bands, without giving them an opportunity for defense. The public has an interest in marriages and divorces and the public inter-est would thus be represented by the county

PARTY LINES AT NORTH PLATTE. Populists Array the Partisan Forces

In the Town Election.
NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 7.—(Spe cial.)-The municipal campaign is now on and at this spring election for the first time in the history of the city, strict party lines are to be drawn. All previous municipal campaigns have been fought out on local issues, and the party organizations have kept their hands off. But ever since the local victory of the populists at the last national election, their leaders in the city have been laying plans to capture the municipal organ-ization to assist them in this fall's campaign. In pursuance of this object the populist party in pursuance of this object the populist party held a delegate convention about a week ago and nominated a full city ticket, headed by Councilman John H. Day for mayor. This ticket was nominated under the guise of treform. Mr. Day, their candidate for mayor, has, as councilman, supported the present mayor and the majority party in the commenced its side of the case on Saturconnected its side of the case on Saturcourcil for the past two years. The republicans have accepted the challenge and yesterday nominated, in convention, a straight
republican ticket. John E. Evans, who was
deputy secretary of state under the last republican administration, was nominated for
mayor; Fred Ginn, for city clerk; John
Sornson, city treasurer, and A. H. Davis for
police Judge. As the issues are made up,
the campaign is getting warm. This will
was fired. the campaign is getting warm. This will be the warmest municipal fight North Platte was fired. has been for some time.

Bellevue Notes.

BELLEVUE, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor gave a social at Clarke hall Friday evening. The college auditorium had been transformed into a charming reception room and refreshments were served in the Phil-omathian society hall. The attendance was exceptionally large, as quite a number of soldiers from Fort Crook were present. A pleasing literary and musical program was ren-dered, the numbers by Misses Williams, , Phillio and Mahafile being especially The proceeds will be divided between

the Board of Missions and the society.

The Teachers' Reading circle met at the e of Miss Jessie Hyat Saturday afternoon. There were present reveral guests, as well as the regular attendants. The historical as the regular attendants. papers covered the period of our history, from the beginning of the revolution to the inauguration of Washington. Several psychological papers were also read, the one on "Memory" exciting a spirited discussion. The report on current topics naturally dealt on the great event of the week—the inauguration of the new administration. The meeting then adjourned until April 3.

George Lunn, a member of the senior class of Hellevue college, has accepted the principalship of the schools at Craig, Neb., and left Wednesday to enter upon his new

Farmers' Institute at Wisner. WISNER, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-The

first annual farmers' institute, held under the auspices of the Wisner Farmers' association, organized here about three weeks ago, closed a two days' session last night. It was a signal success, and has aroused a great deal of enthusiasm among the farmers of this community. Dr. A. T. Peters and Prof. H. B Ward of the State university and G. A. Marshall of Arlington were the visiting lec-turers and were untiring in their labors to make the institute a success. Much practical value will result from this meeting. As a conclusion to a discussion of the subject of farmers' mutual insurance, a meeting is called for next Saturday to consider the organization of a company. Yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected by the association for the ensuing year: H. G. Brancht, president; J. R. Mansfield, vice president; G. F. Kenower, secretary, and W. Armstrong, treasurer. R. P. McGuire and J. R. Mansfield were appointed as an executive

Insane Firebug. FALLS CITY, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-A young man by the name of Jim Miller of Rulo, a small town ten miles east of here, attempted to fire one of the largest buildings of that town one night last week. He had been drinking and during the early and forced an entrance. He then filled a pan with coal oil and proceeded to the Miles block. After going up stairs he poured the oil on the floor, fired it and closed the door and left. Owing to the fact that no air could get at the fire it went out. It was not discovered until about 11 o'clock the next morning. Young Miller was brought to this place Saturday and taken before the lasanity board, who pronounced him insane. People who are acquainted with him say he has

been actink queerly for some time.

association has ever held.

Dodge County Teachers. FREMONT, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.) - The Dodge County Teachers' association met here yesterday. The attendance was much larger than usual. Papers were read by Prof. Dooley of Hooper, Prof. Conner of North Bend, Prof. Preston of the Fremont Normal school and others. The papers were of a much higher grade than those usually read before similar associations and elicited much discussion. In the opinion of those present the session was one of the best the

W. C. T. U. Meetings. FREMONT, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-The women of the Women's Christian Temperance union held temperance meetings at the Women's Christian Temperance union building this afternoon and evening, at both of which Hon. A. G. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln was the principal speaker. In the evening the attendance was good in spite of the unpleasant weather. Mr. Wolfenbager handled s subject in an interesting manner, and by his able presentation held the close atten-

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-Saturday afternoon while the streets were crowded with people the fire alarm sounded It proved that a defective fine at the residence of Henry Ruegge, in the north part of town, was on fire. Owing to the quick arrival of the fire department no damage was done except the burning of one of Mr. Ruegge's daughter's clothes, which were hanging near the chimney.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 7 .- (Special.)cases until the 15th inst, the time set for court to convene in Case county. Several cases of minor importance were discounted to convene the case of minor importance were discounted to convene the case of minor importance were discounted to convene the cases of minor importance were discounted to convene the cases of minor importance were discounted to convene the case of minor importance were discounted to convene th

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DEFENDANT ON THE STAND

W. Argabright Cross-Examined Regarding Smelzer's Death.

QUITE COOL WHILE BEING QUESTIONED

Go to the Jury Within Twenty-Four Hours\_Evidence for the Defense is Nearly Completed.

AUBURN, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.)-In the Argabright trial the week closed with Will Argabright, the defendant, on the stand, nearly through with his cross-examination. The state failed to produce Mr. Mead, the commenced its side of the case on Satur-

William Anderson said that he had known the defendant since he was a boy, and the deceased for a long time; that he met the defendant November 28, 1893, when he got on to his rig to rid to the school house some five miles away, and Smelzer soon overtook them on the road. As Smelzer drove up he said to the defendant: "Have you come down here for a fuss?" and the defendant replied, "No," when Smelzer said: "Well, by G—, if you have, you can have all you want right here," and the defendant then said, "I would like to see Rose and the children." Smelzer then said: "You can't see them, and I want you to keep off my premises, and if Bill Anderson knew what kind of a man you are he would not let you ride with him.

Dr. Oppermann, the coroner, was next called for the purpose of showing what Thomas Allen, now deceased, testified to at the coroner's inquest, and, after an ex-tended argument by the attorneys as to the admissibility of this kind of evidence, the court decided it to be competent and the doctor said: "Tom Allen testified as follows before the coroner's inquest on February 10, 1894: 'I was here in this room last night. Will Argabright's wife was behind Mr. Sme'zer when they met in the aisle. Mr. Smelzer struck at Argabright, but I did not see the blow take effect. Then Argabright drew the revolver; he held it in his right hand; Jim Sparks had both arms around Argabright's neck, trying to take the revolver away from him. Sparks had still a hold on Argabright when the shot was fired. Did not see Frank Argabright jerk Sparks away. Will Mead and Charles Dye took the revolver away from Will Argabright. Three or four minutes after the first blow the shot was fired." L. E. Rue said he was on the grand jury

that indicted the defendant, that W. Becket testified before that body and that then said. "I did not hear Mr. Argabright any threats against William but I know two men who did hear him make such threats.

The defendant then testified that he was born and raised in Nemaha county and was the son of James W. Argabright. Up to the time of his going to South Omaha he had farmed and taught school in this county, excepting one year he had spent in Kansas. At the time of this trouble he got a two days' leave of absence and came down to Auburn to see his folks, intending to go back on the 9th of February, but it was such a stormy and blustery day that he put it off till the next day. He was at his father's and after supper his brother Dick was getting ready to go somewhere. He was getting ready to go somewhere. He asked his brother where he was going and he said to Champion school house to a school exhibition. His brother asked him to go along, and he went. This was the first he knew of the entertainment. They arrived at the school house between 6 and 7 o'clock. The witness proceeded: "When we arrived the exhibition had commenced and I took a seat between the stays and the door under a lamp. Pretty soon the teacher asked to have the light turned down, and I reached up with my left hand to turn it down, but instead turned it up first and then down. I was not excited. After the exhibition was over I was standing near the door and the Smelzers started toward the door. Mrs. Smelzer in the lead, carrying a child in her arms, and I stepped forward and asked if that was my boy and as she said 'Yes' Mr. Smelzer commenced to rain blows on my head, and some one struck me from behind and then Smelzer struck me again and knocked me against the wall behind a seat and I slid down the wall and was in a crouching position and Smelzer was leaning over me, trying to strike me, when I drew my gun and held it in my right hand and after that I threw up both arms to guard myself from the blows of Smelzer before I fired, as he was standing over me. I thought there were three or four attacking me from behind and that if I did not fire that shot would never get out of there alive." The defendant was quite cool and collected

on the stand and was under cross-examina-tion for about two hours, but did not materially contradict himself. The defense is nearly through with its testimony and then will follow the rebuttal. The case will probably be given to the jury Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

George Collett, a Gage County Farmer, Meets His Fate. BEATRICE, Neb., March 7 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-George Collett, residing ten miles north of Beatrice, was killed last night in a runaway accident. Collett and a German named George Shoneberger, the latter considerably under the influence of liquor, left the city early in the evening for home. When several miles out they were met by a farmer who found their harness badly dilapidated and who helped them get started on again. About 9 o'clock the spring wagon they were using was found in the road a mile from Pickrell, the bed bottom upward and Collett under the wreck, dead. The German was found nearby in a half conscious condition. with one of his shoulders dislocated, Shoneberger is unable to tell much about

the way the accident happened. Coroner Miller was notified and held an inquest at Judge Ramsey discharged the petit jury yes-terday afternoon and adjourned court until accordance with the facis above stated. Col-

Negro Boy Denied School Privileges. Nye, a white man, has been denied the rights of educational advantages by the school board of this place. The board has not as yet given any valid reason why it cannot accept "Billy" as a pupil qualified to attend the Decatur schools, only that he is a negro. Nye makes the statement that when the spring census is taken, the enrollment will include his protege, and then if admission and out live birds 22 entrapers ten targets. include his protege, and then if admission is refused, the board may expect trouble, for he will fight the case to a finish.

Nebraska News Notes.

The cadets of Doane college are going enter the intercollegiate rifle contest. The ferry company at Yankton is preparing for unusually high water this spring. The Albion creamery has been compelled

pacity. Louis Foltz of Weeping Water has been arrested for stealing eight hogs from Thomas Cromwell. While sawing wood with a circular saw

J. K. Stucker of Weeping Water amputated one of his flugers. L. C. Bargeet has retired from the management of the Tilden Citizen and Felix Haies in now its editor.

Orton Dorsey received a number of shot in his head and face which were intended for a rabbit while out hunting recently near

The Sheridan County Teachers' associa-

attendance of local pedagogues. The program was an unusually interesting one and the discussions were both free and instruc-

A disagreement with the pastor has caused a split in the German Lutheran church at Wisner and two church organizations have been formed. An effort is being made to reorganize the Grand Army of the Republic post at Elm Creek, which has dwindled down owing to

the death of its former members. A thief stole some corn from the barn a Central City man recently, which leads the Democrat of that place to remark it is preity mean man who will steal 8-cent

Last Monday Howard Keck, the 16-year old son of Jacob Keck of East Bow, Cedar county, was thrown from a wagon unknown way and instantly killed. His neck was broken by the fall.

The prospects for a general crop for the coming season, says the Pawnee Republican, seem very flattering at the present time. Never in the history of the state has the ground been in better shape than it is now. The past winter has also been an exceptionally mild one, especially in this section of the country, and it is thought by many that there will be a large fruit crop.

M. B. Smith of Sidney, Nebraska, has just concluded a tour of the west and is decid-edly of the opinion that there are fewer cattle on the western ranges than ever before at this season of the year. Not only is this true of the range east of the mountains, but it applies more fereibly on the coast. Range men have cleaned out their 3-yearolds and coming threes, which they ex-pected to run next fall and winter as beef started. cattle, owing to the high prices prevailing for stock cattle, hence Mr. Smith does not see where any great number of cattle can be securd for feeding purposs in 1897-98.

The directors of the Lincoln and Dawson County Irrigation district, Messrs, Nors-worthy, Brownfield and Kraxberger, took the Union Pacific flyer to Maxwell last Thursday and located the headgates for their canal Friday and started in on the perma-nent survey. George F. Anderson accom-panied them and will work on the survey. Mr. George Campbell's eldest son drove the camping wagon through and will remain with the surveying party. The directors think it will require about six weeks to complete the survey at which time they expect to go to work on the construction of the same. I. E. Doty, the contractor, will be here next week to complete all arrangements for its construction.

William Colerick of Nemaha has had a very strange experience in the last few weeks. Seven or eight weeks ago Mr. Col-erick suddenly and unaccountably lost his hearing. He was feeling perfectly well at the time, had had no trouble with his head, and had no previous warning. In just two weeks his hearing came back almost as suddenly as it left him. In a day or two, while Mr. Colerick was milking, he suddenly became almost totally blind, and for some time exposition, and Messrs. Cornish and Butler followed with short appeals.

Brief stops were made at Hot Springs and at San Antonio. At the latter place Congressman Sladen was seen and pledged to came almost totally blind, and for some time—gressman Staden was seen and piedged to could not see his hand before him. In the last few days, however, his eyesight has returned, and is now almost as good as it was there were certain laws of the state that before. Another strange circumstance is that Mr. Colerick is cutting several new teeth in his lower jaw. Although the teeth until the return trip. On the way back Mr. Wontgromery telegraphed the governor for teeth in his lower jaw. Although the teeth are not through yet, their shape can plainly It is a very queer case all the way through. The day is dawning when Nebraska will

take first rank as a fruit-growing state, says the Ord Quiz. Fruit men of experience have already made large investments preparatory to starting great fruit farms, and others are starting in the same direction. H. E. Babcock of the Great Eastern canal is in correspondence with a large company which proposes to buy a large tract of land and plant it to cherries, plums, apricots, etc. It knows from long experience and observation that the climate of western Nebraska is such as to suit the raising of such fruits. It knows that it will do as well as in California, and Nebraska offers it the great advantages of being nearer market and affording land now worth but a few dollars an acre instead of hundreds of dollars per acre as is the case in California. A few such enterprises as these, added to our already established fame for beet raising, would make Nebraska great indeed.

BICYCLISTS AS POOL PLAYERS. Interclub Tournament

Much Friendly Rivalry. The interclub pool tournament which is on between teams from four of th bicycle clubs of the city is making good progress. The schedule provides for a total of fifty-four games. Of these forty-one have already been played. The contests have occurred alternately on the tables in the rooms of the Omaha Wheel club and the Turner Wheel club. All the games have been watched with considerable interest, which is increasing as the tournament goes

The score at present puts the Turner Wheel club shead by a slight margin, with the Omaha Wheel club second, the Tourists third and the Omaha Guards last. No individual prize will be given, but in the score which follows the individual percentage of the players is computed: Turner Wheel club:



The next set of games in the contest will occur tomorrow night at the rooms of the Omaha Wheel club. On Wednesday the play will be on the tables of the Turner Wheel club and on Friday the games will be played at the Omaha Wheel club rooms again.

The regular meeting of the Associated Cycling club takes place tomight in the Tourast Wheel club rooms, 206 Sheeley block. The regular business meeting of the Turner Wheel club will take place at the rooms in Germania hall on next Thursday evening.

LIVE BIRD SHOOT AT ARAPAHOE. Program for a Brilliant Sporting

Event Next Wednesday. ARAPAHOE, Neb., March 7 .- (Special.) J. W. Den and George Nicolai have arranged for a match shoot at 160 live birds, to take place in Arapahoe on Wednesday, March 10. DECATUR, Neb., March 7.—(Special.)— place in Arapahoe on Wednesday, march 10
"Billy" Martin, a little negro boy, under the for \$100, American Sportsmen's association protection and living in the home of Jacob rules. In addition to this match there will and out, live birds, \$2 entrance; ten targets, \$1.20 entrance, jack rabbit system and three moneys; twenty targets, \$2 entrance, three moneys; special, Den against Nicolal, 100 live birds, at \$100 a side; miss and out, live birds, \$2 entrance; special, Hairgrove against Smith, twenty-five birds, at \$25 a side; handi-cap, ten live birds, \$5 entrance, three moneys; twenty-five targets, \$2.50 entrance. three moneys; miss and out, live birds, \$2 entrance; twelve targets, \$1.50 entrance, jack

> \$3 entrance, everything unknown, three moneys. Shooting will begin at 9 a. m. All moneys in sweeps will be divided 50, 30 and 20 per Blue rocks will be thrown at 2 cents live birds trapped at 15 cents each. For the best average in all open events a special prize of \$10 in gold will be given The B. & M. railroad will give a special rate of one and one-fourth fare for the shoot

rabbit system, three moneys; fifteen targets,

from nearby towns. ndrew Carnegle is Recovering GREENWICH, Coun., March 7.-Andrew Carnegie, was has been seriously ill at his

RESULTS

Exposition Promoters from the South Enthusiastic Over Their Success.

DEVOTED ALL THEIR TIME TO BUSINESS

Confidently Expect Liberal Approprivisited, and Especially from Old Mexico.

The band of exposition missionaries that has been touring through the southwestern states and Mexico for the past three weeks returned to Omaha yesterday shortly before noon. The party consisted of Messrs. Euclid Martin, C. S. Montgomery, J. O. Phillippi, R. J. Cornish, Rev. S. Wright Butler and base this prophesy on the fact that the de-E. J. Cornish, Rev. S. Wright Butler and Major Crowder of this city and Judge Cornish of Lincoln.

All the members of the party report a ery, who acted as chairman of the committee. insisted throughout on strict attention to the business for which the expedition was before the panic of 1892 struck the country we felt it and knew it was coming. As a

The missionaries feel most encouraged over the success of their mission in Mexico, and predict that the building and display of that country will be one of the grandest features of the exposition. No doubt is felt about securing an appropriation from Arkansas, and \$25,000 is the sum thought to be assured. It is also believed that Missouri will aid with a liberal subscription. Some doubt is felt about a donation from Texas on account of legal obstacles in that state, though it is believed that these may be overcome later FIRST WORK IN MISSOURI.

Jefferson City, Missouri's capital, was first Addresses were made before a joint session of the legislature, and some influence brought to bear on individual legislators. The next stopping point was at St. Louis, where the sympathy and co-operation of the Board of Trade were secured, the president susding business in order to listen to the Omahans.

A very successful interview was had with the legislators of Arkansas at Little Rock. Mr. Montgomery presented the facts and figures essential to an understanding of the

Briof stops were made at Hot Springs and at San Antonio. At the latter place Con-Montgomery telegraphed the governor for permission to address a joint session of the legislature, but received no reply. RECEPTION IN MEXICO.

In the City of Mexico the most favorable nterview was had. It was with President Diaz, and had been well arranged by ex-Governor Crittenden, the American minister there. Mr. Montgomery presented the objects of the exposition to President Diaz, and after a short address left with him a Spanish translation of a letter giving complete information about the exposition. The reception by President Diaz was most courteous, and at its close he said that he was in full sympathy with the undertaking and would see to it that Mexico was creditably represented with a grand exhibit. He deired, however, that the matter be placed before him in an official way by the presi-dent of the United States. Mr. Montgomery assured him that an invitation from such a source should not be wanting. The secretary of state of Mexico was also called upon. He had charge of the Mexican display at the World's fair. He inquired particularly bout space for exhibits and regulations and agreed to do all in his power to make

the Mexican exhibit a success.

The members of the party say that they are under obligations to these railroads for umerous courtesies extended: Missouri Pacific, Texas Pacific, International & Great Northern, Mexican National, Wabash and Omaha & St. Louis. It was due to the kindness of General Managers Ramsey of the Wabash and Barnard of the Omaha & St. Louis that the party was enabled to reach home yesterday. A wreck on the Missouri Pacific delayed travel on that road and the Wabash at once agreed to bring the party to

Omaha. Five members of the party have been hrough Europe, but they declare that a Mexican tour is far ahead of any European All were well laden with souvenirs and with newspapers containing interviews

## SAYS NO TO POWERS

(Continued from First Page.)

Greece. This message was presented to the consul with much ceremony, and the singing of chorals, etc. The consul, in thanking the deputation, said that the king of Greece would not recede from the path pointed out

to the people.

A dispatch from Constantinople tonight states that the reply of the Ports to the col-lective note of Tuesday last and the communication of Friday sets forth, in addition the resolve of the Porte to maintain the ntegrity of the empire while reserving the right to discuss the precise definition of autonomy for Crete, its desire to maintain peace, and its sitisfaction with the stipuation of the powers for the withdrawal of the Greek troops from the island.

AUTONOMY UNDER KING GEORGE Suggestion Which Would Command

the Accord of the Cretans. LONDON, March 8 .- There is no doubt, says the Athens correspondent of the Times. that if Prince George of Greece were placed at the head of an autonomous Cretan government with the title of prince, the whole Greek nation and Cretans would willingly accept the proposals of the powers and the Greek troops would be withdrawn.
"Such a scheme, therefore, says the cor-

espondent, "ought not to be rejected without the gravest reasons. The Cretans are suspi-

under a Greek prince. A dispatch to the Times from Athens at midnight says some of the members of the oreign legations and other foreign residents have already left the city, and it is reported that several of the legations have advised all foreigners to leave Greece. This has caused a painful feeling on the part of the Greek ablic, which regards it is an unjustified step, as the foreigners have been treated with all respect and have at no time been in any danger whatever. Moreover, a ma-jority of the foreign residents are known to

favor the Greek cause. Certainly the aspect of the city is very warlike, but, considering the excited state of the public mind, the people are behaving with moderation and exhibiting marked self-control. The trains are bringing in thousands of reserves from the provinces. and these are parading the streets with their accoutrements. A squadron of cavalry and batteries of artillery traversing the principal streets to embark gave peculiar vividness to the scene. Great crowds joined the soldiers in hurrahing for war and proclaiming loyalty to Greece King George and to the government

The decree summoning the remainder of the reserves is held back at the last mo-The troops already on the frontier ment. are deemed sufficient for the present, and more than this, it is believed that the presence of foreign men-of-war, Piracus, indicates that the blockade will ommence tomorrow, thus severing com-

unication with the frontier by sea.

The members of the press of Athena have sined in a dispatch to Admiral Canevaro. ommanding the allied fleets at Canea, extion met in the High school room in Gordon last Saturday at 1 a.m. There was a large delegation of teachers present from Hay Springs and Rushville, as well as a good the house again in a few days.

Carnegie, who has been seriously ill at his pressing surprise that the lives of foreign correspondents should be endangered by threats of violence on the part of Mussulmans, and requesting the admiral to take

the lives of inoffensive journalists engaged in the honorable performance of duty under the protection of the flags of the six great

A dispatch to the Times from Canea says that yesterday (Sunday) the British battle-ship Barfleur cleared for action, owing to the presence of reinforcements of the Greek fleet in Cretan waters.

THINKS GOOD TIMES ARE COMING. Bases His Judgment on the Demand

for Export Bags. "If Nebraska has good crops this year the state will see good times again next fall, remarked M. C. Peters, manager of the Bemis Omaha Bag company, last week. He bases this prediction upon a barometer made up or flour bage, grain bags, potato bags, and every other kind of bag that the company handles.

mand for export bags has largely increased. We are selling 30 per cent more export flour bags this year than we did last, and the de-mand for export grain bags is double what it pleasant trip and are of opinion that much good was accomplished in behalf of the demand for bags in this state is about what exposition. They were not accompanied by it was in 1892, when times were good.

"The bag market furnishes a good index of plan having formed the subject of many dis-

the commercial condition of the country. I can furnish an instance of it. Three months and sold the stock we had on hand. Thue, when the panic arrived, we were prepared for it and we did not have a warehouse full of bags on our hands. The storm was indicated by the bag barometer. 'The good times are coming, but they will

come slowly. I do not expect that they will be here before fall, but the indications are very favorable. The demand for our stock is not only very good, but our collections are picking up right along. With a good crop campments. The plan under consideration we will be on a tidal ways of prespective in we will be on a tidal wave of prosperity in this state again next year."

in a big new boiler in the establishment at Eleventh and Jackson streets, involving an Eleventh and Jackson streets, involving an egy of warfare and the movements of large expenditure of a considerable amount of bodies of troops. The magnitude of this near future the company will erect an addition to the present factory.

In speaking about the crop condition Mr. Peters said: "We have a good foundation for a good crop this year. The ground, I understand, is full of moisture throughout the state. It is said that the winter wheat crop is about ruined, but I have reports which show that almost a full crop will be harvested if we have a warm rainfall in the near future. I do not believe that this state harvests as much of a winter wheat crop as it should. The farmers could put in fields of that grain and if the crop is a failure they might replant the fields with spring wheat. If this did not pan out they could

Mr. Peters also spoke of the condition of the beet sugar industry and regarding this he said: "I think it was a mistake to do away with the sugar bounty. The people of this state seem to have the idea that Nebraska is the only beet-growing state in the union. That this is a mistake is shown by the fact that five sugar factories have been recently started in other states—California, New Mexico and Illinois. These states probably do not give a bounty, but if Nebraska did such factories would be attracted to this state. The bounty is nothing more than an advertisement that Nebraska is confident that it has the best beet soil in the country and wants it to be known. It certainly would attract capital.'

TWO INTERESTING OMAHA GIRLS. Are Alleged to Have Mind-Rending and Mesmeric Faculties.

Two little Omaha girls have become myseries and puzzles and even objects of some foreboding to their parents from the fact that they seem to have been suddenly possessed with strange mind-reading and Klenke, the daughter of Letter Carrier Klenke, who resides at 3447 South Fifteenth street. The other is a neighbor girl, Lillian Kriz. The little girls are between 9 and age and are great friends.

The strange condition was not discovered until a few days ago. It is said that the little ones were trying to induce Annie's father to give them some spending money. He agreed to hide a dollar, which they were to keep if they could find it. The coin was put away. In less than three min-utes the little girls had found it and gone to spend a portion of it for candy.

The other evening an experiment

tried upon the girls in the presence of their relatives and this developed another instance of their mind-reading powers. The result is vouched for by one of the witnesses, who alleges that his mind has not been at all disposed toward the supernatural, but who was compelled to believe the testimony of

his own eyes.

The girls were put together in a room and a door key was then concealed in an-other room some distance away. It was placed above a door sill in such a way that it could not be seen. The little girls were brought into the room. Annie Klenke sat in a chair with her hand over her eyes, communing with the "spirits." Suddenly she arose, walked to the door, ran her hand along the sill as far as she could reach and then exclaimed:

"It is up there. I cannot reach it." The key was taken down and was once more concealed. This time it was first placed in a clothes basket and was then put into the toe of a slipper. When the girls came in they hesitated a minute and then one went to the basket, thrust her hand in and said: "It ought to be here, but it isn't." The other waited a few seconds longer and then stepped to the place where the slipper was lying and extracted the key from it. Arthur Pulaski, brother-in-law of Letter Carrier Klenke, is authority for a story which illustrates the mesmeric power of the Klenke girl. It seems that she was very intimate with Pulaski's boy, who died last October, and who was about her own age. Three days ago the girl was taking a less upon a piano, when she suddenly stopped and began to talk with some one, who spoke in the voice of the dead boy. The latter voice told the girl that it would remain with her and also informed her that it had gone to see Pulaski and his wife. The lit-tle girl burst into tears and affirmed that had been conversing with the boy's

Pulaski also says that he was present clous of the promises of Europe and firmly believe that there is no other course open than union with Greece or Turkish rule; but, doubtless, if a choice were offered to them, pulsaki states that he distinctly heard two their preference would be for autonomy volces, one that of the girl and the other belonging to the spirit. The latter in the course of the conversation said that Morgan was innocent of the crime charged against him, as he did not murder her. She did not, however, disclose the murder's name. Letter Carrier Klenke, the father of one of the girls, is much interested in mes

> Suffering from Appendicitis. James McManus, a soldier stationed Fort Crook, was picked up yesterday morning near the corner of Ninth and Dodge ing near the corner of Ninth and Dodge streets and taken to the station. Upon examination, Dr. Towne pronounced him to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis. McManus stated that he had beer troubled for some time with some affliction, but had not thought it to be of a serious nature. He was removed to the fort last evening, where an operation will probably have to be performed.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. Will Be a Little Colder, with Probably Rain or Snow. WASHINGTON, March 7.—Forecast for

For Nebraska-Threatening weather, with sin or snow; variable winds, slightly colder

For Iowa-Threatening weather and rain possibly snow in northern portion; south-easterly winds, becoming variable; warmer in eastern portion.

For Missouri-Partly cloudy weather, and showers in northern portion; southerly

winds.
For Kansus-Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers Monday or Monday night; southerly winds, shifting to northerly and coder.
For Wyoming-Light snow; colder; winds shifting to northerly.
For bouth Dakota-Threatening weather and snow; northerly winds.

MOBILIZE THE MILITIA

Stupendous Undertaking in Connection with the Transmississippi Exposition.

WEEK'S MANEUVERING IN ARMY TACTICS

Similar Plan Has Been Endorsed in the Past by High Officials in the Regular Army Who Considered it Beneficial.

A man in this city who has had considerable experience in militia matters has made a suggestion regarding the mobilization of the militia of the United States in connection with the Transmississippi Exposition which seems worthy of the most serious consideration of the management. In brief, this plan contemplates the assembling of the militia of the several states of the union in one grand school of instruction, such as has not been afforded the state troops since the late unpleasantness. This idea, in itself, is not a new one, the same I cussions in gatherings of military men and having been expoited in magazine articles by military writers; but the opportunity ofonsequence we cut off our force considerably fered by the exposition presents an occasion more favorable for the practical execution of the plan than has occurred since the idea was first advanced.

It is well known to all who are familiar

with militia matters that each state in the union has a force of soldiers organized and armed under the direction of the state. These state troops hold encampments each Involves the massing of these troops in the vicinity of Omaha during the summer of 1838 for the purpose of holding a school of Manager Peters is preparing for this better Manager Peters is preparing for this better commercial condition. He is about to put instruction and affording the troops the opportunity of actual experience in the strategies and the movements of large There is prospect, also, that in the plan is not apparent to the layman at first ture the company will erect an aduniformed citizen soldiery of the states of the union number nearly 150,000, the idea grows until it assumes mammoth propor-tions. The idea also includes the assembling of several regiments of United States troops of all arms, including infantry, cavalry, light and heavy artillery and engin-eering corps. In a word, it would mean the assembling at Omaha of an army of no mean proportions and would be one of the grandest military events in the history of this country LITTLE EXTRA EXPENSE.

> could be depended upon to send its troops to this encampment for the sake of the advantage to be derived from such an ex-perience. The expense involved would be perience. The expense involved would be little, if any, more than the usual expense attaching to the regular state encampments attaching to the regular state encampments. mer campaign approaching as nearly as may be the experiences of actual warfare would be of incalculable value to all the troops. The plan suggested contemplates having the entire affair under the direction of officers of the regular army. To do this it would be necessary to secure the co-operation of the secretary of war, but as several former secretaries of war have advocated very warmly the idea of fostering the state militia in order to form a well drilled an experienced nucleus around which might be thrown the other 9,000,000 of able bodied citizens of this great republic who are available for tary duty, it is not anticipated that there

It is believed that every state in the union

would be any difficulty in securing the active and hearty co-operation of the government in such a movement With army officers skilled in the art of war in command of the forces, the oppor-tunity offered for actual experience in field movements would be unbounded. Omaha is bossessed with strange mind-reading and consessed with strange mind-reading and consessed with strange mind-reading and a typical inland city and the rolling prairies. This land was entered by present owner thirty years ago and was one of the earliest selections of land in Lancaster county, and is as choice a would give ample opportunity for the display of strategic ability. A general plan of action, including the besieging and defending and the rolling prairies. This land was entered by present owner thirty years ago and was entered by present owner. of the city, would allow of movements of roops covering the entire range of problems in the science of war. For strategic purposes the cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs might be regarded as a single city, and the broad Missouri, flowing through the center of this great city, would open another field for strategic movements, which would afford

the exercise of the skill and ingenuity of the most learned officers.

BIG ARMY OF MEN. An army of 150,000 men could be divided into forces for attack and defense, which would give a large force on either side. Batteries of heavy artillery, to be supplied by the federal government, could be intrenched upon the bluffs commanding the river and the surrounding country and ample opportunity for the location of siege guns would be afforded by the high ridges surrounding the eminences upon which forts might be erected and, in fact, the operations of the troop would be limited only by the inclination of the commanding officers.

The experience that would thus be offered the troops of the states and of the federal opportunity ever afforded in anything actual war and would be carrying into effect the fondest dreams of theorists and investi gators in the science of modern warfare.

It has been stated that the uniforme militia of the United States number about 150,000 men. Four-fifths of this force i located east of the Mississippi. The trans mississippi states and territories have militia force numbering about 22,000 me distributed substantially 23 follows: Ar zona 300, Arkansas 2.300, California 5,000 Colorado 1,600, Idaho 500, Iowa 2,500, Kansa 1,700, Louisiana 1,500, Minnesota 2,000, Mis souri 2,000, Montana 600, Nebraska 1,200 Nevada 600, New Mexico 700, North Dakota 100, Oregon 1,500, South Dakota 800, Texa 1,200, Washington 2,000, Wyoming 500, Okla ioma 150. Utah 1.100.

Aside from the experience afforded the troops participating in the great event, the opportunity would be afforded the soldiers and especially those from eastern states, o visiting the great west and the expositio From a financial standpoint the exposition would derive great benefit and the city would derive not only great financial bene-fit, but would be advertised throughout the length and breadth of the land among the itizen soldiery of the union.

The co-operation of the government and o

the several state authorities might easily be secured by judiclous effort and the mere announcement of the possibility of the plan being auccessful would be sufficient to securithe active co-operation of all the members of the national guard of all of the states.

It is expected now that the new Creighton Medical college will be completed within a ew weeks, ready for furnishing. The plumb ng and lighting fixtures are now being put n, and the plasterers are about ready to be gin work. The work upon building the fur-niture will soon be commenced. The co!-lege appliances and fixtures will be moved into the new building during the coming vaca-tion, and the term next fail will be opened there.

Joe Kochar, hving down near Third and Poppleton avenue, on the river bottoms. was arrested for being implicated in the cobbery of the home of Fred Bortch, 1212

Purgatorial Pills.

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The druggist would hardly

smile if you asked for "purgatorial pills." There are many of them. But he would probably recommend a pill that did not gripe; a sugar-coated pill, gentle in action, and sure in

effect. What are they called?

.. Ayar's Cathartic Pills.. Carramanananan South Fourth street, a few days ago, Three other boys, named Cartright, Blease and Gerniss, have already been arrested for the same job, and admitted their guilt. The police located considerable of the property taken, and will use it as evidence against the boys. Kochar confessed having aided in the robbery, and some of the stolen articles were found at his home. He is charged with breaking and entering in the day-time.

Memorial Resolutions.

At the meeting of the Central Labor mion last Friday evening the following resolutions in memory of the late William 3. Sebring were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence to take from our midst on January 24, 1897, one of our most zealous and esteemed workers in the cause of ameliorating the conditions of the toiling masses;

and Whereas, William S. Sebring having identified himself with organized labor and represented his chosen occupation, wood machinist, as a charter member in the formation of this Central Labor union;

nd Whereas. The representatives saw fit to onor him with the position of recording ecretary for several successive terms, the utles of which position he filled creditary to himself and to this Central Labor

bly to himself and to this Central Labor union; and Whereas, This body has lost a true and honest friend, the community an estimable citizen, and his family a loving husband and father; therefore,

Resolved, That the officers and members of Omaha Central Labor union bow in humble submission to the wisdom of our Creator in separating from us our beloved brother, William S. Sebring.

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this body that organized labor will keenly feel the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to our late brother's relatives, especially to his devoted wife and beloved daughter, who have been left to mourn over their loss.

Resolved, That the charter of Omaha Central Labor union be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon our minute book and sent to the pereaved family, and also published in the papers.

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acres each.

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SPECIAL HATES BY THE WEEK OR MONTH.

Street car lines connect to all parts of the city. UNITED STATES OF AMERCIA, STATE OF NEBRASKA, OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, LINCOLN, Feb. 17, 1857.—It is hereby certified that the Norwich Union Fire Insurance company of Norwich, in the state of England, has complied with the insurance law of this state and is therefore authorized to continue the business of fire insurance in this state for the current year.

Witness my hand and the seal of the auditor of public accounts, the day and year first above writen.

(Seal.)

Auditor of Public Accounts, SAMUEL LICHTY, Deputy.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. STATE OF NEBRASKA. OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, LINCOLN, Feb. 24, 1891.—It is hereby certified that the National Life Insurance company of Montpeller, in the state of Vermont, has compiled with the insurance law of this state and is therefore authorized to continue the business of life insurance in this state for the current year. the current year.

Witners my hand and the scal of the auditor of public accounts, the day and year first above written.

J. F. CORNELL.

SAMUEL LICHTY, Deputy.

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