INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND

Annual Report of the Superintendent to Governor Holcomb.

KEEPS INSIDE OF THE APPROPRIATION

Only One Fund Fails to Pay Out, and that is but a Small Balance for Repairs to the Roof.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The report of William A. Jones, superintendent of the Nebraska Institution for the Blind, was received at the governor's office today and is the most voluminous and elaborate report submitted from any of the state institutions, comprising fifty-two pages of type-written copy. It is also the last biennial report from the various superintendents.

As the institution was in the hands of Profs. Ebright and Johnson a portion of the biennium covered by the report, Prof. Jones says he can only report on the "phases of the problem as I have been able to master them since my assumption of the duties of superintendent. The problem as it has presented itself to the writer may be stated thus: Here is a large boarding house, family and school. Yet it is not boarding house, family or school. There are elements of each organization and elements which differentiate it from each. The administration of its affairs requires the recognition of the phases, boarding house, family and school. It also requires equal recognition of the phases in which it is neither boarding house, family nor school. It is probably sufficient for this report to point out the above facts and to say that the effort is made to recognize these likenesses and differencies. A failure to grasp this first phase of study would wreck the institution."

Each of the various departments of the institution is treated in a very exhaustive manner by Superintendent Jones and a complete sketch in detail of the work involved is given. The superintendent says: "To carry out the conception of the school that I have briefly and imperfectly outlined, it is estimated that the following appropriations will be needed:

Principal's salary	$ 4,000
Steward and bookkeeper	1,600
Teachers' salaries	10,000
Employes' wages	7,600
Fuel and light	5,000
Living expenses	9,500
Water rent	1,000
Stationery and printing	500
Telephone	150
Express and telegraph	125
Drugs	400
Stock and feed	700
General repairs	1,000
Books, music and apparatus	1,000
Furniture, clothing and bedding	800
Furniture, clothing and bedding for new wing	800
Medical attendance	1,200
Contingent fund	500
Paints and oils	500
Repairs to laundry	250
Special appropriation for library	500
Special improvements for works and grounds	500
Special appropriation developing industrial department	500
Total	$48,125

The enrollment of pupils for the biennium was eighty-six, which, with the sixty-three in the school at the time Superintendent Jones assumed charge makes the present number of inmates under tuition, 149. Prof. Jones says: "Notwithstanding the fact that the appropriations for the maintenance of this institution for the biennium of 1895 to 1897 were $3,000 less than for the previous biennium of 1893-1895, it is confidently expected that there will be no deficiency in these funds. The legislature of 1893-4 appropriated $23,000 for living expenses, fuel and light and employes' wages, while the appropriations by the legislature of 1894-95 for these funds amounted to but $20,000, or $3,000 less. The last legislature appropriated $13,000 for the erection and furnishing of a new west wing and this building was completed the 1st of January, 1896.

"It is hoped that by the exercise of the utmost economy, no deficiency will be incurred in the fund for fuel and lights, but it is imperative that a larger appropriation be made for the ensuing biennium, and $5,000 will probably be required. An appropriation is needed to properly furnish the new wing, and $800 is estimated for this purpose. The only deficiency thus far created is for repairs. The board of trustees entered into a contract with Hamilton Bros. for putting on a new slate roof and other repairs to the old building amounting to $1,465.43, on which there has been paid the sum of $1,102.97, leaving a balance due them of $362.46, which is still unpaid."

GOSSIP FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

Governor Holcomb Busy at Work on His Message.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Holiday week, usually given over to rest and recreation by the heads of departments in the state capitol, promises to be a busy time with Governor Holcomb. It is expected that during that festive period a large portion of the work on his forthcoming message to the legislature will be accomplished. Private Secretary Maret says there will be no inaugural message, and the one document will cover the entire ground. Delay in receiving reports from state officers, from which to compile his message, accounts for the extra work entailed upon the executive office during the holidays. These reports are now under way, and some of the copy is in the hands of the printer. It is understood that the governor will in his message counsel against any radical legislation. The governor will lay great stress on economy and a prompt investment of the public funds in interest bearing bonds. This, of course, is not in the province of the legislature, but it is possible to bring it within the jurisdiction of that body by future legislation, which legislation may be recommended by the governor.

Ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania and party passed through the city today and called at the capitol to pay their respects to Governor Holcomb. The Pennsylvanians were on their return from a trip to the Black Hills, where Governor Pattison has extensive mining interests.

Copy for five more volumes of opinions and adjudications has been prepared by Secretary of the Board of Irrigation Akers and will be in the hands of the binder Monday. The books are made up of large type-written pages, some 300 in each book.

SAYS HIS SON WAS A LITTLE SLOW.

Exeter Business Man Makes a Few Radical Innovations.

EXETER, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Exeter roller mills are running under a new management, the change having been effected Monday. Henry Bedford, whose money was backing the concern, assuming entire control, thereby retiring his son, H. S. Bedford, who has been managing the mill the past three years. He has placed a Mr. Bricker, the present miller, in full charge with authority to run it day and night and make it pay a fair profit; also the one-half interest of H. S. Bedford in the East Exeter store, run under the firm name of Bedford & Castello was transferred to the wife of H. S. Bedford. H. S. still controls a half interest in the small elevator on the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley right-of-way.

Helps Nebraska and Omaha, Too.

WAUSA, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—It is expected that with the approach of spring the building of the Norfolk & Yankton railway will be actively under way. If this condition of affairs results then the extension of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway from Bloomfield (its present terminus) to Niobrara can, from reliable information, be looked for. Such a result will be advantageous to Omaha, opening as it will a section of country to trade that heretofore has gone via the Millwaukee railway to Chicago.

Funeral of a Nebraska Pioneer.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The funeral of Siebelt Dierks was held this afternoon from the German Baptist church in Saunders county, and was very largely attended by the German people of that vicinity. The services were conducted by the pastor of that church and the burial was in the cemetery adjoining. Mr. Dierks leaves considerable property, largely consisting of real estate.

LINCOLN SCHOOL FUND SUFFERS.

Revenue from Licenses and Fines Is Greatly Curtailed.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—There is a threatened loss of revenue to the school board of this city because of the fact that a large proportion of Lincoln saloon keepers will not take out licenses next spring. There are now thirty-four saloons in the city. On account of the lack of necessary revenue fourteen of these will close their doors next April. The fee is $1,000. Lincoln saloon keepers have felt the effects of hard times and a consequent falling off in trade. Mayor Graham states that a number of saloon men have intimated that they will be obliged to embark into some other business. This action will present a perplexing problem for the Board of Education to wrestle with next year. It means a falling off in revenue of $14,000, which, in addition to a decrease in fines from the police court, is very discouraging to the members of the board. For the year about to close the revenues have been found inadequate. But the expenses of running the schools are not decreasing in the least, and it is claimed that a new High school building is an absolute necessity.

This morning the two little daughters of Mrs. Anna Campbell, better known in police circles as "Squint-Eyed Ann," were taken to the Home of the Friendless by Matron Hyde. Last evening a man reported at the station that the woman and children were without food or coal, and Health Officer Rhode was detailed to supply them. Afterward he went to the house and found the woman in her sleeping apartment in company with two toughs, while the two little girls were lying out in the shanty that serves as a kitchen, without fire, and nothing over them but an old quilt. The officer drove out the toughs and made the unnatural mother bring the children into the room with her. This is the third time the children have been sent to the home, the mother having taken them away from the institution on former occasions. She will be prosecuted for ill-treatment of her little girls.

A letter has been received from J. A. Sidenfaden of St. Joseph by Chief of Police Melick, stating that the body of Charles Gartner, whose home is somewhere in Nebraska, is lying at the morgue. Gartner was killed by the cars at St. Joseph the other day. He is described as being five feet eleven inches in height, with blue eyes and brown moustache. Friends are requested to communicate with St. Joseph authorities.

Today the matter of the $25,000 claim of Smith H. Mallory against the John Fitzgerald estate was submitted to County Judge Cochran on briefs. This claim is being fought very bitterly by the estate. Mallory was formerly Fitzgerald's partner in the railroad contracting business, and the claim is based on notes of Fitzgerald that he holds. It is asserted by the estate that these notes are not bona fide ones given for a consideration, but executed simply to be used in an emergency. Attorney Mannahan sets up in his answer that Mallory and his son-in-law, D. T. Thayer, have conspired to get this money from the estate, whereas, in fact, Mallory is indebted to it in large amounts. The amount he asks from Mallory is $150,000.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—Howard Kennedy, A. E. Taylor and family. At the Lincoln—A. M. Jeffery, G. S. Griggs, J. W. Thomas, G. W. Holdrege, M. A. Hall, L. C. Olmsted.

LANCASTER COUNTY SILVERITES.

Put in a Busy Evening Selecting Conference Delegates.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The populists, free silver democrats, free silver republicans and free silver prohibitionists held a fusion convention this evening at the Lincoln hotel to elect delegates to the bimetallic conference of the state, to be held at Lincoln, January 6, 1897. Under the state call and basis of representation, three delegates to each county, and one for every 250 votes cast for W. J. Bryan for president, Lancaster county is entitled to 27 delegates. There was quite a jangle over the division of this number among the fusionists, but it was finally agreed to make it ten populists, nine free silver democrats, seven free silver republicans, and one prohibitionist. A motion was carried to allow each delegate three alternates, but this was entirely disregarded by the democrats, who elected only one alternate to each delegate. The following were elected:

Populists—C. Wheeler, S. Bullock, G. W. Berge, C. W. Hoxie, L. H. Lawton, O. Wilson, J. O. Leonard, S. W. Beardsley, William Foster and John Wolf.

Free Silver Democrats—James O'Shee, J. H. Broady, C. S. Jones, Patrick Barton, Major Bohannan, William Osborn, W. P. Larch, R. W. Saver and Michael Shea.

Free Silver Republicans—W. M. McIning, G. L. Laws, W. C. Fleurin, E. E. Brown, W. B. Price, C. Chapin and Ports Wilson.

George E. Bigelow was selected as the prohibitionist delegate.

George W. Berge was chosen as chairman of the entire delegation and W. J. Bryan elected as delegate-at-large from the county.

FILLMORE COUNTY'S CORN CROP.

Yield So Large that it Cannot Be Husked for Months Yet.

EXETER, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Never before in the history of this town has so much ear corn been cribbed for speculative purposes as is being put up this winter. Nearly every business man in town has from sixteen to as high as 200 feet of cribs, in which they are storing corn that they are taking on old accounts or for which they are exchanging merchandise. A few are buying and paying cash. Business men who are taking corn on accounts are allowing as a rule 3 cents above the market price. Farmers have been having serious times the past three weeks getting the corn from their fields, on account of the mud and water. Horses and wagons would mire on the flat lands with less than half a load. The weather today is more favorable, as it is very cold, and will probably freeze up solid again. There are hundreds of acres of corn in the fields yet, and there will be lots of corn to husk in the early months of 1897.

DEATH OF A NEBRASKA PIONEER.

First White Woman in Saunders County Passes Away.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Francis Hindman died at her home in this city today of old age, being 87 years old. She was the first white woman to settle in Saunders county. She leaves a large family, there being over 100 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the county. In 1859 one of her granddaughters—Sarah Warbritton—was stolen by the Indians, but the settlers turned out and, following the Indians, rescued the girl from them. Her husband still survives her, being about 89 years of age.

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HOLIDAY GOODS

Our stock is overflowing with such goods at economic prices. Store open every evening till Christmas.

Greatest Reduction of the season in—

Dress Goods and Silks—

For house gowns and wrappers, 50c and 75c.

Pretty warm tints of reds and other suitable colors, fine French henrietta, twills and serges, former prices 75c and $1.00.

FOR WAISTS.

Plaids, silk and wool, new styles, reduced from 85c; now 60 and 65c.

Corduroy, new, large cord, soft finish, for waists.

For Skirts—

Former prices 75c, black storm serge, very wide, best grade, sale price, 50c.

Former price $1.00, new fancy weaves imported goods; sale price 75c.

Former price $1.00—Mountain serge, 50 inches wide; sale price 85c.

Former price, 75c—Black superfine mohair lustre, 46 inches; sale price 50c.

Former price $1.50—Novelty cheviot and boucle, diagonal (new; sale price $1.00.

Colored Dress Goods at 35c—

On our center counters, all wool new, fancy worsted suitings, good style, reliable dress goods; reduced from 50c and 60c.

At 50c and 75c to close out see the great bargains on our center counters that we have reduced to 50c and 75c; cut from 75c, $1.00, $1.35; silk and wool novelties, new diagonal worsteds, jacquards, new Scotch suitings,, plaids, etc.

At $1.00, cut from $1.35. The latest styles imported suitings. Herewith are some of our very best dress goods.

At $1.25 camel's hair fancy effects, mohair, mixed suitings, and suitings that sold up to $1.75, all at $1.25.

Silks and Velvets for Christmas—

Black dress silks.

At 85c—Brocaded silks and satin duchesse, regular price $1.00 and $1.25.

At $1.00—Satin duchesse, 27 inches wide, all silk, regular price $1.35.

At $1.00—Black dress silks, all the popular weaves, regular $1.25 and $1.35 qualities.

At 69c—Changeable taffeta for petticoats and waists, regular 80c quality.

At 85c—High grade glace silk, just received, the latest shadings, Carmelhite, Puce, etc.

At $1.15—New brocaded and new styles in evening silks, regular $1.35 quality.

Velvet for Waists—

Best imported silk velvets, every shade in stock, new Carmel, Francoise, new Napoleon blue, new violets, mingon, etc, $1.50.

At 75c—Closing price, fancy heavy Jacquard silk crepe, regular price $1.35.

Laces, Laces—

Narrow French Valenciennes laces and insertions, so much used for bordering handkerchiefs, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c and 12½c a yard; creme and butter color.

Brussels and Lerrie Point applique laces, new assortment, the correct laces for neck and sleeves.

Novelty Tuxedo veilings, large fancy meshes, with large colored chenille dots.

Real Ostrich Feather Collarettes—

Beautiful assortment at $2.00, $2.25, $3.00, $3.75, $4.00 and $5.50 each.

Real Ostrich feather boas, extra long, fine qualities at $8.00, $9.00, $10.00, $12.00, $13.00, $15.00 and $17.50 each.

Holiday Handkerchiefs

IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

Real Duchess lace border handkerchiefs, $1.00, $1.25, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.50 and $6.50 each.

Fine French hand-embroidered; very sheer linen lawn handkerchiefs, $1.00, $1.75, $2.50, $3.00, to $6.50 each.

Fine hemstitched and scolloped border, Irish hand embroidered handkerchiefs, beautiful new designs, at $25c, 30c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50 each.

5 very special bargains in scolloped and H. S. border, embroidered Belfast linen and Swiss batiste handkerchiefs, 7½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c and 20c each.

150 dozen hemstitched hand embroidered initial fine cambric handkerchiefs, only 5c each.

Scolloped embroidered Japanese silk handkerchiefs. 3 special bargains at 10c, 15c and 25c each.

Combination pocketbook. In real seal, morrocco, fancy grain and lavantine glace leathers, special 50c, actually worth 75c.

Combination pocketbook and card cases in real lizard, boa constrictor, real seal, Turkish morrocco, etc., $1.00, $1.25, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00 each.

Ladies' Boston shopping bags, seal, grain calf, cloth with leather trimmings, etc., $1.00, $1.25, $1.60, $1.75, $2.25 and $4.50.

Art Needlework and Fancy Goods Dept—

Novelties in hand embroidered and hand made linen, tooth brush holders, pin, needle and thread cases, traveling cases, scissors chatalaines, button bags, etc., etc.

Novelties in Kensington and opera fancy silk bags, embroidered and fancy silk pin cushions, lace trimmed.

Irish point and guipuire embroidered pillow shams, $1.25, $1.65, $2.50 and $2.75 a pair.

Irish point and tamboured embroidered dresser scarfs at $1.35, $1.50 and $1.90.

Stamped linen dresser scarfs, 50c, 75c, $1.15 and $1.25.

Silk H. S. and scalloped embroidered and Battenberg lace.

Lunch cloths and doylies, plain and stamped in endless variety.

Tambour outline Denim table covers, fringe borders, $1.15, $1.25 and $1.75.

Stamped Denim table covers, 30c each.

Brainard and Armstrong's celebrated embroidery silks, in Filo outline, rope, twist, crochet and Roman.

Ladies' Swiss and India linen aprons, hemstitched, tucked, embroidered, ribbon and lace trimmed, beautiful assortment, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, $1.00 to $2.00 each.

Imported Gage Empire Fans with hand painted figures, spangled, lace trimmed, etc., $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00 and $4.50 each.

Real Tortoise Shell Fancy Hair Combs, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 each.

Ladies' Kid Gloves for Gifts—

Complete assortments of the celebrated brands.

Trefousse, Perrin's, Dent's and Monarch, in street, reception and evening wear; very special.

8-button Mousquetaire Suede, $1.25 a pair worth $1.75.

Children's fleece lined Kid Mittens, 50c to $1.00 a pair.

Children's heavy cotton hose—fast black, double heel and toe, all sizes, 6 to 9½, 12½c a pair.

Boys' extra heavy school hose, double knee, heel and toe—fast black cotton, all sizes, 6 to 10, 25c a pair.

Children's fine black ribbed cashmere hose double knee, heel and toe—a very nice quality—All sizes, 25c per pair.

Children's extra heavy block ribbed cashimere hose—double knee, heel and toe—An excellent school hose, all sizes 6 to 10, 35c a pair, 3 pair $1.00.

Ladies' fleece lined fast black cotton hose double sole, heel and toe—Maco sole, a real bargain, 25c per pair.

Ladies' fine maco cotton, fast black hose, winter weight, double sole, spliced heel and toe, 35c, 3 pair $1.00.

Ladies' silk fleeced hose fast black cotton maco sole—extra elastic—double sole, heel and toe—gives entire satisfaction, 35c, 3 pair for$1.00.

Ladies' fine English cashimere, fast black hose, double sole, heel and toe, a very good quality, 35c, 3 pair for $1.00.

Ladies' silk hose 85c a pair. Ladies' silk hose, fast black, tan and evening shades, all fast colors, double sole, high spliced heel and toe, "extraordinary values," 85c a pair.

Our stock of ladies' pure thread silk hose, black, tan and evening shades, drop stitch, and plain, all fast colors, can not be equaled in price or quality.

A gift that gladdens in sunshine or rain.

Ladies' Black and Colored Silk Umbrellas—

Our styles in handles are exclusive and the latest designs.

Roman gold, sterling silver, India briar, pearl, ebony and Dresden, steel rod, best English serge and Vernona taffeta, from $2.00 to $10.00 each.

Natural wood in birch, black thorn, horn, cherry and bamboo, steel rods, paragon frame and an extra good quality serge, from $1.00 to $2.00 each.

We have numerous bargains in ladies' and children's underwear.

Ladies' heavy all wool black tights, open or closed, ankle length, all sizes, $1.00 per pair.

Children's ribbed natural wool vests an odd line of sizes, closing out at 15c each.

Men's neckwear, 50c. Just received, a large assortment of late novelties in men's neckwear. The new wide end tick and imperial four-in-hand.

Men's string ties, 25c. New reds, Scotch plaids, fancy checks, and other late designs, regular 50c ties, special price 25c.

Collar and cuff boxes. A large variety of fancy collar and cuff boxes in seal leather, satin lined, snake skin, satin lined, embossed leather, fancy satin lined, polished oak, with satin lining.

Men's fancy suspenders, colored satin suspenders, embroidered $1.75 and $2.00; plain black satin suspenders, with gold plated mountings, $1.50, $2.25 and $2.50; extra fine elastic webb suspenders, gold plated mountings, 75c and $1.00.

Men's fine umbrellas, just received from the manufacturer's, a choice line of men's fine silk umbrellas, with the latest design in handles and sterling silver trimmings, $2.50 and up.

Canes and umbrellas to match. The latest novelties in umbrella and cane sets, including bamboo canes, rich fine silk umbrellas, handle to match, $3.50 and $4.50 cocoa wood cane, with extra quality silk umbrella, handle to match, sterling silver trimmings, $5.00.

Men's bath robes, $3.50. Men's fine terry cloth bath robes in light tan, with either blue or red border; light gray with blue or red border; color guaranteed fast.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 25c. Pure Irish linen, with half-inch hem and very neat hand embroidered initial.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs. Pure Irish linen handkerchiefs, ¼, ½ and 1 inch hem, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c, superior quality linen.

Men's silk initial handkerchiefs, 50c. Men's extra quality China silk handkerchiefs, with fine embroidered initial.

Men's silk initial handkerchiefs, 75c. Men's extra large and fine China silk handkerchiefs, with embroidered initial.

Men's silk handkerchiefs, 75c. Men's China silk hemstitched handkerchiefs, ¼-inch hem.

Men's kid gloves. Perrin's real kid gloves, new shades for winter, $2.00. Perrin's reindeer gloves, $1.50, regular price $2.00. Adler's fine kid gloves, $1.50. A fine dog skin glove, $1.00.

Men's lined gloves. Heavy undressed reindeer gloves, with fine wool lining, $1.50.

Fine mocha gloves with wool lining, $1.50.

Children's Fur Set Angora, in gray, white, tan and black; special price, $1.00, $2.00, $3.00.

Thibet, Krimmer, Lynx and Chinchilla at popular prices.

Ladies' Fur Sets from $5.00 to $25.00.

Collarettes for Ladies from $5.00 to $30.00.

We have full line of Fur Capes, Krimmer, Astrachan, Electric Seal, French Seal, at very low prices.

Our special black Coney, length 22-inch, sweep 125 inches, fancy lined, for $12.00.

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EDITORS WILL GET TOGETHER.

Journalists of Southeastern Nebraska to Meet at Auburn.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Southeastern Nebraska Editorial association, included in which are Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Lancaster, Otoe, Gage, Jefferson and Johnson counties, will hold its first regular session in the city of Auburn, Monday evening and Tuesday, December 28 and 29. All visitors have been assured accommodations by the members of the fraternity in Auburn. Secretary F. A. Harrison announces the following program:

Monday evening, 8 o'clock: Music by the Auburn Cornet band; address of welcome, by Mayor J. W. Darrah; response, by S. A. Varner of the Sterling Sun, president of the association; piano solo, with violin accompaniment, by Rev. D. Fitzgerald and Prof. John Mertes; poem, "The Devil's Story," H. P. Marble of the Humboldt Standard; music, by Auburn Glee club; "Same Old Times," F. A. Harrison of the Table Rock Argus; music, by the Mandolin club; poem, by Colonel A. L. Bixby of the State Journal; music, by a male quartet.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock a. m.: Business meeting; president's address; report of secretary; new business.

At 1:30 o'clock, p. m.: "Foreign Advertising," by J. W. Barnhart of the Auburn Herald; "Delingent Subscribers," by F. A. Hassler of the Pawnee Press; "County Correspondents," by W. H. Stowell of the Auburn Post; "Farewell, and if Forever, Then Forever Fare Thee Well," by Walt Mason, correspondent, Beatrice.

ALL INTERESTED IN BEET SUGAR.

Queen City Preparing to Entertain the State Convention.

HASTINGS, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The committee appointed to look after the annual state beet sugar convention to be held in this city February 2, 1897, met and called the preliminary meeting to be held at the court house on Monday night, December 28. Speeches will be made by Claus Frahm, Charles Dietrich and others. Efforts are being made to get Hon. Horace Plunkett of Dublin to be present. The meeting is expected to be a large and enthusiastic one, as the time is drawing near for the entertainment of the Nebraska Beet Sugar association in this city.

Honors for a North Platte Citizen.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—I. A. Fort, who has been elected to the position of assistant national lecturer at the meeting of the National Irrigation association at Phoenix, Ariz., is a resident of North Platte. Mr. Fort has resided here for fifteen years. He was the first president of the Nebraska State Irrigation association and is at present its state lecturer. He is a populist in politics and an applicant for the position of state engineer under the incoming administration.

SHELVES FULL OF EMPTY BOXES.

Queer Business Transactions Uncovered by a Suit at Law.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The district court has been busy for the past three days with the case of the Hamilton Brown Shoe company against Milliken, which is an action of replevin to recover goods sold by plaintiff to the late Goldgraber Dry Goods company. The evidence introduced by the plaintiff shows a somewhat peculiar method of transacting business by the Goldgrabers. Just previous to their failure, in December, 1894, large quantities of goods were shipped out in trunks, and the empty boxes placed on the shelves, and when the inventory of the goods was taken the appraisers found a great many boxes, which were supposed to be filled with goods. Some of the goods shipped were found at Wayne in a store then run by Singer Bros., former employes of the Goldgraber outfit. The reports made by the firm to commercial agencies the summer before their failure showed them to be worth about $20,000.

HAVE TO CLOSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Osceola Inflicted by a Severe Epidemic of Diphtheria.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—People in and around Osceola have been having quite a scare the past week on account of diphtheria, and though it was the intention of the school board to close the schools for the holidays, the Board of Health got together and advised the closing of them on Thursday, which was done. Dr. L. M. Shaw, who was treating a severe case of diphtheria in the country, is down with the disease and is quarantined at his father's, outside the city, and everything is being done by our Board of Health to protect the city from the spread of the disease.

Rev. and Mrs. William Crisp of Osceola received the sad intelligence of the death of their only daughter, Mrs. Alice Jarass, on Friday. Mrs. James lived down near the Ozark mountains in Missouri, and if possible the remains will be sent here for burial.

Johnson County Wins a Case.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Johnson county won its case against the estate of John Lowrey for back taxes in the district court of Lancaster county. Lowrey was a former resident of the county, and when he removed from here he retained a considerable amount of property here, but neglected paying taxes on the same. By the court's decision the county gets a judgment for $897.62.

Lost a Part of His Foot.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—O. D. Franklin, a car tinker of this place, lost a portion of his foot while working with the train. The Union Pacific surgeons found it necessary to amputate a portion of the foot and Mr. Franklin was taken to the Union Pacific hospital at Omaha.

MILL COMPANY'S LARGE BUSINESS.

Lexington Has an Industry that Shows Much Enterprise.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The Dawson County Pioneer in its last issue has the following editorial: "It is probable that but few people in Lexington or Dawson county realize the amount of business transacted by the Lexington Mill and Elevator company of this city. The reputation of the mill for turning out first-class products is not confined to Nebraska alone, but extends over a great portion of the United States, carload lots being sent north, south, east and west, while a considerable quantity finds ready sale in markets in Europe. The company has shipped since July 20 last to December 1 261 carloads of grain and grain products. From July 20 to September 1 eighty-one carloads were shipped; during September forty cars; October, eighty-nine; November, fifty-one. These were all carload lots and do not include the many smaller shipments of less than a carload.

"It is certainly a flattering tribute to the business management of the mill to know the wide and favorable reputation which Lexington flour enjoys all over the west, and every citizen of our town also undoubtedly feels a just local pride in the wide success achieved by a home enterprise."

TWO THROWN FROM A HIGH BRIDGE

Furnas County Couple Meets with a Probably Fatal Accident.

ARAPAHOE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—James Roxburgh and wife met with a serious and probably fatal accident while coming to town this morning. Roxburgh was driving in a road cart and on nearing the bridge over the Republican river attempted to drive by a farm wagon. The farmer's team became frightened and in turning the wheels of the vehicles became entangled, throwing Roxburgh and wife from the cart down upon the frozen river bed.

Roxburgh escaped with a broken nose, but his wife is still unconscious and serious doubts are entertained as to her recovery.

Elopes with the Hired Man.

WAUSA, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The wife of a prominent farmer residing northwest of this town created a sensation yesterday by eloping with the hired hand. No effort toward their capture was made by the jilted husband. It is supposed they took the train at Bloomfield and their point of destination is thought to be Sioux City.

Beatrice Seeks a Mayor.

BEATRICE, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—As the time for the spring election draws nearer Beatrice people begin casting about for a suitable man for the office of mayor. The name of R. J. Kilpatrick is perhaps associated with the place more often than that of any other man.

REPORT ON THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Commandant Culver Makes a Good Showing for His Institution.

MILFORD, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The commandant of the Soldiers' home at this place has made his report to the governor and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The estimate for all purposes save improvements for the next two years is $25,040. This estimate is made on the basis of 100 inmates, which is nearly the present capacity of the home.

The government pays into the state treasury $100 per annum for each member cared for in a state soldiers' home, which would amount to $20,000 on 100 members for two years, leaving a balance the state would actually pay of $5,040.

The cost of rations per day for each member of the home since January 1 has been 20.2 cents.

Out of forty-eight sick members that have been brought to the home there are but eight remaining in the hospital. One has died and the remaining thirty-nine have been returned to duty.

Spoils Christmas Trade.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—County Treasurer Buchanan and his assistants have been working day and night for the past two weeks receiving taxes from delinquents. In the latter part of November the treasurer sent out notices to all persons owing taxes for 1895, that distress warrants would be issued on December 15 if the money was not received by that time. As a result the receipts of the office since December 1 have amounted to between $8,000 and $9,000. The merchants in town are complaining that this is affecting their Christmas trade.

Farmer Takes Laudanum.

BROCK, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Richard L. Muir, a prominent farmer living two miles north of this town, took two ounces of laudanum about 12 o'clock last night and at 5 this morning called his family and informed them what he had done. A doctor was summoned and chances at present are doubtful for recovery. Mr. Muir lost his wife some time ago and it seems his troubles have caused his mind to become unbalanced, as he has been complaining for several days and at certain intervals would be unconscious.

Otoe County Court Grist.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Judge Ramsey adjourned court today at noon until Monday afternoon. The case of Tipton against the Missouri Pacific Railway company was settled out of court. Several other cases of minor importance and long standing on the docket were disposed of during the week. The case of M. B. Davis against Otoe county will be tried Tuesday.

NEEDS MORE SCHOOL HOUSES.

North Platte Will Have to Double Present Facilities.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—An agitation has been started among our citizens to procure better school facilities for North Platte. There are 801 pupils in our schools and fifteen school rooms to accommodate them. The schools are so crowded that the school board is considering the advisability of doubling the work and hold school but half a day for each pupil. The high school building has been in such a dangerous condition for ten years that it has been necessary to dismiss school on the approach of storms. There was a mass meeting of the citizens tonight to consider the condition of affairs, and it was determined to circulate petitions to the board to call an election to vote $27,000 in bonds for building purposes, $25,000 for a central school building and $2,000 for ward buildings.

Farmers Holding Corn Back.

DUNCAN, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The storm did not amount to much, and there is now the finest kind of weather. Corn is almost all out and was an enormous yield, ranging from fifty to eighty bushels per acre and 2,000 to 8,000 bushels to each farmer. The quality is of the best, and most of the farmers have their corn in good cribs and are able to hold it for better prices.

Goes to the Pen for Five Years.

BEATRICE, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—C. H. Browning was found guilty this week of burglarizing S. Fritch's tailoring establishment last April and sentenced this morning by Judge Stull to a five years' term in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial has been filed by the defendant's attorney and the argument will be heard next week.

Two Girls Badly Hurt.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Nina Padgett and Ollie Hill, young girls aged about 15, were severely injured in a runaway accident this evening. The horse took fright at a passing train and turned sharply, throwing the occupants to the ground, bruising them severely.

Is Now a Union Pacific Detective.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—John Davis, who has occupied the position of night policeman at North Platte for the past two years, has resigned his position and has entered the secret service of the Union Pacific Railroad company.

Buffalo Bill at Home.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Colonel W. F. Cody has just returned home from an extended trip to his ranch in the Big Horn basin in Wyoming. The colonel came home to spend the holidays with his family.

PEN PICTURES PLEASANTLY AND POINTEDLY PUT

The new combination umbrella and cane makes a beautiful gift—We have lots of them—and Mufflers and Neckties—no house in the world shows as fetching a line of ties as we do—for dress—for business—for 25c—for 50c—for more—Colored Shirts in the very latest design—fancy colors and beautiful plaids—our $1.50 line has no equal—anything in the furnishing line is most proper for manly gifts.

ALBERT CAHN,
Mail order filled always. 1322 FARNAM.

Our Christmas rugs are perfect beauties—every style of shading and fringing is represented—all sorts of carpetings—from Cocoa Mats to the finest Turkish weave—at the lowest prices ever made—We've made up a special lot of Axminster, Moquette—Wilton—Velvet—Body Brussels and Tapestry Brussels—Rugs in all sizes at all prices—Every kind of rug is here seen, and if you see them you'll buy—and if your wife gets one she'll like it.

OMAHA CARPET CO.,
1515 DODGE.

Drex L. Shooman is out today looking for a shoe house that carries a better lot of Ladies' Christmas Slippers and Shoes than we—We know what his verdict will be when he runs into the new Burlington depot tonight—so do you—but our Ladies' Patent Leather Dress Shoes in lace at $4.50 are the very nicest out—the low cut style is $4.00—There is nothing a lady friend will enjoy so much as a nobby patent leather dress shoe.

DREXEL SHOE CO.,
1419 FARNAM.

Free tickets, too—Look in the window and pass in—never mind the crowd—If you wait for the crowd to thin out—you'll never get in—we're always crowded—there are lots of nice people in Omaha and they all come here—because they see nice things—Ours are the only specially designed gifts for Christmas in Omaha—Such a mass of beauty is rarely seen—See our other ad in this paper.

A. HOSPE, JR.,
1513 DOUGLAS.

If you can get out at all this week—get out here—we'll save you a whole lot of street car fare here—we have no high down town rents to pay and we're satisfied with making a living—Our 25c sleds are better than you get down town—so are our 50c skates, or our 10c pocket knives and forks at $2.00 a dozen—Children's sets 25c for knife, fork and spoon, silver plated—Fruit knives, nut crackers, razors, cooking utensils—all way down.

JNO. HUSSIE HWD. CO.
2407 Cuming Street.

Hurrar fur Krismus—Gee whiz! but Stoecker an' me's right in it—We give away more solid gold aluminum spoons to the wimen folks this week than anybody—All they had to do was to buy $2.00 worth of something and they had it—Cigar cases—such beauties—Cigars imported and domestic—by the box or less—Pipes—meerschaum—briar—any kind of pipes—and the littlest bits of prices.

W. F. STOECKER,
1404 DOUGLAS. Cigars and Smokers' Sundr