Resumes Its Fight for Life Against the Old Line Companies.

HEARING BEFORE STATE AUDITOR MOORE

Informal Consultation of Attorneys on the Renewal of the Case Brings the Matter On for Argument.

LINCOLN, Feb. 7 .- (Special.)-There was another hearing before State Auditor Moore today of the insurance case of J. W. Johnson against the Farmers' Mutual Fire Inson against the Farmers' Mutual Fire In-wheat. Thursday morning the ground was surance company of Lincoln. Johnson really white with snow, but the weather cleared represents the Phoenix Insurance company and by night it was all melted. of Brooklyn, N. Y., and behind the Phenix is arrayed the whole list of old line companies. Several months since complaint was made to the state auditor against the Farmers' Mutual and a hearing of the case was commenced. An injunction was issued from the district court of Lancaster county forbidding the auditor to pass upon the case. This has since been dismissed by the representatives of the Farmers' and the hearing is revived. After a consultation of an informal nature the case was adjourned until tomorrow.

Another complication in peniteutiary affairs came to the surface this morning when the made to the state auditor against the Farm-

sentatives of these enterprises refuse to continue business. In the cooper shop ninety men are employed, while the broom factory finds work for thirty. Both the Lincoln Ccoperage company and the Lee Broom and Duster company have been operating under the old Mosher contract. Warden Leidigh has been notified that they would not continue the work longer unless a new contract had been ratified by the parties who

assume to run the penitentiary.

The inauguration of Chancellor MacLean on Charter day promises to be attended with quite an imposing military display. One of the features will be a battalion escort. At the feature will be a battalion escort. At the features will be a battalion escort. At the feature will be a battalion escort. the Lindell hotel by the University battalion.
On Charter day Lieutenant Pershing will present the three commissioned officers of the Pershing Rifles with fine swords. On the Pershing Rifles with line swords. On after daylight, and continued all day. About this occasion the presentation speech will be made by Chancellor MacLean. The swords will remain the property of the organization, which Lieutenant Pershing did so much to perfect during the period of his commandancy, and which good work Captain Mind blowing. The ice merchants of this Callfeyle is continuing.

Gailfoyle is continuing. By invitation of Mayor Gacham all city officials and their deputies will meet at the council chamber tomorrow evening to discuss the matter of the location of the Grand the matter of the location of the Grand Army of the Republic reunion. Lincoln is making efforts in behalf of securing it for this city, and the necessary guarantee fund

SAM PAYNE'S MIND. Today the Lancaster Board of Insanity examined Sam Payne at the penitentiary. Tonight the board made out its report, finding the murderer insane and recommending his accommendation of the murderer insane and recommendations.

BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—After all the efforts that have been made removal to the asylum. The commissioners are Dr. J. O. Carter, Attorney B. F. Johnson and Clerk of the District Court Sam Low. The executive committee of the Nebraska Silver league has appointed the following list of county committees:

Dixon-William Heypes, Warner Starr, J. Connor and W. C. Paul, all of Ponca. Cedar-Z. M. Beard, W. F. Bryant, J. J. Goebel and Charles Plumleigh, all of Hart-

Niobrara; W. H. Green, Creighton, and C. R. Lawrence, Santee agency.
Madison—H. D. Kelly and C. D. Jenkins, Norfolk, and G. A. Luikhart, Tilden.
Douglas—D. D. Gregory, E. E. Thomas and C. J. Smyth, all of Omaha.
Johnson—Washington Robb, Robert Irwin and Hugh Lancaster, all of Tecumseh. Butler—J. V. Wood, J. B. Morgan, C. D. Casper and O. S. Haskell, all of David City. Polk—T. H. Saunders, J. E. Peterson, E. A. Walroth and J. P. Heald, all of Oscola.
Hamilton—W. R. Smith, Delevan Bates. W. L. Stark, John Shean, Samuel Burt, all of Aurora.

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Cuming— — Barber, Bancroft; Louis De-Wald, Beemer, and J. H. Emley, Wismer. Nuckol's—A. W. McReynolds, Superior; S. G. Rogers, Nora, and I. Manion and J. E. Vall, Superior.

Nance—T. C. McMillan, T. C. Reed, J. W. Tanner and M. I. Brower, all of Fullerton.

Anteleoe—John Mabury, J. D. Hatfield and N. Carr, all of Neligh.

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nd fifty more are in process of organization. On the 3d day of January, 1896, Dr. Philip Lieber of Omaha secured judgment against Governor Holcomb, Attorney General Churchill and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Corbett, in the district court of Douglas county, before Judge Duffle. The three defendants comprise the State Board of Health, and they had refused the application of Lieber for a certificate to practice medicine in Nebraska. Today the case was appealed to the surrence of the Planck of the County pealed to the supreme court by the Board of Public Health on a petition in error, and the same filed with the clerk of the supreme

The adjutant general today granted dis charges to Corporal Clifford and Privates C. Hoslack, William L. Anderson, Otis A. Shel-den, Robert W. Laing, J. D. Lemmon, Anton Rudd and Lee A. Ashton, all of company G. First reg'ment, Nebraska National Guards Elmer J. Irey, private in company L. First regiment, Thurston Rifics, was also dis-charged on account of change of residence Lieutenant William B. Atkinson, quartermas-ter of the First regiment, has been reap-pointed. Company G of the First regiment is

Omaha prople in Lincoln: At the Lindell—August Meyer. At the Capital—John P. Smith. At the Lincoln—H. C. Brome, C. B. Horton, H. J. Davis, W. F. Gurley, C. I.

Pettibone. JURY FINDS CROWE NOT GUILTY

Alleged Wife Poisoner at Wilber Nov a Free Man. WILBER, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Tele-

gram.)-At 7 this morning the jury in the Crowe case sent word to the judge that they had agreed, and on court being called a ver-dict of not guilty was returned. The charge against Miss Rambo will be dropped.

Concert at Nebraska City. NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 7 .- (Special.)-The Women's club of this city has arranged a series of entertainments and the first was field at the opera house last evening. The concert was given by Miss Martha Sousiey. elecutionist, arsisted by Miss Gertrude Sous-ley, planist, and Miss Marie Skidmore Connor, violinist. The house was crowded and the audience appreciated highly the wonder-ful talent of these young ladies.

Married at Buttle Creek. BATTLE CREEK, Neb., Feb. 7 .- (Special.) -The marriage of William Pranner and Minnie Valk occurred yesterday at 10 o'clock in the German Lutheran church of this place before a large assembly of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob Heffman. The newly married couple and friends repaired to the groom's home, where they

To Faciliate Beet Sugar Planting. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 7 .- (Special.)-A Platte Center man had on exhibition at the beet sugar convention a beet seed planter. which attracted considerable attention from the farmers. It is said there can be \$1 per acre of seed saved by using this planter. Its cost is about the same as other planters. It will be manufactured for the coming sea-

FARMERS' MUTUAL DEFENDS RAIN AND SNOW WAS GENERAL VALUE OF THE UNDERFLOW Considerable Moisture Reported from

WAUNETA, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—
This locality was again visited by a light, Interesting Subject for the Attention (f. warm rain and snow storm, continuing from 7 last evening until 9 o'clock this morning. This moisture is most encouraging. Storms of this kind at frequent intervals until spring

will insure a favorable crop season next summer. Already a small amount of grain has been sown. Ice men are beginning to feel uneasy about the ice harvest. None has been as yet secured. MINDEN, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Yeeterday morning some snow fell, continuing up till 11 o'clock, when it changed to a light rain. Last night it was colder, with good

indications of winter.
FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—
Snow fell here Wednesday afternoon and during the night, thawing and soaking into the ground and greatly benefiting winter

WILSONVILLE, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—
Snow has been falling since Wednesday night, with good prospects of keeping it up all night. SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Ice

came to the surface this morning when the ccoper shop and broom factory at that institution closed down. Until the Board of Public Lands and Buildings enters into a new contract with them the manegers and representatives of these enterprises refuse to constitutions. North Loup, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—sentatives of these enterprises refuse to constitutions. scarcity been worthy of the name. So con-stant has been the sunshine and so mild the atmosphere, as a rule, that an ice famine is staring those interested in that commodity in the face, and unless the latter part of the season proves much more favorable for hard freezing than the former, no ice can be put up this season. Stock of all kinds is wintering splendidly and feed is good and abundant. Some plowing has been done, some of the more energetic farmers begin-

ning over two weeks ago to turn over the earth, which was even then in favorable localities, almost free from frost.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Snow commenced falling early yesterwarm, moist weather of the past week ended in a snow yesterday. It began snowing soon On after daylight, and continued all day. About three inches fell during the day, melting alords most as fast as it fell until the middle of

pects of getting a stock of ice for the coming year.

HILDRETH, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—

place are becoming uneasy as to the pros-

to reorganize the Blue Springs bank it now seems to be an entire failure, and in all probability a receiver will be appointed on Monday, which is fixed as the date of hearing the application. Nearly all the receiver the application. ing the application. Nearly all the required stock, amounting to \$20,000, has been subscribed, but the shortage, which Cashier Williams was to make good and which had been figured at \$5,000, the bank examiner ington,
Thurston—Judge Curry, W. I. Wiltse and R. G. Strong, a.l of Pender.
Otoe—Rev. George Hall, A. Tipton, William Hawke, Thomas McCullough, all of Nebraska City.
Knox—R. G. Jones, Creighton; Burt High Niobrara; W. H. Green, Creighton, and C. R. Lawrence, Santee agency.
R. Lawrence, Santee agency.
Madison—H. D. Kelly and C. D. Jenkins, Madison—H. D. Kelly and C. D. Jenkins, Madison—H. D. Kelly and C. D. Jenkins, Stephen and G. A. Luikhart, Tilden. silence on the subject. It seems probable that considerable litigation will arise in the settlement of the bank's affairs, and depositors do not expect to save much.

> More Snow in Nebraska. Railroad advices of the weather, received esterday, showed that there had been light snow in the western parts of the state On the Union Pacific there was a good fall of snow west of Grand Island. On the division of the Burlington there was light snow at Lincoln, Seward, Grand Island, Central City, Palmer, Greeley City, Fairmount, Sutton, Hastings and Kearney. There was light snow all along the line of the southern division of the road, the fall at Strang amounting to three inches. On the western division the snow at Cheyenne was the heaviest, two inches. There was lighter snow at Red Cloud, Republican, Norton, sonville, Herndon, McDonald and St. Francis It was snowing yesterday all through the Wyoming division. At Ardmore the fall At Ardmore the fall amounted to three inches.

Wauneta Methodists are busy with revival

services. Ashland citizens will engage in a grand wolf hunt February 14. Thomas Marney fell under a train at Ash land and suffered severe injuries. Rev. Robert McIntyre of Denver delivered

lecture at Peru on "Evolution of Abe Lin-Rev. W. T. Cline, pastor of the Methodist

church, and Rev. Mr. Morey are holding re-vival services in that town. The social event of the week at Weeping Water was the "at home" given by Mrs. F. M. Wolcott, Miss Creda A. Wolcott and Mrs. T. W. Teegardren.

The deacons of the Episcopal church at Nebraska City will, on St. Valentine's day, don white aprons and ribbon-bedecked caps and serve oysters in the memorial hall. Melissa Johnson, a colored girl of Ashland, was detected robbing boxes of mail in the postoffice at that place. A great many losses are credited to her. A decoy package

furnished the evidence. Juniata people are hunting for the person who is poisoning all the valuable dogs in that locality. They threaten to lynch him that on the theory that a man who would poison a good dog would, under little provoca-tion, commit murder.

The Valley County Agricultural society met at Ord and elected the following officers: President, John McNutt; secretary, J. A. Patton. An executive committee of seven members, reeldent in various parts of the county, were elected to assist the officers

n organizing for the next fair. Three prairie schooners passed through Frement Thursday. On one side of the can-vas wagon tops were written: "From Cleovas wagen tope were written: "From Cleo Springs. O. T." on the other in large letters: "Sneaking Back to Nebraska." The beauties of the sunny south evidently had no charmfor them, and they were glad to return to

their old home. A number of Schuyler's carpenters, builders and painters went to Dodge, when the rebuilding of that town was begun. Work is plentiful there and times good. The town is being rapidly rebuilt, and will be one comprised of much better buildings than be-fore, as a fire limit was established, which required the erection of brick or fire proof wooden structures.

Will of the Late C. M. Henderson.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .- The will of the late C. M. Henderson was admitted to probate today. He leaves an estate valued at \$1. 600,000, of which \$30,000 is left to Chicago charities, and to five children of his diseased brother, living in West Winsted, Conn. \$4,000 each. A church in Connecticut re-ceives \$1,000, and the remainder of the ex-tate is left to his widow and children.

Horticulturists.

READ BEFORE THE RECENT CONVENTION

How a Nebraska Fruit Grower Utilized the Wind and Water for the Purpose of Producing Henvy Yields.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 6 .- (Special.)-The following paper was read by John Tannahill of Columbus upon the subject of "Orchard Irrigation" before Tuesday's session of the Nebraska Horticultural society:

"In November, 1894, I built, from ideas of my own, a windmill similar to what is called the 'Jumbo,' having added many improvements, and as a consequence I think I have the best, most powerful, and at the same time the chespest mill in northern Nebraska for pumping water by wind power. The cost of the mill, with two six-inch pumps, all complete, was \$100. This is merely what was paid for material, as I did all of the work and made no account of time. My mill is never out of order and is always ready for work. My reservoir is fifty by 100 feet in area and seven feet in depth. During the first three months, December, 1893, and January and February, 1894, I let s'xty-four feet of water out of it; during the time the reservoir lest by seepage an average of one inch in twenty-four hours, a total of seven and one-half feet, which made a total of seventyone and one-half feet of water, or 2,674,100 gallons of water in three months, or 29,712 for each twenty four hours. The reservoir after ten months had no seepage whatever, but during the driest weather last summer the evaporation was sometimes one-fourth inch per day. It was noticeable several times when the weather was dry and there was absence of dew that vegetation eight or ten rods distant from the reservoir and in the direction of a light wind that blew during the night would be covered with moisture. and there was always dew where I irrigated. FINE YIELD OF FRUIT.

"From an orchard of apple trees, of which 190 are beginning to bear, I got twenty bushels of apples in 1894, and this year I got from the same trees over 300 bushels. The trees are twenty feet apart; water is run between the rows, and I find that it does not take nearly so much water this winter as it did last, for the reason that the subsoil has been moist since last winter. As an ex-periment, I left some apple, cherry and ap-licot trees unwatered last winter; those ap-ple trees not watered were in bloom just six days before those that were watered, with the exception of one tree that I mulched, which, after watering, was six days later and was loaded with fruit. The spring frosts hurt some of those that were watered, but, as they were not overloaded, the fruit was much larger and very superior to that of the others. Of those trees not watered two died CASH WAS NOT FORTHCOMING. and seven had some fruit to set, but it kept dropping until time of ripening, when there was but very little of it left, and that was pror, almost worthless. My cherry trees ninety-three of which I watered, bloomed BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—
After all the efforts that have been made

After all the efforts that have been made in winter, but in no case let the water come irto contact with the body of the tree, as freezing will injure it. Always have the ground a few inches higher around the tree. AS TO VEGETABLES.

"I irrigated six acres for vegetables and made more profit off these six acres than off thirty acres unwatered. I grew from one-fourth acre that was watered three crops of cabbage, and the best part of it was that I got a good head of cabbage from every plant. At the same time I had two acre f unwatered cabbage, and I did not get one-fourth as many as from the one-fourth acre, and they were very poor. I plant cab-bage two by four feet and water between the rows. The ground should be kept not only moist, but quite wet for them. When I see a cabbage beginning to head, I set a cut pull the roots and give room to the plant set a week or ten days beforehand. On all other vegetables on which water was used we were well repaid, as they wer-larger, smoother and of better quality, and the crop always sure. I have been in Ne that a practical man with five acres under private irrigation would make more money than from fifteen acres without irrigation; and no one need to be without it in our few feet below us, also plenty of wind above us, and by combining the two I believe we can irrigate more land than we can from rivers and creeks by ditches, believ-ing that there is more water passing in the underflow than passes down rivers and

Deaths of a Day in Nebraska ULYSSES, Neb., Feb. 7 .- (Special.)-Henry S Phillips died at noon yesterday. He was born at London county, Virginia, May 29, 1810. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was killed in 1814. The deceased noved here about seventeen years ago. He was highly respected. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church Saturday. Rev. C. E. Bentley of Lincoln will officiate. SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Charley Frye died at the home of Mrs. Niemann and any service of the se man at an early hour this morning. The funeral will occur Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Episcopal church and will be conducted by

Miss Anthony's Unintended Joke. A man took a leading part in the session of the woman suffrage convention yesterday, says the Washington Post, and in introducing him a slip of the tongue on the part of Susan B. Anthony caused a few people to entertain the idea that she had carried a joke to a point which made it somewhat embarrassing for the man suffragist. This was not the case, however, as the occurrence embarrassed

Miss Anthony more than anybody else.

Mr. George W. Catt. whose wife is the national organizer of the association, was to present a paper on "Utah's Victory the Result of Organization; Its Lesson." In a brief speech introducing Mr. Catt. Miss Anthony said: "A man once met my father and asked him if he was the father of Susan B. Anthony, which caused my father to remark to me that times had changed considerably since the day when a daughter might shine by reflected light from her father. So now a man may be famous as the husband of a famous woman. It therefore gives me pleas-ure to introduce Mr. Carr'e Chapman Catt." here late last night and made good his er The laugh came before Miss Anthony had He was in custody of two local officers. correct herself by adding: "I mean

Mr. George W. Catt.' Marriage Licenses Permits to wed were issued to lowing parties yesterday: Name and address.
George W. Johnson, Omaha.
Lola Singleton, Omaha.
George Rix, Millard, Neb.....
Annie Deichen, Millard, Neb.

Northern Pacific Case Postponed. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—By an agreement between counsel, the matter of the appointment of receivers for the Northern Pacific railroad, which was on the calendar of the United States circuit court for today, was adjourned for a week.

THREE MEN KILLED BY THE FALL. Collapse of a Bridge in the Storm Results Fatally,

BRISTOL, Conn., Feb. 7.—Three men were killed by the fall of the Pequabic river bridge during the great storm last night. The bodies of the vict.ms were recovered

today. Their names are:

today. Their names are:

MARTIN CURRY, New Britain.
DANIEL O'BRIEN, Hartford.
NICHOLAS RICH, East Hartford.
There were thirteen men on the bridge when it went down. The ten survivors sustained painful bruises, but none of them was seriously hurt. The men constituted a gang of engineers, mechanics and laborers, who were engaged in strengthening the bridge which had recently been condemned as unsafe. The fall of a derrick caused the bridge which had recently been condemned as unsafe. The fall of a derrick caused the bridge
to give way. It was impossible owing to the
flood which was running in the river, to aid
the men who fell into the stream from the
bridge, and they were twept on into the
sound, which receives the Pequable river.
This afternoon consternation was caused by
the discovery that the loss of life by last
night's accident may be greater than of first

night's accident may be greater than at first reported. It has been learned that on the bridge at the fateful moment there were twenty-one men instead of thirteen. At this hour, 1:45 p. m., the record stands: Three dead bodies recovered; eleven are known to be alive and seven are missing.

Wilbur wears whiskers under his chin and Among these are Patrick McCarthy and James Mack, both of New Britain.
The army of searchers feel confident that

inches in thickness and all efforts to ascertain facts are fut le. It is expected that several bedies will be found before nightfall.

the Anglo-Venezuelan question. The press makes much of the incident in Bartica, Brit-ish Guiana, where the American flag was pulled down by order of Magistrate McTuck, and declares this is likely to complicate the situation between the United States and England.

England.

President Fernandez proglaims peace restored in the state of Falcon.

A cable from Georgetown, British Gulana, announces that every male capable of bearing arms will offer himself for military services should necessity arise. It is also stated that a railroad projected to connect Georgetown and Farina Point, at the mouth of the Oringes and present whelly through of the Orinoco, and passing wholly through the disputed territory, is the subject of a direct understanding between England and Venezuela. The boundary question, says the dispatch, is widely discussed, the press and the public uniting in the sentiment that settlement is impossible except through the medium of the United States.

GAS COMPANIES CAN'T CONSOLIDATE. Attorney General Moloney Makes ar

Important Decisione: CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Attorney General Moloney today decided, in an exhaustive legal opinion, that the proposed consolidation the Chicago gas companies comprising the so-called trust cannot be made under the laws of Illinois. The reason is that, as he construes the law, "If two corporations consolidate, when the consolidation becomes complete there is no power under this net by which such consolidated company can again become consolidated with any other corporation, in other words, the power consolidated with the corporation of the consolidated with any other consolidated with the consolidated with the consolidated with the consolidation of the consolid corporation, in other words, the power contained in the act in question, by the merging of two corporations into one, becomes ex-

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 7 .- The News today publishes the following: "Receiver Ristine of the Colorado Midland road is in Chicago. It is rumored that he has broken with the Santa Fe and has formed a combine with the Gulf, which will throw the business of the Midland over to the lines controlled by Mr. Trumbull. It is evident that officials of the Midland, Gulf and Santa Fe know much more than they are willing to disclosfor the information of the public. Receive Trumbull is as mum as an oyster, and no-body was found at Midland headquarters who was willing to express an opinion.

Dynamited a Private Residence. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7 .- A charge of dynamite was exploded late last evening under the residence of T. D. Stimson, a wealthy resident of this city. The house was not seriously damaged. The occupants of the house were asleep when the explosion occurred. The shock was heard all over the city, creating great consternation. A neighbor who hastened to the scene fired a shot at a man who was running across the lawn, but the bullet missed the mark. The police believe robbers perpetrated the out-rage for the purpose of plundering the house during the confusion. No arrests have been

Report Favors Charter Forfeiture FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 7 .- At the session of the senate judiciary committee to consider the repeal of the Southern Pacific charter bill extended arguments were made by Senators Weissenger of Louisville against the bill and Goebel for the bill. On a vote being taken, Goebel, Fulton, Landes, Salyer and Sims voted for the bill being reported with an expression of opinion that it should pass. Weissenger and Bennet voted against pass. Weissenger and Bennet the bill. The bill will be reported to the senate tomorrow, and its friends are already predicting its passage.

Reorganization Plan is Operative. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-The reorganization ommittee of the Oregon Reilway and Navigation company announces that the plan of reorganization is operative. Deposits of con-solidated mortgage and collateral trust bonds will continue to be received up to February 29, without penalty. After that date a payment of \$50 per bond will be required. Deposits of stock will be received up to the same date on payment of \$6 per share.

Arrested a Gang of Horse Thieves. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—A special to the Star from Perry, O. T., says: Officers have arrested six members of a gang of horse and cattle thieves in the Flat Iron country who have been terrorizing the farmers along the line of the Osage and Creek Indian nations for over a year. They are William Walsull, Clint Owens and four helf-breeds. Twelve others escaped.

the Western Passenger association has been

road.

Broke Loose from the Officers KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7 .- A special to the Star from Perry, O. T., says: Dr. A. L. Huggins, who was arrested yesterday for knecking Dr. Alfred Jones in the head with a billiard cue and perhaps fatally wounding him, he jumped from a running train south of here late last night and made good his escaps. Meeting to Fix G. A. R. Rates. CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .-- A special meeting of

called for February 11. The object of the meeting will be to take some action regard-ing the extension of the time limit to the exampment of the Grand Army of the Re-public at St. Paul by the Great Western Woman Guiltless of Murder. CLINTON, Is., Feb. 7 .- In the case of Dr. Emma Pintey, charged with murder, the jury after being out twenty-four hours, returned a verdict today of not guilty. A patient of hers died under peculiar circumstances and an inquest was held, the dector being charged

HE WAS DECEIVED IN HER

Norfolk Farmer Robbed by a Housekeeper from Omaha.

THREE HUNDRED IN CASH, AND JEWELRY

Loser Followed Her to This City but She Cannot Be Found-How He Came to Employ Her.

Mark Wilbur is an inoffensive appearing farmer halling from the vicinity of Norfolk, and despite the fact that he bears upon his shoulders the burden and experiences of almost sixty years he has been most neatly

His family consists of a number of grown-up in the Plainfield pond there are several boys, who are old enough to assist him about bodies, but it is covered with ice several the place. He is, however, a widower and he finds it needful to employ some one to take care of his household.

and came to the city on Friday. That day he spent in disposing of his stock, realizing \$200. He felt very good over his sale and was consequently full of joy when the following day arrived, bringing with it the

every necessary qualification for housekeeping, almost every one excelling in some one point over the others, called to see him and he found it most difficult to make a choice. Out of the bunch there was one, however, which appealed to his heart. She gave the name of Mary Gardner and an gave the name of Mary Gardner, and appeared to be neither too young, nor too old. Being 25 years of age, good-looking and neatly formed, and with a manner fresh and easy, she dove into the old man's heart. She was so fetching that the old man was caught.

caught.
"I am without friends or home," she said. "I am without friends or home," she said.
"I am all alone in this cruel world, on orphan upon its tossing bosom. The ideals of my childhood are shattered, but I see traces in you of the one who would have been all in the world to me, had I ever found him. I believe that I can safely trust

a bargain, despite promises he had made to others, and the poor thing was told that she would have protection as long as she desired.

The two went to Wilbur's home last Mon day, the intervening time being spent to-gether in a manner that Wilbur refused to tell about. He says that he came to the conclusion that he had found a pearl, but will say no more. They arrived safely, and Mary was ensconced in her new home. The blow was delivered in a short time.

Mary was not up when Wilbur arose Tuesday morning, but he did not disturb her because he thought that she was tired. He put away his Sunday clothes, which he had worn to the city, and placed almost \$200 in his money box, which contained \$100 more, and some jewelry which had belonged to his dead wife. Arrayed in his workaday clothes, he and his sons went to the fields, confident that when they returned at noon they would find the housekeeper and a good linner awaiting them.

Noon arrived and the men went back to the house. There was no housekeeper and no dinner. They were worried and anxious about Mary, but Wilbur did not imagine that her absence meant any loss to him. They ate some scraps, went to work again and in the evening returned home to sup-per. Mary was still absent, and after talk ing the matter over they retired to their rooms. Wilbur went to his box to look at his money. The box was broken open and he turned pale. He turned up the lid and almost fainted. Money and jewels were

An investigation was at once instituted and it was discovered that Mary had left Norfolk the very night on which she arrived. She bought a ticket to Omaha and caught a train within a few hours after reaching the depot. There was but one conclusion, and hard as it was, Wilbur was compelled to think that the girl had taken his money and jewelry. He raked and borrowed enough money to follow her to this city. He has called in the aid of a detective, but no trace of the missing girl or property has as yet been

"I would not care so much if I did not need the money," said Wilbur. I was saving it to pay off a mortgage, and now I will lose my property." lose my property."

Tears stood in Mr. Wilbur's eyes as he

PAID FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. Expenses as Shown by Board of Pub-lic Works.

Secretary Powers of the Board of Public Works has compiled statistics covering the aggregate of all public improvements that have been made in Omaha. It shows that the city has expended about \$10,000,000 in public works, distributed as follows: Paving, \$4.713.855.79; sewere, \$1.768.342.57; grading, \$1.428.512.03; curbing, \$684.770.52; sidewalks, (since 1887), \$305.797.02; viaducts, \$273.317.80; miscellaneoue, \$808.187.13; total, \$10.002.782.96. The miscellaneous item includes eidewalks, sewers, bridges, culverte, etc., constructed by private contract. The bulk of the expenditure for viaducts was paid by the ralroad companies. The amount remaining paid on these improvements amounts to \$500, 000 in round numbers.

Boy Not Held Responsible. Frits Stolz, a boy about 15 years of age, was before Police Judge Gordon yesterday on the charge of malicious destruction of property. It appears that the boy is feeble-minded, having been an inmate of the Glenwood institution for several years. Re-cently he was discharged, as it was hoped that his infirmity was almost cured. He returned to his father in this city. Judge Gordon released the boy on the promise that he would be returned to the care of his former teacher in lows, who has agreed to take him upon his farm.

Closed by His Creditors. W. F. Stoetzel, the hardware dealer on Fifteenth street, near the old postoffice, has given chattel mortgages to the following parties, covering his entire stock of stoves, hardware, etc: Margaret Ochs, \$2,000; Nebraska National bank, \$1,000; John A. Creighton, \$900; Lee-Clarke-Andressen Hardware company, \$325; Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett, Chicago, \$500; Southern Stove company, St. Louis, \$800. The mortgagees are in possession. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the department

Many Recommendations Are Suggested by the Chairman. The annual report of the Board of Public Works has been completed and will be submitted to the city council next Tuesday night.

many citizens have formed the opinion that the board is a useless branch of the municipal government. He contends that this view is born of ignorance of the facts. Even when no great amount of public improvement is under way the vast number of miles of paving, sidewalks and sewers that must be maintained makes a continual supermust be maintained makes a continual supervision and expenditure necessary. In this conrection it is stated that there are now about 450 miles of streets, 150 miles of public alleys and about 700 miles of wooden sidewalks to be kept in repair. It is recommended that the construction of wooden sidewalks be discontinued, except in isolated localities, where the existing conditions would not permit the use of other material. taken in by a chic miss of some 25 summers.

The fact that he was hoodwinked, however, does not hurt h'm so much as the loss of nearly \$300 in money and a small quantity of jewelry which has vanished with the young woman.

Wilbur wears whiskers under his chin and wond and they would last for forty years, while the life of an ordinary wooden walk is but five or six years. In support of this recommendation wind was which he manages himself. It is urged that it would do away with the

was consequently full of joy when the following day arrived, bringing with it the expectant housekeepers.

Women, young and old, fat and thin, with every necessary qualification for housekeep-like or in preference to the contract system light allowed every one excelling almost every one excelling in some one. when deemed advisable.

WILL NOT LET THE TRAMPS IN. Attitude of County Commissioners

Respecting Charity Cases. The annual wrangle between the county commissioners and the Board of Health of place almost daily in the commissioners' rooms, the city physician, or some one representing him, making efforts to have the

City Attorney Connell was wrestling with Commissioner Stenberg, chairman of the com-mittee on charities, yesterday, endeavor-

to save for salaries, in order to employ as and do a great many things the Board of Health should do. The city physician even wants a standing order from his board to give him authority to send cases to the poor farm. Great Scott! It wouldn't be a week until the poor farm would literally be swarming with life cases that we couldn't get rid of. Take a case that the city physician sent over to us the other day, for instance It was an old man who pret to need medical attendance, and good talk. As soon as I saw him recognized a chronic tramp who had been here several times. He belongs up in Minnesorta and he is sent about from place to place by everybody, to get rid of him. If the city physician had had a standing order at that time he would probably have sent that man to the poor farm. It was not a deserving case and we cannot afford to take care of all the tramps that come along. We don't give such authority as that to our own physician and I see no reason why we should confer it upon the city physician. If the city physi-cian is restrained from doing things he would like to do by reason of lack of funds, that is not a good reason why the county should be required to go beyond its means. There are a great many things we are compelled to do and we have not sufficient money to do these I am quite sure we are not going to do things which belong to the city to do.'

FUNERAL OF THE KLATTKE FAMILY

Victims Buried by Local Carpenters' Union Men. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Investigations in connection with the wholesale slaughter of the Klattke family, by Richard Klattke, brought to light today a fresh sensation regarding the killing of the Hellman family, one of the several parallel cases here within the past few months. Hellman, who was a pros-perous contractor, killed his wife, four children and himself. At the time it was sup-posed to be the result of insanity, but it has now been discovered that Hellman had two families—the Chicago household and a wife and two children living in Germany. A short time before the tragedy occurred Hellman received news that his deserted wife in Germany had discovered his whereabouts and was even then on her way with her children to America. Heliman's first wife arrived a few days after the tragedy and is now living in the house in which her husband and his American family died.

The funeral of the murdered Klattke fam-

ily took place today and was attended by hundreds. The funeral was in charge of the local carpenters union, to which he belonged. and there was no display of red, although he was an anarchist. The simple service of the Lutheran church was read at the house, and thirty little girls dressed in white and carrying white flowers followed the proces-Divorce Scandal Hushed Up.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 7.-Mrs. Frank A. Magowan, wife of the ex-mayor of this city, has withdrawn her defense to the divorce suit begun by her husband in Oklahoma. Magowan has made a settlement with his wife and her children and she is willing to let him secure a divorce. Mrs. Magowan sion Magowan recently built for her to her own property, adjoining her present This residence was formerly occupied by Mrs. Barnes, whom Mrs. Magowan names as co-respondent in a counter suit. Barnes sued his wife for divorce, naming Magowan as co-respondent.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 7.-The grand jury today returned indictments against Nathan B. Abbott and Henry S. Hallwood of Columbus, Orville Townsend of Zanesville and Al-bert Adams of Peoria, Ill., on account of alleged corruption as contractors in the conalleged corruption as contractors in the con-struction of a main west side sewer. Josiah Kinnear, the city civil engineer, was also indicted in the same connection. A city council committee investigation reported that \$42,000 had been overdrawn or improperly accounted for in this sewer work. The con-tractors are men of wide reputation.

Sewer Contractors Indicted.

MATZEN FOLLOWS SCHUMAN

Despondent Man from Ruskin Deliberately Shoots Himself in the Head.

Chairman Munro comments on the fact that HAD REACHED THE END OF HIS ROPE

Money Gone, Clothing Pawned and All Resources Exhausted, He Concludes on Extended Drunk with a Bullet.

it is urged that it would do away with the numerous damage suits on account of defective sidewalks, which have cost the city thousands of dollars in the payment of claims and the satisfaction of judgments.

Attention is called to the fact that about twenty miles of rotten wooden block pavetake care of his household.

Up to a couple of weeks ago, he says that he had a most excellent housekeeper, but the worm a decided to enter upon the matrix the Common Earmy.

Urges His Pollowers to Unite Against the Common Earmy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the World from Caracas says; Rojas Paul, chief of the revolution, declares himself not an enemy to the government and urges his followers to unite against the common enemy, the English invaders. The press refers to this as proof of general pacification and urges General Crespo to approve the request of the month as proof of general pacification and urges General Crespo to approve the request of the month, offers a prize for the best article on the Anglo-Venezuelas question. The press makes much of the incident in Bartica, Brits had household.

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vicinity of Ruskin. Since arriving in the city he had run a number of bar bills, one at Hanson's place, amounting to \$30. Last night at the morgue his clothing was searched, but nothing was found, aside from two pawn tickets, which indicated that he had pawned a suit of clothes and an over-

MANY SUITS AGAINST THE CITY. List of Cases Wherein Parties Are

Asking Payment. The city council has adopted a levy, in which no provision is made for the judg-Omaha is in full blast. Conferences take ment fund. During 1895 about \$10,000 was paid out on judgments and claims in pettlement of suits, thus leaving about \$2,500 in the fund at this time. When the 1896 levy commissioners widen the scope of the county was made City Attorney Connell said that an additional ¼ mill would be sufficient to meet the claims on the fund during the coming year, but this amount was not al-

mittee on charities, yesterday, endeavoring to patch up an agreement between the
take any advantage of me. Alas, this cruel
world."
Bright, pearly tear drops flashed in the
eyes of the innocent maid as she gave utterance to the touching words. If there were
any adamant in the heart of the listener
it was melted. The thought of this beautiful creature being exposed to all the perils
of a practical world was too much for Mr.
Wilbur. He was safely landed. He clinched
a bargain, despite promises he had made
to others, and the poor thing was told that
she would have protection as long as she The cases against the city in which a final decision have been reached have all been settled and there is now no large amount p.nding on account of unpaid judgments. But there are suits in the various vourts to save for salaries, in order to employ as many people as possible, and it expects the county to do all the charity work that is done, care for all the emergency sick cases done are single size of the emergency sick cases done are size of the emergency sick cases done are size of the emergency size of the ards, \$5,000 damages on account of death of George Weston, drowned in Connell's pond; Henry Coombs, \$2,500 damages on account of personal injuries, Fannie Bowman, \$5,000 damages on account of death of son drowned in pond on Davenport street; Samuel Hawver, \$8,000 damages on account of extension of Sixth street; Clinton Tautkus, \$6,000 damages on account of grading at Fourth street and Poppleton avenue; Andrew Flood, two suits aggregating \$11,000 damages on account of grading Sixth street; Harmon, et al \$2,400, refund of taxes paid for coal licenses. In this case the plaintiff secured a judgment for \$3,103 in the lower court; Joseph B. West \$945 on account of interest

The following suits are pending in the trict court: Thomas Murray, \$6,600 damages for tearing down old buildings on South Eleventh street; Lizzie Keysor, \$2,277, damages on same account; Charles B. Horton, \$1,500, on account of damage caused by rain; Fannie M. Croft, \$6,500, damages on account of land taken for boulevard purposes; C. E. Squires, \$9,515 due on street cleaning contract. In this case the city has filed a counter claim of \$10,000 on account of Squires' refusal to earry out his contract; Central West Land company, \$2,500, damages on account of grading Spruce street; Redick, \$10,000, damages on account of use of Har-ney street; Norton. \$3,000, damages on ac-count of personal injuries; Emma Carson, \$10,000, damages on account of personal in-

juries. WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

Leaves the Home of Her Parents and Has Not Returned. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—The disappearance of Mrs. Grace Cody, the wife of Arthur B. Cody of Chicago, who left the house of her parents in Tacoma a week ago yesterday, is shrouded in mystery. The theory that the woman had arrived in Portland last Tuesday, having walked from Tacoma to this city, was found to be incorrect. The woman supposed to have been Mrs. Cody was another person, and she was traced to the residence of a family at Woodstock by the husband of the

missing woman. Mr. Cody, Detective Evans of Tacoma, and C. F. Goodrich, a brother of the missing woman, returned to Tacoma satisfied that any further search in this vicinity would be fruitless. It is now thought that Mrs. Cody has committed suicide.

May Build a Wigwam. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.-The Republic says that a crisis has been reached in regard to the selection of a place to hold the republican national convention of 1896, and Mesers. Clayton of Arkansae, Campbell of Mesers. Clayton of Arkansas, Campbell of Illinois and Payne of Wisconsin will be invited to come here next Monday and decide whether to hold the convention in the exposition building or build a wigwam. The former will hold 12,000 people, but all cannot hear the proceedings. For this reason a wigwam is proposed as preferable. If the latter is decided upon, it will cost \$50,000 to build, \$30,000 of which is in hand, leaving \$20,000 still to be raised.

Whipped His Child to Death. JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 7 .- An application of Jerry Scott, colored, asking the authorities to bury his 8-year-old daughter, whom he said died from natural causes, led to an investigation today which disclosed that the child had been inhumsnly whipped and then laid on a hot stove and roasted. Scott is in jail. He acknowledges only the whipping. The public is excluded from seeing the grue-

ome corps; and the jail is strongly guarded. Preacher Wants a Divorce. PERRY, Okl., Feb. 7.—Rev. J M. Taulbee, formerly presiding elder of the Methodist church of Covington, Ky., has such his wife, Sailie C. Taulbee, for divorce. Rev. Taulbee charges the defendant with neglecting him in that she wined and dined with other men in his absence. He also charges her with selling his property and running away with another man.