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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

## THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

THE DEE OF NEXT SUNDAY, DE-CEMBER 20, WILL BE A CHRIST-MAS NUMBER, HANDSOMELY IL-LUSTRATED WITH SPECIAL FEA-TURES PECULIARLY APPROPRI-ATE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

CHRISTMAS STORIES. CHRISTMAS POEMS CHRISTMAS PICTURES. CHRISTMAS HISTORY. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. CERISTMAS SPORTS. CHRISTMAS MUSIC. CHRISTMAS GOWNS. IN ADDITION TO THE NEWS AND ALL THE NEWS.

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winter season is ended.

The pressing question-Is foot ball by electric light any less brutal than the ordinary variety of the game?

Since charges have been publicly made against various city officials it is well that they should be publicly investigated.

a week ago.

other centers of population which are tinue to fall below expenditures so long about to take up arms against Spain in as the present lariff is in operation must advance of a declaration of war.

and foreign property owners who have not yet subscribed.

to thank their stars that they did not commit their crime in Missouri, where trainwrecking is a capital offense.

The old caution to "beware of the fessions of a lofty national policy.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of all the speed that is compatible with accuracy for the carrying forward of the Transmississippi Exposition in the short time yet remaining.

And now comes the secretary of the navy and states that the afflicted gunboat Texas is no worse off than other American battleships. It might be well to defer a war with Spain until the truth plished under the operation of the program gard to Cuban affairs and in a way that

The framing of a city charter should be a plain business proposition. The less intermixture of partisanship and intermeddling for the benefit of private interests the more likely are business principles to control.

When it comes to the question of the coercion of employes at election time the legislative "contestants" might recall the names of many in their own party who live in decidedly frail houses in this respect.

While in session the state dairymen should have made an exhibit to the public of the precise gain to Nebraska by the enactment of the anti-oleo law and the closing of the oleomargarine factories formerly operated in the

might like to have had a prompt con- yet that reduction," he said, "had been firmation of his appointment, but as secured only at the point of the legislahis term of office can last only till tive bayonet." What the Missouri sen-March 4, he has the consolation of afor meant was that we might have had knowing that confirmation or no con- a tin industry with a much lower duty firmation he will not have to vacate than was imposed by the law of 1800. except for a republican successor ap- But Mr. Vest should have been informed pointed by President McKinley,

by the present congress. This was setley bill. Upon this Senator Sherman, of the protective policy, with the concurrence of other repub Heans, announced that the bill was dead and it would be useless to waste further time on it. This result was not unex-Omaha: The Ree Builling.
South Omeha: Singer Bik. Cor. N and Sth Sis.
Council Jindine: 16 North Main Street.
Chicano Office: 31 Chamber of Commerce
New York: Robine B. H. and E. Tribane Bidg.
Wachington: 167 F Street. S. W. to suppose that any of the free silver ex-republicans would support it. Such stands in the way of their purpose they limited drafts on the treasury. can be depended upon to oppose, re. This decision, however, does not inare hostile to protection and the Ding- state was pledged by the last legislature sary to take up certain coupons maturviews.

> a crime for congress to fall to do for their bests and elderry. It develves these special assessment funds for paysufficient revenue for the expenses pledge, 617.560 of the government. In this the great majority of the people will acquiesce and let it be remembered that the free silverites. The senate repullicans decided to make another effort at the present session, but baying encountered the same opposition they determined that it would be useless now to make further endeavor to secure rev-

ment with more revenue at once.

Of course there will be an extra sea sion of the Fifty-fifth congress. It is possible that a new tariff bill will be The coal dealer usually manages to ent congress, but manifestly it would average up on the weather before the be useless to attempt to pass it, and were there any chance of a new bill getting through the senate at this session it would fail at the bands of the president. This is assured by what Mr. Cleveland said in his annual message regarding the sufficiency for revenue purposes of the existing tariff law. There will be no change in the tariff, therefore, until it can be effected by the next congress. In the meanwhile The coming union depot must not be treasury deficits, amounting thus far in lost sight of in the rush of events. It is the current fiscal year to upwards of coming, even more certainly than it was \$40,000,000, will continue. They may the citizens of Omaha and the whole not average so large an amount monthly as during the past five months, but that Silver City, Ia., has joined itself to the receipts of the government will conbe regarded as absolutely certain. There is also to be expected a large increase The present total subscription to ex- of importations pending the change in position stock ought to be more than the tariff, though this may be somewhat doubled by the contributions of resident checked by the proposed provision that goods in bonded warehouses before the

Those two trainwreckers convicted of is pretty certain, however, to be a flood gravity of the situation demands. Altrying to ditch a train in Michigan ought of foreign goods poured into the Amer- though it is understood that a majority Greeks even when bringing gifts" thus means an accumulating treasury do in the present temper of congress should not be applied to the populist deficiency and an augmentation of im- and the country. It is highly probable party in connection with its recent pro- ports to the detriment of home indus- that if the committee decided to favor-

> of congress to provide against this. THE TIN INDUSTRY.

tariff reformer than the development of States and Spain. the tin industry. There is no more striking example of what can be accomrapid growth of tin making in this countin plate sufficient to encourage its production in the United States. The oppoindustry would never be established tion and the turning over of the Amer- fied before the world. ican market again to the Welsh producers. The present to iff law, however, retained a part of the duty and the American tin industry revived and has

been steadily growing. Senator Vest remarked in the course of the senate debate that the production of tin plate had increased notwithstanding the decrease of 1 cent per pound Secretary of the Interior Francis on tin secured by the present law, "and that the development of that industry could not have gone on as it has done Tom Watson ran on the same ticket under the reduced duty but for the im with Bryan, but Watson has not been provement in the process of making tin invited to set himself up at any Jackson plate in this country. Had our manubanquet as the successor of Jackson. facturers adhered to the antiquated The same shabby freatment accorded Welsh process the advance would have Watson during the campaign by Bryan | been very slow, but under the stimulus

tied by the debate in the senate on needs more protection than it now has, Wednesday, in which Senator Teller Perhaps it does not ask for more. But and Senator Gorman declared that it it stands as one of the most conspicuous was futile to attempt to pass the Ding- examples that can be cited of the value

THE SUGAR BOUNTY WARRANTS. The decision just rendered by the supreme court denying the right of the state auditor to issue warrants under legislature is eminently sound. It move it. marphots as Senator Teller have but simply reiterates the plain mandate of one object in view and failing to se- the constitution. The sanction of the cure that they are indifferent as to the court of an issue of warrants without a interests and welfare of the govern- specific legislative appropriation would ment. Indeed they are prepared to have established a dangerous precedent,

gardless of consequences to the credit validate the bounty law or in any way is in favor of its enforcement. and solvency of the government. So lessen the moral obligation of the state consistent with their principles. They provisions of the law. The faith of the to the sinking fund the amount neces-1938 ley bill is therefore repugnant to their to pay a bounty on best sugar and ing at this time. Meanwhile warrants chicary on condition that manufacturers issued by the city for public improve-Senator Sherman declared that it is should pay the farmers a minimum sum ments and dependent upon the state of its paramount duty of providing on the coming legislature to redeem this ment go year after year unpaid.

ORGANIZATI DOLI BUSINESS. The Transmississippi and Interthe republicans have no share in national taxposition association has this crime. The house of representation and is now sentatives passed early in the first organized for business. The new board ession an emergency revenue bill of directors is a representative body of which it was then estimated leading men in all walks of life. Its would increase the receipts of herscanel is exceptionally strong and the government \$40,000,000 annually, insures the active participation in the It went to the senate, where the republicanterprise of the men who constitute licans made an earnest effort to have the backbone of this city. The men it considered, but this was defeated by chosen as officers not only possess the qualifications for the duties of their respective positions, but are each and all entimestastically emisted for the whole exposition campaign.

With stock subscriptions exceeding \$400,000 already secured and the recogenue legislation. The republicans in liftion of congress and pledge of liberal both houses have done their duty and appropriations for a government buildthey are relieved of all responsibility ing and exhibit, the managers are in for the failure to provide the govern- position to announce to the transmississippl states that the success of the undertaking is no longer a matter of speculation. It remains only for thes. states to avail themselves of the opframed before the expiration of the press portunity presented for attracting capital and population by making known to the world their natural resources and industrial development,

With less than eighteen months for carrying to completion the preparation of grounds, the construction of buildings, the collection of exhibits, and, above all things, the procuring of liberal appropriations from the different state legislatures, there is no time to be lost in getting down to business. The task will not only tax the energies of the officers and directors, but will also demand the active and hearty co-operastate.

Above all it must be constantly kept in view that this is not an Omnha exposition or a state fair, but an exposition of all the transmississippi states, to which foreign countries are also to be

WITH DUE DELIBERATION.

The senate committee on foreign relations shows a very proper disposition to enactment of a new tariff law must pay give to the Cuban resolutions referred the duties prescribed by that law. There to it that careful deliberation which the ican market before a new tariff bill can of the committee are in favor of some become law, the effect of which will action on the part of the government be to defer a full industrial revival here, for bringing the Cuban struggle to an The failure of revenue legislation pro- end, they appear to be unwilling to preposed by the republicans at this time cipitate a policy, as they might easily tries. Senator Sherman was right in de- ably report the most radical of the resonouncing as almost a crime the failure lutions before it the senate would promptly approve its action, while the concurrence of the house would be equally certain. Very likely the presi-Tin-American tin-entered into the dent would not acquiesce, but in any debate in the United States senate on event the effect of such congressional Wednesday. There is no fact demon- action would aggravate the situation and strating the merits of protection that is make against the maintenance of amimore unpalatable to the free trader or cable relations between the United from harmful and radical legislation.

The present indications are that congress will express itself forcibly in retective policy than is to be found in the will compel the president to take notice of its action. There may be nothing in try. The McKinley act placed a duty on the report that Secretary Olney will communicate with the senate foreign relations committee, but it would seem nents of protection predicted that the to be very desirable that he should do so if he has any information regarding here, but it began to develop and had affairs in Cuba that has not been given progressed quite up to expectation when to the public and which would enlighten two years later a democratic president, the committee. The attitude of this govand congress were elected. This checked comment is being closely watched by the growth of the industry, in antici- other nations and great care should be pation of the withdrawal of all protectiaken to do nothing that cannot be justi-

> Chicago is experimenting with an ordi-likely to gain ground. The senator protest, too much and yet not enough. Whatever weight is projectly a scribable to his carnes cance fixing 4 cents as the maximum fare on the city effect railways. The street rallway meanuries naturally declare that the ordinance is not worth the paper it is written on and announce equality of right ( fighting it to the end in the courts. There after Allen tel are several cities where the 4-cent fare do nothing uning he tells us nothing prevails and the street railways are for picity of about and mischlevous solvent. Should Chicago Join the list no little interest will be excited in other cities in the success of the undertaking.

Senator Allen vouches for the high character and ability of all the fusion members of the incoming legislature.

McKinley's plurality in New York, and his democratic followers seems to be his lot, notwithstanding the fact that the election is over.

of protection improved methods were 208,469, and his majority over all other and his ma

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben are to Treasury Department Has Not Had Reply entertain the governor and state officers-elect at a reception and banquet. The newly, elected officers will be impressed withithe fact before even they WHY EXPOSITION MATTERS ARE DELAYED assume their duties that they are to be officers of the entire state of Nebraska, and not solely of any part of it or party in it. If any of the guests harbor the mitraken idea that Omaha the sugar bounty act before a specific lies outside of Nebraska it is to be appropriation has been made by the hoped their visit will effectually re-

The very candid admission by the attorney general of Kansas that the prohilbitory law has never been satisfactorily enforced in that state, in spite of ment. Indeed they are prepared to have established a dangerous precedent. If the auditor could at pleasure is an according these if thereby they could promote the cause that is nearest to warrants on the mere promise of a legistration and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in that state, in spite of automatic couplers and according that the amended articles automatic couplers and according that the amended articles are fully enforced in that state, in spite of incorporation had been effected in partment found that the amended articles are fully enforced in that state, in spite of incorporation had been effected in partment found that the amended articles are fully enforced in that state, in spite of incorporation and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in partment found that the amended articles are fully enforced in that state, in spite of incorporation and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in partment found that the amended articles are fully enforced in that state, in spite of incorporation and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in partment found that the amended articles are fully enforced in that the incorporation had been effected in automatic couplers and according that the incorporation had been effected in that the incorporation had been effected in automatic couplers and according to the incorporation had been effected in that the incorporation had been effected in that the incorporation had been effected in automatic couplers and according to the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in automatic couplers and according to the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation had been effected in automatic couplers and according to the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation and incorporation and certificate from the incorporation and certificate from the incorporation and certificate from the incorporatio their hearts, that of destroying the latter to pay some claim in the future prohibition in Nebraska. The proposition of the fix for a standard height showing is necessary to obtain corporate auexisting monetary standard. Whatever there would be no sateguard against un- prohibition in Nebraska. The proposition is self-evident that no law can be

Attorney General Churchill invites the popocrats to investigate his official do all the investigating they are talking about in advance of their assuming control of the state government the chances are that the very prospect will make them tired.

Watch the advertising columns of The Ecc. They tell where Christmus purchases should be made by people who want the best goods at lowest prices.

The Revised Three R's.

The three latest Rs are Reciprocity, Retallation and Rumous.

Dann's Estimate of Weyler,

There is not an act of valor to the credi of Weyler. He has never manifested any military ability. He does not possess the spirit of a soldier. He is a dastard and a malefactor. He is an assessin. He is disgrace to the Spanish army.

A Pinancial Beaut.

The perennial Peffer rises with a propos ion for the appointment of a commission : investigate and report on the establishmen of a permanent monetary system. As the mmission is to consist of one national temocrat, one silver republican and one oppulist they would undoubtedly report a uly large and varied assortment of mon ary systems.

The Coming Tariff.

Business men meed fear no shock no idden aiteration of prices and no abrupt hanges to vindicate a theory or catablial pet view. The country is done with that ert of thing. The determination of the vays and means connulttee now consider not the tariff has no object or purpose but to secure the advantages of protection for the whole country and sufficient revenue or the treasury with the minimum hange and disturbance to the business of

Gold Democrat Appointees.

It ought to be easy for the republicans of the decent democrate to smash that plo se other gold democrats whom the area ent nominated. Notody pretends they are The only ground on which they are sposed is that they belong to the honest oney wing of their party, and their only openents are the men belonging to the other ing, plus the populists and some of the re-abilican botters. We do not believe that all ex-republicans or all the silver demis is will lend themselves to this conspi-The rejection of these appointe e only offense is that they abandoned party when it declared for repudiation ould be a lasting disgrace to the country n view of the aid which the honest mone emocrats gave to McKinley, the republican hould consider this assault on Cleveland in attack upon themselves, and give their olid vote to all his appointees.

SENATOR ALLEN'S DEFENSE.

Sloux City Tribune: Senator Allen's fense of Nebras'ta was well intended, by ie fact that he made it demonstrated that necessity was recognized. Denver News: It is fortunate that

Nebraska has so able and elequent a de-fender in the senate as Senator Allen. This perch will win him the thanks of the entire Kansas City Star: Senator Allen's defense Kansas and Nebraska indicates a lova

populism in those states will be abstinence St. Paul Pioneer Press: Mr. Allen Cebraska says that his state is "poor by It would be unkind to deny this Yet a state that voted for repudiation would as well keep quiet for a while on the sub

Philadelphia Press: The speech of Senator Allen of Nebraska in the senate yesterda: seems to indicate that he realizes there oust be a rather different tone in some of the populist states of the west, if they are to have any standing or credit in their busiers affairs. Kannas and Nebraska could have done themselves a greater injury than the return of a populist majority on the national fields and the election of populist state officials. These states had lean the more sliver states, and they had of the excuse for supporting the dishonest ollar that the allver mining states had. Chicago Peat: There is some reason to

think that Nebranka's fusion legislature vill eschew radical populist legislation, but t is not on the strength of Senator Allen' ssurance that contracts will be respected more than mutralized by his sweeping intement that pentils was born to built surance that cont justice and establish uliar, and when Setella us nothing at all lation has been and can be enacted in the name of populist justice.

Kansas City Journal: Senator Allen of Sebraska took occasion in the United States senate to deny that the populists intended to do anything to prohibit the enforcement of legal contracts, and declared there would be no hostile legislation in regard to rail-roads, at least in Nebraska, and, furthermembers of the incoming legislature.

It is sincerely to be hoped that none of them will cause the senator to regret having bestowed on them this cause.

It is sincerely to be hoped that none of them will cause the senator to regret having bestowed on them this cause.

It is structured in Scoraza, and, furthermore, that the heet sugar industry of his by any act of the calamityites. In fact, Mr. Allen set up a general disclaimer of the having bestowed on them this com- prevalent notion that the populists entertain ideas other than the most indulgent toward corporations or that they ever had for a moment considered the plan of making silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 a legal tender according to the officials returns, is for debts payable by contract in gold. • • 208,469, and his majority over all other • Mr. Allen's defense of his party is a

to Request for Information.

Mercer Urges Local Officials to Furnish Certificates Asked and Atlen Calls on Carliste to State His Objections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. - (Special Telerigidly enforced unless public sentiment perative matter, he sent a telegram to the officials in Counta today, requesting immediate action, so that the department and solveney of the government. So lessen the moral obligation of the state far as the democrats are concerned to appropriate the money to pay the they may justify their position as being bounty which has been carried assessment funds putting the Exposition upon permanent illegal transactions. The commission from various special assessment funds bounty which has been carried as letter mends that it be made a penal offense for to the secretary of the treasury, calling upon him for authentic information as to the technical objections made by the department to the bill, and it is presumed that the senator will have a reply in a day or two explanatory of what is regarded as necessary by the treasury people to make the Expusition a success from their stand-

William Cramp of Cramp & Sons, gave linner tonight at Chamberita's to a number of western senators and representatives. While the evening was one of conviviality, actions "until tired." If the popoerats Mr. Cramp took occasion to introduce to by-product of corn. The well known ship builder is connected with a corporation backed by ample capital for the purpose of utilizing the pith of the corn stalk for the distillation of alcohol, and the stalks themselves, as well as the husks, for the manu-facture of door mats and some classes of ope, and it was asserted at dinner that the farmers in the west could realize \$5 per ere through the sale of these by-products Among those present from the Representatives Hall and Henderson raska, and Senator Baker of Kansas.

SUBJECT FOR AN AUTOPSY. Senator Thurston presented a petitic oday from a number of Nebraska sheep ion of the petition by requesting that it hould be sent to the committee on finance. hat a post mortem examination of the pe-

Democratic postmasters in fourth class offices throughout Nobraska, Iowa, South Dakota and other western states have apgreatly evolved a scheme by which the he next administration. This scheme, which s pointed out by correspondents of repub-ican members, is for the present incumbents o resign and have their successors named to serve the full terms of four years, according to the practice of the department. The probability is that the department will block any such scheme if the facts are pointed out to it that this scheme is being worked. Fourth Assistant Postmaster Genral Maxwell is authority for this. When he matter was called to his attention he lectured that he would not accept any

ndicated above. officers in favor of Olson. This case is the He declared that he had fought the case is the livelying the O'Brien county lands emerges in an upon grounds that he believed Sloux City & St. Paul Railroad company shich were declared forfeited to the Unite States by the supreme court. Olson is a pur-maser from the railroad company and seeks onfirmation of his title under the act of larch 3, 1887, which provides that purchas rs of railroad lands shall receive lefendants are seeking to obtain patents s iomesteaders, claiming settlement on th ent in February last. Commissioner amoreaux will render his decision later, W. J. Jewett of St. Paul and John H

King of South Dakota represented Olson and Traver respectively. BEATRICE BANK REOPENS. The First National bank of Beatrice chich suspended payment September 1, hav ng complied with conditions imposed by the imptroller of the currency precedent to reumption and its capital stock being unin mired, was today permitted to reopen its

H. F. Dolan, an operator for the Western nion company here, received a most union heistmas gift today from a Fort Niebrara dian maiden. The present is in the shape f a rattlesnake necktle, and had fourteen attles attached. It was the subject of much emment on both sides of the capital this fternoon. Dolan refused to give the name the Indian maiden making the present. The house committee on public buildings nd grounds, it is understood, will favor ely report bills for the purchase government buildings at York, Hastings nd Norfolk, carrying \$10,000 each, s extremely doubtful, however, if any o hese bills will see their passage clear uring the present section of congress. A movement of decided proportions was astituted today in favor of Congressman Mercer as chairman of the republican conressional committee. Mr. Mercer made a reat reputation for himself in the position

of secretary during the last campaign, and if he will accept it is believed that he will elected to that very responsible posi-Senator Allen left for Nebraska tonight. Senator Thurston will go to New York to-morrow, and will reach home about next Fhursday. He will stop in Chicago to see He will stop in Chicago to see

Major McKinley en route.

Iowa postmissers were appointed today as ollows: Chatsworth, Sloux county, G. E. Wells, vice A. E. Peters, resigned; Keller ton, Ringgold county, S. M. Lee, vice J. H. Harris, resigned. W. E. Jennings of Corrona, S. D., was today appointed clerk in the railway mail

Judgments have been rendered by the ourt of claims in favor of Nebraska letor carriers as follows: Fifty-three in Omaha, twenty-three in Lincoln, eleven in Beatrice, seven in Nebraska City, five in Frement, one in South Omaha.

Complaints in Report of the Interstate WASHINGTON Dec. 17.-Decisions ren

COMMERCE LAW IS AT FAULT.

dered during the year by federal courts, incolving important features of the act to egulate commerce, are assigned a prominent lace in the tenth annual report of the sterstate Commerce commission, sent to DEGT OF SIGEX CITY & PACIFIC ongress today. During the year the supreme ourt has tendered three decisions of special In one case the law has been spheld and fortified in a most important particular, but the outcome of the others has either emphasized the defects of the raffic; second, the social circle case, in-olving the long and short haul clause of the on the ground that it might criminate him-

There will be no revenue legislation by the present congress. This was set—
We do not know that this industry

Walt on Word From OMAHA on the docket of formal proceedings during the present congress. This was set—
We do not know that this industry emphasizes the necessity of amending the out and is asserting them. law so as to give greater force and finality. Dos Moines Capital: Ju to the findings and decisions of the com-

WASHINGTON, Dec. II.—(Special Tele-gram.)—Representative Mercer had a con-ference with Logan Carlisle of the Treas. Replies were received from 1,690 companies; ury department today relative to the posi-inentioned in these replies have driving tion of the Transmississippi Exposition bill, wheel brakes. Of the 33,323 passenger cars and after chasing round through the department found that the amended articles automatic couplers and 38.91 per cent are quarters, and as this seemed to be an important of draw bars on freight cars appears from thority."

perative matter, he sent a telegram to the important made at different polars during poration the year to have been fairly well observed. As to ticket brokerage, the report says.
This illegitimate traffic has become a lines. Senator Allen has directed a letter any person to engage in the business of to the secretary of the treasury, calling upon he is an authorized agent of the carrier duly constituted such by written appoint-

Under the head of free transportation of passengers the practice of giving passes or reduced passenger rates to shippers or their employes and of Issuing complimentary" passes to persons for a rofession in which they are engaged or the ternned. The subject is submitted to congress with the general recommendation that uitable prohibitory legislation be enacted. A number of amendments to the law are ecommended, and they are, the commission ays, intended to make the substance of the law mean what it was supposed to mean at the time of its passage.

SENATE INQUIRY INTO TRUSTS. Committee Examines District Attor-

nev McFarlane of New York. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate con nittee on interstate commerce today examned District Attorney McFarlane of New York regarding the trust resolution introuced by Senator Chandler. The resolution directed the committee to inquire whether the existing agreement of the Joint Traffic with as a temporary measure to improve by association provides against a competition the wood market, and prefaced the introduction which is a party thereto shall make and which is a party thereto shall make and maintain such transportation rates as may be prescribed by the board of managers and covides for enforcing such stigulation by nes; to inquire whether such a stigulation a violation of the prohibition of the law f congress against the pooling of freight r the division of earnings by interstate rall oads; to inquire concerning the Hilgation ending in the southern district of New York exacting the agreement, and whether and existation is needed to expedite the proceedings and to enforce any violated provision of aw against the Joint Traffic association. I charges that a pooling trust agreement with money fines against violators of the agree ment and fixed rates for products exist. mong the flour millers and window glass nanufacturers of the country, and whethe not they are in violation of the law. Mr. McFarlane explained his argument and briefs in the suits which he conducted against the Joint Traffic sessiciation. Mr. Mc resignation tendered for this purpose. All Farlane said he hoped to get the case that will be necessary is to furnish the determ beginning January 19, and if the de-partment of justice would agree to a forma submission of the case it might be advanced signations are being tendered for purposes The atterneys for both sides in the land case of Olson against Sunkins & Traver, from the Des Moines land district, made arguments before Commissioner Lamereaux on the appeal from the decision of the local forms and without expectation of winning of the case is the land without expectation of winning the decision favor of Olson. This case is the

carnestly and upon grounds that he believed Mr. McFarlane said one of the defects of he interstate commerce law was that there was no definition of what a pooling o eights was. The United States as a part ad a right to bring suit against railroad vithout an investigation by the interstate commerce commission. He also spoke of the loubtful character of the anti-trust law when some suggestion was made that the raffic agreement was in violation of tha tatute. The suit he had brought against the oint Traffic association was to test the agree cent on its face, and not upon what migh its intention not expressed. Mr. McPa ne said that under the agreement their cas no doubt each road was bound to abid by the rates fixed by the general manager of the association and subject to the fin aposed by the association

Senator Chandler gave a lively turn to the iquiry by strongly insisting that the d ariment of justice had not pressed the mawith vigor. He called special attention articles xvi and xvii of the traffic agree ent, contending that the articles meant that the association could divide its earnings mong the roads, and that it should have sen a leading point presented in the ex-Senator Wolcott contended that the a les could not be construed to mean a divion of gross receipts, because the monnight have been received from the sale

onds, or from any other source.

Other members of the committee did seen to agree with Senator Chandler in seen to agree with Senator Chandler in hi-construction of the provisions of the quotec-actions of the law, but the latter, continu-ing, insisted that the case was not pushes with vigor because Attorney General Har-mon held that the puol engagement was no loubt legal. Some doubt was expressed about this, and Senator Chandler freduced a letter in which Mr. Herney ter in which Mr. Harmon stated tha but the agreement was drawn within this covered by Judge Symington in

The reference to the transmissouri case.

The reference to the transmissouri cas aused a little discussion upon it. Mr. Mc arisne said that the transmissouri arrange ent does not contain as many strong feates as a pooling agreement as the Joint raffic association, but it was fully as strong n agreement to maintain rates. The latter ided by Chairman Culloin saying opinions on cases pending in the courts were out of

Mr. McFarlane next spoke of the difficulty icountered in finding judges who were no inqualified from trying the unse by reach f holding stock of some of the various con total who were parties to the agreen the eight judges in the jurisdiction were suit was brought. Judge Whoeler e only one not disqualified for this in. Senator Welcott said that it indichat was well known, that professional dispersions of small holdings invested. nd persons of small holdings investee bese securities and collectively hold a 1 mount. This development seemed to rise the committee which discussed uestion whether or not the supreme colleges were disqualified to try the came we came before them. Mr. McFarline tained that there being so many particulatined that there being so many particulatined. te Julit Traffic association, if was not plar that judges held slock, and added adge Lacoub had qualified blusself to was taken looking to further investiga-

Senutor Genr Presents a Report Payaring Schlement. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Senator Gear, than you'll find here-every from the committee on Pacific rallroads, tatute or left its further interpretation so day presented a report favorable to the pas-ioubtful and uncertain as to increase the sage of the bill which authorizes the sage infaulties of efficient administration. These ases were the import rate case, involving as will best subserve the interests of the question of differences in charge for like service as between foreign and domestic government with regard to the debt of ti traffic; second, the social circle case, inmiles of this road, extending from Sioux Cl act, and, third, the Brown case, concerning is, to California Junction, and from the right of a person to refuse to testify to Fremont, Neb. The road had a land gran of 60,000 acres, and the government has acvanced for it in principal and interest \$1,116 A statement of "civil cases pending in the courts" shows twenty-two cases to enforce regulating orders of the commission and sixty-four mandamus proceedings to compel committee says that it is now earning no carriers to file annual reports with the commission. Forty-five cases calling for an investigation of 529 carriers have been placed to meet its full obligation to the government

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Sioux City Tribune: The Omaha boy has port says, as shown by petitions from so many of the to the conclusion that he has some sections for the enforcement of the statute, rights since the curfew has been knocked

Des Moines Capital: Judge Woolson of to the findings and decisions of the commission.

Considerable space is given to the sudject of the investigation by the commission on grain rates at Missouri river points, but, as the questions involved in the inquiry are now under consideration by the commission, no opinion is expressed at this time on the methods and practices disclosed by the investigation.

April last the commission requested the carriers to show how far, up to April 1, their equipment had been made to conform to the requirements of the safety-appliance act, relating to couplers and train brakes, which becomes effective January 1, 1838. the federal court is especially level-headed.

Sioux City Journal: A new "hypothecate", bank has been organized in Chicago, and the incorporation was made in lowa. In ex-Iowa does not want Chleago corporations to file their papers in Iowa to escape scrutiny, and if it can be done, as suggested by the promoter of this wild scheme, do what they desired. An effort was made in the lowa legislature to so fix the laws that corporations with authorization of great capital should have to pay in accordance with their possibilities.

## GLEAMS OF MIRTH.

Detroit Free Press: "This is all rot about our guit winning success."

'I sank a fortune in a grindstone fac-Somerville Journal: The girl who couldn't

walk a quarter of a mile to buy a spool of thread will walts twenty-five or thirty miles an evening and then say that she has had a perfectly delightful time. Chicago Tribune: "And you bet \$50 against \$60 that Stryker would win the fight? Why, he hasn't the ghost of a chance. He isn't in Muggsy's class at all. Muggsy will knock him out in less than a dozon rounds. You'll lose your money to a dead certainty." ozen rounds. ead certainty.

"That's all right. Don't you worry a ent's worth about me. I know the Indianapolis Journal: "By the way, did the colonel recover damages in his suit against the trolley company for permitting one of their ears to run over him?"
"Naw. The company showed contributory negligence. The colonel was so sober that morning that his nerves were in no fit condition for him to be on the street."

New York Journal: Mrs. Nills-What do ou think? Our Willie has taken the first or wine has taken the first prize in his class at college.

Mrs. Trills—How delighted you must be, know just how proud you feel, because I myself have experienced it. My French soodle took the first prize at the bench how,

Detroit Tribune: At the threshold they caught again the sanguined trail.

"Hist" they exclaimed, as is quite customary under similar circumstances.

They had but a step further to go to solve the mystery, for there before their eyes, steeped in gore, a sickening horror to the sight, was the chair in which the 5-cens shave had taken place.

HINTS FOR THE MILLIONS, Cleveland Leader. There was a man in our town, About a glant's size, Who nearly starved to death, because He wouldn't advertise.

And, when he weighed but forty pounds, He grasped his rusty pen, And wrote an "ad," and published it, And now he's fat again!

## THE FAIR SKATER.

Somerville Journal. Over the ice my lady glides
With siry grace,
A look of sweet content o'erspreads
Her smiling face.
She knows her skating costume is
Quite up to date
And so she boldly starts to cut
A figure 8.

Alas! a twig, caught in the ice, Is quite unseen.

My lady finds it with her skates
And-oh! how mean!—
Old Gravitation sets his work
In, by the card,
And the next thing my lady knows,
She sits down-hard!



## Arms of Santa.

OU'VE heard of being in the "lap of spring"-why not in the "arms of Santa"especially such an up-to-date Santa as this-who believes in getting his hair cut and wearing Browning-King clothes?

Your Boy Must be **Dressed Right** For Christmas.

We are showing all the latest novelties as well as the regulation styles in boys' 2-piece suits at from \$3.50 to \$10.00when you pay less it costs you more suits for less can't last. These are handsome, durable 

Boys and youths' School Ulsters in a profusion of styles at \$3.50 up. 20 26 26 26 26 26 No house in the world can

show a more beautiful line of .\* Neckwear 'specially

for Boys . . . style and quality is it is is

25c and 50c Windsor bows, 5 to 7 inches wide for little fellows. . . . . . . . . . .

