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Public Institutions,

CONDITIONS OF THE STATE CHARITIES

Superintendents Give Accounts of Their Stewardship and Point Out in What Respects Improvements May Be Made.

state institutions have, so far, filed their be sent to the governor. Upon this subject there is considerable conflict of opinion and in his report to the governor Superintendent Mallalieu directs attention to a clash of authority and suggests a remedy. The reports so far fited are very voluminous,

health of the pupils has been remarkably good. We have no deaths to record. No epidemic has visited us. This fevorably condi-tion is large due to the excellent sanitary arrangements which we were able to make with the founds provided by the last legisla-ture for that purpose." The corps of in-structors remains as it was at the time of the last report, with the exception of Miss Margaret Maywood and Miss Grace Culberson appointed in the places of Misses Connett and Regnier, resigned. "Our classes are too large to accomplish the best possible results. In one of the great eastern schools ten is the maximum number in an oral class and they consider that too large. We have an average of seventeen to a teacher in our oral classes. Not only are the classes too large, but the rooms are too small to ac-complish the best results."

OBJECTS TO ASYLUM. Superintendent Gillespie insists that this institution should not be called be called an asylum, nor classed with the asylums and penal institutions of the state, but with its educational. He suggests that the name of the school should be changed from "The Nebraska Institute for the Deaf and Dumb" to "The Nebraska School for the Deaf." He thinks the word "institute" misleading and does not indicate that it is a school. He says: "At the Columbian Exposition in Chicago the various schools for the deaf made an exhibit for their school work and manual training. Our school was represented. It is likely there will be a similar exhibition at the Transmississippi Exposition to be held in Omaha in 1898. In order that the school was respectively. that the school may make a creditable showing it will be necessary that funds be provided. Whether provision be made in the general appropriation which will be made for this occasion or whether by special provision with the funds of the institute matters

Regarding repairs and improvements the superintendent says: "The appropriations for repairs made by the last legislature have been expended for the purposes directed. The north wing was renewed except as to the brick walls and floor joists. The other buildings, except dining room and hospital, were resningled and the tin guttering re-place with galvanized iron. New floors were placed in the basement of the main buildconnecting the steam plant with the main building, as a conduit for the heating and areas outside were cemented. Much of the plastering was repaired. The heating pipes pairs, \$12,000 kitchen and administration in the north wing were removed and placed by new ones. A telephone system plant. connecting the buildings was put in. The chimneys and brick work were pointed up. This work was done at a cost of \$16,577.53. WHAT HE ASKS FOR.

The superintendent then calls attention to the various needs of the institution. The first one mentioned is a new boiler, the and the buildings are recommended for hand November 1, 1896, are shown in the following table:

Funds Approp'td. Exp'nd'd. On Hand.
Teachers, etc. \$22,500.00 \$10,203.54 \$7,296.16
Board and clothing 16,000.00 11,779.39 4,220.61
Fuel and lights. 7,000.00 4,530.03 2,429.97
Employes' wages. 6,000.00 4,225.27 1,074.63
Superintendent. 4,000.00 3,000.00 1,000.00
Equation 1,500.00 1,500.00
Furniture & bedding 1,000.00 913.16 80.04 opplies for indust's 144.00 2,500.00 2,499.10

Following is the estimate for appropriations for the years 1897-9 to August 31: Salaries: Superintendent

Teachers, officers, supervisors and physician Current expenses:

Employes' wages, livery expenses fire and lights, repairs, furnitur and bedding, books and stationery supplies for industries, inc expenses 46 205 0 Miscellaneous or extraordinary:
New boiler, new fence around premises, painting building outside, repairing south wing, changing laundry, improvements on grounds and new scales 5,000 00 Deficiencies:

C. Stricklow, repairs, etc...... fe & Read, plumbing, extra.... A. Free, plumbing, extra.... SOLDIERS' HOME, GRAND ISLAND.

The members of the Visiting and Examin-ng Board of the Grand Island Soldiers' and Sailors' home submit their report to both the governor and the commissioner of public lands and buildings. The board at present comprises Mrs. L. A. Bates, president; Mrs. E. M. Abbott, W. E. Morgan, George N. Smith and C. D. Casper, secretary. The report states that thirty-seven meetings of the board have been held since the last blennial report. Twenty-four have been auditing committee meetings and five special meetings. One was held at Lincoln at the request of the commissioner of public lands and buildings, and one was held by order of the gov-ernor, which convened at the home to hear and investigate the complaints of Mart Howe, ex-adjutant of the home. Another was called at the request of Commandant Wilson to inquire into some charges of a general nature made by Land Commissioner Russell. erbally, and who deputized General J. M. Thayer, Colonel C. J. Dilworth and Mrs. Condon, department president of the Voman's Relief corps, to go to the home as a committee of investigation during the lat-ter part of October, 1896. After a the ough and impartial investigation by the examination of many volunteer witnesses, none of the charges were sustained in any particular-The balance of the board's report is a reca-pitulation of the report of Commandant Wil-son, addressed to the governor and Land for boys by farmers has been large.

Commissioner Russell. In this report he In some respects this has been an eventful period in the history of the home. Many improvements have been made, a brief mention of which will probably be in order Lands and Buildings during the fall and have the Board of Purchase and Supplies to

OFFFICIAL REPORTS COME IN winter of 1895, including kitchen, dining-room, administration and electing rooms room, administration and sleeping rooms for about easty persons. The roof on this Governor Hears from the Heads of Some
Public Institutions.

Its foot and will yers soon have to be replastered; the plumbing is detective, and the water tipes are a source of much annoyance and auxiety. The kitchen has been furnished with the best and latest improved steam cookers, consisting of two boilers, one meat roaster, one vegetable cooker and large coffee, tea and hot water urns. Also a bake oven of sufficient capacity for baking 125 loaves, giving both efficiency and economy to this department and a saving to

PEATING AND LIGHTING PLANTS. "The north side of the main building was comented and the roof repaired and LINCOLN, Dec. 42.—(Special.)—Six of the remodeled. An addition to the engine and transmission have, so far, filed their boiler house was built of sufficient dimenbiennial reports. They are the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Omaha; the Home for Freeble Minded Youth, Beatrice; the Soidiers' incondescent lights, 16 candle power each, affording light for all the buildings and and Sallers' Home, Grand Island; the Industrial School for Boys, Kearney, and the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane. The Visiting and Examining Boar? has also filed its reports of both the Grand Island Home and the Milford Institutions. These reports are all on file with the governor, but with new. The building near the hospital they are not all addressed to him. Some used as a morgue, has been moved to a of them are addressed to the Hoard of Public Lands and Buildings, though by what authority is not known. The statute distinctly provides that these reports shall came off the roof of the main building when being repaired. New feed racks have been erected.

The efficiency of the laundry has been in reased, a number of large trees have been planted on the lawn and a lake has been made, with a espacity of 75,000 barrels of water, a fourieen-foot irrigation windmill The reports so far filed are very voluminous, and evidently have been prepared with and pump sufficient to raise five barrels of great care. In a number of cases there are deficiencies to report.

Superintendent Gillespie of the Omaha Institute for the Deaf and Dumb has submitted great care. In a number of the omaha insuperintendent Gillespie of the Omaha institute for the Deaf and Dumb has submitted the tenth blennial report of the institution of Governor Holcomb, in which he says, in the deaf of graded cattle.

"The flag has been placed at half mast time of the property of the institution of the control of the institution of the control of the control

"The flag has been placed at half mast during the biennial period thirty times, and thirty contrades have been called to answer the revelle, and there are now sixty-two the revelle, and there are now sixty-two place of those who have passed over the silent river. Since the establishment of this home thirty-one have been laid to rest in other cemeteries, making a total of ninety three deaths"

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES. The commandant says the estimates for appropriations are based on what he believes are the actual needs of the home. He says the state, not the home, will receive back from the general government \$100 per year for each male member. He recommends the immediate erection of a hospital building with capacity to accommodate 100 patients on the ground floor, with rooms on the second floor for the surgeon and employes, and that the two buildings now used as hospitals be converted into rooms for old men and their wives, who at this time have no auitable quarters. He arks that the addiauitable quarters. He asks that the adju tant's salary be raised to \$1,200 per year and the surgeon's to \$1,000. He also recommends that \$1,000 be appropriated for an elevator in the main building. Commandant Wilson's estimate for the coming biennium is as follows:

'ommandant's salary .. Commandant's salary
Adjutant's salary
Surgeon's salary
Matron's salary
Day engineer's salary.
Night engineer's salary.
Farm manager's salary.
Employes' wages
Maintenance and clothing.
Fuel rniture and bedding. ock and implements. Electric lights ... Hospital building Transplanting trees and improving

In his financial statement the compriaced in the basement of the main building. The roofs and outside woodwork were
painted. The entire plumbing was removed
and replaced with new. A new sewer was
put in and connected with the city of the total approlature of 1895, \$77,030, there has been expended \$47,230, leaving a balance in the state treasury of \$12,299.51 unexpended. At tem. The electric plant was overhauled and interesting feature in this statement is the renewed. A large brick tunnel was built expenditure of four different appropriations by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings without the approval of the commandant or water pipes and electric wires. Walks and the Visiting and Examining Board. There are \$500 sewerage, \$2,000 painting and rebuilding and \$3,500 for an electric light

The total membership of the home at date of the report, November 30, was 158 SOLDIERS' HOME, MILFORD.

A report of the branch home at Milford created by act of the Twenty-fourth session of the legislature, is made to the governor by the Visiting and Examining board. The one on hand being too small to do the work by the Visiting and Examining board. The required of it. The laundry is also situated building is a three-story brick structure where it is subject to the annoyance of cn a stone foundation, 40x80 feet dimensions coal dust. He calls attention to the inadequacy of fire protection. A new fence wide covered porches, with an attic above the around the premises is deemed a necessity third floor. With the \$8,000 appropriation made in the act creating the home, and pro-viding for the lease of the land, the lature of 1895 for the support of the school buildings have been fitted up and pre-with amounts expended and balances on pared for use. The bedding, blankets, and furniture are largely made up of the contributions of Grand Army of the Republic posts, Relief Corps, and gifts of private individuals. As the appropriation provided in the act was all expended under the supervision of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, for repairs, sewerage, water heating apparatus, kitchen furniture and equipment, maintenance and living of the members have been furnished on the credit system by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, thus creating a deficit to be met .03 by the next legislature. From the quarterly eports of the commandant the Visiting Board finds the total expenditures of the home, from the time the Board of Public Lands and Buildings began operations to November 30, 1896, to be \$18,541.51; amount paid on claims outstanding against the home, \$7,993.88; present deficit. \$10,547.63.

The number of members admitted up to November 30, was fifty-four men and three women. The report of the Visiting and Extatement: "Commandant J. H. Culver has been seriously handicapped by the lack of an appropriation to maintain the home, but has succeeded as well as could be ex-pected with his limited resources. Harmony prevails, the members are contented and the affairs of the home are in good condition in this respect."

BOYS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. John T. Mallalieu, superintendent of the State Industrial School for Juvenile Offenders, Kearney, Neb., addresses his report to ne governor. He says, in part:
"All of the buildings are now in a fair condition of repair. The last legislature made a reasonable appropriation for repairs and it was largely expended in fixing up the external parts of the buildings, inasnuch as the roofs and sides had been badly through this section. The main building and one of the family buildings had new roofs put on them entirely, and of the others were repaired so as to afford ample protection to the main building for some

system of waterworks and a sewerage About eighteen acres are situated so as 1891-2. \$85.411.46; 1893-4. \$69,272.12; 1895-6, to be irrigated. The remainder of the land \$67,329.57. The comparative average cost of is upland, and produces good crops only each patient in the aggregate expenditures in very favorable seasons. The value of for maintenance per period is: 1889-90, crops raised on the irrigated tract each year exceeds that raised on eighty acres \$348.83. The superintendent's estimate for

time. The other improvements are a large steam plant, complete electric light plant.

Since my last report 180 boys have been received by commitment and eight returned on account of canceling of paroles. There are 211 enrolled—a lower number than has been enrolled for several years. This is due largely to the fact that several good homes have been provided and the demand for how by farmers has been large.

SUGGESTS GENERAL REFORMS. In regard to the changes in the system of management of the institution the superintendent makes the following suggestions 'Our system is somewhat complicated. mention of which will probably be in order in this report: An addition to the main pointment; in others, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings makes it. Then we

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1.25, \$1.60 and \$1.75. Ladies' Leather Chatelaine Bags 50c, 75c 1.15, \$1.50, and \$2.00 each.

Ladies' Combination Pocket Books, in red seal, real alligator, Morrocco, etc., very special, only 50c each.

Real Tortolse Shell Fancy Hair Combs. 5e, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 up to \$3.50 each. Real Ostrich Feather Boas and Collar-Hand Embroidered Initial H. S. All Lines

ettes, \$2.25, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$8.50 up to \$20.00 LATEST NOVELTIES IN VEILINGS JUST RECEIVED.

Tuxedo and Fish Net Mesh Veiling, with arge Chenille dots

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12.35 Velour Poplin Silk, black (full dress pattern) 14 00 Peau de Soie, rich, lusterous black silk, pattern

A petticoat of rich Changeable Taffeta for 5.50

Black Dress Goods-Specials-

2.00 Black Mountain Serge (skirt patterns)

5 25 Rich, new, fancy weave (full dress pattern)

2.00 All wool French Serge (full dress pattern) 10 50 Highest grade novelty weaves (full pattern)

3.50 Corduroy Waist pattern, all colors Velvets for waists, all shades—see our superfine

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We have made great reductions in price on all our high grade and medium priced dress goods-

50c The greatest variety of best styles, Covert cloth, Granite fancy, Tweed checks and plaids, etc.

Rich black novelty patterns included.

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award contracts, and another board, independent of this Board of Purchase and Supplies, to audit the accounts and provide payment therefor. In some of the semi-state institutions there is still another board, who recommends the purchases. I believe the entire work should be centered in one board, and that board should not only have the appointing power, but also the authority to wer, but also the authority to after the institution in general. the appointing power share in the business management of each institution, and it also holds the business management responsible for the appointments." Superintendent Mal-lalieu holds that this board should consist exclusively of the governor, commissioner of public and lands and buildings, attorney gen-eral, audito: and treasurer, and that thery should be no division of authority or re-

The apropriations asked for are proctically the same as two years ago. An increase is asked for fuel and lights. A reduced appropriation is asked for clothing, bedding and furniture. Following are the estimates asked for the biennial ending March 31, 1889: perintendent's salary

ouse expenses ord, dining room expenses and lumbing, sewerage, steam fitting. chool books, stationery, postage, etc. dusic, amusements, etc. raveling expenses quipping and running trade depart-Deficiency (approximate) iospital and hospital expenses...... \$101,430

NORFOLK HOSPITAL FOR INSANE. Superintendent Keiper, of the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane addresses his report to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. He says in his introduction: "We assumed ontrol of the institution July 1, 1896. Dr Mackay, my predecessor, having tendered his resignation to take effect at that date. There were in the hospital at the beginning f the year, December 1, 1894, 124 males and 66 females, total 190; new cases admitted to November 30, 1896, males 126, females 95, total 221. Total number under treatment, 411; males 250, females 161. Trans-ferred to Hastings asylum, males 15, females 46, total 61. Discharged as recovered, males 78, females 51, total 129. charged as improved, male 1, females 3, him.
total 4. Home on parole, males 4, females Cattle Thief and Perjurer Sentenced. 6, total 10. Eloped and not recovered, male Died, male 9, female 6, total 15. Re-maining on record November 30, 1896, males 147, females 53, total 200. Actual number in hospital November 30, 1896, males 142,

females 51, total 193. Daily average, males 135, females 58, total 193. "The per capita cost based on the average umber of 212 patients for the year ending November 30, calculated on the entire amount expended, including officers' ies, amounts to \$3.96 per week; without officers' salaries, \$3.60. Cost of maintenance computed upon the amount expended for officers' salaries, employe's wages, board and clothing, drugs, fuel and lights per week, \$3.54, less officers' salaries, \$3.18." Superintendent Kelper presents in this report a comparative statement of expendi

tures for period ending November 30 The farm comprises 320 acres of land, as follows, in totals: 1889-90, \$86,226.04 the twenty-nine months, ending August 1899, for the hospital, foots in total, \$113,

The appropriation for the Norfolk hospital

from April 1, 1895, to November 30, 1896. was \$87,450. Of this amount there has been xpended, as shown by the report, \$67.359.57 leaving an unexpended balance of \$20,120,43. HOME FOR FEEBLE MINDED YOUTH. The report of Superintendent J. T. Arm-

able to go into the world and make a living unaided. He recommends the erection of a hospital building as an immediate necessity and that provision should be made for at least 200 additional patients. To accommodate these, two new cottages are required, an additional dining room and a large kitchen. His estimates of costs for these ad ditions are as follows: Two cottages and furnishing the same each \$30,000; engine room, laundry and shop building, \$10,000 kitchen cooking apparatus and dining room. \$15,000; total, \$55,000. The superintendent's

estimates for the coming biennial are as Maintenance and employes' wages, 345,000,00
 Salaries of officers and teachers.
 16,400,00

 Furniture and bedding.
 1,000,00

 Fuel and lights.
 10,000,00

 Farm supplies and vehicles.
 500,00
 60) School and Industrial supplies

Tools Cows and other stock Cooking apparatus
Cooking apparatus
Paints and oils.
Fencing and improving grounds.
Dynamo and other machinery
Additional land

In his report Superintendent Armstrong does not include a statement of his expenditures during the past blennium. The total appropriation of the last legislature was \$77,250. In his report the superintendent asks for an increase of \$24,175.

GRAFTON, Neb., Dec. 12.-(Special.)-Jack Reynolds, a farmer living about four | tiers of the county. The meeting was held miles north, eloped Sunday with his cousin, a young woman from the western part of the state, who has been visiting in his family for the past few months. They drove to Fairmont, cetensibly that she might take the flyer for home, then leaving their rig to be sent back, hired another to take them read, and the large crowd present kept in to another town, where they boarded the train for parts unknown. He wrote his wife that she would have to get along without

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)-Judge Westover today sentenced William Martin, who pleaded guilty to cattle stealing, to one year in the penitentiary, and Willilam W. Barker of Crawford, who was found guilty on five different counts of perjury, to six years. Barker has long been a notorious "affidavit" man, but his last en-counter with a railroad and an insurance company proved to be a little too much for

NELSON, Neb., Dec. 12,-(Special Tele-

gram.)-J. A. Rogers, a man about 70 years of age, was badly injured while engaged in ouse moving today. He was driving a team one was also broken. His condition is precarlous.

Progress of Corn Husking DUNCAN, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.)-The fine weather continues and farmers are taking advantage of it to finish getting out the corn that still remained in the field when the sleet storm caught them. The corn crop is the finest, both in quality and quan-tity, that was ever had in this county. Husking is well along and a few days more will be sufficient to clean up all that remains in the fields.

Cribbing Nebraska Corn. GRAFTON, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.)-W. A. Stuckey, cattle feeder, is putting up corn cribs of 50,000 bushels capacity, which he will fill with corn at present prices, trusting with a rising market to net good returns. He already has cribbed an equal amount.

FIND WILLIAM LEE GUILTY

York Jury Convicts Him of Attempting to Assassinate Bissell.

WILL PROBABLY APPEAL THE CASE

Sketch of the Circumstances Sur rounding the Leading Features of the Case_Prisoner Receives the Verdiet Calmly.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.) - William L. Lee is guilty. So say the twelve jurors to whom the decision of the case has been left. At 9:45 this morning the jury entered | ter. the court room and announced this decision.

Lee sat by his attorneys and heard the ver dict calmly. Sentence has not yet been passed. The penalty is not less than two nor more than fifteen years' imprisonment. The crime of mitted on the night of September 15, when he threw a rock at A. Bissell from ambush, with the evident intention of disabling him. The murder was to be committed with a hatchet, which was found at the spot where the assault occurred. The object of the attempted assessination was to obtain the in surance money on a policy on Bissell's life ield by Lee. The plot to wreck the Burlington train was

the starting point and the end of a subse-quent attempt on Bissell's life. The case will probably be appealed.

RECALL THEIR PIONEER DAYS Adams County Old Settlers Celebrate

the County's 25th Anniversary. HASTINGS, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.) The twenty-fifth anniversary of Adams county was celebrated today by the old setin the court house. At noon the tables were spread and a grand feast partaken of, after which the large crowd present adjourned to the court room, where a fine program was rendered. Stories of the early settlement of excellent humor the entire afternoon. The second Thursday in June was the time set for holding a midsummer meeting at Flem-ing's grave. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

V. Cole, president; Isaac Boyd, president; George T. Brown, secretary; Charles B. Bigelow, treasurer. The meeting was bought to a close by a song, in which the entire audience joined. It proved the most interesting meeting the Old Set-

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.)-James Wortman, who resides about five miles from Memphis, came to town today in search f a mad stone and finally located one at Wymore, after telegraphing, and left on this afternoon's train for that place to take the treatment. He owns a shepherd dog. Monday the dog left home and did not return until Thursday, when it was noticed that it hitched to the carsian rone when a clevis broke and the double-tree flew back, striking him on the leg, just below the knee, shivering the bone badly. The blow felled him to the ground so violently that his left collar-where all the cattle of the place. Wortman attempted to catch him, to the ground so violently that his left collar-where the cattle of the place. whereupon the dog enapped his hand, breaking the skin in four places. The dog was

> FALLS CITY, Neb., Doz. 12.—(Special.)-At a meeting of the school board Superintendent Bigelow made the following report for November: Number of pupils enrolled, boys, 310; girls, 356; total, 666; average attending each day, boys, 294; girls, 320; total, 622; average daily attendance, boys, 274; girls 208; total, 582.

Family Skirmish at Decatur. DECATUR, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.) Mrs. George E. White and her brother-inlaw came to blows yesterday, in which the former got her face scratched and the latter hot water poured over him and pounded with a plate and broom. Each had the other arrested and the justice fined both \$7 and costs.

SESOSTUS TEMPLE ELECTS OFFICERS

by a Banquet at the Capital. LINCOLN, Dec. 12 .- (Special Telegram.) esostus temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., held its Ruins a Dry Goods Stock and Damages a. annual election tonight at Masonic temple, which was followed by a banquet at the Captol hotel. Covers were laid for 200 guests The following officers were elected: Illus- ORIGIN OF THE FIRE IS A MYSTERY rious potentate, D. E. Green; chief rabban Joe Hoppeeck; assistant rabban, L. D. Wood-ruff; high priest and prophet, Job Hathaway; oriental guide, General C. J. Bills treasurer, J. H. McClay; recorder, John The following novices were initiated R. R. Copsey, York; E. V. White, Hastings Charles E. Baller, Beatrice; Dr. F. A. Graham Lincoln; Burt G. Moulton, York; E. J. Rob inson, H. P. Hermance, Henry R. Corbett Lincoln; Walter B. Upham, Fairbury; Dr

William A. Chapman, Hastings, Hon. H. H. Wilson, presided at the banquet as toastmas-KEARNEY COTTON WEAVERS OUT.

Thirty-Five Employes of the Mills at that Place Quit Work, KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)-Thirty-five wide loom weavers at the cotton mills walked out last evening. The which Let has been found guilty was com- | cause of the strike was that owing to a heavy demand for cheap cloth, the narrow looms were unable to supply it. The cloth was put on the wide looms and the price paid the other weavers offered the operators to weave it, but this was not satisfactory. The men were paid off this afternoon and their places

will be soon filled by others. Secret Societies Elect Officers. FREMONT, Dec. 12 .- (Special.)-Fremont lodge. No. 89, Degree of Honor, elected

the following officers last evening: C. of H., Mrs. Mary Yakish; L. of H., Mrs. N. S. Shoer; C. of C., Miss Bertha Inlenfeldt; usher, Mrs. Josephine Legro; recorder, Miss Julia Reckmeyer; financier, Mrs. Laura Davis; receiver, Mrs. G. A. Storey; Mrs. Laura Stratton; O. W., Carl Brechlin; trustee, A. E. Stewart, Germania lodge, No. 310, Ancient Order of United Workmen, elected the following officers: M. W., Detlef Hansen; foreman, Caspar Graber; overseer, Hartwig Koll; guide, A. Schneider; recorder, John Peters; receiver, Julius Jacobsen; financier, Peters: W., Julius Peterson; trustee, Henry J. Dierks.

Pythians Confer Degrees. WESTON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At a \$309. special meeting last night St. George' lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias, conferred third ranks upon Messrs. Nelson and Graves of Valparaiso, by permission of Lily lodge, No. 140. Twenty visitors were in attendance from Wahoo and Valparaise. At midnight a grand oyster feed was served in honor of the visiting brothers by the Pythian wives.

Tramps Raid a Store. ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Last rigars and a lot of tobacco and candies. In night a tramp came up town from the depot and notified the night watchman of the robbery. He claimed that four tramps comitted the robbery and had the goods with

Child Kicked by a Horse, CLAY CENTER, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special.) -Last evening the 7-year-old daughter of William McLean, a farmer living a few miles west of here, while playing in the yard near a team of horses, was kicked by one of the horses in the head, making a very bad cut, laying the skull bare and narrowly escaped being killed.

Surprise Their Pastor. FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)-About fifty people surprised Major Keeling and family Friday night, composed of memhers of the Episcopal church and the Relief Corps. A pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served.

Cast Iron Trust Discovered. CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 12.—The filing of a suit in the United States circuit court has brought to notice the existence of a cast iron trust, six of whose members are located iron trust, six of whose members are located within this mineral district. The trust is said to be composed of prominent firms in Cincinnati, Louisville, Annistown, Ala., Bessemer, Ala., and South Fittsburg, Tenn., and was formed in December, 1894, since which time prices have been advanced from Et to 18 per top.

BIG BLAZE AT GRAND ISLAND

Newspaper Plant.

Rumors that Cracksmen Start the Conflagration While Attempting to Blow Open the Safe of P. Martin & Bros.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 12 .- (Special Telegram.)-A column of flame twenty feet high was discovered at 4 o'clock this mornng coming out of the basement of P. Martin & Bros.' dry goods and notion store. It was fully fifteen minutes before streams of water were turned on the fearful blaze, being then too late to save anything in the west room of the double store. A small amount of goods in the rear of the east room may yet be fit for sale, but this is comparatively small. The stock was valued at \$33,000. The insurance is \$23,000, as follows: Farmers and Merchants, \$1,000; Phoenix, \$1,000; Philadelphia, \$2,000; Underwriters, \$2,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$2,000; Glen Falls, \$2,000; Concord, German American, British American, Home Fire, the Lancashire and Franklin each, \$2,000; Actna, \$1,000. The floor in the west room went down and what goods were not scorched are completely soot-covered and water-soaked. The firemen succeeded in saving the building. The latter is a two-story brick owned by John Fonner, who has no insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated in the basement among some papers, but there is no certainty as to the origin. It was and that the fire originated in this manner but a careful examination does not uphold this theory. The door of the safe evidently came off when it fell through to the cellar. The firm will probably start up business

HER AFFECTIONS WERE ALIENATED Wife of Real Estate Dealer Led Away

again next week. Another theory of the

origin is that it came from the stove on

the ground floor, the fire burning through and dropping into combustible material in the

basement. The Free Press, located on the

apper floor, has lost, through water, about

by Female Christian Scientist BOSTON, Dec. 12.-Fred D. Chamberlain, an extensive real estate dealer of Scattle, Wash., and Boston, who married Miss Anna M. Potter, a wealthy young woman and a leader in Boston society a few years ago, has night a gang of thieves broke into the store Curtis Woodbury and her husband, E. Frank filed papers in a suit against Mrs. Josephine of Harris Bro., and carried off about 600 Woodbury, of this city. The case is an action of tort, and the Gamages are placed at \$25,000 for the alleged alienation of the affections of the wife of Mr. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Woodbury is widely known as a student and teacher of Christian science, Mr. Woodbury is interested in several finan-cial enterprises in which, it is alleged, Mrs. Woodbury's pupils have also been induced

Mr. Chamberlain claims that his wife, for two years or more, has been so completely under the influence of Mrs. Woodbury, that she has refused to live with him or accompany him to Spokane and closed her house in the fashionable Aberdeen district of Brookline, and has refused to live apart from Mrs. Woodbury until her husband becomes follower of the principles taught by Mrs. Woodbury.

Rosenthal is Convalencent. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Moritz Rosenthal, the planist, who has been til with typhoid

fever, is convalescing.

Herr Wohlfsohn, his manager, has con-cluded to take the artist to southern Cal-ifornia as soon as it can be done safely.

Rosenthal will begin his senson on the Pa-clic coast some time in February.

Petty Thieves Punished by Citizens LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 12-Last night forty horsemen rode to the homes of J. B. Overstreet and "Curiey" Eggleston, took them to a pasture near by and after tying them to a tree administered to each a severe whipping with ropes. The men had been stealing chickens and other articles about town.