months of 1895.

Cares.

# Suca for Sick Benefits.

Varsila Koesek has commenced suit in the county court against Prokep Velky, No. 200, Independent Order of Foresters, to recover the sum of \$105, alleged to be due her hus Voclay Koesek, on account of sick benefits during twenty-one weeks, when he was confined to his bed. She alleges that the claim has been assigned to her, and she wants the court officers to settle it.

Brought Back by a Doctor's Pump. Kittle Owens, Thirteenth and Cass streets, attempted to take her life yesterday by taking morphine. A doctor and a stomach

Head of a Charitable Employment
Agency Called Into Court.
The Scandinavian Young Women's Christian Bethany Association Home, 2011 DavenOrganized Labor Protests Acainst Street port street, finds itself with a bit of litigation on its hands. The president, general manager and secretary, Mrs. Marie Hirnass,

manager and secretary, Mrs. Marie Hirnass, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by License Inspector Hurst, charging her with running an employment agency without a license. On the trial Mrs. Hirnass was fined \$1 and costs, but the case was at once appealed to the district court.

The case is said to be in the nature of a friendly suit to discover whether charitable institutions are required to pay a license if operating an employment agency, from which fees are received. License Inspector Hurst maintains that tals institution must pay a license and that if it is remitted other employment agencies can demand the same missioner Kaspar asking him if he would ployment agencies can demand the same treatment.

On the other hand Mrs. Hirnass is fighting On the other hand Mrs. Hirnass is fighting the position on the constitutional provision that the property of charitable institutions cannot be taxed. She holds that under this provision the work of charitable institutions cannot be taxed by means of a license. Mrs. Hirnass does not deny that a fee is required of a girl when a position is obtained for her, but this is only demanded after the girl has remained long enough in the position to learn

February 14 of last year the association was incorporated, and as its objects are purely charitable, Mrs. Hirnass contends that it should be required to pay no license.

## MUST SETTLE WITH THE COUNTY

Taxes Must Be Paid Before Warrant Holders Get Their Cash. The resolution passed by the county commissioners December 28 last, ordering that personal property tax and other indebtedness to the county should be deducted from all claims of any person or corporation presented against the county, will be the means of turning a great many dollars into the coffers of the county, which would otherwise remain uncollected.

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County Clerk Redfield said yesterday that he had just received from the printer a complete set of blanks for putting this order into full effect. Coming at the close of the year, he said it had been impossible to carry out the full extent of the resolution, but a start had been made and within a few days there would be no claim passed upon without the treasurer's certificate attached to it. The start was made on witness and jury fees and several hundred dollars have been deducted from these claims. A list returned by the treasurer yesterday contained the names of many well known business and professional men, who had appeared as witnesses, notably several well known physicians, and it was shown that some of them owed personal taxes amounting to \$50 or more. In these cases the witness fees amounted to \$10, or the reabouts, and there still remains a balance to be taken out of subsequent fees.

not be reached by this plan, as the at-taches of these offices are paid by the heads of the departments from the fees collected in the office, but a plan is being considered for accomplishing the same result in another way.

Tenth Street Mothers' Meeting. OMAHA, Jan. 31 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Perhaps it is not generally known that a "mothers' meeting" is held at the Tenth street mission every Thursday from 2 until

4:30 o'clock. The number of women present at each meeting is from forty to sixty. They gather from all parts of the city.

We feel that if we want to lift up those who are oppressed by poverty and distress we must come in closer contact with them. It is not sufficient for us to say, "Be ye clothed and fed?" and do nothing toward beloing them to it.

At these meetings we furnish every mother with undergarments, night dresses and pants for their boys. In addition to this we make bed comforts. When all are supplied with bed comforts. When all are supplied with work we then entertain them with little talks and singing. At 4 o'clock all work is laid aside and each woman gets a generous ham sandwich and a cup of good hot coffee. We have a nice social time together. As the mothers pass out and greet us with a hearty handshake and a smiling "God bless you" we feel as if we have spent a pleasant afternoon. you" we fe afternoon.

afternoon.

As these mothers return to their homes they take up their duties with a zeal, because a brighter spot has dawned in their lives, as they sometimes express themselves. Each woman pays 5 cents a week, so that this work is divested of its charity aspect. It costs quite a little sum of money to buy sufficient material and we now ask those who wish to help in this work to seed in who wish to help in this work to send in cast off clothing, stockings and dresses; in fact anything that can be made over for women and children.

Money will not be refused.

MRS. J. B. JARDINE, MRS. R. H. DAVIS, MRS. HAINER, MRS. JOCELYN, MRS. E. L. STONE.

Death of Mrs. Thomas F. Swift, J. The joy which marked the advent of a boy in the household of Thomas F. Swift, jr., on last Sunday morning was changed yesterday morning to overwhelming sorrow by the death of the mother.

The announcement will be a shocking surprise to the friends of the family. Mrs. Swift, nee Catherine Dalton, was the fourth dat ghter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dalton of 1865 South Seventeenth street. She was born in Bellevue, Neb., in March, 1874, and was still in the springtime of life when called hence. She had lived in Omaha nearly all her life and endeared herself to all acquaintances by a gracious, sumy disposition and the promptings of a warm, kindly heart, manifested in countless ways. In Catholic church circles she was highly esteemed, having been an untiring worker in parish organizations. She was particularly prominent in the choir of St. Patrick's church prior to her marriage in November, 1893, and since then took an active part in the choir of St. Philomena's cathedral. Her untimely end is peculiarly sad and is all but crushing to the bateaved husband and her aged father and mother. She leaves two children, the boy just born, and Mary Clair, aged fifteen months. The announcement will be a shocking sur-

months.

The funeral will take place Monday morning from the residence of T. J. Fitzmorris, 642 South Seventeenth street. Services will be held in St. Philomena's cathedral. Interment in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

insoline Lights in New Locations Gas Inspector Gilbert and the representatives of the Acme Lighting company have begun locating the gaseline lights under the new contract. They commenced Thursday at the north line of the city and located about fifty lights. They will work south and will probably get the lights all located sometime next week. In locating the new lights the inspector is ignoring the old lights entirely. In this way he avoids the behests of property owners to some extent, and without a great deal of trouble will be able to cut the lights down to 600.

# ONLY TO SETTLE A LEGAL QUESTION WENT AFTER GIBSON'S GANG

Cleaning by Prisoners.

missioner Kaspar asking him if he would have the refuse that had accumulated along the Farnam street side of his establishment cleaned up; and this brief epistle has produced more brimstone to the square inchthan the president's message on the Venezuela question.

Mr. Kasper handed the note to Overseer Gibson, who is in charge of the city prisonremained long enough in the position to learn that it suits her and she decides to remain.

Mrs. Hirnass says that the fees obtained furnish but a small proportion of the means required to maintain the home. The greater portion is recured by herself by lecturing and by soliciting subscriptions. By money thus obtained the home is run for respectations. ers, and told him to have the prisoners pile thus obtained the home is run for respectable Scandinavian young women, where they care given shelter and taught domestic arts until employment is found for them. There are sixteen girls at the home now, and it has been crowded during the winter.

The institution was started some three years ago, and during the first year a license was paid for the employment bureau. On February 14 of last year the association was the form of the local labor unions had their attention called to the matter. It created a sensation in labor circles and by afternoon it was circulated through all the labor unions that the city prisoners were being worked in the street, while the barrel brigade was left in idleness.

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The result was that the laboring men descended on the Board of Public Works by platoons and about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a body of more than 100 of them filed into the office. They were headed by K. S. Fisher, president of the Central Labor union; H. C. Waller, general organizer of the American Railway union; P. H. Hinchey, president of the State Federation of Labor, and S. S. Gossard, general organizer of the president of the State Federation of Labor, and S. S. Gossard, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor. Chairman Munroe and Commissioner Winspear were present and Commissioner Kaspar came in a little later. The discussion between the members of the board and the representatives of the labor organizations lasted nearly an hour and was decidedly warm at times. "These men you see here are taxpayers and citizens of Omaha," began Mr. Waller. "They are honest men, but they cannot get work. Most of them are destitute and some of them do not know where their next meal is coming from; and we have come up here in their interests and the interests of humanity. We think it is an outrage that convicts, wearing the ball and chain, should

convicts, wearing the ball and chain, should be given work on the streets, while honest men who have worked for years to own their homes in Omaha, are left to starve."

The members of the board explained that they had no morey with which to employ men to clean the streets. They had put men to clean the streets. They had put the prisoners at work to clean up the alleys because if they did not do it it could not

have cut due the stone between whichows.

Among the officials and employes in the city hall the sentiment against the Jail is growing vigorous. Now that the deed is growing vigorous. Now that the deed is done they begin to have visions of insect wisitors that will dispute with them for the possession of their offices and the odors arising from the Jail quarters almost begin to be perceptible. Then the building is full of the sounds of hammering and sawing from below, which are as plainly audible on the before sounds of hammering and sawing from the clerks are indignant at the prospect of the clerks are indignant at the prospect of the clerks are indignant at the prospect of the compelled to make their calculations.

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"Yes, that is the way you do business," shouted a laboring man. "A man with a saloon and a puil can get the street cleaned for sells scab beer at that." This retort was greeted with a shout of approval from his fellows, but finally an understanding the self scale of the self sca reached and the committee left with evident satisfaction. The members of the board asoured them that the chain gang would not be worked on the streets again and promised to pass a resolution declaring it to be the senus of the board that the council should make an appropriation to be used in employ ing honest laboring men on the streets wh were in destitute circumstances. only additional business transacted by

#### the board was to pass the pay roll. TROUBLES DROVE HER INSANE and Condition of a Woman Who Came

from Plattsmouth. If the promise that was made to Police Judge Gordon yesterday by "Alabama Sue" is kept one of the characters of the half world will be gone forever. She pleaded not guilty to the charge against her, but did not want to go to trial. "I'll tell you what I'll do, judge," she said. "I'm disgusted with this town, and I'll get out if you will give me until tomorrow morning to do some washing and get my things together. I'll This struck Judge Gordon as a fair propositody. She started out of the court room on

the run.
"Alabama Sue," whose real name is Sue Johnson, is looked upon more with pity than any other sentiment by the other denizens of the proscribed district because she is condered insane. She came to this city some seven or eight months ago. She is evidently mentally unbalanced and this is thought to be the result of an incident in her life which ccurred but a short time before her arrival n Omaha. She was formerly a resident of Plattemouth, where a year ago she was a nappy mother in a family which consisted of herself, her husband and a little girl. One day both husband and daughter disappeared. The wife waited for them in vain and brooded over their absence, especially that of the daughter, until her mind became affected. What money she had, a very small sum at the most, was spent in a search for the missing ones. The two appeared to have been swept completely from the earth. Then the woman came to this city, still on the hunt, and has been here some seven months. She is now intending to go to some other point, still laboring under the hallucination that the daughter is alive somewhere.

While the woman still thinks that the daughter is alive, she is firmly convinced that the husband has been murdered. Some time ago she believed that she had found the time ago she believed that she had found the murderer, or rather the murderess, in the person of an inmate of a disorderly house. She started to hunt her down, but the suspected person was "tipped," and carefully kept out of the way. Bloodshed was in this manner averted, and in time the idea left the brain of "Alabama Sue" to give way to others.

others.
Outside of this belief in the murder of her husband and the idea that her daughter is still alive, the woman appears to be per-fectly sane. She has been quiet in her de-meanor, and has caused the police little trouble.

General Noble Seriously ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.-General John W Noble, ex-secretary of the interior, is confined to his home by a serious attack of ia grippe. He was taken ill Monday, but it was supposed that it was only a temporary indisposition and that he would be about in a day or two. The illness, however, developed into a serious malady.

Suicide of a Bank Coshier. ROME, N. Y., Jan. 31.-Hon. George Barn ard, cashier of the Fort Stanwiz National bank of this city, committed suicide today. The bank has been closed pending an in-

# HAWKINS WAS UNFIT FOR SERVICE.

Garcia Upbraids His Comrades for Sending Out Such a Craft. NEW YORK, Jan. 31.-The World this which was not known of outside of the revolutionary band until last night, was held Wednesday at the Astor house. The gathering was called by the council, or junta, of the revolutionists, at the instance of Delegate Paima, who, with Gonzales de Quesada, senor La Greno, and other attaches of the New York headquarters, was present. Be-tween fifty and sixty parriats also attended. It was said that General Calixto Garcia, leader of the filibustering expedition, wrecked Monday off Barnegat, in the steamship J. W. Hawkins, put in an appearance to answer to a demand for an explanation of the disaster. a demand for an explanation of the disaster. In fact, that the meeting was called expressly to hear from the general on this point. General Garcia is said to have severely criticised the junta for providing him with a vessel not only rotten, but poorly equipped for a voyage. He gave details of the ship's unseaworthiness, which are said to have created a sensation.

The discussion on both sides brought out these facts: General Garcia had asked for a first clais sailing vessel with which to take 200 men and some arms to Cuba. He

take 200 men and some arms to Cuba. He was promised everything needed and an agent of the junta was at once set to work agent of the junta was at once set to work equipping her. The vessel cost the junta \$12,000, while it was really not worth more than \$2,000. Several experts, so it was charged, had informed the junta before Garcia sailed that the vessel was wholly unfit for a voyage. No heed was paid to these warnings. The honesty of the agent who bought the ship was questioned, so the story goes the great discrepancy between the true goes, the great discrepancy between the true value and the purchase price being pointed

goes, the great discrepancy between the true value and the purchase price being pointed out.

Before adjournment a resolution of confidence in Minister Palma received almost unanimous consent, and it is not believed that the rupture caused by the unlucky trip is serious. The Cuban leaders were all in Washington yesterday, and an effort to discover the whereabouts of General Garcia failed. The Hawkins, it now appears, was owned by the American Fish Guano company of Virginia, and was employed in fishing on Chesapeake Bay. She was bought from J. Morse, the treasurer of the company, by a man calling himself John T. Smith, in the presence of Collector of the Port Nock, at Tasley, Va., about two weekp ago. Charles Tasley, Va., about two weekp ago. Charles M. Smith of Greenport, L. I., who designed the Hawkins, said it was suicidal to go to sea in such a boat. United States District Attorney McFarlane

admits his office is investigating the Hawkins expedition, but he expects no results. There are many who do not believe there were any arms on the vessel, and who say that the disaster was arranged for some purpose now secret. The captain of the tug, E. B. Daizell, says that General Garcia told him no one had been lost.

# DIED FROM A DOSE OF CHLORAL.

Prominent Engineer's Fatal Mistake Costs Him His Life. NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Augustin M. New the prisoners at work to clean up the alleys because if they did not do it it could not be done at all and they thought that if it became known that the prisoners had to work the tramps would give Omaha a wide borth. They would be glad to give work to thoso who needed it if the council would provide the money, but as it was they could not act.

The laboring men then demanded that the prisoners should be taken off the streets anyway. They declared that if the dirt were allowed to accumulate on the streets the council would be compelled to make some provision to employ honest men to clean them. They reminded the board of the agreement that was made last year that the demonstration cropped out. The members and the Hudson street hospital last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild last night. He had taken an overdose of chloral. Mr. Newton smild ta in his father's office and afterward took contracts for himself. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—Dr. Nat Carlin, aged

50 years, who was one of the most prominent veterinary surgeons in the country, died last night of pneumonia. He was well known as a writer of horse pedigrees, and in the capac ity of veterinary surgeon was connected with the East St. Louis Jockey club for many years. During the latter part of General years. Grant's lifetime Dr. Carlin had charge of his stock farm in th's state.

#### SHOT AN OLD MAN IN SELF-DEFENSE. Fatal Ending of a Long-Standing Fend in Indiana.

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 31 .- John Swoverland, a well known stock buyer, was shot and killed in Stanley by Samuel S. Stewart at a sale of machinery on the farm of Charles Elsener last evening. The shooting was the result of a long-standing feud. Swoverland, it is said, had sworn to kill Stewart. Stewart, who is about 21 years old, attended the sale and quarreled with a son of Swoverland. The elder Swoverland hastened to the scen ind, it is said, told Stewart he had come to kill him. Drawing a revolver he shot at Stewart, but missed him. Stewart returned the fire, the second shot striking Swoverland in the forehead and penetrating the brain.

After the shooting Stewart started home to get a horse and come to town to give him-self up. On the way he met an elder sen of Sweverland, who fell upon him with a knife and nearly killed him. In the fight Stewart's right arm was cut nearly to pieces. He then went to Bourbon and gave himself up and was brought here and jalled. The shooting created great excitement. Young Stewart's promptness in surrendering to the authorities has greatly helped his case and at the preliminary hearing, which will be held this

afternoon, he may be discharged.

Swoverland was one of the most successful farmers in Bourbon township, Marshall He was 59 years old and was the father of five children. He served in the late war in company H, Eighty-seventh Indiana infantry, enlisting in 1863, and was honorably discharged at the close of his enlistment. He was a man of exceedingly flery temperament.
Stewart, who is the son of a small farmer living a short distance from Swoverland's esidence, while expressing his sorrow a

the tragedy, says that Swoverland would surely have killed him. NICE FAIRY TALE FROM KANSAS.

Wichita Man Claims a Title Large Part of Gotham. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31 .- A special to the Star from Wichita, Kan., says: Jesse Buri of this city has received the intelligence that the supreme court has decided a long pending

suit in favor of the heirs to the famous An-

neke Jans estate worth \$100,000,000. It is

cituated in the heart of New York City and

contains sixty acres of massive buildings, including Trin'ty church. Anneke Jans was a cousin of Queen Anne, daughter of James II., and the last Stuart sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland. Two hundred years ago Queen Anne gave a grant to her cousin. Afterward Anneke Jans leased sixty acres to Trinity church for ninety-nine years. In the meantime the property became so valuable that the ecclesiastical lessees considered it worth fighting for and from that day until this it has been in the courts. Mr.

Burt is one of the distinct descendants of Queen Anne's cousin. Nominated for President of Chill. BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 31.—Sener Vicente Reyes, president of the Chilian senate, according to a dispatch from Valparaiso, Chila, has been nominated for the presidency by the

#### AMERICA'S JOHANNESBURG

morning says a meeting of Cuban patriots, Superintendent McConnell Describes His Trip to Mercur.

ITS GOLD BOOM IS ON THE INCREASE

Extensive Field of Rich and Eastly, Worked Ore-Renched by a Short Line of Corkserew

Railroad.

Although Mercur, the little mining town fifty miles south of Salt Lake City, is less than three months old, it already has a population of over 3,000, and is enjoying a boom which promises to be more substantial than that of the average gold-boom town. It has been termed "the Johannesburg of America." The ore is unusually rich, and those who have visited the mines are enthusiastic regarding the outlook of the little town.

Among those who have recently inspected Mercur and its mines is Joseph H. McConnell, superintendent of motive power and machinery of the Union Pacific railroad. He was a member of General Manager Dickinson's party, which recently returned from a trip of inspection over the western part of the road. In speaking of his visit to the Mercur mines, Superintendent McConnell said:

"The ore bed in the Sunshine mine runs from twenty to sixty feet in depth, and is exceedingly rich. It pays from \$2.50 to \$20 a ton. It contains a small quantity of cinnabar ore, and occasionally quantities of de-composed quartz are found. The body of the ore is filled with limestone boulders that vary from the size of your fist to a mass weighing several hundred pounds. The mine is perfectly dry, and the ore is easily worked.
"It is hauled up by tramway from the different levels and deposited in bins. From

the bins it is taken to the crusher, where it is reduced to the size of a walnut. After going through the crushers it is passed through immense rollers, and when it emerges from these it has been reduced to the size of a hazel nut. Then it is taken to large tanks that have a capacity of 5,000 gal-NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Augustin M. Newton, third son of the late Major General John Newton, who was one of the most distinguished engineers of the age, died at drawn off from the bottom of the tank. The

MERCUR MINE ORE. "The body of the ore in the Mercur mines of about the same character as in the Sunnam street or any other street and explained how the chain gang came to be seen there in the morning. But at first this failed to appease their visitors.

"Yes that is the way you do business," last May and was best known by having the control of the blowing up of the blowing up of the latter was 17 years old. His father was the president of the Panama company when he died Sunshine mine is only two months old. It is, of course, not nearly so well developed as been in charge of the blowing up of the obstructions at Hallets Point in 1888 and the rocks at Hell Gate in 1885. The son, dips between the two mines. This shows a dips between the two mines. This shows a body of gold ore at least four miles in extent. The whole country is staked off into claims, and it is the general belief of the people out there that with the coming of spring there.

will be a great rush of settlers . No develop-

ment work has yet been done on any of the staked claims. "The Mercur railroad is a nice piece of engineering. There are some grades on it as high as 4 per cent, or 208 feet to the mile, as high as 4 per cent, or 203 feet to the mile, with sharp curves. The road twists and turns, around the hill like a curkscrew. It's a pleasant ride up along the river, and in the summer ought to be grand. They use the Shay locomotives. These differ from the locomotives commonly seen in that the power is applied on all the wheels of the locomotive and tender by bevel gear. The rod from the cylinder is connected to the shaft. The, wheels are all connected with this shaft, and revolve at the same time. It is much more powerful than a traction engine. Although the speed is slow, there is an immense amount of power secured by this means. One hour and ten minutes is the time consumed in making the eleven miles. The speed up hill and down hill is just the same."

#### ANXIOUS TO RETAIN THE REUNION. St. Paul Offers a Compromise Proposis

tion to the Railronds. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Another plan is on foot to keep the encampment of the Grand Army in St. Paul. A committee of citizens of that city has made a proposition to Chairman Caldwell of the Western Passengerossociation that the time limit on the tickets shall be fifteen days, with the understanding that a person wishing to have his ticket extended to thirty days may do so by paying the difference between the rate of 1 cent per mile and one fare for the round trip. Chairman Caldwell explained to the committee that he had no power to call a special meeting of the association unless on the request of two or more roads, but that he would submit the plan to the members of the association and if they were desirous that a meeting should be called, he would issue the call at once. Up to a late hour this afternoon Chairman Caldwell had received no word from any of the association lines that they wished to hold another meeting

a meeting will be made.

Rates from St. Paul to North Pacific coast points are being cut \$4 by the manipulation of advertising tickets of the issue of the Great Northern road. The road has been called upon by the chairman of the Western Passenger association to put an end to the manipulation, unless it can be shown

that it is in no way to blame, Des Moines is now looming up as the seat of war. Tickets to that city from Kansas points via Council Bluffs are being sold at figures that allow considerable of a scalp at Council Bluffs, and the roads have been asked to take these rates from their rate sheets. They will very probably take them off the market entirely.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31.—The giant powder house of A. J. Armstrong, southwest of this city, exploded at 3:30 this morning with a report that was heard all over the city. The earth for a mile around trembled from the effect of the shock. The watchman at the crusher near the magazine is missing. Glass in windows and doors all over the west bottoms was broken by the concussion

Marriage Licenses. Permits to wed were issued to the follow-