WANTS THE CASH RETURNED

Wealthy Farmer Sues Lincoln Banks for Three Thousand Dollars,

ALLEGES A PECULIAR SITUATION

Thomas Bulley Insists that He Deposited Three Thousand Dollars in Trust for His Divorced Wife and It Has Disappeared.

LINCOLN. Dec. 8 - (Special.) - Thomas Bailey, a well known and wealthy farmer of this county, began suit in district court this morning against the Lincoln National bank and the First National Bank of Lincoin asking judgment in the sum of \$3,000. The petition reveals a curious story. On February 11, 1887, Mattida Bailey, who now resides in the southern part of the city. began suit in district court against Thomas Balley, asking for divorce and a big slice of alimony, alleging that her husband had made weekly visit to a neighboring woman's house, where he remained for several days each time and that he had beaten ber when she, finding cards, candy, nuts, and dominous in his buggy just before he started out one

evening, remonstrated against his actions. She said Balley was worth \$75,000, and she wanted a divorce and alimony.

She said they were married on the second Sunday of August, 1888, at Lyons, Ia., but Balley insisted, and now repeats that they were never married. Notwithstanding this he believes it to be no more than right that he should see whe did not come to want, and he should see she did not come to want, and the suit was settled and dismissed by Bailey agreeing to give her \$2,000 cash and placing \$3,000 in the Lincoln National bank, the in-terest upon which should belong to Mrz. Balley. An agreement in triplicate was drawn up, Mailda Bailey getting one. Thomas another and the bank another, in which the bank agreed to hold the money and pay the

interest as designated, the money to revert to Bailey at the woman's death. MONEY NOT IN SIGHT. MONEY NOT IN SIGHT.

Several years ago the Lincoln National bank closed out its business and it was absorbed by the First National. Not long ago Bailey found out that the woman was not getting the interest, and he investigated. He went to the president of the First National bank, and was informed that he had never heard of such an agreement, and that there was nothing of it upon the records of the Lincoln National, so far as he could learn. Bailey then went home to hunt up his agreement, but it was lost and he cannot find it. A copy of it, as near as he can find it. A copy of it, as near as he can recollect, is made part of the petition, and he alleges the bank has its copy. He rays the bank refuses to pay over the \$3,000, and as he does not choose to permit it to remain there anyway, he sues for its recovery, in-

cluding both banks.

The woman, Matilda Bailey, he avers, is aged, sick and infirm and greatly in need of the money. He desires to carry out his part of the compact, and he demands that the trust fand in the bank be paid over to

the trust fand in the bank be paid over to him for the purpose of enabling him to do ro.

The State Printing board met at the office of the secretary of state this afternoon and made the following awards of contracts among the thirteen bidders:

Jacob North & Co., six contracts: Secretary of state, \$1.40 per page; treasurer, \$1.50; fish commission, \$5 cents; State Hoard of Irrigation, \$1.05; roster of ex-abilities and sailors, \$1.65; State Board of Agriculture, \$3.40. Woodruff-Dunlap Printing company. \$3.40. Woodruff-Dunlap Printing company Lincoln six contracts: Auditor, \$1.95; com-Lincoln six contracts: Auditor, \$1.95; commissioner of public lands and buildings, 8s cents; State Board of Transportation, \$1; attorney general, \$1.05; adjutant general, \$4 cents; state librarism, \$1.05. State Journal company, Lincoln, four contracts: Bureau of Labor and Industrial statistics, \$6 cents, superintendent of public instruction, \$1.24; State Poultry association, \$5 cents; State Board of Horitonium, \$3.3754.

Board of Horticulture, \$3.1745.

The printing of legislative bills, on which there were nine competitors, was awarded to Jacob North & Co. at 70 cents per page for the first 500 and one-fourth of 1 cent for each the state of exactly 97 cents per page the award of two years ago, which was let at \$1.67. Omeha was represented among the bidders by the Omaha Printing company, the Drovers' Journal, Rees Printing company and the American Publishing company, none of whom were lucky enough to reach bed

The State Board of Irrigation met this afternoon and heard the testimony in the appear of the Almeria Irrigation company against D. A. Gard. The defendant some time since filed application for water from the Loup river and contest was instituted by the plaintiff on the ground that defendant's application was made on a claim blank instead of an application blank. The secretary of the board found for the present defendant in that contest, whereupon the plaintiff appealed to the board, which adjourned till 10 o'clock Saturday morning, after taking the matter

The county commissioners of the state me in annual section at 7:30 tonight at the Lin-

Articles of incorporation were filed this morning with the secretary of state by the Omaha and Wood River Mining and Real Estate company, capitalized at \$350,000. The title of the company indicates the nature of its business and the principal place of business. ness will be Omaha. The incorporators are: John W. Cairns, Ralph R. Bittinger and John

Governor Holcomb yesterday appointed Nels O. Alberts of Saronville deputy oil in-spector, to succeed the late Ed J. Hall. Al-berts is one of the fusion electors and is of

LIBEL SUIT IN SIGHT. The libel suit of Rufus B. Townsend against Louis Westermann and other stockholders of the News is down for a trial this week. H. T. Datbins, one of the defendants, today filed an answer in which he avers that the News had a right to print the item to which Townsend objects, it being a filing in court in a case already adjudicated, that the matter printed was a fair and impartial account of a judicial proceeding; that it was published in good faith, without malice and for the benefit of the public in the usual course of business That anyhow, what was charged therein was true, and that it is not capable of the construction placed upon it by the slaintiff; that it did not charge him with seing guilty of improper conduct; that it was not intended to injure his reputation, and that as a matter of fact it did not injure it. Mollie Masseby assured a divorce from



st, Greatest Merit Secured by a psculiar Combination, Proportion and Process unknown to others - which

naturally and actually produces Md, Greatest Cures Shown by thousands of honest,

voluntary testimonials - which naturally and actually produce

3d, Createst Sales According to the statements of druggists all over the country. In these three points Hood's

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Handsome Complexion is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. Poszoni's Complexion Powden Henry in Judge Holmes' court today. The plaintiff is a colored woman, and said her husband had deserted her twelve years ago. She told the court in answer to a question that the reason he left, as she suspected, was because he had got tired of living with her.

But to continue the bust-next.

JUDGE CRAWFORD AS A DEMOCRAT.

Fars His Respects to the Bryan Element of Omaha.

More City Hall Scandals Come to Light at

The case of Mrs. Jennie Chaudler against has case of Mrs. Jennie Chandler against several saloon keepers came to an abrupt ending in district court this morning, when the plaintiff, having effected a settlement with Mrs. Panzeram, one of the defendants, dismissed as to her and her sureties. The other direction, immediately set up the claim that sureties, immediately set up the claim that this also released them. And the court held it did and the case went by the board. Mrs. Rachel Mayor, wife of Simon D. Mayer of the firm of Mayer Bros., died yeaterday afternoon after a linguing Bliness, aged 38 years. Mrs. Mayer was born in New York City and came to Nebraska with her husband more than ten years ago, locating at Plattsmenth, where they resided for five years. The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1225 H atreet, to.corrow afternoon et 2 o'clock, Rabii Franklin of

FAVORS FOR BRYAN'S PRIENDS. FAVORS FOR BRYAN'S FRIENDS.

W. F. Schwind, private secretary of W. J.
Bryan, is said to be slated for secretary of
the senate, and it is currently reported that
Frank D. Eager will be chief clerk of the
house. Tonomy Allen, deputy postmaster, is
said to be the person who fixed things for
Schwind and Eager. Allen, Schwind and
Eager are the proprietors of the Pest.

Columbus J. Wineinger was arraigned before Justice Leese yesterday afternoon on the
bastardy charge preferred by Mary Cizek.
The defense filed an affidavit asking for a
thirty days' continuance on the ground that
time would demonstrate that the plaintiff time would demonstrate that the plaintiff was not enciente. Justice Leese refused to grant the continuance and a change of venue was taken to Justice McCamillets' court. The time for the hearing has not been fixed. Governor Holcomb has issued a requisition on Governor Morrill of Kansas for John Munden, a fugitive from justice who is wanted at Nelson, this state, for horse stealing. Munden is under great in Cloud county,

Kansas. The damage suit of Henry Steele against the Missouri Pacific was called in Judge Hall's court today. This case has been in litigation several years. The suit is based on a claim for damages growing out of the plaintiff lesing both feet by being run, over by one of the company's trains at Nebraska City in 1896. The issue is as to the manner in which Steele happened to get hurt. He says the conductor kicked him from the train and the fell under the wheels. The company's employes insist that Steele was drunk and

employees insist that Steele was drunk and fell under the wheels.

Omaha prople in Lincoln: H. C. Drexel, J. C. Drexel, A. R. Cuyler, At the Lincoln— D. C. Holmes, George Schull, Mel Redfield.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENTION

Meeting at Lincoln to Consider the Revenue Law's Revision. LINCOLN Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.) - A pseial meeting of the Nobraska County Commissioners' and Road Supervisors' association convened at the Lindell hotel tonight, with chair. The meeting was called at this time for the purpose of formulating needed legislation to be asked for at the coming scusion.

President Winter submitted recommendations, relating chiefly to the present imperfections of the state's revenue system, in the asessment of real and personal property. In his own county. Madison, where there is property to the amount of \$10,000,000, only \$1,500,000 is returned. In many counties not one-fourth of valuation is assessed. He auggested that during the mouth of December, 97, the county clerk, county judge and eard of commissioners or supervisors should ppoint men of known business capacity and appoint men of known business capacity and readent taxpayers to value all real property in their county and report same to the county clerk for record; such appointees to be under bond, and such valuation to Great trouble has been experienced in getstand for four years. A county assessor should be elected and necessary deputies appointed to take property at its actual cash value. This will, it is thought, do away with the spectacle of high taxes and little property. Another necessary amendment will require the assessors to begin on the second Monday in May, instead of June, and thus turn in their books one month earlier for the benefit of county clerks. It should be mandatory upon asses-sors to use a list supplied by the county clerk money loaned upon real estate and chattel mortgages. Foreign capital, not assessed in other states, should be made to pear its share, or proof adduced that it is elsewhere taxed. There should be a provi-

should be made for the destruction of the Russian thistle on school lands. The following counties were represented: Madison, Cass, Clay, Nemaha, York, Platte, Saunders, Hamilton, Washington, Boone, Seward, Thayer, Stanton Pierce, Sarpy,

tion for assignment of chattel mortgages

and a 20 cent fee for filing same. A provision

Dawes, Douglas. The commissioners of Lancaster county quirement of the giving of guaranty bonds by county officers, especially county treasurers, and report their experience with same satsfactory where they have been received. The meeting will adjourn tomorrow, after taking action on legislative recommendations.

CHARGED WITH BEING A FORGER. Bentrice Police Hold a Suspect

Wanted in Kansas. BEATRICE, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)man giving the name of James Button was arrested by Chief of Police Hersman in this ity this evening upon the arrival of the Inlon Pacific train from the south in consepience of a message from Deputy Sheriff Houghton of Manhattan, Kan. saying he was wanted there for forgery. When searched a draft was found upon his person drawn upon the Bank of Colorado, payable to Jesse D. Button. He admits the issuing of a check JOHNSTOWN. Neb. Dec. 8.—(Special t Manhattan for \$12 and expressed a desire o make the amount good, together with all expenses incurred. His proposition was wired to the Manhattan parties and upon them agreeing to accept settlement. Button wired to Miss Belle Eckland, 2642 California street. Denver, Colo., for \$20, to be sent by wire. At a late hour tonight he received an answer that she could not send the amount until to-norrow noon. To reporters he denies that be has ever been to Manhattan, although he as a railroad ticket from that point to Sioux Ia. His exhibition of nerve is wonderul, claiming that it is a case of mistaken lentity and that he will straighten everything out in the morning. He is a man of fine appearance, weighing over 200 pounds and being exceptionally well dressed.

COMPROMISE THE FINNEGAN CASE.

Heirs Content to Agree Upon a Proposition After Costly Litigation. SCHUYLER, Nob., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.) - The Flunegan will case was ompromised today after having been five lays in the district court. The jury on he case was held all day pending agreenents, and was excused at 5 o'clock, after rendering a verdict in accordance with in-structions of Judge Marshall, as follows: "That the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Patrick H. Finnegan is the last will and testament of said Pat-rick H. Finnegan."

Mrs. James Nichols, who before the com-mencement of the proceedings, proposed paying proponents \$2,000 each, relinquishes ill claim to three-fourths of what was silled to her, which will be divided equally among Bertha Willenburg, Elva Scanlau and Pearl Finnegan, daughters of Finne-gan. What was willed to Sumner Finne-gan is in no wise molested, he being a minor The costs in the case amount to about \$5,000.

Poultry Show at Hastings. HASTINGS, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Sixth annual meeting of the Southern Nebraska Poultry and Pet Stock association pened in this city today and will continue intil Friday. There are already over 200 into birds on exhibition and more are ex-pected on every train. L. P. Harris of Lin-roln will arrive in the morning and immedi-ately commence to award the prizes. Some of the very finest birds are from Adams

Nebraska City Hotel Closed. NEHRASKA CITY, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -- The forton house, which has been recently fitted and leased to Nichols & Haney, was closed busses, horses, etc., was filed, a brother of Nichols being named as rendee. The hotel was opened ten days ago. The proprietors say that the prospects were not such the spring.

Pays His Respects to the Bryan Ele-ment of Omaha.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -The following letter is given out today. Judge Crawford is recognized throughout the state as a stalwart supporter of democracy pure and undefiled:

WEST POINT, Dec. 7.—Henry Rium, Sec-retary Jacksonian Club, Omaha, Neb.: Hear Elr-1 am in receipt of your favor of the 20th ut., advising me that charges have been preferred against me for failing and refusing to support William J. Bryan and Arthur Sewal contrary to article vill of the by-laws of the club and notifying me

that if article vill or any other article of of the by-laws of the club requires its members to advecate or support the princelples of the Chicago pintform then I plead guilty to the chicago pintform then I plead guilty to the charges and will consider it a great honor if expelled for that reason, and if you will send me an engrossed copy of the order of expulsion, giving the reasons therefor, I will appreciate it very much. I shall regard it as conclusive evidence of my Americanism, patriotism and sound democracy. Find I the least suspleton that the club was not Jacksonian in principle as well as in name I never would have joined it. The only regret that I will have in this matter is that any one should have suspected that I would suppart a platform which felsely declares that the present legal ratio between gold and silver is 15 to I and dishonestly demands that creditors shall accopt one-half of their dues from debtors; that denounces the president of the United States for doing an act for which General Jackson received so much praise; that denounces the greatest legal tributant on earth and advocates its destruction because it expounded the law; that proposes to repeal that sacred provision of the constitution of the United States, which provides that congress shall never pass a law impalring the obligations of a contract. In my opinion, if I favored these things. I ought to be excelled from my country.

If President Cleveland had never done anything else for which he should be honored and revered for all time to come, the one single duty that is performed and for which he is condemned by the Chicago platform, will ever be a monument to his memory, and the future historian will give him a place beside the great statesmen and patriots who preceded him, while the same historian will not fall to condemned by the Chicago platform.

I cannot tell you how I appreciate the great honor of being in the company of the

and power.

I cannot tell you how I appreciate the great honor of being in the company of the grand old democratic heroes who for so many years held aloft the democratic banner and who refused to sacrince a great principle for the sake of power. Respectfully yours,

J. C. CRAWFORD.

SENSATIONAL CASE TRIED AT YORK Lee Given a Hearing on a Serious

Churae. YORK, Neb., Dec. 8.-(Special.)-The Les President H. W. Winter of Norfolk in the yesterday, when the first public statement a month. A lotter was received by the was made by Lee in answering "not guilty" to the charge of assaulting Aaron Bissell with the intent to kill him for the rake of realizing on a \$10,000 insurance polley on Bissell's life, held by Lee.

The prominence of the accused and the

sensational plot in connection with the charge promise to make an extremely inpresting care, one which may also prove decidedly senrational. W. L. Lee is alleged to trave made two separate attempts on Birnell's life, one by hurling a rock at him from ambush, when Bissell was going home. the other by plotting to ditch the Burlington flyer for the sake of killing Bissell, who

ting a jury, but at a late hour this morning twelve men were secured. The remainder of the morning was devoted to pre liminaries. Mr. Harlan, the main prosecuting attorney made a motion to introduce two more witnesses for the prosecution. After a lengthy legal wrangle, the judge granted the motion From the statement of the case to the jury by the defense, it is inferred that an attempt

will be made to prove an alabi by Lee's at-

Bissell was the first witness placed o the stand by the procedulen this afternoon He told of the attempt made upon his life upon the night of September 15, when the stead of etriking him in the head, as evi dently was intended, the stone struck his arm and no injury beyond a bruise was done N. M. George was placed upon the stand George is the insurance agent who wrote the policies for Lee. He says Lee held three, one on his own life and one upon Biggell's and on Forrest Smith, a young man in his employ. George says that in a conversation with Les the latter asked him if the policy would be paid should the insured person b

killed by being waylaid. Messplay was next called. He is the prin dpal witness and the one who was implicate in the alleged plot to wrack the train. Mess play tells that Lee offered him \$5,000 to help do the job, and that he also told him c his (Lee's) former attempt on Bissell's life

he throwing of the stone. Efforts will be made by the defense to

mpeach Messplay's testimony. Fremont School Board Matters. FREMONT, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) - The regular meeting of the Fremont School board was held last evening. D. A. Elder was appointed janitor of the East School. Greizke applied for the position of instructor in modern languages. His application was placed on file. The usual bills were allowed

JOHNSTOWN, Neb., Dec. 8.-(Special Telegram.)-Excitement exist here over the absence of C. R. Gusavson, the miller. He left last Wednesday for Omaha, osten-sibly for the purpose of drumming up trade with Ericson Bros.' bakery in North Nothing has been heard from him since. His friends are anxious.

. Fremont Man Injured.

FREMONT, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -- John John son met with a painful accident this mornng. While at work on a collar and cuff machine his hand was drawn into it and badly crushed. The heat had not been turned on or he would doubtless have lost the member

Consider a Cigarette Ordinance.

BEATRICE, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-The city council had up the cigarette ordinance tonight, but voted down a motion to suspend the rules and place it upon its third eading. A delegation of women to the numper of fifteen attended the meeting. Burglars Are Disappointed.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-Burglars broke into the Union Pacific station las night and blew the outer door of the safe open, but did not succeed in bursting the inner steel door and got nothing. Child Kicked to Death.

BEATRICE, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-Fillie Daniels, the 13-year-old daughter of Frank Daniels, who resides a short distance south of this city, was kicked by a horse and instantly killed this afternoon

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN Unknown Parties Place Iron Rails Across the Track.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 8 .- (Specia Telegram.)-An attempt to wreck a passen ger train on the Iowa Central near Latimes was made last night. Iron rails were laid across the track at the end of a curve, where they could not be seen from the engine unti-too near to stop. Engineer Swearingen, with an extra freight, was just ahead of the pas-senger and his engine struck the obstructions and the passenger train was not damaged. Three suspicious looking characters been loitering around this vicinity for some time and a posse is trying to find them. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

Extending Telephone Lines. SIOUX CITY, Dec. S .- (Special Telegram. -A. F. Cutter of Davenport, secretary o the Iowa Telephone company, is in the city making arrangements for the construction of a long distance telephone line across Iowa, connecting at Davenport with the line for all eastern points and extending to Sloux City and Omaba. It will be built early in

Des Moines.

Treasurer Nor Any Other

Legitimate Source.

DES MOINES, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)

hall today, and nearly every department of

the city government under the last adulais-

DANGER IN SODA.

Excessive Use. Common soda is all right in its place and indispenable in the kitchen and for cooking

and washing purposes, but it was never intended for a medicine, and people who use it INVOLVES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT as such will some day regret it. We refer to the common use of soda to Receive Money as Forfeited Bonds Which Never Reaches the City

relieve heartburn or sour stemach, a habit which thousands of people practice almost dally and one which is fraught with danger moreover, the soda only gives temporary relief and in the end the stomach trouble gets works and worse. The soda acts as a mechanical irritant to the walls of the stomach and bowels, and cases are on record where it accumulated in

Two new mandais developed at the city the intestines, causing death by inflammatic Dr. Harlandson recommends as the safest and surest cure for sour stomach facil dys-pepcia) an excellent preparation seld by drug-gicts under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia

tration is now in process of investigation. Today's discoveries involve the police court and the office of city engineer. It is the Tablets. These tablets are large 20-grain lozenges, very plearant to trate, and contain the natural acids, populous and digestive elements essential to good digestion, and when taken after means they digest the food perfectly and promptly before it has time to ferment, sour and poison the blood and pervons custom of police officers, who make arrests at night to accept cash bonds from persons. arrened for minor offenses. Those who give these bonds very often fail to appear and the bonds are forfeited to the city. For ment, your and poison the blood and nervous a long time the police have suspected that Dr. Wuerth states that he invariably uses

not all the money thus turned over to the Stuart's Dyspensia Tablets in all cases of stomach derangements and finds them a car-tain cure, not only for sour stemach, but by police judge was finding its way to the city treasurer. An investigation developed that prompily digozing the food they create a healthy appetite, increase fiesh and strength they were right. The police have turned such money over to the clerk of police court, and it is found that in about a year there has been a discrepancy of over \$1,000 between the amounts furned over in this on the action of the heart and liver. They are not a cathartic, but intended only for stamach diseases and weakness and will be found reliable in any stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. way and the amount that reached the city Police Judge F. W. Phillips lays the blame

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between his reports.

B. E. Shreiner, for many years assistant city engineer, was today forced to resign because of developments that implicated him in conspiring with contractors against the city. It was proved by letters that were !McClure's discovered that he has instructed sewer inspectors to allow certain contractors on the east side intercepting sewer, one of the argest public improvements the city has ever made, to violate specifications in im-portant particulars. He at first denied his guilt, but when shown the letters promptly

at the door of F. F. Blyler, who has been clerk most of the time; but he admits, with-

the law requiring him to make monthly re-ports to the mayor of his receipts; he has

allowed from three to gix months to elapse

MAN WITH MONEY A CURIOSITY.

Individual in Sioux City Creating Considerable Comment. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.) The mystery deepens around the "Mystrial is on and the district court room is terious Swede," who has been spending the Mecca of York people. The case opened about \$100 a day in this city for more than chief of police today from G. T. Hoff of Ashby, Minn., who claims that Strom, as he calls himself, had been there in September. ind told Hoff that he had got his mone in a bank robbery in Sweden three year age, that he had served time in a Swedish prison for the same, but espaned; that he had a large amount of money hid in Sweder had a large amount of money hid in Sweden and borrowed \$110 of Strom to enable him to go to Sweden to get the money. Holf was in the city last week, and claims he tried to get his money back and he also says that Strom deposited a large sum of money in a bank here. The same kind of a letter was cent to the president of the bank, who is a Swede, and a similar letter to the sheriff. The president of the bank says Strom has net-deposited any money with him, but Strom foes not deny that he saw Holf at Ashby and had something to do off at Ashby and had something to drith him, but says he does not owe him and had something to anything. Strom continues to spend money freely here, but refuses to say anything about his part life!

> TROUBLE OVER IOWA'S FRUIT CROP. Home Market Lnable to Absorb the

Tumense Yield. DES MOINES, Dec. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-The angual meeting of the lowa Horticultural society opened today and will atique three days. There are about 150 leading horticulturists present, representing Iowa and neighboring states. important matter taken up was the inau curation of a movement to secure co-opera tion of other western fruit raisers with those of Iowa in efforts to secure a better market for western fruits. It was shown that crops of fruits have been so large that the home market will not absorb them profitably, and the proposal is to have agents go abroad and secure for the west-ern part of the patronage which European countries have given to fruit growers of the eastern states for a number of years. Reports from all over the state indicated the damage done by drouths of recent years to fruit trees and bushes in the state is practically overcome; that the crop of the past season was the largest ever raised, and that even in the northern part of the state commercial orcharding is an assured success. A number of papers on horticul tural topics were read.

SHOOTS A ROBBER AT FAIRFAX.

Much Excitement in that Section of Tewn Over the Matter.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)-There is the greatest excitemen at Pairfax, the scene last night of the at tempted holdup of F. F. Benedict, the Milwaukee agent at that place, and the killing of one of the robbers and the wounding of the other. The dead man was brought here his morning and taken to the morgue, where e was viewed during the day by hundreds f people, none of whom have been able to lentify him. The wounded robber stopped at a farmer's house about three miles from Fairfax this morning for breakfast and a piece of cloth with which to bind his wounder hand, since which nothing has been heard him and it is believed be will make good b escape. The coroner's jury has exonerate Benedict, finding that he shot to self defense



Fifty Years Ago.

This is the stamp that the letter bore Which carried the story far and wide, Of certain cure for the loathsome sore That bubbled up from the tainted tide Of the blood below. And 'twas Ayer's name And his sarsaparilla, that all now, know, That was just beginning its fight of fame With its cures of go years ago. ~~~~~

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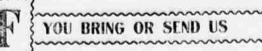
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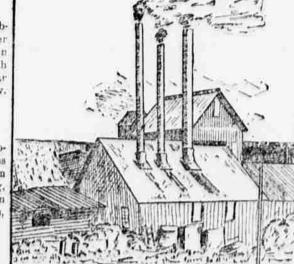
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