WITHOUT PIPER'S SIGNATURE

Certificates of Election to the Contingent Candidates for Supreme Bench.

NEW TURN TAKEN BY AMENDMENT MUDDLE

Secretary of State Flatly Refuses to Officially Attest the Governor's Signature to the Document When Presented.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The State Canvassing board has as yet made no official report, and yet some rather sensational developments were made today in connection with this matter. The point involved is the legal status of the two fusion candidates for supreme judge, Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Neville. This afternoon Private Secretary Maret carried the certificates of election of all the state officers, including the two judges, signed by the governor, into the office of Secretary of State Piper and requested his signature in attestation. Mr. Piper signed all but those of the judges and asked time for consultation with the attorney general upon the matter. Messrs. Piper and Churchill were together nearly all the afternoon. The governor takes the position that the signature of the secretary of state is merely an attestation of his own, and is not really necessary, should the secretary, for some reason, decline to sign them. Attorney General Churchill is of the opinion that the legislature can have no voice in the matter of the judges, but that the whole decision rests with the State Canvassing board.

Late this afternoon, when Private Secretary Maret applied to the secretary of state a second time for his signature to the certificates, Secretary Piper refused absolutely to attest the signature of the governor, and said he had taken the best legal advice on the matter. Mr. Maret told him that his signature made little difference anyway, that it was merely a clerical duty of his to countersign the certificates, that they would be issued to Kirkpatrick and Neville, and that in a few days there would be a secretary of state in office who would sign them so soon as the legislature had decided whether or not the candidates mentioned therein had been elected or not. Private Secretary Maret then took all the certificates back with him and they will be immediately sent out to the different state officers and candidates for supreme judges. Mr. Kirkpatrick was at the capitol this afternoon and has already received his certificate.

The Board of Educational Lands and Funds held a meeting this morning in the governor's office. There were present Governor Holcomb, Treasurer Bartley, Land Commissioner Russell, Secretary of State Piper and the attorney general. The question of the Otoe county claim of $180 interest on delayed payments for county bonds was taken up and disposed of. It was found that should the contention of the county commissioners prove true, that the state was in fault for the delay, there would be due the county only $225. But the board decided to refuse to pay anything whatever, on the ground that the whole delay was caused by errors in filling out the bonds, and that Otoe county must suffer whatever loss had accrued through its own negligence.

The semi-annual school apportionment will be issued tomorrow by State Superintendent of Public Instruction H. R. Corbett. It is for the term ending December, 1896. In totals it shows the number of scholars in the state to be 346,200. The total amount appropriated is $231,558.50, and the rate per scholar .670012. Douglas county returns 36,018 pupils, and its apportionment is $24,132.49.

The State Board of Transportation today confirmed the findings of the secretaries in the Rolf Harmsen case, from Sarpy county. Harmsen wanted the Missouri Pacific railway to build an overhead bridge above a private roadway, and the board decided not to ask the company to comply with the request.

Governor Holcomb has been requested to name twenty delegates to the annual meeting of the Nebraska Beet Sugar association at Hastings, February 2 and 3, 1897.

In his biennial report Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings Russell devotes some space to a disquisition on the management of the penitentiary with especial reference to its efficacy as a reformatory. Proceeding on the theory that the main object of incarceration is reform, punishment being a minor consideration, the commissioner recommends that the prisoners be employed at some work for which the state will receive full pay and not a contractor. He would have the men work half a day and attend school half a day. Wardens and keepers "should be educated, Christian gentlemen, firm, patient and kind." Stripes are abhorrent and barbarous and have been abandoned to a great extent during the last eighteen months. The report concludes: "The new cell house should be finished so that prisoners can be graded and classified. The number of criminal insane have so increased in this state that something should be done for their care and keeping. The ventilation is bad in the cell house and very injurious to the health of prisoners. This should be corrected. A new chapel is very much needed. I beg to call your attention to the fact that there has been no legislation for the government of the penitentiary since 1877, owing to the fact, I presume, that the penitentiary has been virtually under the control of the contractor. The entire law for the government of the state penitentiary should be revised."

Cake Walk at Falls City.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Woman's Relief corps gave a cake walk and trades' display parade at Jenne' opera house Tuesday evening. About fifty young women took part in the parade, each representing a business firm. The house was crowded and a neat sum realized.

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Retiring....

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THE PILL THAT WILL.

NOTICE TO SUGAR BEET GROWERS.

Oxnard Company Explains the Situation as It Exists.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Under date of December 19, 1896, the Oxnard Beet Sugar company of Grand Island has issued the following circular to sugar beet raisers. The term "campaign" employed in the circular refers to the period in which beets are purchased:

The late decision of the supreme court (rendered December 16, 1896) having made it impossible for the factory to receive the warrants for sugar made under an act passed by the legislature on the 29th of March, 1895, until a specific appropriation shall be made for the payment of said warrants, we beg to call your attention to the clause of your contract of 1896, as follows:

"Inasmuch as the state of Nebraska passed a bill on the 29th of March, 1895, promising to existing beet sugar factories in the state of Nebraska payment of five-eighths of 1 cent per pound on sugars of 90 test made in the state from beets for which $5 per ton was paid, the object of such bill being to secure for the grower the said price of $5 per ton; and, inasmuch as the Oxnard Beet Sugar company, in consideration of the said five-eighths of 1 cent per pound on sugars of 90 test, raised the price of beets from $4 to $5 per ton, it is, of course, understood, and is a part of this agreement, that should the factory during the life of this contract be in any way deprived of any of the rights guaranteed by the bill of March 29, 1895, then the beets delivered under this contract shall be paid for at the rate of $4 per ton for all beets that shall contain not less than 12 per cent sugar to the weight of the beet, with a purity coefficient of 80."

As there are beets already coming to the factory, testing less than 12 per cent sugar with a purity coefficient of 80, we shall from this date until the close of the campaign test every load of beets that shall arrive, and pay for them upon the conditions and under the terms of the contract existing between us, but, with a view of protecting your interests, we shall retain at the factory all state officials until the close of the campaign, and should the incoming legislature provide by the passage of a specific appropriation sufficient to pay the factory what it would be entitled to receive under the act of March 29, 1895, then we will immediately pay for all beets grown that shall be received at the factory under the terms of this year's contract, the difference between the price paid and $5 per ton.

We pursue this course because the amount of beets that will run under our test of 80 and 12 will be small in proportion, and to avoid the necessity of making a separation. We earnestly hope that the farmers may get together and insist upon the incoming legislature promptly making the required appropriation, thus enabling us to pay them the entire amount of $5 per ton. We also invite your attention to the fact that we shall be pleased to have you employ a chemist of your selection at our laboratory, who can check all tests made by our chemist of beets received. We are now making up our accounts for all deliveries to December 1, and check in full settlement will be mailed you within the next few days.

The Grand Island factory will close down on Saturday next. Tomorrow Secretary of State Piper will visit the factory. The sugar beet raisers have, so far, received the full benefit of the bounty law, as the factories have paid $5 per ton, and also paid the expenses of all state officials at the factories, despite the fact that they have received no benefit from the bounty so far. The amount of sugar manufactured at the Grand Island factory in 1896 to December 20 was 4,870,000 pounds. For the same period the Norfolk factory turned out 4,720,000 pounds of sugar. This would earn a bounty of $65,225.

The convention of sheriffs of the state convened at the Grand hotel this afternoon and adjourned this evening after accomplishing considerable business in the way of blocking out desired legislation for this winter. Forty sheriffs were in attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sheriff D. S. Stuntzer, Sarpy county, president; Sheriff T. S. Ackerman, Stanton county, treasurer; Deputy Sheriff Lewis, Douglas county, secretary. The convention adjourned to meet at the call of the president some time in January or February next.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—W. F. Krug, H. H. Ballard. At the Capital—Winifred S. Widenor. At the Lincoln—J. C. Epeneter, T. A. Fisher, Charles Offutt, J. W. Broatch.

BOND COMPANY WILL TAKE ACTION.

Preparing to Test a Matter of Importance in Nebraska.

BEATRICE, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—There promises to be a pretty fight in this county over the matter of official bonds filed by county officials. J. M. Jones, newly elected member of the Board of Supervisors, today filed a bond for $15,000 with the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland as security. In accordance with a late opinion of Attorney General Churchill, the board refused to approve the bond and it is said to be the intention of the security company to begin mandamus proceedings to compel the board to accept and approve it.

May Reduce Their Income.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—If the decision of District Judge Westover in the case of County Clerk Eastman against Dawes county is confirmed by the supreme court it will greatly reduce the income of many county clerks in the smaller counties throughout the state. The Board of County Commissioners refused to allow Eastman anything beyond the $1,500 regular amount provided by law for the maximum of annual fees, although he had put in a bill, or rather did not credit up as fees the amount allowed him for making out assessors' books, acting as clerk of the board, etc. Mr. Eastman obtained an opinion from the attorney general to the effect that he was entitled to the extra pay or fees. The case will undoubtedly be carried up.

Freak of Nature at North Loup.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A cow belonging to John Sheldon of this city recently gave birth to a calf which is a veritable "nine days' wonder." Instead of having the form and characteristics peculiar to the young of the bovine race it differs from the ancestral type in every particular. The head shows the pug nose and the massive jowls peculiar to the mastiff, while the ears, tail and legs are identical with those of the hog. The entire body of the animal is marked with black patches and spots, as in the hog, and it is entirely destitute of hair. The freak has been packed in ice to insure its further preservation and has been visited and examined by a great number of persons.

Involves an Interesting Law Point.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The case of M. B. Davis against Otoe county was submitted to Judge Ramsey without a jury. A decision will be handed down in a few days. Some $1,200 is involved, which the county claims as personal taxes against a former owner of a stock of drugs which lately passed into Davis' hands. The following questions were raised: "Do personal taxes outlaw and are they a lien upon a stock of goods that is constantly in process of purchase and sale?"

Henry DuBois was given a judgment against S. H. Hunter for $4,383.90 and a decree of foreclosure was entered.

Clever Escape of a Jail Bird.

HASTINGS, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A prisoner, Clarence Lackey, who was brought here from Hitchcock county for safe keeping, made his escape last night from the county jail, through the old ruse of a dummy in his bunk, while he concealed himself on top of the steel cage. After Sheriff Simmering had locked the various cells he went to the opposite side of the room to examine the windows and Lackey climbed down and slipped out through the jail door, which the officer had neglected to lock. Lackey was held to answer the charge of attempted murder and robbery.

Savage Festivities at a Funeral.

DECATUR, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The body of James Walker, the Omaha Indian, who was killed in one of the freight yards of Omaha last week, by an engine striking him, was buried today near his old home, ten miles west of here, with the usual pomp and oriental festivities of his people. The body was brought up here, overland, by some of his friends.

Court Adjourns Over Christmas.

FALLS CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Court convened Monday morning, but immediately adjourned until January 8. This leaves the criminal cases to be prosecuted by the new county attorney.

INVOLVES A MILLION DOLLARS.

Law Suit at Chadron in Which Many Are Interested.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—One of the most important law suits ever tried in western Nebraska is now before Judge Westover's court at Chadron. There are lands valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, canals, reservoirs, grist mills, etc., all involved, the question being the use of the waters of White river for irrigation purposes. The legal talent employed represents men eminent in their profession. Ex-Chief Justice Samuel Maxwell, ex-Judge E. G. Homer, ex-Judge Crites, Captain E. M. Dorrington, Hon. A. G. Fisher and all the local attorneys in Chadron and Crawford. All are in attendance at the court. The corridors of the Blaine hotel are filled with lawyers and much interest is manifested. This is among the most important trials recorded in this state. The questions are upon the appropriation of water for irrigation, domestic and manufacturing purposes under the laws of 1889 and 1895.

Prof. Roy Smith Tendered a Reception

FREMONT, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The former pupils and friends of Prof. Roy Smith tendered him a reception and musical at the residence of Mrs. Carrie Blewett last evening, which was largely attended. Prof. Smith leaves at the beginning of the year to take charge of the musical department of a school at Chattanooga, Tenn. Since the completion of his musical studies in Germany and Austria Prof. Smith has been a leader in musical circles and has assisted at a large number of socials and entertainments, and his departure is much regretted. Prof. Heritage, who formerly was principal of the musical department of the Fremont Normal school, is connected with the Chattanooga school.

Cowboys Turn Revivalists.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Broncho Jack and Mustang Charley, cowboy revivalists, came in from the west yesterday morning. The men are dressed like cowboys, with leather jackets, high-heeled boots and pants tucked in the tops of their boots. Last night Broncho Jack preached on the street to a large audience on "The Last Round-Up." Jack's wife assisted with vocal music. The sermon was in cowboy parlance, and was very interesting and stirring. He roasted the high-toned churches and said that he had been converted by Captain Jack Crawford. They are traveling eastward and look as if they were fresh from a cattle ranch.

Pin Passes Through a Child's Breast.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—As the little children of E. J. Dollarhide of this county were playing on the road home from school, several months ago, a little daughter ran a hat pin in her brother's breast, and a section of the pin was broken off in the lad's body. The piece was not removed, and never, up to a day or two ago, caused the boy any trouble. The boy complained of a pricking feeling under his left arm, he was taken to a physician, and the section of the steel pin removed from under the arm. It was fully an inch and one-half in length.

Roy Napier Taken to the Penitentiary

FREMONT, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Edwards took Roy Napier to the penitentiary this afternoon to serve a term of one year for robbing Shiels & Newman's store in Nickerson in October. Napier is only about 19 years old, but has every appearance of being a tough.

In the district court today Judge Marshall granted Pearl Cannon a decree of divorce from her husband Edward Cannon, on the ground of desertion and failure to support.

Married at Pawnee City.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—James K. Liggett and Miss Carrie Cole were married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Stratton, at Pawnee City, yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Meeks of the Presbyterian church of this city performed the ceremony. Mr. Liggett is cashier of the First National bank and Miss Cole is a highly respected woman, formerly a resident of Humboldt.

Blind Student Injured.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Frank Siedsler, a student at the Institute for the Blind, fell from a second-story window of the building and was badly injured, suffering a severe fracture of the skull. He was swinging himself out of the window when he lost his balance and was precipitated to the stone walk, twenty-five feet below. His recovery is considered doubtful.

Funeral of Ed Green.

FREMONT, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of Fred Green, who died so suddenly at his home Monday afternoon, was held at the Otter Creek Methodist Episcopal church in Saunders county this afternoon, the services being conducted by the pastor of the church. The remains were interred in the Marietta cemetery. The cause of his death is ascribed to apoplexy.

Thief Robs a Bancroft Hotel.

BANCROFT, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Bancroft hotel was robbed this morning of $61. The money was put in a cigar showcase in the office this morning, and while the clerk was gone to meet a train, some one broke into the showcase and took the money.

Boy's Eyes Injured.

NORTH BEND, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Earl Edson, a 13-year-old boy, living east of town, was trying to pick a cap from a cartridge, when it exploded in his face, filling his eyes with powder. The doctor thinks his eyesight may be saved by careful nursing.

Johnson County Silver Men Meet.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The democrats, populists and free silver republicans of Johnson county will meet in Tecumseh Saturday and name eight delegates to attend the state bimetallic meeting in Lincoln, January 6.

MEETING OF CUBAN SYMPATHIZERS.

Course of the Present Administration Denounced.

The cry of "Cuba Libre" was raised for the first time in Omaha last night at a meeting of about 100 local Cuban sympathizers at Washington hall. A flag of the insurgents was placed in the center of the stage and it was flanked by the stars and stripes. The mass meeting organized with the election of Beecher Higby as chairman and later on John R. Webster was elected secretary, and George B. Stryker treasurer.

John R. Webster denounced the president for his recent utterances on the Cuban matter, and strongly advocated the passage of resolutions by congress recognizing the independence of the island.

Major Miller followed in the same strain, but went further. He stated that the passage of such a resolution meant war with Spain, and he, therefore, advised his hearers to get their guns and sabers burnished up to assist in the work of wiping the Spaniards out of Cuba.

The last speaker was I. S. Hascall. After saying that the United States ought to fight Spain if necessary to insure Cuba's independence, he stated that Omaha ought to send 100 men to the island when the time came and further informed the meeting that he was ready to pay $100 to a man to take his place.

A resolution was offered, which, after a lengthy preamble denunciatory of Spain, urged congress to pass resolutions recognizing the belligerency of the Cubans to the end that they might attain their independence. It was finally decided to report this, or a similar resolution, at a future meeting, when the attendance would be greater. In the meantime it was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of C. R. Scott, John R. Webster, John Westberg, Frank E. Moores and M. F. Singleton. The meeting adjourned to next Wednesday night, when an effort will be made to have a big meeting.

Christmas at Gibson School.

The Gibson school had special Christmas exercises yesterday. There was a very interesting program of recitations and songs, after which Santa Claus appeared, dressed in his customary garb. He distributed among the children bags containing candy, nuts, cakes, popcorn and fruit, after which he brought out two fine leather-covered chairs and presented them to Principal Parker. He wound up his donations by presenting to the janitress, Mrs. Edgerton, a big, fat duck for a Christmas dinner.

DIRECTORS KNOW NOTHING

Express Entire Ignorance of the Big Loans Made by the Bank.

ALLEGATIONS OF A GIGANTIC PLOT

W. A. Hammond, Second Vice President of the Illinois National, Accused of Being the Tool of the Conspirators.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—W. A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, who has been charged with pulling the wool over the eyes of the directors of the defunct bank, would not talk today when seen in his home at Evanston. Through an intimate friend he made a statement which is calculated to inculpate several of the directors as well as two or three men who are not connected with the market.

The Post makes the above statement and gives the following:

"W. A. Hammond is to be made the scapegoat of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois," said the friend. "Hammond is a broken man today, but he is not any more to blame for the amount of money loaned on Calumet securities than are the members of the finance committee of the bank and its directors. It was necessary to the purposes of a man connected with the South Chicago City railway and an officer of one of the best known banks of this city to depreciate the Calumet Electric road's stocks, and to this end these two men brought about the wrecking of the National Bank of Illinois.

"Of the bank's funds $2,475,000 had been loaned on the Calumet securities. The plan for wrecking was brilliant—cause an investigation, depreciate Calumet stock and buy it; then combine this valuable property of sixty-three miles of new track, equipment and franchise with the South Chicago railway, eventually combining with the Chicago City railway, and make a fortune of millions within five or ten years.

"The truth of the matter is, members of the finance committee and certain directors of the National Bank of Illinois have known the amount of the Calumet loan and had hoped to make individual fortunes on the success of the venture. Four years ago W. V. Jacobs, who started the Calumet road, borrowed $115,000 and paid it up in full. After that the road passed into other hands and a loan was made on the securities with the full knowledge of the finance committee of the bank and by President Schneider himself. This loan was too large, but it had been supposed to be for a few weeks only, and the bank, finding itself involved, either had to take the loss, ruin an enterprise or go ahead.

Captain Schneider, the president of the National Bank of Illinois, lives in a rather showy brick residence at 2600 Michigan avenue. He is 73 years of age, and in rather feeble health. When called upon today by a representative of the Associated press he said he should have no statement whatever to make, and he seemed quite broken by the calamity which had befallen him. He was alone and denied himself to most callers, although he had been most of the morning talking over the telephone with the bank people. There is no prospect of the bank's resuming, and it is by no means certain that it will pay its depositors in full as at first stated.

MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES.

"Never did I see on the book kept for the purpose of informing the directors of the bank as to who were applicants for loans the name of the Calumet Electric railway."

The above statement was brought out in a conversation with Director Page of the defunct National Bank of Illinois today, as to how such large loans were made by the bank and ostensibly given with the sanction of the directors. Mr. Page went on to explain how the business of the bank, as far as the directors were concerned, was conducted: Said he: "The directors appointed from among themselves what you might term for convenience sake an auditing committee. The plan was to let one director drop out each month, some other taking his place. Each day the committee would meet at the bank, its business being to pass upon the applications for loans. A record of these applications was kept in a book designed for the purpose. In this book was also kept opposite the name of each applicant a record of the collateral offered to effect the loan.

"When the committee was ready for business Mr. Schneider would come into the room, bringing with him this book, and with it another book in which was recorded the daily balance of the would-be borrower and also a record of how much he had previously borrowed."

"You say that Mr. Schneider used to bring this in?"

"Almost invariably. Seldom was Mr. Hammond before the committee. At odd times he would be called in to answer some question as to an applicant's business or to clear up a point about some collateral offered, but Captain Schneider was almost always the bearer of the books. The committee would look over the books carefully and in some instances refuse to sanction a loan, in others the loan asked for would be cut down and in cases where the applicant and security was all right the accommodation was of course granted."

"Did the committee never ask to see the actual collateral offered or did it simply take the word of Mr. Schneider or Mr. Hammond that the security was actually in the bank and actually what it purported to be in the memorandum book?"

"We had been in business with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Hammond, many of us, for thirty years. To have made such a demand of them would have been a personal insult."

"Were not the suspicions of the committee ever aroused by the large sums loaned to the Calumet Electric?"

Then came the statement referred to above: "Never did I see the name of the Calumet Electric company appear on this book as an applicant for a loan."

"What have you to say about the published statements regarding Mr. Hammond's connection with the unexplained transactions?"

"They are all true; every one of them."

DREYER AND PARTNER SURRENDER.

E. S. Dreyer and his partner, Robert Berger, of the banking firm of E. S. Dreyer & Co., which collapsed Monday as a result of the closing of the National Bank of Illinois, and for whose arrest warrants were issued last night, gave themselves up today. Arrangement had already been made for bonds and the two bankers were promptly released. Dreyer and Berger are charged with receiving a deposit on Saturday last, knowing their bank was insolvent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The money market has not reflected in the slightest degree the successive out-of-town failures and today's shipments to the interior were very moderate. The supply of available funds is very large and in view of the impending heavy disbursements by the government and by railroad and other companies' operations at the end of the year the tendency of rates is toward even greater ease. The demand for money is very light. Call loans ruled today at 1½ per cent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Comptroller Eckels today received a telegram from Mr. McKeon, the temporary receiver of the National Bank of Illinois, saying that the flurry occasioned by the failure had subsided and that no further trouble was anticipated.

WEST SUPERIOR LOSES A BANK.

Failure Caused by the Suspension of the St. Paul Institution.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Bank of West Superior, capital $50,000 and $50,000 surplus, suspended operations this morning as a direct result of the failures of the banks of Minnesota and Illinois. The notice of suspension stated that the cause was the failure of the Bank of Minnesota, but the Bank of Illinois weakened it considerably. At the December statement the bank had deposits of $78,947 and rediscounts of $1,505. The loans and discounts were $106,971; real estate assets, $43,419; bonds and securities, $5,191, and cash on hand, $22,259.90. Of this cash on hand $20,000 was in the outside failures, which compelled the institution to close. The officials say they expect to resume and pay depositors in full.

The sheriff today received two attachments, aggregating $29,261, against the property in this city of the Bank of Minnesota

of St. Paul, which failed yesterday. One attachment, for $24,361, was in favor of Henry W. Millag, on an assigned claim of the Third National bank of Boston, and the other for $5,000, in favor of Cornelius S. Loder. A deputy sheriff served copies of the attachments on the Chase National and Mechanics' National banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Officers of the National Bank of the Republic, the New York correspondent of the Bank of West Superior, Wis., say that the latter institution had only a very small balance here.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—State Bank Examiner Kenyon was still in charge of the Bank of Minnesota at noon today, receivers not having been appointed. Mr. Kenyon said he would not prepare a statement if a receiver was soon named, as he believed would be done, leaving that work to the receivers. Frank Seymour has been decided on for one receiver, but the second is yet to be selected. There is no excitement today in business circles, the assurance that depositors in the bank would be paid in full being sufficient to allay all fears, as it was made by different stockholders of the bank, who individually could more than pay the depositors. The other banks were all transacting business as usual with no sign of trouble anywhere.

Frank A. Seymour and Attorney W. H. Lightner were this afternoon appointed by Judge Otis to be joint receivers of the Bank of Minnesota. They were required to file a joint bond of $1,000,000, and will immediately take possession of the bank.

BIG SIOUX CITY STORE CLOSES.

Parsons-Pellitier Dry Goods Company Taken by Creditors.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The department store of the Parsons-Pellitier Dry Goods company, the largest in the city, did not open its doors this morning. The establishment is in the possession of representatives of the John V. Farwell company and Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago, the Farmers' Loan & Trust company of Sioux City, and H. B. Claflin of New York, who foreclosed two chattel mortgages amounting to $91,532.03, given on December 22, to secure claims held by them, one mortgage for $74,020.55, executed to the three parties first named, and the other being second and inferior thereto, for $17,512.48. The company was formed about three years ago, and took the bankrupt stock of the C. G. Culver company, Pellitier being a member of that firm. The stock is valued at about $120,000.

Trust Company Goes Under.

AUBURN, Me., Dec. 23.—The American Banking and Trust company of Auburn closed its doors and made application for a receiver today.

The directors published a statement attributing their failure to inability to realize on investments sufficiently to meet the demands of depositors. The bank holds mortgages on farm and city property in Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota, and the lateness of the wheat crop, together with the holding by the farmers of their wheat for higher prices, has caused the stringency of money. The bank has a capital stock of $75,000. Its available assets are $130,000 and its liabilities $51,400.

Troubles in the Business World.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—On application of Walter F. McEntire, Judge Valliant of the circuit court today issued a summons, returnable Saturday, against the Southern Saving Fund and Loan association to reply to the injunction against the company, for the dissolution of the concern and for authority for State Treasurer Stevens, ex-Officio supervisor of building and loan associations, to assume control of it. In a suit already filed Supervisor of Building and Loan Associations Grey makes charges of incompetent management and misappropriation of funds against several gentlemen prominent in local financial circles. The officers of the defendant company are, or were: Charles F. Begeach of the Commercial bank, president; A. Moore Berry, lawyer and vice counsel; Franklin P. Jones, teller of the St. Louis Trust company, treasurer; James E. Brock, chief clerk of the Mississippi Valley Trust company, and A. K. Yancey, president of Hardin college, Mexico, directors. Inspector Grey says they persisted in violating their charter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Solomon Sayles, wholesale and retail dealer in meats and provisions, has assigned to Charles A. Hess, without preferences.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 23.—MacPherson & Co., hat manufacturers, assigned today. The estate is large. No statement of liabilities has been prepared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The New York and New Jersey Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, today assigned to Harwood R. Pool. The company was incorporated in 1892.

BAD MEN WERE AT A DISCOUNT.

Thrown Out Without Ceremony and Wound Up in Jail.

Earnest Risser laid in a quantity of holiday cheer last night and then went into the saloon near Sixth and Pierce streets. "I'm the Wild Man from Borneo just come to town," said Risser, and then he declared a "rough house." Nelse Turkleson, the barkeeper, threw Risser out into the street, whereupon he swore vengeance and rushing into a grocery store near by, snatched a cheese knife from a counter and vowed he would have the barkeeper's gore. Bystanders succeeded in wrestling the weapon from Risser's hand and an officer arriving about this time he made his escape, running down along the railroad tracks. Later Risser was arrested and locked up at the station on a charge of being drunk and threatening to fight. He is an old offender and has been in jail times innumerable for crimes ranging from petty larceny to horse stealing.

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Jaw Broken by the Fall.

Hans Sonsen, a farmer who lives near Goose Lake, Ia., was thrown from a Burlington freight train near Seventh and Dodge streets last night and seriously injured. He was picked up by some of the train men and afterwards removed to the police station. It was found that his jaw had been fractured and a number of front teeth knocked out. He was attended by the city surgeon and afterwards removed to the Methodist hospital. The manner in which the accident occurred is not known, but it is thought he slipped while attempting to board the train and was dragged along the ground for some distance.

IN THE HANDS OF THE JURY

Trial of Elliott Concluded Just Before Supper Yesterday.

NO VERDICT REACHED AT A LATE HOUR

Attorneys for the Defense Devote Their Efforts to Saving the Neck of the Prisoner—No Hope of Acquittal.

The arguments were concluded in the Elliott murder case yesterday, the judge delivered his charge and the fate of Elliott is now in the hands of the jury. The court room was again crowded at both the morning and afternoon sessions with much the same people who have been present from day to day since the trial began.

Attorney Burnett opened the argument for the defense on the convening of court in the morning. His first effort was a criticism of the line of argument pursued by Assistant County Attorney Jeffries and next defined to the jury what constituted the different degrees of murder. His principal point was an attack on the testimony of Druggist William Gladdish and Officer Cullen as to the purchase of chloroform by the defendant, this being one of the points relied upon by the state to show premeditation, which is essential to constitute murder in the first degree. He contrasted their testimony with that of other witnesses who swore to Elliott's having been in South Omaha at the time mentioned. He next devoted his attention to the theory of the defense that the killing was done in self-defense and was the outgrowth of a quarrel between the two men.

Attorney Gilbert closed for the defense. He devoted most of his time to an oration on the barbarism of capital punishment. He reviewed the testimony somewhat and closed with a plea to the jury to deliberate carefully and be sure of its ground before taking the life of a man who was here a stranger in a strange land.

County Attorney Baldrige closed the argument for the state. He carefully summed up the evidence in the case, pointing out in a clear and concise manner the points which indicated the killing of Hutsonpiller had been carefully planned in advance and was carried out in a most cool and brutal manner. He urged the jury not to be swayed by appeals for clemency or to prejudice, but to uphold by its verdict the law of the land, through the impartial enforcement of which alone the life and property of citizens were safe.

At the conclusion of the arguments Judge Baker charged the jury, defining the different degrees of murder and what conditions were essential to a finding on each of them. The question of what constituted reasonable doubt was also clearly stated to the jury.

The jury retired at such a late hour that nothing much could be done by it toward reaching a verdict before the supper hour. At a late hour last night it was still out and had given no indication that it had come to an agreement.

The whole effort of the defense has been to save the neck of the prisoner and nothing better than a verdict of murder in the second degree is even hoped for by Elliott's attorneys.

Get the Charter to Suit Them.

City Attorney Connell and Councilman Wheeler occupied several hours last night in putting the revised city charter in shape preparatory to sending it to the typewriter. The work consisted of straightening out the sentences and wording of the new charter as it will be when submitted to the legislature by the councilmanic committee.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Prospect That Christmas May Dawn with Snow on the Ground.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The forecast for Thursday is:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Partly cloudy; probably light local snows in eastern portion; slight changes in temperature; north to east winds.

For South Dakota—Partly cloudy; slowly rising temperature; winds shifting to south.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair; warm; east to south winds.

For Montana—Generally fair and warmer; south winds.

For Missouri and Iowa—Increasing cloudiness; probably light snows by Thursday night; colder in southern portion; north winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature, compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Maximum temperature...	31	44	42	60
Minimum temperature...	26	32	28	32
Average temperature.....	28	38	25	46
Rainfall	T	T	.00	T

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1896:

Normal temperature for the day........	24
Excess for the day............................	4
Accumulated deficiency since March 1..	125
Normal precipitation for the day..	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day..................	.03 inch
Total precipitation since Mch. 1	34.92 inches
Excess since March 1...............	4.95 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895..	11.91 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1894..	14.73 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m..........	Maximum for day..........	Precipitation....
Omaha, cloudy	28	31	T
North Platte, cloudy....................	[illegible]	33	[illegible]
Salt Lake City, partly cloudy......	30	34	.00
Cheyenne, clear	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid City, cloudy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Huron, clear	11	18	.02
Chicago, partly cloudy.................	[illegible]	[illegible]	.01
St. Louis, clear..........................	31	[illegible]	.00
St. Paul, clear...........................	[illegible]	[illegible]	T
Davenport, partly cloudy..............	[illegible]	[illegible]	.03
Helena, partly cloudy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas City, partly cloudy...........	28	[illegible]	T
Havre, partly cloudy....................	[illegible]	20	T
Bismarck, cloudy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Williston, cloudy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Galveston, clear	60	70	.00

* Indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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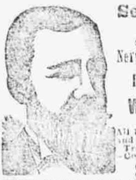

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