A Rare Example of It Furnished by an Indian Veteran.

DEFECTS IN THE PENSION SYSTEM

Multitude of Inequalities Some Recent Discoveries_Manufactured War Widows The Rognes' Gallery.

Thomas J. Keith, late first lieutenant com-

the certificate and from time to time have re-turned the money drawn, for which I hold receipts from your predecessors in office. I may add that in January last I was granted a renewal of the above mentioned certificate the law of 1890, our fielding the same difficulties of conscience arise as in the former case, I disposed of the certificate and re-funded the amount of "first payment," which was all I drew on the certificate. This leaves me square with the government as regards pensions, in which my experience has been peculiar. I could not, after ED3 trial, harmonize with honesty the drawing of a pension on disabilities alleged by examining boards to exist, but which I could not realize Nor could I, after trial, feel it right to draw a pension on the ground of "in-ability to earn a living by manual labor," when to do so I was necessarily classed as a "dependent" under the act so named. I have held for over thirty years an honorable dis-charge "by reason of service no longer rehonor to be your humble servant, THOMAS J. KEITH,

Late First Lieutenant, Company B, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volucteers.

KLONDIKE FOR PENSION ATTORNEYS. Last year the government paid to attorneys for their services in getting pensions allowed a sum in excess of \$500,090. And And propriation bill during its last stages a rider which did not reveal its possibilities on its face. This apparently harmless clause simply provided that the reports of exam-Ining surgeons sent to the office should be accessible to pension claimants or their attorneys. In the pension office are several large offices known as "attorneys' rooms." These are furnished by the government and set apirt for the use of pension attorneys where they may at their leisure consult papers from the files. Under the clause added to the appropriation bill just before final action certain attorneys have been call ing for the reports of examiners by the thousands, copying them and selling them to pensioners all over the country. The at-torneys' rooms have been occupied all day long by girl typewriters, hired by the at-torneys for \$5 a week to make these copies. Lists of pensioners are held by the attor-

in their cases are offered to them at so much "for copying." In every town of any importance there is an examining board, composed of local phy-sicians and surgeons. Pensioners and claimants for pensions are ordered before these board for examination. The reports of the boards are forwarded to the bureau for guidance upon applications for new pen-sions or for increases of old ones. These reports are supposed to be the truthful opinions of the doctors. They were considered confidential until the rider got through Now they are being sent back to the com-munities whence they came, and are causing all manner of trouble. Doctors who have reported honestly on unjust claims find themselves called to personal account by dissatisfied claimants, and in many cares have been boycotted in private practice be cause of unfavorable reports. The pension office cannot violate the law and refuse access to these papers. It can put a stop to the wholesale treffic in them and to the trouble which has been caused between exminers and claimants. This has been done Commissioner Evans has decided that the law only requires the reports to be accessible to claimants or their attorneys of record in person. This has brought to a sud-den end the employment of a large corps of typewriters, and has put a check upon what was growing to be a source of much revenue to enterprising individuals. The pension attorneys are protesting mightily against a curtailment of their "rights." CAUSE OF INEQUALITIES.

The system of local examiners paid by fees is at the bottom of many inequalities. These boards are composed of doctors resident in their respective localities. It is not in hu-man nature to have uniformity from such examinations. It is not to be expected that the same board thus constituted will act with complete impartiality in all cases. Doc-tors disagree as widely as other people. They are susceptible to influences of ac-quaintanceship. Thus it happens that one soldier draws a certain sum for his disability, while his neighbor or some other old soldier in an adjoining towns with less disability draws twice as much. The busi-nesslike way of doing it would be to have salaried examiners who would act as part of the official force of the office in Washing-ton, and who would be detailed as traveling examiners to visit every county seat or city or considerable tow on days to be announced in advance for the purpose of conducting ex-aminations of pensioners. In this way there would be uniformity in the reports on the claims. The reports would come to the department in such shape that one-third of the present clerical force could handle them. The loral examiners drew in fees last year nearly \$1,000,000. The government would save money and do justice to the pensioners if this plan could be substituted for the pres ent system of local examinations. It will not be done, however. Congress will not dis-possess the local doctors of the pecision ex-amining business. Reforms of the system which will tend to diminish the patronage are not popular with the legislative branch FRAUDS PERPETRATED BY LAWYERS.

running down relentlessly. There are lawyers who make a specialty of hunting to soldlers' widows who have neglected to make claims to pensions and of taking their cases This is legitimate to the limit that the evi dence is truthful and the claim just. The Pension office allows such claims, and if the money reaches the widow the case a closed, but some lawyers, tempted by the opportunity, have resorted to questionable methods. When such a claim is allowed it carries with it the back pension money from the life that the carries with it the back pension money from he time the widow was first entitled to i lump sum of several thousand dollars may be awarded. Only a few days ago a widow it Misskeippi was granted back persion money to the amount of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 The money was paid to her attorney. There the matter might have rested. But the commissioner, made wary by experience, instruc-ted an agent in the field to investigate. H ted an agent in the field to investigate. He found that the widow had received only \$50. pany B. Twenty-sixth Indiana volunteers, is The lawyer was called upon for an explana-

imposition through unjustifiable claims to pensions, it is something to commend warmly, writes the Wishington corresponding world of the Globe-Democrat, when an old a specialty of such cases find enough claims.

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Union Pacific, as well as among their fellow rallroaders in other companies. There we will connect with the Katy, the Texas & soldiers would need no promitting to claim their rights. But these attorneys who make a specialty of such cases find enough claims. em of the Globe-Democrat, when an old a specialty of such cases find enough claim-soldler concludes that the possion allowed onts to make a good thing of it. Usually him was not well bared, and insists on returning the money paid him. That is what like Lieucciant Thomas J. Keith has done.

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VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 26, 1897.—Hos. How with the substraint of the buriness of business of hunting which I have hadoned to the treasurer of the buriness of hunting which I have hadoned to the treasurer of the same to veteran, who had been dead a number of \$452.86, which I drew on pensione ertificate 674,166, first issued to me in April, seed of 1890. He was not satisfied that under all the corrections on the buriness of the union of the marriage relation.

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pensioners under such circumstances as so admit of no other interpretation than that the motive is to inherit the quarterly check. The exent to which this custom is practiced is amazing. Recently it was brought to the attention of the bureau that the marrying of the strength of the bureau that the marrying of the strength of the str ing of old soldiers was a burkness in New York City. The brides were furnished. The ceremonies took place when the veterans were apparently within a few months of eternity. The women who became parties to these norrible frauds were of abandoded character and were brought from another city to go through a legal ceremony that held for over thirty years to conorable discharge "by reason of service no longer required" and from a service of four years and six months; but I will wait for a pensicu until the government sees fit to grant me one without disability conditions attached unlend it be disabilities of old age. I have the honor to be your humble servant. mendation of the commissioner Secretary Bliss has called upon congress to so amend that this marriage of women to dying pensioners shall not be encouraged by the pension laws.

LOOPHOLES OF THE SYSTEM Use of the mails is surrounded with safe-quards. To prevent even the appearance allowed a sum in excess of southern and the machinery of the laws are so framed and the machinery of the bureau so arranged as to spare the claimant all need of legal services being the exercise of other government func yet the laws are so framed and the machinery of the bureau so arranged as to spare
the claimant all need of legal services beyond an occasional acknowledgment before
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in Washington have been built up through
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loopholes have been left to tempt the unpractice of the unworthy. by long practice in the pension business and with their industry promoted by the court returns, are constantly devising new they cannot but feel much fraud exists schemes to add to their revenues. Three which is not brought to light, owing to the years ago: through their lobby, one of the most influential elements in the "third house," these attorneys slipped into an appendiction of the country there are convicts doing time for pension crimes, but the certainty is felt that the frauds are not stopped any more than that some convic-tions of thieves means the end of larceny. The long and varied careers of some of these pension convicts lilustrate the possibilities of the field in which they have worked. The bureau sent one man to the penitratiary for impersonating others and drawing more than one pension. He not caught until he hid sworn himself through as eight different sailors and was drawing eight pensions. There were three brothers in a western part of the country who took up the business of perpetuation pensions after the pensioners had die They concealed the deaths, received the quarterly checks, forged indorsements and signatures to vouchers, and drew thousands of dollars before the frauds were discovered One of the brothers died and the others were sent to the penitentiary. They began doing this business thirty years ago and continued

it for more than twenty years. They passed very respectable men until they were found out. BOGUS EVIDENCE. The manufacture of evidence in pension cases reaches proportions of which the offi scarcely dare to think. Such of this manufacture as has been found out prompts the belief that there must be a great deal which still passes for genuine and forms the foundation for pensions which are being paid the files are many large bundles of papers including affidavits by the score, to sustain some relationship to a pensioner, often that of a widow, which have been proven wholly false. Identifications and recollections after thirty years are shaky at best. The unscrupulous seem to find it easier to perpetrate rauds on the pension bureau the farther away time removes the war. The proving up of widowship presents one of the most attractive fields of reckless enterprise attractive fields of reckless enterprise.

There is reason to believe that women who never saw the old soldiers to whom they claim to have been married are on the pension olls. In the rogues' gallery are the pictures f several smooth men who made a professio of the manufacture of war widows until some oo daring venture uncovered their nefarious practices. One of these pictures is of a min who followed the calling of a preacher while he went about the country fixing up fraude on the pension office. He was taken into custody at a camp meeting, where he had just finished a sermon. Some of these pen-sion criminals are shown in the Grand Army uniforms which they were wearing falsely the better to hide their misdeeds.

The fact seems to be that the persion sharks find the business so encouraging that they take increasing charces and only get caught as the result of the boldness which follows long continued success. One of the most successful manufacturers of war widows kept up the work until he filed a claim for a woman as the widow of a soldier who was not only not dead, but had a few weeks before filed his own application for a pension from another part of the country when an officer of the department went to see the bogus widow she had fied. The lawyer who had prevented the chaim and bicked it with the necessary papers and evidence had previously obtained thousands of pensions. How many of them were fraudulent could not be determined. It was each bicked that the bogus claims and the second could be seen to be seen the second could be seen to be biblished that the bogus claims numbere hyndreds. In tracing out some of the case which appear suspicious the field agents uncover strange situations. They encounter affidavits which, if true, mean that marrisges have taken place at the age of 12 that children have been born to mothers t years old. Remarriages without death divorce are common revelations. In th cares over twenty marriages were shown to have taken place without a single legal separation. One pension shark sent to prison had, while pursuing his business of forging claims, married eight women. An agent wont all of the way to the Mississippi river to find a woman who had filed a claim for a pension on account of a husband she alleged had d'ed ten years before He carried the affidavit of the husband It is not necessary to go to congress to each some of the abuses of the pension laws. In the west and the south particularly there are grown into astonishing proportions a pecies of fraud which the bureau is now was remarried and had disappeared.

Another Step Up Pefore the Freight Traffie Manager.

CHANGE IN UNION PACIFIC CIRCLES

Probability that the Traffic of the Road Will Be Placed in the Hands of One Man Herenfter.

The attaches of the Union Pacific have scarcely caught their breath since the announcement that Horace G. Burt will be the pany Receiver Walker said: During sideration.

One rumor that was most persistently cir- be sufficient to run the road. lived with the man, and it was not proved that the marriage ceremony had been performed.

In the eastern part of the country the legal rights of pensioners' widows seem to be a matter of too much cotoriety. There has developed the custom of marrying old be a matter of the man of man could be found for the position than John In the trustee for the new company, which will be known as the Hutchison & Southern railing way, instead of railroad, company, will be the was the first man offered the office of company that recently been missioner of the Freight Truffic association for the new company, which will be known as the Hutchison & Southern railing way, instead of railroad, company, will be the was the first man offered the office of company that the first man offered the office of company that the secondary of the recently been missioner of the Freight Truffic association for the new company, which will be known as the Hutchison & Southern railing way, instead of railroad, company, will be the way, instead of railroad, company, will be the way, instead of railroad, company, which will be known as the Hutchison & Southern railroad.

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STRENGTH OF THE DIRECTORY. There was considerable comment this morning over the fact that a railroad attorney, instead of a man more closely identified with railroad work, should be made chairman of the new directory of the Union Pacific. It is regarded that the election of Winslow S. Pierce to that high position, which is conceded to be more influential than even the presidency itself, is a fitting compliment to the brilliant young man, some times called a wizzard, who evolved the scheme of reorganizing the Union Pasific upon a firm financial basis. It is the consensus of opinion among rail-road men in Omaha that no railroad in

America will be able to boast a stronger directory than the Union Pacific, after the new regime takes possession of the property. The directory includes the strongest financiers of the east and the leading railroad men of the west. All the prominent lines east of the Missouri river appear to be represented, directly or indirectly, on the directory. It is a noteworthy fact that even the Illinois Central, which may some day enter Omaha, has a representative among the directors. This fact is taken as a straw by many that it will not be long before the Illinois Central builds the extension neces sary to connect with the Union Pacific road. There was nothing at Union Pacific head-quarters yesterday to indicate when the new regioe would take hold of affairs here. The fact that all the annual passes of the Union Pacific milroad have been made good to January 15, 1898, is regarded us a certain

indication that the new regime will come power before that date. As a general rule the passes of the Union Pacific, as those of other rides, are null and voil after Junuary of each year. It is not known when Pres ent Burt will arrive in Omaha, but it is thought that he will be here within a week or ten days. As was stated some 'time ago though vigorously denied, he has asked for his residence in this city.

JOBBERS LOOK UP THE NEW RATES Agent Entrekin of the Port Arthur

Route Kept Quite Busy. Assistant General Freight Agent Entrekin of the Omaha & St. Louis and the Omaha, Kansos City & Eastern railroads has been doing a land office business for the last two days in responding to the requests of jobbers and other local business houses for copies of the new tariff, effective December abolishing the bridge tolls across the fissouri river.

Since the announcement of the absorption the bridge charges on all shipments in again. and out of Omaha and South Omaha there been great interest manifested in the matter in railway and business circles. The general opinion is to the effect that the lines making the concession do not reach a great number of Iowa points, and therefore Omaha will not enjoy the full benefits of the absorption of the bridge charges until the other lowa lines follow the lead of the Port Arthur route. But within the territory reiched by the new line, it is argued, the obbers of Omaha will be able to greatly incase their business, while the shipments of live stock and agricultural products from that territory will come to the markets of Omaha and South Omaha in greater quan-

itities than ever before.

In speaking of the matter Frank V. Kennard said: "It's about time that some railroad abolished these bridge charges. They have amounted to an embargo on the business interests of Omaha for the last thirty years. It has been a hold-up on the part of the railroads for thirty years; that's what t has amounted to. I am glad to see that some woad had the sense to take the lead in this matter. It's just out of sight, and perhaps we can now begin to do some bus-iness here. There are other freight disiness here. There are other freight dis-criminations against Omaha that have held-us back for many years that also need to be removed. The idea of Lincoln enjoying cheaper rates to many points in the state than Omaha, when the distance to these points is less from Omaha than from Lincoln, is absurd, and yet I run no against such rates right along. We up against such rates right along. We claim to be a metropolis and a great rail-road center, and yet for thirty years or more we have been subjected to rank dis-crimination in favor of other cities by every railroad entering here."

As yet there has been no steps taken by the four Iowa lines in the combine—the Northwestern, the Burlington, the Rock Island and the Milwaukee—to follow the example set by the Port Arthur route. There is considerable doubt among ratiroad men generally whether any of these four lines will abolish the bridge charges by absorbing them. If any one of the four lines absorbs the bridge tolls the other three are likely to do the same. Should all four of these lines agree to absorb the bridge tolls the lowa field would be opened to the Nebraska jobbers in the same manner that the bus! ness houses of Council Bluffs now enjoy rates to all points in Nebraska. The chief commodities, according to a prominent freight man, that will be enabled to be sold rom Omaha to western Iowa points will be

oots and shoes, furniture and hardware. Canl-Carrying Roads Combine CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.-Judge Stevensor Burke denies the report from New York that ne has been authorized to complete the neces ary legal forms of procedure for a combine ties of the Ohio soft ceal railroads for the purpose of maintaining freight rates. It was reported that the representatives of all soft coal carrying roads held several meetings in New York and reached an understanding whereby uniform carrying rates from the mines to market were to be established. It was also stated that J. Pienocat Morgan had been concerned in these negotiations. Judge Burke says that it is true that the roads have

MUNROE MAY GO ONE HIGHER an agreement relative to the coal traffic, but easy that no different arrangement has been made than has existed for the last year and a half. The recent meetings, he mays, were for the purpose of arriving at an understanding regarding a division of business.

SETTLEMENT WITH MOORES

Proposed Adjustment of His Accounts with

HUTCHISON & SOUTHERN PROSPECTS.

Receiver Talks of the Coming Sale and the Road's Fature. L. E. Walker, receiver of the Hutchison & Southern railroad, was in the city yesterday and called on General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific and the offichils of other lines here. The Hutchison & Southern railroad now extends from Hutchison, Kan. to Medford, Okl., a distance of 104 miles. The ultimate aim of the road is

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There was too much widow. Two women had man could be found for the position than John The trustee for the new company, which will

of the road and for a large amount of business seems good. We shall run through a territory rich in mineral resources but still undeveloped. In talking over the possibili-ties of the road with the men back of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad, they tell us that we have as good a proposition as they have. Running through the richest of the undeveloped section of the southwest, connecting with three strong southern lines at Denison, Tex., and with the Missouri Pacific, the Santa Fe and the Rock Island at Hutchison, Kan., it would appear that the new line ought to do quite a morth and south business. The part of the road now in operation was originally built by the Union Pa-cafic as one of its Kansas branches, reaching the Kansas Pacific at Saliua, Kan., over the

Railroad Plans In Idaho. BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 28. Colonel Dewey made an important announcement today re specting the Idaho Northern railroad, from Boise to Butte, with a side line to Spokane He stated that the preliminary work on the Idaho Northern would be begun in a very short time. He said he had been requested by eastern men who are interested in the enterprise to be in readiness to go to New York ca tweaty-fours hours' actiee, where ar-rangements would be mide looking toward the construction of the road.

Remove Union Pactile Offices. BOSTON, Dec. 28 -- As a result of the BOSTON, Dec. 28.—As a result of the By the way, nearly \$3,000 that was paid Union Pacific reorganization the offices of the ompany will be removed from Boston to his accounts had been audited and allowed New York. The change will probably take place six weeks or two months hence, but no details can be announced at present.

Railway Notes and Personals. H. M. Clay, general agent of the Union Pacific's passenger department, is in the cit; from Salt Lake City. Fred A. Nash, general western agent of the

Milwaukee, left for a trip through his western territory yesterday afternoon. T. M. Schumacher, general agent of the freight department of the Union Pacific at

San Francisco, has returned from a short trip to Kansas City. On December 31 and January 1 all roads between Omaha and St. Louis will sell oneway tickets to the latter city for \$8.75 in order to meet the cheap rate made to Chi-

It is common belief that H. R. McCul ough, son-in-law of Maryin Hughitt and now general traffic manager of the Northwest-ern, will succeed Horace G. Burt as third vice president of the Northwestern.

George Abbott, city passenger and ticket agent of the Unico Pacific, who was so badly rajured last week by the falling of the top of the coupon ticket case, has recovered sufficiently to be able to be at his desi-An unknown colored man, supposed to be

about 25 years of age, was run over and killed by passenger train No. 3, on the Kansas Pacific, near St. George, Kan., on Christmas day. He was attempting to get off the train, and slipped and fell under the

A few days ago it was announced that the Chicago & Northwestern road would during 1898 complete the double tracking of its main line across Iowa. It is now announced that it will build a \$30,000 depot at Ames, a unction point thirty miles north of Dea Moines. The trains of the Port Arthur route will use

the Burlington's new depot, new bridge and other terminal facilities at Quincy, Ill. A contract providing for this was It is reported that early in January through car service from Chicago to Port Ar thur will be established via the Burlington from Chicago to Quincy and via the Pert Arthur route from Quincy to Port Arthur, Tex

No Premium on Ignorance KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28,-A Star special rom Liberty, Mo., says; The panel of forty jurors for the Foley case was completed last night and the attorneys will have until 8 o'clock tonight to make their challenges. It is expected that all the time will be taken up and the hearing of evidence will not begin until tomorrow morning. To get the panel of forty, seventy-three men were examined out of 100 summoned. Many of the men said they had formed opinions in the matter, but thought they could give a fair and impartial hearing notwithstanding. The court held that even if they had read newspaper reports of the case they were competent jurors. forty jurors for the Foley case was com

SEATTLE, Wash, Dec. 28, Within the next few months a raft containing 5,000,-000 feet of lumber will be constructed in this city and toxed to San Francisco. John Poulson of the firm of Iniman & Poulson, owners of a large sawmill here, designed the raft and the firm will in a fear days begin its construction. It will be 305 feet long, fifty-three feet wide and will be so constructed that only a small portion of the raft will be above the surface of the water. Several rafts of piling have been successfully towed from the Columbia river to San Francisco, but the rafting of sawed lumber is a new undertaking. 000 feet of lumber will be constructed in

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28, The prospects for revival of the interstate agreement in the competing mine states are encouraging. The operators who attended the joint conference at Columbus to arrange details for a convention arrived home today. They are pleased over the outlook and are confident that the movement will be a success and that the movement will be a success and the disturbances in the mining industry will soon be at an end. at an end.

Improve the Tennessee River. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Com-mittees from the Chamber of Commerce and two commercial associations today issued a call for a convention at Chatta-need. It is per a convention at Chatta-need in bad in January 4 to consider means for the permanent improvement of the Ten-nessee river and its tributaries, Members of congress from the section concerned are ds have invited.

Proposed Adjustment of His Accounts with Douglas County.

COUNTY HAS PROTECTED ITS RIGHTS

Commissioner Kierstead Discusses the Board's Recent Action and the History of the Clerk of Courts' Office.

When asked by a Bee reporter concerning the settlement of the county with Frank E. Moores, Commissioner Kierstead said. "The official records of the proceedings of the county commissioners are sufficient evidence that through its auditing department it had withheld from Mr. Moores every dollar it could in any manner be justified in so doing."

of your action?"

Moores' election, began a tirade of abusa three men. Major Armstrong served eight years, Captain Ijams twelve years and Colonel Moores eight years. The pay of the clerk is derived from fees of the office, no salary being attached thereto. He is obliged by law to pay the entire expense of run-ning the office, hiring and paying all help

rants issued to him in payment thereof. At the beginning of the third year a question arose as to the payment of certain fees which had heretofore been allowed, the commissioners claiming he had received fees in the past which he was not entitled to, and which they refused to allow in his bills then presented. Mr. Moores claimed the questions involved were legal ones, no settlement has ever been made until the present time. It is not true that his accounts have been audited by his personal or political friends. Mr. Runne, who has had exclusive charge of the checking of his claims, is his bitter enemy, both personally and politically, and there is no danger of his having allowed Mr. Moores any more than and politically, and there is no danger of his having allowed Mr. Moores any more than he was entitled to. Out of a total amount of more than \$35,000 of claims filed by Mr. Moores, he has been allowed but a trifle over \$6,000, about \$29,000 having been held as offsets and rejections. This allowance is by no means satisfactory to Mr. Moores, but it being the final action of the commissioners, he will be compelled to so into court. ers, he will be compelled to go into court and have the rejected claims adjusted there. by the commissioners, has been retained by them and charged as offsets."

norming and after transacting the business that called them together adjourned until 2 prominent fire chiefs of the world. clock next Friday afternoon.

Fred Archer, county treasurer examiner for his judgment and in order to comply with the rovisions of law, County Treasurer Heimrod 898, instead of on December 31, 1897. also advised that in making the settlement

her was satisfactory to him.
The bond of Thomas Crocker, register of leeds-elect, signed by St. A. D. Balcombe, S. K. Scalding and John Rush, in the sum of \$10,000, was presented. The bond of D. M. W. L. roved. The bond of N. P. Swanson, coroner lect, signed by Jons Valein and P. C. n the sum of \$5,000, was presented. Bonds HOOSIER REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE of road supervisors, justices and constables

vere presented and referred. County Treasurer Heimrod was instructed o forward to the county's eastern financial igency the sum of \$16,717.33 to pay interes n bonds, the interest becoming due and pay able on January 1, next.

Dr. James A. Kelley filed an application attended today's conference. The meeting sking to be appointed assistant county phyicion for South Omaha. The application was est off-year meeting the party ever held placed on file and will be referred to the inoming board.

BIDS ON SUPPLIES FOR COUNTY. Commissioners Will Open Offers from

Jobbers on Friday.

Proposals for furnishing supplies to the county during next year will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting to be held next Friday afternoon. At this meeting bids will be received on everything that the county uses at the court house the jail and the county hospital, and as the credit of the county is considered first clacs low prices are expected. As yet none of the would-be contractors have submitted propositions, but a large number of individuals, firms and corporations have asked for bidding blanks, which fact leads the commissioners to infer that the bidding will be very close and spirited.

In receiving bids this year the county com-missioners will follow the same course that was pursued last year, requiring separate bids on each article, allowance being made for large quantities. Years ago the county received lump bids, but this olan is no longer in vogue. Under that plan bidders were guided by the experience of former years and bid way down on articles that would not be used, putting the prices up nearly double on things that were required almost daily. For instance, in those days a concern would bid was known would not be needed, while on pencils the same concern would bid \$3 per gross. In this way they compelled the county to pay enormous prices for the articles that were most in use

WILL PARK HOSPITAL GROUNDS. Commissioners Have a Plan to Make

The county commissioners are contemplating some extensive improvements out at the county hospital, the idea being to cark and coutify the grounds next spring. When the county hospital was located out

n the vicinity of West Pacific street the intention was to park all of that portion of the tract lying east of the buildings and west of the railroad tracks. The cramped condition of the funds prevented carrying out the work and consequently nothing has been done with this tract other than to keep it improved. Now that the coor farm fund is in good shape the commissioners think it advisable to expend a few hundred dollars on the grounds As formulated, the plan is to set out a large number of trees and shrubs. The trees can be obtained on the farm, while the sirubs, the commissioners say, can be bought for a trifle. Around and among the trees it is the

intention to construct paths and cover them with cinders from the rurnace.

By the expenditure of a small sum, the commissioners say that this tract can be con-verted into one of the prettiest parks in the

DEATH OF MRS. WOOLWORTH.

One of Omaha's Leading Women An swers the Reaper's Call.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton Woolworth, wife of Judge J. M. Woolworth, which occurred at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, was a sad surprise to hundreds of Omaha people who heard the news with the most sincere sorrow. Mrs. Woolworth had been ill for several weeks, but although she was con-"aned to her room most of the time, her condition was not such as to cause her friends any uneasiness. Early this morning she was suddenly stricken by apoplexy and expired without regaining consciousness. Her hus-

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Mrs. Woolworth's maiden name was Elizabeth. Stanton Butterfield, and she was born in Homer, N. Y., July 16, 1836. Her father was Moses Bradford Butterfield of that city and she was descended in a direct line from william Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Stanton, began a tirade of abusa and she was descended in a direct line from William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Stanton, began a tirade of abusa and she was descended in a direct line from William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Stanton, began a tirade of abusa and she was descended in a direct line from William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Stanton, began a tirade of abusa and she was descended in a direct line from William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Stanton, began a tirade of abusa and she was descended in a direct line from Stanton Butterfield, and she was born in Homer, N. Y., July 16, 1836. Her father was Moses Bradford Butterfield of that city and she was descended in a direct line from Stanton Butterfield of that city and she was descended in a direct line from Stanton Butterfield, and she was born in Homer, N. Y., July 16, 1836. Her father was Moses Bradford Butterfield of that city and she was descended in a direct line from Stanton Butterfield, and she was born in Homer, N. Y., July 16, 1836. Her father was Moses Bradford Butterfield of that city and she will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will sue the bondsmen of Chief Gallaward of the will be will sue the decision of the police from the will be will sue the decision of the police from the will be will sue the decision left that institution come time before she court, was married to Judge Woolworth, in August, A p

was closely identified with local musical en-terprises. She was one of the founders of over it for several years.

The late Mrs. Champion S. Chase was a

sister of Mrs. Woolworth and her other sisters, Misses Mellona and Frances Butterfield, required, which amounted during Mr. Moores term to about \$1,500 per month, and no expense or salary was ever neglected to be paid promptly by him. "When he entered on his first term of The funeral will probably be held at Trinoffice he kept his books and rendered his ity cathedral Friday afternoon and it is the bills to the county the same as his pred- wish of the family that no flowers be of-

time to time, until he was at length ap-pointed chief of the First battalion, which position he occupied for several years. When it is understood that chief of the First battalion gives jurisdiction over the greater and property are involved, it will be seen that the present chief's position was very The county commissioners met yesterday graph and record have been published in several eastern publications among the other

SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE WEEK

he state, notified the commissioners that in Brilliant Functions that Make the Holldays Speed. Holiday week is one of the most brillian should settle with the county on January 5, socially that has happened along in Omaha for many seasons. The dancing party of Clarence Thurston Monday evening was on aus all cash and evidences of cash in the office of ence Thurston Monday evening was an austhe treasurer and in the designated county picious occasion. On Wednesday afternoon depositories be counted by some of the com-missioners. County Treasurer Heimrod said will receive at their home, Twenty-fifth and that the clan suggested by the state's exam-liner was satisfactory to him.

Cass streets. On Thursday will occur a chil-dren's dancing party at the Merriam and a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purvis. On the same evening Miss Alex ander and Frank E. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs Selby and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Benson Haverly, county clerk, signed by a guaranty will hold an evening reception from 8 to 11 company, in the sum of \$10,000, was ap- at the residence of the latter, 4728 Dodge was ap- at the residence of the latter, 4728 Dodge

street Great Gathering of Party Lender

from All Over the State.

INDIANAPOLIS Dec. 28.-Five hundred representatives of the republican party of Indiana outside of the city of Indianapolis attended today's conference. The meeting The meeting was held a little later in the year in order that the United States sen ator from the state and the republican reprecentatives might be here, and they all came. The influential men in the party were encouraged by the statements of the which took place during the holidays. the state on the proposition that the cur- who until lately has roomed with C. pistform, and the republicane will, of course take the opposite ground. In the event of the failure of congress to take action look ing to the reform of the currency, mem bers of the party said, the party in this state would go into the state campaign embarrossed and on the defensive from the

In the hotel lobbles there was a great deal of talk about the civil service law but it came largely from men who made application for office immediately after the nomination of McKinley and have appointed. The prominent men of the party agreed that no one need fear that the repul licans of Indiana will ever declare against

Find a Bullet in the Heart. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28,-Mary Cas tillo, the young Spanish woman at whom the Japanese, George Touchi, fired four the Japanese, George Touchi, fired four shots on Sunday afternoon, did not die of fright or from the effect of a spock upon a feeble heart, as believed when she wan examined at the receiving hospital a few minutes after her death. No wounds of any kind were found upon her then, but an autopsy held at the morgue by Dr. John Gallagher revealed the fact that the woman's death was caused by a bullet which struck her in the arm, passed through the lungs and entered the pericardium, or sack surrounding the heart.

Fixing Price of Window Glass. PITTSBURG, Dec. 28,-The American Window Glass company, controlling the window glass trade of the country, is meetwindow gains trade of the country, is meeting here today to complete the organization, elect officers and fix a price list for next year. All the window glass concerns in the combination are represented. The meeting will last several days.

Strikers Are Without Organization PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 27.—Several of the striking silk weavers at the mill of the Royal Weaving company at Central Falls said today that it was their intention to return to work tomorrow morning. The strikers have been unable to act together on account of having no organization.

country, of which the cost of maintaining will be almost nothing, as the work can all be performed by the inmates of the institu-

JUDGE GORDON DECIDES HER GULTY

conviction in Police Court Followed by Appeal to District Court and a Promised. Damage Suit.

Maud Raymond, who caused so much trouble in police circles in connection with the matter of giving a bond, came up before Judge Gordon yesterday. The defendant and her alleged confederate, J. J. Kingle. were found guilty of petit larceny, and Woolworth, were with Ler when she expired. county jail. An appeal to the district court

A portion of the testimony in Miss Raymond's case was taken Monday afternoon During her thirty years' residence in John Urbanczyk, furrier of 320 South Fif-Omaha Mrs. Woolworth has been prominent teenth street, from whose store a collarette in church and social circles, where she valued at \$22.50 was alleged to have been leaves behind many sincere friendships, taken by Miss Raymond, was first placed She has been one of the most active mem- on the stand. He stated that the woman bers of Trinity cathedral and her private accompanied by Kinzie, had visited the charities have been numerous. Among her store, and immediately upon their leaving accomplishments she included an excellent the article was missed. Urbanczyk's wife musical education, and for many years she corroborated his testimony, but neither as-was closely identified with local musical en- serted that they had detected the defendants terprises. She was one of the founders of in the actual act of the theft, although Mrs. the Ladies' Musical society and presided Urbanczyk stated that Kinzle had acted suspiciously. Officers who made the arrest were placed upon the stand, but nothing of importance gleaned.

Yesterday Miss Raymond was placed upon the stand and denied everything in toto in the allegations against her. She admitted being to the store, but swore she had never taken any articles, never bad any intentions of doing 60, nor was in league with others who bills to the county the same as his preuecessors had rone for the previous twenty
years, and for the first two years, 1888 and
1889, his accounts so rendered were audited
and allowed by the commissioners and warrants issued to him in payment thereof. At
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In reviewing the testimony Judge Gordon expressed himself as convinced that there was an effort upon the part of Kinzie to part of the downtown districts of the Windy shield Miss Raymond from punishment, so City, where millions of dollars in buildings he accordingly found both guilty and gave he accordingly found both guilty and gave each the sentence named.

Attorney Walker has asserted from the time of Miss Raymond's arrest when bond close to head of the finest fire department in the world. In July, 1892, Chief Redell resigned his position in Chicago to take to harge of the entire department of Winona, Minu. Here he served two years with Minu. Here he served two years with credit, resigning in December, 1894, to accept a call to take charge of the department so far as Miss Raymond is concerned, is, in COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

Bonds of Officers-Elect Approved and Routine Matters Adjusted.

Routine Matters Adjusted. tence imposed in the second instance was unjust. He will therefore attempt to seek redress by a suit for damages.

MAC HAS A VERY HAPPY TIME

Cowboy in Search of Trouble Gets Plenty of It. John McWilliams, a tall, athletic cowboy, applied at the station for a lodging Menday night. He was shown the best room in the house, but it failed to suit. There were too many other bedfellows there according to McWilliams idea, so he proceeded to make more room by tossing a few vags out into the snow drifts. The cowboy then adjusted his gaunt shape to the soft surface of Judge Gordon's desk and composed his thoughts for a sound slumber. It was not to be. The vags who had been summarily ejected wandered back again and amid the general row which followed Me. williams lost his bed and was fired bodily over the court room willing. Then Turnkey Dibbern appeared and as he could make neither head nor tail out of the turnoil, he accordingly placed McWilliams under arrest and charged him with general cussedness. Judge Gordon was of the colored that the Judge Gordon was of the opinion that the prisoner had received the worst of the deal "rough houses" in the future dismissed him.

BURGLARS TAKE A DAY OFF. Twenty-Four Hours Pass with No Re-

ports of Looting. No more burglaries were reported at the police station within twenty-four hours to till noon yesterday and the detectives claim to have gained some clews to a few of those senator and representatives that there is rests have been made as yet, and what in-hope for currency reform legislation, such formation Chief Cox has in his possession as will tend to set the party right before in connection with the law breakers is veiled the people. The unanimity of the party in in the deepest mystery. John Spangler, reacy must be reformed was a surprise to at 102 South Thirteenth street, rose early a good many of the men attending the conthis morning before his bedfellow was awake ference. The democrats, it was averred, will and departed with two gold rings, an over-declare for free silver in their next state coat and \$7.65 in money, all the property of Wilbur, A description of Spangler been given the police.

Men's Clan Program.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Men's Clan of Trinity Methodist church took place at the church parlors, Twenty-first and Binney streets Monday night. The attendance was very large, Oliver Auch-Moedy read a paper, which was enthusiastically received. Dr. F. F. Teal read a paper on current events which was tersely written and very interesting. Dr. Sanderson, in an inimitable manner, gave a reading which kept the clan in a state of great merriment. Major R. S. Wilcox talked 'arnestly, enthusiastically and interestingly of "The Great Parade of 1888," Mr. M. W. Swain told an exceedingly interesting story of life in old England, Mr. M. F. Roys read a well written and very entertaining autobiography. Great enthusiasm prevailed and it was unanim-usly decided to give a grand public entertainment, consisting of songs, instrumental pieces, autobiographies, stories and a debate, on January 17, 1888, at the church, Twenty-first and Binney streets. took place at the church parlors, Twenty-

Sold Whisky to Indians. United States Commissioner Sloane Pender yesterday held Harris B, Smith Emerson to the grand jury in the sum of Emerson to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 on the charge of selling whisky to Indians, the defendant waiving examination, Rufus Jones of Emerson was given a pre-liminary hearing on the same charge and was discharged. Charley French, an Indian, was held in \$500 bonds to answer to the charge of introducing whisky on the Winnebago reservation. The latter was unable to furnish bonds and was brought to this city by Deputy United States Marshal Allen and was deposited in the county jail,

No Word from the Rubbits. Secretary Laughland of the Associated haritles says that the donation of 100

rabbits offered by an unknown person living at Wood River had not as yet been received. The letter proffering the gift was sent to The Bee and was in turn accepted by the charitable organization. Secretary Laughland would like to have the bunnies on hand some time this week, so that they may be distributed among the poor Now Year's day.