Eager to Pour His Complaint Into Some Sympathizing Receptacle.

THINKS RUSSELL IS THE MAN HE WANTS

Will File Written Charges Against Commandant Wilson as Soon as the Land Commissioner Returns to Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Feb. 21,- (Special.)-Mart Howe was at the office of Land Commissioner Rushell today with the charges he says he intends to prefer against Commandant Wilson of the Grand Island Soldiers' Home, but he said that the decrease in the production of colts in Nebraska during the past four said he would not present them until the return of Mr. Russell. The latter arrived from Iswa today, but immediately left for the first tends to prefer against Commandant Wilson of colts in Nebraska during the past four \$10,000. The present incumbent of the office, the wester tonight that the shortage would be past tonight that the shortage would be recommission. his home in Schuyler. Howe said that he understood that ex-Speaker S. M. Elder had been appointed to his former position at the former, that of adjutant, but at the govhome, that of adjutant, but at the governor's office nothing had been heard of it. and "Dairying for Profit." I. W. Chappell, The commandant of the home is the one to appoint the adjutant. It is an admitted Whitmore, Valley, president; Will am Foster, Salt llo, secretary-treasurer; vice presidents with the commandant of the home is the one to appoint the adjutant. It is an admitted Whitmore, Valley, president; Will am Foster, Salt llo, secretary-treasurer; vice presidents. The commandant of the home is the one to Grand Island home without having received any formal complaint from Howe. Today Howe stated that he had preferred verbal charges to the governor and that the latter had promised to go up to Grand Island and investigate them. When it was suggested that Howe now present his formal charges, accompanied by specifications, to the governor, he replied that it was too late in the

curing signatures to several affidavits in support of a motion for a new trial of the case of Kendall & Smith of this city, who recently secured a verdict of \$61,000 against Lincoln in the district court of Saunders of Wahner The affidavits are to Lincoln in the district court of Saunders county at Wahoo. The affidavits are to the effect that the property said to have been damaged to this amount was never worth any such sum. The work is being prosecuted in accordance with a resolution of the city council that Mr. Abbott do all in his power to have the verdict set aside, on the ground that should it stand the taxpayers of the city will be obliged to foot payers of the city will be obliged to foot nearly the entire expense. A question of signatures was before the

A question of signatures was before the district court this morning. E. H. Pearson of Chicago is suing the Baldwin Lumber company for the foreclosure of a \$19,000 morigage on the company's property. The defense set up that as the signature to the morigage was "J. A. Buckstaff, president," the company was not bound in any way, as that was not the company's authorized signature and in nowise binding. Thus Mr. Pearson was left without any security, as Buckstaff held that it was not his individual mortgage. The court inclined to the ual mortgage. The court inclined to the opinion that Mr. Pearson could not lose his money in this way, but the defense insisted that it had a long line of authorities to pre-sent, and the court let it proceed accord-

All the offices of the state house and those of the district court building will be closed today, the anniversary of the birth of George

A republican mass meeting has been called for temorrow night to take steps toward securing the so-called Crawford system of making political nominations in the city. Apparently the plan is meeting with universal favor, and many who at first violently opposed the innovation are now classed among its warmest champions. Today over 1,800 republicans have signed the petitions. Many leading republicans have consented to address the meeting and explain the workings of the system.

telephone exchange has invited the public to call at the new building, 128 South Thir-teenth street, and inspect the added features of the exchange. The company lately put in a new switchboard and the city system was completely revolutionized. It has given

omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell-Mrs. C. B. Tomson, F. T. Walton, Mrs. W. B. Meikle, Miss Rowena Argginson, Miss Humphrey. At the L. Welshans, E. F. Jordan. At the Lincoln-William J.

REAR ADMIRAL FYFFE DYING. Not Likely to Last Through the Night. .

PIERCE, Neb., Feb. 21.-(Special Tele gram.)-The condition of Rear Admiral Fyffe is such tonight that there is very little hope entertained for his recovery and the chances are that he will die before morning. Relatives in California, Massachusetts and other states have been wired of the admiral's

Nuckolls County Farmers to Meet, NELSON, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The second annual session of the Nuckolls County Farmers' institute will be held in this city next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. An excellent program has been prepared. Profs. Taylor and Lyon of the State university, William Sutton of Table Rock and C. H. Avery of Lincoln, will deliver addresses, These institutes have become of great importance in this county, the farmers taking active interest in the work and the business men also fully recognize the merits and benefits derived from such an organization.

FREMONT, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon Frank Wrightbower went into Pratt's jewelry store on Main street after a watch which he had left there for repairs. got the watch and at once started fo door, but Pratt got there first and tole him he couldn't leave the store with the watch until the repair bill was paid. Wright-bower then struck out with his right and a lively scrimmage ensued. Pratt held his man until a policeman arrived and this morning Police Judge Holmes gave him \$5 and costs for assault and battery.

Minden Pythians Entertain. MINDEN, Neb., Feb. 21 .- (Special.) -- Martell ledge of Pythians gave an anniversary banquet in their hall Thursday night, which was a grand success in every particular. A fine supper, followed by an interesting program of music and addresses, filled the time till about 11 p. m., when they opened the Thorne opera house for a dance, which lasted

until 2:30 a.m. Wait's orchestra discoursed the music. The entertainment was never excelled in this city.

Funerals at Nelson. NELSON, Neb., Feb. 21.-(Special.)-The funeral of Mrs. Matilda Norwood took place from the family residence, north of town, today. The deceased was 81 years old and

The funeral of Mrs. James Moore occurred at Oak, in the eastern part of this county, his, Jufge Grimes presiding. Judge Grimes today. Mrs. Moore, with her husband, came exchanged places with Judge Kendail.

to Nuckolls county at an early day, being among the first settlers of this section. FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Feb. 21.-(Spe-

cial.)-J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent, and Frank Harmon, division freight agent of the Elkhorn, after transacting a lot of business in the neighboring town of Crawford, put in a few hours here as the guests of Colonel James Biddle and the officers of the Ninth cavalry. The hand gave an open air concert in their honor, a game of lawn tennis going on at the same time.

Deaths of a Day in Nebraska. HASTINGS, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—George K. Lynn, deputy clerk of the flistrict court, died very suddenly with la grippe this morning. The deceased was 74 years old and has resided in this city since 1887, during which time he has always figured quite prominently in politics, but never held office until this year. The funeral will be held Sunday afat 3 o'clock from the family residence, 756 Minnesota avenue.

HOWE HUNTS A CHAMPION STOCK VARDS AND STOCK RAISERS.

Bruce McCultoch Discusses the One for the Edification of the Other.

LINCOLN, Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.) Stock Breeders' association Editor Bruce McCulloch of the South Omaha Daily Stockman gave an interesting history of the Omaha. A discussion followed in which Mr. McCullech said that some American packers were in the habit of placing an English brand on American pork under the mistaken impression that a finer flavor was found in English pork. He said the flavor of American pork is the equal of any packed in the

Palmer L. Clark, the horseman, read a very interesting paper on "The Farmer's Oppor-tunity with the American Horse." He conveyed the impression that in borse breed-ing the farmer could find his highest profit.

ecuting an investigation of affairs at the dents, A. L. Sullivan of Lincoln, I. W. Chap-Grand Island home without having received pell of Normal and J. H. Wescott of Malcolm. The three vice presidents represent the breed-ing Industries of horses, cattle and swine. respectively.

The choice of the next place of meeting was left open and will be settled by the

president and secretary-treasurer.

TO EXTEND THE NORTH LOUP DITCH. Greeley County Citizens Determined

to Have a Canal.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)-Immediately following the recent defeat of the irrigation district proposition a proposition from the farmers resident in the Greeley county division of the proposed district has been presented to the management of the North Loup Irrigation and Improvement com-pany, looking to the extension of its canal on down the river so as to cover the lands of the several applicants, and the proposition is now under advisement by the company. The probabilities are that satisfactory arrangements will be entered into without material delay, in which case the construction if not all, of Mr. Baker's property is in the will begin at once, as the ground is not name of his wife. She has a gent's furnish-thought to be sufficiently frozen to intering store on O street and also a farm a few fere with grading. This extension will place miles cut from the city. Baker's bondsmen a fine additional body of land in reach of are all farmers and it is said that some of water, and the enterprising farmers interested are too thoroughly convinced of the great benefits derivable from irrigation to abandon the scheme, now that the confusion incident to the district struggle is out of the way.

WILL BE A VERY LARGE ACREAGE. Farmers Around Cozad Doing Much

Field Work. COZAD, Neb., Feb. 21 .- (Special.) -- Some farmers are beginning work in the fields. A number are sowing wheat. The weather seems almost like spring. The irrigation companies are at work putting their ditches in order for operation. There will be a very large acreage of small grain sown this spring. Winter wheat and rye are loking

Supreme Court Calls. LINCOLN, Feb. 21 .- At the session of the supteme court Tuesday, March 3, the following cases will be called: Ferbrache against Buchanan, Sloan against Bain, Van Etten against Edwards, Fairfield against Kerns, Garber against Palmer, Blanchard & Co., against Hamilton, Regier against Kelley company, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company against Beatrice Rapid Transit and Power company, Mahoney against Gaston, Skinner against Columbia National bank, Smith against Smith, Richard on against Alexander, Oakland Home Insurance company against Bank of Commerce Island. Schuster-Hax Na. of Grand

tional bank against Pehar, mer against Crandall, Omaha Railway company against Martin, Moore against Omaha Street Railway company, Omaha Real Estate and Trust company against Rodefer, Omaha Real Estate Trust company against Shaw, Omaha Real Estate and Trust company against Krags-cow, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company against Hague & Steele, Omaha & Republican Railway company against Kray-enbuhl, Louis against Union Pacific Railroad company, Omaha Brewing association against Wuethrick, Barnhousa against Village of Adams, Ball against Mitchell, Crosby against Ritchey, Abbott against Berton, Gilmore against Armstrong, Risser against Sloman, Dayton Spice Mills company against Sloan, White against Grater, Winters against Means, Davison against Cruse, Lewis against Mills, Farmers' Loan and Trust company

Indians Fight Fire. GENOA, Neb., Feb. 21.-(Special.)-Fire broke out last night in the laundry of the indian school, at this city, a large wooden structure. The two Indian fire companies of the school were promptly on hand with their lines of hose, and had it under con-trol before the city fire department reached the ground. The inside of the building was as nearly burned out.

against Memminger, Gibson against McClay

Nebraska News Notes. The local music department of Bellevuc ollege gave a concert Thursday evening, under the direction of Prof. Kratz. The program was well rendered. The twelfth anniversary of the marriage o Mr. and Mrs. James Folon of Fairmont was made the occasion for a celebration at their

residence by their numerous friends. A meeting of citizens was held at Hyannis this week, to protest against the bill now be fore congress, which proposes to cede the vacant lands in the sand hills to the state.

The case of L. A. Melister against the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company, tried January 20, at Minden, was decided Thursday in favor of the plaintiff in the sun of \$500.

An opera house company has been organized in Grant county, for the building of an cpera house. The enterprise is meeting good success, and is assured. The stock has about all been taken.

Rev. D. D. Forsythe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Cozad, last evening closed a three weeks' revival meet ing at Grace church. Over fifty conversions were made during the meetings, and the encommunity aroused to a great interest

in religious matters. The equity term of the district court Grant county, convened this week at Hyan number of cases were disposed of, and all the remainder are ready for the May term. There was the largest number of cases upon the docket in the history of the county.

A petition is being circulated at North Post, now in charge of the affairs of the de-funct Loup Valley bank, reciting as reason therefor inattention to business, needlessly sacrificing the property assets of the institu-tion, and other similar charges. It appears questionable whether a majority of the crediters of the concern will allow their names

Benjamin Harrison Goes East. INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—Benjamin Har rison left over the Pennsylvania line today for New York, accompanied by his secrefor New York, accompanied by his secre-tary. It is understood that this will be his last trip to New York until next April, when he and Mrs. Dimmick wil be married. Gen-eral Harrison will return to Indianapolis next week. Many artists have made sketches of the Harrison homestead pre-paratory to the marriage story, but requests for interior views have been refused.

IS MANY THOUSANDS SHORT

At this morning's session of the improved Ex-Clerk of Lancaster County District Court in Trouble.

growth of the stock yards interests at South ALLEGED TO HAVE HELD BACK THE CASH

Ellas Baker Charged by His Suc cessor with Falling to Pay Over Parts of Various Funds.

LINCOLN, Feb. 21.-(Special Telegram.)-Elias Baker, ex-clerk of the district court of Lancaster county, is tonight reported to found the most profitable.

The morning session closed with a paper has been in possession of the office and County Commissioners and laid the state of

> "I did this," he sa'd tonight to a repreentative of The Bre, "for my own protection. At the time I assumed my duties as clerk I discovered that Baker's accounts were far from being straight, and demanded that he turn over to me all money due the fo fice. Mr. Baker said that considerable of it was in such shape that he could not im-mediately collect it. The deficit is made in principally of judgments that have been paid into Baker's hands, fines that belong to the county, witness fees and various other funds. One of these judgments is for \$2,700. At any time I am liable to be called on for he money and it was for self-protect on that I reported the facts to the commissoiners. told Mr. Baker the last time I had a talk with him that I felt sorry for him, but in

justice to myself I must move at once." Elias Baker was elected four years ago on the populist ticket. He has always en-joyed an excellent reputation for business ability and is considered a man of most exemplary habits. His alleged shortage is a great surprise to people of all shades of political belief, although it is known that he expended large sums of money last fall in the campaign against Low. A great portion, them are judgment proof.

HANGED FOR KILLING A CHILD. Boston Brute Explates a Fearful

Crime on the Gallows. BOSTON, Feb. 21.-Angus D. Gilbert was hanged in the Charles street jail today for the murder of Alice Sterling, a child, on April 10, 1895.

Gilbert was a man of all work and his ictim was the little daughter of a barber, whose shop Gilbert frequented. He had petted the child until she became fond of him, and when, on the day of the murder, he took her walk'ng, nothing was thought of it. She never returned to her home alive. Three days after her disappearance her body, showing evidence of brutal treatment and with the head backed with an ax, was found buried beneath the stable in which Gilbert had a room. An effort was made to save the murderer on the plea of insanity, but it was ineffectual, the supreme court affirming the decree of the lower tribunal.

FATALLY SHOT HIS PRETTY COUSIN.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 21.-Daniel Rese ler of Cramer, Pa., yesterday shot and fataily wounded his cousin, Ella Ressler, aged 18 years, and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Jealousy, caused by the refusal of the girl to marry him, prompted the deed. Ressler had made fre quent proposals to the girs, which were re-fused. He had made many threats to kill the girl and twice armed himself and lay in wait for her, but the pistol was taken away from him both times. He had a bad reputation and drank heavily at times, which one of the reasons why the girl refused to marry him.

Merchant Attempts Snieide.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-Almus Butterfield, 55 years old, a well known commission merchan and reported to be worth at least \$200,000, at tempted suicide today by cutting his throat He succeeded in inflicting possibly fatal wounds. The deed was done in his sleeping room at 178 South Water street, over his store. Though he was possessed of sufficient wealth to live in luxury, his room was almost bare, the furniture consisting of several dust-covered trunks, a rickety table where he transacted his business, and a bed without even a covering except some cast off c'othing. Here he had lived for a dozen years.

Killed a Noted Desperado. GURLEY, Ala., Feb. 21.-Dick Childress noted desperado, was shot and killed by Policeman Dick Erwin here last night. Childress was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of six years about eight years ago He was charged with complicity in burning the jail at Gurley, cremating two men. On account of bad health, his sentence was commuted. While in a drunken condition last night he was brandishing his pistol, frighten-ing people. The officer was called. Childress started to shoot, but Erwin was too quick

Two Formers Instantly Killed. WINCHESTER, Ky., Feb. 21.-The west bound passenger train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad ran into a buggy last night containing Richard Steele and his brother, John Steele, when near Tabbs station, six miles west of this city. The vehicle was demolished and both men were instantly killed. They were among the most prom-inent farmers in central Kentucky and were connected with the best families. Both were matried and leave families. The crossing has been considered a very dangerous one.

Blooded Cattle Burned to Death. PULASKI, Tenn., Feb. 21 .- S. P. White' barn, one of the finest in the county, one and one-half miles from Palaski, was de stroyed by fire about 10 o'clock last night. A large amount of corn and hay was burned also fifty-two graded Jersey cows and two fine bulls. His milk house and two out-houses also burned. The fire is said to have been incendiary.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 21.-A bank at McLouth, twelve miles north of here, in lefferson county, was entered and the safe lown open last night, the tobbers securing \$3,500 in cash. The burglars then stole a team and drove to Lawrence, where they bought tickets for an eastbound train. No further

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 21.—President Eugene V. Debs of the American Raildent Eugene V. Debs of the American Rail-way unlon, who is in Charleston today, was asked by an Associated press repre-sentative regarding the dispatch from South Bend, Ind., stating that he had accepted the perulist nomination for governor of Indiana, Mr. Debs said that some of his enthusistic friends are anxious for him to be a can-didate, but that he has refused. He de-clares he has no taste for politics and no ambition in that direction.

Kentucky's Senatorial Battle. LOUISVILLE, Feb. 21 .- A special to the

Post from Frankfort, Ky., says: The twentyeighth senatorial ballot today resulted as follows: Hunter, 50; Blackburn, 50; Evans, 3; Carlisle, 4; Bate, 1. The joint assembly then adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

EXPOSITION COMMITTEE MEETS.

Opposition to a Large Number of Government Commissioners. A meeting of the Transmississippi exposirooms of the Commercial club. Secretary Wakefield was instructed to communicate with Senator Thurston and Congresman Mercer, informing them that, in the judgment of the exposition committee, congress should be asked to appropriate \$250,000 for the government's share in the exposition, the manner in which this amount shall be appropriated to be decided upon by Ne-braska's senators and representatives.

President Wattles and Commissioner Ut were appointed a committee to plan for a were appointed a committee to plan for a trip to Salt Lake City in the interest of the exposition. The object is to do some missionary work among the members of the Utah legislature, which is now in session. No arrangements will be made for this trip until it is definitely decided whether or not the western trip of the Committee to the session. the western trip of the Omaha jobbers will

read, and showed that a commission, con-sisting of the heads of all the executive de-Mississippi river, had been provided for. It was the sense of the meeting that the ap-Interests of the exposition. A motion to the effect that no government commission other than that provided for in the bill before congress should be appointed, was passed.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the manner of soliciting stock subscriptions. It was thought that the present was an inopportune time for this work, although a general disposition to subscribe had been manifested. It was deemed best to do no solicit-ing at present, as more effective work could be done at a later period, and a motion to that effect was passed

COAL RUSTLERS PLACED IN JAIL. Union Pacific Proposes to Break Up

a Thieving Gang. C. A. Raw, Frank Manahan and James Manahan were brought to this city from Odessa Thursday by the United States authorities to answer to the charge of stealing coal from the Union Pacific company, and have been placed in the county jail. The company has been annoyed by thieves

and the crusade against them was begun several weeks ago. A number of persons have been arrested and it is thought that the

practice is almost broken up.

The three men arrested had their headquarters in Odessa, but their operations extended along the line for a commiderable distance. They, as well as others, have been boarding coal trains at some station and riding for some distance. At certain points they would dump a quantity of coal along the track and confederates would carry it off. The thicking has by no means been confined to coal cars. Quite frequently freight cars which contain valuable goods have been broken into and the contents carried away. Considerable property has been stolen in this way and the company has suffered almost as much loss thereby as from the stealing of

coal. The policy of turning the prisoners over to the federal authorities has but recently been adopted. It was done in order that the culprits might be punished. It was found to be next to impossible to convict prisoners by juries composed of farmers.

DID NOT LIKE THE VERDICT. Nagle Thought that He Had the Short

End of the Stick. Judge Baxter notified the parties to the suit that the verdict would not be opened until each side had deposited \$6 for jury fees. This deposit was made yesterday and the was announced to be in favor of Timme. Nagle was surprised at the verdict and insisted that he "had beat Timme." He worst of the deal. It took some time for Judge Baxter to convince him that the jury did not view the matter in the same light, and he left the court room swearing to get even with Timme somehow.

Notes of the Courts. The Harvester King company, an agriultural implement concern has sued T. G.

Northwall in the district court for \$825 on wo notes. The jury which heard the evidence case of Charles Hoag, a boy charged with stealing a set of double harness, returned a erict of not guilty and the prisoner was dis-

Mattle Frank has applied for a divorce from her husband, John, on the grounds of desertion and non-support. She asks that her maiden name of Kelley be restored to her The parties were married in September, 1892, in Council Bluffs, and have no children. Judge Fawcett and a jury have been en-gaged all this week in hearing a case in

which the First National bank of Hastings sued the Omaha National bank on a draft for \$922.83. Yesterday the Jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The trial of Jens M. Hermansen for the killing of John Starotska, which had been set for hearing yesterday in the criminal court, was postponed until Monday, for the reason that no court will be held today, it being Washington's birthday and a holiday, and for the further reason that a new lary panel will come on duty Monday morn-

ug, the three weeks for which the old panel was called having expired. Raigh Brown's Hot Ride.

Western Union Messenger Ralph Brown made the trip from the Exchange building South Omaha to the Western Union office in Omaha yesterday, a distance of five miles in fourteen minutes. This is considered remarkable riding in the face of a cold wind, rough car tracks to cross, and the heavy

clothing that the boy wore.

This ride gives the best time to Brown. beating a former trip by Edgbill nearly a minute. It is thought Harry will not let it rest here, however,
A great deal of rivalry exists among the as to who can make the best time over this course. A boy is sent each morning to the South Omaha branch office for the

messages of the preceding day. They Were Playful Pups.
J. S. Blake of 530 South Twenty-seventh street appeared in police court yesterday on the charge of keeping a victous dog. It was charged that he owned three vicious bull dogs, and that they tore up everything and everybody in sight. Blake stated that the brood consisted of a terrier, a foot high, and two pupples. The prosecuting witness was

Mrs. Chant's Becture Mrs. Laura Ormiston Chant will speak Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Creighton theater, which has been placed at her disposal by Managers Paxton and Burgess. Mrs. Chant's subject on this occasion will be "As New Heaven and a New Earth." Admission

not on hand and the case was set for next

will be free. Minister Runyon's Remains Arrive. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-The body of the ate Theodore Runyon, ambassador to Germany, was on board the stramer Havel, which arrived today. The remains were conveyed to Newark, where they will lie in state in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church until

the funeral. Sons of Revolutionary Sires. The annual meeting of the Nebraska Society of the Sous of the American Revolution will be held in the pariors of the Commercial club at 3 o'clock this after-noon. After the meeting there will be a supper and a few short speeches.

tion committee was held yesterday in the Pretext for Increased Charges in Omaha Groundless.

BUSINESS MEN WANT BETTER TREATMENT

Discrimination Against Omaha as Compared with Cities East and West Regularly Practiced by the Underwriters.

During the fall of 1894 the question of insufficient fire fighting facilities occupied the attention of the officials and the heavy property owners of Omaha. A number of large fires had occurred. The water supply was The meeting developed considerable opposition to the appointment of a government commission for the exposition, which was suggested at the conference with Senator Thurston. The bill now before congress was lowes on the insurance companies. The local agents of the various companies were leadpartments of the government, as well as a vice president from each state west of the better fire protection. They declared that if the then state of affairs was allowed to pointment of any additional government com- continue their companies would be forced to mission would only afford an opportunity for withdraw altogether from the business in rollical work, to the detriment of the real Nebraska. Their efforts were renformed by Nebraska. Their efforts were reinforced by the appeals of the general body of business men and property owners, who had discovered that the rates which they were compelled to pay for insurance on their buildings and stocks were rapidly approaching a prohibitive figure. At this functure the insurance companies added to the force of their appeal by placing an additional rate on all buildings above the fourth story.

The result of this agitation was that special committees were appointed both by the city coincil and the Commercial club to investigate the situation and recommend such action as they might consider advisable. These joint committees held numerous sessions, at which all features of the proposition were exhaustively investigated. On December 5 the council committee reported to that body and the recommendations were approved. It was found that the water supply was inadequate and that the fire department was not supported at the highest degree of efficiency. Immediate steps were taken to secure an enlargement and reinforcement of the water works system in the downtown district. It was also provided that a fire chief of recognized ability should be engaged to take charge of the fire department and effect such a reorganization as might be necessary.

At this time the insurance companies de-

clared themselves entirely satisfied with the plans proposed. Their agents publicly de-clared that if the council would carry out the provisions of the report then adopted the obnoxious rates would be reduced to a reasonable figure FEW LOSSES BY FIRE.

The city authorities immediately set to work to carry out the proposed plans. An arrangement was concluded with the water

works company, by which the company agreed to thoroughly overhaul and adequately reinforce the pipe system. In order to ob-tain this concession the city waived all rights previously claimed on account of the failure of the water works company to live failure of the water works company to live up to its contract with the city. The plans for the enlargement of the mains were advanced as rapidly as possible and the entire down town system was enlarged to several times its previous capacity at an expense of nearly \$250,000. Within a few days after the council committee had completed its investigations John Redell was elected as chief and the reorganization of the department was immediately begun. A first End of the Stick.

The jury in the county court which heard the evidence in the case of Nagle against Timme chased and from that time to the present not a single fire of any proportions has been seen in Omsha. The record of 1895 was something unprecedented in the insurance statistics of any large city in the United States. The total losses to all the in-surance companies doing business in the ity amounted to only \$80,060 during the twelve months. Of this amount nearly \$10,000 was on buildings outside of the water limits and where the department had no

means of extinguishing the fires.

efficiency and organization the rejuvenated fire department was second to none in the The insurance men have been loudest in their expressions of satisfaction with the manner in which the city has been protected. But the rates are still maintained at the same exorbitant figure. It is true that the threatened additional rate on high buildings was not enforced, but aside from this doubtful concession, which only affects a few buildings, there has been absolutely no reduction in insurance rates. The recently published statements of the insurance business in Omaha during 1895 show that all the companies enfoyed a tremendous presthe companies enjoyed a tremendous pros-perity. In spite of the shrinkage of busi-ness on account of the hard times their

incipient conflagrations which menaced large

blocks of property were squelched in manner which indicated that in point

profits were excessive. The Bee has taken the trouble to obtain authentic statements of the insurance rates that are charged on the principal buildings of a large number of western cities. The figures conclusively establish the fact that the rates in Omaha are from 25 to 100 per cent higher than in other cities that enjoy no better fire protection. In fact, out of a score of cities from which rates were obtained only one or two show figures which even approximately approach the high premiums exacted from Omaha property

OMAHA RATES. The proprietors of the Paxton hotel, for instance, pay a rate of \$2.20 per \$100 for their insurance on building and contents. The owners of the Mercer hotel pay \$1.90 and other hotels are held up for similar

ates. In office and mercantile buildings the rate: re somewhat less, but still excessive. The Bee building, a strictly fireproof structure, surrounded by fireproof buildings and having areaways on all sides, making it accessible to the fire fighting force, was originally rated at 60 cents per \$100 and subsequently raised to 84 cents, the same rate s charged on the Merchants' and the First National banks.

The lowest rate charged on any office building is on the Brown building, at the corner of Sixteenth and Douglas streets, which is 80 cents per \$100. This building abuts directly against a block of combustible store buildings. This, however, is an exception made for some unexplained reason, rate on office buildings, with wooden teriors, posts, stairs, etc., ranges from \$1.10

The rate on the Karbach building is \$1.10. The Creighton building at Fifteenth and Douglas streets pays \$1.50 on building and \$1.80 on stocks. The rate on the Patterson buildings at Seventeenth and Farnam and Seventeenth and Douglas streets is \$1.80 on the buildings and \$2.10 on stocks. Arlington block is insured at \$1.50, Brown block at 80 cents and the building the Continental Clothing company at \$1.10. A few illustrations of the rates fixed by the insurance combine show the following

The Lininger Agricultural Implement com pany pays \$1.10 on its building and \$1.20 on stock. The Moline company pays \$1.25 on building and the same on stock. Paxton & Gallagher, grocers, pay 90 cents on building and \$1 on stock. Stesle, Smith & Co. pay 90 cents on building and \$1.10 on stock. SOME IOWA RATES.

Now compare these rates with those pre-valling in Council Bluffs, Des Moines and

only of four hose companies, including twenty a basement. It is used for all sorts of business, including gas offices, manufacturing plants, stores of several kinds and offices in

LOCAL RATES EXORBITANT rate is \$1.15; the Haldwin building, five stories and barement, has savings bank, drug store and offices; the rate is \$1.05. Stewart Bros., wholesale grocery, four stories, with full lines of goods, including meats and oils;

rate 85 cents. Groneweg & Schoentgen three-story wholesale grocery, 85 cents. Rates on implement buildings and wares David Bradley & Co. pay \$1.30 on their five-story brick building and \$1.55 on contents. The McCormick company and the Pioneer Implement company have five-story buildings. They pay \$1.10 on the buildings and \$1.35 on

Des Moines has no fireproof buildings exept the state capitol, which is not insured the policy of the state being to carry no in-surance. Here are the rates on some of the principal buildings: The Equitable Life building, eight stories, semi-fireproof, pays 60 cents; Youngerman block, seven stories, no regard for fire protection in its construction, \$1.20; Clapp block, rix stories, similar construction, \$1.20; Iowa Loan and Trust build-

The Des Moines newspapers are all located

In Sioux City the following rates are paid vesterday afternoon, in the two largest buildings: Security, \$1 It is the misfertune of the teachers and on the two largest buildings: Security, \$1 on stock and \$1.25 on contents; Toy building. same rate; Journal building, extra hazardous,

In Minneapolis the Phoenix building, a fireproof structure, is insured at the rate of is compelled to have a program of its own, 25 cents per \$100. The New York Life building, the Lumber Exchange and the Guaranty as they might be if the energies of all the Loan buildings are insured at rates running from 35 to 40 cents. Rates in St. Paul are very nearly the same

West of the Missouri river in Denver, Kansas City, Portland and San Francisco, it will be seen that rates are much lower than in Omaha. In Denver the fireproof buildings, the

IN WESTERN CITIES.

ing, are insured for 75 and 60 cents, respectively. In St. Louis the Globe-Democrat pays an insurance rate of 65 cents on its building. This includes an additional 10 per cent, which is added on account of the fact that a manufacturing jeweler is located in the basement. The rate on the New York Life building in Kansus City would be 65 cents, but the owners get a better rate by insuring in New York. The rate paid on the American bank building is 60 cents, and other buildings in

proportion.
The Portland Oregonian, in a fireproof office building, pays an insurance rate of 70 cents. Twenty cents extra is charged because a printing plant is in the building. The city hall, in the same city, is insured at 45 cents, and the public library building at the same rate. San Francisco is a wooden city, yet the

Chronicle pays 25 cents on its building, 40 cents on presses, type, etc., 30 cents on furniture and fixtures and 40 cents on dynamos, lamps, etc. This is a cut rate, but the high-est rate ever charged on the building was 50 The inquiry instituted by The Bee was chiefly directed to ascertaining the relative cost of insurance on high class buildings, es-

pecially on fireproof office buildings, occupied by newspapers. NICHOLS STANDS ON HIS RIGHTS. Proposes to Have Pay for Ice Along

the Shore.
A fight between the South Omaha Ice com-

compel the company to pay rental or force it articles, in many of which was displayed no to remove its platform.

Detectives Savage and Dempsey have in was stolen from a Cozad farmer named Feitz. They have discovered that the money was given to a colored man, Frank Stewart, Stewart, however, Thursday bearded a train and is supposed to have skipped either to Chicago or Sioux City.

Pearl Jones and Alice Smith, the two women who were suspected of the theft, were arraigned yesterday on the charge

of being lewd women. They pleaded not guilty and the trial was set for next Tues-It was found impossible to prosecute them for robbery, as Feitz was unable dentify them. Conners Given Minety Days. Yesterday John Conners, one of the assailants of Officer Rentfrow, withdrew his plea of not guilty to the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm and

pleaded guilty to assault and battery. Police Judge Gordon at once sentenced him to ninety days in the county jail, the middle ten of each thirty to be on bread and water. This is the same sentence that Ted Powers obtained for resisting Rentfrow. The police are of the opinion that they have found the third member of the gang. His name is J. Murphy. A warrant has

assault and battery.

At the Farnam school Rev. S. Wright Butler addressed the pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This was followed by a program consisting of singing "America." and other patriot c songs, interspected with appropriate quotations by the could be a program of the patriot confidence of the states that she is the mother spersed with appropriate quotations by the could be supplyed by the sup Mother and Children Destitute. Mrs. Belle Tinker of 1213 Davenport street has written a pathetic letter to the chief of police. of four children, who are absolutely without any food and almost without clothing. She s sick in bed and is unable to provide for them. She says that she has heretofore them. She says that she has heretofore been "too proud" to ask for assistance, but that the condition of her little ones has compelled her to do so. "If a little something them until I am able to could be done for them until I am able to feat that has been made an objective point work again," she writes, "I would be so all winter. Each of these grades finished the

hankful." Minor Matters in Police Court. Mary Butney, a girl about 16 years old, was ent to the reform school for incorrigibility. Frank Waak was arraigned yesterday charged with stealing 500 pounds of coal from the Union Pacific. He pleaded not guilty and ils trial was set for next week.

S. Sonnenberg has offered a reward of \$250 for the recovery of the goods stolen from his pawn shop at Cripple Creek. The property was valued at \$5,000, and consisted almost entirely of watches. The case of Frank Schmidt was Judge Pawcett's horse and buggy, which he drove over to lows. He was captured over

there and brought back, the rig being ra covered. The case of B. Worthing was also noiled. Worthing was charged with the seduction, under promise of marriage, of Clara Mc-Kee, a 17-year-old girl, but a settlement was effected with the girl by Worthing's

The cases of William McVey and San Atherton, charged with burglary, were nolled by the county attorney. These boys were charged in the same case with James Mul-lat, who was convicted of petit larceny in stealing four sets of pool balls.

Three peddlers, L. Hornstine, J. Cohen and J. Waxenberg, were arraigned before Judge Gordon yesterday for raising a disturb-ance at Sixteenth and Dodge streets. Each Sloux City.

In Council Bluffs the insurance rates are considerably lower than in Omaha, in spite of the fact that the fire department consists only of four hose companies, including the considerably lower than in Omaha, in spite of the fact that the fire department consists only of four hose companies, including the consists of the

terday for fighting with his alleged wife, Luiu Fryson. The two, both colored, en-gaged in a fistic encounter in Ramcat alley Thursday afternoon and were separated by Officer Vanous, who arrested both. The Officer Vanous, who arrested both. The woman said that Fryson only siapped her, but the blow drew blood. Fryson tried to show that she shied a brick at him, but could essays and recitations possessed exceptions. the upper stories; the rate is \$1.25. The Shugart-Beno building contains the Citizens' show that she shied a brick at him, but could bank with stores, and offices upstairs. The

WASHINGTON IN THE SCHOOLS

Birthday of the Father of the Republic Celebrated.

EXERCISES AT MOST OF THE BUILDINGS

Much Done in the Way of Patriotic Decoration-Songs. Recitations by the Children with Addresses.

Washington's birthday is one of the occasions on which the pupils of the public schools are allowed to enjoy a brief relaxaing, six stories, same construction, \$1; Van de-Ginkel block, nine stories and tower of five provises additional, no fireproofing, builder's the special feature of the day. As the holiday happens to arrive on Saturday this in buildings that are styled fire traps. The Register pays \$1.50, the Leader \$1.35 and the casion and their celebrations of the annicasion and their celebrations of the anni-versary of Washington's birth were held

> pupils alike that none of the school build-ings are provided with assembly rooms in which all the pupils can be congregated for a general celebration. As it is, each grade is compelled to have a program of its own, pupils and teachers could be combined,
> The programs rendered in the various schools yesterday were similar in char-

acter, so that the visitor and saw the en-tertainment at one school would be fairly familiar with what occurred at the others. The higher grades in each school furnished a somewhat more pretentious program, but not the least interesting to the observer were the exercises of the kindergarten and lower Brown Palace hotel and the Equ'table build- grades. At the High school there was a very in-tresting program given by the ninth and tenth grades, the lack of sufficient room pre-venting the other grades from joining. It

had been arranged that General O. O. How-ard should deliver a brief address to the pupils, but as the train which was bringing the general to Omaba was several hours late he did not arrive in time to be present. The program was as follows: FRESHMEN EXERCISES.

Recitation......Ora Shimrock
Piano Solo.......Corrinne Paulson
SOPHOMORE EXERCISES,

year and unusual care was taken in the programs which were rendered in the various rooms. The interior of the building was ap-A fight between the South Omaha Ice company and a squatter, John Nichols, over an ice platform that the company erected upon the river bank to be used in harvesting ice is in prospect. Nichols snys that the land on which the platform was built belongs to him by squatter rights. He objected to its erection unless he received a rental. The company refused to make any agreement and Thursday erected the platform, despite the Thursday erected the platform, despite the those who are not acquainted with what can Nichols appeared in police court yester- of drawing. Among the specimens was day and had a warrant issued for the arrest picture of a pair of worn out shoes in which of John Doe, general manager of the ice a very simple subject was made to indicate company, on the charge of trespass. He a very high degree of artistic talent. Others stated that he owned the property and would consisted of water sets, vases and similar

Each of the 800 pupils of the school carried home at noon a written invitation to the parents to be present during the afternoon, one sense of the word located the \$45 which and so many responded that the school house was well filled before the hour for the exer-cises to begin. After the programs had been rendered the parents and other visitors were given a reception, which lasted until after 4 o'clock. The principal program at the Lake school was the following: America

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Birthday of Washington—Selection—

Guard Our Native Land.

Sixth and Seventh Grades.
Independence Bell. Mabel Betebener
Debate—Resolved, That Washington—
is a Greater Man Than Lincoln.

Affirmative, Alfred Bowle. Negative, Dale
Merow.
The Soldiers' Chorus.
Debate Continued.

Affirmative, James Filo. Negative, Ray
Gould.
The American Flag. June Bennett
Vocal Solo—The King's Own.

Miss Arnold.

Acdress—Washington
Mr. John L. Kennedy.
Violin Belection—National Airs.
Joseph Jongson.
Accompanist Emily Warcham.
Flag of the Free. Eighth Grade
Battle Hymn of the Republic. School
Washington's Address to the Army...

Pau Robinson.

Vocal Solo. Miss Marion Turner
Piano Solo. Grace Emsile
At the Farnam school Rev. S. Wright been issued for his arrest on the charge of

> pupils. Earlier in the day the eighth grade devoted an hour to a debate on the question, "Resalved, That the Eighth Grade Should Have Special Privileges."
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> The grade was divided into two sides by lot and each pupil was heard briefly. Today the second and eighth grades accomplished a

> week with an attendance of 100 pupils each day of the week.
> PATRIOTIC IN THE EXTREME. At the Long school there were several programs, the most elaborate being that given by the eighth grade. This was Reading-Birth of Washington. Edna Marsh Maxims of Washington.

Song—Star-Spangled Banner. School
Patriotic Thoughts. Read by the Girls
Recitation—For Liberty. Jeanette Newlean
Reading—Our Flag. May Edhoim
Song—Guard the Flag. School ly of watches.

This was followed by a representation of case of Frank Schmidt was noised Schmidt was charged with stealing scenes from the deliberations of that body

dialogue.

The Long kindergarten also observed the day by a brief program of exercises, in which the small pupils took an enthusiastic part. The work of the department during the week had been devoted to the history of Washington and all the principal events of his life had been impressed on the infantile minds in their daily play. Today each boy and girl was given a flag and a flag drill was a feature of the program of the afternoon. Then they sung portions of "America," "Star Spangled Banner" and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," and added a number of interesting exercises, in which patriotism was the distinguishing feature. patriotism was the distinguishing feature.

The Comenius kindergarten has also spent the week on "Washington work," and its afternoon was spent in exercises very similar to those which were given at the similar to those which were given at the other kindergartens. Short programs were also given in the other rooms, after which an elaborate flag drill was given in the main hall. The walls in all the rooms were adorned with specimens of the work of the pupils for the inspection of their parents, of

whom a large number attended the exercises.

Exercises similar to these were given at nearly every school in the city and in each case a special effort was made to induce the parents to attend. Singing of patriotic rongs was a feature in each case and several of the