but the traffic is carried to Park avenue and Leavenworth street on the cross-town line and as many special trains as are required are run on the stub line to the park.

Tuesday has been set aside as Soldiers', Pioneers' and Children's days. On this occasion all Nebraska veterans, all pioneers who resided in Nebraska prior to its admission as a state, and all children under 14 years old will be admitted free. Special programs will also be provided which will be announced later.

Wednesday will be Nebraska day, and it is the intention of the management to have all the state industrial and educational institutions represented in a manner that will illustrate their respective lines of work.

Thursday will be Omaha day and it is expected that the metropolis will turn out in a body to swell the crowd.

TROOPS WILL LEAD THE COLUMN.

Twenty-Second Infantry Takes Part in Tuesday Night's Parade.

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben some changes were made in the position the governors will occupy in the various parades of next week. As previously announced, the Board of Governors will form the mounted escort for the Mechanical parade of Wednesday evening and for the Ak-Sar-Ben parade of Thursday evening. On Tuesday evening, however, the governors will not ride at the head of the column. Colonel Wyckoff of the Twenty-second regiment of infantry, U. S. A., will be the commander of Tuesday evening's military and civic parade, and will lead it with the government troops. The Board of Governors will be divided in this parade, the members riding at the head of the several divisions.

Applications from military and civic organizations for positions in Tuesday night's procession are coming in rapidly, and the success of the procession is assured beyond a particle of doubt. Societies that have not yet been assigned positions should at once communicate with Thomas A. Fry, chairman of the parade committee.

ACTIVITY AMONG THE KNIGHTS.

Preparations for Next Thursday Evening's Court Ball.

Thursday's rehearsal of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben who will take part in the Ak-Sar-Ben parade of next Thursday evening and the opening of the court ball of Friday evening, was the most successful yet held. The 150 gally attired knights were drilled by an army officer from Fort Crook in the various movements that they will perform on the night of the great ball.

The high character of the drill indicates that the opening of the court ball on Friday evening will prove one of the most artistic features of Ak-Sar-Ben week. Next Friday at 3 o'clock there will be a meeting of the twenty-five young knights who are to act as floor managers on the evening of the ball. They will receive their instructions and their badges from Edward Porter Peck, chairman of the ball committee.

WENT OUT AND "HOLLERED."

How a Woman Announced the Death of Her Husband at Midnight.

It was the trial of a member of one of Norfolk's foremost families, relates the Washington Post. The defendant was a woman and was charged with forgery and complicity in pension fraud. As the proceedings drew to a close all the city crowded into the court room. Residents from Ghent and loafers from the wharves sat together on one bench, and the bailiff, not to lose so good a chance, manifested his authority by calling out "order," and himself making more noise than all the people in the court.

The last witness was a negress, portly and very black. Her voice was singularly mellow and sweet. The government was questioning her about the death of her husband, and her testimony was directly against the defendant. The court room was consequently very quiet and still.

"You say your husband died in Norfolk?" snarled the district attorney.

"Yessah."

"You were with him?"

"Yessah. Right dere with him when he died.

"Tell us about it."

"I 'member, sah, he got up through the night. He said he was too wa'm down dere with me and de little child. 'I's too wa'm,' he said. 'I'll go to de winduh and lie down here.' He gen'ally got up at nights, anyhow, when he was too wa'm.

"I don't know how long he had been lyin' by de winduh 'fore I heard a rustle. I gen'ally keeps a lamp burnin' nights. I hears him say, 'Ol' 'oman.' I started up, an' he says, Ol' 'oman, get up. An' I jumped up an' says 'Ol' man.' He says, 'What.'

"I jumped up and went to him at de winduh, and he was like he was strugglin'. I says, 'Honey, what's de matter?' and de las' wo'd he said, 'I don't know.' I said 'Lord have mercy, what's de matter wid you?' An' after I said dat he didn't say no mo'. Gen'men, he died right off. I said, 'Lord Jesus, my husband gone. What am I gwine to do?' No one was with me but dat chil'. I went out an' hollered. Some said 1 o'clock at night dey heard me holler. I went out an' hollered for some one to come, fo' my husband was dead."

NEW YORK'S "FINEST."

They Wear Creased Trousers and Hire Tailors by the Year.

With two tailors in the basement removing traces of table d'hote and beer stains, creasing trousers and replacing buttons, it is not surprising that the patrolmen of the East Twenty-second street station shine in the sight of their fellow men, says the New York Journal.

"They are all Beau Brummels—every man of them," Captain Smith exclaimed admiringly, as the squad filed out of the station house at 6 o'clock last evening. "That tailor shop did the business, and it's an idea of mine. There is no reason now for a missing button, even if a man is not married. This station doesn't fear complaints from headquarters. We are too tidy."

Captain Smith's great idea grew out of Chief McCullagh's order requesting all patrolmen to spruce up a bit. The spectacle of a fat policeman waddling about with his waistcoat unbuttoned like a dried codfish was obnoxious to the chief.

There are 100 men in Captain Smith's command, all of whom have access to the tailor shop in the basement. Two tailors serve as valets to this 100, standing watch night and day. They do no outside work, and the expense is borne by the patrolmen, who each contribute $1 a month for the support of the shop. The station is also equipped with a bootblack, who polishes exclusively for Captain Smith and his men.

Before the squad leaves the house the tailor on watch goes down the line like a Pullman car porter with his whisk broom in hand. The bootblack scans the row of broad, flat feet of his patrons, and Captain Smith inspects his men with the air of one who knows the proper thing in dress. No wonder the East Twenty-second street station is held up as a model for the entire force.

Made a Sale.

Chicago Tribune: "No," said the man of the house, "I don't think I have any use for a machine to stem currants, but if you have any kind of machine that will stem the tide of my misfortunes I'll buy it too quick."

"Well," replied the peddler, "here is something with which you might take arms against a sea of troubles."

And he fished in his pack and brought out a bare bodkin.

Scrofula

In its thousands of forms is the most terrible affliction of the human race. Salt rheum, sores, eruptions, boils, all humors, swellings, etc., originate in its foul taint, and are cured by the great and only True Blood Purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. The advanced theory of today that tuberculosis, or consumption, is curable by proper nutrition, care and purifying the blood, finds confirmation in the experience of many who have been cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills cure sick headache. 25c.

Most Complexion Powders have a vulgar glare, but Pozzoni's is a true beautifier, whose effects are lasting.

LINCOLN MAKES A DISPLAY

Capital City Parades to Edify Grand Army Reunion Visitors.

GREAT CROWD WATCHES THE PROCESSION

Camp Ground Deserted and Streets of the City Thronged by Sight-seers Who Are Well Entertained by the Show.

LINCOLN, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—There was no regular program at the reunion grounds today and a great many of the campers spent the forenoon making preparations to leave for home. There had been some talk of a sham battle, but it was abandoned. The crowd of the visitors on the grounds was as large as yesterday and for the most part the people furnished their own entertainment. There were a number of meetings of state associations during the forenoon. In the afternoon the grounds were practically deserted, the people having all come into the city to witness the parade and celebration of Lincoln day. The parade in the city was a splendid one and was viewed by an immense crowd. Beside the reunion people and the residents of the city a large number of pepole came in from the surrounding towns to witness this special feature of reunion week. The parade consisted of the state and city officials, cadets of the University, Nebraska National guard, civic societies, old soldiers, police and fire departments, several bands and a large number of floats and decorated turnouts, fitted up by the business men. Each of the seven wards of the city had displays in the parade, and there was a large company of wheelmen in line with handsomely decorated wheels. At the state house grounds was the living flag formed by 2,000 school children in costume. It is generally conceded that the celebration of Lincoln day was a success, and that it was about the only part of the program of reunion week that was strictly carried out.

PREPARING FOR IRRIGATIONISTS.

The National irrigation congress, which meets in Lincoln September 28, 29 and 30, bids fair to be the most largely attended meeting of the kind ever held. Over 4,000 sealed invitations have been sent out by Secretary Harpham of the local executive committee and A. G. Wolfenbarger, president of the Nebraska Irrigation association. Numerous letters are being received from people who expect to attend. The state irrigation convention will meet in fifth annual session at the same time. Considerable interest is manifested in the contemplated visit of Booth-Tucker, the American commander of the Salvation army, whose topic will be "Salvation Army Colonization of Arid Lands." W. J. Bryan has also promised to be present and talk on matters pertaining to irrigation. The local executive committee is at work on a corn exhibit and is in correspondence with farmers and ditchmen in the irrigated districts who have promised to send in samples of products. Among those who will take part in the session and contribute papers are Dr. Clarke Gapen of Chicago, George H. Maxwell of California, Hon. C. C. Wright, author of the California act which has been largely copied in the formation of the Nebraska statute pertaining to irrigation; Elwood Mead, state engineer of Wyoming, and Hon. Binger Herman, commissioner of the general land office.

LINCOLN NOTES.

Director Kimball of the University School of Music has secured Miss Marion Treat of Chicago as a member of the faculty. Miss Treat was here during commencement week and sung on several occasions.

Preparations are being made for a four days' bible conference to be held at the United Presbyterian church, beginning Monday evening. Three sessions will be held each day and a number of prominent ministers from abroad will be here to assist in the work.

H. S. Lippincott and wife left today for their new home in New York City. They have lived in Lincoln many years and now go east because Mr. Lippincott has secured a good position with the St. Louis Gas company.

G. W. Barnes of Omaha and I. O. Whitsides of Aurora played a checker tournament for the state championship at the Union club rooms last night. Sixteen games were played, four of which were drawn, seven going to Barnes and five to Whitsides.

The mayor of the city has issued a proclamation, calling upon the citizens to devote September 20 and 21 to the cleaning up and otherwise improving the condition of their premises, and it is believed that the days will be generally observed in the manner suggested by the mayor.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—J. J. O'Connor, D. D. Gregory, Lee Herdman, D. H. Mercer, C. A. Erickson, Thomas H. Thorpe, J. A. Epeneter. At the Capital—George E. Kay, L. R. Bloedel. At the Lincoln—B. H. Bennett, F. T. Ransom, E. F. Jordan, W. S. Jessup, Howard Kennedy, C. Sanford, Charles Offutt, G. W. Holdrege, E. Hardy, I. H. Pratt, Miss Pratt, A. M. Jeffrey.

PRISONERS ESCAPE AT KEARNEY.

Break the Locks and Walk Out—All But One Recaptured.

KEARNEY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Thursday afternoon Sheriff Gormley of Kearney county brought over three fellows giving their names as Frank Hamilton and Albert and Ed Smith, charged with burglary, and placed them in the jail here for safe keeping. This afternoon while Sheriff and Mrs. Wort were away at the fair, the prisoners cut out a part of the rock wall with a piece of their iron bedstead. With this rock they broke off the locks of the door and skipped out. Some painters working on a house near by saw them leaving, and thinking something was wrong, raised the alarm. A searching party was immediately organized and the two Smith boys captured, but Hamilton is still at large. He is a young Swede, and as near as can be learned the trio are part of a gang which worked in Omaha a short time ago.

An insane man in the jail at the time also escaped, but was soon captured. The prisoners at first intended to dig through the wall, but finding they were alone in the jail took the rock and smashed off the locks.

SOLDIER DIES OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Another Case of the Disease Is Now in Hospital at Fort Robinson.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—First Sergeant Frederick H. Winters of troop I, Sixth cavalry, died in the post hospital of typhoid fever. He had been in the cavalry service for nearly thirteen years, serving the first five years in troop I, Fifth cavalry, and the balance in the Sixth. Captain Anderson considered him one of the model soldiers of the army and placed implicit faith in his honesty and ability. He was a Hanoverian by birth and not long ago married a young Ohio woman.

Private Grob of troop D, Sixth cavalry, is also in the hospital with typhoid.

Lieutenant Grete Hutchison, aid-de-camp to General Coppinger, arrived today as inspector of small arms practice at the coming competition at this place on the 27th.

BEELER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Defense Will Try to Prove that He Fired in Self-Defense.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of P. M. Beeler, charged with the murder of Gilbert Mosher, has commenced here. The jury was not obtained without difficulty, nearly two days being consumed. The prosecution is stronger than it was generally thought it would be. The defense is basing its case on the theory of self-defense. Mosher was shot last March while upon the premises of Beeler. There was an old feud between the families. The defense will endeavor to prove that Mosher threatened to kill Beeler and started for him. Beeler shot twice with a shotgun. Mosher died after suffering for several days.

Frontier County Republican Ticket.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Frontier county republican convention met here this afternoon. The convention was called to order by A. Wilsey. J. C. Gammill was elected temporary chairman and L. H. Cheney secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent and the following ticket placed in nomination: Clerk, W. P. Holmes of Curtis; treasurer, George B. Lancombe of Eustis; sheriff, L. O. Richardson of Orofino; judge, W. H. Wilmeth, of Stockville; superintendent, W. H. Dobson of Freedom; coroner, A. Wilsey of Moorfield; surveyor, N. C. Dueland of Quick; commissioner of the First district, H. H. Greenlee of Freedom. The convention was characterized by harmony and good feeling, though a spirited contest was made by the aspirants for several of the positions. Upon organization of the central committee L. H. Cheney was elected chairman and J. A. Williams secretary.

BOY TURNS STATE'S EVIDENCE.

Preliminary Hearing of Belmont Robbers at Crawford.

CRAWFORD, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Deputy United States Marshal Palmer arrived today and brought Dan Lewis and Richard Austin for preliminary hearing on the charge of robbing the Belmont postoffice before United States Commissioner T. J. O'Keefe. Fred Mason, a mere child, turned state's evidence and confessed to driving Lewis and Austin to Belmont and holding the horses while they committed the burglary. He handed over to the officers his share of the postage stamps and pleaded guilty to the charge and was bound over to the circuit court, failing to give the $500 recognizance required. Lewis and Austin pleaded not guilty, but on the evidence were bound over in the sum of $2,000 each, which they failed to provide. Lewis is very low and may not recover. The court held its session in the bedroom where he lies. He remains here and Marshal Palmer left tonight with the other two for Omaha.

ASSAULTS A YOUNG GIRL ON A FARM.

Posse Pursuing a Man in Adams County and May Lynch Him.

JUNIATA, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Emma Scofield, a 17-year-old girl living with her parents on a farm three miles west of here, was most brutally assaulted by a well-dressed stranger at 10 o'clock this morning. Miss Scofield was alone in the house doing work about the kitchen when a respectable-looking man appeared at the door and asked for something to eat. While the girl was preparing him a lunch he apparently realized that she was the only person about the premises and without warning grabbed her and tore off her clothing. The girl began to scream, but was threatened with her life, having the point of a dagger thrust against her breast. The man eventually escaped and up to a late hour has not been captured. A man answering his description was seen in Juniata this morning and a posse has been organized and is in hot pursuit. If he is captured it is not unlikely he will be lynched.

FALL PLOWING STARTS UP AGAIN.

Farmers Who Waited for the Rain Are Now Busy Once More.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell on Wednesday night, putting an end to several weeks of severe heat, accompanied by a south wind and much dust. Fall plowing is now proceeding. The change is very agreeable, as well as beneficial.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The continual hot spell and dry weather which has prevailed all of this month terminated in a fine rain yesterday and it is much cooler today.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Over an inch of rain fell yesterday morning enabling the farmers to resume sowing fall wheat, which the dry weather had stopped. The rain has also helped the late corn, which was ripening too fast. If favorable weather continues the wheat acreage of the county will be double that of the present season.

West Point Local Matters.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Last Monday a bad accident happened to the 5-year-old son of Bernard Hanke, who lives six miles west of West Point. The little fellow tried to stop a team hitched to a wagon, and fell under the wheels, breaking his leg above the knee.

Next Sunday and Monday in this city will be played a game of ball between the West Point club and a combination club composed of Omaha and South Omaha players.

The following is a list of West Point graduates who will attend the State university at Lincoln the coming year: Helen F. Langer, Lily B. Munroe, Lizzie Stuefer, Grace Losch, Blanch Losch, Carrie Conlin, Alice Schairer, Lillie Thompson, Garrett Clancy, Jerome Langer, James Crawford, Charles Beckenhauer, Fred Kuegle, Kenelm King and Charles Thompson.

The Cuming county fair will be held in this city October 4, 5, 6 and 7. The race track is being placed in excellent condition and the buildings will soon be in readiness for reception of the exhibits.

Dr. N. H. Kelley, the dentist, will leave for Omaha the fore part of next week, and will open a dental office in that city. Dr. A. J. Anderson of Pierce, brother to Attorney O. C. Anderson, will remove to West Point tomorrow and take Dr. Kelley's place.

Operator Joe Boyles, who has been a faithful employe at the station here, was promoted to be station agent at Crowell, where he succeeds Agent Al Dodendorf, who in turn was promoted to the station at Verdigris, Knox county. Gus Walter, who was recently promoted to be operator at Bassett, takes Joe Boyle's place here.

Small Happenings at Winside.

WINSIDE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The mercury went down in the tube 40 degrees here Wednesday night. A high wind prevailed, with some rain. Almost all of the corn is safe from frost and farmers expect nearly thirty bushels per acre.

Fritz Weible, son of Frank Weible, a prominent merchant of this place, was thrown from a dray this morning and the heavy vehicle, which was loaded with lumber, passed over his right leg above the knee, breaking the bone and crushing it badly.

The public schools have opened with an able corps of four teachers.

Thrashing from stacks is progressing rapidly.

Karl Schneider, who left here in 1893 with a number of unpaid bills, has just been located in Valley City, N. D. A Winside man happened to be in Valley City and recognized Schneider, who has a peculiar personal appearance. He denied his identity, however, and said he had never been in Winside. He was reported to have been one of those drowned with the Elbe steamship.

Two quarter-sections of land were sold near Winside yesterday. Town property, also, is changing hands.

Lived Under Another Name.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A farm hand in the employ of Emmet H. Gribble, who has been going under the name of Paul Smith, died this morning of congestion of the lungs. After his death an investigation of his effects disclosed his real name to be Louis D. Kopp, and that he had a sister, Miss Minnie Kopp, residing, when last heard of, at Dutch Flat, Cal. He also had a number of receipts for lodge dues issued from Manz Anita parlor No. 36, Native Sons of the Golden West, of Anderson, Cal. His sister was notified of his death. The remains were interred here.

Popocratic State Committees Meet.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The state committees of the three popocratic parties met at the Lincoln hotel this evening. The democratic wing selected campaign headquarters at the Lindell, while the other two remain at the Lincoln. The conduct of the campaign was left to the executive committees and an adjournment was taken after an unimportant session.

Brakeman Loses an Arm and a Leg.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—O. N. Hepford of this city, brakeman on the Rock Island, caught his foot in the guard rail at Phillipsburg last night and was thrown under the train. He was badly injured, losing his right arm and leg. A special car was sent out to bring him home, but he was too badly injured to be removed, and it is thought he cannot recover.

Hunter Shoots His Arm Off.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Carl Peters, while out hunting this afternoon, accidentally shot off the fore part of his right arm. The full charge from a shotgun entered near the elbow and it is thought the entire limb will have to be amputated.

VETERANS OF THE PULPIT

Dr. Halstead Gives an Address on Behalf of Superannuated Ministers.

PROVISIONS FOR THE CARE OF THE AGED

Evening Meeting of the Methodist Conference at York Resolves Into a Sort of Campfire—Reports and Other Business.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night the Methodist conference held a public meeting in the interests of superannuated preachers and their families. The meeting was largely attended. Dr. Halstead of St. Paul's Methodist church, Lincoln, gave the principal address of the evening. He told of the provision which the ministry of the Methodist church makes for its members who have become old and enfeebled in the service. Many of these superannuates have spent from twenty to forty years in the pulpit, and, inasmuch as they have had no opportunity for providing for their own material welfare other than by means of their ministerial profession, they often find themselves, when grown old, dependent upon the generosity of their preacher brethren for support. There is a very practical fraternal spirit thus shown by the Methodist ministry which is most commendable. At present there are seventeen superannuated preachers in the Nebraska conference. Two have died in the last year, Z. B. Twoman and Alford Brigham. The profits of the Methodist Book Concern form one of the sources whereby the superannuate fund is kept replenished. The apportionment from the concern for this conference this year amounts to $989. The charter fund increased the total to $1,011.

PREACHERS AS PRODUCERS.

The doctor spoke on the past work of these "worn-out" preachers and demonstrated their productiveness as viewed in the moral and spirited sense. The man who produces is not a pauper, no matter how slender his purse. He may not produce silver or gold or wheat; the product of his labor may not be tangible as the world's goods, but so long as he is of some effect in the world, whether material or spiritual, he is a producer. The preacher is a producer of inestimable value to the world at large. The men who have become incapacitated through years of service in the ministry and who are compelled to relinquish their work into other hands may be producers no longer, but who can say they are paupers? Their past efforts entitle them to all the world's goods they are likely to receive.

In addition to Dr. Halstead's excellent address a sort of ministerial campfire was held. A number of superannuated pastors were present and told of their past experiences. Several of the younger members of the conference made short talks in which they expressed their desire to take up the work that had been laid down by their elders in a manner worthy of their predecessors. A number of good old hymns were sung.

The devotional services this morning were in the hands of Rev. Fred A. Stuff of Lincoln. The conference session opened at 9 o'clock. After the minutes of the last session had been approved the various committees were assigned. Mr. Isham, O. W. Fifer, L. T. Guild and E. M. Jones were appointed a committee to examine candidates for admission to the conference on trial.

CHURCH EXTENSION WORK.

The reports of some of the ministers of the Lincoln district was heard. A. C. Crosthwaite, presiding elder of the York district, reports good progress throughout his district. The salaries have held their own in nearly all the charges and in some have been increased. A number of church improvements have been made. Church buildings at Aurora, Linwood, Wayne and York have had improvements. During the last year the fine new stone edifice at York has been finished. All visitors to the conference are loud in their praise of the new church which the York congregation and York citizens have erected in the face of the financial hard times of the last few years. Elder Crosthwaite commended Rev. J. W. Stewart, pastor of the York church, very highly for his efforts in paying off the church debt. Effective elders of the York district next gave their collection reports.

SECRET TRIAL OF REV. MR. PERRY.

The Perry church trial is being held behind closed doors. No one is admitted but the select secret committee of thirteen and the parties directly interested. The specific charges that have been preferred against Rev. Mr. Perry by W. E. Alexander, presiding elder of the Hastings district, are not obtainable by the press owing to the precautions taken against publicity. The sessions of the committee are held in the Baptist church. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon and two more meetings held today. The investigation is not yet completed. The committee meetings are the scenes of warm discussions. At this morning's session the kind of evidence to be introduced was debated, and it was decided to unearth all possible information relative to the scandalous affair. The method of procedure, whether according to church discipline or law, was a subject that received considerable attention. The young woman implicated, Miss Forlstall, was subjected to close questioning. Much of the evidence obtained at the preliminary trial held at Nelson is available in this instance. The stenographic notes were this morning ruled out and other testimony is locked up in a safe, of which the combination is lost. The trial may consequently last throughout the conference or longer.

Large Acreage of Fall Wheat.

STROMSBURG, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A large amount of fall grain is being put in here this fall. Some farmers have realized as much as $25 per acre on their fall wheat this year and are encouraged to try to do better still next year.

Editor Moves to Another Town.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Silver Creek Reporter, established in this place in July last, is dead, and the editor, George Carnell, has gone to Clarks to take charge of the Clarks Leader.

Fires of a Day.

AVOCA, Ia., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Centennial flour mills were destroyed by fire early this morning. Volumes of smoke were rolling out of the building when the fire was discovered and the department had hard work to confine the flames to the one building.

The Centennial mill was owned and operated by E. A. Consigny & Son (L. G. Consigny.) It contained a full roller process with a capacity of 250 barrels. Twenty-five hundred bushels of wheat burned and fifty barrels of flour were destroyed by fire and water. The stock and building were fully insured; loss probably $12,000.

New Route to Gold Fields.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—An expedition is being made up in Chicago to travel to the Alaska gold fields, which will use the path traversed by the Hudson Bay company for nearly a century, although comparatively unknown. The expedition is made up of twelve men, Chicagoans and Canadians, who will meet at Edmonton, N. W. T. They will go by stage coach to Athabasca landing, thence via dog and cayuse along the Mackenzie river to Fort McPherson on the Peel river, which place they expect to reach about New Year's. The Klondike is the ultimate destination of the party, but the ground in the vicinity of the Peel river will be thoroughly prospected. Nine tons of provisions will be taken.

Northwestern Cuts Rates.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—The Chicago & Northwestern road today announced a rate of $10.95 from Omaha, $10.85 from Council Bluffs and $7 from Des Moines, to be effective on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the continuance of the St. Louis exposition. All the other roads interested in the territory affected will make the same rates.

Coal Trust Case Postponed.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The Coal trust case, which was on today's calendar of the appellate division of the supreme court, has by agreement of the counsel been put over till next week. It is understood that it will be argued September 24.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Large Number of Land Office Appointments Given Out.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The president today made the following appointments: George D. Pettit of Pittsburg, consul at Dusseldorf, Germany; Frank Simmons, United States marshal for the northern district of Alabama; John A. Steele, register of the land office at Huntsville, Ala., vice Ellis, removed; Herschel V. Cashin, receiver of public moneys at Huntsville, Ala., vice Avery, removed; William C. Whipple, register of the land office at Little Rock, Ark.; Henry Wallach, receiver of public moneys at Marysville, Cal.; Charles D. Ford, register of the land office at Denver, Colo.; Lorenzo R. Thomas, register of the land office at Blackfoot, Idaho; George B. Rogers, receiver of public moneys at Blackfoot, Idaho; William H. Martin, register of the land office at Booneville, Mo.; Manuel R. Otero, register of the land office at Santa Fe, N. M.; Edward F. Hobart, receiver of public moneys at Santa Fe, N. M.; Howard Leland, register of land office at Roswell, N. M.; Thomas E. Olegard, register of the land office at Minot, N. D., vice Barrett, removed; Frederick E. McKinley of Albuquerque, N. M., receiver of public moneys at Guthrie, Okl.; S. S. Price, register of land office at Oklahoma, Okl.; J. J. Power of Pennsylvania, receiver of public moneys at Perry, Okl.; Emory D. Brownlee, register of land office at Kingfisher, Okl.; Jacob V. Admire, receiver of public moneys at Kingfisher, Okl.; Theodore T. Greer, register of the land office at Oregon City, Ore.; Joseph Donohue, register of the land office at Pierre, S. D.; Edward P. Tremper, register of the land office, Seattle, Wash.; Isaac T. Purcell, register of the land office at Wakeeney, Kan.; A. Clark Tonner of Canton, O., to be assistant commissioner of Indian affairs; Jacob B. Blair, surveyor general of Utah; Edwin D. Cook, pension agent at Milwaukee; Dewey H. George, agent for the Indians of the Green Bay agency, in Wisconsin; Charles D. Keyes, Indian agent of Fort Apache agency, Arizona.

Also the following navy promotions: Caspar F. Goodrich, to be captain; Richardson Clever, to be commander; John A. Norris, to be lieutenant commander; Albert G. Berry, to be lieutenant commander; Edward E. Capehart, to be lieutenant; William B. Dunning, chief engineer, with the rank of lieutenant; Milton R. Reed, past assistant engineer, with the relative rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

VICTORY FOR GUATEMALA REBELS.

Capture an Important Stronghold of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A telegram has been received at the State department confirming the press reports of the capture yesterday by insurgents of the government position at Quezaltenango Guatemala. This place is about fifty miles back from the Pacific coast and was one of the most important government strongholds. United States Consul Pringle, who reports the fact to the State department, has asked for another war ship in addition to the Alert to protect American interests in the country, but the department believes that the one already ordered there will be sufficient at present, and will await further developments before adding to the force. The Alert has not yet left San Francisco, but is under orders to hasten southward. It will touch at Acapulco enroute, so as to afford the State department an opportunity to amend its orders if occasion should require.

Progress of Horseless Carriages.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—An interesting history of the development of automobile carriages in France comes to the State department from United States Consul Brunot at St. Etiene. He calls the attention of our own manufacturers to the great strides made in France by builders of automobiles, stimulated by the constant public demand, and for their information if they can be induced to compete, he submits a price list of the French vehicles, ranging from $900 for a two-seat carriage to $1,200 for a six-seat wagonette, or a delivery van. The consul says that the petroleum or naphtha motor has superseded all others, running at about 1 cent per kilometer (about .06 of a mile) without much noise or smell.

Cautious American Exporters.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—United States Consul O'Hara at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, in the course of a report to the State department on American trade, sends a warning to exporting drug houses to observe more care in packing their goods. Nothing but cork or rubber stopped bottles will preserve pills, tablets and such dry medicines against the destructive effects of the moist air of Nicaragua, and many drugs have spoiled for lack of such packing.

President Going to Massachusetts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The president has arranged to leave Washington early next week for a short visit to Massachusetts. He will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinley and Courtlevou, his stenographer. His destination is North Adams, where he will be the guest of W. D. Plunkett. It is the present expectation of the president to return to Washington some time in the last week of this month.

Hopes to Pay in Full.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Arrangements for the voluntary liquidation of the First National Bank of Greensburg, Ind., which suspended recently, are progressing favorably, and it is expected that a satisfactory arrangement will be effected with one or more of the Greensburg banks by which the affairs of the First National will be promptly closed up and its obligations fully discharged.

No Change in Color of Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The attention of the Treasury department has been called to the fact that the Universal Postal congress, recently in session here, agreed on a scheme of colors for postage stamps to be used by all nations in the postal union. The color of the 2-cent United States stamp as agreed upon was carmine, so that the proposed change to green will not be made.

Lee Arrives at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—General Fitzhugh Lee, consul general at Havana, arrived in the city tonight. The president, it is understood, desires to have a talk with the consul general over the situation in Cuba before his departure for Massachusetts next week, and General Lee's visit here is presumably for that purpose.

Opinion Not Yet Ready.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The opinion of Attorney General McKenna in the matter of discriminating duty section 22 of the tariff law in all probability will not be announced today and may not be announced tomorrow, other business, principally pardon cases, occupying Mr. McKenna's time.

Resume Nicaraguan Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The United States consul at Managua, Nicaragua, reports to the State department that the mail service, which has been interrupted by quarantine measures, is again in operation. The forty-day quarantine period expired July 31.

Dinner at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—President and Mrs. McKinley entertained at dinner tonight Attorney General Mrs. and Miss McKenna, Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Day and Secretary Roosevelt.

SOCIETY GETS THE DECISION

State Loses the Home for the Friendless Mandamus Case.

HAS A CONTRACT AND VESTED RIGHTS

Judge Holmes Holds that the Present Management Cannot Be Summarily Ousted by Mere Legislative Enactment.

LINCOLN, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Today Judge Holmes rendered his decision in the mandamus case brought by the state against the Society of the Home for the Friendless. The suit was brought to compel the society to turn the management of the home over to the state, and the hearing was completed Wednesday afternoon. The court found in effect that there was a contract between the state and the society, giving the latter vested rights therein which the legislature could not set aside. The decision in full is as follows:

This cause came on for hearing before the court upon petition of the relator and the return of the respondent thereto, wherein the relator prayed a peremptory writ of mandamus commanding the respondent to surrender to the relator herein the possession of the Home for the Friendless and of the books, papers and other property attached thereto, and belonging to the state of Nebraska.

From the evidence adduced at the hearing upon the issues joined it appears that on or about the year 1876 the Society for the Home of the Friendless, then a private organization by the charitable women of the state of Nebraska, for the benevolent purpose of aiding its destitute women and children, organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, and thereby became a body corporate, and has so continued to exist since said time with corporate capacity to take and hold property and to conduct a place of refuge for the deserving destitute women and children of the state.

That by action of the legislature approved February 28, 1881, there was established within the state of Nebraska a state institution as a Home for the Friendless, and appropriation was made therein for the erection of a suitable home, said act providing among other things that the location of said home should be under the supervision of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, and should be located at the city or town that would donate the largest amount to said home after first duly advertising for bids for said location.

Said act further provided that the government of said home so established by the state of Nebraska should be under the supervision of the Home for the Friendless society, the corporate body herein described; subject, however, to such rules and regulations for the government of said home as might be prescribed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

WHERE THE HOME WAS LOCATED.

That in accordance with the provisions of said act the Board of Public Lands and Buildings duly advertised for bids for the location of said home, and through the efforts, aid and instrumentality of the Society for the Home of the Friendless, procured from the citizens of the state and the members of their organization by private subscription the sum of $2,000, or thereabouts, and tendered the same to the state of Nebraska as the city of Lincoln's bid for the location of the said home by the state therein, which bid was accepted by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The said $2,000 retained by the state and said home was located and erected by the board at Lincoln.

That as provided by the said act the Society of the Home for the Friendless under such rules and regulations as were prescribed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings concerning the government thereof, entered into possession of said home so established and erected by the state, contributing its means and property to the support and maintenance thereof, merging its rights and properties by virtue of its corporate capacity with that of the state and entered upon the supervision and government of said home, and have continued in the performance of the duties thereby imposed, extending its usefulness and benevolence of caring for all deserving destitute women and children of the state, and all other acts of charity for which said charity was organized. And that in exercising such supervision of the government of said home as in said act provided, and as provided by said society's articles of incorporation and by-laws, the respondent herein, Mrs. F. M. Williams, was elected as superintendent of said home and whose term of office for which she was duly elected has not yet expired, and who is at this time exercising and performing the duties of such office, and as such is in the possession of the books, papers and other property attached to said home and belonging thereto.

That afterwards the state of Nebraska, by act of the legislature of 1897, sought to repeal that provision of the act of 1881, placing the government of said home under the supervision of the Society for the Home for the Friendless and provided for the government and regulation of said home by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, and further providing that the governor of the state of Nebraska should appoint a superintendent and such other officers as the institution required. That in accordance with the provisions of said act the governor of the state did on the 10th day of July, 1897, appoint the relator herein, Mrs. C. S. Jones, as the superintendent of said home, and authorized her to enter upon the duties of said office.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE COURT.

From the facts as herein found the court concludes that the act of 1881 constituted such a contract between the state, citizens and the Society for the Home for the Friendless that in consideration of their donation under the provisions of the proposition in said act submitted and the subsequent performance of the conditions imposed upon the society, that cannot be abrogated or set aside at the will of the legislature without just cause, and whether such cause existed at the time of the passage of the act of 1897 or do now exist are questions not properly reviewable in this proceeding. "The state in all its dealings with individuals must be adjudged and abide by the same rules which govern and determine the rights of private persons contracting and dealing with each other; there is not one law for the sovereign and another for the subject" is a familiar rule, and when the state sought to induce its citizens to donate private funds for public uses under the promise that the government of the charity established should be under the supervision of that society, created, organized and constituted independently for the performance of that benevolent work and thereby availed itself of such society's organization, means, property, usefulness, power and influence thereby vested in its subjects and such society, rights that are inalienable, and without just and sufficient cause. A state being sovereign is presumed to be the embodiment of all wisdom, honor and justice of its citizens, and this great commonwealth could not lay claim to such a high standard of excellence if it could break its contracts with impunity. This the act of 1897 sought to do, and without apparent reason brushed aside its contract and confiscates the vested rights of others; this the virtue of the law will not permit.

The respondent is, therefore, prima facie entitled to the office to which she has been elected and to the books, papers and property belonging thereto until further proceedings shall have been had as provided by law to determine the rights of parties thereto.

Peremptory writ therefore denied. Judgment and order accordingly.

Insurance Companies Are Licensed.

PIERRE, S. D., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Insurance department has granted license to the South Dakota Mutual Insurance company of Gettysburg, F. E. Riley, president; C. W. Tabor, secretary. Authority to do business in the state has also been granted to the Delaware Fire company and the Reliance Fire company, both of Philadel