and I hear those fellows in Dinkus are talk

be a good idea to start a kitty. 'Sposing we put in a blue chip for Ruggles on two pairs or better. That's a pretty stiff kitty,

but it'll be the easiest way to raise the

"Just then the door opened, and in came

Ruggles and Jack Whittaker. The first sight

to seek a new field of usefulness.

don't know but it's equal to any other place in this God-forsaken part of the world, but

it's too internally slow for me. I trust, however, and here his face grew serious. I trust that I have given satisfaction while I have been here.

AVOIDING SCANDAL.

"This was too much for our gravity, and

we all laughed, long and loudly. Then the blacksmith said very seriously: 'I am bound to say, Mr. Ruggles, that your public efforts have been all we could ask for. I'm afraid,

though, that this kind of a blowout at the

end of a week's preaching is going to spoil

the game." Don't be slarmed about that, said Rug-

gles, easily. I am cautious about my behavior in public. I statted our young friend, Brother Whittaker, as a desirable

companion and I have not indulged in any frivolity excepting with him. We had a few

drinks together in my room at the hotel and in answer to my complaint that the

town was slow be proposed bringing me around here, but I would not consent to come till be assured me there would be no scandal.

"'I own up,' said Jack. 'That's the way it was.' And we oil laughed again, for we

"A round of drinks was ordered for Mr.

Ruggles' benefit and then he invited himself to join in our poker game. Nobody ob-

jected and the custeboards were soon flying

"We played a \$2 limit, to which Mr.

Ruggies rather objected when he held a full hand on the fourth or fifth deal, and wanted

however, and I did not think he had any

intention of loging. In the first place I did

liquor as he appeared to be, and then I was

with the intention of playing crooked. "The game went on though, for some time

without anything to justify my suspicions.

suspicious I became, but I could not be cer-

along about even, losing and winning

turn; but I felt sure he would break ou after a time. At length I was positive he

was stacking the cards, though I aimit the

sevens. I sat next, and, having a pair of kings, I came ki. Ruggles raised it the limit. The postmaster and the black-mith dropped out, and Whittaker raised back. I looked at my cards again, though I really

intended to throw them down, for I didn't suspect either man of bluffing. As I looked.

however, I saw that one of my klags was a spade, and that I had the queen, ten and

"I saw, of course, that I had just one chance in the draw of filling a king high straight flush and the thought flashed on me that if I had been right in thinking that

Ruggles had etacked the cards, and if I

should be lucky enough to draw the right

jack. I might have some fun. So, I stood

the double raise.

'The moment I put up my chips I felt sure

had been right, for Ruggles looked at me

in surprise, and I haw that he had expected

me to drop out. He evidently thought I was going to draw wild, however, and he saw

Jack's raise, paying no further attention to

three, helping himself to two more aces. His face told nothing, but by this time I

was so convinced that he was cheating that I would have bet heavily on his holding big-

FATTENING THE POT.

"Whittaker was excited, and showed

Ruggles to think I was bluffing, and he did

my card not caring to go further in what would be an actual bluff and a hopeless one

how I felt confident that it was the right

one, and the condence helped me to keep my face impossive when I saw hat it really

"After that, of course, it was plain suit-

citing our strict rule, for I didn't want

"As soon as he was out of it I raised Rug-

"Jack looked on as if dazed when he maw

if I had not oright the right card.

He bet the limit, of course, and I came is still without looking at my cord. I wante

ger fours than Whittaker.

really crooked.

"Jack drew two cards, and I judged from

'me of spades also.

around.

at this."

PARSON TAKES A QUEER HAND

Pucked a Straight Flush with Four Ace and Lost His Pile.

KNEW A FEW THINGS ABOUT CARDS

But in Stacking Them He Gave the Wrong Hand to a Rival and Blew In the Sunday School Funds.

"No two men, I imagine, play poker alike." said the gray-haired, young-looking man, to moking room. "Certainly some men seem to have foir success at the game and to be accounted good players who govern their play by rules that others would laugh to seem. And the others are good players, too. I remember reading an interview with General Benjamin F. Butler a good many years. lessly, for, of course, such a cule would prevent him from trying to fill a straight or a flush, and that seems to me to be a highly desirable play on occasions. But walking prevent him from trying to fill a straight or a flush, and that seems to me to be a highly desirable play on occasions. But, waiving that point, the remark seems to indicate that point, the remark seems to indicate that he was merely a type of many clayers who are cautious to a degree, and who in truth, the reason why I feel compelled to the remark in truth, the reason why I feel compelled to the remark in truth, the reason why I feel compelled to the remark in truth. that he was merely a type of many clayers who are cautious to a degree, and who would not dream of taking what other men would not dream of taking what other men would call ordinary charges. Yet these same to careful ones are as frequent lesers as more liberal players. I remember playing a far more open game thee that on one occasion and I split a pair of kings and a Profist Sunday school spare in two in the last deal that I have given satisfaction while the same. of the game.

'We were trying to build up the town as well as we could, to convete with another one-horse settlement, about seven miles below us, in southern Illinois, and among the expedients to which we resorted was hiring one of those boy preachers to go about the country instigating revivals. Don't imagine that I am speaking discespectfully of genu-ine religion. I hope I am not capable of that. But what we got was a long way off ortho-doxy. We had no right to complain about that, though, for it was unhappily true that the whole thing was purely a business speculation on the part of half a dozen of us who put to the necessary money, but who, I am glad to say, took no other part in the

ecedings. The fact was we bad town lots to sell. If it had been twenty years later I suppose I could say we had town lots to buch. Anyhow, the only chance we could see of ever being able to get away from the place was by inducing other ceople to come there and cettle. And as the burning ambition of every | saw only the funny side of it, then. intelligent person in town was to acquire a residence elsewhere, we were industriously gunning for settlers.

REVIVALS FOR BUSINESS.

The idea of the revival was sprung on us by the postmaster one night after we bad stopped playing and were enjoying a social stopped playing and were enjoying a social gless. Cue after another told a story, and finally Bob Finley sprung one that is old enough now to be new again. It was about the man who laid out a town site on a tract of land that he owned and got everlastingly rich selling town lots. As he grew richer he grew more enterprising and more liberal and he put up several public buildings at h's own expense, such as a library and a town hall and a church. And one day a traveling elergyman, inquiring about the place, ex-pressed great delight at the condition of affains, and asked him if he belonged to the church. And the man said: 'N-no. Not exactly. In fact, the blamed thing belongs

We all laughed and somebody was about to spin another yarn, when the pestmaster smote his thigh and exclaimed: 'By gravy, that fellow had a good idea. We haven't got any church here, and those fellows over n D'okus haven't got any, either. Now if we want to get good solid citizene in here with money, we must have a church and a Conday school for their wives and children.' "It was voted a good idea, and we took! up a subscription on the spot and raised four hundred dollars for preliminary expenses.

besides appointing Jack Whittaker a com-mittee of one to set the ball rolling. Jack was a harum-scarum cort of a fellow, who had started in business as a real estate agent. and was likely to starve to death soon unles we could manage to attract new settlers, for there wasn't a man in town who would land at any price. We all wanted to sell,
"It was no trouble at all for Jack to get a donatico of a good corner lot for a church site, and after two or three days of hustling he succeeded in getting enough money to bebuilding a modest little chapel, which, though it was small enough, was a long way ahead of anything else of the kind in our sec.

'You see, all we have to do is to make : good show of beginning, said Jack, with a grin. I can mortgage the whole outfit with me one of my companies to finish her up agent also and represented every company that cared to do business down our way. "So far everything seemed entirely satisfac

tory, and we began to think more highly of Jack than we had, but when he reported toward the end of the week that he had red a traveling evangelist to come and hold a series of meetings we were inclined to think perhaps he had gone too fast, es-pecially as he acknowledged that he knew nothing about the preacher and bad never

'How did you get hold of him?' asked the blacksmith, who was, in more senses than one, a solid citizen and a man of great He could hit a harder blow with fist than any other amateur I ever saw and he played an excellent hand at poker Besides that, he had money in bank, in addition to his real estate he'dings. 'I advertised for him, of course,' said

Jack. 'You don't suppose I have a wide Ruggles to think I was bluffing, and he enough acquaintance with professional elerthink so. He raised and Jack raised. gymen to enable me to pick out a capa- I came in again. man from among my personal friends.

We all disclaimed that idea promptly and he went on: 'I put an ad in the Chicago papers for a first-class revivalist who would guarantee to get up a lively public in religious matters inside of a week, I said he must be a hustler, and that if successful he might get a permanent engagement. This fellow answered. Hs name is Ruggles. And I engaged him by return mail at a hun-Ruggles, ing. They raised each other back and forth, at a hun- and I kept on making good. I knew neither

dred for the week and expenses, and he will be here Saturday night.'

"After that, of course, there was nothing to do but to wait for the Rev. Ruggles and hope for the best. He arrived in good order and was received hospitably by a committee of three, who took him to the hotel and made him comfortable for the night before Jack's money, and, in fact, had meant from the first to give it back to him privately, in case I should find that the game was coming around to our regular Saturday night Their report was not very encouraging, though Jack, who was one of the three, tried to make the best of it.

three, tried to make the best of it.

"'He's a greasy-looking chap." said the postmaster, 'and I'll swear I smelled gin on his breath, but he certainly has a most his breath, but he certainly has a most ing no more money, and shrowing down his

seemed like an old-fashioned revival in full

Ruggles was certainly a hustler, for he actually organized a church and a Sunday school before the week was out, and we who were paying for it all agreed to chip in for the permanent rent of the hall till the chapel should be finished and for a few other necessary expenses to keep the thing going.

"We all expected that Ruggles would make"

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"A matted for the night."

"Next day Jack was missing, and after a little we found out that he chad played in all the had left of the church and Sunday school never had to face the music. The wonion carried on the church and sunday hitherto appeared on the surface. It will be recalled that before the Northern Pacific went into the hands of receivers it guaranteed the bonds of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and that when the Northern Pacific in the matter is somewhat greater than has hitherto appeared on the surface. It will be recalled that before the Northern Pacific went into the hands of receivers it guaranteed the bonds of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and that when the Northern Pacific became insolvent the guarantee was supposed to

a play for a call as permanent pastor of the church, so it was half in jest and balf in carnest that the blacksmith made the propo-

sition he did while the postmaster was shuffing for the first deal Saturday night.
"I suppose," he said, 'that our crowd will have to put up most of the money to keep this new racket going, and for one I don't Memorial to Congress on the Subject of Their Condition. bject. I think it's an excellent speculation

ing about trying the same thing. It's lucky we get in first. It's going to cost considerable, though, and I don't know but it would SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR SERVICES

Movement to Secure Reclassification Calls Out Much Information Concerning the Work Performed by These Public Servants.

of the dominie was a sufficient surprise, but before we had fairly recovered ourselves we saw that Jack, though he had the grace The railway postal clerks in all sections Then we pariment of the postal service. Much inus, and as he did not like to go without say. ered for the bill introduced into the house eral Benjamin F. Butler a good many years ing goodbye to you all he insisted on countage, in which he was reported as saying that he would never 'go in' with less than prayer meeting, but he said that made no difference. I'm afraid he said it didn't make itself on record in favor of the bill and in difference. I'm afraid he said it didn't make a d-q bit of difference.

morial the railway postal clerks say:

We believe the existing classification of this branch of the Postoffice department is inadequate to the demands, and that the good of the service and fusitive to the employes require a reclassification. The present classification of the employes in the railway mail service was made on August 1, 1882. The number of pieces of ordinary rail matter handled by the railway postal clerks for the year ending June 39, 1882. was 3,981,516,280. The number of pieces of ordinary mail matter handled by railway postal clerks for the year ending June 39, 1881, was 11,571,540,689. The number of clerks in the service in 1882 was 3,579. The number of clerks in the service in 1882 was 3,579. The number of clerks in the service in 1882 was 3,579. The number of clerks in the service in 1882 was 3,579. The number of clerks in the same period of 112,9 per cent. of 1129 per cent

EXTENT OF THE SERVICE. EXTENT OF THE SERVICE.

At the time the present classification was made service was performed on 198,933,10 miles of railroad, On June 30, 1887, the miles of railroad covered by service was 154,225,67; of electric and cable lines, 363,68; of steamboat lines, 7,459,52; total, 161,888,27. During all these years of progress and remarkable increase in the volume of business and number of carks the salaries below remained the all these years of progress and remarkable increase in the volume of business and number of clerks, the salaries have remained the same. The expansion and growth of the railway postal service has made it more and more complicated and exacting, and has necessarily brought about a corresponding increase in the responsibility of the clerks. The present salaries to postal clerks are as follows: Class 1, \$500; class 2, \$500; class 3, \$1,000; class 4, \$1,150; class 5, \$1,300; chief clerk in charge of one or more lines, \$1,400 per annum. These salaries do not represent the net amount received by the clerks, for out of these amounts must come their expenses when absent from home attending to their work on the railroads. In this expenses there is no uniformity, The expenses involved depend on the importance of the route, the length of the run, the schedule and similar circumstances,

For the year ending June 20, 1897, there

to whoop it up. We would not consent to a change, though, and he submitted gracefully enough, saying, with a laugh: 'I suppose I For the year ending June 30, 1897, there can lose my week's galary quickly enough were 19,686 cases of examination of perma ent clerks. The average per cent made was "I was watching the rescal pretty closely, 98.40. The average per cent made to all cose examinations for 1882 was 77.05. The gresent requirement for promotion is 95 per cent. These figures, obtained from official reports and from personal letters of General Superinnot think he was nearly as much affected by suspicious of the way he bandled the cards. I thought he was pretending to be clumsy tendent White of the railway postal service show that the scholarship, ability and general proficiency of the clerks have consider

aby increased in the last fifteen years.
That the position of a railway postal clerk without anything to justify my suspicious.

I did notice that Jack was the worse for liquer, but he was not in a condition to justify interference, for he played steadily enough and showed his exhibitation only by is really hazerdous is shown by the state ment that during the last ten years there have been seventy-six postal clerks killed and 571 seriously injured. The dangers en-countered by this class of public servants are bolsterous talk.
"The longer I watched Ruggles, the more greater than commonly known. The postal car is invariably placed in the most dangerous position in a train, being located be tain of anything for a long time. He played tween the locomotive and the passenger coaches. In head-end collisions the costal car is the objective point of two great battering rums, the one is driven backward he feigned clumsiness so well that I could by the force of the train with which it comes into contact, while the other is impelled for not swear to it at first.
"It was a jack-pot, and Whittaker opened it. He had, as we afterward learned, three ward by its own weight and momentum into the rear of the postal car.

WHAT A CLERK HAS TO DO. There is something more to the work of railway postal clerk than the actual distri-bution and dispatch of mails in the cars The number of cards handled by permanen clerks in the examination for the year end ing June 30, 1897, was 22,007,386, making ar everage of a fraction less than 1,118 cards in each examination and a trifle over two examinations for each clerk in one year While the railway postal clerks are no actually at work in the railway postoffices they are preparing for examination, making reports of work done, checking up records of registered matter handled, corr schemes of distribution studying conne and preparing supplies for the next trip on the road. The frequent change of time cards by the rallroads, the establishmen and abandonment of various postoffices, the change in service at different points, require a clerk to keep studying much his time, and it is not surprising that he has but little lessure. The time in transibetween initial and terminal points of runs in no case represents the actual his face that he had filled fours, as Ruggles had intended he should do. I drew one and let it lie on the table. Ruggles drew duty, for the clerks, in order to complete the distribution on time, commence work from one to nine hours before the trains are lue to depart, according to the importance

of the run and the amount of mail handled In 1883 there was no railway postal line having more than five men in one crew, are now crews that number from twenty to twenty-five men, and sometimes there are as many as aix postal cars in one railroad train. Nearly one-third of the mail of the country is distributed in these postal ears. By the extension of this branch of the service many distributing offices have away with. Now mails are taken up and delivered without stops, they are sorted and put in the postal cars, so that there is but little need of their going to a distrib-

Reclassification of the railway postal mail vervice has been recommended by the Postoffice department to congress every year since 1889, but the reclassification so greatly desired has not been obtained. previous measures relating to this sub-ject have been introduced into congress, and bills similar to the one now proposed passed the senate in the Fifty-second, in the Fiftythird and in the Fifty-fourth sessions of congress. Ex-Presiden Harrison and a number of other distinguished statesmen are in favor of the measure pending.

BLOCKS THE CANADIAN PACIFIC Fate of Seattle & International Road

is Decided. NEW YORK, Jan. 20 .- The Herald says: The fate of the Scattle & International road has been decided by the announcement that his breath, but he certainly has a most amazing gift of gab. He didn't give us a chance to say much, and I'll be jiggered if he said anything that I can remember all the time he was talking."

"However, the people seemed to be greatly impressed with his eloquence next day, for he certainly was eloquent in the ordinary, camp meeting fashion. There were more people at the evening meeting than were out in the morning, and by the middle of the week he really had what seemed like an old-fashioned revival in full "Jack looked on as if dazed when he saw as talking."

It is no more money, and throwing down his four aces he received by the announcement that a sufficient number of Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern bonds, through which the road is controlled, had been acquired by Meesra. Moore & Schley on behalf of the Northern that a sufficient number of Seattle, Lake Shore & Controlled, had been acquired by Meesra. Moore & Schley on behalf of the Northern that four aces he received by the announcement that a sufficient number of Seattle, Lake Shore & Controlled, had been acquired by Meesra. Moore & Schley on behalf of the Northern that four aces he received by the announcement that a sufficient number of Seattle, Lake Shore & Controlled, had been acquired by Meesra. Moore & Schley on behalf of the Northern that four aces he received for the party and thought for a moment the would faint, but he was good pight to Chicago left. Then he said good neight to though not before I had the party of the Canadian Pacific. Agents of the Canadian Pacific had been on a still hunt for several weeks among the owners of the bonds, with the ordinary of the controlled, had been acquired by Meesra.

"Jack looked on as if dazed when he was good pight to thim year eligificantly: I don't think you'll play with us again, end he had repaired "Jack looked on as if dazed when he may antee and a cash payment of \$30 a bend, swing. Some of the women folks were really sais four sevens beaten, and presently with an option of purchase at 77½. They really said they, of course, had welcomed his coming and helped him all they could. HUSTLING FOR CONVERTS.

"There was a number of men, women and pected, and after consider his control of the party what I had suspended the first of the party what I had suspend artee and a cash payment of \$30 a

have lapsed. The holders of the bonds, how-ever, contest this principle and the matter is ettil unsettled.

There were also other claims against the Northern Parific which were troublesome and therefore under these conditions the Northern Pacific directors were informed that should the road pass line the hands of the Canadian Pacific the claims might be pushed with unplessant energy, and with a grave possibility that they might be collected. This would mean an enforced expenditure of several million dollars for which the company would receive nothing. Furthermore it was recognized that the Southe company had val-uable terminals both at Seattle and Spokaue. Altogether, therefore, the reasons for con-trolling the property, aside entirely from the desirability of keeping it from the hands of a competitor, was sufficiently urgent to justify prompt action. The question of price

briefcet and charpest in the history of Wall

Callecting a Deficiency Judgment. LEAVENWORTH, Jan. 20 -- Ex-United States Marshal Neeley and deputies started in today to levy on the real estate of the Leavenworth, Kansas & Western railroad, formerly the old Kansas Central road, to satisfy a deficiency judgment held when the rolling stock and roadled were sold in No-vember last to satisfy the mortgage of the held against it. Marshal Neeley is serving the papers as unfinished business before his successor takes charge of the office and he has levied on the depote, real satate and town lots in Garrison, Miltanvale, Green, Olsburg, Leonardville and other places along the line and it will soon be sold at auction.

Wabash Contemplates No Change. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20 .- Vice President and General Manager Ramsay of the Wabash mays today that there is no truth in the statement that the Wabash intends to build an independent line into Toledo, or to make that city a side track, as has been reported. "Toledo is one of our most important ter-minals," said Mr. Remsey, "and all this talk about making it a side track is ridiculous

Railway Notes and Personals. John A. Munroe, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, arrived in New York to join the conference of officials of the company there yesterday morning.

For the meeting of the National Creamery and Butter Makers' essociation at Topeka, Kan, on February 19-24, the railroads from here will make a one-fare rate for the round be limited to February 28.

wrecked at Salem, Neb., on Monday night by the breaking of a car journal. Seven cars leaded with grain and merchandise were piled up in a heap and several of them smashed. No one was injured.

F. M. Lucore has been appointed acting car accountant of the B. & M. railroad, with headquarters at Lincon, vice Frank W. Smith, deceased. Mr. Lucore has for some time past been the chief clerk in the car service department of the B. & M. railroad. For two weeks painters and cleaners have been busy at work within the Union Pacific headquarters building, renovating it for the new owners of the railroad. All the woodwork has been varnished, the walls calci-mined and in many of the offices new oil-

Robbers in Ohlo Are Not Abashed by Numbers.

LIMA, O., Jan. 20.-Yesterday morning five masked men entered the residence of Mrs. Anna Gratz, two miles east of Beaver Dam. this courty, and at the point of a revolver bound and gagged every member of the household, consisting of Mrs. Gratz, daughter, three sons, aged from 10 to 19 years, and two farm hands, John Hamentein and Adolph Follatt Leaving one of their number to guard their

cictims, the remaining four robbers then ooted the house, securing about \$50 money, two gold watches and some jewelry after which they repaired to the kitchen and cooked themselves a breakfast. After eating a hearty meal they departed, leaving About an hour later one of the family suc-

coeded in getting free and gave the alarm.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MEET. Eryan and Palmer Appear at an Illinois Murder Trial.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Jan. 20.-William J. Bryan has made his appearance as a witness in the Draper murder trial. Upon Mr. Bryan's entrance the audience became excited and it was with great difficulty that order could be main ained. The presence of two of the presidential candidates of the last campaign, General Palmer and Mr. Bryan, was too much for the spectators. Counsel frequently aptions of the audience, but his honor was unable to keep them in control, Mr. Bryan testified that he was in the same office with Draper for four years and that he knew his reputation for honcety and integrity to be good. On cross-examination the witness admitted that Draper had a violent temper which was easily provoked.

Conductors' Life Insurance Society ST, LOUIS, Jan. 20,-Delegates to the thirty-third annual convention of the Old Reliable Conductor's Life Insurance association which has been in session during the past two days, left here today on a special train over the Missouri, Kansas & Texas for a tour of Old Mexico, Before adjourning, the following officers were elected: W. O. Beckley, St. Louis, Wabash, president; Ward Nichols, New Haven, Conn., New York, New Haven & Hartford, first vice president; W. B. Chislet, Pittsburg, Pa., second vice president; W. N. Billings, Nashville, Louisville & Nashville, third vice president; J. W. King, St. Louis, Missouri Pacific, fourth vice president; T. E. Haley, St. Joseph, Calcago Great Western, orator; E. Morrell, Columbus, O., Pittsburg, Cievefand, Cincinnati & St. Louis, grand secretary and treasurer. Reliable Conductor's Life Insurance as-

Masons to Vote on Eight-Hour Day. PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 20.—At the session of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International union this morning, a resolution was adopted providing that some time during the year, to be fixed by the executive board, the secretary shall call for a vote from subordinate unions for or against the establishment of a universal eight-hour work day, starting May 1, 1899, return of vote to be made not later than November 1, 1898. It was voted to purchase a banner to present to the Peoria union in appreciation of its entertainment, Salaries of officers were fixed at the same amounts as now. fixed at the same amounts as now.

The convention will elect officers this afternoon and remain in continuous session until it adjourns sine die, after meeting for

Killed While Keturning Home. FORT SCOTT, Jan. 26.-A horrible fate today intercepted W. C. Hoge of Nevada, Mo., on his journey home to meet his wife, with whom he was about to become reconciled. He fell under a Memphis freight train at Fuiton and his underelothes and portions of his bedy were found at Liberto appeared on the surface. It will be hitherto appeared on the surface. It will be recalled that before the Northern Pacific went into the hands of receivers it guaranteed the bonds of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and that when the Northern Pacific became insolvent the guarantee was supposed to Mo., on his journey home to meet his wife.

EDUCATION'S COST IN OMAHA

Expenditure Per Scholar and Its Relation to Probable Tax Levy.

SUPERINTENDENT PREPARES FIGURES

Mr. Pearse Expects to Show the Counell that the Omaha Schools Expend Less Money Per Scholar Than Many.

The rallway postal clerks in all sections of the United States are energetically at work to secure the reclassification of this department of the postal service. Much interest is being aroused in the cause of the rallway postal clerks and much support gathers and recommendation of representatives by Hon, D. B. Henderson of representatives by Hon, D. B. Henderson of representatives by Hon, D. B. Henderson of recommendation of the recommendation of the solution of the postal service. Much interest is being aroused in the cause of the rallway postal clerks and much support gathers of the bonds in their behalf by means and the bonds in their behalf by means of representatives by Hon, D. B. Henderson of the bonds in their behalf by means the bond cannot get along with less than \$150,000 and that this is the amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of the balf by means the bonds in their behalf by means the bonds in the bond the bond that the board cannot get along with less than \$150,000 and that this is the amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for school purpose of discussing what amount the council shall be asked to levy for s While the Board of Education has schedwere well satisfied with the result. The than \$150,000 and that this is the amount fight for the courtol has been one of the that should be required. But as the councilthe that should be required. But as the councilmen and any other interested citizens have been requested to be present it is not unlikely that the discussion will be largely be-

> councilmen who want to cut down the school levy to 2 or 3 mills, The question whether mandamus proceedings shall be resorted to in the event that the council shall refuse to levy the full amount has not been raised. The members of the board still assert their belief that a majority of the council will stay by them Union Trust company of New York. It did and levy the 5 mills required, not bring within \$1,590,000 of the amount. In this connection Superintendent Pearse

> had prepared comparative figures to show the cost of education in Omeha, as compared with that in other cities of the same class. He has received returns from twenty-four cities, covering nearly every part of the United States, and says that the showing is very favorable to Omaha. He finds that a similar table published by a St. Paul paper some time ago is not reliable, as in this case the average cost per pupil as calculated by the officials of each city was used without regard to the manner in which it was compiled. For instance, the table made the average cost per pupil in Omaha several dollars higher than in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The average was reckoned in Omaha on the number of pupils in daily atendance, while in St. Pari it was figured on the total enrollment. When both averages are figured on the same basis the average cost in Omaha is found to be lower than in Minneapolis and slightly higher than in St. Paul. There are numerous other variations in the compilations which operate to the disadvantage of Omaha. In many cities the books are tuid for by the pupils, while here they are all furnished by the school district and assist to swell the cost of education. In ome cities, notably Milwaukee, the salaries here will make a one-fare rate for the round trip. The return portion of the tickets will be limited to February 28.
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> A freight train to the B. & M. was and computed all the averages on a similar basis. He asserts that the result is entirely to the credit of Omahe. Newark is found to be the only other city where the number of pupils per teacher is as great as in Omaha. Consequently the superintendent takes the view that while there may have

> > of the school management the actual teaching is done on a very economical basis. Evading the Building Ordinance.

> > been Items of extravagance in some features

Some time ago the council granted a special permit for the erection of a corrugated ron structure on Dougles street between mined and in many of the offices new oilcloth flooring laid. The general freight offlees are the latest to undergo the work of
renovation and they are now so bright and
clean that the clerks scarcely feel at home.

BIND AND GAG A WHOLE FAMILY.

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is fight which h BIND AND GAG A WHOLE FAMILY, ing. The plans indicate that the builders are working with a view to a permanent building, as it is evidently designed to be used in cold

erected offers a striking illustration of the manner in which the building ordinance is sometimes evaded. The front of the lot was first adorned with a big billboard to which there was no apparent objection. But after awhile openings appeared in the board which gradually took the shape of doors and windows. Then some more timbers were raised and presently the lot was partially covered by a frame structure of which the primarily biliboard was the front elevation.

Board of Education Out of Debt. For the first time since a year ago the at the present time, were tendered a recep-Board of Education is out of debt. The tion Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs inflow of money on account of saloon Mary J. Huse, supreme guardian, Twenty licenses wipes out the deficit in January of fourth and Manderson streets. The affair each year and for a few brief weeks the school fund luxuriates in a net balance. The total registered warrants outstanding anuary 1 was \$167,000. There was a balance of \$30,000 in the fund which has since been swelled by \$144,000 on account of saloon licenses and the January state apportionment which was \$26,310.91. The last of the outstanding warrants were called in by Treasurer Edwards yesterday, and there will be a sufficient balance after these are redeemed to take up all warrants that are outstanding, but not registered.

The state apportionment is about \$10,000 in excess of the January apportionment a year ago. Last year the first apportionment was \$16,500 in round numbers and the second apportionment \$17,500, making \$34. This year the total apportionment will probably exceed \$50,000.

Mortality Record. The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-

four hours ending at noon yesterday: Births-James E. Nelson, 2603 Dodge street, girl; Frank Freeman, Fifteenth and Corby, boy; V. G. Lindgren, 1513 North Ninecorby, boy; V. G. Lindgren, 1515 North Nine-teenth, girl; W. K. Wielding, 1814 North Twenty-seventh, girl; F. C. Pesek, 1346 South Fifteenth, boy; John Lorenc, 1412 Wil-liams, boy; Stanislaus Gelinek, Fourteenth and Martha, boy; Matt Kalser, 1817 Center, girl; John Chelsck. Twenty-eighth and Cen-ter, boy; August Holman, 2328½ South Twentieth, girl; Frank Dewey, 3136 Harcey.

Deaths-Stanislaus Stahnski, 1 month, 1939 South Twenty-eighth, colic, German Catholic cemetery; John Adams, 60, 511 Mason, pneu-monia, Forest Lawn; Ella G. Otis, 35, 2102 Lothrop, heart failure, Forest Lawn.

Jim Flannery in the Klondike. It was reported around town a few weeks

ago that Jim Flannery, formerly street commissioner and well known about town, had been frozen on the trail leading to the Klondike gold fields. This turns out to be a mis-take, for Mrs. Figurery has received a letter from her absent husband which states that he not only arrived safely at his destination, but is rapidly acquiring a store of the yellow metal. He said that he had \$2,000 in gold in his incide pocket already, a claim that promised unlimited additions to his pile and is putting in his extra time at \$1.75 an hour. He wants Mrs. Flannery to sell out at once and join him.

Guards for Exposition. Mayor Moores is already receiving numerous applications for positions as exposition guards. As the matter of exposition police has not been adjudicated. applications are pisced on file for future reference. It is definitely settled, howthat any officers that may be apscheduled merely as specials, so that they may be dismissed when the necessity for their services has passed. If they were added to the regular force they would fixtures under the decision of the district court.

To Accommodate Guests. The owners of a number of the large unos. cupied buildings around the city are making arrangements to turn them into lodging sucd y houses for the exposition. The Meadimber bigamy,

building at Sixteenth and Chicago streets has been overhoused end transformed into an apartment house and it is stated that the Meyer building at Eleventh and Farnam streets will be converted to the same use.

GETS HIS TEETH BACK AGAIN. Old Gentleman from Chicago Able to

"Cut Ice" at the Table. Ticket Agent Lucas for the Pullman company at the Union depot was somewhat sturtled vesterday by the demand of a joyial individual who leaned against his window ledge and said: "You've got my tee'n in there and I guess you better hand over.

"You see I'm an old man with a young wife," continued the visitor, "and I have to keep up appearances. I can't cut much ice without my teeth." He gave proof of the lack of his personal property by a smile "We have no teeth in here for anybody, eplied the agent, mystified,

for William Sooy Smith."

Complying with the request the agent from Grand Island on Union Pacific No. 2.

"Ah, thank you." sold Mr. Smith, as he quickly opened the package. It revealed a pair of teeth, and thrusting them into place the urbane old gentleman left the station still smiling. It was afterward learned by the agent that Mr. Sooy Smith had arrived that morning from Chicago on the Northwestern-Union Pacific train No. 1, that he had left his berth hurriedly, leaving behind tween the members of the board and the western-Union Pacific train No. 1, that he had left his berth hurriedly, leaving behind his teeth. On going up town the loss wos discovered, but as the train had left it was impossible to recover them. The city agent to do on the Pullman company immediately teleof the car, acting under instructions of Conductor Keene, sent the articles back on the first return train, thus making their owner

> BELLEVUE WANTS THE MONEY. Objects to the Establishment of a

School District at Fort Crook. Judge Keysor was on the bench yesterday caring a case that comes up from Sarpy county for argument and decision. The legal county for argument and decision. The legal contention grows out of an effort to establish a school district in the vicinity of Fort Crook, residents of Bellevue being the objecting parties.

Some time ago parties residing in the im-

Some time ago parties residing in the im mediate vicinity of Fort Crook made an effort to secure the creation of a school district, maintaining that there were the necessary number of children to justify them in mak-ing the application. Residents of Bellevue lought the proposition for the reason that the creation of a new district would take away some of their territory and also \$2,000 of their revenue for school purposes.

There are no saloons in Bellevue, the town council refusing to grant licenses. Out at Fort Crook, however, there are four saloons which contribute \$500 each to the maintenance of the Bellevue school. If the new district is created this \$2,000 will be lost to Bellevue and at the same time will go to the school that it is proposed to establish at Fort Crook.

GROCERS WILL RUY INDEPENDENT.

Their Association Not Likely to Merge with Business Men's. When asked yesterday if there was any sociation being merged into one organiza-tion, President George F. Munro of the Business Man's association said. There is Thirteenth and Fourteenth. The plans and Business Men's association said: "There is The case was set for today at 2 o'clock, specifications have now been filed in the building inspector's office and they show that the building inspector's office and they show that the specifications have now been filed in the building inspector's office and they show that the specific at the s the Business Men's association meets bu once a month, while the grocers hold week! sessions. If the grocers joined with th weather as well as during the aummer. sessions. If the grocers joined with the The lot on which this building is to be others it would soon be a case of the tail majority of the grocers belong to the Busi-

MANAGERS OF WOODMAN CERCLE.

ness Men's organization and further its in-

Executive Council of the Supreme Forest Still in Session. The members of the executive council the supreme forest, Woodmen Circle, which is holding an annual meeting in the city fourth and Manderson streets. The affair was attended by a large number of the members of the circle in the city and among the guests were also the officers of the sovereign camp of the Woodmen of the The evening was spent with and in dancing. A dinner was served. Wednesday afternoon the council occupied itself in the transaction of routine business. Yesterday morning the managers went over the records in the office of the supreme of-

ficers and in the afternoon the regular work of the meeting was again taken up. A warrant has been issued in police court for Oscar Stone, on a charge of assault and battery, lodged by J. B. Henderson, Hen derson asserts that he never saw Stone be fore in his life until Wednesday. He now ha fore in his life until Wednesday. He now has occasion to remember him. He says that he was standing near the lunch wagon at Ninth and Capitol avenue last night, eating a sandwich, when, without any pravoca-tion. Stone came up to him and struck him in the eye with a pair of brass knuckles Henderson's face was badly cut up in con-

sequence, Gives Up the Artesian Idea. The Omaha Street Railway company h abandoned the idea of locating an artesia well at its power house at Twentieth and Nicholas streets. The outfit that has been oring there for several months has take down its machinery and moved away, well is down some 1,200 feet and flows a hirty gallons per minute. The flow, how-yer, is not sufficient to be of any practical benefit.

EMPORIA Kan, Jan. 20,-On the claim of a friend that John A. Whitecraft, who was yesterday buried by the Grand Army of the Republic, was poisoned. Whitecraft's body will be exhumed. Whitecraft, who lived with Horace Standish at Kansas City, Kan, died, according to the latter's statement, of blood poisoning which started by the deceased running a spinter into his thumb a week ago. The body will be exhumed at the request of John Logan, a lifetime friend of the dead man, and who asserts that Whitecraft's death occured under peculiar circumstances, Whitecraft left property valued at \$7,000. was yesterday buried by the Grand Army

Bright Meteor Seen in Daylight. SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 29,-The following message has been received by Directo sal phenomenon of a bright meteor in broad daylight was observed there by E. F. Cod-dington, fellow in astronomy at the ob-servatory. It was seen in the west shortly after II o'clock, an elevation of about eight degrees above, moving racidity. Schaeberle of Lick observatory: "The unafter II o'clock, an elevation of about eight degrees above, moving rapidly toward the north in a path slightly inclined toward the earth. It increased in brightness along its course and disappeared suddenly in a clear sky without any explosion being

Still More Trouble for Ruteliffe. NEW YORK, Jan. 20,-Edward J. Rateliff. the actor, was arraigned in police court to day on the charge of perjury. On the appli cation of Assistant District Attorney Lloyd, and despite the objections of Ratcliffe's counsel, an adjournment was taken until Saturday morning. Ball was fixed at \$3,000 Saturday morning. Ball was fixed at \$2,000 and Ratcliffe was taken back to the Tombs. Had Ratcliffe furnished ball he would have been at ones rearrested as there was a delective in court with a bench warrant, isyesterday, charging Ratcliffe

SON OF THE DESERT A THIEF

Late Subject of the Sultan Who Covets Others' Property.

SYRIAN WHO STEALS IS IN LIMBO

George Aseph's Countrymen Accuse Him of Robbing Them of Several Considerable Sums of Money Earned by Peddling.

The police station was thronged with . rowd of angry and excited Syrians yesterday morning who demanded the instant arrest of one of their number who goes under the "Well, if you haven't then the porter must be wearing them, "replied the stranger and he still continued to smile. "Just look round bit and see if you havn't a package there of Charles Abdu, Abraham Abdu and J. Hedy. The men allege that he robbed them.

The most excited man in the group was finally dug up one which had just arrived Nicholas Zouhire, who conducts a store and graphed to Grand Island and intercepted the was startled to hear that Aseph had made weetbound train. The porter having charge a raid upon a friend's valuables and, being aught in the act, was run out of the coun-

In spite of these stories, however, Zouhire still believed that his friend could not be half as bad as painted, so when Aseph showed up at his store one bright morning last summer he immediately took him in and played the part of a good host. He gave Asigh employment for a couple of months and then set him up in the peddling bus-iness. The exile appeared grateful for the help given him and prospered. In return for

says, to gather at his store immediately upon returning to the city from a trip and at these times they frequently have large sums of money upon their persons. Aseph, so he cays, became acquainted with this fact and Wednesday night availed himself of it. After the two, Abdu and Hedy, had vetired, Aseph proceeded to take up a collection, and according to the stories of his victims, fared quite well, Charles Abdu says he lost \$57.50, Abraham Abdu \$57 and Hedy, who is an aged cripple, \$3.50. Each of these amounts were kept in pocketbooks. When searched at the station yesterday five pocketbooks were found in the possession of Aseph, one of which was positively identified by Charles Aldu as the one which had been stolen from him. other pocketbooks have not as yet been iden. tified, but are supposed to be those belonging

to others lodging at Zouhire's place.

Asoph denies that he has taken any property belonging to his friends and asserts the pocketbooks formed a portion of his stock in trade. An information charging grand larprobability of the Omaha Business Men's as-sociation and the Omaha Retail Grocers' as-An information charging burglary and

STEALING FROM THE STUDENTS.

High School Boys Suffer Serious Losses Through Sneak Thieves. Thievery at the High school continues. and so far as surface indications are concerned no effort is being made to stop it. The attention of the superintendent, the principal and the Board of Education has been called to the matter, but notwithstanding this, the petty thieves keep right on

plying their vocation undisturbed. A few days ago an overwat belonging to George Hoerner was stolen from the study room while he was absent for a few minutes in the recitation room. Yesterday an over-coat, the property of Young Hervey, was stolen while he was in the recitation room and at the same time two caps and half a dozen lunches went. The matter was immediately called to the attention of the principal, who said that he would try to locate the missing property. During the past two weeks lunches, mittens and gloves have disappeared by the wholesale, but up to this date the culorit or culprits have not b located. Some of the boys who have lost property are strongly in favor of taking the matter in their own bonds. They say that meeting has been held and that an organization something in the nature of a vigilance committee will be formed if the school authorities do not take some action. propose to set a wotch over the cloak and the study rooms and the first person caught stealing will be treated to a coat of tar and

Post hers. There has always been more or less stealing at the High school, but this year the work is carried on along more systematic lines than ever. The boys say that heretofore it has been the comion that the stealing was by outsiders, but now they are convince. that the thievery is committed by pupils the school.

THIEVES EVEEST UNION DEF

from Pickpockets and Others. Confidence men and pickpockets are : ng the union depot their rendezvous c and a couple of successful thefte have perpetrated during the last two days. Tuesday night a young woman who

on Walnut Hill boarded the car of Conduc-

Richard Trostler of the Dodge street line. A moment previous to this a well dressed young man had also stepped upon the platform and was asking questions as to the various lines when the feminine passenger got on. As the car started up the young man brushed his way past the young woman and jumped from the car. Almost at the same time the young woman missed her pocketbook, which con-tained \$15. She called to the thief to stop, but instead he ran rapidly to the south until he turned into a side atreet and disappeared. Last night a former, whose name could ot be learned, who was enroute from Denver to his home in Wisconsin, alighted for a few linutes on the platform at the depot and made the acquaintance of a couple of smoothtalking strangers. They represented them-selves as agents for the Burlington company and managed to get hold of \$11.50 belonging to him. As soon as he had parted with his money he began to regret his action, and, hailing Officer Cummings, pointed out the thieves. Officer Cummings made an ineffectual sprint after the men, but failed to bug them. The last seen of the fugitives was on board an outgoing train. Several other small robberies have taken place at the station which have not been made public.

Oliver Maggard is Dead. Many Omaha people will remember Oliver Maggard, who almost filled one of his own huge furniture your. For several art toart toart toapplicate the wave of and managed the Maggard
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