in the state of Nebraska a sum exceeding 3 cents per mile.

The committee on railroads reported this bill back to the senate one day last week with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. This recommendation was resisted by the senators from Douglas county and by several of their friends. After a little sharp parliamentary sparring the committee's report was rejected and the bill placed on general file.

This morning, just before the Omaha charter was taken up, Senator Feltz moved that the bill be made a special order for March 6. Senator Talbot moved to lay the motion on the table. A roll call was demanded and the motion to table was lost, the vote standing 15 to 16. The original motion was then put, and lost, the senate refusing by a vote of 15 to 16 to make the bill a special order for next Saturday. The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas:

Beal,	Gondring,	Mutz,
Canaday,	Grothan,	Ransom,
Farrell,	Howell,	Schaal,
Feltz,	Jeffcoat,	Watson,
Fritz,	Johnson,	Weller—15.

Nays:

Caldwell,	Heapy,	Osborn,
Conaway,	McGann,	Spencer,
Dearing,	Miller,	Steele,
Dundas,	Muffly,	Sykes,
Graham,	Murphy,	Talbot—16.
Haller,		

The bill will remain on general file. It is close to the foot of the list with fifty-five bills ahead of it. It will require twenty-two votes to advance it ahead of its regular place.

RECOUNTING THE BALLOTS.

The work of recounting the ballots cast for the constitutional amendment relating to judges of the supreme court is now in full swing. The count is being conducted in the large committee room of the suite assigned to the secretary of state. The doors stand open and any one curious to see the progress of the count is permitted to walk in and look over the shoulders of the commissioners until tired.

The count is being conducted in the following manner: J. N. Campbell, chairman of the commission, opens the sealed packages containing the ballots, poll books and abstracts. The ballots on the amendment are passed across the table to Secretary of State Porter, F. M. Ross and C. J. Bowlby, who examine them together. As fast as the ballots are examined the choice of the voter is announced and checked on a tally sheet by J. Oberfelder. While this work is in progress Chairman Campbell examines the abstracts of returns, as made out by the precinct returning boards and reads to G. W. Blake and P. O. Hedlund the total number of votes cast in the precinct, and also the vote cast for senators and the vote cast for representatives.

In many cases a ballot is so marked that it requires general action of the commission to determine the intent of the voter. For instance, several ballots have been discovered in which the voter has neglected to mark a cross opposite the amendments, but has carefully scratched out the word "no" on the proposition. In these cases the intent of the voter is clearly to vote for the amendment and it is so counted. Other questionable ballots are more puzzling.

At the rooms of the commission this afternoon it was stated that at the present rate of progress the count might be completed in two weeks, unless the ballots from Douglas and Lancaster counties are withheld by legal process for a longer period.

NAMES THE SIFTING COMMITTEE.

Speaker Gaffin Foreshadows the Coming of the End of the Session.

LINCOLN, March 3.—(Special.)—Speaker Gaffin this morning named the following sifting committee: Jones of Nemaha, Moran, Hull, Woodard, Robertson, Wiebe and Fouke.

Severe, from the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills, rose to a question of privilege. He said it had been stated on the floor of the house and the statement published in the newspapers that the clerks in the committee room for engrossed and enrolled bills had deliberately changed the wording of bills. This, he said, was false, and that the clerks in that room were strictly honest and would not do such a thing for the world. As Smith of Douglas had admitted yesterday that the clerks had done so, the member from Douglas was severely lashed over the shoulders of the press. The word "association" had been eliminated from the Transmississippi Exposition bill. The elimination had been done at the suggestion of Smith of Douglas, but the actual work had been authorized to be done by Chief Clerk of the House Eager.

Following the reference of a few bills, on second reading, to appropriate committees, the house went into committee of the whole to consider bills on the general file, with Rouse in the chair.

House roll No. 270, by McCarthy, was first considered. This is a measure to appropriate $25,000 for a state normal school at Scotia, Greeley county. Soderman moved that when the house rise it report the bill for indefinite postponement. Prolonged debate was had on the measure, participated in by Jenkins, Stebbins, Kapp, Wooster, Soderman and McCarthy. The bill is similar to the one introduced by Representative Barry two years since. It proposes to donate a whole block, aside from seventy-five building lots in the town of Scotia, also a building known as the Scotia Normal and Business University, McCarthy, Clark of Lancaster, Snyder of Sherman, Shull, Roberts and Wooster all spoke strongly in favor of the bill. Soderman's motion to postpone did not prevail, and, on motion of Wooster, the bill was recommended to pass.

House roll No. 10 is a bill to authorize county commissioners to appoint judges and clerks of election. The bill was amended to authorize county judges instead of commissioners to appoint them. The bill was recommended for passage.

House roll No. 12 is a bill making the election laws conform to the bill just recommended for passage, house roll No. 10. It was recommended to pass, the committee rose, reported, the report was adopted and the house took recess until 2 p. m.

SOME REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED.

The first thing this afternoon the house went into committee of the whole to consider bills on general file. Clark of Lancaster was invited to the chair.

House roll No. 261, to prohibit the useless waste of mutual artesian well water, which had been recommitted for amendment, was taken up and recommended for passage.

House roll No. 183, authorizing the organization of mutual insurance companies, which had been also recommitted, was recommended to pass.

House roll No. 49, by Shull, to repeal the offices of register and master-in-chancery, was indefinitely postponed.

House roll No. 142, by Hull, provides for an act to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar, to prevent fraud and deception therein, and to provide a penalty of a fine not exceeding $100 and imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days. The provisions of the bill compel manufacturers to brand their vinegar either cider or spirit goods and prohibit them from selling it for anything else. Nesbit of Burt thought the bill a most unjust measure. Snyder of Sherman was of the opinion the bill was not broad enough. He thought it should be framed to cover adulteration of coffee, sugar and other commodities. Pollard spoke in favor of the measure. Reforms, he said, moved forward step by step. It would be idle to expect they could be incorporated in one bill. The bill was in the interest of the apple growers of Nebraska. It had been found that cider vinegar could not be put in competition with adulterated spirit vinegar. As a consequence, many apples that might be used for cider were permitted to go to waste.

Jenkins said he was one of the "innocent retailers" to whom attention had been directed and he believed they were capable of taking care of themselves. No reputable dealer would sell spirit vinegar for cider vinegar. The bill was reported for passage as amended.

House roll No. 150, by Hull, is a similar measure, regulating the manufacture and sale of cider and to prevent its adulteration. The bill was reported for passage.

ON WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The hour having arrived for the special order the chief clerk read house roll No. 36, by Soderman. It provides for an act enabling women possessing the necessary qualifications to vote for certain purposes, and repeals any law inconsistent therewith. It provides that any woman of the age of 21 years and upwards is authorized to vote for all officers and questions submitted to a vote of the people, except those voted for at a general election. Jenkins moved that the bill be recommended for passage. Robertson amended this to the effect that it be indefinitely postponed. The bill as printed authorized women to vote only for municipal officers. It was this narrow scope of the measure that caused many to speak against it. Jenkins announced himself as a recent convert to the cause of woman suffrage. He admitted that he had spoken in this house in opposition to such measures. As a first step in the reform he believed this bill should be recommended to pass.

Soderman, author of the bill, made an extended speech in favor of his measure. He said that a woman who could read, write and pay taxes was far better qualified for the elective franchise than the ignorant foreigner.

"Crawfishes," said Snyder of Sherman, "invariably go backward. Not being a crawfish I am in favor of going forward. If there is a man in this house who does not admit that he owes the elements of his manhood to his mother, I am ready to kick him down stairs. And yet, I am not spoiling for a fight." As Snyder is the oldest member of the house, having passed his seventy-fifth year, his remarks were greeted with applause.

Wheeler and Yeiser gave the measure hearty support.

WOOSTER SPEAKS AGAINST IT.

Wooster said Queen Victoria did not rule England. That was left for the prime ministers. When Gladstone had filled that office he ruled England. Now it was Lord Salisbury. "How," he said, "would a woman look presiding in Lincoln as police judge, and trying tough cases?" Then Wooster quoted St. Paul against the proposition to permit women to vote. The bible throughout, he contended, was arrayed against the enfranchisement of the weaker sex. He did not desire to unsex woman. He was opposed to making men out of women, or women out of men. This bill, he contended, was but an opening wedge. It was proposed by this bill to grant women municipal suffrage. The next step would be to give them universal suffrage.

Sheldon of Dawes made an eloquent reply to Wooster and spoke strongly in favor of the bill.

Robertson's motion to indefinitely pospone was lost by a vote of 58 to 14. The bill was then amended by attaching an emergency clause, and providing that women could vote for irrigation bonds. The committee then recommended the bill for passage.

House roll No. 187, by Hull, provides that every railroad company shall have power to cross, intersect or unite with any other railway company's lines at any point on its route. It amends section 562 of Cobbey's Consolidate Statutes for 1891, and repeals the section. The measure was recommended for passage.

WOOSTER'S COIN CONTRACT BILL.

Wooster's bill, house roll No. 154, as amended, reads:

Section 1. Gold coin and standard silver dollars of the United States of standard weight and fineness shall be a tender in payment of all debts, both public and private.

Wooster said that the object of his bill was to prevent gold contracts being made. He admitted that the measure could not affect contracts already made, but would apply to such contracts in the future. The bill was recommended to pass.

The committee then rose and reported.

The report of the committee on house roll No. 36, the woman suffrage bill, was adopted by a vote of 66 to 24.

Sutton of Pawnee moved that the report of the committee on Wooster's legal tender bill be nonconcurred in, and the measure indefinitely postponed. This was defeated by a vote of 60 to 27.

Webb, chairman of the committee on printing, reported that of the first 400 bills printed but 300 copies were supplied by Jacob North, instead of 500, as provided in the contract. North had agreed to print 150 copies more of the missing bills. The report recommended that North be paid only for the 300 copies furnished. Jenkins moved that the report of committee be received and that the committee be continued and authorized to report furher to the house. The motion prevailed.

The house then adjourned till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

MORGAN CASE GOES OVER AGAIN.

Illness of Attorney Patrick Forces a Postponement.

LINCOLN, March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Argument on the George Morgan case before the supreme court was postponed this morning on account of the illness of Attorney Patrick of Omaha. The case will be argued two weeks from the present sitting. The case of Stahlhut, the deposed mayor of Nebraska City, was argued and submitted.

Impeachment proceedings were begun against C. W. Stahlhut, mayor of Nebraska City, by the city council. He was charged with malfeasance in office, retaining as city attorney a man whom the council had refused to confirm and doing other things that the legislative body of the city did not like. Judge Holmes of this city signed an order restraining the council from interfering with the office of mayor or ousting him from office until such time as the facts might be presented to the court. Judge Ramsey of Cass county set aside the injunction. Now the mayor comes to the supreme court with an appeal from the decision of Judge Ramsey not to interfere with the council in the matter. The argument to the court was made by Attorneys C. W. Seymour and John C. Watson for the mayor and Paul Jeson and E. F. Warren for the council. Mr. Watson averred that the council had no authority to impeach Mr. Stahlhut as it did, and he had committed no offense that was punishable by deposition from his chair as executive. He said that the whole affair came up on a question of parliamentary law and that the only thing Mr. Stahlhut had done was to refuse to put a motion to the council, as demanded by certain members. The attorneys for the council held that that body had been fully justified in impeaching the mayor, and that the testimony at the impeachment proceedings had shown the mayor guilty of acts that warranted his dethronement, as it were. The court did not pass upon the matter, but it announced that the district court had made an error by refusing in the first place not to stop the impeachment proceedings until the facts could have been presented to the court.

Work of the Sifting Committee.

LINCOLN, March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The house sifting committee had its first meeting tonight. The Loomis general election law, house roll No. 463, will be advanced to the head of the general file. All of Speaker Gaffin's bills against bribery at elections, house rolls Nos. 170, 171 and 172, were advanced to follow Loomis' measure and be considered along with it. The committee on corporations agreed to report Hill's stock yard commission bill favorably. It is house roll No. 263. All other stock yards measures were recommended for indefinite postponement.

State House Notes.

LINCOLN, March 3.—(Special.)—From Stockville Governor Holcomb has received a petition from E. L. Case, J. H. Lincoln, R. D. Logan, W. C. Reed, W. H. Wilson and 100 others, asking that he grant them a commission as company "A," First Regiment Volunteer infantry, for service against the Spaniards in Cuba.

The governor today issued the annual quarantine proclamation quarantining certain localities on account of Texas fever.

Wahoo Girl Adjudged Insane.

WAHOO, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon Ada Buskirk, a 16-year-old girl of this city, was brought before the Board of Insanity and found to be insane. The girl has been acting strangely for some time. She will be taken to the asylum within a few days. Her parents reside in this city. It is not known what caused the mental derangement of the girl.

Bartley's Official Bond.

LINCOLN, March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Holbrook has in his possession and will probably introduce a resolution reciting that "Whereas, the last official bond of ex-State Treasurer Bartley shows that it was filed and approved by Governor Holcomb six days subsequent to the time limit prescribed by the statute, it is the sense of the house that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report to the house." Up to date the house has no official knowledge that such is the fact. The bond in the office of the secretary of state, however, shows this to be the case.

CONTROVERSY OVER MILFORD HOME

Letters Exchanged Between Grand Island and Lincoln Posts.

GRAND ISLAND, March 3.—(Special.)—The correspondence growing out of the effort of Lyon post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city to lay the facts relating to the Soldiers' homes before the legislature is growing interesting. The Farragut post at Lincoln has written through its adjutant as follows:

Your circular letter and enclosed petition concerning the Soldiers' home at Milford, requesting that the same be closed, etc., was duly received and placed before the post last Saturday evening at a regular meeting, and I am instructed to say that said petition was received in sorrow and not in anger. The members of our post are unable to comprehend the motive of any comrade or comrades who are seeking to abandon or in otherwise cripple or restrict soldiers' home accommodations for our aged, infirm and poor comrades. As we view the situation both homes are needed and needed badly for the present wants of our comrades and will be needed worse in the near future. We are struggling for the maintenance of both homes because we know that they are both needed. We are making no fight on the Grand Island home, all malicious reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Retrenchment in state expenses we know is necessary, but in the name of humanity let us not be too ready to retrench at the expense of our comrades at first. Let us provide suitable homes for the defenders of our republic, though two or perhaps more may be required; let us as comrades work in unison for him who bore the brunt of the battle in the heat of the conflict and for his widow and orphans. Let not local jealousies or ambitions divide our efforts in this great work of caring for him who is no longer able to care for himself.

The local committee has sent the following reply:

Replying to yours of the 1st inst., we desire to say that we yield to no one in our desire to have the needy, destitute soldiers cared for and we have many times proved the truth of this assertion.

We might, if we wished, indite a stump speech filled with glittering generalities about the old flag and an appropriation and assume a high and lofty moral tone, but we are not trying to throw dust in the eyes of the people. We are simply standing for what is right.

We contend that the state has amply provided for the needy soldiers in the Grand Island home; and those who are asking for the maintenance of two or more such institutions are the ones who, in our opinion, would be instrumental in crippling and restricting the accommodations afforded by the same should they be successful in their efforts; that the effort to unload upon the state the Milford sanitarium property is a piece of jobbery whereby the owners seek to reimburse themselves for a losing investment; and that the methods adopted in securing endorsements of the encampments of 1895 and 1897 in favor of establishing and maintaining the Milford home were disreputable and not a true expression of the soldiers of the state.

The citizens of Grand Island gave a practical illustration of their good will and desire to provide for the needy comrades by donating 640 acres of good land to the state at a cost to them of $25,000, and which with proper management will contribute largely to the mantenance of the home.

In conclusion we desire to say we looked for just such a letter from Farragut post as we received and are not disappointed.

The citizens of Lincoln will, however, have an opportunity to sign our petition and we feel confident that the result of circulating it in Lincoln will abundantly prove how little your letter expresses the real sentiment of the people.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, at its regular meeting yesterday passed strong resolutions in favor of retaining the Soldiers' Home at Milford. A copy of the resolutions have been forwarded to representatives and senators from this district, who are urged to support the measure.

SECOND TRIAL OF ARGABRIGHT.

Arraigned for the Killing of His Father-in-Law.

AUBURN, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—District court convened here yesterday, with Judge Letton on the bench, and commenced the trial of John W. Argabright for murder in the first degree. This case was once tried in the district court and the defendant found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, but he appealed his case to the supreme court, and that tribunal granted a new trial.

The story is briefly this: The father of young Argabright is one of the old settlers of the county and a man who is very highly respected. John W. Argabright grew up in this county, and married a daughter of William Smelzer, two children being the fruit of this union. In 1892 John received the appointment of meat tagger under Dr. McGrew at South Omaha, and served there for about a year, when he went onto the police force in South Omaha, which place he held up to the time of the shooting of William Smelzer. While he was on the force an estrangement arose between Argabright and his wife, and one night, when he went home after his day's work, he found his home deserted by his wife and children. He was not long in locating them at the home of her father in this county, near Nemaha City. Soon after this he obtained leave of absence for a week, and came down here, stopping at his father's. The evening following his arrival here there was a school exhibition in the Smelzer district, and he and a friend went over there and entered after the entertainment had commenced. After the entertainment was over Mr. Smelzer took the youngest of the Argabright children in his arms and was about to start for home when Argabright approached, saying "Is this my little boy?" and at the same time attempting to remove the coverings from the boy's face. When Smelzer attempted to shove him away Argabright drew his revolver and shot Smelzer through the body, killing him instantly.

FIND MONKEY WRENCH IN A TREE.

Large Cottonwood Returns a Tool Lost for Forty Years.

DECATUR, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—There was recently cut down on one of the town lots of Mr. James Ashley, a wealthy land owner of this place, a very large cottonwood tree, measuring at the butt five feet through. It was cut up into stove wood lengths, and in the center of the butt block was found a well preserved monkey wrench. The tree is forty years old, if a day.

Mr. Canfield, cashier of the City bank, unravels the strange mystery. He is a pioneer settler of this town and was one of three men who could claim the honor in those days of being the proud possessor of a complete kit of carpenter tools. A Mr. Thomson built a house on this lot, and shortly after its completion Mr. Canfield and his family moved in. To the left of the house were some switches—miniature cottonwood trees. His only little girl borrowed the tool one day and in the evening it was missing. A search was instituted, but the monkey wrench was never seen afterward. The supposition is the little girl hung the wrench in the crotch of one of these trees and it grew there.

Find Musser Guilty of Manslaughter.

O'NEILL, Neb., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the case of the State of Nebraska against Raymond Musser, who was being tried for the murder of George A. Spence last December, after being out about five hours, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. Last December Spence and Musser had some trouble about some cornstalks, which were on land which Musser had rented. They met in the field one day and after some words Musser shot Spence in the legs with birdshot. About six weeks later Spence died. The coroner's jury said that death was caused by pneumonia, produced by the gunshot wounds.

INDIAN POLICE ARREST HOGAN.

He Had Squatted on Ground Covered by the Farley Lease.

PENDER, Neb., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Some excitement prevails in Thurston county tonight over the removal of one J. S. Hogan and his family from their allotment selection within the limits of the Farley pasture, on the Omaha reservation, by Captain Beck's Indian police, under command of John Flicher. Under instructions from the Indian commissioner at Washington to the former agent, Ashley, Hogan and a few others were allowed the privilege of making selections for future allotments for their minor children, and this is the land they now occupy. The Indian police laid in ambush, expecting Hogan and his wife, who is an Omaha Indian, to return, which they did. A fight took place, and it was with considerable difficulty that Hogan was overpowered. He was bound in irons and taken to the agency.

A. J. Hanika and two or three other families will be removed tomorrow and further trouble is looked for.

BIG DEMAND FOR FARM LANDS.

Prospects of a Bounteous Crop Make Farmers Anxious to Sow.

CLARKS, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—There is much activity among farmers of this locality. Every man in that line of work is preparing to do his utmost this coming season. The demand for land to farm was never so great here. Real estate agents can find renters for ten times the land at their disposal. It is safe to predict for the county the largest acreage of corn ever put in.

GORDON, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Three inches of snow fell last night and this morning. The ground has not been in as good condition in the last four years to receive crops as this spring. The acreage will be considerably larger than last year. Stock has wintered well, with small losses, but a large amount of hay has been fed.

TWO FALLS CITY CHURCH SOCIALS.

Methodist and Episcopal Women Entertain the Same Evening.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—A conversazione was given by the women of the Episcopal church at the residence of P. H. Jussen Tuesday evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, coffee, etc. were served. The Military band furnished music. The women of the Methodist church gave a social at W. S. Komer's the same evening.

A select dance was given by a few of the young people at Ryan's hall Tuesday evening.

Social circles will be very quiet in Falls City during the next forty days. There have been more clubs in this city than was ever known before, nearly every evening of the week being occupied by a club meeting.

New Y. M. C. A. Formed at Plattsmouth

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The Young Men's Christian association, which disbanded a few years since, was reorganized last Saturday evening at a called meeting, held in Union block. Mr. Wash Smith was chairman and the following directors were elected: C. C. Wescott, Hilt Wescott, George Robine, Alva Cambell, George Hay, Martin Hank, C. S. Polk, George L. Farley. A meeting of the board of directors was held Tuesday evening, at which the following officers were elected: President, C. C. Wescott; vice president, George L. Farley; secretary, Tom Sherwood; treasurer, Will Cormack. The association will occupy the rooms on the second floor of Union block. There will be a reading room supplied with the latest periodicals and papers. No membership fee will be charged. There are up to date fifty members, and the new life infused into the association bids fair to carry it to a very successful issue.

Sheridan County Teachers Convention

GORDON, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The Sheridan County Teachers' association met in the public school building on Saturday last. About thirty of Sheridan county's educators were present. Two sessions were held during the day. The time was given mostly to lectures and discussions. It is felt that great good is to be derived by the teachers from these meetings.

Rev. J. A. Schaunhorn has closed a five weeks' series of protracted meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church. Conversions numbered about five.

Mrs. W. R. McElroy, assisted by her pupils, gave a musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Traub last Saturday evening. The program was well rendered.

Last Chance for Forty Days.

DECATUR, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The closing festivities, preparatory to entering the solemn lental observances, took place here last night. The Episcopal women entertained at the home of A. B. Fuller. The eatables were delicious and the financial success is something that will greatly assist the church.

At the opera house a private masquerade skate was introduced for the pleasure of the elite and a few chosen friends, under the auspices of Miss Mabel Ashley and Miss Ira Kilbourne. A basket supper was served by the young women, and they chose their partners before the masks were taken off. This gathering is acknowledged to be the fashionable soiree of the year.

Bible Society Elects Officers.

EXETER, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Exeter auxiliary of the American Bible society was held in the Methodist church Sunday night. As all the Protestant churches here are interested in this branch of the society, it was made a union meeting. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. A splendid program had been prepared. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Prof. J. T. McKinnon; secretary, J. C. Wilson; treasurer, C. C. Smith.

Dunlap-Merrill.

CARROLL, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The home of W. S. Merrill of this city was the scene of a pretty wedding at high noon today, when Abbie M. Merrill was united in marriage to James M. Dunlap of Vermillion, S. D. Rev. John Merrill, brother of the bride, officiated. The bride has been a resident of Carroll for five years, and has held the position of cashier of the Carroll State bank. Mr. Dunlap is a prosperous young business man of Vermillion, where they go this week to make their future home.

Injured in a Runaway.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—John Tuerey was the victim of a serious runaway accident this evening. His team took fright and became unmanageable, throwing him in front of the wheels of the wagon. His arm and shoulder were badly crushed.

Verdict Against the Bank.

CLARKS, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The case of Slitt against the Silver Creek State bank came up for hearing again yesterday before Justice Sweet and a verdict of $47.78 was rendered against the bank. The case will be taken to the district court.

Boy Kicked to Death by a Horse.

EXETER, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Mertle Haner, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haner, living northeast of this place, was kicked in the side by a horse last Sunday, but as no bad symptoms appeared it was not thought he was seriously injured. He was able to dress himself Monday, and Tuesday morning remarked to his mother that if he continued to improve he would not have to lose but a week of school. In fifteen minutes from that time he was a corpse. The inflammation had caused a rupture of the bowels. The funeral services were held at the residence, Rev. W. T. Cline officiating, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at this place.

Jennings-Ashmore.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Mr. C. F. Jennings of Salem and Mrs. Ashmore of this place were married Tuesday morning at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Jussen. Rev. Mr. Baxter of the Episcopal church performed the ceremony. Mr. Jennings is a successful merchant of Salem and the couple left immediately for that place. The marriage was a very quiet affair.

Party Contest at Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The republicans of this city have decided to call the primaries and convention together and nominate a straight republican ticket for the spring election, which takes place April 6. The free silverites have driven them to it by advocating a free silver ticket. The campaign will be fought on straight party lines. A. C. Jones will probably be the republicans' candidate for mayor.

Suit Over Three Hundred Dollars.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 3.—(Special.)—The case of the McCormick Harvesting Machine company against M. B. Davis is being tried in the district court. The amount in controversy is $300, for which the machine company is suing Davis as verbal guarantor of their agent at this place. There are several knotty points of law involved.

Douglas County Farmers' Institute.

BENNINGTON, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—The Farmers' institute to be held here Friday and Saturday of this week promises to be an interesting affair. The program has been carefully arranged with a view of making the first annual institute of the Douglas county farmers second to none of its kind.

Valley County Mortgage Record.

ORD, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Valley county's mortgage record for the month of February is a follows: Thirteen farm mortgages filed amounting to $8,559.50; twenty-nine satisfied, $12,465.10. Ninety-six chattel mortgages filed amounting to $33,267.33; seventy satisfied, $30,343.01.

Jury Has No Work to Do.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—District court is now in session, Judge Bates presiding. The jury was discharged without trying a case. There were no criminal cases for trial at this term, and the session is devoid of any sensational features.

For Exposition Commissioners.

NIOBRARA, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Captain J. C. Thomas is receiving an extensive endorsement for one of the state exposition commissioners, to be appointed by Governor Holcomb. He has the good will of all parties and business men.

Gerber-Schacher.

DUNCAN, March 3.—(Special.)—In the parsonage of the German Methodist church at Duncan Adolph Gerber of Duncan and Miss Sophia Schacher of Madison were united in marriage by Rev. Father Richhardt.

Raising Funds to Build a Church.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Members of the Dunkard church are circulating a subscription paper for funds to build a place of worship in this city. The location has not yet been selected.

AMUSEMENTS.

Thoroughly pleased audiences are attending Boyd's this week. Cosgrove & Grant's comedians in the farce comedy "The Dazzler," are appearing at that popular amusement resort every night during the week. Another matinee will be given Saturday.

Mme. Camilla Urso and her associate artists will appear at the Creighton tonight, the concert being given under the auspices of the Omaha Musical society. The sale of seats has been a liberal one and there is every prospect that the audience will be both a large and fashionable one.

When the original London "A Gaiety Girl" company opened at Daly's theater it was pronounced a success by critics. There was a dancer in the representation named Cissy Fitzgerald. She was in her way a genius. A glance of the eye, a rosy, rippling smile, unlike any other glance or smile that was ever seen before, made an irresistible magnet of that graceful girl. She made a far greater hit than the piece. She became the fashionable rage. Manager Charles Frohman at that time was about to produce the English comedy, "The Foundling," and engaged Miss Fitzgerald to appear in the comedy, as Tricky Little Maybud, a music hall artist. The play, with Miss Fitzgerald, ran at Hoyt's theater for nearly 200 nights to such temendous receipts, that Miss Fitzgerald was able to command a salary of $1,000 per week. She was re-engaged for a tour of the country, and will appear here on Tuesday night at the Creighton for one night only. Seats will be placed on sale Monday morning.

At the Boyd theater on Sunday next a decided novelty is to be offered in the 20th Century Minstrels, which opens a half week engagement with a Sunday matinee. A sparkling bill of originality and fun, abounding with witty sketches, songs and dances, quartets, marches and drills, and a special feature being an electric dance, will be presented, at specially low prices, that should insure large audiences during the engagement.

"Faust," with the well known actor Lewis Morrison of Mephisto, will be the drawing card at the Creighton for three nights, commencing Friday night. The production will be staged with new and elaborate costumes and scenery and the electrical effects are promised to be the most elaborate ever presented on a local stage. The company is said to be a large and competent one. Matinees will be given Saturday and Sunday.

EVIDENCE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

Arguments in the Briggs Will Contest Begin Today.

The introduction of evidence in the Briggs will contest was concluded yesterday afternoon and the arguments will be commenced this morning. It is anticipated that the arguments by counsel for both sides will be very exhaustive and will consume considerable time. Judge Baxter has not decided whether he will pass upon the validity of the will when the arguments are concluded or whether he will take the matter under advisement for a time.

The contestant occupied a short time yesterday afternoon in introducing evidence in rebuttal. Dr. Tilden was called to the stand and testified to several points on matters of medical importance which had been brought out in the examination of the experts testifying for the proponents. Ray Jester, the family coachman, was recalled and testified to one or two minor matters testified to by witnesses on the other side. This completed the evidence and the case was adjourned until this morning.

DEMAND ON CENTRAL PACIFIC

Assistant Treasurer Berry After a Debt Due the United States.

GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR THE AMOUNT DUE

Officials Had No Expectation of Receiving Payment and Were Not Disappointed—Simply to Keep the Record in Shape.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Campbell P. Berry, assistant treasurer of the United States, stationed in this city, started out on a quest a day or two ago for $9,605,210.06, but so far he has failed to make the collection. Under instructions from the secretary of the treasury, bearing date of February 17, Assistant Treasurer Berry was instructed to demand of Isaac L. Requa, president of the Central Pacific Railroad company, and of the treasurer of that company the sum mentioned, in order that the government's case might not be prejudiced in the future by failure to demand the exact sum claimed to be due from the railroad company. The government did not expect the demand to be met, and was not disappointed. Within a few days the railroad company, through its resident attorneys, will make a detailed reply to the government, setting forth the offsets and counter claims which it will be contended more than balance the amount of the demand. It will be maintained, on behalf of the road, that it has many judgments which affect every department of the government, and that the aggregate of these claims more than counterbalances the demand of the United States. The demand is the result of the sale during last month of a block of twenty mortgage bonds of the railroad company held by the government as security for subsidy bonds. An act of congress, passed in 1878, prescribes the procedure whereby the bonds were sold, and by its terms implies that a specific demand is requisite to the government's role of "angel" to the railroad corporation. When sold, the railroad bonds did not yield the amount of the bonds issued by the government. The deficit is the amount for which the demand in question was made. The sum claimed by the government includes interest money, and it is said that the railroad company will base its resistance to the demand upon the acts of congress regulating the relations of the government and the railroad, and providing that no interest shall be deemed to be due until the entire indebtedness is determined and adjusted.

President Isaac L. Requa of the Central Pacific was seen at his Piedmont home last night. His own knowledge of the situation was meager, he said, inasmuch as only a formal request for the enormous sum involved in the matter had been received by him and filed for consideration when the officials of the road should assemble.

"I was notified on Saturday last," he said, "by the assistant subtreasurer in San Francisco that my road would be expected to pay over nearly $10,000,000. I cannot say the demand was unexpected, and at the same time I cannot say that it was looked for. When I received the notification, I simply placed it in shape to be considered when we next gather as officers of the road to handle our regular business and I passed the information, of course, to those best entitled to know of it. I am compelled to deny you any detailed explanations of what we may do in the matter, but only for the reason that I, myself, am not aware of the course we shall pursue.

"There is no telling what will be done, but it is safe to presume that the road will accept the situation as it now stands and by no means antagonize the government. I have absolutely no views to express in the matter, and know that no one else connected with the road could tell any more. I am sorry there is nothing to be said in our behalf, but such is the case and will be so until the road regularly considers the subtreasurer's demands. We are not prepared to offer any criticism just at this moment."

Rate on Lard.

CHICAGO, March 3.—The Illinois Central has filed a tariff with the Interstate Commerce commission, showing a rate on lard from Sioux City to New Orleans of 32 cents per 100 pounds. This is the authorized Kansas City rate, the regular tariff rate from Sioux City being 38 cents.

Beecham's Pills cure Sick Headache.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

M. H. Leamy, an attorney at Pierce, is in Omaha.

Alex Beach of New York is a guest at the Mercer.

Ira Mallory of Denver is stopping at the Mercer.

A. S. Allen of Chicago is registered at the Barker.

O. W. Heywood of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a Barker guest.

J. J. Bonekemper, a lumberman at Sutton, is in the city.

H. E. O'Neill has gone to Lincoln on a short business trip.

M. L. Learned has gone to Lincoln to be absent for a short period.

Miss Emma Free returned home last evening from a short western trip.

W. F. Currie, traveling auditor of the B. & M., is stopping at the Mercer.

E. R. Purcell, one of the publishers of the Broken Bow Chief, is in the city.

Deputy Marshal W. H. Liddiard of Rushville arrived in Omaha last night.

A. B. Smith, assistant auditor of the Burlington, left yesterday for Denver, Colo.

M. E. Haight, a hardware dealer at Crete, is in the city attending the bicycle show.

W. F. Bechel and Chris Hartman left last night for Lincoln on a short business trip.

J. J. Pike, R. D. Jennings and R. C. Poor are St. Louis arrivals stopping at the Barker.

O. W. Wood, T. L. Phelps and S. D. Clinton are registered at the Barker from Lincoln.

G. H. Baird, traveling auditor of the Pullman company, left last evening for Kansas City.

A. H. Shepard, a merchant at Ansley, Neb., accompanied by his wife and son, is in the city.

Miss Dockstadter left last night for Pittsburg, Pa., where she will visit friends for a short period.

Sherman Canfield of Sheridan, Wyo., who has been in the city for a few days, returned home last evening.

A. Kimball of Davenport, Ia., third vice president of the Rock Island, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

J. M. Butchel of Burlington, division freight and passenger agent of the Burlington road, is in the city.

E. P. Emerson, who has managed several of the leading hotels at Minneapolis and Duluth, was in the city yesterday, accompanied by his wife.

Nebraskans at the hotels: Mrs. Edward Tanner, Battle Creek; S. V. Pitcher, Rushville; F. W. Burk, Geneva; M. B. Huffman, Neligh; J. H. McClay and C. W. Pierce, Lincoln; E. O. Remus, Neligh; H. H. Robinson, Kimball; F. Y. Robertson, Kearney; F. G. Hansen, Lincoln; James P. Mahoney, Bruno; U. E. Foster, Lincoln; E. A. Cook and G. W. Fox, Lexington; Henry Grosshaus, Sutton; Dr. T. W. Lusper, Oakland.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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Leaves Omaha	Train	Arrives Omaha
	BURLINGTON & MO. RIVER. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
8:35am	Denver Express	9:35am
4:35pm	Blk Hills, Mont & Puget Snd Ex.	4:05pm
4:35pm	Denver Express	4:05pm
7:05pm	Lincoln Local (ex. Sunday)	7:45pm
2:55pm	Lincoln Local (ex. Sunday)	11:30am
	CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & Q. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
5:05pm	Chicago Vestibule	8:20am
9:45am	Chicago Express	4:15pm
7:50pm	Chicago & St. Louis Express	8:20am
11:40am	Pacific Junction Local	6:10pm
	Fast Mail	2:50pm
	CHICAGO, MIL. & ST. PAUL. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
6:30pm	Chicago Limited	8:05am
11:00am	Chicago Express (ex. Sunday)	3:25pm
	CHICAGO & NORTHWEST'N. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
10:45am*	Eastern Express	3:40pm
4:45pm	Vestibuled Limited**	5:45pm
5:55pm	St. Paul Express	9:30am
5:40am	St. Paul Limited	9:05pm
7:30am	Sioux City Local	11:10pm
6:30pm	Omaha-Chicago Special	8:00am
	Missouri Valley Local	9:30am
	* Except Sunday. ** Except Monday.	
	CHICAGO, R. I. & PACIFIC. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
	EAST.	
10:40am	Atlantic Express (ex. Sunday)	5:35pm
7:00pm	Night Express	8:15am
4:50pm	Chicago Vestibuled Limited	1:35pm
4:50pm	St. Paul Vestibuled Limited	1:35pm
	WEST.	
1:40pm	Colorado Limited	4:00pm
	C., ST. P., M. & O. Depot, 15th & Webster Sts.	
12:30pm	Sioux City Express (ex. Sun.)	11:55am
8:15am	Sioux City Accommodation	8:00pm
6:15pm	St. Paul Limited	9:10am
	F. E. & MO. VALLEY. Depot, 15th & Webster Sts.	
3:00pm	Fast Mail and Express	5:00pm
3:00pm	(ex. Sat.) Wyo. Ex. (ex. Mon.)	5:00pm
7:50am	Fremont Local (Sunday only)	
7:50am	Norfolk Express (ex. Sun.)	10:25am
6:15pm	St. Paul Express	9:15am
	K. C., ST. J. & C. B. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
9:05am	Kansas City Day Express	6:10pm
10:00pm	K. C. Night Ex via U. P. Trans.	6:30am
	MISSOURI PACIFIC. Depot, 15th & Webster Sts.	
3:00pm	Nebraska & Kansas Limited	12:55pm
9:30pm	Kansas City Express	6:00am
2:15pm	Nebraska Local (ex. Sun.)	9:00am
	SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC. Depot, 15th & Webster Sts.	
6:15pm	St. Paul Limited	9:10am
	SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
5:40am	St. Paul Passenger	11:10pm
7:30am	Sioux City Passenger	9:05pm
5:55pm	St. Paul Limited	9:20am
	UNION PACIFIC. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
8:20am	Overland Limited	4:45pm
2:30pm	Beat'ce & Stromsb'g Ex (ex Sun)	2:50pm
5:35pm	Grand Island Express (ex. Sun.)	3:50pm
3:30pm	Fast Mail	10:20am
	WABASH RAILWAY. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	
4:30pm		11:30am
4:30pm	Canon Ball	11:30am

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