Spiked with Fine Humor.

ESSAYS BY HARRY THURSTON PECK

Another Volume on Economic Questions...The Last Volume of the Century_Essays of Drexel Biddle _A New Study of Hamlet.

Of books of travel and adventure there is practically no end, but the number of these books that have within themselves something attractive aside from interest in the it. The Editor Publishing company, Cincingradually but surely weakened," said a things described. The book of travel may nati, O. be easily made entertaining. Persons who be easily made entertaining. Persons who have traveled are always interested in what volume by A. J. Drexel Biddle of Philadel. In business to the Kootenai district in order other travelers have seen and these who have phia and published under the title of "The that they may compete against the Canadian not traveled learn to take delight in the journeys of their more fortunate fellows. But in the spiendid volume written by Mark
Twain to describe his journey around the
world there is a great deal to make it interesting aside from the mere fact of a journey described. The book is filled to tention. Published by Drexel Biddle Philaoverflowing with historical information delphia, 90 cents. The same author has also about the countries through which the great published "hantytown Sketches." a series of about the countries through which the great American humorist of other days passed on his last lecture tour, and the statistical information well sprinkled through is also of great value. Mr. Clemens had eyes that saw when he went forth to follow the equator. His eyes saw much that would have escaped the eyes of a less observant man. On emp-board, on the trains, in hotels, at watering places, in the mountains, among the farmers, he always saw something of exceptional interest. He saw more than great ranches and rishing cities in Australa, more than mosques and shrines in Asia, for he was looking at what was behind all these things, what they meant in relation to the history and progress of the world. All this information which he gathered by observation and from a storehouse of his own where he has been accumulating facts for a lefetime, Mark Twain has imparted in his "Following the Equator" in a manner that is doubly entertaining for the fine vein of humor that is encumtered at almost every turn through the narrative. Mark Twain will never write Ridge. Harper & Bro., New York; \$1.50. terest. He saw more than great ranches and encountered at almost every turn through
the narrative. Mark Twain will never write
snother "Innocents Abroad," and nobody
would want him to do it, but he has written
a book of far greater value. His humor is
here turned to good account. The reader is
filled with valuable information and at the
same time a sense of pleasure which cansame time a sense of pleasure which cannot be described. The anecdotal part of the work is not confined to anecdotes on the journey, though there were many of them, but others having no connection whatever with this journey are brought in at conven-ient points. Altogether it is a unique and valuable book of travel, well worthy of the genius of the favorite American humorist. American Publishing Company, Hartford, Conn. By subscription only.

The literature that deals with everyday life with which we are all familiar is the literature that will endure. Imagination is a good thing, but it eannot stand alone, and true literature is produced when imagination plays rightly upon facts which are known by all to be true. Harry Thurston Peck, in a series of essays under the title of "The Personal Equation," comes very near to the 4deal in the presentation of common facts and familiar topics in such admirable garb that the reader must realize that without getting into the readm of the imaginary he is right in touch with the best literature. Prof. Beck covers a wide range of topics in his essays. He starts out with William Dean Howells, who is always a good text for one who wishes to discuss the impossible great American novel; two or three French novelists and George Moore, the aposite of naturalism in England, are treated in comys that show a wide reading; the migration of popular cores effords material for still another train of thought showing incidentally some phases of human character; Grevet Cleveland is big enough to have a whole chapter for himself, and it is not the least intercating by any means; and in an essay on political organizes the trains of a number of eminent American orators are discussed. Pror. Peck's study of the new child and its ploture books makes an interesting creay out of a dry subject and his treatment of question of American feeling toward England deserves a careful reading by those who have never understood the meaning of certain manifestations of "jingoism" that have been prevalent. In all these escays the author keeps close to li'e, which is the most interceting thing in all the world, and always has been chief of interesting things. He demonstrates that literature need not be a thing afar off and half unknown. He broadens and uplifts by leading one to see the true relationship between the common things and our ideals. Harper & Brother,

the American people and the emblem of their nation, are quite rafe when the people use their reasoning faculties in the broadest and best sense and follow in lines politically and otherwise that have been well thought out. The number of those who feel them-selves called upon to aid in directing the thought of the people aright has become very large in recent years, and these com-prise college professors, students of economics and unlearned observers as well. Some-times it so happens that the observer of things and the relations of things is able to give valuable lessons to all others on the matter of political economy, and this seen to be the case with George M. Reynolds whose book on "Labor's Hard Times School" has recently appeared. It is not a scholarly production nor one from which may be drawn rest quantities of information on financial and economic topics, but the author has presented in simple language the recults of his discreations in the United States and in some other countries in a manner that vill Instruct all readers. Wabash Publishing House, Chicago.

One cannot appreciate fully the wealth of good things in one volume of The Century until in peaces's n of a bound volume. The Century company may take just pride in the thirty-second volume, which takes the magnzine up to and including last November. The illustrations in this volume are as fine as any ever published in The Century, and that is saying a great deal. The volume contains the reminiscences of General Porter of his campaigns with General Grant, excepts from the journal of Glave, the African explorer, articles upon scientific kite flying, hunting storice by H. Seton-Karr, W. A. Billie Gra-ham and others. Mrs. Schuyler Van Repusselaer's description of the churches and cathedrals of France, Eliza R. Scidmore's article descriptive of Java and Singapore and many other fine articles. Dr. Michell's serial. Hugh Wynne, ran through the volums and in pocity there were a large num-ber of contributions from the most eminent

Pletures" a collection bes been made of the original paintings and drawings illustrating Senator Lodge's "Story of the Revolution" now appearing in Scribner's Magazine. This collection of pictures forms an impressive gallery of revolutionary art, worth many thousands of dollars. They are now being exhibited in various cities throughout the country under the auspices of the local pacountry under the auspices of the local patriotle societies. Strangely enough this is the first time all the modern forces and re sources of the Plustrative art have been brought to bear upon this subject and the covered a comparatively untouched field. The pictures represent the talent of many

A book prepared especially for Sunday school workers and those interested in the success of Sunday schools bears the expressive title. "How to Make the Sunday School Go," and it is well filled with suggestive hints on that subject. A. T. Brewer, superintendent of the Epworth Memorial Sunday

MARK TWAIN'S NEWEST BOOK | school at Cleveland, O., is the author, but several of the chapters are contributed by specialists in certain lines of Sunday school | CONCERNS KLONDIKE TRAVEL | will be a rate of one and one-third regular fare to St. Louis for the round trip and from there to Chattanooga one fare for the round work. It is not a book of theories, but a record of experiences that bave been valuable

> South G. Preston in a series of pleasing essays on "The Secret of Hamie!" has made a substantial addition to the Shakespearean literature with which the modern book shelves are burdened. Mr. Preston in this study of the play of Hamlet presents it in every conceivable light, tracing the origin of names, the connection between incidents and historical and mythological stories, making analyses of every phase of the play and application to the grander drama of life. Hamlet is the most mysterious and the most fascinating of all the works of Shakespeare and the more it is studied the more mys-

Flowers of Life," and in these essays Mr. Biddle but confirms the impression created sketches delineating life on the plantation.

New books received: "Jinty and Others," by Margaret Sutton Briscoe, Harper & Bro., New York; \$1.50, "A Bachelor's Box," by T. C. DeLeon, F. Tennyson Neeley, Chicago; 50 cents, "Just a Summer (Affair," by Mary Ade-

"There is No Devil," by Maurus Jokai.

A new novel by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell is to run as a serial in the Century. The long novel by Thomas Nelson Page in Scribner's this year will be his first of great length. In London the two best se'ling novels

of the winter have been "The Christian" and "In Kedar's Tents," Mr. A. E. Keet, formerly editor of Th Forum, has become the manager of the Pall Mall Magazine in the United States.

The Critic promises to print this week the address of M. Zola at the grave of Daudet, in both French and English. The success of Cosmopolis is the cause of bringing out Kosmodike, a periodical devoted to law matters in several lan-

guages. The New York Clipper Almanae for 1898 s up to the old standard as a cyclopedia of facts relating to all sporting and amusement topics.

The Midland Monthly is the only maga-

J. A. Ricker as the manager.

simultaneously this month, but the Har-pers promise that hereafter this literary weekly will appear regularly on Wednes-

shortly with Herbert S. Stone & Co. of Chicago a volume of reminiscences, very like her Epistle to Posterity, which proved

CHRIS MERRY EXPECTS TO HANG. Confident the Jury Will Bring in a

Verdiet of Guilty. CHICAGO, Jan. 19 .- Today the alleged wife murderer, Chris Merry, even before his defence could be presented to the jury, gave up apparently all hope of escaping the gallows. Before court opened he broke into one of h's fearful cursing spells. In the little room just off the court Merry acted like a wild man. "Pratt," exclaimed Merry to his attorney, "Will you go with me to the gallows. No, no priest, no minister for me, I want you. I'd rather have you walk with me to the scaffold than any holy hypocrite." to the scaffold than any holy hypocrite.

Attorney Pratt tried to reason with Merry, but the prisoner yelled volley after volley of curses on his dead wife and the police. "I won't confess," he yelled. "What for? That jury will hang me no matter what I

Counsel for James Smith, who is on trial with Merry for compileity in the murder, sprang a surprise today by moving that Smith's case be taken from the jury on the ground that no evidence connecting Smith with the murder had been introduced. The motion was overruled after some argument. The defense put witnesses on the stand today to prove Merry itsane. Merry himself flatly refused to go on the witness

CALIFORNIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE. Preparations to Celebrate it on

Grand Scale. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.-Preparations for the golden jublice of California-the fiftioth anniversary of the discovery of the yellow metal-are making rapid headway. The celebration will begin on Monday next and continue during the week. It will embrace many entirely novel features, nearly every county in the state contributing to render the affair a notable event in the annals of California. In connection with the jubilee a mining fair will be held, which promises to be the most complete expention of the kind ever known in the west. San Francisco is already guily decorated in anticipation of the coming carnival week and visitors are arriving in large numbers. Governor Budd has declared the opening day of the jubilee a legal holiday and during the work of festivity the public schools will be closed. Seldom before has state and civic pride been aroused to a greater degree, and it is already evident that all former popular demonstrations here will be equalled if not

eclipsed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19,-A special from Maysville, Ky., says: News of the sulcide of Miss Harriet Keith Owens on Monday at Crab Orchard Farm, the home of her father, Basii D. Owens, near Washington, reached here last night. Miss Owens had been in poor health for some time and had to give up her school last fall on that account. She rested unusually well Sunday night and seemed very cheerful, eating a nearly breakfast. She read the account of the shooting of ex-Senator Joe Blackburn's daughter, Mrs. Lane, with much interest. After that she went to her brother's room, and, securing his pistol, placed it to her temple and fired the fatal shot. Death was instantaneous. Miss Owens was one of the brightest girls in the country and the Owens family is a prominent one. The tragedy is widely deplored. suicide of Miss Harriet Kelth Owens on

Funeral of Logan Carlisle, CINCINNATI, Jan, 19,—The funeral of Logan Carlisle, son of ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle, took place today in the Scott Methodist Episcopal church in Covington, Ky. The house was filled with friends of the deceased and many floral tributes were placed about the casket. The interment took place in Linden Grove cemetery.

Story of Travel and Adventure Well to the writers and will prove of interest to others. Eaton & Mains, New York, 60 cents. Affects Alaska.

Local Railroad Men Say They Will Be Able to Meet Canadian Competition and Expect to Get the Business.

"It looks very much to me as though the prominent passenger man to The Bee. "It has been suspended for the railroads carry-Pacific, and last week the succeme court distributing center."

This opinion is very widespread among railroad men. They argue that the courts are beginning to recognize that there are commercial considerations to be taken into account with arguments on the long and short hauf matter. The suspension of the role in regard to the prospective Klondike travel is regarded as a good thing for the American transcontinental railroads, especially the northern lines that are brought is cially the northern lines that are brought in direct competition with the Canadian Paific. The latter time is not responsible to the interstate Commerce commission of the United States for any of its acts and therefore would enjoy a big advantage in the matter of a bigger traffic on lower rates were It not for the suspension of the long and short haul clause.

Well posted passenger men look for a big movement to Klondike. As is natural in the ese of all big movements demoralization in rallroad rates is looked for. General Passonger Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific yesterday said that he be-lieved any competition from the north could now be successfully met. He added: "It the roads up north get gay, why we'll put

the midiand Monthly is the only magazine to be added to the list in publishings
the next five-year volume of Poole's Index
to the Periodical Literature.

Another magazine of recreation has made
its appearance in Denver. It is Outdoor
Life and J. A. McGuire is the editor with

A Picker as the wavever.

The midiand Monthly is the only magathe railroad companies is something enormous, and some of the western railroads
have issued their second circular. The Burlington route a short time ago
issued 35,000 folders giving information about the new gold fields
and the demand was so great that they were
and the demand was so great that they were Joe M. Chappelle of the National Magazine, Boston, recently visited his old home in La Porte City, Ia. He is publisher of the magazine and a regular contributor.

Two numbers of Literature were published.

A rumor to the effect that Samuel A Hutchison, general traveling passenger agent of the Union Pacific, is soon to be promoted to the position of assistant general passenger agent is going the rounds of railway circles.
At headquarters it is said that such a change The total is not unlikely to happen. It would merely be giving Mr. Hutchison the title for a posi-tion which, to all intents and purposes, he has for some time occupied. Should he be made assistant general passenger agent it is said that he will continue to perform the duties of general traveling passenger agent as well. A report from St. Louis to the ef-fect that J. B. Frawley, general agent of the passenger department at Kansas City, is ikely to be made general traveling passenger agent was this afternoon pronounced to be most erroneous by an official of the passen-

ger department. Invites Freight Claim Agents. At the suggestion of Edward Clarke freight claim agent of the B. & M. railroad, Manager Rosewater of the Department of Publicity and Promotion has issued an invitation to the Freight Claim desociation, an organization of freight claim agents from all the railroads in the country, to hold its fall meeting in Omaha next year. This as-sociation holds two meetings each year, one in May and another in October. The May meeting will be held in Denver and the invitation to meet in Omaha in October will be irged upon the association.

Manderson Enlightens St. Louis

General C. F. Manderson, one of the exposition directors, attended a banquet of the Commercial club of St. Louis Saturday night. ast, and took occasion to talk at some length concerning the exposition. The meeting was attended by many of the representative business and professional men of the city and many inquiries were made of General Manierson regarding the character of the buildings to be erected.

Traveling Passenger Agent Marley of the Michigan Central is in the city.

President George Gould of the Misso Pacific is this week serving on the federal grand jury at Trenton, N. J.

John A. Munroe, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, is in New York in consultation with the newly elected officers and the directors of the road. The earnings of the Wabash for the week of January amounted to \$228,571.33.

showing an increase of \$31,525.98 compared with the corresponding week in 1897. General Passenger Agent H. C. Townsend of the Missouri Pacific bas returned to St Louis after attending the conference in New York on immigrant rates via the gulf ports. E. M. Gannon, commercial agent of the Missourl Pacific at Atchison, Kan., is in the city and reports great interest among the people of that city in the Transmississippi

The earnings of the Kansas City, Pitts-burg & Gulf railway for December, 1897, were \$265,174, against \$100,196 for December \$2,439,719, against \$809,021 for 1896.

Traveling Passenger Agent Pitzgerald of the Louisville & Nashville is in the city. He reports that southern tourist travel has been delayed considerably this year by the open winter weather in the north. He expects that it will begin to grow heavy within the next fortnight.

O. E. Jerkins, well known in this city the general western passenger agent of the Rome. Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad, has been appointed city passenger agent of the Vanderbilt lines at Syracuse, N. Y. prominent one. The Hereafter the western interests of the Rome lored. Watertown & Ogdensburg rallroad will be looked after by the representatives of the New York Central.

For the meeting of the National Firemen's association at Chicago, January 27-28, western roads yesterday declared a late of one and one-third fare for the round trip. For the meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Educational atso-ciation at Chattanooga, February 22-24, there made public.

The Baltimore & Ohfo rallroad now runs its freight trains over its own tracks into New York City. Years ugo a line was built from Cranford Junction on the Jersey Cenfrom Cranford Junction on the Jersey Cen-tral railroad to St. George's, Staten Island, crossing the Kill von Kull on a long bridge and trestlework, and all Baltimore & Onlo freight, either inbound of outbound, is handled from that point. The recent exten-sion of the limits of New York City has made Staten Island a part of Greater New York.

AVENGES HIS SISTER'S WRONGS Texas Cowboy Kills Her Husband for

Abusing Her. NEW YORK, Jan. 19 -Itside the Stagg street station house, bordugh of Brooklyn, last night, the policemen were all in line ready to go out for night duty. The sergeant was reading to them a description of Herman G. Hitz, who had just shot and mortally wounded Otto Diehl. He was telling the men to arrest Hinz and warned them that he was a wild westerner and probably

dangerous. Outside the station house was Hinz doing his best to get juside and give himself up. He told the doorman guarding the cutrance that he had important business inside and must pass. The doorman declared that no mitted and handed Sergeant Ruthenburg a

Mrs. Diehl's clothes. Diehl refused to let him have them and Hinz easy threatened to brain him with a kettle.
"My sleter is dying," said Hinz, "and you

are her murderer. guess it wont be a crime to kill you, and I'll do it," and he did.

SHIPPING COTTON GOODS ABROAD. Finding a Market for Surplus at Manchesfer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. There seems to be classes of manufactured goods in which this the roade up north get gay, why we'll put in some rates that will bring the Klondike business through here. As a matter of fact, I believe a large proportion of the Klondike movement is coming this way applow. San Franciscos is making a big bid for the business and will get a good share of it. No, indeed, we don't fear any competition from the north''

Assistant General Passenger Agent Smith of the B. & M. said: "The Klondike business is going to be immense and the bulk of it from Chicago and the east will come from Chicago through here. Of course, there will be a big movement from St. Paul, and the lines out of there are going to handle plenty of traffic, but the bulk of it will come from Chicago through here and Kansas City."

The estimates of passenger men on the Klondike while get no further than the cities on the Pacific coast, in California, Organ and Westington. The demand for Klondike literature issued by the ralroad companies is something enormous, and some of the western railroads have issued their second circular. The Burtlington route a short time age and discontent.

DEPOSITS SHOW LARGE INCREASE. Savings Bank Dividends Also Show

en Improvement. BOSTON, Jan. 19 .- According to the announced report of the State Board of Savings Banks, the total amount of money desited in such institutions last year was \$82,814,012, an increase over the preceding year of \$3,897,482, and this aggregate sum deposited is larger than that of any one of the ten years preceding 1897. The amounts deposited averaged \$66.34 to each deposit made, an increase of \$1.92 over the average

banks during the year was \$79,334,807.88, or \$2,413,583.02 less than the sum withdrawn in the year preceding. The report relates to 187 savings banks

and institutions of savings, with assets of \$593.973.934; thirty-four strust companies, with assets of \$144.294.237; and two trust companies and four savings banks in the hands of the court. The total amount of dividends declared

was \$17,335,519, an increase of \$500,511 over last year.

ORGANIZE FOR GAME PROTECTION. American Sportsmen for a League Enforce State Laws.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.-The League of american Eportsmen was organied here yesterday, the aim of the association being "to promote good fellowship among sportsmen; o foster in the minds of the people a love of nature and of nature's works; to encourage the propagation of game and game fishes, and the re-stocking of game fields and public waters."

To these ends it will act in unison with

state, county and municipal authorities who aim at similar ends. The officers of the league are: President, G. O. Shields, New York; vice presidents, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington, D. C.; E. S. Thompson, New York; W. A. Richardson, Cheyenne, Wyo.; W. T. Horraday, New York; A. A. Anderson, New York; secretary, Arthur A. Rice, Passaic, N. J.; treasurer, F. C. Hyatt, New York.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS bered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19,-(Special,)-Pen

ions have been issued as follows: Issue of January 3:

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Nebraska—Original: Samuel Strayer,
Shickley, 312; Sherman P. Lester, Heatrice,
SS, Additional: William H. Johnson, Harrisburg 36 to 38, Increase: Samuel M. Freeman, Heatrice, \$25 to \$27, Original widow,
etc.; Mary C. Jacons, Pawnee City, \$8,
Iowa—Original: Homer Lovelace, Woodbine, 36; Huga M. Kinkade, Rockwell City,
\$6, Renewal: Henry Benne, Burlington, \$6,
Increase: Charles M. Wittig, Davenport,
\$12 to \$17; George D. Dalrymple, Clinton, \$6
to \$8, Original widows, etc.; Mary A.
Hooper, Burlington, \$8; Sarah M. Camp,
Elliott, \$8,
South Dakota—Original widow, etc. George
A. Bratt, Hot Springs, \$10,
Montana—Original: Edward M. Sievens,
Garland \$6, Increase: Patrick H. Tooly,
Castle, \$12 to \$14.

Lake Carriers' Association in Session DETROIT, Jan. 19.-The annual meeting of the Lake Carriers' association, which convened today, was the most largely attended of any meeting in the history of the association. Regarding the projected deep water canal from the lakes to the sea the annual report of the board of managers quoted the statements of Major Symonds, United States engineer, who, after a preliminary examination, rached the conclusion that large vessels, either of lake or ocean type, could not be operated economically through a long, narrow waterway containing many locks.

Secretary of War Alger and Senators McMillan and Hanna were thanked for their interest and efforts in behalf of improvements in lake waterways. Captain J. S. Dunham of Chicago was unanimously elected president for the coming year. convened today, was the most largely at

Confirms Mrs. Goodwin's Divorce NEW YORK, Jan. 19 Justice Pryor in he supreme court today confirmed the report of ex-Judge Donahus as referes, recommending that a decree of absolute divorce be granted Neldo E. Goodwin, wife of Nat C. Goodwin, the actor. Goodwin is ordered to pay his divorced wife \$75 a week alimony. She is privileged to marry again if she so desires, with the right to resume her maden name of Baker, Goodwin cannot marry again in this state. None of the testimony heard before the referer was made public.

Country Saloon Keeper Who Trasted in World-Herald Promises.

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE WRONG PAPER

County Commissioners Decide that The Omahn Evening Bee is the Paper in Which to Advertise Liquor Applications.

After hearing testimony and considering all the facts in the case, the Board of County Commissioners has found that The Omaha Evening Bee has the largest bona fide circulation of any newspaper in Douglas county. and that it in the only newspaper in which applications for liquor licenses can be published, providing the applicants desire to comply with the provisions of the law.

The findings were in the case wherein N. P. Fell protested against the granting of a liquor license to L. D. Hopkins, who had published his notice in a paper purporting to be the Daily World-Herald. When the Board one should enter until the men had been of County Commissioners convened yestersent out for duty. The policemen filed out past the man they wanted and Hinz went inside. He told of the crime he had completely the control of the crime had been of County Commissioners convened yester-day, the following resolution was offered and adopted by the unanimous vote of all present: adopted by the unanimous vote of all present:
Resolved, That after hearing all the evidence in the protest case of N. P. Fell against L. D. Hopkins, wherein the said N. P. Fell protested against the granting of a liquor license to the said L. D. Hopkins, on the ground of insufficient publication and lack of good faith, we find that The Omaha Evening Bee has the largest circulation of any newspaper published in Douglas county, and it is therefore the newspaper in which applications should be published to comply with the law. And, as the said L. D. Hopkins did not comply with the law by publishing his application in the newspaper having the largest circulation in Douglas county, we, therefore, deem it our dury to refuse the said L. D. Hopkins his license.

WM, I, KIERSTEAD, H. E. OSTROM, A. C. HARTE,

After the adoption of the resolution Com-missioner Ostrom said: "In view of the a probability that in addition to the other fact that the two democratic members of classes of manufactured woods in which this the board are absent, and that this matter classes of manufactured goods in which this country is successfully competing with for-eign manufactures for the trade of their to postpone the hearing of the other cases

both times within the last week, and eaco time he has come back to insist that he would not quit the employ of the county. He which he occupied and early and late he was of last year.

The total amount withdrawn from the Board of County Commissioners, held yesthey could discharge an employe and compoler rattling crash and the next moment a him to remain discharged. They instructed startled burglar was making tracks. It County Clerk Haverly to take possession of all county property in the possession Ruane, peaceably if he could and forcibly he must. The county clerk waited until the noon hour and then approached Ruane, de-manding the key to the door of the office in which he had been spending his time. Ruane protested, but Haverly informed him that there would be no foolishness and that if the key was not surrendered an officer would called. This seemed to cause Ruane to wlit. and letting loose of the bravado that he has maintained during the last week, he give up the key, stating, however, that it was his private property and that if it was not re-turned to him the county would have to pay the original cost. Haverly made no promises, but, accepting the key, he allowed Ruane to depart.

Ruane maintains that the county

missioners discharged him without authority of law and that he will draw his salary until the first day of next month, whother he

FARMING ON THE COUNTY FARM. Commissioners Plan to Put the cant Land to Profitable Use.

The county commissioners are considering he advisability of breaking up all of the racant land on the poor farm and planting t to crops. They are well pleased with the shown against the stores during the conresult of last year's farming experiment and

inoccupied land is placed under cultivation

the crop will go a long way toward making the poor farm self-supporting. Last year the poor farm produced enough orn to feed the horses, the hogs and a numper of steers that were killed for beef. The potato and vegetable crop was almost enough to supply the table during the entire year,

The expenses of raising a crop on the poor farm are comparatively nothing, as the county has horses that are used for the plowing and seeding and the inmates do the work under the direction of the superintendent.

LEAVENWORTH Jan, 19,-James Murphy, George Woodruff and George Gordon,

phy, George Woodruff and George Gordon, postoffice burglars, have made their escape from the federal penitentiary. They dropped behind the other prisoners in coming out to breakfast, and taking advantage of a heavy fog, scaled a twenty-foot wall by means of a rope ladder, and were gone some time before they were missed. All three of them were convicted at Topeka for breaking into postoffices. Murphy and Gordon have two years to serve and Woodruff ten. This makes the third time Murphy has broke out of prison and the second time for Woodruff, Murphy's home is in East St. Louis and Gordon's in Topeka. Implement Dealers in Convention. cention of the Western Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association, comprising

and Vehicle Dealers' association, comprising five states and the Oklahoma and Indian territories, was called to order this morning by President C. B. Boatling of Columbus. Mo. Between 700 and 800 delegates and visitors from Missouri, Kansas, Iova, Illinois and the territories are in attendance. The work of the morning session was confined strictly to routine matters. This afternoon President Boatling delivered his annual address and reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and discussed. The gathering will probably dissolve with its evening session Thursday.

SHUTS OFF PUBLIC COASTING. BOARD TRIES A NEW COURSE Mayor Issues a Proclamation Concern.

ing the New Ordinance. Mayor Moores bas issued the following roclamation in reference to coasting: Notice is hereby given that all proclamations made or permissions heretofore granted, giving the use of any of the streets or avenues of the city of Omaha for coasting, are hereby revoked. This action is taken for the reason that the ordinance under which such proclamations or permissions were issued has been repeated by an ordinance passed by the city council December 28, 1887. FRANK E. MOORES, Mayor,

The half yearly examinations, which are now in progress in the public echools, will advance a large additional class from the eighth grade to the High school. The exact number of new High school pupils will not be known until after the papers have been passed on, but it is estimated at from fifty to seventy.

The hearing of the complaints of the local corporations on account of their tax assess-ments has been postponed to Friday. This is largely on account of the absence of Councilman Stuht, who wants to have something to say on the proposition. The indications are that if the Boarj of Equalization completes its labors this week it will be doing remarkably well. City Engineer Rosewater had the street court was filed in each case.

gang at work yesterday cleaning out the gutters in the business district. The ice has accumulated to a depth of several inches and as it slowly thaws it keeps the streets full of slush. By cleaning up the gutters the pavements will be relieved of the continual flow of thawing ice and a rain will sweep away a good deal of the filth that has ac-

As soon as the decision of the sign com-mittee with reference to the abolition of street signs is approved by the council Building Inspector Butler will serve immediate notice that the signs roust be removed. The chief of police will assist in carrying the order into effect and in a very few days the business district will be free from the forest, of more or less bideous advertising mediums which obstruct the sidewalks. There is little doubt that the council will support the sign committee, as it is conceded that the appearance of the streets should be im-proved as much as possible before the exposition.

The garbige investigation was again post poned by the Advisory Board yesterday efter-noon. This time it was on account of the illness of Mr. Offutt, the attorney for the contractor, and the board made a record to the effect that the matter would be taken up at the next meeting whether the attorneys were present or not. The hearing has been continued a dozen times on one pretex: or another and on each occasion a growd of witnesses have been compelled to come to the city hall, only to be told to come again the next weck.

RYNER'S SESSION WITH A BURGLAR.

Persistent Thief Frightened Away by a Determined Householder. H. J. Ryner, 2409 South Thirteenth street, held a warm session with burglars Tuesday

night and came out victorious.

Mr. Ryner's house is somewhat isolated from the others in the neighborhood. Ryner retired early, but his clumbers were dis-The hearing on the other protests against the issuance of saloon licenses will come on at an adjourned meeting that will be held homely members of the transfer of the complete of the complet JAMES RUANE LOSES THIS RUCED.

County Clerk Haverly Takes Steps to Exclude the Ex-Expert.

The county commissioners are of the opinion that they have dispensed with the services of James Ruane, though they are not certain. They discharged him twice before, yowed he would bag something this trip. Tiptoeing into the kitchen he discerned the shoustte of a man's form through the glass of a low window. He was industriously prying at the lower sash with an Iron bar. It creaked violently and gave signs of being

Drawing a long breath Ryner grasped his boot and sidling up to the spot took aim at the burglar's head. He let fly. There was a swinging the boot Ryner brought it into contact with a shelf full of crockery, and this came down about his cars. The noise woke up the patrolman of the next heat, but by the time he arrived upon the spot the burgfar was many blocks away. No loss was cus tained except in connection with the broker erockery.

DEXVER NEWSPAPERS ARE VICTORS

Celebrate Their Triumph by Raising DENVER, Colo., Jan. 19.-The fight tween the Denver newspapers and the fourteen large department stores of the city regarding advertising rates, which began nine days ago, ended last night with the unconditional surrender of the Merchants' association. Since the merchants withdrew their advertisements the proprietors of the papers have agreed upon a new scale of rates somefrom the advertisers for a reduction of about 39 per cent in the rates of advertising, and the withdrawal of all patronage when the demand was denied. Nearly all the labor unions in the city espaused the cause of the papers, and much public feeling was

are of the opinion that if the balance of the MINING TOWN BABLY SCORCHED. Thirty Buildings Consumed in an Hour's Time.

RANDSBURG, Cal., Jan. 19.-Fire broke out early today in a vacant building on Rand street and spread so rapidly that more than thirty structures were consumed within one hough only a small portion of the land was hour. Everything was swept clean on both sides of Rand street from Staley avenue to above the Elite theater and a portion of Broadway. This includes the postoffice and some of the largest stores in the camp and will entail a loss close onto \$100,000. The absence of wind prevented the destruction of the entire town and permitted the firemen and citizens to stop the fire by taring down buildings and moving them out of the way. No persons were injured and all the mail was maved.

TUCSON. Ariz., Jan. 19.—It is reported that Black Jack's gang of outlaws was surrounded in the mountains near the boundary rounded in the mountains hear the boundary line by several posses, including the posses sent out by the Mexican government, and a fight occurred, in which one of the robbers was killed and four captured. Two attempted to escape after being caught and were shot in flight. The other two were in the hands of the Mexican officers and it is asserted that they met death in a like manner. The remainder of the freebooters went in a southerly direction and are supposedly in the interior of Mexico in the Sterra Madre mountains.

mountains,

NEW YORK Jan. 19.—Henry E. Straight, who was arrested in Jersey City a week ago. charged with swindling business people in Wilkesbarre and Harrisburg, Pa., and Bal-timore and New York, escaped from the Jer-sey City jall today.

Excise Commissioners S rike a Lead on Protest (ascs.

ALLOWS HITCHCOCK TO CLOG RECORD

Proceedings of Three Years Ago Of fered and Accepted as Evidence in a Pending Protest Case

.Licenses Granted.

The license board disposed of the applications for druggists' licenses yesterday with the exception of a few cases in which the time of publication and not expired. Four applications were protested by E. Rosewater on the ground that the applicants were doing a saloon business under a druggists' license and in the remaining cases N. P. The protests were overruled as usual by the board, and notice of appeal to the district

The first case heard was that of O. H. Wirth, 1330 North Fortieth street. Mr. Wirth admitted that he had made no effort to find out the comparative circulations of The bee and World-Herald, and stated that he had advertised in the latter paper on ac-count of the resolution passed by the board. The remonstrator showed by several witnesses that Mr. Wirth had been provided with proof of the fact that the circulation of The Evening See was larger than that of the two editions of the World-Herald com-bined, and also that the applicant had sold

whisky to witnesses.
Then Mr. Hitchcock called Clerk Welshans to the stand and proceeded to inject into the records page after page of the record of the proceedings of the board in 1895. Mr. Rose-water strenuously objected to allowing the case to be clogged up with such a lot of immaterial matter. He called the attention of the board to the fact that it was an obvious effort on the part of Mr. Hitchcock to make the records so bulky that an appeal would be an expensive proceeding. He de-clared that if this was to be permitted the works of Shakespeare and the scriptures might just as well be included. The board overruled the objection and Mr. Rosewater vigorously expressed his opinion of such methods. Judge Gregory threatened to have him ejected from the room and even called on Officer Sigwart to carry the order into effect. Mr. Rosewater maintained his position, however, and the board apparently con-cluded that it would not be advisable to carry the threat into execution. Then Mr. Rosewater foiled the effort to clog the records by withdrawing the Fell protest, and allowing the case to stand on the question of the violation of the Socum law. Similar action was taken in the cases of S. E. How-ell, 2901 Leavenworth; L. E. Payton, 2401 and 2701 Leavenworth, and S. S. Lanyon, 2920 Farnam. In each case the fact that liquor was being sold in violation of law was proved by several witnesses and samples of the booze were produced in court. In the remaining cases the question of good faith was submitted on the evidence in the Bloemer

South Thirteenth; J. A. Fuller company, 1902 Douglas; S. H. Farns-worth, 2115 Cuming; Peter Strousbaugh, 1823 Vinton; S. J. S. Grenville, Eighteenth; Joseph Tucheck 1565 Thirteenth.

CAYS COMMISSION IS POWERLESS

ceretary Dearing on the Plasterers and Nebraska Building. Secretary Dearing of the Nebraska Exposition commission insists that the commission has nothing to do with the difficulty regarding the wages gald to plasterers in the state building, and moreover says that

the commission can do nothing in the mat-ter. Speaking about the trouble yesterday

lation regarding the wages to be paid. That

matter is one between the contractor and

tract for the plastering without any

"The commission let the con-

the employes and the commission has no say in it. I am certain that there will be no strike end that the difficulty will not become serious."

President W. H. Bell of the Central Labor
prion end offers of the committee have gone

to Lincoln to hold a conference with Governor Helcomb relative to the metter. One Woman Fined & Dollar. what higher than the previous one, and this has been accepted by the merchants.

The fight was precipitated by a days. Izard streets, complained against John, Jesle and Hilda Nelson occupied the greater portion of Judge Gordon's time yesterday. Mrs. Robbins asserted that sho had been in the habit for some time of crossing a vacant lot near the Nelson domicile. Last Saturday, as she was walking along the path, she was confronted by John Nelson, who shook his fist in her face and to'd her "to get off the earth." She stepped aside and was continuing on her way when she was met by Hilda Nelson, who threw a bucket of water upon her. This last insuit was too much to bear, so she caused the arrest of her assailants, After hearing the testimony Judge Gordon discharged John and Josie Nelson and fined Hilda Nelson \$1 and costs. The cass has been appealed.

Looking for Ben Walters. A description of Hen Walters, the Mem-phis jubilee singer who secured a postoffice order of \$25 directed to Ben Wilters and order of \$20 directed to ben whiters and cashed it, was given out to the patrolmen last night with directions to place him under arrest on sight. Up to date, however, he has not been taken into custody and it is the opinion of the officers that he has left the city. Clerk Kalmbach of the Dodge European hotel, asserts that he saw Walters about an hour after he escaped from Officer Storey Monday night, near Fifteenth and Dodge streets, but that he has not run across him since.

Prencher Wants Protection. Rev. T. J. Ward of the Mount Zion Baptist church, 2215 Grant street, writes Chief Gallagher that he would like to have an officer stationed at the edifice every night hereafter in order that he "may keep the peace which a crowd of many boys disturb." He adds that the boys shout and throw things at the church and its congregation and he would like to have the thing stopped. An officer will be directed to look in on the congregation occusionally and see that the services are running along smoothly.

Whitesides to Woman's Club. Walker Whiteside, the tragedian now playing in the city, yesterday lectured playing in the city, yesterday lectured to the class in oratory of the Woman's club at the First Congregational courch. His remarks, although made somewhat brief on account of the pressure of business, were very interesting and were enjoyed by a good attendance of the club members. He talked upon his characterization of Hamlet, Miss Ola Humphreys, a member of his company, was also present and rendered several recitations.

Laundry Rig Stolen. Yesterday about 11 a. m. Will Yoder, driver for the Chicago Steam laundry, left his wagon in front of 613 North Twentieth street. When he return d it had disappeared. The rig is supposed to have been stolen. It contained a large number of bundles of laundry which were being discribing