## COLLECTING CROP REPORTS

Criticisms Made on the Methods at Fresent Employed.

SYSTEM IS FAULTY AND CUMBERSOME

Statistician Recommends the Substitotion of a Smaller Number of Paid Reporters for the Present Method.

It would naturally be supposed that with a force outnumbering the enumerators of the federal census five to one a most complete and accurate setting forth of the agricultural condition of the country would at all times be within the power of the statistician. As a matter of fact, however, this highly elaborate system is in several important respects exceedingly weak. The indefinite multiplication of crop reporters whose only compensation is an occasional bulletin or a few packets of garden seed unquestionably weakens the sense of responsibility on the part of the individual reporter and impairs his faithful performance of duty. But unwieldy as is the machinery employed, the statistician recommends its dismemberment only in the event of provision being made for some slight pecuniary acknowledsment of the services of a carefully selected corps of correspondents, located matrix in the principal agricultural states.

So marked is the geographical concentration of the water's edge in Lake Huron last night

cated mainly in the principal agricultural states.

So marked is the geographical concentration of agricultural production in the United States that twenty-five states produce 28 per cent of the cotton, 29 per cent of the outs, and from eight-tenths to nine-tenths of the wheat, rye, buckwheat, to-bacco, potatoes and hay produced in the entire country. By the judicious selection therefore in not more than twenty-five states of a corps of intelligent and if possible experienced correspondents, each of whom should be paid \$2 for each of nine reports and \$1 for each of two reports, making \$29 per annum, the department would establish a system upon which it could rely for the due reporting of all but a very small part of the total production of the principal crops and it could safely depend upon its salaried state agents for information concerning the minor agricultural states. RECOMMENDS TRAVELING EXPERTS.

salaried state agents for information concerning the minor agricultural states. RECOMMENDS TRAVELING EXPERTS. As a further means not only of strengthening and unifying the statistical work of department itself into closer touch with the agricultural interests of the country, the statistician recommends the appointment of five traveling inspectors whose dittles shall be to a large extent analogous dittles shall be to a large extent analogous dittles shall be to a large extent analogous continuent. The conditions of such an industry as American agriculture, extending from the subarcite to the subtropic representing a capital of \$5,800,000 and and culture. The conditions of such an industry as American agriculture, extending from the subarcite to the subtropic representing a capital of \$5,800,000 and and culture. The conditions of such an industry as American agriculture, extending from the subarcite to the subtropic representing a capital of \$5,800,000 and and culture. The conditions of such an industry as American of the entire population of the country, are so kaleidoscopic in character that the department would, in the opinion of the statistician, but the statistician complete the propers of the country of the monthly report of each issue, of which 200,000 copies are printed, has been contained to the printing and mailing of the monthly report of each issue, of which 200,000 copies are printed, has been contained to the printing and mailing of the monthly report of each issue, of which 200,000 copies are printed, has been contained to the country.

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BARS OUT THE WORD CONTESTS.

Postoffice Department Decides Them to Be of the Nature of Lotteries. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Postoffice department is taking a firm stand against the so-called "missing letter and missing word contests" which are being conducted by a number of publishers to increase the subscriptions to their papers. The lottery law directs that the postmaster general, upon evidence satisfactory to himself that a concern or person is operating through the mails a lottery or scheme offering prizes dependent upon lot or chance, to prohibit the delivery of all mail to it. All newspapers and peri-odicals containing advertisements of this character are forbidden transmission in the Postoffice department, will be applied to all schemes which are violations of it if they are continued in operation or advertisements of them are published. Missing letter con-tests are held to be such violations because many correct answers can be given, but only one list is deemed "the correct" list by the promoter of the scheme. The chance consists in guessing what words compose the so-called "correct list." Such schemes are held to be especially obnoxious owing to the skillful wording of the advertisements which make the chance for obtaining a prize more remote

Detail for Carter Court-Martial. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-The secretary war today ordered a court-martial for the trial of Captain O. M. Carter, corps of engineers, on charges of unofficerlike conduct in the disbursement of government funds for the improvement of Savaurah river and harbor. The court will meet at Savannah, Wednesday January 5. In order to avoid possible criticism it was arranged that the court should be equally divided between graduates of the Military academy and officers appointed from civil life. The detail of the court is as fol-lows: Brigadier General Elwell S. Otis, Denver, Colo.; Colonel Jacob Kline, Twenty-first Infantry, Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.; Lleutenant Colonel S. A. Mansfield, corps of engineers, Boston; Lieutenant Colonel DR. HOBBS RETURNS FROM INDIA engineers, C. Hasbrouck. Fort Monroe, Va.; Major William S. Stanton, corps of engineers, Oswego, N. Y.; Major Charles A. Woodruff, subsistence depart-Charles A. Woodruff, subsistence depart-ment, Governors Island, N. Y.; Major J. T. Tiernau, First artilery, Fort Mooroe, Va.; Major William S. Patten, quartermister de-partment, Governors Island, N. Y.; Captain Daniel Taylor, ordnance department, Augusta arsenal, Ga.; Captain Charles G. Penny, Sixth infantry, Fort Thomas, Ky.; Captain Samuel M. Mills, Fifth artilery, Fort Monroe. Va.; Captain T. F. Forbes, Fifth in fantry, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Captain Richard P. Strong, Fourth artilery, Fort Mc-Henry, Md.; Lieutenant J. W. Clouse, dep-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- M. Edhem Bey the new charge d'affairs of the Ottoman em pire at Washington, who has just arrived here, though still a young man has had a highly successful career. After his academic studies he was one of the sultan's private secretaries and before coming to Washing-ton was second secretary of legation at Brusels, where he remained one year. Mr. Ed-

uty judge advocate general.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The chief of en

gineers has received the report of Captain H. M. Chittenden, corps of engineers, upon the examination of reservoir sites in Wy-oming and Colorado. It is very complete, is fully illustrated, and includes an interest-ing monograph by James A. Seddor, upon reservoirs and their effects on the floods of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- Secretary Gage this afternoon decided the pending Dutch sugar question by ruling that the countervailing duty provided for by the Dingley tariff law applies to sugars imported from the

PRONOUNCES CHECKS A FORGERY. Defense in Goddard Case Sprins a Sen-

sation. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2,-At the resumption Goddard this morning Attorney Watson, for the defense, sprung a sensation, when, addressing Judge Longan, he said:

"We claim that the checks which the prosecuting attorney says Goddard stole from the body of Jackson and were taken from this defendant at the police station and then dis-appeared are in the possession of the

prosecuting attorney."

The statement surprised both judge and counsel and Prosecutor Lowe seemed as tounded. The jury was retired at Watson's request, while the defense filed and WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In discussing the methods of the Agricultural department in compiling its crop reports, Statistician Hyde, whose annual report was submitted yesterday, cays.

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LIFE SAVERS HAVE A HARD TRIP, What is known is:

the water's edge in Lake Huron last night the presidency by those very high in authority and that no etatement from the combine the Sturgeon Life Saving station about mittee having temporary charge of the off Sturgeon point. The are was discontinuous thority, and that so etalling the presidency has a colock and the crew started at once to Union Pacific regarding the presidency has the rescue, arriving at the buring boat at 11 o'clock. On the way to the steamer the life

ent to St. Louis this afternoon for examina-

The Metropolitan company's agents made the charge that Mrs. Rice died from arsenical

PUBLIC OFFICE TOO EXPENSIVE.

Assistant Secretary of State Day Will Retire to Private Life. CHICAGO, Dec. 2.-A special to the Times Herald from Washington says: Judge Day now assistant secretary of state, will some retire from public life to resume the practice of law at Canton. This statement is made on uthority. Judge Day declined the attorney generalship, nor does he expect to be made secretary of state if Mr. Sherman retires Judge Day wishes no further public employment. His only desire is to return to his law office and devote himself to the acquire ment of financial independence. When h left Canton his law practice was worth nearly \$20,000 a year, and, as he has a large family and only moderate resources, he deems it his duty to eturn to his work instead of giving his ene gies to the government for a com-pensation not sufficient to pay his family ex-censes in Washington.

NOT HALF ENOUGH PROVISIONS

All Who Have a Short Supply Advised to Leave Dawson. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.-Edgar L Strauss of this city, a member of the Pacific stock exchange, bus received a letter from his brother-in-law, James W. Morrison, who is now at Dawson City, which confirms the news of the scarcity of food on the Klondike. He says: "The steamer Bella arrived, bringing about eighty tons of provisions, but still that will not be sufficient. The authorities have posted notices advising all persons not supplied with a year's pro-visions to go to Circle City or Fort Yukon where provisions are to be bad. The store are closed. The cargo of the Bella will not begin to fill half the orders." The amount of provisions sent to Dawson City on the Weare is only placed at sixty-eight tons.

Tells of the Distribution of Relief Among the Suffering. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.-Rev. Dr. Richard Gear Hobbs, the commissioner sent out from New York to relieve the starving people of lod'a, returned yesterday after an absence of india returned yesterday after an absence of nearly six months. Dr. Hobbs railed for among the local attaches of the Missouri Paladia on June 12 from San Francisco on the clife yesterday. An inspection of them City of Everett, chartered by the United States government. The ship carried 7,500 tons of corn and many other supplies to be less increased, but only those of the employees who have held the same positions distributed in the famine-stricken districts.

The Margate lifeboat, when the accident occurred, was on its way to rescue the crew of a large vessel, supposed to be the Persian. The lifeboat was about two miles or shore when it was overturned.

Puts an End of Domestic Trouble. MILWAUKEE Wis., Dec. 2.-Albert avenue, shot said killed bis wife Hanna today, and then took a drink of carbolic acid, dying soon afterward at the Emergency hospital Mrs. Krueger was 45 years of age and was a widow with children when she married two years ago. Domestic trouble was the cause of the tragedy.

Propose a Memorial Building. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2 - The Certic union of this city has taken up the idea of erecting in this city a great building to commomorate ises, the Irish centennial year. The building is expected to cost nearly a quarter of a million deliers. In aid of the project it is proposed to hold a grand Irish

of the murder trial of Dr. Jefferson D. Head of the Overland System Narrows Down to Two.

UNION PACIFIC PRESIDENCY STILL OPEN

Much Speculation Around the Railroad Headquarters, with Only Two Names Seriously Considered

the known facts form a foundation for many ond class. different kinds of reports that are keeping rallway circles stirred up today as they rarely have been excited before. That S. H. Row Thirty-Five Miles in the Cold to
HARRISVILLE. Mich., Dec. 2.—The
Pacific and Kansus Pacific matters, and that steamer Egyptian, bound from Cleveland to the names of H G. Burt and Edwin W. Win-Milwaukee, with a cargo of coal, burned to ter have been mentioned in connection with

been made. o'clock. On the way to the steamer the life saving crew passed a barge which had taken the Egyptian's crew off, but the life savers continued on their way with the hope of being able to save the burning hulk.

At Uniou Pacific headquarters in this city all opiniors that are entitled to consideration agree on this slate: President, Edwin W. Winter, with a bare possibility of Horace ing able to save the burning hulk.

G. Burt; first vice president, Oliver W. Mink: There we e twelve vessels around the Egyptian during the early part of the fire, but by the time the life savers reached it they were all gone. Without help of any kind at hand, the life savers were compelled to leave the Egyptian without doing anything, after rowing about thirty-five miles. None of the life savers suffered permanent injury from the cold. The Egyptian was owned by Nelson S, Whipple of Det cit.

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is rather favorable to Mr. Winter. One hears Edward Dickinson's name mentioned quite requently in connection with the presidency and it is conceded that his election would think he will be retained as general manager and given the additional title of second vice president. Mr. Dickinson this morning re-turned from Chicago, where he had been atnding a freight traffic conference, and con rmed the reports of Mr. S. H. H. Clark's northern eigenment. He said be could say nothing at ing any i all about the future presidency for the reason that he knew nothing about it.

Concerning the future railroad career of and to ask the secretary of agriculture to Mr. Clark, it is generally believed that he take immediate steps for the prosecution of will be offered the presidency of the Missian violators. souri Pacific at the next meeting of board of directors, which is scheduled for he early part of next month. He was ormerly president of that road, and it has een only since the cares of the Union acific receivership have grown beavy that his place at the head of the Missouri Pacific has been taken by George Gould. As Mr. Clark left the Missouri Pacific and wen-into the Union Pacific to look after the Gould interests, it is thought that George Gould could do nothing less than to offer him back his place at the head of the Missouri Pacific. Whether Mr. Clark will accept the place is an open question, but those what have known him best here believe that he will do so. It is stated that the presidency of the reorganized Union Pacific railway was offered him upon the condition that he would decline on account of ill health.

RAISE DOESN'T GO ALL AROUND.

Out of the Distribution. The 10 per cent increase in wages to cer tain employes of the Missouri Pacific rail-

On the day following Thanksgiving day was announced that all wages on the system had been increased 10 per cent, the ruise to take effect from November 1. Following this announcement there was a denial by Vice President Warner, and the employes who had recklessly spent some of their in-creased wages in celebrating the raise were stunned by the realization that possibly there might be no increase coming to them at all. For nearly a week the employed have been on the anxious bench regarding the matter, but they were delighted to find a favorable solution to it this morning in the form of pay checks for the month of No

The checks from the company headquar tons of corn and many other supplies to be distributed in the famine-stricken districts.

Dr. Hobbs tells of the terrible revages of the plague and of the dreadful suffering of 1893, to November 1, 1897. Employes who have been transferred or promoted during work of distribution of the supplies was done entirely by American missionaries and in an impartial manner.

Selection of the same positions with the company continuously from June 1, 1893, to November 1, 1897. Employes who have been transferred or promoted during the four and one-half years that all wages on the Missouri Pacific were cut 10 per cent do not share in the increase of wages. Those who have held the same position find their calaries raised 10 per cent, the increase beployes who have held the same positions with the company continuously from June 1, 1893, to November 1, 1897. Employes who have been transferred or promoted during the four and one-half years that all wages on the Missouri Pacific were cut 10 per cent do not share in the increase of wages. Those who have held the same position find their salaries raised 10 per cent, the increase being dated back to November I, 1897. The interess applies to the wages of three men in the Omaha city offices, four in the freight offices and three in the operating department here, all other employes of the Missouri Pacific it Omaha having been changed in their positions during the last four and one-half years. MARGATEENG, Dec. 2.—The volunteer ing dated back to November 1, 1897. The in-life boat belonging to this place capsized crease applies to the wages of three men in this morning off Nayland rock. Of the four-the Omaha city offices, four in the freight of-teen men comprising its crew ten were fices and three in the operating department

Solicitors Undecided

General Solicitor Kelly of the Union Patific when asked if he had given any decision Krueger, a butcher living at 567 Sixteenth as to what action the Union Pacific should avenue, shot and killed his wife Hanna take in respect to the order of the State take in respect to the order of the State Board of Transportation, calling for a change in live stock rates from cants per 140 page a back to dollars per carload, he said that he had not. He said that he had just returned from a busy trip and had not yet had an opportunity to consider the matter. General Solicitor Manderson of the B. & M. says that the question had not been decided so far as that railroad was concerned. He added: "It's a matter for the fraffic department to decide now. If that department thinks it beat for the change in the basis of rates to be made the order of the state board

BETWEEN WINTER AND BURT | We do not recognize the authority of the State Board of Transportation to dictate by what method live stock rates shall be deter-

HURTS KANSAS CITY WHOLESALERS. New Freight Rates Shut Them Out of

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2 - The cut in Colo rado class freight rates announced yesterday from St. Louis and Chicago, to become effective tomorrow, will according to the Journal, exclude protection for Kansas City Mayor Takes Notice of Allegations of jobbers in the Colorado market. The Jour-

nal this morning says; "The only thing left for Kauses City mer-"The only thing left for Kansas City merchants to do is to be sure they are protected in the new rates when an sgreement between the warring lines is reached. In the meantime they will be compelled to withdraw from the Colorado market except upon such articles as are protected by the sation in rallway circles this morning. This matter has been less considered the commodity rates from Chicago and the Missispipi river."

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The rates to Kansas City are 60 cents higher than to St. Louis and S0 cents higher than to St. Louis an

Snow in Wyoming.

Railway company has ejected officers as follows: President, S. W. Fordice; vice president, Edwin Gould, secretary, George Erbelding; treasurer, G. K. Warner.

Railway Notes and Personals. B. L. Winchell, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf railroad, was a caller at Union Pacific headquarters

yesterday morning. There will be a meeting of the passenger representatives of all railroads leading into Omaha at the Elkhorn headquarters on Friay afternoon to consider the advisability of ever be the president of the Union Pacific granting reduced rates from neighboring ties and towns to Omaha on account of the Ice carnival at the exposition grounds.

President Perkins of the Burlington system was in the city for a brief while yesterday morning. He had just returned from an inspection of the Burlington's lines in the southwestern part of the state, accompanied Metropolitan Life-Insurance company of New York, in which she was insured in her husband's favor for \$2,000.

She was the sister of his first wife, who died eight years ago. Her life was insured that he will ever again take up active railin Burlington, Ia.

Heretofore Made is Proposed. in this city today between the chief of the Bureau of Animal industry of the Agricultural department and the sanitary boards of nean much to Omaha. But those best posted Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee. Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahorra, and Arkansas, for the pur- from the mayor and council. The members of the council take the position that the fire

One hundred breeders and live stock deal ers from the states named were present when the meeting was called to order. A letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson re-gretting his inability to attend was read, gretting his inability to attenu wis and the request made that a full report of the appropriation, it was the fault of meeting be forwarded to Washington. The board, and consequently it is not entitled to any relief. It is practically the unanimous of members of the council that no mittees. The meeting will probably last two days. It is the first gathering looking toward the organization of a national commission to act with the government in protecting the health of live stock in the

## PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Penons have been issued as follows:

Pasue of November 15, Nebraska: Original-Cornelius Griffin, lue Eprings; James Kinsler; Omaha; Robert hendlion Omaha, Restoral on and increase Archibald Matthews, Platismouth, Orig-nal widow, etc.—Josephine R. Gorton, Lin-oln

Sradley, Dubuque; William E. Lilley, Parific Junction, Restoration—David Copson, 1982.

Bartlett. Restoration and reissue—Elijah of Moore (deceased). Montrose, Increase—Incre V Brown, Ouray (supplemental).
Wyoming: Original—Special November 19.
Wesley P. Carroll, Cheyenne.
South Dakota: Original—John Bartolet.
Egan, Increase—Charles A. Callahan, Hot
korines

Try to Make Murder Out of It. AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.-Mrs. Will

ST, LOUIS, Dec 2 -A sheefal to the I'est Advices were received here this morning of Advices were received here this missing of an attempt to hold up and soh a massenger train on the Mexican National road, near Monterey, Mex., by pine masked and well armed Mexicans. The passengers and eresistance and the outland were unsuccessful. They are being pursued by soldiers and if cantured will be stot. They are being pursue captured will be stot.

Sunday School Anniversary Meeting. DUBUQUE, In., Dec. 2.—Anniversary Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a meeting national in character, is ment to decide now. If that department thinks it beat for the change in the basis of rates to be made the order of the state board will be followed out, otherwise it will not but, New York, and C. M. Stuart, Chicago

Pernicions Practices.

JUDGE GORDON TURNS THEM LOOSE

Careless Practice and Calls for a New Deal In the

judicial proceedings of the police court were the law required, as Attorney General Smyth conducted has been a subject of general comthat he permisted in releasing crooks who turns and the proceedings of the country commissioners in connection with their advertishment to Chicago on first-class, and 45 cents respectively on second class.

The rates to Kansas Ulty are so cents higher that he permisted in releasing crooks who turns and the proceedings of the country commissioners in connection with their advertishment and 55 cents respectively on second class.

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There is but little definitely known, but City of 18 cents on first and 21 cents on section second class. The matter has been frequently brought to the notice of Mayor Moores, and yesterday the notice of Mayor Moores, and yesterday morning he sent the following letter to Judge Gordon

Snow in Wyoming.

The Union Pacific weather reports show eight inches of snow in Wyoming, and light snow throughout Nebraska and Kansas. Snow was still failing in Wyoming at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, though the flakes had cared dropping in Nebraska and Kansas. The temperature is low in Nebraska, but higher in Wyoming. The Burlington reported three and four inches of snow in the western part of this state, from four to six inches in Wyoming, and hardly any enow at all in the southern part of Nebraska.

Not After the Clover Leaf.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Collis P. Huntington today denied the report that he was laying plans to secure the Toleda, St. Louis & Kansas City (Clover Leaf) road as an outlet for the Southern Pacific lipe. "There's nothing in it, absolutely nothing." he said.

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harged with the same kind of offenses be-

As police judge of the city of Omaha you derive your authority solely from the charter, Section IS of the charter expressly forbids your remitting fines or costs in any case, and vests that authority solely in the mayor and council.

mayor and council.

If these practices are in vogue in the police court they must be stopped at once, for they are in flagrant violation of law and they would render you liable to impeachment.

The laws of this city must be enforced and crime must be punished and not encouraged, Respectfully.

FRANK E, MOORES, Mayor,
In connection with the subject the mayor says these complaints have been comits, to

says these complaints have been coming this cure ever since he became mayor. A first it had seemed to be a controversy be-tween the police and the court, but recently the complaints had multiplied. Not the police, but attorneys and other reputable citizens who are in a position to know the facts have insisted that the court is being run in a fast and loose manner, which provides practical immunity from punishmen for crocks. A state of affairs had finally been reached where he would himself be subject to impeachment if he failed to exercise his authority to put a stop to these practices.

PAY FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN Councilmen Figure Another Solution

for the Perplexing Problem. Yesterday was the municipal pay day, but the members of the fire and police depart-LOCATING A QUARANTINE LINE. ments drew blanks. This is on account of the More Equitable Arrangement Than to the figures of Comptroller Westberg, and inless some special provision is made there is no prospect that any salaries will be forthcoming in these departments until the new

levy is made.

Provision will be made for the fire department, but the police department will have to struggle along as best it may without relied of fixing the quarantine lines of 1898, so as to protect all anothern territory without inflicting any unnecessary hardships on southern states. It is proposed to adopt quarantine egulations that will be just to all interests and to ask the secretary of agriculture to take immediate stees for the department is entitled to relief because it was understood at the beginning of the year that the proceeds of 2 mills would be added to that fund when the 5 mill levy was exhausted. The affairs of the department were conducted accordingly, and it is not considered accordingly, and it is not considered accordingly. conducted accordingly, and it is not considered the fault of the Board of Fire and Po ice Commissioners that the fund is ex-

> But with the police fund the situation different. The councilmen contend that the board knew at the beginning of the year exactly the amount that was in sight to ru alty of its failure to keep the expenditures within the appropriation.

Skaters Get No Consideration. There is a strong probability that the skaters who frequent the lake at Hanscom Park will have to get along this year without any assistance from the Board of Park Com-missioners. In previous years the board has provided shelter for the skaters when they were not on the ice, and has also gone to a considerable expense to furnish sufficient water and care to keep the ice in good condition. But so far no action has been taken towards taking care of the lake this winter oln.

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Powerstand and restoration between the expenses that will be necessary on account of the expension they do not feel like spend. expenses that will be necessary on account of the exposition they do not feel like spend-ing the money this winter. Some objection Corr. is also urged on the ground that the lagoon case it would not pay to expend such an amount of money to maintain a rink at Hanscom Park.

Satisfies Property Owners

The Board of Review is still busily engaged in convincing the property owners of the city that the change in the method of assessment has not wrought them any injus-tice. The complaints are comparatively few and in almost every case after the property comes in and looks over the plats which show the comparative assessment of E. Hawley committed suicide at Oakland his and other property he concludes that on September 7, and the coroner's jury the new assessment is more equitable than rendered a verdict of suicide that same afternoon. The remains were buried the lest property owners in the city have been in during the last day or two and almost without an exception they have finally expressed themselves as satisfied with their assecuments. On the whole the increased valuation has been secured with much less trouble than has been anticipated. Occa-sionally a man drops in in a wrathful mood on account of his increased assessment, but when the new system is made plain to him and he sees that he has not suffered in comparison with others he goes away satisfied

MILFORD, Del., Dec. 2.—Salvage Bilder-back, a charcoal burner, attempted to kill back, a charcoal burner, attempted to kill his family last night. He said to his wife: "I have just learned to use the kind of swords the Cubans use. Now I want all of you to stant up." The mother and children arose, and Bilderback tied their hands with a rope which he fastened to the rafters. Obtaining an iron knife which was in an adjoining room he commenced cutting his family, infleting some dreadful wounds. Before he could complete his work his son came in. Bilderback seized a musket and disappeared. He has not yet been found. The villagers threaten to lynch him. The condition of Mrs. Bilderback and the children is serious.

PLEASED BY THE BOND BONCS WOMEN ARE IN DEAD EARNEST Some Time Will Elapse Before the

The county commissioners are feeling Writes a Letter Pointing Out Some of the cretty good over the sale of the funding and Putting in Good Work for a Gathering of exposition bonds, but as yet they have not considered the disposition of the proceeds.

> It will be some time before the money from the sale of the bonds will pass into the county treasury, as there is considerable work to be performed. The bonds must be lithographed, and this will take at least two weeks. Then they must be filled out and signed by the chairman of the board and the county clerk, which will also require some

everything legal, will return the money. As the matter now stands the commissionors figure that the money arising from the meeting of the National Educational associasele of the exposition bonds will be in the county treasury within three weeks, but with reference to the funding bonds they do not occupied the place of such a congress, but look for the proceeds much before the mid- the board has never considered the prob-

The present cold snap is nipping the ears and noses and fingers of Omaha people, but it is also making ice and it is making ice that the meeting of the National Educational fast at that. As a consequence, people who

mence to cut ice early next week. The con-gealed article is already from five to seven inches in thickness in the reservoirs and lakes and it will require but a couple of more days to gain the additional inches that are desired. Ice at least ten to a dozen inches in thickness is what the ice men want.

Preparations for the cutting are being made in a hurry. Tools are being made ready and men and teams are being emloyed. Everything will be ready by the nd of the week and work is expected to be commerced bright and early on next Mon-iay morning. All this is conditioned on the probability that the cold weather will con-

park. The new buildings will have a capreity of 30,000 tons.

SAMUEL S. CAMPBELL DROPS DEAD. Aged Employe of Her & Co. Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Samuel S. Campbell, an eged employe of in each line of work; but the Her & Co., died suddenly at the store of the firm yesterday morning from heart disease. Samuel S. Campbell, an aged employe of

been rather a privileged character about the

nanner described. Campbell was born near Bucyrus, O., and en nearly 40 years of age was employed by E. Her, who was then in business at Tiffin !! O. When Mr. Her removed to this city Campbell accompanied him, and has been with the firm in this city for about thirty years. He matter. What we are working for is the has lived with the family of H. Gerke, at interests of the exposition and the success 314 South Tenth street, for a long period. So of the proposed congress, and we don't make far as is known Compbell has no relatives either in this city or in Ohlo. He was unmar-Lawn cemetery.

Relatives and Friends Follow His Re-

mains to the Grave. of the board." Funeral services over the late Anders G. Dahlstrom occurred at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the late residence, 2539 Chicago, Business Men and Citizens Generally The officiating minister was Rev. Newton M. Mann, pastor of Unity church. The services
were largely attended and fully one-half of
those present were the older settlers and the
ploneers of this city, among whom the demississippi Educational congress during the eased was numbered

Immediately after the service the funera Forest Lawn cemetery.
The floral offerings were very numerous

HOBOES WILL HAVE TO HISTLE. Harry Easton Appointed Special Of-ficer to Work the Street Gnng.

bereavement.

The delight of the city prisoners at no being obliged to work any more upon the thus confined. The matter of the constreets was found to be short-lived yesterday gress appeals to every citizen who has the at the exposition grounds will probably at-tract the majority of the skaters and in this morning. About 9 o'clock Harry Easton, well known in local labor circles, arrived at the station with brand new credentiale, bear. ing Mayor Moores' signature, and announced that he would hereafter assume the position of special officer left vecsot by the discharge of R. W. Gibson. There were fourteen prisoners in the cells when the gang was made up, aithough only five of them were detailed for street work. The rest were employed all morning in mopping out the station. To-morrow morning the whole force of city prisoners will be employed in shoveling and hauling ashes for the purpose of filing up holes in the streets.

> For Stealing a Watch. John Parker has been arrested for the arceny of a watch from Rasmus Vis dall, a barkeeper for H. J. Nelson, near Six dail, a barkeeper for H. J. Nelson, near Six-teenth and Davenport streets. Wednes-day night Vissendall and a friend engaged in a boxing match in the saloon and Vissendall took off his cont and vest and laid them on the bar. Parker, who was standing near, took the watch from a vest pocket. He afterward left it with a friend, Charles Jones, at 36 North Sixteenth street, and when he called for it was placed under arrest.

Too Much Wine on Hand. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2,-The stockolders of the California Winemakers' corporation, which controls the bulk of the poration, which controls the bulk of the fifth a output of this state, has decided to enter took for the markets of the world and try to distinct the markets of the world and try to distinct the properties of the immense stock now in an analysis of the which, owing to from the earth of the corporation and wine dealers, cannot be sold ingale, to local dealers. Henry J. Crocker is president of the corporation, whose holdings at the end of the season are estimated at 25.—The

Transmississippi Teachers.

EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS THEIR DESIRE

Secretary Ford of the Woman's Board of Managers Talks of the Plans and Work Needed for Success.

"The movement to secure an educational

Interest, is directly in line with the course which has been pursued by the Woman's Board of the exposition since it win first congress would be one of the leading events in connection with the exposition, If the ability of there not being an educational con-ICE HARVEST ALREADY IN SIGHT.

Packers Getting Ready to Skim Reserved respondence with prominent educators in various lines of work all over the gressent cold snap is nipping the ears fast at that. As a consequence, people who drop in on the lee men these days are greeted with broad smiles and very evident cordiality even in spite of the fact that their visits may hinder the preparations that are being made to reap the ice crop.

If the cold weather continues for a few days longer the ice companies will commence to cut ice early next week. The controlled to compense to cut ice early next week. The controlled to compense to cut ice early next week. The controlled to compense to compense to controlled to compense to controlled to compense to controlled to compense to controlled the people interested in educational matters to come here to attend the convention of this association would be regarded as a congress, because we would not lesk the people interested in educational matters to come here to attend the convention of this association would be regarded as a congress. promised to co-operate in every possible

WAY. "The members of the executive committee of the Woman's board are highly gratified at the matiner in which the various interests in Omaha are taking hold of this matter. The women feel that the organization of such a congress is a gigantic undertaking and they hesitate to undertake the tremendous responsibility involved but with the commercial and educational interests at their back they feel encouraged to undertake the task. task.

TPEIR PLAN IN DETAIL.

"What the women intend, in a general way," continued the secretary, "is to outline probability that the cold weather will continue and it appears as if that is more than a possibility just at present. Last year the cutting of ice did not commence until the middle of the month.

The Seymour ice company is erecting new ice houses on its artesian lake at Seymour Woman's board and this c mmittee will out-line the general plan of all congresses so that they will not conflict in any way, but this committee cannot undertake the buge task of carrying out the organization of these different congresses or even of arranging the minute details, because this requires experts

About 10 o'clock Henry Garke, a driver, opened a closet in the rear of the store and found Campbell lying prostrate upon the floor. He was hastly removed and a physician called, but it was discovered that he had been dead for some time.

Compbell went to work at the results to take the majority of these associohad been dead for some time. Sociations. The majority of these associations had been dead for some time.

Compbell went to work at the regular hour tions hold their meetings in the hollments drew blanks. This is on account of the in the morning and appeared to be in the usual day season and the desire of the Woman's fact that both funds are overdrawn, according health. He was missed about 9 o'clock, but board is to have a personal representative little was thought of his absence, as he has at each of these meetings to present the matter, besides enlisting the interests of the

"We shall be very glad of the assistance of any committee that may be appointed as the result of the mass meeting which has been no relatives any pretension of knowing it all. The people was unmar- of Omaha or of any other point who are inried. The remains were removed to the morgue and will be interred later at Forest much interest in the success of this movement as the members of the Woman's board, FUNERAL OF A. G. DAHLSTROM. and we have only taken the initiative because the plan under which the b and is organized quires us to lock after such matters and he exposition management has expected that

INTEREST IN THE MASS MEETING

Inclined to Take Hold. The mass meeting which is to be held at mississippi Educational congress during the exposition promises to be a lively one, judgortege left the house, escorted by a squad ing from the indications that are now being f eight policemen under command of Ser-given. Secretary Utt of the Commercial club. geant Her. The pallbearers were John Nordwall, J. Sundland, John Miller, Eric Widlinghoff and John Steel. Interment was schools is of the opinion that the street is opinion that the street is of the opinion that the street is opinion to t schools, is of the opinion that the attendence

will be large. The Boral offerings were very numerous and beautiful. One piece was sent from the Union Pacific headquarters by the friends there of the deceased's sen. The Swedish-American Transmississippi association presented to the family resolutions of condolence and sympathy over its business and the result was a go by The Bee it opposed at once to the business interests and the result was an enterpresent. dorsement by the Commercial club. Since that time the idea was spread out among the

business people throughout the city and has been enthusiastically received.

But while tomorrow night's meeting will be attended by a goodly number of business men, the attendance will by no means be success of the exposition at heart, since it will bring thousands to the city besides being a prominent western educational movement. There will therefore be room in the meeting for every class of people to speak their minds as to the manner in which the congress should be planned. Secretary Utt is sending out the following

uvitations. You are respectfully invited to attend a meeting at these rooms next Friday. December 3, 1837, at 7,30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the organization to be called the Transmississippi Educational Congress. Provided this movement can be placed on a proper footing and executed, it will be a great affair, and it is hoped you will be present at this preliminary meeting; also, you are at liberty to invite any person you desire that you think would take an interest in the undertaking.

Held for Robbery and Fighting. Billy Nightingale and Elmer Myrick went into Ike Guill's saloon at the corner of Sixinto Ike Guill's saloon at the corner of Sixteenth and Davenport streets and walking up to a young man named McVey knocked him down. All three were escorted to the patrol box. On the way the officers had their hands full in keeping the combatants separated. The men were charged with being drunk and disorderly and with fighting, Yesterday morning the police arrested Mickey Kroll and he. Nightingate and Myrick are held on suspicion of being the three men who held up Mrs. J. J. Mahoney near Twenty-fifth and Dodge streets last night and took from her a must containing a purse with \$2 in it. A purse answering the description of the one taken from Mrs. Mahoney was found upon the person of Night-

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The residents of the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Decatur streets are came in. Billerback seized a musket and disappeared. He has not yet been foun!
The villagers threaten to lynch him. The condition of Mrs. Bilderback and the children is serious.

Postal Clerk Arrested.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 2.—C. W. Merritt of Mansfield, O., was arrested this morning for robbing the malls. Merritt was employed as a postal clerk on the Panhandle between Creatiline and Pittsburg.

Estending Cripple Creek District, CRIPPLE CREEK. Colo., Dec. 2.—The condition of Mrs. Bilderback and the children is serious.

Estending Cripple Creek District, Call having charge of the sidewalks. They complain that ten planks are missing from the sidewalk on the north and Theorist that been extended three miles by the discovery in Copper mountain of an immense blanket vein of ore runnang from the sidewalk in spector over two months ago. About six weeks ago three two mon