Female Wage Earners Very Much in Evidence in the United States.

PROPORTION OF CHILD LABOR IS LESS

Commissioner of Labor Collects Some Statistics at the Request of Congress Relative Wages of the Two Classes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- The eleventh annual report of the Department of Labor, just transmitted to congress by Commissioner Wright, relates entirely to the work and wages of men, women and children. It shows that the proportion of women to the whole working class is increasing, while that of children is decreasing. The report was prepared in pursuance of a joint resolution of congress directing an investigation relative to the employment of men, women and children. This report is confined strictly to a comparison of the employment and wages of 1895-96 or "present period" with the conditions which pertained some years (termed former period), antedating the present period by at least ten years. The definite purposes of the investigation were to determine to what extent, if any, women were superseding men, to show the conjugal condition wages received by each sex in each in- LIVES TOO HIGH FOR HIS SALARY.

It was quite unnecessary to cover the whole country; that is, to collect information from all industrial establishments. The attempt, therefore, was not made. The agents of the department, however, secured information from 1.067 establishments of various kinds, located in thirty different states, and employing 148,367 persons, a embezzling the company's funds. collected was thoroughly representative. The complete data sought for, however, was obtained from only 931 establishments. These 931 establishments employed 64,560 persons in the former and 108,648 in the present period. Of this number in the first period, 26,479 were males of 18 years of age or over, as against 43,195 in the second, and 4,175 males under 18 years of age, as against 540 in the second. In the first, 27,163 were females 18 years of age or over and 6,743 females under 18 years of age, as against 45,182 and 12,751 respectively in the present

From these figures it is seen that male employes 18 years of age or over increased in the present period over the former period 63.1 per cent, while female employes of the same age increased 16.63 per cent. Male employes under 18 years of age increased 80.6 per cent, while female employes under 18 years of age increased 89.1 per cent. FEMALE WAGE EARNERS.

As collateral information an interesting showing is made of the figures of the past three censuses concerning the employment The proportion of females 10 years of age and over employed in all occupa tions in the United States rose in its relation to the whole number employed from 14.68 per cent in 1870 to 17.22 per cent in while males decreased in proportion from 85.32 per cent in 1870 to 82.78 per cent

The report throws considerable additional light upon the much discussed question as to married women in industrial pursuits. on this point are also analyzed. Of the 914,571 females 10 years of age or over engaged in gainful pursuits in the United States in 1890, 69.84 per cent were single or their conjugal condition unknown, 13.16 per cent were married, 16.10 per cent were wid owed, and 9 per cent divorced. A compari-son of the census figures with those resulting from the investigation of the department can only be made with certain limitations, as the former relates to all females pro-

chiefly to manufacturing establishments where women are employed to a large extent In 436 of the establishments canvassed the agents secured data as to the relative working at the same occupations. Of 782 in-stances in which men and women work at the same occupation and perform their work with the same degree of efficiency, mer receive greater pay in 595, or 76.1 per cent of the instances, and women receive greater

ductively employed, while the latter relate

pay in 126; or 16.5 per cent.

Out of the 228 instances in which men and children (persons under 18 years of age) work at the same occupation with a like degree of efficiency, men receive greater pay in twenty-four, or 10.5 per cent, while in twenty-two instances, or 9.7 per cent, they receive the same pay for the same work, performed with the same degree of efficiency. The men re ceived 7.7 per cent greater pay than the children in the 182 instances in which they are paid more, while the children receive but 3.6 per cent greater pay in the twenty-four-instances in which they are paid higher

REASONS FOR FEMALE EMPLOYMENT. The main reason for the employment of women and girls is usually that they are better adapted for the work at which they are employed. Oother reasons are that they are more reliable, more easily controlled cheaper, more temperate, more easily procus ble, neater, more rapid, more industrious less liable to strike, learn more rapidly, etc On the other hand the reasons for opinion, given by those who did not believ that there was any tendency for the employ ment of women to increase in the

ment of women to increase in the industriesc, were that very often women,
while better adapted and cheaper, are unreliable; that their physical strength is
inadequate for heavy work; that machinery
is gradually displacing them, etc.
Other tables give the data when women
were first en ployed in each establishment
and the occupations at which they were employed; the hours of fabor worked in
establishments; reporting a list of occupaestablishments; reporting a list of occupa tions followed by women and girls, and th wages in detail of men, women and children all establishments comprehended in th investigation.

The commissioner takes occasion to call attention to the varied work now performed by his department. It now issues annual reports, special reports and a bi-monthly bulletin of something over 100 pages, giving the results of brief, original inquiries, and the like. The department is now investigat-ing the effects of machinery upon labor and the cost of production; a compilation of wage statistics in the leading countries of the world; an investigation of the liquor problem and its economic aspects; an inquiry in collaboration with the state labor bursay. n collaboration with the state labor bureau concerning the municipal ownership of gas water and electric plants; an investigation concerning the economic conditions of Italians in Chicago; and a preliminary in-vestigation of the economic progress of the negroes in this country.

Snow Storm Strikes New York NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- A snow storm struck the city at 3:30 a. m. and by o'clock between fifteen to sixteen inches of snow had failen. The wind is increasing and is now blowing thirty-six miles an hour. dense fog which prevails along the imme-diate coast, navigation is made dangerous. Up to 10 a. m., the temperature in this city was below the freezing point, but it is beginning to rise, and tonight will turn the snow and sleet into rain.

Haugs Himself to a Bedpost. EASTON, Pa., Feb. 12.-Andrew Pickett aged 77 years, a prominent retired merchant tor a long time.

WOMEN WORKERS INCREASE MEETING OF WESTERN EDUCATORS.

Representatives of Colleges and High Schools in Session at Chicago. CHICAGO, Feb. 12 .- The second annual neeting of the North Central association of Reaction Sets In After the Recent Cut in olleges and secondary institutions was held at Lewis today. A hundred men and women prominent in the educational affairs of the middle and western states were present, inluding Charles Kendall Adams, president of the University of Wisconsin; Delas Fall, professor in Albion college; A. J. Volland, principal of Racine High school; George S. principal of Racine High school; George S. Burroughs, president of Wabash college; Charies A. Schaeffer, president of the University of Iowa; John T. Buchanan, principal of the Kansas City Central High school; Frederick L. Bliss, principal of the Detroit High school; George N. Carman, director of Lewis institute; William F. King, president of Cornell, Ia., college, and Newton C. Dougherty, superintendent of schools, Peoria, III.

After an address of welcome by Director Carman, President Adams read his annual address. He characterized the gift of \$11,500,000 to the University of Chicago during reported to be on his way to Pittsburg to the past five years as the most momentous impulse given the educational movement in the history of this country. He said the great purpose of education was not so much stop here, but went on to New York. Mr. as to give information as it was to develop Carnegie, who was busily engaged at the the faculties of the scholar. He considered the primary department of our schools and colleges as the weakest part of our educa-tional system, and urged the importance of giving more attention to the proper education of the young.

A general debate followed on a resolution looking toward the checking of the alleged tendency to entrust freshman classes, especially in larger universities, to inexperienced from Pittsburg says: The reported visit to teachers. The resolution was finally adopted. this city of President Gates of the Illinois of the men who were employed, to compare the relative efficiency of men and of women, and finally to show the relative rates of

Cudnby's Cashier at Brooklyn Short

About \$14,000. NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)-W. W. Barnes, cashier of the Cudahy Packing company's branch house, was arrested this morning and charged with

E. A. Cudahy, president of the Cudahy E. A. Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing company, was seen at his office in South Omaha this morning and gave the details as far as he knew. Mr. Cudahy said that he had just been advised of the arrest of Barnes at Newark, N. J., by wire. Whether Barnes was, at the time of his arrest, trying to escape he did not know, but presumed that he was. The defalcation was discovered only a day or two ago, and will amount to between \$12,000 and \$14,000. A part of this amount, Mr. Cudahy said, he expects to recover from the surety company expects to recover from the surety company in which his cashier was bonded. An ex-amination of the books of the cashier showed that the peculations had been going on for some time, the auditor having discovered the shortage while checking over the accounts.

THEOSOPHICAL CRUSADERS RETURN Have Been on a Missionary Tour

Around the World. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.-The Theoso-SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The Theosophy The corn.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The Theosophy The pany consists of Ernest Hargrove, henorary president of all the national organizations and acting president of the society in America; Mrs. Katherine A. Lingley, successor of Madame Blavatsky in the ocult religion; Mrs. A. L. Cleather, H. T. Patterson, F. M. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Falls-Wright and Rev. W. Williams. The crusaders expect to remain for some tin in California and to establish here a temple and school of Theosophy. The location of the temple has not yet been made public, though the plans have been fully given out. The crusaders had an uneventful yoyage from Australia, except that their number was in enroute. Osmar Falls-Wright was sea, January 26, not far from the island of Samoa.

ARRESTED FOR AN OLD KILLING. harged with Murdering His Wife

Ten Years Ago. RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 12.-Mark W Townsend, wanted in Grant county, Wisonsin, on a charge of murdering his wife ten years ago, has been arrested here by Sheriff McGonigal of that county. Townsend came here eight years ago and taught school for some time. He married here, but his wife obtained a divorce on the ground of cruelty. The diverce engendered bad blood between Townsend and his wife's people. Mrs. Townsend's attorney obtained a clew to his past life, informed the Wisconsin au-thorities of Townsend's whereabouts and steps were taken for his extradition. years ago Townsend was cleaning a loaded revolver while standing behind his wife. The evolver was discharged and his wife fell dead. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental killing. Townsend left the country soon thereafter and circumstances came to light which created a strong belief that discharge of the results and circumstances. that the discharge of the revolver was prearranged.

Catholic Foresters' Election. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.-The Catholic order of Foresters elected officers during an all-night session as follows Chief ranger,

Thomas H. Cannon, Chicago; vice high chief ranger, Aime Talbot, Quebec; high chief tressurer, Thomas J. Callen, Milwaukee; high chief secretary, Theodore L. Thiel, Chicago; high trustees, Gabriel Fanchore of Chicago, H. J. Grogan of Milwaukee, N. W. Relewicz of Chicago, John P. Harding of Chicago, James W. Henneberry of Eagle Grove, Ia. and William Mahren of Iowa. Adjourned a Dense Fog Off the Lizard.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 12.-The latest ad vices received by the agents of the North German Lloyd company are that a dens for continues to hang over the Scilly islands and the Lizard. The tooting of sirens is repeatedly heard off the Needles. Prawle oint is clear of tog. There is no news of the St. Paul or the Trave, which were er-roneously reported off the Needles yester-day. The Lloyds, however, say they feel no uneasiness over their belated liner.

Preacher Charged with Burglary. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 12 .- A special to the tar from Sedalia, Mo., says: Rev. William Fennise, colored, of Kansas City, who has been conducting revival meetings here for the past three weeks, was arrested today charged with burglery and larceny at Osccola. Cennise denies the charges, but will be taker o Osceola tonight.

Melba Coming to America. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.-Jean de Reszke this marning received a cable message from Mme, Melba, who is in Paris. She state that she will return to America the latter part of this month, and sends sympatheti-words appropos to Castlemare's death. It is ow believed Melba will appear in Chicagthis season.

Fatal Result of Boiler Explosion. YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 12.-By the ex dosion of the botler yesterday evening a Loe's coal mine in Weathersfield, ten miles of this city, was found dead in bed this northwest of this city, John Willock, aged morning, hanging to a bedpost in his room. He had been in ill health and despondent J. K. Vetter hadly scalded by escaping steam. No cause known for the explosion.

RAILS GO UP ONE DOLLAR

Figures.

STIMULATED DEMAND STIFFENS PRICES

Orders Already Taken Mean Months of Work for Thousands of Men at the Carnegle Steel Plant.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 12 .- At 1 o'clock today the Carnegie Steel company announced that the price of steel rails stood at \$17 to \$18 per ton, the stiffening in price being caused reported to be on his way to Pittsburg to confer with the Carnegie officials, with a company's office, said he would have no information to give out today. It is estimated that the mills have already booked orders sufficient to keep them running stead-

ily for several months to come, giving em-

ployment to thousands of idle workmen. CHICAGO, Feb. 12.-A special to the Post from Pittsburg says: The reported visit to Steel company is regarded by the iron men as a matter of the very highest importance and as confirmatory of a report which has been in circulation among the heavy capitalists of the iron industry for some days past that a combination is in progress of formation for the organization of the greatest industrial trust of modern times. The story goes that Messrs, Carnegie, Rocke-feller and J. Pierpont Morgan have in view the culmination of a gigantic monopoly for the control of the iron-producing interests of the United States. It is a fact not generally known that the control of the Illinois Sicel company has lodged in the house of J. Pierpont Morgan for the last year, a syndi-cate represented by him having acquired the holdings of the Scotch and Massachusetts capitalists, which gave them a majority of the stock and bonds of the company. Control of this great company was obtained at a very low figure, owing to the hard times and shrinkage in business. The parties who put their money into the concern have unlimited capital and are well prepared to stand any kind of a "sweat."

BURLINGTON BUYS STEEL RAILS. Takes Advantage of the Recent Cut

in Price. shertage while checking over the accounts.

Barnes had been with the company for about five years and was considered a trustworthy man, being of good habits. The money taken by Harnes was, according to the reports received from the Brooklyn office, spent in extravagent living. As for prosecuting the defaulting cashler, Mr. Cudahy said that he intended leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the security company which formished the bond for Barnes. He was satisfied, however, that Barnes would be punished, whether any of the money embezzled could be recovered from Barnes, Mr. Cudahy did not know, but he was of the opinion that it had all been spent.

The reduction of \$S a ton in the price of steel rails caused less flurry among the steel rails caused less flurry among the steel rails caused less flurry among the comaha railroads than those of most other western railway centers. This is due to the fact that the rails for most of the Omaha lines are purchased through higher officials in Chicago. It is not known whether or not the Union Pacific has taken advantage of the cut, as the matter of purchasing rails for the year is directly in the care of Prezident S. H. H. Clark, who, is now the completion of any contract has yet been received at headquarters.

A message was received at the B. & M. The reduction of \$8 a ton in the price of

A message was received at the B. & M. headquarters that General Purchasing Agent Chargeaves of the Burlington system had just signed a contract for sufficient rails for this year's renewals along the lines of the ous renewals along the lines west of the Missouri river during the coming year. The rails that have been contracted for will be ielivered at the points where renewals will be made, during the months of May, June and July.

CASE INVOLVES A NOVEL POINT. Required the Testimony of a College

Professor to Settle It. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.-Probably the mos celebrated case ever tried in the law courts of Missouri has just been decided in the supreme court. It is the suit brought against the Iron Mountain railroad for \$5,000 damages for the death of James Ganey cilled six years ago by a train on that road The decision of the circuit court is reversed and remanded for trial. The case has beer commonly known as the "suction case," because James Ganey was alleged to have been drawn under the cars by the force of the wind created by the passing of a train. The plaintiffs placed Prof. Nipper of Wash ington university on the stand to testify as an expert, and through him a scientific point entirely new in the trial of damage cases against railroad companies was brought out The popular supposition that the boy James Ganey, was drawn under the train by suction was disproved. It was shown that instead of there being any suction, the air current had a contrary effect. shown that a train of cars running at a high rate of speed creates a movement of air near it in the same direction. The train n question carried the air along with such velocity and force as to tend to move overthrow anyone standing near it. As scientific proposition, it was demonstrate that the tendency of an air current thus produced would be to turn an object standng near the tracks around, because the curof air on the side of the object close o the train moves faster than that on the side furthest from it.

CHICAGO MAN CLAIMS THE IDEA Says California Men Have Stolen His

Flying Machine. CHICAGO, Feb. 12 .- The description of the lying machine that Leonard E. Clawson and Adam Beck of San Francisco claim to have nvented and successfully tested has brough forth the statement from Charles Andress of this city that they have stolen his ideas Andress says that two years ago, while ceiding in New Orleans, he took a sketch f his machine to a model-making firm on Poydras street, who moved away without elivering the model, and Andress never go rack of them. In his model the lifting power is supplied by four wings, working at right angles from a ballbearing center These wings are so constructed that two go up while two are going down. Andress says bat he applied for a patent some time ago brough Joseph Wolfsohn, a New Orleans attorney.

Kentucky Distillers Combine. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.-A secret neeting of distillers from all over the state was held in this city last night for the purcase of forming a Whisky trust of all Keny distillers. The object is to control output and the price of Kentucky ucky distillers. whisky. In pursuance to a circular sent of a few days ago by Colonel Thomas H. Sher-ley of the New Hope Distilling company the meeting was begun last night in the offices of the New Hope distillery. Every effort was made to keep the proceedings storet, but it was learned that the meeting was preliminary to a general meeting of all the distillers of the state at an early date.

Placed in Safe Keeping.

Deputy United States Marshal Hubbard of Lincoln was in the city yesterday, having just returned from Sioux Palls, where he took three prisoners who had received contence at the Lincoln term of the federal The prisoners are: Charles DeWitt who received one year for robbing the Hart-well postoffice, and G. D. Cummings and J.

CHARGED WITH MANY CRIMES. Breaking Up on Organized Band of Burglars and Petty Thleves.

The procecution of the Davis or Orleans are now under arrest, was begun yesterday in police court. Two of them stand ready to plead guilty to the cases that have been filed against them. The others have signified INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF VANNOY an intention of fighting. Charles Davis, alias Charles Orleans, the leader of the gang, is one of those who says he is ready to take his medicine without a whimper. He yester-day waived examination upon five separate charges of burglary, and upon each he was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,200. George Chandler waived examina-tion upon three charges of burglary and was held to the district court in the same sum on each. The burglaries to which the two men have confessed consisted of the looting of Livingstone's and Jensen's blacksmith shops in Benson and the burglary of the residence of James H. Sherwood. Two others of the gang were named as co-defendants in these cases, but they were yesterday discharged. It is understood that complaints will be filed against them again in some justice court, as the burglarized places are situated outside the burglarized places are situated outside the city limits. Davis, alias Orleans, also waived examination on the charge of burglarizing the residence of Charles E. Taylor and stealing a quantity of eilver-ware. Four others were also charged with this crime, but all were discharged with the exception of Willis, alias Johnson. Johnson

was placed on trial yesterday.
Yesterday the police located a quantity
of silver knives, forks and spoons which
were stolen from the residence of R. Wilhelmson of 1613 North Twenty-sixth street on December 6. They were found on the premises of Will Chandler, Thirty-third and Leavenworth streets.

Hoag and Johnson have been charged with this crime. They were arraigned yesterday and pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial on next Wednesday. Hong and Johnson were also arraigned on the charge of robbing Duane G. Doane's barn of \$19 worth of blankets. They pleaded not guilty and the hearing was set for Thursday. Rollie McDonald, whose wagon is said to have been used in carrying away the booty taken from the Benson blacksmith shops, has pleaded not guilty to the charge of burglarizing the places. The defendant will

be tried on Tuesday.

The police have not succeeded in obtaining any evidence that the kang had any-thing to do with the robbery of Nelson's butcher shop at Fortieth and Hamilton streets. In consequence the complaint charging this, which had been filed against streets.

the men, was yesterday dismissed.
Ed Day, another alleged member of the gang, who was arrested Thursday and has confessed to several jobs in Iowa, is now under bonds to the district court to answer to a charge of burglary. He with John Klockner and Fred Lefever stand charged with stealing a \$200 machine from a manu-facturing establishment in the northern part of the city. Day is at present out on bonds. The authorities at Missouri Valley, where Day acknowledges that he committed a burglary with the assistance of Davis, John son and Hoag, have been notified of Day's

AN ATTORNEY WHO WILL NOT DOWN VanEtten Breaks Into Court and Com-

mences a Suit. David VanEtten, the attorney who was disbarred Thursday by Judge Scott, has commenced an attachment suit against Francis E. Reisdorph to recover \$1,612.30, which he alleges is due him on account of legal services in connection with a suit in which Reisdorph was plaintiff, being an action against Soren T. Petersen for \$5,000 damages. VanEtten alleges that he made an agreement with Reisdorph, whereby he. VanEtten, was to receive one-half of any amount which might be recovered from Petersen, and was also to be reimbursed for all costs incurred in the case. He alleges that Reisdorph recovered a judgment against of that amount, or \$750, as his fee, and alleges that there are costs aggregating \$862.30, which he also wants paid. He has applied for a writ of garnishment on Peter-

TEACHERS ARE TAKING A HAND Dismiss School to Vote for Lady Board

of Managers. The anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln was not celebrated to any extent in the public schools yesterday. Some of the schools made some slight deco-rations in honor of the occasion, and in several cases the day was marked by brief

All the schools were closed at 1:30 in the afternoon in order that the teachers might have an opportunity to mirgle in rolling process that was scheduled at the Creighton theater, where an attempt was made to elect a Lady Board of Exposition Managers. Most of the teachers took an active interest in the selection of the Lady Board of Managers for the exposition, and although no action was taken by the Board of Education, they were allowed to close the schools with the consent of the superintendent and the committee on teachers and examinations.

MRS. TOUZALIN'S PRESENCE OF MIND Prompt Action Saves a House from

Being Burned. The presence of mind of Mrs. Alfred D. Touzalin was in a great measure responsible ordinance had not been approved, but yes for the fact that her residence at 3116 terday Comptroller Westberg refused t Chicago street was not at least partially destroyed by fire Thursday night. As it was, a damage of some \$50 was sustained. About 7 o'clock Mrs. Touzalin lighted the gas in a bed room occupied by a baby. She scra'ched the match on a window frame and did not notice that she had set fire to the lace curtain at the window. Her attention was called to the fact by a servant girl Mrs. Touzalin promptly picked up the baby and ran out, shutting the door behind her. he then returned with a neighbor and the two put ou! the fire with mats and rugs. The blaze had aiready gained some headway. The window curtains and a couple of pic of furniture were destroyed. Just as the Sames were extinguished, Mr. Touzalin came

scandinavian-American Republicans The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Scandinavian-American Republican club was held Thursday at the Millard hotel. The meeting was called to order by the president, Theodore H. Johnson. The secretary read a very volumi-nous report of the work that the club had accomplished during the past year. It was shown that the membership had been increased by 249, the club now having a total of over 1.300 members. The report of the treasurer showed that the club finances were in good condition, there being no un-paid bills or claims. Theodere H. Johnson was re-elected president by acclamation. The following other officers were elected S. J. Burgstrom, vice president: E. T. Peterson, secretary, and Otto Sandberg, treasurer.

Aimed at Sidewalk Destroyers Councilman Christie has introduced an rdinance which is designed to put a stop to damages to sidewalks which have frequently ten a source of complaint. The ordinance provides that any person who carelessly injures or disfigures a sfdewalk shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$100, or imprison-ment for a period of not more than thirty days. It is said that many business establishments are very careless in regard to handling goods over the sidewalks in front of their places. Heavy barrels and boxes are dumped on the sidewalk and refuse strewn about until the walks are nearly impassable. impassable.

Heavy Snow in Pennsylvania. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12 -A heavy snow storm interspersed with ball and rain prevails all over Pennsylvania today. In the well postoffice, and G. D. Cummings and J.
L. Snyder, the men who passed raised \$2
bills in this city, and who each received
two years.

mountain regions the anew is ten inches
deep. At Harrisburg there is five inches on
the level. The Pennsylvania railroads report all trains on time.

CORONER'S SECOND VERDICT

gang of burglars and thieves, six of whom Negligence of a Minor Employe Held to Have Caused Another Death.

Jury Finds that Switchtender Henn Was Responsible for the Wreek of the "Overland" Last Tuesday.

Switchterder Henn has again been held esponsible for the wreck of the Union Pacific Overland Limited that occurred last Tuesday afternoon at the Twentieth street crossing. Yesterday the coroner's inquest over the remains of Engineer VanNoy, who died as a result of the injuries received in the wreck, was held and the following verdict returned: "We find that the death of W. H. VanNoy

was caused by injuries received in the wreck of train No. 2 of the Union Pacific on Tuesday, February 9, at about 4:40 o'clock p. m., and we further find that the said wreck was caused by the negligence of Switchtender Henn.

In this verdict Henn was solely held to of the current year. blame for the fatal accident.

blame for the fatal accident.

The evidence in the investigation was much the same as in the inquest over Firman Krause, but in some particulars was broader. W. S. Wilcox, the conductor of the wrecked train, and W. S. Bishop and Jos Williams, brakemen, told practically the same

the train was going. In answer to questions he stated that engineers were expected to reach their destination on time and that if they did not do so they were "laid off." They were replaced by other engineers in order to see whether the man or the engine was to blame when a train was behind time. He said that VanNoy had been laid off a short time ago because he had brought the train in so few minutes behind the scheduled time. After a short lay-off he was again put on the run. Witness also testified that the dead man had been consolidated. the dead man had been one of the best engineers in the employ of the company. Switchtender Henn's testimony did not

differ from that which has already been published. When he heard the whistle of he could toward the switch, but the train was going so fast that he could not reach it. He signalled it to stop, but he was not noticed until it was too late to slacken the speed of the train. The train turned upon the siding and was derailed.

City Treasurer Edwards called in warrants on the fire fund amounting to \$5,000 yesterday. The 1896 funds are now practically exhausted and all warrants will be registered until the payments on 1897 taxes begin.

uts on the head, several ribs were broken, he had been badly scalded and was otherwise injured. The time of the funeral of VanNoy has been changed from Saturday to Sunday afternoon. Services over the remains will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock, Rev.

Kuhns officiating, Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery. Henn has been laid off since the accident

The railroad company will make an investigation of the accident today.

HANGING UP THE LEVY ORDINANCE

Intimation that the Mayor May Attach a Veto.

The question of whether Mayor Broatch will approve the levy ordinance passed by the council Thursday is very much in evidence in municipal circles. It is intimated that the mayor did not favor a ing made. Larsen lives some nine miles levy of the proportions agreed on by the ouncil, and there is a general suspicion that he will return it with a veto attached. The mayor refused to commit him-self on the subject. He said that he had taken the ordinance under advisement, but had not decided upon the action that would take. It was a very important matter and he wished to inform himself in regard to the sentiment of the taxpayers. In the meantime the city employes are unable to draw their salary warrants. The council inadvertently passed the salary ordinance Thursday in spite of the fact that the levy sign the warrants. He stated that until the levy ordinance was signed by the mayor there were no funds to draw against and warrants could not properly be issued.

It is said that another complication may soon be injected into the matter. C. E. Squires has given it out that he will go into court to apply for a mandamus to compel the council to make a levy for the purpose of paying his street repair bills. If he car ries out his intention the controversy will b made a matter for legal adjudication, and the question of the liability of the city for these bills may be determined.

NOT YET OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.

on New Mail Collection Plans. The postoffice here has not yet received official notice from the department at Washington that the right to put in the house to house collection of mail system had been granted to this city. It may be several days before such an order will be received.

A pamphlet describing the boxes necessary o the establishment of the system, and ex plaining their working, has been received. It shows that there are several designs in the boxes, and that one may go to almost any expense in purchasing the convenience They are put up in different styles of work manship, are arranged for either the inside or outside of the door, are planned to b built in the wall of the building, and an electrical appliance is arranged for by which to alarm the householder that the box con-tains mail. The government makes conspicuous the fact that these boxes must be out in by the householder at his own ex-

The carriers are as a rule jubilant at th prospect of having the new delivery and collection system adopted here, as they fee that it will be an improvement to the serv ice, and possibly insure an increase in the carrier force. The substitute carriers are especially joyful, and are anxious to go out at once and canvass among the patrons of the office for orders for the boxes.

Bids Not Satisfactory The Board of Public Works opened bids on wooden sidewalks for 1897 yesterday

afternoon, J. P. Connolly and J. D. Me afternoon. J. P. Connolly and J. D. Me-Greale were the only bidders, and as no check accompanied McGreale's bid it was thrown out. This left only one bid, which ranged from 21 to 30 cents a foot on the various classes of walk. This was several cents higher than last year and Chairman Munro recommended that the bid he rejected. At the suggestion of Street Commissioner Kuspar, however, action was postponed to an adjourned meeting today. FOR THE COUNCILMEN TO CONSIDER. Corfew Ordinance Comes Up Again,

but in Amended Form. Among the new ordinances now before ordinance, of which Councilman Wheeler is the progenitor. The main change contemplated by the new ordinance is the the infliction of a fine of \$10 to be levied upon truant children. In Wheeler's ordi-nance the punishment is restricted to the parent that refuses to look after the child after he or she has been notified by the police. In cases in which the parents re-fuse or neglect to take care of the child and the latter appears to be incorrigible, the ordinance provides that the case shall be turned over to the district court, which shall decide whether it is a case for the

reform school. ordinance which operates to secure the electric light company from any competition unless new franchises are granted. It repeals the franchise which was granted to the Northwestern Electric Light and Power company in September, 1882, that which was secured by the Sperry Electric Light and Motor company in February, 1894, and the omnibus ordinance granting the right to any person, company or corporation to construct erson, company or corporation to construct lines for furnishing light for commercial purposes which was passed in June, 1894. The This verdict blames the switchtender more than did the verdict returned in the inquest over the bedy of Fireman Krause. At the former, the Union Pacific was held the former, the Union Pacific was held license is to be issued for a period less than equally responsible with the switchtender. one year and all licenses expire at the close

ase of Katle Stawiez, who was killed at case of Katle Stawicz, who was killed at the Brancott street crossing of the Union in Williams, brakemen, told practically the same story as in the other examination. They all stated that the train was running at a high rate of speed. Conductor Wilcox, however, this morning attempted to fix the rate, twill be did not know how fast the train was going after it reached Summit, he said that it was running twenty-five miles an hour between South Omaha and Summit. This speed was employed to make up time, as the train was a minute and a half late when it was at Gilmore.

ENGINEERS HAD TO MAKE TIME.

A new witness was introduced in the person of J. H. Manning, master mechanic of the road. He had only a general knowledge of Switchtender Henn's duties. He person of July and the conduction of the road. He had only a general knowledge of Switchtender Henn's duties. He knew that he had thirteen switches to attend to, but did not know where the tender's post of duty was at any certain time.

Mr. Manning, however, furnished an explanation for the high rate of speed at which the train was going. In answer to questions he stated that engineers were expected to success the street crossing of the Union Facific All the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death the train by saying that an emissary of the Engineers' that the deceased came to her death the minute of the Milwaukee railroad." No blame was allowed to the railroad. The thirt would be a goed political move the thirt would be a go

LOCAL BREVITIES.

J. D. Palvey, special revenue agent on accounts, is checking up the office of internal revenue collector in this city.

A fury found May Williams, a white woman, guilty of stealing \$50 from a ver-dant stranger from lowa while the two were in a wine room in the burnt district. Articles of incorporation of the T. P. Cartwright company have been filed with the
county clerk. The capital stock is \$30,000, judge said that Neuman was fully as well the incorporators being T. P. Cartwright and Thomas A. Fry.

published. When he heard the whistle of the approaching train he was some 100 feet away from the switch. He ran as hard as he could toward the switch, but the train was going so fast the bear as the could toward the switch but the train the could toward the switch but the train to the could toward the switch but the train the could be switch but the train to the could be switch be switch but the care to th

br. A. Johnson, assistant surgeon of the road, who attended the deceased, swore that the man had died as a result of internal injuries to his lungs. He had received severe damages on account of the loss of an arm of his certificate, and the boiler inspector is by the carelessness of a fellow employe reurned a verdict in favor of the packing

company. The Security Trust and Investment comoany has filed articles of incorporation the county clerk. The capital stock is \$100.000, the incorporators being Z. H. Reeder, Charles J. Carlson, T. Sullivan, O. D. Baring and Richard Victor.

Mrs. Eurns, an old colored woman living in the basement at 201 North Ninth street, is reported sick and in destitute circum-She has been ill for about two weeks, and during that time has been without medical attendance. The attention of the authorities has been called to the

Chris Larsen has reported to the police that he went to sleep in a saloon at Twentyfirst and Cuming streets last Wednesday while in that condition was robbed 35. An investigation of the case is beof \$35.

northwest of the city. Adam Ratunsky of 812 South Ninth stree was arrested Thursday for wifebeating. is said to have gone home in an intoxicate condition. A quarrel arose between himself and his wife, during the course of which he struck the woman on the head with a poker She was not badly injured.

Wade Bell, one of the principals in the prize fight that occurred on Vinton nearly two weeks ago, was arrested Thursday night and was charged with being a suspicious character. He is supposed to know something about a half dozen lamp chimneys which were found in the rear of 1017 Capito

Dick Little, alias Ryan, George Wodell Ed Francis, alias Dalton, and James Crandal are the members of a gang who have recently been rushing a can in an old barn in the neighborhood of Sixteenth and Nicholso streets. They were arrested Thursday and have been charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Paul Baumer is on trial in the district ourt on the charge of cutting Harry DeBol with intent to wound. The affray occurred in December at a school house in DeBolt place, a station on the Elkhorn just north of Benson, and arose over an attempt by Baumer to separate two small boys who wer ighting. DeBolt interfered, and then he and Baumer started to fight.

The North End Improvement club will hold a meeting at Erfling's hall on Sherman avenue this evening for the purpose of discussing the exposition. The promoters of the meeting say they are going to propose that the club co-operate with the exposition association in every possible way in connection with arranging the ground for the exposition, and a resolution to that effect will probably be passed.

Tom Kertland, one of the Baker gang, who was charged with breaking into a freight car belonging to the B. & M. and stealing a lot of miscellaneous articles, has been found guilty of petit larceny. Lafe Patterson, an other of the gang, was found not guilty few days ago, by direction of the court, for the reason that the prosecutor did not show

A. M. and A. W. Clark have commenced of Omaha to recover \$1,000 for a piece of property taken by the city in the fall of 1893 in opening Twenty-fourth street, from Pacific street to Redick's addition. The council awarded the owner of the lot \$1,000 as compensation for his land, but it is al-leged that the amount has never been paid and the claim was assigned to the plaintiffs. who now demand that the city pay the

The jury in the damage suit of Tom Murray against the ex-city officials who consti-tuted the building board at the time five dilapidated shantles at Fourteenth and Jackson atreets, belonging to Murray, were torn down, returned a verdict in favor of Murray, and fixing the amount of his damages at \$1. Murray sued for about \$8,009, alleging that the houses were valuable and were leased to good paying tenants. The verdict throws the costs of the case

Prevent sickness and save doctors' bills at missioner Kaspar, however, action was this acason by keeping your blood rich and any length of time, as the manufacturers postponed to an adjourned meeting today. Dure with Hood's Sarsaparilia.

ENGINEER NEUMAN SET FREE

the city council is an amended curiew Restraining Order is Issued Against Boiler Inspector Unitt.

extinction of the section which provides for CITY ORDINANCE IS DECLARED ILLEGAL

tions of Engineers.

Court Holds that the Laws of the City Fail to Provide for an Examination Into Qualifica-

The application for an injunction to restrain the city boiler inspector from causing Councilman Bechel has introduced an the arrest of Paul Neuman, the engineer rdinance which operates to secure the elec- employed at the Union hotel, or interfering

The case was argued at some length by Councilman Allan is the parent of a new the attorneys on both sides, the interests of eddlers' ordinance which prescribes license the city being represented by Assistant City Attorney Estelle and City Presecutor Ten-Eyek. The application for an injunction was made by I. N. Watson, receiver for the Union hotel, appointed under foreclosure proceedings.

Neuman had been arrested for not renew-Coroner's Jury Consures No One.
The verdict of the coroner's jury in the asp of Katle Standard Standar

In passing upon the case Judge Scott began the Bancroft street crossing of the Union by saying that an emissary of the Engineers

Judge Scott announced it as his firm con-viction that if Neuman belenged to the Engineers' union this case would never have been heard of. Summing up the showing made by the papers filed in the case the judgo said there was no pretense but that Neuman had passed a good examination when his original certificate was issued in 1893, there was no claim that he was not of good character, no pretense that he is or was ad-dicted to the use of intoxicating liquor and qualified to act as an engineer now as he was at the time he was given the first cer-tificate.

Commenting upon the ordinance under which it was sought to compel Neuman to renew his certificate, the judge said that it was a wise provision to require an annual examination to learn if the applicants had become disqualified in any way during the year, but under the ordinance as now exist-ing, the court said there is no provision for an examination at any time after the original certificate is issued, the only requirement being that each holder of an engineer's cerauthorized to issue such renewal certificate without any examination whatever. The court said this provision afforded the public no protection whatever, but was simply a scheme to get \$3 into the city treasury each year, and it made the boiler inspector mon-arch of all he surveyed.

In conclusion the court held that the arrest of Neuman was wrong, and ordered that an injunction issue until the final hear-

ng of the case. During the rendering of the opinion Boller Inspector Unitt and City Prosecutor Ten Byck endeavoyed to interrupt the court, but they were ordered to keep their seats. When the court had concluded its remarks nitt attempted to speak and made the statenent that Neuman had never passed an examination. In reply to that the court simply pointed to the certificate which it was admitted had been issued to Neuman in which it was stated over the signature of Boiler Inspector Soudenberg, that Neuman had passed a satisfactory examination.

SWITCHTENDER HENN RELEASED. Responsibility for His Discharge

Taken by the Police. William Henn, the switch tender who was on duty at the Twentieth street switch where the Union Pacific wreck occurred a few days ago, wherein two men lost their lives, bas been released from custody, notwithstanding the fact that the charge of criminal negligence was placed opposite his name on the police court blotter. He was kept in confinement until after the inquest. He was taken to the examination under guard. Although the coroner's jury held him in a neasure responsible for the accident, he was ot charged with criminal negligence he investigation he was conveyed back to

he police station. ordinance no person except the police judge as the power to discharge a city prisoner, respite this fact, however, the possessions t the prisoner were turned over to him and ie was let go. He was never at any time prought before the police judge for arrign-nent. The officers who had part in this elease say that they had orders to let the

man go if nothing was
by the coroner's jury.

This action was taken solely on the responsibility of the police officials. It was
not even done under the direction of the
county attorney. Police Judge Gordor
to the attention of police officer yesterday, who admitted having releated the man, but excused the act by saying that it was all a mistake. He said that the officers in charge of the man had been instructed to release him in case hat the coroner's jury did not find a criminal charge against him

BREAKING OF THE STEEL TRUST. Means a New Era In the Construction of Buildings.

Local architects believe that if the depresion in prices on steel proves to be permathat Patterson had any connection with the stolen goods. The other members of the gang are yet to be tried.

""" next few years. Harry Lawrie of Fisher & next few years. Harry Lawrie of Fisher & Lawrie says that it will undoubtedly develop a tendency toward the more general use of steel construction. With the present reduction in prices the cost of using steel beams will not be much more than that of wood, and the advantage of the freproof construction will lead to the use of steel in many buildings in which wood would be used if the high prices of steel were main-

tained. So far there has been no general use steel building material in Omaha. Only in a few of the large buildings has it been used to any extent, and its use in other buildings would be a decided advantage in several

ways.

Mr. Lawrie suggested that the decline in the steel market would be a decided adbuildings contemplated it would undoubt-edly be necessary to use a considerable amount of steel in the way of trusses and beams, and the reduction in prices would be quite an item in the cost of construction. It was his opinion, however, that the present quotations were too low to be maintained for