FARMERS WANT FAIR PLAY

Alleged Timber Thieves in Boyd County Ask a Hearing.

NOT DEFYING UNITED STATES AUTHORITY

Value of Property Destroyed Insignificant in View of the Fact that it Could Be Utilized Only as Fuel.

scphisticated to believe. About three years is not a shipper of clock and knows but little ago Fort Randall military reservation was practically about the matter. abandoned by the War department, that por-tion lying in South Dakota being ceded to posely made the minimum weight on all that state for echool purposes, while the lands that state for school purposes, while the lands average weights. For instance, the minimum lying in Nebraska, comprising about four of a thirty-six-foot car is 22,000 pounds, and fractional townships, was to be opened to the actual average weight is at least 25,000 settlement and entry under the homestead pounds, and most likely over 26,000 pounds, laws, after allowing the state certain indemnity selections therefrom. All of the
lands situated in Nebraska have been approprieted by settlers for three years or

Upon abandonment of the post the buildings and other government property was placed in charge of a custodian by the name of Mc-Laughlin, who has managed, since the crea-tion of his trust, to keep in one continuous round of turmoll and pleasure in his experi-

Along the Missouri river, abutting the old garrison, is a patch of native timber wholly unfit for timber or domestic purposes other than that of fuel, log stables, fences and uses of minor mention, being comprised in the most part of cottonwood, box elder and sap elm trees. In addition to this infer or stand of trees some scattering scrub oaks are found in guiches on different portions of the reservation of no earthly value or use to the government, and which cost more than actual value in procurement for fuel.

Since the settlement of these lands it has government in the matter of accepting the Dakota lands under the granting act of con-gress, coupled with the unusual mild weather that has prevailed here all winter and the leisure time afforded these farmers on account of having no crops to market.

The appropriation of this timber is not

confined to any particular locality, but is chargeable to farmers, almost exclusively, scattered over a radius of twenty miles or

shals with their yards of red tape and like measurement of fee bills, to sustain the prace and dignity of the great United States. In this instance the proceedings of the offi-cers connected with the arrest and pre-liminary hearing of the parties has been, thus far, one of unusual severity and hard to the accused, and of no more profit to the government, unless than that of fees marchal, than would have obtained by bringing them before the United States commissioners at this place for the'r ex-amination and bail instead of hauling them fifty or sixty miles to a like officer a Niebrara, Neb., of the county and distric wherein the alleged crime was committed, and miles from bondsmen and kin. The com-missioner at Spencer is daily importuned by parties confessing to have taken wood from the reservation to accept their plea and admit them to bail for their appearance before United States district court and thereby gave them unnecessary and unreasonable expense. Citizens here think it would be more keeping with good practice and the ever lasting fitness of things to instruct the dis-trict marshals and their deputies in the making of further arrests to take the accused before the nearest officer authorized to officiate in the preliminary trial, or to come here and accept, without the expense of arrest, these parties who are willing to enter a plea and give bail.

Fellowing is a copy of resolutions certified to The Bee, as having been adopted at a citizens indignation meeting held at Gross, Neb., on February 7:

Whereas, We have been branded as a band of outlaws and thieves:

Whereas, We have been accused of forming a vigilance committee for the purpose of binding ourselves together to resist the officers of the law; and.

Whereas, An United States marshal or any other authorized officer can arrest one or any number of Boyd county citizens at any time without fear of molestation; be it

Resolved. That we positively deny any d all such charges as absolutely false, d be it further Resolved. That this is an outrage to the w abiding citizens of the state of Neaska, and of the county of Boyd.

J. N. FILLLER. F. BUTTCA, Secretary. Chairman.

Two Persons Badly Hurt. NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special.) - An ton Wieland, a young farmer living near here, was brought into town yesterday with his jaw so badly smashed, from a kick received from a horse, that it requires to be held on to keep the pieces from dropping

onto his bosom. The physician in charge states that it is the worst fracture over eeen in this city, Charles Lierman be Charles Laubech and Charles Lierman be came involved in a quarrel in a saloou, and the latter struck Laubsch a vicious blow, landing or a glass eye worn by Laubsch and driving the eye into his head, felling him to the ground where he lay unconscious for

come time. Laubsch is seriously hurt and Protest Agniust High Gaz Rates HASTINGS, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)-The city council he'd a special session this

afternoon to consider the question of granting a franchise to representatives of the bond holders of the present plant. The gas consumers of the city were well represented and a protest was filed against granting a franchise with a higher maximum rate than \$2 per thousand. No action was taken, the council adjourning until tomorrow evening, when the matter will be given further conthe matter will be given further con-

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 14.-(Spe clail)-The prohibition county convent on, held yesterday at Weeping Water, selected Miss Carrie Countryman, M. F. Prouty, E. W. Murlloss, J. C. Fate, Peter Williams, O. A. Davis and Charles Countryman as delegates to the state convention, and S. J. Cashnet, M. F. Brouty, E. W. Murlloss, J. C. Fate and Alfred Murlless, as delegates to the congressional convention of "teetotalers."

WAHOO, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special.) -- The time of the district court yesterday and the day before was taken up with the trial of Cra's against Jones. This is a case wherein Dr. Jones of Ashland was sued for damage for malpractice in setting a broken leg. The jury retired at 6 o'clock last night and at midnight returned a verdict of \$100 for the plaintiff. The plaintiff sued for \$1,000.

FREIGHT ON STOCK IS HIGHER. FOR THE FARMERS' PROFIT What a Shipper Says of Secretary Sutherland's Official Explanation. OGALALLA, Neb., Feb. 10.-To the Editor

of The Bee: There appeared in The Sunday Bee of the 9th inst. a letter from a secretary of the State Board of Transportation. This letter was in reply to a letter written by Mr. Woodruff of Eddyville, Custer county, to OXNARDS the governor of our state, and the excretary undertakes to explain for the railroads that there is no advance in freights on stock. Now, I have this to say, that the secretary of the State Board of Transportation will have a hard task to perform when he undertaken by any process of reasoning to prove to any shipper that the rates have not been SPENCER, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The alleged timber depredations on the abandoned military reservation at Fort Randail, in the military reservation at Fort Randall, in the knows that the new rate is at least from 15 states of South Dakota and Nebraska, at the hands of Boyd county settlers, The Bee corresize of the cattle cars. The way we know is all papers that have been read, in which spondent has investigated, pro and con, and that when we get to Omaha with our stock finds a far different state of facts than sev- this advance is taken out of our net returns eral newspaper reports would lead the un-

sizes of stock cars away below even the propriated by settlers for three years or than the most of the stockmen put the advance on rates per car. Now, I have seen several articles in the different papers of the state trying to explain that the rates are not changed, but no one can convince the stockmen of that fact, as he "pays the freight" and knows whereof he speaks, and knows that he does not need the assistance of the secretary of the State Board of Transportation to figure the matter out, as we do a little calculating for ourselves. H. CARNAHAN.

UNFORTUNATE CRAWFORD FAMILY.

Sad Case of Mrs. Ira C. Dietrick, Recently Placed in an Asylum. CRAWFORD, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)— Citizens of Crawford are inclined to think much injustice has been done Ira C. Dietrick by recent publications concerning the been the custom of the settlers either with manner in which his wife had been placed or without the consent of the custodian to in the Norfolk Asylum for the Insane. manner in which his wife had been placed procure from the different portions of the Though the stories chronicling the woman's reservation their necessary fuel, but not in so release, at the instance of her mother, left large quantities perhaps as during the present winter, which may be accounted for in part by reason of some hitch in the proceedings doubt that Mrs. Dietrick was demented. For several months she has been taking "treat-ment" at a Christian science institute at Des Moines. Several weeks ago she returned from there, accompanied by an attendant, who privately informed Mr. Dietrick that his wife was insane. Later the unfortunate woman demonstrated the fact by jumping in the river twice, in an effort to end her life. Several times she escaped from the house in her night clother and wandered around the streets. At one time she demanded that more, residing on open prairie lands devoid of timber, fifty or sixty miles from any rail-road or coal dealers, with no money to buy repeated affairs of this nature that the hus-

read or foul fif it was hauled to the r doors, owing to crop failure during the past few seasons, who have felt justified under the circumstances in providing their necessary fuel from Uncle Sam's domain.

Messages were sent to the officials of these "outlaws" and "desperadoes," which information was received with the greatest manifestation of indifference. The next step was the appearance of United States mare that the husband permitted his wife to be incarcerated. Callin on "Alfalfa."

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Box Butte Election Will Be Called

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special Telgram.)-Judge Westover today granted a eremptory writ of mandamus compelling the commissioners of Box Butte county to reconvene March 30, and take action on the petition for a special election to vote on the question of the removal of the county seat view of the case was that the postponement board in June amounted virtually to a re

Deaths of a Day in Nebraska. STUART, Neb., Feb. 14.-(Special.)-The funeral of Mrs. James McCartney, aged 64 years, the estimable wife of a farmer residng a short distance in the country, occurred this place today. Tuesday morning left home to spend the day with the family of her son, a mile away. In the afternoon she was found dead by the roadside. No inquest was held, as all the evidence conclusive that on her way going she had dropped dead from heart disease without struggle, as her arms were folded in he shawl in a natural position.

Peculiar Damage Suit. FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special.)-R V. Folkers of Diller has commenced suit in the district court in which he claims damages of Samuel Clark in the sum of \$4,000 for false imprisonment. Clark was one of the creditors in bankruptcy proceedings against Folkers who was closed up by his creditors some weeks ago, and caused

Folkers' arrest for alleged perjury in con-nection with the matter. Folkers was released on habeas corpus proeedings, and now sues Clark for damages Nebraska News Notes.

Adolph Paap and Miss Line Bushing were perried Thursday at Berlin. Miss Edith Rhodes and J. W. Bivens Exeter, were married Thursday.

A. A. Schultz, a farmer residing near Springfield, was badly hurt in a runaway at Hunters report seeing a panther just south of Waterloo yesterday. The farmers are organizing a bunt.

The ladies of the Christian church at Ex eter gave a supper Thursday night at the residence of J. C. Wilson. Twenty-four more voters at the last census

would have given the sheriff of Cass county an increase of \$500 in sulary. The picture enlarging faker is at work around Able. He is establishing agencies and collecting \$5 in advance.

Deputy Sheriff and Jailer S. P. Holloway women capitalists of Plattsmouth. A valentine social was held at the resi-Friday evening, and was largely attended. A mad dog seared the reople living about six miles northwest of titlea Welnesday, but did no damage except to hit; a few other

conines. The ladies of the St. John's Cathoric church at Plaitsmouth gave a ball Thursday night, to which there was an unusually large at-

The ladies of St. Luke's church, in Plattsmouth, gave a very delightful social There day evening at the home of Mrs. Dr. R. R. Livingston.

The election of Captain L If. Culver as state commander pleases the old veterate at Utica, as does also the location of the reunion at Lincoln. The Fairbury Ladies' Society of the Presbyterian church gave a "valentine" supper last evening at which they netted over \$60.

The tables were in booths representing the lifferent seasons. Excter was represented at the organization of the Fillmore County Swine Breeders' as-sociation at Geneva Thursday by Jacob Pflug, W. J. Hildreth and George Hassler, three of the most successful fine awine breed-

Exposure to coid, damp winds, may result in pneumonia unless the system is kept in-vicorated with Hood's Saraaparilla.

Dodge County Institute Closes an Interesting Session.

COME IN FOR ATTENTION

Different Kind of a Contract Desired Before Some Will Produce More Sugar Beets In Nebraska.

FREMONT, Feb. 14 .- (Special.)-The attendance at the farmers' institute is much. larger than at any previous session. A interesting and valuable points have been brought out.

Yesterday afternoon Prof. Lyons of the United States experimental station at Lincoln briefly cutlined the object and work of that station and of the School of Practical Agriculture, which is conducted at the university. Prof. Card read a paper on "Spraying Fruit" in order to destroy the pests of the fruit grower, noxious insects and fungous growths. He recommended spraying with kerosene.

"Chemistry of Soils" was the subject assigned to Prof. B. L. Seawall of the Fremont Normal school. It was a carefully studied paper, giving the various chem-ical constituents which the soil needed in order to grow crops successfully, and of the chemical effect of water and air on the ele-

ments contained in the soil.

A. P. Ackerlund of Valley, who has had experience in beet raising in Europe, then addressed the institute on the "Culture of Brets." The land to be planted, he said, should be plowed early in the fall and again in the spring. The top of the erround should in the spring. The top of the ground should be well pulverized and freed from weeds, stelks and lumps of earth. The cost of rain ing an acre of beets, when all the help has to be hired, is from \$30 to \$40;

W. G. Whitemore of Valley was then calles for. Mr. Whitemore said that his paper read at the sugar beet convention

had caused a great deal of adverse comment He was not a champion of the Oxnards. In some respects they had imposed upon the farmers, but he would reaffirm all he said in that paper. Even the devil should have his due.

WANT ANOTHER CONTRACT. A different kind of contract was what was would be best all around.

At the evening session David Brown read a parer on "What Crops We Should Plant and What Abandon," and H. P. Beebe, "How Lit-tle I Know About Farming After Forty Years." Beebe advocated feeding the crops raised on the farm to stock, hogs, cattle and hore:s, and in that way making the form as nearly as possible self-sustaining. J. H. Kline read a well prepared article on the "Farms as Wealth Producers." and J. R. Catlin on "Alfalfa."

Raspberries, blackberries, strawberries and grapes do well in this section. For the first two berries careful and thorough pruning is necessary. An eastern slope is best for fruit generally. F. H. Vaughn read a paper on "Dairy Farming." Mr. Vaughn is a very successful and practical dairyman, and his aper was one of the best that the institute has had the pleasure of listening to. He gave a statement of the most approved meth-ods of making butter in all its stages. He deprecated the great lose of corn fodder, which he said should be cut up and fed to

TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS.

So Says a Nameless Writer Concern-ing the Tariff Question.

County Clerk Redfield has received notice from the secretary of the "Tariff Commission League," dated Newark, N. J., to the effect that it has been decided (by whom is not stated) that the tariff question should be taken out of politics and that the best way to accomplish this is to call a national convention, to be held in one of the centrally located cities, for the purpose of discussing the question and deciding upon the best plan accomplish the desired result, and also to provide ways and means for carrying out the plan decided upon. The communica tion states that it is the purpose to ask all of the principal manufacturing, mercantile abor and grange organizations that favor the echeme and will send delegates to notify the secretary at once, as it is desired to hold the convention in April of this year in order that any action taken by the convention may e brought before congress during the present session. S. B. Archer is designated as the addressed.

Resolutions on Mrs. Baker's Death. Judges Keyeor, Fawcett, Scott and Slabaugh, all of the members of the districcourt in the city, met at noon yesterday and adopted the following preamble and resolu-tions, which are self-explanatory:

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Whereas, By the immutable laws of nature, death has entered the hoine of our associate, Judge Benjamin S. Baker, and has taken from his side a loving, duitful wife, and from his habitation the queen of his home and the partner of his joys and sorrows, a loss so great as to be beyond expression or estimation, and Whereas, In the light of a due respect for the living and a tender regard for the dead, it is fitting and becoming as a part of the amenities of life that we, the associates on the bench of the bereaved husband, should express in a befitting manner our respect for and commiseration with Judge laker in this, his severest trial; therefore, be it.

Resolved, That we extend to Judge Baker of the left arm. No damages is specified.

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The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twentyfour hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births-Fred Armbun, 1997 Vinton stree girl; John Morrissey, Nineteenth and dette, boy; John Rick, 4939 Brown, Claus Rohwer. Seventeenth and Jackson girl: Gus Anderson, 1616 South Twenty giri; Gus Anderson, 1616 South Twenty-cighth, boy; Henry Doedyns, 1616 Martha, giri; Will Lee, 2108 Lake, giri; Frank Her-man, 528 Center, boy; J. W. Martin, 1328 North Eghteenth, boy; John Hensman, Forly-eighth and Grove, boy. Deaths—Furrie B. Smith, 28, Fifteenth and Douglas, cancer, interment at Lincoln, Neb.;

Anna Adams, 19, 1695 North Twentieth rheumatism, Forest Lawn; George C. Amer 72, 2010 Farnam, apoplexy, Prospect Hill.

For beauty, for comfort, for improvement of the complexion, use only Pozzoni's Powder there is nothing equal to it.

SENATOR THURSTON AT HOME. Discusses Legislation and Expects Exposition Bill Will Pass.

Senator John M. Thurston arrived in the city yesterday for a stay of five or six St. Valentine's Day Causes a Rush at the days, having run over from Chicago, where he attended the banquet tendered by the Marquette club, at which Governor McKinley delivered the principal address in memory of Abraham Lincoln.

In an interview yesterday Senator Thurston said he intended conferring with the officers of the Transmiss steps Expesition association while in the city for the purpose of learning more of the project than he had been able to glean from the reports published. lished.

"The bill on this subject," continued the senator, "is with my committee, and may be reported at any time. It has been drawn after the bill for the Atlanta exposition, but

is safe to say that congress will not go outside or beyond what was done in the case of Atlanta. I do not remember the total amount appropriated for Atlanta, but my impression is that the appropriation for a building and exhibit was followed by a second appropriation, pro-viding for the transportation of the exhibit and the care of it. There is every probability that the bill will pass, as no particular oppo-sition has developed so far and the western members favor it.

Speaking of the proposed additional appro-priation for the new pretoffice building, Senaing their bills, and I think they are prejudicing their cause in the eyes of the people by tacking silver amendments onto every act which comes up. They are using this means to kill off all legislation. I regard it as a very un-American way of legislating."

Inissives is recognized as an important feature of Uncle Sam's postal service.

It is a somewhat surprising fact that in spite of the hard times, more money has been spent for valentines in Omaha this year than last year, or the year before. It can scarcely be said that as many valentines have been

IN THE INTEREST OF STATE BANKS.

Council Passes a Resolution Asking that Congress Take Action. The city councils of most of the large cities of the United States, and also other governmental bodies, are being requested to take action urging the passage of the law needed-one so drawn that the farmer would by which state and national banks are placed know just where he stood. A graduated on the same basis in their relations to the scale of prices, such as was first paid by the currency. These bodies are urged to use Oxnards, provided the analysis were made by their influence for the bill on the ground persons appointed by the state, he thought that it will have a tendency to effect a reduction of the rate of interest on state and municipal bonds. A resolution similar to that which has been sent to other bodies was introduced in the Omaha city council Thursday night and referred to a committee for investigation. What little comment was made while it was before the council was unfavorable, but it is understood that the committee will consult the opinions of local financiers and report accordingly. The resolution in

Whereas, it is estimated that if such bill, or legislation along the lines laid down therein, should be adopted by congress, the effect would be to reduce the average rate of interest on state and municipal bonds at least 1 per cent; therefore, Resolved, That the common council of the city of Omaha hereby approves of the plan rei forth in said bill, and respectfully urges the senators and representatives of Nebraska in congress to take all hoorable means for the enactment of said bill, or of legislation making state and mulcipal bonds, as well as government bonds, the basis of the currency of the United States.

Resolved, That the clerk furnish certified copies of these resolutions to Hon. John M. Thurston, senator, and Hon. D. H. Mercer, representative.

epresentative. WILLETTS SUES FOR DAMAGES. Alleges that a Street Car Maimed His

Suit was commenced yesterday against the Omaha Street Railway company by John H. Willetts, the father of the boy, George Willetts, who was run over by a trailer while switching cars at Twenty-fourth and Sprague streets on January 29. The boy is about 5 years old, and the petition recites that he was run over while crossing the street, the accident being due to the carelessness of the train crew in switching without looking ahead of the car. It is alleged that the boy is maimed for life, and damages in the sum of \$500 are asked.

Minor Matters in Court. of Thayer against the Omaha Tinware company, a suit for rent, amounting to \$500. The county court adjourned last evening

Monday morning, out of respect to Baker. The marriage license elerk Judge Baker. will be at the office between the hours of 1:30 and 3 p. m. today to issue licences. Judge Slabaugh is engaged in hearing case of Herman Deiss against John Hor-bach, a case appealed from the county court. Claim is made for \$800, alleged to be b-lance due on account of some brick sold to

Horbach. gaged for the past two days on the care of the Western Cold Storage company against F. L. Cotton, suit on alleged breach of confor ice, the amount claimed being

Martha Kelley has filed a claim for dam ages against the city on account of an alleged defective sidewalk at Fifty-first street and Poppleton avenue. She charges that she fell on the sidewalk on the evening of February 2 and suffered a compound fracture of the left arm. No definite amount of

George E. Adams, traveling passenger agent f the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Des Moines, is in the city.

Jack O'Hearn of the Union Pacific road is in town from Rawlins. He is enthusi-ustic over the prospects of the gold mines Edward L. Palmer, now traveling passenger agent of the Santa Fe road, with head-quarters in this city, came in yesterday

Chief Clerk Davidson of the passenger de partment of the Burlington is busy closing up all matters of business on his desk. He will open his commission brokerage office next Monday.

H. B. Kooser, commercial agent of t Missouri Pacific at Salt Lake City a formerly stationed in this city, will pay short visit to his former frends have Monday. He is enroute to St. Louis. There was a meeting of the association of freightmen of Omaha and Council Bluffs. known as the "high joints," yesterday at 2 o'clock in the office of Chairman Nash. It was the regular weekly meeting and routing business alone was transacted.

proceeds of the sale should be expended in H. C. Nutt. assistant superintendent of th Wyoming division of the Burlington road, is in the city from Sheridani. He is the son of "Commodore" Nutt, who is remembered by the pioneer settlers of Omsha as the owner of the first ferry between Omaha and Council Bluffs. The latter was afterward made vice president of the Atlant & Pa-

For coughs and threat treubles use Brown's Brenchial Troches—"They stop an attack of my asthma cough very promptly." —C. Falch, Miamiville Ohio

HEAVILY

Postoffice.

EVERY BAG WAS STUFFED TO BURSTING

Trade in Cupid Literature Mementoes Larger Than for Several Years-Bent Has Been Toward Novelties.

The good St. Valentinus was decapitated just 1,126 years ago yesterday, and it is doubtful whether the thousands of people who I have been informed that it may have to be now transmit pledges of their affection, reredrafted almost entirely in order to conform member that the custom was born in a to the different conditions existing here. It horrible tragedy. They prefer to think of it av residence, at 1211 Howard street, in order that time might be taken by the forelock, connected with the fairy legend, which de- although the date of the suicide was still clares that St. Valentine's day is the occasion on which the bilds select their mates and conducted to the police station, and was intersequently the custom which was originally

exchanged. A few years ago the comic valenpriation for the new pretoffice building, Senator Thurston said it was hard to tell just what would be done in that direction. "The present revenues of the government," he said, "are below the expenditures. If the tariff bill should pass, thereby providing for an increase in revenue, congress might feel more liberal, and it may be possible to secure an increased appropriation. If the senato ever gets at the revenue bill it will kill off the silver amendment which tae free silver men have tacked onto it and pass the bill. The most ardent silver advocates in the senate admit that they have no hope of passing their bills, and I think they are prajudictive of Uncle Sam's postal service.

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> purchased, but the taste has run more to the more expensive grades, so that the aggregate investment has materially increased. In a Farnam street establishment, which car-ries a large line of these novelties, a reporter was told that the demand had been a decided surprise. "The trade is entirely on a differ-ent basis from that of previous years," said the manager. "There is almost no call for comic valentines, and but very little for the old styles in lace work. Novelties are what people want, and we have had a remarkably good trade on the more expensive sorts. There are a number of new designs, ranging from \$1 to \$4, and these have been pretty well sold out. The improvements which have been made in the handling of celluloid have produced an innovation in valentine manufacture, and an artistic use of this material produces some very hand-some creations. Designs of banjos, guitars and mandoline, composed of celluloid, satins and silver or gold beads, with a brief sentiment inscribed, are among the new things, I expect that the use of celluloid will be ex-tended next year and the indications are that valentines will be made which will have

of directors of the Transmiss ssippi and International exposition was held at the Compercial club rooms, nine members being pres-

Chairman Wattles made a report of the rip of the special committee to Des Moines to secure in the scheme the co-operation of the state of lowa by action of its legislature, describing the cord al reception of the committee and the success of the mission as published in The Bee.

The board passed a resolution expressing its thanks to Governor Drake and the as-sembly for the courtesies shown the delegates and the aid promised.

Secretary Wakefield read letters from Sena-tors Allen and Thurston and Representatives Mercer and Hainer with reference to the national legislation in regard to the exposi-tion pending. All expressed confidence that the government aid sought would be secured A letter was also read from Hon. Georg Q. Cannon of Utah, saying that that stat would no doubt take its proper part in the enterprise. John A. Wakefield was made chairman of

the prem bureau, vice I. W. Carpenter, and George H. Payne was added as a member. IDAHO'S YOUNG CATTLE QUEEN

Shipment of Stock. Katie Hubbs, better known as "the cattle o look after a big shipment of live stock that will come in over the Union Pacific today. The shipment consists of 600

fat steers, and is direct from the range.

To a Bee reporter Miss Hubbs spoke quite freely concern'ng her work. She takes care of the 5,000 or 6,000 head of cattle that graze on her range about the same as her brother stockmen would. Every spring she rounds up the cattle and puts in a good part of her summer in hunting, fishing and horseback riding. Winters she usually goes to the Pa-cific coast. She says that this has been an unusually good winter for taking care of stock but little hay and grain being required. Idaho's "cattle queen" is a young and most attractive woman. She is well proportioned and is of the decided brunette type. Her physique plainly shows the healthful effects of outdoor life. She is more than a mere stockwoman, however, for she has traveled considerably. She has exercised her keen observation powers on her trips, and what with her stories of travel, and references to polite literature that would surprise many members of elite coclety, the genial "cattle queen" a most fascinating entertainer.

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

They Will Fill Up Holes on South Street Commissioner Kaspar put a gang of

about forty men at work yesterday. There is no street cleaning to do at present, but the men will be employed for a few days in making some improvements that were ordered by the old council. During 1895 the council disposed of some old buildings on South Sixteenth street for \$200, and it was the understanding that the

filling up some bad places on the street. Through some oversight this was not done and the money was furned into the general fund. Now the Board of Public Works proposes to give some relief to the unemployed by attending to this matter, and \$250 will be expended. The registration of the unemployed con-tinues almost incessantly at the office. Nearly 300 married men are already on the list, all of whom are citizens of Omaha. In some cases the applicants have resided here for from twenty to thirty years, and most of them have large families.

IT WAS VINE'S OWN BUSINESS. If He Wanted to Die, It Was His Own

Funcret. According to the contents of a telegram which was received by the chief of police, Henry Vine has fixed February 15 as the date on which he will make his exit from this world. According to the statement of Henry Vine, he doesn't intend to make the exit on February 15, nor

m any other date, if he can help it. The telegram, which was dated Ladd, Ill. and signed by Henry Segal, is as follows:
"Henry Vine of 1211 Heward street, intends to commit suicide, to take place February 15. Wish you would look after him."
The dispatch also stated that a letter would follow, in which more information would be always and this could be because and the could be given, and this epistle is being awaited by the police with considerable interest. It is expected that it will give reasons as to why

the request was made to the police.

As soon as the dawn broke yesterday
Detective Donahue was dispatched to Vine's viewed by Captain Haze.

sequently the custom which was originally intended to commemorate the death of a martyr has become generally associated with thoughts of love and friendship.

Although the day continues to be generally observed, every year chronicles a change in the character of the tokens which are exchanged. A few years are the comic valence of the tokens which are exchanged. A few years are the comic valence of the tokens which are exchanged. A few years are the comic valence of the tokens which are exchanged. A few years are the comic valence of the fact that he has not been steadily employed, although he obtains occasional jobs of work at a tin shop at 620 South Thirteenth street. He is an unmarried

authority and trampling upon his rights. "You have no right to take or hold me," he said. "You have no right to do so even less. Consequently Bolln was led before if I intend to commit suicide. I guess it is the bench for arraignment, but it was unmy privilege to kill myself if I want to. I am not violating any law by doing so. I am not going to kill any one else. But my life is mine and I think that I can do anything

Is mine and I think that I can up anything I want with it."

This struck the captain as common horse sense and he informed Chief Sigwart of the statements of the man. The chief thought that the police could not hold the man and as he appeared to be rational

OLD SOLDIERS HAVE RETREATED.

Have Completed Their Labors and Returned to Their Homes, "This looks like old times," said a depot employe yesterday as a hundred or more people were bustling around the Mason street structure, looking after baggage and waiting to get a choice of the best seats on outgoing trains. Most of the travelers were old soldiers, their wives and daughters. They appeared to have spent a pleasant time while in the city and to have enjoyed the various reunions, but all seemed more or less glad to start for their homes.

A large part of the veterans left for their

homes Thursday afternoon, while others remained. Yesterday the Millard hotel and the other places where the old soldiers have congregated in considerable numbers looked lonely. An occasional badge of the order (was to be seen on the streets, but they were rare sights compared with the frequency with which they had been met during the past three days. Quite a number of the members of the Woman's Relisf corps and of the Ladles of the defalcation should have no effect in of the Grand Army of the Republic were noticed about town yesterday. The ses-sions of these organizations have been con-

cluded and the new officers are at work

already in the endeavor to make '96 a banner year. The delegates who are still in the city are either visiting friends or have to mained over to do some shopping. Nearly all the retail stores enjoyed an ircreased trade while the various encamp-ments were in session. The hotels were well filled, although the Millard, the department headquarters, entertained the largest companies did a good business, the local offices enjoyed none of the profits, as the tickets were sold at the offices in the state and were good for the round trip.

Conversation with a number of veterans
yesterday disclosed the fact that they were unanimous in their opinion that Omaha had fully sustained its reputation as a hospitable city. They declared that they had been received with marked courtesy everywhere and were thankful to the Omaha people for the kindnesses extended to them. The sentiment among members of the two

sister organizations was the same. PROPOSE TO STOP AN ABUSE

Council Will Change the Plan Making Appraisements. If a resolution now before the city council s adopted an end will be put to a custom by which appraisers have received hundreds of dollars from the municipal treasury, without effecting any results beyond lining their own

nockets. It was formerly the custom to have ordinance drawn up and appraisers appointed whenever property owners petitioned for a public improvement. It was discovered that in the majority of cases the ordinance was never passed and the only effect was to give the appraisers a chance to draw pay for their work. In many instances the property own-ers themselves refused to accept the report and the appraisers put in ten or twenty days

making the appraisement. Last year a reform was inaugurated by limiting the amount of time for which the appraisers could draw pay and compelling the petitioners to file a bond to pay the cost of appraisement in the event they refused to put the bond at \$25,000." accept it. The first provision lopped off a considerable amount in appraisers' bills, but t has recently been discovered that the bonds submitted by the property owners were never held responsible for the expense of making the appraisement. Councilman Mercer has consequently introduced a resolution which provides that the bond must in all cases be accompanied by a certified check in an amount to be designated by the city engineer. By a second resolution the city clerk is di rected to prepare and submit a list of al the cases in which the cost of appraisement has not been paid by the property owner according to their bond.

WEBSTER CALLS IT A BLUFF. Says the Water Works Plant Will No

Next Wednesday is the advertised date upon which the plant of the American Water Works company will be offered at forced sale. But, according to the statement of John Is Webster, the sale will not take place.

Mr. Webster has returned from St. Louis, where he had been to look after mat-ters connected with the foreclosire pre-

The funeral of George C. Ames, who died Wednesday afternoon after a fortnight's illness, was held at 2 o'clock yesterday at All Saints church. The service of the Protestant Episcopal church was used, Rev. Dr. Mackay,

the rector, officiating.

A large number of the business and profes sional men of Omaha were present to testify to the osteem in which one of Omaha's pioneer citizens was held. The older citizens were especially well represented. The older citizens were especially well represented. The pathbearers were: Mayor Broatch, Graham Park, Major Dennis, W. S. Brooks, Jerome B. Parrott and Frederic E. Selma. Internent was at Prospect Hill cemetery. Many floral tributes were received from friends of the deceased.

BOLLN FOLLOWS COULTER OUT

Released from Jail on a Reduced Bail Bond.

JUDGE GORDON MAKES THE BOND \$25,000

Prisoner's Brother and Father-in-Law Sign as Sureties with Sat-Isfactory Statement of the

Property They Hold.

After almost a month's confinement in the city jail, Henry Bolln, ex-treasurer, charged with the embezzlement of almost \$125,000 of the city's money, was released from custody on a bond of \$25,000 to warrant his appearance in the district court. The amount of the bond is \$5,000 less than that first fixed by Judge Gordon a few days after Bolln's arrest on the third complaint, which charged the theft of \$105,000. He had been arrested previously on two other complaints in which embezzlement in the neighborhood of \$11,000 was charged and on these was released on a bond of \$12,000. Consequently the total amount of the bonds on which

Bolln has gained his liberty is \$37,000. The proceedings which culminated in the release of Bolln occurred before Judge Gordon in police court at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and occupied almost an hour. County Attorney Day was present to repre-sent the state, while Attorneys McFarland

ices of Attorney Bradley, who has acted for Bolla in the past. Although it is in the neighborhood of three weeks since Bolln was arrested he has not been arraigned, from the fact that he had not succeeded in obtaining bonds for his re-lesse. Consequently Bolln was led before torneys then stated that Bolin would waive preliminary hearing and requested that the ancount of bond for his appearance in the

district court be fixed. POLICE JUDGE DELIBERATED.

Judge Gordon hesitated before naming the amount of the bond and before he had finished Attorney McFarland interrupted with a plea for a reduction from the original figure of \$30,000, which the police judge had fixed. He held that a bond of \$20,000 was sufficient and made a lengthy argument in favor of this reduction. He made no show-ing that a \$30,000 bond could not be fur-nished.

He stated that even in murder cases a bond as large as that already fixed was not required. He pictured at length the disconforts that Bolln was suffering from being separated from his family and his home by his incarceration. He held that the bond was excessive and was, therefore, inflicting a punishment upon Bolln already, whereas, in the eyes of the law, he stood innocent until he was convicted. He made an appeal to the county attorney, saying that as a prosecutor he should assist and protect the "children of the state," and stated that he did not believe that he would appear a reduction. He stated in fact that oppose a reduction. He stated, in fact, that from conversations with Mr. Day he inferred

that the latter would be satisfied with a bond of \$20,000. the fixing of the amount of the bond. He into consideration at all. He also made a

plea to the court.
"If you reduce this bond," he said, "the papers will accuse you of anything and every-thing. When you are in the right, howthing. When you are in the right, how-ever, that should have no effect upon you. The court should be brave without reference to the newspapers. I believe that you will be brave enough to reduce this bond if you think right."

DAY OPPOSED REDUCTION. In response County Attorney Day stated that he was opposed to a reduction of the bond, as he did not consider it excessive. Personally he would be as well satisfied with \$20,000 bond as a \$30,000 bond, but he knew that his chief, Baldrige, was opposed to a reduction and therefore, under the circumstances he could not consent to a lowerhe must leave that matter entirely to the

discretion of the court.

Mr. Day said that Attorney McFarland erred in saying that the amount of the aleged defalcation had nothing to do size of the boad. He held that if there was cause to believe that the accused had profitted by a large embezzlement, there was just as much cause to believe that he more means with which to get away, therefore, insisted that the bond be kep the original figure, although he said thought \$20,000 would be sufficient.

Judge Gordon started out by saying that he did not see his way clear to reduce the bond ffrom \$30,000, but later apparently changed his mind. He said that in the first place Baldrige demanded a bond of \$10,900, and he thought that he had shown that he had a judgment of his own when he put the figure at \$30,000, a compromise between the \$40,000 bond asked by Baldrige and the \$20,000 bond asked by Bolln.

"I do not think the amount of \$20,000 ex-cessive, considering the amount of the embezzlement," he said, and in a moment con-"The newspapers have felt themselves

called upon to criticize the actions of the courts, sometimes justly, I presume, and sometimes unjustly. We judges, however, have managed to live through it. I do not consider the amount excessive, but I will

BONDSMEN WERE READY. The sureties were in the court room. One of them was Bolin's brother Claus, who lives near Blair on a farm. The other was Hans Beekman, his father-in-law, who is al-ready on the \$12,000 bond put up by Bolin. The latter offered to qualify in the sum of \$45,000 when he went on the other bonds,

but this was considerably cut down under the questioning of Attorney Day. Beekman swore that he was be owner of Beekman swore that he was 'he owner of \$93 acres of land two miles south of Calhoun, which he valued at \$50 per acre, or a total of \$40,000. He stated that there was a mortgage of \$10,000 on it and an additional mertgage of \$1,500 on 200 acres. This brought down the valuation to \$23,500. He also owned forty acres about four miles from the city, valued at \$75 an acre, or a total of \$3,000. On this there was a mortgage of \$1,000. He had no personal property and \$1,000. He had no personal property and several hundreds of deltars of debts. Out-side the mortgages and debts he thought he was worth \$30,500. Delucting the amount of the bond on which he already was his assets would amount to \$18,500, but he qualified in the sum of \$20,500 over and above all incumbrances and liabilities.

ceedings which are now pending in the courts. Yesterday he said that the advertising for sale of the plant was a big bluff. He added that the case in foreclosure was now in the court of appeals, pending a decision.

Funeral of George C. Ames. lowed to qualify only in the sum of \$10,000. Both the sureties were accountable to the ourt and Bolin was released on a bond of \$25,000 signed by himself and them.

> It Was the Janitor's Fault. arraigned yesterday on the charge disturbing the peace about the Kellom school by throwing snowballs. They were discharged, as the superintendent of schools appeared in police court to state that a mistake had been made when the boys were arrested. He said that the janitor of the school had been noti-fied only to drive the boys away, whereas he

had caused their arrest when he got his