A.—The bill that has Q.—What bill? since appeared as 331.

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Q.—Did you not a moment ago say you knew nothing of 331? A.—I said I didn't, and I didn't, I knew nothing about senate file 331 at all.

Q.—You knew of the bill then before it was numbered as 331? A.—I knew the bill before it was numbered 231, but I don't know who presented the bill or anything else. I want you to go through with this

question now; I want you to go clear through. RIGG TELLS ALL HE KNOWS. Q.—That is right, and we are going right through. Have you that bill? A.—

Q .-- Please present it as testimony to this A .- I have one; I don't know as committee? A.—I have one; I don't know as I have the original bill or anything of the kind. (Witness produces the bill, which is marked exhibit "A.")
Q.—Is, that the only gambling bill you

have had in your possession this winter?

A.—Now I want to go through and tell about his now. Do you want me to tell about

-Yes, sir. A .- Let me start from the beginning. Captain O'Malley came down here cometime in January; he says, "you are just the man I want to see, Rigg." I said, "all right, come upstairs." We went upstairs and he said: "Here is something we want to get through this legislature; I want you to look it over." Aside from this there were some reasons why this bill should pass. were some reasons why this bill should pass.

I don't know what has become of them; I haven't got them at all; I don't know what has become of them; and he says: "What do you think about it?" "Well," I said, "I don't know, from the looks of that it would take about \$2,000 or \$2,500 to get it through;" he said: "I am going to Denver tonight and will be back here Monday or Tuesday and let you know." He got back here about Wednesday or Thursday, I think it was, of the following week. This was probably Friday, I will say he was here, I don't know the exact day he was here, but I think it was called to it first. I think by the reporter the exact day he was here, I don't know the exact day he was here, but I think it was about Friday. He was going to Denver and would be back here the next Menday or Tuesday; expected to be; I think he came the Wednesday or Thursday following, and he came down and he says, "There is \$2,500 deposited in the Omaha National bank," and he says, "I have got a copy of this," and he says, "When that bill goes through," he says, "all you have got to do is to present this copy to get the \$2,500 at the bank. That is the understanding." "Well," I says, "I will see about it. You know I am on the republican side, and I don't know what I can do with this thing." I said, "I will see about the thing." Lee Herdman roomed right across from me and I spoke to him the says and the same and the sa said. 'I can't handle it for less than 20 per cent." So that must have been only a day so before I went to Omaha when he said it. When I was in Omaha that is what caused me to write what you have there, that he wouldn't handle it for less than 20 DEALINGS WITH O'MALLEY.

Q .- Did Captain O'Malley say anything in regard to the parties who were said to have deposited this money? A.—No, sir, he didn't say who the parties were. He said Q .- Did he say what bank it was in? A .-

-What was the name of the bank? A .-Omaha National. He said this had been deposited with Mr. Wallace. Q.—He didn't say who had deposited it? A .- No. sir, he didn't say who had de-

Q .- Did you talk over with him in regard to the use you would make of this money in case you undertook this matter? A.—No, Q .- You didn't discuss it? A .- No. sir.

Q.—Did he refer to any senators who were supposed to be favorable to this bill? sir, and no member of the legisla ture, either. Q.-Did you refer to any senators in your

conversation with him? A .- No, sir, and no

member of the legislature either. Q.—You mean to say that he said that you could get \$2,500 simply by putting this bill in motion and watching it until it got through? A.—By passing the bill.

Q.—Did you tell him anything about what Q.—What else did you write? A.—Now I

care about knowing.

Q.—And this is the bill that did pass?
A.—It is as far as I can understand. I
haven't compared it at all, but from the reading of it it sounds like the identical Q .- Did you ever say that this was the same identical bill which was passed? A .-

Q.—Never said that? A.—No, sir. Q.—Never wrote it? A.—I wrote to Captain O'Malley that senate file No. 331 had passed, and I would like to hear from him. Q .- Is that all you wrote A .- Well, I don't think I wrote anything else; if there is anything else I did write I will acknowl-

Q .- Did you write anything in between these two letters that you refer to? A.— Between the one written at the Oxford hotel and this? Q .- Yes. A .- Yes, I did, too. I told him I

had to give it up, because I couldn't get anybody to introduce it in that way, which was the fact; that is, introduce the bill with Q .- You intimated it would require money

to get it introduced? A.—I never approached a single person on the bill at all. Now, I will show you another thing: I drew up a dif-ferent bill, which I had another person try to Introduce. There is the bill that was never introduced, and the only bill that I handled or tried to have introduced or get comebody to introduce. (Referring to bill marked exhibit "B").
Q.-Who did introduce it? A.-I don't

know who it was. He tried to get to intro-duce it because I didn't handle it at all. I gave it to another party to handle

Q.—Who was that other party? A.—Shall I answer that? Now, this bill is almost identical with the other, except—I will give the exception—except the reference to the criminal code sections 214 and 215. This refers to the act and mentions sections 6810 and 5811 of the Consolidated Statutes of the state of Nebraska, 1893, and to repeal and original acction; with that exception it is identically the same thing. QUESTION RULED OUT.

Senator Murphy, Chairman That is prac-Senator Ritchie-I understood Mr. Rigg said that bill was never introduced?

Rigg-It never was. Senator Ritchie-I do not see what figure that would cut if it was not introduced. Rigg-That was the only bill I ever tried to or ever gave to anybody to introduce of have it introduced; that was the bill that was given to me to have introduced and I was surprised when I read 331 and read the title and all, because I knew pretty well where it came from and everything, but hadn't tried that bill at all,

Q.—You knew where it came from? A.— That is, I thought I knew where it came from. I supposed it came from the same

O'Malley brought you? A .- I do not; he didn't tel! me and I didn't ask him. Q .- I now ask that the witness answer e question, "Who the other party was?".—That other bill, exhibit "B," was neve in question at all; it was never introduced. Senator Murphy, Chairman—This bill, ex-hibit "B," you say you got where?

Rigg—I got that up myself by changing the criminal code 214 and 215 to consol-idated statutes, referring to the same sec-The bill was never introduced. The told me that he asked one man to introduce it, but he said he couldn't get him to introduce it, and I told him then to let it drop, and I wouldn't have any-

Keep on Coughing

if you want to. If you want to cure that cough get Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It cures coughs and colds.

They wouldn't touch it"—what was it?" thing more to do with it and didn't have anything more to do with it and didn't have anything more to do with it and didn't know anything about it until I noticed that 331 had passed. Then I went up to my room to look it up and see what it was and I looked up the bill and found out what it was.

> he need not answer the last question asked by Victor Rosewater. Senator Ritchie—The committee is here to investigate the passage of senate file 331 and I think it is necessary that they con-fine themselves to the investigation of that

The committee informs that witness that

WAS EAGER TO COLLECT. Q - You say you had nothing to do with procuring the passage or the introduction for passage of senate file 3317 A.—I say I had nothing to do, on my oath, that I had nothing to do with the passage. introduction or anything else with the bill that did pass, 331, and that I was as much surprised as anybody when the bill got

Q.—But you thought you would claim the \$2,500 regardless of that fact? A.-I thought I would write to Mr. O'Malley because I had agreed to introduce the bill in the house and get it through entirely, I didn't know the bill was in the senate or anything class.

Q.—You had agreed to do it? A.—That s what I was going to do, that s what I told him, that I would take the bill and introduce it in the house. Q.—And get it passed? A.—Yes, sir, and then it would have to go through the senate

Q .- But you didn't do it? A .- No, sir. think if you have got some more letters there you will find I wrote him to that same effect. Q .- Did Mr. O'Malley answer your letters No. sir.

A.—No, sir.

Q.—You were not engaged then in any work on 331. A.—No, sir.

Q.—Were you engaged in procuring the enactment of any other gambling bill? A.—No, sir, nor the introduction either.

right across from me and I spoke to him out his was \$25.00 fine and not exceeding about the thing; he wanted to know what \$100, misdemeanor and everything else, that \$100, misdemeanor and everything else, that there was in it; I said \$2,500 contingent; he is how I got onto it by the good grace of the correspondent of The Bee. Q .- At what time was that? A .- Well, now, I will not say what time that was; that

was along about the first of this month, I Q .- It was after the bill had been printed? A .- Oh, yes, after the bill had been printed

when I got onto it. Q.—And you never agreed to use your efforts to secure the passage of that bill? A.—No, sir. Mr. O'Malley has a letter in his possession where I withdrew from the thing entirely. You have got some of the letters; you ought to know something about it: where I couldn't have anything more to

Q.-When did you withdraw? A .-- When the friend of mine who took this bill here marked exhibit "B," said he couldn't get it introduced, then I stopped right at once. MADE NO EFFORT.

Q .- And when you found that the bill known as senate file No. 306 was introduced you made no effort to secure its passage .-No. sir. Q .- Never told anybody that you intended to make efforts to secure its passage? A .-

No sir. Q.-Never wrote anybody? A.-No sir. I asked Royce why he didn't say something about that bill and he said he would when the bill got further along. Q.—Did you ever write to Mr. O'Malley, "there is yet another bill in the senate, No. 306, which differs a little from this 331?"

m motion and watering it until it got through? A.—By passing the bill.

Q.—Did you tell him anything about what would have to be done in order to get this bill passed? A.—No, rir, he didn't seem to anything else in that letter I wrote to him Q.—Who is Captain O'Malley? about knowing.

—Simply was going to put it into your date of it over, I might say.

—And this is the bill that did pass?

It is as far as I can understand. I we can shove it along in a fow days?

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Probably did, if it is in there.

Q.—Who are "we?" Who did you refer to when you said "we?" A.—Principally my-Q .- I asked you who were the others? A.—I had nobody else in view at that time.
Q.—When you said "we" did you mean
"I?" A.—Yes, sir, spoke like newspaper A.—Yes, sir, spoke like newspape

Q .- You said just a few minutes ago that you never wrote that you had intended to procure the passage of this act, did you not? .- I never heard from him at all, so I didn't ntend to procure the passage of it. Q .- Simply thought? A .- Well, the thought ame to me at once, suddenly, you know. No,

was as much surprised as anybody about Q .- Did you watch the passage of 331? A -No, sir; not until after it was passed; I idn't know anything about it until it was

Q.-Did you follow it up after it left the senate? A.-No, sir; never even thought of it to the first or second reading, or anything. I was sitting in the senate one day when they made the motion to bring it back

Q .- You didn't follow it into the house? Q .- You say that you did not, on you oath? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Did you ever say that you followed is into the house? A.—No. sir. Q.—Did you ever write that you followed it into the house? No, sir.

Q.—You say that upon your oath? A.— I think that is true; I don't believe that you can find it in that letter anywhere. Q .- Did you write as follows: file 331 passed the senate yesterday was read the first time in the house today?" A.-I might have written that, but it under a wrong impression because I think the bill was ever read the first time n the house.
Q.--You tried to make him believe yo

were following it? A .- I was informed it had been read the first time that morning: I was informed that in the senate by some-body, I don't know who now, that it was read the first time in the house that day, Q.—Did you try to make Mr. O'Malley be lieve that you had procured the passage of senate file 331? A .- No. sir; I didn't know as that letter would infer I had made him believe that thing, because if he was con-nected with the thing he knew certainly where it was introduced and how it was introduced; he knew I had nothing to do with the introduction of it; he knew from my former letters that I had nothing to do with the introduction of it. Q.-Why, then, did you write as follows:

"This is the bill just as you requested it, and as per copy in my possession?" A.—It is just exactly what I have got right here.
Q.—In order to make him believe that you had secured its passage? A.—Well, you might think that, but he wouldn't think so.

HE KNEW BETTER. Q .- Is it not the natural inference? A .- He ouldn't think so, because he knew bette

Q .- When you wrote this first letter to Mr. O'Mailey, after you had falled to find him in Omnha, did you get any response from him in regard to the 20 per cent? A.—Yes, sir. in regard to the 20 per cent? A.—Yes, sir, Q.—What was that response? A.—He said they couldn't pay anything; I have forgotten just what it was, but at any rate, it would amount to the same thing, that they couldn't put up any advance money, everything was on a contingency, they wouldn't advance anything. It think the first figures that he set on that was \$2,000, afterwards he made if \$2,500 without any advance money. nade it \$2,500, without any advance money

Q .- Did he say anything about the division of this money between the work in the house and the senate? A.—No, sir.
Q.—Nothing? A.—No, sir, not to me he

through, to pass it. I told him at the same time that my being a republican, I wouldn't have any influence with any of those members, and I would have to divide up with somebody that did have influence with them.

Q.—Did you mention to him when you had a talk with him here in the Lindell hotel on the 10th day of February— A.—Was that the date?

Q.—I asked whether you mentioned to him on the 10th day of February— A.—I will not swear to the date, I will not say that.

Q.—Did Captain O'Malley take dinner with you on the 10th day of February here at the Lindell hotel? A.—He took dinner here at Lindell hotel? A.—He took dinner here at Q.—Do your thember the date you re-

Q.—Did Captain O'Malley take dinner with you on the 10th day of February here at the Lindell hotel? A.—He took dinner here at Q.—Do you-remember the date you re-

Q.-It was before you had gone to Omaha to hunt for him? A.—Yes, sir, it was before that; he was down here before that time.

You talked with him at that time? A.—Yes, sir, I talked with him at that time.

Q.—Did you mention to him at that time that you would require associates in order to fix up that matter? A .- I used no such term as that. Q.—You referred to them as the "gang," perhaps? A.—Oh, I would require the as-

sistance of other fellows.

Q.—You told him at that time, did you not, who the gang was? A.—No, sir, I don't think I did.

Q.—Did you mention to him at that time any other man besides Mr. Herdman who might be willing to undertake this? A.-I don't think I did; I have no remembrance of it. I think Herdman was the only one I mentioned to him, because I believe Herdman was the only one I had a talk with at

that time. -You must have talked to Herdman Q.—You must have talked to Herdman after this, because you must have had the proposition first? A.—Was that the time he came down here and made the proposition to me? He came before that time and made the proposition to me; this is the time he came back from Denver after he had been out to Denver that you are speaking of now Q .- I may have missed ong time when he down here? A .- Well, he was down here once before that.

Q.-On the first occasion that he brought this matter to you, did you not refer to the "gang" to him, and refer to the members of it to him? A.—I might have said there was a gang of fellows here who were helping these things along, or helping bills along, and we would have to get their as-

-I don't think I told him any more than one probably. Q.-Mentioned nobody else but Herdman .- I think not. Q .- And you will swear that none of this

Q.-And you told him who those men were?

money of which you demanded 20 per cent was paid to you? A.-I will swear that, and have sworn to it, and I say it again neither directly nor indirectly. Q.-Did you make any inquiries or inves igations in regard to the truth of the statement of Captain O'Malley that this money had been deposited in the Omaha National

bank? A .- I did not. Q.-You took his word for it? A.-Well. was willing to take his word until I got further along with it. Q.—Have you any other written documents bearing on this case? A.—No, sir, that is all I have. The one that went brough and the one that never saw day-

Examined by Senator Talbot: Q .- Mr. Rigg, do you know of any mem ber of the senate that was spoken to about their vote upon the passage of senate file No. 321? A.—No, sir.

SPOKE TO NO ONE. Q.—Did you speak to any of them about how they should vote on this bill? A.—

No. sir. Q.—Do you know of any of them having received any money or promises of money or reward of any kind, for their vote on this bill? A.—No, sir, I will say I know absolutely nothing about No. 331. I don't know how it came to be introduced or anything else; I had nothing to do with it. I will now, that at the time Captain O'Malley gave me this he had another copy identical with it written on the same kind of paper and Q.-Was that here in Lincoln or

him except seeing his name in the papers. You say he is a councilman in Omaha? A.—

So I understand. Senator Ransom-Yes, he is in the council Mr. Rigg-The member from the bloody Third. Q .- He didn't say from whom he got this money that was put up in the bank? A.— No. sir. He did say this, that he was going

to Denver to see if he couldn't raise some money there; that much he said. Q .- Was part of this \$2,500 in Denver? A -I don't know anything about it. He was going out to see if he could raise some money there; I don't know where he raised it. Q .- You don't know how this purse wa raised? A.—No, sir, I do not. Q.—Do you know whether any of it was

ever paid to anybody or not, any of this \$2,500? A.—I do not; I know I never got a cent of it. Q .- He never replied to your letter after the passage of the bill? A .- No. sir. Q .- You didn't offer very much hope of loing anything with the republican contin-

gency in the senate? A.-No, sir.
Q.-Did you talk to Senator Lee about this? A .- No, sir, never said a word to Q.—Senator Ritchie—You say you never spoke to any senator in regard to this bill?

A.—Not until after the bill was passed; then

I codded around up there just joking with the fellows, you know. I believe I joked with Mr. Murphy about voting for the thing he day after it came out there.
Q.—Senator Talbot—Did Mr. O'Malley know that the senate had recalled the bill from the house? A .- I don't know. As I said, I received no reply to my letters, so don't know anything about it.

Examined by Senator Murphy Q .- I want to ask you if this is not the dea you want to convey to the hat what conversation you had with O'Mal ley and what correspondence you had with him was in reference to this bill, a copy of which you have presented to the committee and which you did not succeed in getting introduced? A.—This is the bill I wrote him about, exhibit "B." I told him when he was down here that I would prefer changing that bill, exhibit "A." and making it read like this, "exhibit "B." Now, I will go on like this, "exhibit "B." Now, I will go on a little further; I told him that I preferred to change that bill to make it read like this instead of that, and I advised him to leave out that clause there about going to the school funds, and he said: "Well, we don't care, so they change it from a felony to a misdemeanor." That is all they cared about, changing it from a felony to a mis-Q .- But this is what I wanted to ask you;

this is the bill he left with you, exhibit A?" A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—And about which you wrote him the two letters that have been referred to by Mr. Rosewater? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—And this is the bill that you did not succeed in getting introduced in either branch of the legislature? A.—I did not try to have that introduced at all; this is the one, exhibit "B," that I gave to the party to introduce, and he asked somebody and came to me and said: "There is no use; I can't get anybody to introduce it," and I didn't ask him who he had asked or any-

That bill grew out of this one? A .-Yes, sir.

THAT NEW LEAD. Q .- Do you know about the new lead that somebody struck by which the senate file No. 331, of which your bill is an exact copy reached the senate? A.—No. sir; I do not I don't know who introduced it or who took it up there or anything about it; I don't

know anything about that.

Q.—You really had the idea then when you learned that senate file No. 331 had passed the senate that O'Malley had struck a new lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead himself and was working with other parties. I will admit to Mr. Rosewater that that is the obdidn't.

Q.—Did he say anything about \$3,000?

A.—No, sir, he never said a word about \$3,000 to me; if there was any \$3,000 in it admit to Mr. Rosewater that that is the object of my writing that letter, that I thought he was holding out \$500 on me. I am mad now, he wasn't playing honest.

Q.—Did he say he thought you could get the bill through the senate for \$2,500, and through the house for \$500? A.—I don't remember of him saying that.

Q.—Did you tell him that your services in procuring the passage of this act would be worth \$2,500? A.—No, sir, I said it would be worth from \$2,000 to \$2,500 to get it

lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead himself and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead himself and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead himself and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead himself and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and that I was on the lead was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and that I was on the lead was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and was working with other parties? A.—Yes sir, had struck a new lead and that I was on the lead.

Q.—Why did you promise to shove along 206? A.—I put that in as an interlude that we might get 306 along in a few days. I understand 306 has been lifted by the sifting committee on the general files; I don't know; I haven't looked the bill over at all; I understand that; I don't know that positively;

the hotel.

Q.—You saw him on that day? A.—Yes, sir; I don't know about the 10th of February; I will not say positively about the date.

Q.—It was before you had some to Omaka. Denver, or left this copy and the copy why-the reasons why it should be passed, his argument why it should be passed; that was the argument to be used in the passing of it he said. I didn't know who drew it up or anything of the kind; I didn't know any

-Have you compared this bill that Mr. O'Malley left with you with senate file 331? A.—No, sir, I baven't made comparisons. Q.—You understand it is an exact copy? A.—From the reading of it I should judge it was almost an exact copy of this from reading the bill in the paper and the bill

Q.-Have you ever consulted with any of the employes or any of the members of the senate with reference to the origin of 331?

A.—No, sir; never made any inquiry about it. I wondered a good many times where the devil the thing came from. Is there anything more?

Examined by Victor Rosewater:
Q.—What did you do with the reasons you had? A.—I gave them to the party that I gave the copy of this exhibit "B" to.
Q.—Who was that party? A.—That is what I refused to answer awhile ago and the committee said I didn't have to answer. Q .- I ask that question again inasmuch as Q.—I ask that question again inasmuch as those reasons go with the other bill 331. Senator Ransom—Did you testify they came with 331? A.—No, sir, I didn't testify they came with 331. I said they came with that exhibit "A."

Q.—Exhibit "A" is an exact copy of 331 you say? A.—As far as I can understand

from reading the bill. I haven't compared them, but it seems to me almost identical with the copy, though. The committee instructs the witness he need not answer the question. Q.—Did you ever have any other conversation with Mr. Herdman after you made this demand in regard to this bill which had been left with you? A.—I will not say positively, but I think I told him that

say positively, but I think I to a couldn't get anything out of him.
Q.—In substance you told him nothing else about it? A.—And he simply said there was no use trying, that is all. Witness excused.

(To be continued tomorrow.) "POOR MAN'S MANURE" IN PLENTY.

Heavy April Snows Prepare the Ground for a Bumper Crop. FARNAM, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.) -A snowstorm yesterday was followed by another last night and this morning. It is a heavy, moist April snow that the Yankees in New England call "the poor man's manure," a typical April snowstorm which rejoices the farmer's heart and confirms the promiss of a good season, good crop and

JUNIATA, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)-It has rained almost continually here for the past four days. The ground is so wet that spring work, which is scarcely begun, cannot proceed. Farmers are ready and anxious to begin putting in the crop, and a large one will be planted, as prospects are most flattering for a big yield. CULBERTSON, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)-

For several days rain and snow has fallen alternately, and the ground is more thoroughly soaked than ever before at this season of the year. All kinds of grain are looking splendid.

IMPERIAL, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—One

of the heaviest snowstorms ever witnessed in this county is now in progress. It began raining last hight about 11 o'clock and continued all hight until morning, when it turned to snow. There is no wind, and the weather is mild and warm. The entire county is a vertable lake of water. Farm. county is a vertable lake of water. Farming of all kind will be stopped for several days. The wheat and other small grain. both fall and spring, is coming up nicely, and with the moisture now in the ground there will be no question about a crop this year. Everybody is enthused over the pros-

wauneta, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—A steady snow is falling here today. The snow is very wet and heavy. The weather s warm, melting the snow as fast as it falls. It rained all last night, hence the ground is very wet. Farmers consider they will certainly raise an abundant crop this season. The condition: are more favorable than they have been for four years, and their every energy will now be put forth to sow all the small grain they can, and plant every acre of corn they can possibly tend.

BELATED ELECTION RETURNS. Officers Chosen in Nebraska Town for Municipal Offices.

BURWELL, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)-The village election passed off quietly there being practically no issue except that of saloons, and as it is practically conceded that a saloon could not be storted in any event, as a petition could not be secured, there was very little at stake. W. H. Meyers, G. P. Brown, D. S. Beynon, J. P. Alderman and A. J. Borden, represent the citizens' ticket, were elected.

JUNIATA, Neb., April S.—(Special.)—The city election pased off quictly. It rained part of the day, and a light vote was cast. Only one ticket was nominated with a few scattering votes. The board consists of the nomiiees of the citizens' caucus, with four republicans and one silver democrat, as follows:
B. F. Smith, G. N. McGowigal, O. R. Palmer,
J. V. Willett and Will Brookley.
WESTON, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—At

the municipal election held yesterday the following trustees were elected for the coming year: H. F. Blunk, C. E. Lillibridge, oseph Hausuer, Anton Novak, John Matousek. It is a nonpartisan board in village affairs and for license. PAWNER CITY, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)

The city election resulted in the usual vic-tory for the republicans. The following ticket was elected: Mayor, M. A. Rice; treasurer, H. C. Van Horne; clerk, C. E. Pierce; councilman First ward, G. E. Becker; councilman Second ward, W. D. Eakin; mem-bers of school board, E. S. McMasters and J. H. Little. The election was very quiet. STRANGE LIGHT SEEN AT DECATUR.

May Have Been a Meteor from the Description Given.

DECATUR, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—A strange phenomenon passed close to this town Tuesday night just after dusk. When the undefinable globe of light was first seen it was on the opposite side of the river, but at about 10 crossed over to this side a few miles south of the city, angling very moderately in its journey. The huge ball of fire continued southward in its flight and a continued southward in its flight and a little after 120 completely vanished from view. It is maintained by some to have been an air ship. It represented a round ball of light, reflecting, its, rays in all directions. Its course lay close to the banks and at times it appeared to get dangerously close to the river. Phrowing its rays on the now broad waters of the Missouri. Its movements were outled and inesteady similar to the were quick and puneteady, similar to the action of a meteor, up and down, and then back and forward.

SHILOH VETERAN ASSOCIATION. Annual State Meetings at Stromsburg

Are Well Attended. STROMSBURG, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)-The fifth annual meeting of the Shilob Veterans' association concluded last night About 100 visiting veterans were here from different parts of the state. An elegan supper was furnished by the Woman's Relief corps, after which the concluding exercise were held at the opera house, which was filled to its utmost capacity with eager listeners. Rev. J. H. Pressen of this place gave the address of welcome. The principal speakers of the evening were John Lett Benedict, Dan Brown, C. B. Couch, C. Anderson, George B. France of York, A. C. Swartz Drawn, Pitt B. Herringston and several others. Bryan, Pitt B. Herrington and several others. The old officers were re-elected for the en-

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Paha, providing for a systematic method of making road overseer a returns to the county treasurer, failed to pass, the vote being 35 for and 56 against it. DEFINING TRUSTS.

A senate file No. 330, by Gondring of Platte, to define trusts and conspiracies against trade, declaring the same to be unlawful and void, and providing means for suppression of such trusts, was passed by the following vote.

Ayes:		
Ankeny,	Holland,	Severe,
Baldwin,	Horner,	Sheldon,
Billings.	Hull,	Shull.
Bower.	Hyatt,	Smith (Rich.).
Campbell,	Jones (Nem.).	Snyder (Nem.),
Clark (Rich.),	Jones (Wayne),	Soderman,
Cole.	Kapp.	Stebbins,
Dobson,	Relater,	Straub,
Eager,	Lemar,	Taylor (Doug.),
Eastman,	Loomis,	Uerling.
Endorf.	McCarthy,	Van Horn,
Fernow,	McCracken,	Welch,
Gaylord,	McLeod	Wheeler,
Gerdes,	Marshall,	Wiebe,
Grandstaff.	Mitchell,	Winslow,
Grimes,	Moran,	Wooster,
Grosvenor,	Morrison,	Wright,
Hamilton,	Pollard,	Yeiser,
Hile,	Prince.	Young.
Hill.	Robertson,	Zimmerman,
Holbrook,	Roddy,	Mr. Speaker-63.
	Description 1	and the same
Nays:	200	200
Alderman,	Givens,	Phelps,
Bernard,	Goshorn,	Rich,
Blake,	Henderson,	Roberts,
Burkett,	Jenkins,	Rouse,
Hyram,	Jones (Gage),	Smith (Doug.),
Casebeer,	Liddell,	Sutton,
Chittenden.	McGee,	Taylor (Fill.),
Clark (Lan.),	Mann,	Waite,
Curtis,	Mills,	Wimberley,
Felker,	Nesbit,	Woodard-31.
Fouke,		
Absent and	not voting:	
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Grell, Snyder (Sher.), AGREES TO ADJOURN. After recess the report of the conference minittee, in reference to final adjournment was again read. The speaker said the report proper and the

recommendation appended would be acted upon separately. . On motion of Pollard the report was adopted, fixing the time for adjournment at 12 o'clock noon on Friday. The recommen-dation that no bills be passed after Thurs-

day was not concurred in.

Senate file No. 264, by Murphy of Gage, to provide against the adulteration of food and prohibit its sale, was passed without op-Senate file No. 117, by Canaday, to grant

equal privileges to graduates of the State university, with graduates of other educational institutions within the state, was passed by a vote of 63 to 22.
Senate file No. 305, by Gondring of Platte, amending the law relating to water rights, so as to require the consent of the land owner through whose property the stream or channel passes, was passed by a vote of 71

Senate file No. 94, by Beal of Custer, to authorize county treasurers to invest an amount not to exceed 75 per cent of the sinking fund in their respective countles, in registered warrants of the county at their face value, was passed by a vote of 72 to 2. Senate file No. 6, by Murphy of Gage, to amend the Code of Civil Procedure in regard to juries. It provides that jurors may be summoned upon other than the first day of a term of court, such date to be fixed by the ludge. It was passed with the emergency clause, the vote being 79 to 2.
Senate file No. 105, by Gondring of Platte, relating to the protection of game, was passed with the emergency clause with only

three negative votes. Senate file No. 41, by Johnson of Clay, provides means by which cities and villages may acquire public parks and improve the same. The city council or board of trustee is given power to levy not to exceed 5 mills for the purpose of improving such park or public grounds. The bill passed with the emergency clause stricken out, by a vote of

Senate file No. 136, by Dundas of Nemaha, provides that when countles deem it neces sary to build a court house, jall or other public county buildings, upon petition of one-fourth of the legal voters a special election shall be called, at which a special annual tax not to exceed 5 mills may be voted to defray the expense of erecting such buildings. The bill passed with the emergency HOUSE BALKS ON IT, TOO.

Senate file No. 251, by Mr. Grothan, to extend the powers of the State Board of Transportation so as to give it power and authority over charges by express companies for transportation, and over shone and telegraph companies for the transmission of messages by telegraph or tele-phone, and for rentals for telephones, and over persons engaged in the several busiesses; and to apply the powers given to said Board of Transportation by law over railroad companies, to all companies or perons owning, controlling or operating a line or lines of express, telephone and telegraph, whose line or lines is or are wholly or in part in this state, was read the third time, and on roll call received to votes for and 40 against. A call of the house was had and the absentees were sent for. The unexcused absentees were Nesbit, Goshorn and Cronk.

The vote was as follows when the call of

the house was had:

Ayes:

Ankeny,	Holland,	Smith (Rich.),
Billings,	Horner,	Enyder (Nem.).
Bower,	Hull,	Soderman,
Campbell,	Hyatt,	Stebbins,
Clark (Rich.),	Jones (Nem.),	Straub.
Cole,	Lemar.	Taylor (Fill.),
Eager.	Loomis.	Uerling.
	McCracken,	Van Horn,
Eastman,	Marshall,	Welch,
Endorf,	Moran,	Wheeler,
Fernow,	Morrison.	Winslow,
Gaylord,		Wright,
Gerdes,	Phelps.	Yeiser,
Grandstaff,	Pollard,	Young.
Grimes,	Robertson,	
Grosvenor,	Severe,	Zimmerman,
Hile,	Sheldon,	Mr. Speaker-50.
Hill,	Shull,	
Nays:		
	Henderson,	Prince,
Alderman,	Helbrook,	Rich.
Baldwin,	Jenkins,	Roberts,
Bernard.	Jones (Wayne).	Roddy,
Blake.		Rouse,
Burkett,	Jones (Gage),	Smith (Doug.),
Byram,	Kapp,	Sutton,
Casebeer,	Keister,	Taylor (Doug.),
Chittenden,	Liddell,	Waite,
Clark (Lan.),	McGee,	Wiebe,
Curtis,	McLeod.	
Felker,	Mann,	Wimberley,
Fouke,	Millio	Woodard,
Givens,	Mitchell,	Wooster-40.
Hamilton.		
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After a two hours' call of the he of Valley, who was down town sick with the measles, was brought up to the hall and the call was raised. Cronk and McCarthy voted for the bill and it passed by a vote of 52 to

At 6:15 the house took a recess. When the house met in the evening the first thing done was to concur in the senate amendments to house roll No. 125. Senate file No. 293 was indefinitely post-

that the attorney general bring the default-ing state officers to a speedy trial was laid on the table by a vote of 58 to 25.

A motion to adopt the bribery resolution offered by Yeiser during the day was defeated by a vote of 33 to 45. A motion to allow the employes of the ouse straight time was adopted. Senate file No. 208 was passed by a vote

of 61 to 5. Senate file No. 61 was passed with the emergency clause. Senate file No. 269 passed by a vote of 56 to 12. Senate file No. 270 passed by a vote of 53 to 13. The house refused to concur in the senate amendments to house roll No. 614, the big appropriation bill.

At 11:10 the house adjourned. OPERATIONS OF THE TREASURY.

Statement of Business Transacted During Three Months. LINCOLN, April 8 .- (Special.) -- State Treasurer Meserve this afternoon filed with the auditor of public accounts a statement showing in detail the operations of the state treasury from January 7, the day he was inducted into office, to and including March 31. The law requires that a statement shall be filed with the auditor every three months or oftener, as the treasurer may elect. For many years it has been the custom of the treasurer to file these statements each month. But it has also been the custom to rigidly guard the statements from the public eye. Treasurer Meserve has set a new precedent and his quarterly statements will be given to the press on the day they are filed with

the auditor. Since he assumed the duties of his office Tressurer Meserve has collected and paid out over \$1,000,000. He has paid off outstanding general fund warrants to the amount of \$513,709.16. This afternoon he paid off the last block of outstanding refunding bonds, the entire amount being \$123,000. Smaller sums were paid out on other accounts, thus bringing the total disburse-ments up to the million dollar mark. In the six months preceding his retirement from office, ex-Treasurer Bartley paid off general fund warrants to the amount of \$26,805.07. Treasurer Meserve's record for three months, lacking a few days, was \$513,709.16.

The detailed statement, showing the bal-ances on hand January 6, the receipts and disbursements since that date and the balances at the close of business on March 31,

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	school .	279,368.78	253,449.55	231,958.20	274,539,59
	univ'ty Agric'lt'I	19,775.93	1,584.73	9,991.15	1,591.58
	College end'w't . T'mp'r'ry	61,955.15	2,302.17		20,888.71
	univ'ty . Penit'n'y Normal	9,432.01	50,236.13 17.88	20,539,87	39, 128, 27 17, 88
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	Normal library		100,00	543.42	1,337.65
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Totals |1526,304.10(\$787,314.92)1479,487,60 |1844,131.42 The last item in the foregoing statement, set down as "suspended account," includes all moneys tied up in defunct depository banks or held by ex-Treasurer Bartley, and is not included in the balance account. The several amounts have been charged off books as far as the respective funds are concerned, and will in the future be carried on the books of the treasury department as the "suspended account." Treasurer Me-Treasurer Meserve, in a letter to Auditor Cornell, suggests that the same account be opened on the auditor's books in order that the books of the two offices may agree.

The money represented in the suspended account is distributed in the following state-First National bank of Alma, general fund. \$40.312 4
Bank of Wymore, general fund. 6.036 6
Capital National bank, general fund 52.416 6
Capital National bank, sinking fund 180,101 76 fund
Globe Loan and Trust company,
temporary school fund.
Buffalo County bank, temporary
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Total\$644,909 50 WERE ANY SUGAR BEETS RAISED!

Singular Question Referred to Governor for Investigation. LINCOLN, April 8 .- (Special.)-The senate this afternoon placed itself on record as being opposed to the payment of the beet sugar and chicory bounty claims as provided by law. While the claims bill was under consideration Senators Spencer of Lancaster and Murphy of Gage sought to add the beet sugar and chicory claims as amendments. The senate by a decisive viva voce majority rejected both claims. In lieu of direct action on the matter at

this session, the fusion majority adopted the following resolution, in spite of a strong populist protest:

thenden, Liddell, Taylor (Doug.), rk (Lan.). McGee, Waite, Wiebe, McLeod. Wiebe, ker, Mann, Wimberley, ker, Milts: Woodard, ens. Mitchell, Wooster-40. milton. (Ifter a two hours' call of the house, Cronk Valley, who was down town sick with the asles, was brought up to the hall and the lasses, was brought up to the hall and the balles, was brought up to the hall and the ball and it passed by a vote of 52 to the bill and it passed by a vote of 52 to the sex oconcur in the senate amendance house roil No. 125.

The sex of this state continue of beets raised in the state of Nebraska during the years less the amount of beets raised in the state of Nebraska during the years accrued under said law; therefore, be it Resolution by Pollard, recommending the attorney general bring the default-state officers to a speedy trial was laid the table by a vote of 58 to 25.

Whereas, The legislature of the state of Nebraska at its session in 1835 passed an act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of sugar, but falled to make any appropriation to pay the bounty therein provided for; and.

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Wilson and Rogers Found Guilty. HOLDREGE, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.) District court convened at this place Monday, with a docket of over 200 cases. Charles Wilson and John Rogers were tried yester-

"Job's Birthday -the date be cursed!" So a tired-

out and exasperated woman speaks of Monday-wash-day. And so, probably, would every woman who celebrates it so often in the old-fashioned, wearing way. Though why they do it, when there's a better way that can't be found fault with, is a

You'd better celebrate the death of the day, by using Pearline. You wouldn't recognize it-with its ease, comfort, cleanliness,

short hours, economy in time and in things washed. Don't let prejudice against modern ideas stand in your way. Don't wear yourself out over the wash-tub just because your ancestors had to.

day and the jury returned a verdict of guilty after being out three hours and a half. They were charged with breaking into the station house of the B. & M. at Atlanta on the night of Sunday, March 14. They were cap-tured some few miles southeast of Atlanta the next morning by a posse composed of ex-Senator Dale and several other persons. The men have not as yet received sentence. It is generally supposed that they will receive a bort term in the penitentiary for stealing

revolver from the station house.

The case against Charles Stromberg is now on trial. This is a case of malicious destruction of property.

There are several more criminal cases to be tried at this term of court.

WILL DIVERSIFY THEIR CROPS. Farmers Find by Experience that it Pays to Branch Out.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.) It was found by the farmers here last season that it was highly advisable to divert from the usual course of confining their attempts at farming to the ordinary grains and regular field crops and to branch out into other and different lines of agriculture, thus obtaining opportunities to dispose of their products without being com-pelled to compete with the entire country, and in some cases they were able to con-tract a given number of acres at an agreed price per bushel in advance, thus giving their labor in the fields an element of stability and certainty not obtainable in ordinary farming. A large number of persons put in a number of acres to crops for seed firms in the cities of this and other states, and, in most cases, greatly to their advantage. The same policy will probably be followed to a much wider extent this season, especially in certain lines. Last year the principal crops contracted for were peas, several varieties of table beans, onions, table. flint and pop corn. It was found that all the different varieties tried grew to a remarkable degree of perfection. One farmer has recently closed a contract with an Ohio seed firm for 235 acres; all to be cultivated to different varieties of sweet or table corn, and no doubt the movement in this direc-

PLUNGES A SWORD IN HIS BREAST. Weapon Goes in Eight Inches, but

tion will be much more general than last

the Man May Recover. DAVID CITY, Neb., April 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-W. G. Boston, an old citizen of the town, attempted suicide this afternoon by plunging a sword into his body just below the breast bone to the depth of eight inches. He has just returned from Oklahoma, where he has been for the past year. He is a prominent Mason and Knight of Pythian and used his uniform rank sword in the commission of the deed. He has previously had attacks of insanity in a mild form and spent some time at the asylum at Lincoln a few years ago. This is the first attempt or indication of any desire for selfdestruction. Hopes are entertained of his

STRIKE A MIGHTY FLOW OF WATER,

Artesian Well Drillers in Chase Are Well Rewarded. IMPERIAL, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)-Some persons in the west end of the county have been experimenting with an artesian well. When this got down about 115 feet they struck water which flowed out of the top of the well, the hole being ten inches in diameter, with force enough to throw up large sized stones that were dropped in the well. The flow is about 800 gallons per minute. A number of other wells will be put down in the county, and if a like suc-cess is had the question of irrigation in this county will be solved

Diphtheria Scare at Ashland. ASHLAND, Neb., April 8.-(Special.)-There is considerable excitement here caused by a case of diptheria in the county, three miles south of town. The wife and two married daughters of Randolph Bryan visited a married daughter in DeWitt, Neb., last week the eldest girl took the black diptheria and died there. The mother and youngest girl returned home Tuesday. Now the younget girl has been taken with a severe case of it. The town people fear it will spread and precautions are being taken. The district school close to Mr. Bryan's house has been closed until the scare is over.

Injunction Stands for the Present. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 8,-(Special.) Judge J. R. Thompson of the district court this morning rendered his decision in the injunction case of the members of the Shelton lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen against Grand Master Tate of that order. The decision is temporary against the grand master, as it specifies that the injunction shall stand un'il the appeal of the Shelton lodge from the decision of the trial court at Wood River is decided.

Four Petitions for Saloons. OAKLAND, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Today, following the election of a license board for the coming year, there are four petitions for saloons being circulated—one by a woman, and more are being spoken of as willing to pay \$1,000 into the school fund for saloon privileges. One citizen has of-fered \$2,500 per year for the right to sell liquor in Oakland.

OSCEOLA, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.)-The trial of Swan Benson, who was charged with forgery, has taken up the time of court for the past two days, and ended last night with a verdict of not guilty. The costs in the case will be over \$500. This was the first criminal case tried by the new county attorney, John Tongue.

Go Off to Join the Circus. OAKLAND, Neb., April 8 .- (Special.) - Four Oakland musicians leave today to play in circus bands. W. H. Vancleve and Arthur Boyce join Ringling Bros.' band and Fred Krogh and Van Boyce join Perry & Matthews' circus band. They are all professional play-

Large Docket for the Next Term. IMPERIAL, Neb., April 8,-(Special.)-The next term of the district court will be held April 27, and an unusually large docket will be had. Judge Norris has notified the at-torneys they must be prepared to try all cases, as he intends to clean up the docket.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S | Bicycle Given Away.
Triograph - Prize Fight. _TONIGHT AT 8:15 ____ 10C. PAYTON COMEDY CO. 'DRIVEN FROM HOME."

April 11-14, the great show, Salter & Martin's nammoth original "UNCLE TOM'S CAUN." 0c, 20c, 20c. THE CREIGHTON Paxton & Burgass. TONIGHT AT 8:15,

THE WOODWARD THEATER CO. That Cheerful Liar Mayaiscope Matinee tomorrow, "The Cotton Spinner." To-norrow night, "The Octoroon, Scale on sale, 19c,

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