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SANTA CLAUS' MANY VISITS.

Churches at Schuyler Amuse Chil-

dren with Christmas Festivities.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 26.- (Special.)

There was a most unusual and much mor

general observance of Christmas by th

churches and societies of Schuyler Christmas

eve. Trees predominated, ideas for novel

tics seeming to have been exhausted, but

there was a noticeable deficiency of expensive

gifts. The Presbyterian and St. John's

Evangelical Lutheran churches had single

The tree was by far the largest ever dis

played in a church in Schuyler, rising to a height of sixteen feet and being thirteen

Two trees were used, one at either side of

the opera house stage, and behind them was placed a representation of an arched stone bridge, having the appearance of a bridge over a forest stream. Four Brownies came out and played awhile, finally going on to

the bridge, where they wire soon surprise at the appearance of Santa Claus, who

they at once pelted with a rapid fire of snowballs. A large distribution of presents was followed by a treat of sweetmeats. There

was sent in from the country, to be distrib-uted among the poor, a dressed hog that, while frozen, was to have been rolled on to the stage with Santa Claus, but the warm

FULLERTON, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)

the little ones in the evening. The Pres

vening's entertainment closed with the dis-ribution of candy and nuts. WEEPING WATER, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Spe-

ial.)—The usual Christmas exercises were neld at the several churches and the children

made happy for a time at least in receiving presents. Very little entertaining was done outside of family dinner parties.

WAUSAU, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The

Thristmas festivities in the churches were

private entertainments were given during the day. Among the number, Mr. and Mrs.

K. Mebby entertained at dinner the Paradis-

Thrown from a Wagon and Hurt

YORK, Neb., Dec. 26.-(Special.)-Ed Wil

ox, a young farmer living southwest of the

ity, was the victim of a runaway Thurs

day. He was coming into the city when his

thrown to the side of the road, where he was found in an unconscious condition and brought to the hospital in this city. The

uries he was able to be taken home yes

Christmas Spree Results Fatally

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)

A German named Schmidt met with a hor

neck was broken and he was otherwise mu

ilated. Schmidt leaves a wife and severa

Insurance Company Must Pay

insurance on the school house, situated about ten miles north of town, which was

Declamatory Contest at Fullerton

FULLERTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)-

The first annual declamatory contest of the

pupils of the High school was held Tuesday evening of this week. There were ten con-testants, all of whom acquitted themselves

Capture Runaway Boys

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special

Telegram.)-Last night three boys, giving

their names as Paul Carrothers, Clyde Pinck-

ley and Joseph Miller were arrested on a telegram from the officers of Ansley, Neb. The boys had run away from home and are

Will Resurrect a Wansa Paper.

Barrett of Verdigre, who is a candidate for

the office of sergeant-at-arms of the senate, will resurect the Recorder of that place

WAUSAU, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—John

publish a "midule-of-the-road" popu-

sick and will be sent home tonight.

Miss Lodemia Gould received the

He was

eam became unmanageable.

club of this city.

erday.

children.

spring.

second prize.

list newspaper.

burned last April.

well attended and enjoyed by all. Many

thristmas was celebrat

atmosphere of the room took away

smoker wants.

GUARANTY FOR STATE BANKS

Scheme by Which Depositors May Have Unusual Protection.

RESERVE FUND TO BE HELD BY THE STATE

Small Percentage of the Deposits to Be invested in Scentitles for Use In Cases of Emergeneles.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26 - (Special.) - One of the measures which is quite likely to divide the attention of the members of the next legis lature will be a bill intended to proven panies and restore confidence of the people in the state banks of Nebraska. Funds mentally, the proposition is to levy an assessment of one-half of 1 per cent on the the change-we're pretty nice people and average deposits of each state bank, the total of which is to be a general fund to choicest domestic and foreign brandsprotect depositers in any state bank which box trade a specialty-you'll think so posit this fund with the state treasurer and whenever the amount reaches \$2,000 or over it is to be invested in United States bonds. The reason for selecting these bonds is that they are the most available in case cash is required immediately, as a United States bond can be attached to a draft drawn on any New York or Chicago bank and the money quickly secured to protect depositors It is estimated by the secretary of the State Banking board that one-half of 1 per cen ould be ample to create a protective funthis description, and perhaps one fourt of I per cent would do it. It right be arranged so that the banks could receive the interest on the government bonds, and in case a bank closed up its business, paid off all depositors and retired there would be no loss to it, as the deposit would then be re turned to it. It is considered by the advo cates of this measure that it is much safer and in every way more expeditious than the slow and uncertain process of recovering from bordsmen. Under such a law all the state banks would become insurers to depositors in any other bank, and thus would be established a mutual interest. LAWYERS GET THE CASH.

There is a fair prospect for the whole of the \$1,000 reward offered by the Rock Is-land Railroad company for the conviction of the man who wrecked the train in August, 1894, to be caten up in lawyers' fees. The distribution lately made by the district court of the money between five or six claimants has engendered considerable hard feeling and three of the claimants propose to test the legality of the division in the supreme Already attorneys' liens have been filed against the bulk of the reward and it looks as if those to whom it was given will get nothing in the end.

The funeral of Charles E. Alexander, late city editor of the Lincoln Newa, will occur from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Rowlands offi

According to a special order issued today from the office of the adjutant general, the election of Robert G. Adams as captain and Charles L. Barber as first lieutenant of company B. First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, December 18 at Fullerion is ap-proved. The onicers named will be duly

Theodore Mawn, ex-county clerk of Harlan county, is now prominently mentioned as the most probable successor of Nelson Me-Dowell, who for eighteen years has been bookkeeper in the office of the secretary of

The Lincoln Life association has recently added to its force Milton M. White as chief bookkeeper. Mr. White was for many years connected with the state auditor's office as bookkeeper, the position now held by Mr. Babeock.

Several days ago one Daniel Fast of Johnstown, Brown county, preferred charges of malfeasance in office against Arthur Scat-tergood, notary public in Brown county and cashier of the Bank of Johnstown. The charges, supported by affidavit, accused Scattergood of having deceived Fast in relation to \$145, which Fast supposed he was bor-rowing of one William Ruxton, when in reality he was made to give a mortgage to the bank of Johnstown, which was recently foreclosed by the bank. Today the governor received a letter of explanation from Scatter-good, accompanied by affidavit, in which he appears to give a good showing of his case to the governor. The governor has not yet completed his investigation of the matter

and reserves his decision.

Articles of incorporation of the Chase Land company were filed today with the secretary of state. The incorporators are Champion S. Chase, Clement Chase and Lula B. Chase, with principal place of business at Omeha. The company will transact a general real estate business and the capital stock is placed at \$200,000. Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Capital

CONSIDERING STATE EDUCATION

Convene at Lincoln This Week. LINCOLN, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The State Teachers' association will meet here next week. The program is an unusually strong one. The executive committee has departed from the usual custom and planned for a reception on Tuesday evening, December 29. at the state house. The governor, chancellor of the State university, the retiring and in-coming state superintendent and president of the State Teachers' association will take a side of the State association was so important that it could not be ignored. It is believed this will be one of the enjoyable features of the occasion. For Wednesday evening Dr. Krohne

dean of the philosophical department of the Illinois State university, will lecture. He is one of the leaders in the new psychology and child study movement in the United States. Subject of the lecture: "What of a Helpful Nature Has So Far Been Accom-plished by the Child Study Movement? Every teacher of the state and school patron who hears this lecture will be more than paid for the whole association expenses. Hon. Henry Watterson of Kentucky wi deliver his famous lecture, "Lincoln," Thurs day evening. Two other cities were com-peting for this. He speaks before the state teachers of Kansas Wednesday evening Colonel Watterson has delivered this lecture many times, and always with increas-ing popularity. He stands in the front rank of American editors, orators and thinkers on public questions. This, too, will attract

many persons to the association.

In Nebraska this year the source method in history study, and the child study movement are receiving special attention in the various county associations, institutes and school journals. Subjects along these lines will be prominent in the state program. No program of recent years has represented so much real progress. One farfor the round trip was secured from the rallroads. This will bring large numbers who might not otherwise attend.

Will Erect a Creamery at Millard MILLARD, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)-Final arrangements were consum mated here this afternoon between John Dill & Co. of Fairfield, Ia., and a number of the best farmers and business men for the erection of a creamery here on the cooperative plan. The creamery is to have a capacity of 1,200 pounds of milk per hour and will cost about \$4,000 and is to be comand will cost about \$4,000 and is to be completed within sixty days. At a meeting of the stockholders held here this afternoon Herman Horles, William Von Dohren and spring. Miss Lodemia Gould received the first prize, which entitles her to enter the district contest in the spring. Miss Lodemia Gould received the first prize, which entitles her to enter the district contest in the spring. Miss Lodemia Gould received the local Record. George Plumbeck were appointed a commit-tee on the grounds and buildings and work will be commenced on the buildings early in January.

Condition of the Corn Crop. WAUSAU, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The moist, warm fall has placed the corn crop in an unsatisfactory condition, dealers claiming that it is not sufficiently hard to now held here awaiting orders. Carrothers crib. Still, the risk is being taken and has received word that his mother is very thousands of bushels are already cribbed,

awaiting a higher market. YORK, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A benefit dance and supper was given last night at the city hall by the hook and ladder company of the fire department. The affair was very successful. PEN



Every smoker in the city should test our eights-try us once-you may like to induce hlady to wear a warm house we sell mighty nice cigars-all the may happen to fail. It is proposed to de- when you come to price us-our line of broad heel-it keeps the entire foot and pipes and smokers' sundries is well as- arkle warm and is one of the most comsorted-and low priced-everything a fortable slippers ever made-we give you a nice neat fit for \$1.50,

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OMAHA CARPET CO.,

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year's premium, I stipulated that the doctor's examinations, etc., should be free. The policy for \$1,000, therefore, which you receive, costs you absolutely nothing.

I am not posted on the tables of mortality

MEN WERE AT WORK REPAIRING DAMAGES to save it.

tims in Indiana.

Treasurer of the Company Was Superintending the Operation and

He Heads the List of the Dend.

explosion of firedamp occurred in the mine 3:30 this afternoon. It was at first thought twelve men had

Your policy is paid up for a full year, but been killed in the mine, but when Dave remember there are other years coming Noisn and James Turner and a man named Colgate and a colored man were taken out agricultural or horticultural societies, five delegates each; irrigation associations or on State street. More than 600 employes will be paired to the policy lapse, you will fail to he death list would be reduced to that the death list would be reduced to BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The grand eight or nine. The work of the rescuers stand of the Buffalo Driving park was decontinues during the night, and will be kept of course, the money invested by us for your sake, and our labor of love, will be lost. But we trust that the great majority scenes above the mine during the night become more sad as the hours go by. The families of the missing men remain at the mine, waiting for the cages that come up the shaft. Their demonstrations of distress

ROBERT MAULE, married, treasurer Maule Coal company. JAMES RILEY, married. JOHN RILEY, married. JOHN ERNEST, married, THEODORE FABER, married ROBERT PONYLITE. JAMES PONYLITE, his brother, JAMES KRUGY, single. JOHN HOLMES, married four men rescued are

Will Grill, slightly bruised. William Booker, colored, cut and bruised. Frank Turbie, badly burned and may not recover. - Davis, colored, slightly injured. The men were at work making repairs of damages resulting from a similar explosion

last Sunday. Besides the regular miners and blacksmiths, others were assisting in the work, while Robert Maule, a son of Gentlemen and Fellow Coworkers of the Big Store: It is now nearly ten years since the house of Siegel, Cooper & Co. was established in Chicago, and during all these years we have never asked you to come to the store on Christmas morning. This is the store on Christmas morning. This is nation to do right. Make up your mind who saves something out of his earnings to keep up this policy will be more successful reader. President John Maule and treasurer and mine superintendent of the company, was become to do right. Make up your mind air shaft is not quite completed, and the gas which collects in a portion of the mine was tribution of a \$500,000 estate in St. Loui ignited by an open lamp. MINE ONE YEAR OLD.

One year ago today Princeton was jubilant by the Maule company. But tonight many homes are scenes of great sorrow, made so by the awful explosion of gas in the mine. When the mine began work the finest machinery was put in and it was fraud order against the Northwestern Adthe intention of the owners to make it justment company of St. Paul, Minn. taken, been prepared to operate. Work has progressed slowly and there is still about ninety feet to excavate before it is completed. Cashas frequently accumulated in pockets and several men have been burned by small explosions. About two months ago a nerious explosion occurred, in which one man was of packages given into their charge. There explosion occurred, in which one man was is destruction here, leakage there, waste in killed and Frank Turbie, who was injured in today's explosion, was injured. The mate-mine inspector investigated and work went on with a small force. It was well known that gas accumulated and there was no way to dispel it yet. The miners went to their daily work without thinking of the danger they were constantly in. Last Sunday a jet daily work without thinking of the danger they were constantly in. Last Sunday a jet of gas was fired by a blast and it burned all night. In the morning the descent of the cages forces gas to this jet and a terrific military record. the house can do for you collectively. All of you have your own friends and relations.

Never forget that the interests of Single men were engaged in repairing the damage done by the explosion, when the firedump again let go with terrific force, this time with deadly effect. The escape of four men from instant death seems already a miracle, when it is considered that the buge cases were blown from the shaft bottom to the top house, over 500 feet above, by the force of the explosion. These cages were wrecked so that they were useless and an iron bucket was improvised for a rescuing party as soon as possible after the accident. The first persons brought up were Turbie, Grill and the two colored men, Davis and Booker. The first was badly burned and was carried to an ambulance. Grill and Davis were apparently uninjured. Booker was cut an are just as good as they were thirty years | burned and had to be supported. Afterwards ago. Yes, I believe they are better, It is it was found his jaw was broken and one true that we are passing through a time of serious trial, but these disturbances will occur every few years or so, and let us party began to bring up the dead. The scenes around the mine were most pathetic Weeping piteously in anguish were wives whom the crowd vainly tried to comfort. Mothers, daughters, sons and other relatives of the men in the mine with blanched faces stood wringing their hands and some kept from going down the shaft with great difficulty. Slowly the work of bringing the Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps bodies to the surface proceeded. It was be-lieved that the men still in the mine vere

> their dead. SPRING HILL COLLIERY ON FIRE.

all dead and those above waited only for

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.-Another great disaster has overtaken the Spring Hill coal mines. Just five years ago the mines were wrecked by a great explosion and 130 lives lost. It took the best part of a year to get the colliery in working order again. It was splendidly equipped, gave employment to 1,000 men in the pits and had an output of 375,000 tons a year. From the meager dispatches received, it appears that fire had

About 5 o'clock Thursday evening the coal mines at Spring Hill were discovered to be on fire. The fire originated in the pipe-way of the east slope in the 800-foot level. It soon ate its way into the 1,300-foot level and developed into a raging furnace.

Two cupolas were burned down and the bankhead had to be torn away. The miners worked hard to save their source of livelihood, but all their efforts in that direc-tion were fruitless. They tried to prevent

explosion occur, which might be expected at any minute. The flames shot 100 feet into the air, the reflection being visible at Amberst. The extent of the fire is not known, but the most disastrous consequences Deadly Firedamp Takes a Number of Vic- | are feared. The loss of the east slope is believed to

be complete and the machinery will be ruined. At 4 p. m. Friday the west slope was reached all right, but the men will have hard work The fire caught from an overheated steam ope connected with the driving machinery.

The men worked up to the time the mine caught fire and got out in safety. The mine has three slopes, north, south and east.

It is likely that the most serious damage by the fire will be confined to the east slope, in which it started. The fire seems to be burning itself out. The less will be enormous PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 26.-A terrific and the fire will cause great destitution

not spread through the entire mine, it is considered doubtful if work can be resumed 3:30 this afternoon, and as a result twelve under any circumstances during the winter. Little Fires of a Day. PUTNAM, Conn. Dec. 26 .- Fire in North Grover Nordale today totally destroyed the two largest business blocks in the town, to-

gether with two barns and adjoining sheds. stroyed by fire tonight, entailing a loss of \$25,000. This is the fourth fire that has occurred at the park during the past year, the stables, hotel, club house and other buildings having gone up in smoke at short

intervals. Nothing remains but the track.
MIAMI, Fla., Drc. 26.—Two blocks of bush ss buildings were burned this morning and F. M. Frank, a clothing merchant, was killed and Alonzo Johnson, colored, was seriously and Alonzo Johnson, colored, was seriously injured by the explosion of a soda water apparatus. The loss of property is estimated at \$75,000, with less than \$10,000 insurance. Some forty concerns were cleaned out. TONAWANDA, N. Y. Dec. 26.—The Tonawanda High school was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Found Dead in His Bed. ST. PAUL, Dec. 26 .- A Waubay, S. D., special to the Dispatch says: Joseph Schrabek, who lived four miles northeast of this place, was found dead in bed this morning by John Wall, who lives near. He says that last night he heard a great row and

afterward saw Mrs Schrabek and their 10-year-old son leave the house with another Searching for a Lost Father. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.-Miss Mary Ellen Thaxter of Sedalia, Mo., is here endeavoring to obtain confirmatory evidence of the death of her father, Everett Thaxter-

in which she is interested to the extent of TELEGRAPHIS BREVITIES.

Army Rowland, Jack Rigby and Greeley Lear were killed in a figat six miles from Mount Vernon, Ky.

the finest in the state. The air shaft was not started until after the mine had state Senator Jacob A. Cantor is announced in San Francisco, and Loic does not deny it. william Showles, the bareback rider, is under arrest at Red Oak, N. J., for killing Ansel Groft, a bartender, while he was exhibiting a revolver in a saloon.

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General Daniel E, Sickles, once minister to Cuba, will speak on the Cuban question on January 8, in Brooklyn, advocating interference by the United States.

Roscoe Finley, a tax collector at Greenfield, near Erle, Pa., was beaten and robbed of \$300 and rescued by a neighbor from his own barn, which had been set on fire by the robbers.

military record.

Winfield B. Johnson and Mrs. Lottie M. Ellis of Syracuse, N. Y., were married at Cleyeland last Thursday, New York laws prevented the marriage in that state on account of the grounds on which Mrs. Morris obtained divorce in California recently.

Agent Treon and White Ghost and Wizie, Indians from Crow Creek, talked over reservation matters with Secretary Carlisle. They will seek to secure a cash payment of \$165,000 remaining in the treasury of \$187,000 allowed them for their equity in certain lands. certain lands.

certain lands.

Suit has been begun at New Haven, Conn., by the Empire Mining and Milling company of Maine against the Tombstone Mining and Milling company of Hartford, Conn., for \$350,000. The two companies own adjoining mining properties in Arizona, It is alleged the defendants agreed to open the property of the plaintiff for \$10,000 and in doing so sold \$250,000 worth of ore.

Admiral Beardslee's matince on the Phil-adelphia at Lima, Peru, was a pronounced success. The Cuban delegate was present and the Cuban flag was cheered.

Herring fishery at Fortune bay, New-foundland, is a failure and thousands of seople are threatened with starvation, Probably 3,000 will become a burden on the colony.

Canada will pay the expenses of Canadi-ans who emigrated to Brazil and are now-returning by way of Liverpool. The Do-minion government hopes the experience of these men will be a warning to others

of these men will be a warning to others not to leave the country.

Taung rebels, led by whites belonging to the Capetown Volunteers, are causing disturbances in South Africa. The Transvall government has expressed a hope in reply to an inquiry that measures will be taken to prevent the violation of the Transvall side.

THE GREAT HUXLEY.

What Huxley, the Great English Scientist, Considered the Best Start in Life.

The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fall to digest food properly, because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (lactic and hydrochiorie) and peptogenic products; the most sensible rem-edy in all cases of indigestion is to take after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

The regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tabets will cure every form of stomach trouble

except cancer of the stomach.

They increase flesh, insure pure blood. strong nerves, a bright and clear complexion because all these result only from wholesome food well digested.

Nearly all druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at 59 cents for full sized package. Send for free book on Stomach Troubles.

Drex L. Shooman says it's no trouble slipper after she has once worn our black or brown beaver fur trimmed

1419 FARNAM.

Annual Meeting of the Organization Will Be Interesting.

HASTINGS, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The anassociation will be held here February 2 and 3.

Among the objects of this meeting is to devise ways and means for securing addi- 600 TO 700 POLICIES FOR \$1,000 EACH tional sugar factories, so that farmers disposed to diversify their products by the means of sugar beet culture will have a market for them. Officers of the State unitrees adorned in the usual manner, from versity, the State Board of Agriculture, the which, after short programs, consisting of songs and recitations, presents were dis-tributed, treats of candies and nuts being State Horticultural society, the State Dairymen's association, the State Federation of Labor, county or local agricultural or hordistributed afterwards. At the Methodist church there was something of a divergence ticultural societies, irrigation associations companies, boards of trade, commercial clubs, the State Normal senool, private denominational colleges, labor organizations and farmers' institutes, are invited. The height of sixteen feet and being thirteen feet in diameter. It was lighted with colored electric lamps, which, together with the 150 candles, made a scene of brightness unsurpassed. The literary program consisted of numerous recitations, a class exercise and class song, and a beautiful vocal solo by Miss Viola Jennings, daughter of the pastor. A great many presents were on the tree. The members of the People's Independent church went the full limit of their capacity to do a Christmas kindness to their children and governor of the state is requested to appoint twenty delegates at large: The State university, the State Board of Agriculture, the State Horticultural society, the State Dairymen's association, and the State Federation F. H. Cooper in person yes agricultural or horticultural societies, five a Christmas kindness to their children and had a tree scene of more than usual note cities are requested to appoint five dele-gates each; presidents of boards of trades Mr. and Mrs. Cooper wer and commercial clubs, five delegates each; the State Normal school, private and denominational colleges, three delegates each; labor organizations, farmers' institutes and nanagers of railroads are requested to atend in person or by representative. Editors of agricultural or irrigation publications, and all newspapers in Nebraska, will on

governor, all state officials, members of the legislature and county boards to attend as delegates. Farmers engaged in the production of sugar beets and all others in our state who have the welfare of this great industry at heart, are cordially invited to be distributed by the corresponding to attend as mrm who were presentative.

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A program will be presented with papers The Methodist and Presbyterian churches of this city were beautifully decorated by the women of the respective congregations for Christmas festivities to be celebrated by and addresses on subjects connected with the industry by the ablest men, with opportunity for debate on all subjects before

the little ones in the evening. The Fres-byterian folks presented the cantata "Santa Claus & Co.." which proved to be a great success. The tree was loaded with well selected presents for the children of the Sabbath school. The Methodists gave their delegates should be sent to W. N. Nason, secretary, 1704 Farnam street, Omaha. THIEF'S COOL WORK WITH A PISTOL

the meeting. Reduced rates will be ob-

tained on railroad lines. The names of all

Sabbath school. The Methodists gave their little people a great treat in the form of a clothesline, upon which was suspended Christmas presents which had been selected with great care and good taste. At this church speaking and music were rendered. Holds Up His Pursuers and Takes Their Revolvers. INAVALE, Neb., Dec. 26 .- (Special Telegram.)-A thief broke into the B. & M. depot FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.) ero last night and after securing \$2 went the accustomed way. All the churches had trees and a program by the children. Serv-ices were held at the Episcopal church into town and entered the store of Kenyon Bros. While in there he was apprehended and an attempt made to take him, but he Christmas morning. In the evening the so-olety event of the season occurred in the calmly put a big revolver into the faces of form of a reception at Jenne's opera house. his would-be captors and made them hold with supper at Gehling's. About forty couple their hands up while he possessed himself of their guns and then ordered them to run. were present and enjoyed themselves at emphasizing his remarka by a shot as they

were present and enjoyed themselves a dancing, cards, etc.

ORD, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Christmas festivals were held in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the Baptists and Episcopalisms uniting with the latter in the evening exercises, which consisted of songrand recitations. Miss Lily Davis's recitation of a "Christmas Carol" was done with rare elecutionary skill and ability. The evening's entertainment closed with the dis-After they were gone he calmly walked away to be seen no more. He secured nothing from the store, evidently trying to open the big safe while in there.

Mrs. Jennie North Sues for Divorce. FREMONT, Dec. 26 .- (Special.) -- Jennie North filed her petition in the district court today for a divorce from her husband, Frank She alleges that he has become an North. habitual drunkard and has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward her, striking and beating her. She also claims that he has used abusive epithets toward her in the presence of others. She asks for alimony and the custody of their child. Frank North for about ten years has been court reporter for this judicial district. He was married to his wife, then Jennie Townshend, in

Keep Their Wedding a Secret. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.-Gustave Heinrichs, the well known musical director. and Miss Katherine Montgomery Fleming were married at the home of the parents of the groom, in Alameda, on the evening of December 17. The ceremony was a very quiet one and news of it did not become blic until today, when the musician and his bride returned from a short honeymoon

right arm was broken, but although it was feared that he had sustained internal in-Plays the Jail for a Safety. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26 .- A special to the Times from Paris, Ky., says: Johnson Howe, the 15-year-old negro boy who fatally wounded Policeman Lacey at Cynthia on Christmas eve, when the rible death Wednesday evening. In com-pany with a friend he started for home north to arrest him, was brought here last night for safekeeping. The negro's garments show seven bullet holes inflicted by the of here in the evening. Both were drun!; In some manner Schmidt feil from the wagon, catching his head in the wheel. He wounded policeman, who fired while he was on the ground. was dragged some miles before his friend discovered that anything was wrong. His

Grand Jury Indicts an Alderman. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley of the Twenty-second ward was today indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Gus Coliander on election night FREMONT, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-The jury in November, 1894. O'Malley's indictment has created a sensation. He was elected to n the case of school district No. 21, Dodge county, against the Home Fire Insurance the council last spring with the endorse-company of Omaha, which was on trial in the district court for the last few days, has a good record in that body. brought in a verdict for the plaintiff yester-day for the full amount of it's claim— \$716.50. The suit was brought to recover the

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. Sunday Will Be Generally Fair and

Warmer in Nebraska. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The forecast r Sunday is: For Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa-Generally fair and warmer; south

For South Dakota-Generally armer in eastern portion; south winds. For Wyoming-Fair; warmer; south winds. For Montana-Fair, followed by increas-

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 28.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with cor-responding day of the past three years: 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893,

Maximum temperature 39 40 Minimum temperature 19 29 Average temperature 29 30 Rainfall 00 00 Record of temperature and precipitation it Omaha for the day and since March 1.

STATE BEET SUGAR ASSOCIATION. THEIR GIFTS TO EMPLOYES

nual meeting of the Nebraska Beet Sugar Unique Christmas Fresents by Siegel Cooper & Co. of Chicago.

In the Mutual Life Insurance Com pany of New York, Mr. Cooper Gives His Workers Sound Advice.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 .- A life insurance policy, with the premium paid up for one year, was the Christmas gift that the big we hope all of you, and it is to those who of the Maule Coal company, this city, at drygoods house of Siegel, Cooper & Co. will survive that I desire to address a few 3:30 this afternoon, and as a result twelve presented to each of its employes, instead earnest words,

The unique presentation was made by Mr. F. H. Cooper in person yesterday at noon of labor, ten delegates each; county or local in an improvised assembly hall on the top

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were given an ovation on entering the hall. The manifestations of gratitude and good will toward the labor organizations, farmers' institutes and members of the firm were frequent and progranges, three delegates each. General longed throughout the course of the exer-self or family, of providing something for cises, and when Mr. Cooper reached the clima of his address by telling his hearers climax of his address by telling his hearers of the gifts that had been prepared for and all newspapers in Nebraska, will on presentation of credentials, be entitled to seats in the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to members of congress, the commercial establishment.

Among the employes and members of the

J. S. Jacoby,
J. Bosch,
J. Geraghty,
H. Munger,
R. McKnight,
A. Brooks,
J. Hreeckheim,
L. Lubrie,

commercial establishment.

The New York Mutual Life Insurance company was represented by Prof. W. P. Stewart of New York and C. H. Ferguson, George W. Gundaken, James A. Forest and Hiram B. Curtis of Chicago. Mr. Cooper spoke as follows:

MR. COOPER'S SPEECH. Gentlemen and Fellow Coworkers of the to assemble here this morning, it was for no idle purpose. This meeting was called in order to show you that the house of Sie gel, Cooper & Co. is not indifferent to the welfare of its employes, but takes an inter-

est in the well being of all. What better day then for such a purpose than this day, which proclaims "good will to men?" I am informed by the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York that it has ex-amined between 600 and 700 of our men. Among that number there must be a good many married men, how many I do not know. Now, let me ask you a question, you men who have families depending upon you. What prevision, if any, have you made for wife and children in case you should die today, tomorrow, or next year? Are you laying up any money? Have you invested any funds in building and loan associations Have you any insurance on your life? What if anything, have you done for the protec-tion of your families if death, the destroyer of all human aspirations, should remove you from your field of usefulness? The capital that your families today depend on is your brain or brawn; will it still protect them after you are gone? Your usefulness to your family can be extended beyond the

grave if you so wish it.

And those of you who are not married, let me ask you what are you doing to lay up something for a rainy day? You may say, my salary is not enough to enable me to save anything." That is not so. Experience they say is the best teacher. Well, then, I know by experience that any man who has a steady position can lay by part of his carnings. In 1866, when I first came to this country, I worked quite a while for \$5 a week and out of this salary I saved 50 cents every week. The great thing is to live within your income whatever it may be, and to save a part of it every week. There-fore, you should never run in debt; buy nothing that you cannot pay for at the time of purchase. Any man who owes no one a dollar and has something taid up for a rainy day, who has thoroughly accustomed himself to burden himself with no more needs than he can easily gratify in his con-dition, is just as rich as a Vanderbilt, a Gould, or a Rockefeller, for after all, these people can eat only three meals a day, and ten to one, that your modest breakfast or dinner, earned by the sweat of your brow. tastes better to you than any banquet ever

spread before them does to them. SUCCESSFUL MEN ARE INSURED. The best men, or I should rather say, the most successful business men of our day carry large lines of life insurance. One of the most successful men in our line, Mr. John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, I am told carries on his life \$1,650,000. Nearly all the most successful men of our time carry large lines, all the way, say, from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 each. I only mention these facts to show you that life insurance is not any more an experiment, but that our leading men consider it not alone a benefit, but a duty to themselves and to those near and

dear to them to insure their lives. Some time ago it occurred to me that of all the men in our employ, there was possibly a very small fraction who carried any life insurance at all, and after a careful consideration of the subject I determined to do that for you which you may have neglected and to present to each and every one of you a life insurance policy of one thou-sand dollars (\$1,000) on which Siegel, Cooper & Co. have paid the first year's premium in

After this decision was made, the question arose, in which company to place this enormous policy. A policy of policies amounting to between \$600,000 and \$700,000. the largest policy or policies ever placed with one company at one time in the world. Being myself insured for \$50,000 in the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, the company, which I am informed, has the largest established means of any life insur-ance company on the globe, a company whose responsibility is absolutely beyond question, it was but natural that this com-

pany was selected for the purpose.

I did not wish you to pay out a single cent for the first year, therefore, after arrang- for the first year.

compiled by the life insurance companies, and by which they are guided in fixing the

premium which must be paid at different ages, but if I remember right, the average yearly mortality in Chicago is about twenty out of every 1,000, or 2 per cent. Admitting that out of this number two-thirds are little children and old people, who are not of in-surable age, it would follow that out of the number of men-between 600 and 700-in-sured, three or four will die during the year. I hope not, but these are the probabilities. At all events if such should be the case, the families or estates of such insured will receive from the New York Mutual Life Insurance company a check for \$1,000 that never cost them a cent. But the great ma-jority of you will see another Christmas.

SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

during which you are expected to pay the premium yourself. Some of you, no doubt, protected, as you were before we presented you with this insurance, and in such cases, purpose. Most of you are young men, and in such cases the price of a nickel cigar a are heart-rending. The dead are:

it may be true in some cases, I thank God is not the truth here—may wonder if we have not a selfish motive in making this donation. We have. We wish to make you, if we can, industrious, thrifty, saving, for we know full well that a man endowed with those principles will do his work better than a man who don't care. We wish that this Christmas present would inspire every recipient with an added feeling of responsi-bility toward himself, and family, that it would spur him on to renewed effort, to do his work as well as it can be done to the end that in after years he could date the period of his success from this occasion. Given two men in practically the same position, earning the same salary, that man who saves something out of his earnings to that, come what may, you will not alone live within your income, but lay by something every week. That is the foundation

of happiness, because it leads to independ-CONSCIENTIOUS WORK. Conscientious work benefits all. If we can some way manage to make our men more conscientious, more painstaking, more careful, more industrious, we benefit at once the house and all its workers. Many a sale is lost that should be made; many a customer is driven away from the house by indifferent treatment; wrong addresses are taken, which causes the house lots of trouble and customers' annoyance; packers are sometimes careless in their work, so that artieles are broken or delivered in bad order; drivers do not always take the proper care ome other direction, which causes the house loss of thousands of dollars a year; and let me tell you right here that all this leakage and waste is finally paid for by you, for the less it costs the house to do business the more it can afford to pay you. The more intelligent work you give the house, the more you guard against waste and leakage; the more conscientious you are in the dis-Cooper & Co. are your own. Therefore you should further the interests of the house whenever and wherever you can. There are some men in the house who never, in the store or out, tire of advancing the interests of the house. If you were all like that we might do it with one-half the newspaper advertising we have to do today. If you do your work, whatever it may be, as well as you know how, you are bound to get along.

You can't all become millionaires, but you can earn independence. CHANCES FOR ADVANCEMENT. The chances for advancement in life today hope that the present clouds may soon roll Do your work faithfully and well and when the proper opportunity presents itself grasp it. To grasp the proper opportunity requires judgment. Hear what ex-Senator John J. Ingalls says of opportunity: 'Master of human destinies am I;

Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late, knock, unbidden, once on every gate. sleeping, wake: if feasting, rise before I turn away; it is the hour of fate. And they who follow me reach every state Mortals desire, and conquer every foe Save death; but those who doubt or hes tate.

condemned to failure, penury and woe

Seek me in vain and uselessly implore; The policies will now be distributed. order to save time and trouble the policies have been arranged alphabetically, beginning with A. When your name is called, kindly rise, go to the deak and receive your policy and go to the elevator to take you downstairs. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mr. Brennan will now please call the roll. THANKS FOR MR. COOPER.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Cooper's address Mr. L. Lubrie, an employe of the firm, arose in his place among the audience, and in a few choice sentences extended the mium on some of the policies donated

thanks of the employes in a body to Mr. Cooper and the other members of the firm. rounding out his expressions of gratitude with the compliments of the season. It was learned that the first year's prethe firm came as high as \$145, and \$18.60

Great Mine in Nova Scotia the Scene of a Disaster.

complete possession of the underground working of two of the three slopes.

Government Inspector Gilpin arrived fire was erming from every opening of the mine.