## CONVICTS EARN A LIVING

Produce Now Enough Revenue to Pay for Their Keeping.

STATE PENITENTIARY IS SELF-SUPPORTING

Contracts for Prison Labor Turn in More Money Than is Needed to Support the Prisoners Now in Confinement.

LINCOLN, Feb. 9 .- (Special.) -- The state penitentlary has now become self-sustaining the receipts being sufficient to keep up the expenses of the institution. The appropriation for the penitentiary for the two years was \$60,000. The rule has been that the money earned by the institution by reason of the labor contracts should be turned into the state treasury, there to constitute a fund from which the money was drawn to pay the expenses, and when this fund was exhausted the appropriation was drawn upon. Since the 11th of last month it has not been necessary to draw from the appropriation and the special fund is growing in size, besides paying the current expenses. The reasons for this good showing are that the new contracts made with the manufacturers for the emplayment of the men are higher than ever efore and many men are being employed in addition to the number stipulated in the con tracts. The number now at work is 225 and the contracts run from 35 cents to 50 cents

per day for each man. Warden Leidigh, when interviewed this afternoon, expressed his great satisfaction at the good condition of affairs at the penitentiary but said that the institution could not be key self-sustaining during the whole year, as the contracts allowed the manufacturers to lay off all the men for thirty days during the year, end this would make it necessary to again draw upon the state appropriation for expense money. Besides this shut-down, there would be somewhat of a falling off in the receipts later in the season, when no extra men were employed.

STATE HOUSE GOSSIP.

State Superintendent Jackson returned this morning from a trip to Omaha, where had been in attendance at a meeting of the executive committee of the Transmississippi Educational congress. While there he engaged with others interested in the in vestigation of the space allotted for the educational exhibit and it was found that un less more room is devised in some way there will be but five feet of wall space for each intendent Jackson thinks that by the addi ion of shelves, partitions and movable partitions in the form of screens the space can applicant and it is hoped that still more room will be granted, so that each applicant will be entitled to twelve or fifteen square

The National Cigar company, with a captral stock of \$5,000, filed articles of incor-poration today, the stockholders being H. J Samuels, F. Wolfe, W. T. Stevens and E. A. Barnes. The Nonparell Laundry company of Omaha also filed articles today. Its cap ital stock is \$5,000, and the incorporators are W. M. Wenham and Henry H. Allen. The following notaries were commissioned yesterday: Issie France, Omaha; E. N Porterfield, Kearney; W. H. Bucholz, Nor folk; J. C. Martin, Falls City; H. F. Alver son, Lorella; Moses M. Chase, Haigler. The funeral of Mrs. Marie Friend, who dled yesterday at her home at 227 South Eighteenth street, will be held at the res idence tomorrow forenoon. Rabbi Leo M. Franklin of Omaba will conduct the serv-

tees and the burlal will be at the Jewis! The Woman's club of Lincoln, which not two members of the school board from among its members. These candidates they will present to the other conventions for

The grand fury is in session and has put In the last two days looking after minor criminal matters. It is said that the investigation of city affairs will be taken up in

The city investigating committee will use city affairs and it is expected that a re port will be made to the council next Mon-day night. The evidence so far shows conclusively that the city employes have been compelled to pay the bigher officials for their jobs and that they have been subject to frequent assessments. The testimozy in regard to the conduct of the water department has been very damaging, one wit ness testifying that he was instructed by the mayor to plug up one well so as to stop the flow, in order that a new well could be put down in another part of the city. There is much talk of impeachment proceedings and the members of the investigating committee say that they will have ten votes is, however, that they will not be able to

muster that many votes. Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—E. P. Quincy. B. H. Hayden, T. W. Jackson, A. K. Lepe, J. Fawcett, J. F. Coad, jr., H. B. Coryell, O. P. Judd.

GRAND ARMY STATE ENCAMPMENT

Delegates Parade and Address the School Children.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The delegates to the state encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, put it this forenoon at the hotels and headquarters renewing acquaintances and incidentally in some wire pulling for official preferment Some of the veterans visited the sugar factory and other points of interest. This aft ernoon speakers were assigned to the ous school buildings, the exercises there being in the nature of Lincoln day celebra tion, after which about 1,200 school children formed in procession and marched down the business streets to the encampment hall. A procession of veterans also paraded the streets, led by the Norfolk Military band and company L of the Nebraska National Guard. Tonight occurred the first real meeting, at which the address of welcome, an address by Department Commander Ehrhardt and committee reports were heard, followed by a campfire. Election of officers will be held tomorrow.

The Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies o the Grand Army of the Republic have a large attendance present, including every one of the officers. They put in the day in committee reports and regular business.

Prosperity at Nehawka. NEHAWKA, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)-Through the month of January local business men have been balancing accounts and taking an account of stock, and as a resul they feel much encouraged. Compared with last year the bank deposits have increased 75 per cent and for the first time in its history the bank had enough money of its

## BABY HUMORS

CUTICURA SOAP, and a single application of CUTICURA (cintment), the great skin cure The only speedy and economical treatment for itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, and pimply humors of the skin, scalp, and blood.

BABY BLEMISHES Presented and Careed by

own to transact its business. The dry goods trade has increased about 59 per cent, cloth-ing about 100 per cent, grocery business being the same under all conditions. I ber business has increased 14 per cent. onditions. Lumimplement business has more than doubled. Collections are reported 75 per cent better than last year, spot cash being paid for nearly everything bought.

ITEMS GLEANED AT HARTINGTON.

City Expects Soon to Be Lighted by

Electricity. HARTINGTON, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-During the month of January there were twenty-nine farm and four town mortgages filed on Cedar county realty amounting to \$29,875; also during the same time there were forty-three farm and five town releases of real estate mortgages amounting to \$47,-753.50. During the month 244 chattel mortgages were filed amounting to \$61,645.30, and 292 chattels were released, amounting to \$88,879.20. The total mortgage indebtedness for the month was \$91,520,30 and the total amount of mortgage indebtedness paid off was \$126,642.70, leaving a significant balance

of \$45,122.40 in favor of the releases. Before many weeks the streets, public homes of Hartington will be lighted by electricity. The city council let the contract Saturday evening for \$3,000.

Fred Mecklenburg was arrested Saturday and bound over to appear before Judge Plumleigh February 15 to answer to the charge of setting fire to Frank Ruff's hay.

LINCOLN DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. State Superintendent Urges Observa-

tion of the Day. LINCOLN, Feb. 9 .- (Special.) -- Next Saturday is "Lincoln day" and the state superintendent has sent out an elaborate printed program for use in the schools of the state, in order that there may be a uniform celebration of the day. The superintendent suggests that inasmuch as the date falls on Saturday this year, and very few of the schools will be in session, it will be well to take up the program on Friday, February 11 The program sent out consists of a letter from the superintendent, a sample program of exercises for the day, a number short sketch of his life and that of his mother, several poems dedicated to the great president and short tributes by men of na-tional reputation. On the last page of the

FOR CLEAN POLITICS AT LINCOLN Citizens Organize to Secure Better

which Nebraska contributed \$500.

and Clean Administration. LINCOLN, Feb. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-In spite of the drizzling rain tonight, a good audience attended the open meeting of the Hamilton club at the Oliver theater. object of the meeting stated to be a declaration against the methods of the present city adstated ministration and an encouragement to the nvestigating committee. Ringing speeches were made by G. M. Lambertson, Dr. H. O. Rowlands, H. H. Wilson, E. P. Brown, Rev. Mr. Stein, F. M. Hall, Roscoe Pound and A. L. Bixby read a poem for the occasion

and the University Glee club sang several songs. There will be other open meetings club as the campaign for good government progresses.

ARRESTED FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL. E. L. Simons is Gathered In by Chair-

man Edmisten. LINCOLN, Feb. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-E. L. Simons was arrested tonight on a complaint sworn out by J. H. Edmisten, charging him with criminal libel. Simons is the populist who turned traitor and gave away the secrets of the recount scheme. numbers over 500 members, is intending to In order to get him as far away as possible take a hand in politics this spring and to that end will hold a caucus and nominate misten has had the warrant issued from Dawson county. This subterfuge is being condemned even by local popocrate as not being calculated to show good faith on the

Creamery for Weston.

WESTON, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-Weston is to keep pace with other Nebraska towns and it is now an assured fact that it up the balance of this week probing into will have a creamery. The company began have it in operation by March 1. The news is gladly received by the farmers for a radius of ten miles about town, who will now selze the opportunity to sell cream, instead of trying to manufacture it into but ter themselves. Merchants are equally well pleased.

Sons of Veterans Officers

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 9.-(Special.)-The camp of Sons of Veterans here, which has been discontinued for several months was reorganized last evening and the following corps of officers elected; C. A. Pierce, captain; F. L. Dinsmore, first lieutenant; S. out of a total of fourteen councilmen in favor of impeachment. The general opinion A. Kaley, J. K. Moore, camp council. J. H. Davis of Wilber, division commander, was present and assisted in the work of organization. The order was rechristened Johns Roberts camp, No. 100.

Early Thunder Storm.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-A very heavy rain fell here this morning, accompanied by a heavy hallstorm and thunder and lightning. The storm broke a few people by its severity. During the storm the residence of H. M. Austin, on East Main etreet, was struck by lightning and damaged considerably. Frank Austin, who was starting a fire at the time, was severely shocked by the bolt

Farmers' Institute.

ARLINGTON, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.) - A farmers' institute will be held here February 16 and 17. A number of addresses will be delivered by men prominent in agricul-tural and horticultural affairs, both local men and those from other points. Arrange-ments will be made to make an exhibit of all kinds of agricultural and horticultural products, including grain, canned fruits, preserves, poultry, etc.

GRANT, Neb., Feb. 9.-(Special.)-The store of M. Perkin at this place was entered by burglars on last Friday night. The place bore evidence of having been diligently searched for cash, but none was secured. Two young men of Grant were suspetced of having committed the crime and one of them was induced to make confession. Both immediately departed for parts unknown.

Loss of Sheep. ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Re-

cent.

ground so long and the cold so intense that the flocks have been unable to endure the cold on so short feed. Stricken with Paralysis. HERMAN, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-Mrs. T. G. Davis suffered a stroke of paralysis last evening and her death is looked for any

liable information fixes the loss of sheep

upon the Wyoming ranges so far at 25 per

The snow has remained upon the

hour. She is close to 70 years of age and came to Nebraska in 1854. Several sons reside in Omaha. Sonking Rain at Humboldt. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-This section was visited by a soaking rain

The ground promises to be in excellent shape for spring work. Woodmen Give a Banquet. GENEVA, Neb., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-Last night the Modern Woodmen of America camp gave an entertainment and banquet in honor of the fact that the number in the

today and the snow disappeared in a short

order had reached 150. Will Not Build at Kausas City. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Joseph Leiter denied absolutely today that there is any truth in the statement that he is to build the largest elevator in the world at Kansas City during the coming summer. Mr. Leiter denies that any project has even been under consider-ation by him.

THEY TALK OF GOOD ROADS

League of American Wheelmen Discusses Highway Improvement.

INTEREST IN ELECTION AT FEVER HEAT

Nearly All the Delegates Are Present and Everything is in Readiness for the Opening Session.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.- The entire day today was devoted by the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen to the diocusaton of good roads. A number of papers on the subject of highway improvement were read by delegates prominently engaged in the furtherance of good roads, and the meeting was of intense interest.

Chairman Otto Doerner of Milwaukee presided over the meeting, and in his opening address stated that reports were coming in from all over the country that the farmers had entered into the good roads movement with an unexpected zeal. Prof. John Hamilton of Harrisburg, Pa., president of the National Association of Farmers' Institute Conluctors, delivered the principal address of The meeting did not adjourn until the day. late in the afternoon.

The interest in the election has increased to fever heat. The New York delegation has posted a bulletin board in their headquarters on which is marked down every vote as fast as it is pledged for Potter. At 8 o'clock tonight the board read 276 votes pledged. That President Potter will be elected is confidently expected on all sides, and specula-tion is now being made on his majority.

Everything is now in readiness for the opening session of the assembly tomorrow morning, and with but a very few scattering exceptions, the delegates have all arrived. George D. Gideon and twenty-seven Pennsyl vania delegates arrived early this evening. Tonight a banquet was held in the dining tions from Lincoln's speeches and letters, a hall of the Southern and the festivities were continued until midnight.

INTEREST IN LOCAL OPTION.

A majority of the delegates are in booklet sent out is a picture of the national the city. A large number came in Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., which was erected at a cost of \$206,000, and toward will reach here tonight and tomorrow morning, before the actual business of the session begins. The question that will receive the ost earnest discussion is that of local option for the state divisions. An amendment oviding that state divisions be granted the right to determine for themselves whether or Sunday bicycle races should be permitted was introduced last year at the assembly at Albany, and was defeated by but six votes. At that time division option was not considered to be of moment to the league, but the defeat of the amendment, occasioning the formation of outlawed leagues in California and Louisiana, where the control of the sport passed almost entirely into the hands of the newly formed organizations, has had the effect of causing the present delegates to hear both sides of the question and to dermine to decide the case on its merits. The prevailing epinion seems to be that if it is best for the league, such an amendment would be adopted at the present convention. The disposition to afford the advocates of Sunday racing every possible opportunity to give their plans fair trial extends even among the members of such states as Massachusetts and New York, where previously strong opposition to the idea was found. In view of this change of sentiment, it is evident that the local option amendment will be given thorough consideration when it comes before the assembly on Thursday morning. President Potter's re-election for the en-

suing year and the success of his whole ticket seems assured, for no decided opposition has been shown yet, nor has any other ticket been made public. Rumors of the candidacy of George D. Gideon, ex-chairman of the racing board, and of Fred Garlock, exracing board member from Chicago, are brulted about, but have not yet assumed definite shape. The Potter slate is as follows: President Isaac Potter of New York; first vice president, Thomas J. Keenan of Pennsylvania; second vice president, Edward N Hines of Michigan; secretary, Abbott Bassett, Massachusetts; treasurer, J. C. Tattersall,

New Jersey. cussion of the good roads movement and ime was taken up with interesting addresses. It was 11 o'clock when Vice President Morrison called the convention to order. Mr. Otto Doerner of Milwaukee, chairman of the National Highway Improvement commission was introduced as chairman of the meeting

WHEELMEN MAKE THE START. Sterling Elliott of Massachusetts, ex president of the league, spoke briefly on the 'History of the Good Roads Movement," outlining what had been done and what was needed to further the movement. The work, he said, had started with the riders of the wheel and it was mostly through their efforts that it was being put forward now. Chairman Dorner then announced that the

national highway improvement committee had offered two lots of cash prizes for the best collection of photographs of bad roads. While a number had been received, the competition was still open. The principal address of the day was that

of Prof. Hamilton of Harrisburg, Pa., who is president of the National Association of Farmers' Institutes Conductors and author of the Hamilton road bill, which is expected over the city about 5 o'clock and frightened to do so much for the improvement of the a few people by its severity. During the roads in that state. His address was entitled "Good Roads Prospects in Pennsyl-

Pennsylvania is one of a few states which have given aid to the counties and townships within their borders in the building of roads About ten years ago, when the agitation of the good roads question was begun, the road system of Pennsylvania was a mass of confusion and inefficiency. It was found that there were in force over 1,200 different enactments in regard to roads and bridges. There were about 100,000 miles of roads in the commonwealth, not including the turnroads, controlled by corporations, or the streets and boulevards of cities and boroughs. These roads, together with the bridges, had cost the citizens of the state annually about \$4,000,000. After the appointment of a commission and a lengthy investipassed the legislature in 1897. This law re-pealed all of the acts inconsistent with it and provided for the appropriation by the state of \$1,000,000 to be distributed according to the number of miles of road in each town-ship, the distribution to be made under the direction of the secretary of the departm of agriculture of the state. It was provided that no district shall receive more of the state appropriation than is raised there'n by local taxation. The law further provides that one-half of the road tax against the property throughout the state shall, if demanded, be paid in money. After one or two other adresses of minor

a state tax of not to exceed one-twentieth

The streets of Chicago was the subject taken by Frank W. Moulton of that city. He told of the poor condition of the thoroughfares there, where 300,000 wheelmen use the streets, and defalled the efforts that were being made for their betterment. In five years, he predicted, Chicago would have the best streets of any city in the country. Chicago is fortunate, Mr. Moulton said, in having for mayor Carter H. Harrison, a century rider and a member of the League ocal tax. of American Wheelmen, and as commis-sioner of public works Larry McGann, who is also a member of the league.

USES A STEREOPTICON. E. G. Harrison of the United States bureau of road inquiry, Washington, and sec-relary of the New Jersdy Road Improvement association, followed with an address on "What New Jersey Farmers Think of State His talk, which was highly interesting, was illustrated with the stereopticon. Other speakers were Levi Chubbock, see retary of the Missouri Dairymen's associa-tion, whose paper was on "The Location of Roads;" Street Commissioner Milner of St. Louis on "The Streets of St. Louis," and F. W. Pattison of St. Louis on "Wide

This concluded the speaking for the day and an adjournment was taken until tomor-row morning, when the actual work of the convention will begin. At tomorrow's meet-ing the reports of the credentials committee president, treasurer, secretary and standing and special committees will be presented. election of officers will follow The friends of President Potter are confi dent of his re-election. They assert that he

will have at least 252 votes out of a total of 364-far more than is necessary, ever opposition there is to him will develop tomorrow after the convention meets. In the order of new business, which will come up after the election of officers, there will be presented amendments to the con stitution and by-laws. There are thirty three of these, and they will take up considerable time in discussion before being

A protracted session of the racing board was held today with all the members present. The first thing for consideration was a list of riders who had been transferred to the professional from the amateur class for the infraction of league rules. The following professionals were recom-

acted upon.

mended for transfer to the amateur class and their cases will be acted upon by the

mended for transfer to the amateur class, and their cuses will be acted upon by the national assembly:

Pennsylvania: George W. Waring, Morrisdale Mines; John B. Corser, Allentown; A. Luther Lady, Harrisburg; W. P. McClay, Altoona, and S. F. Whitney, G. M. Diddlebock, G. R. Owen James Thompson and A. E. Storey, ir., of Philadelphia, New Jersey; George A. Soden, Newark, Mortimer G. Milier, Montclair; Walter E. Mockett, Camden, New York: Arthur J. Clark, Watertown; Francis L. Hughes, Rochester, Maryland; W. R. Ruttley, Baltimore, Georgia: W. W. Gross, Savannah; Frank W. Williams, Savannah; E. F. Elwards, Savannah, Massachusetts; W. E. Pratt, Campello, E. C. Baker, Campello, Michigan; Harry L. Hart, Grand Rapids, Usconsin: Lewis H. Munyon, Viroqua; Ben C. Brown, Viroqua; C. A. Kellett, Oshkosh; Victor Paulson, Oshkosh, Indiana; Ernest A. Duncan, Franklin; F. Crawley Peru, Vermont; Arthur F. Clark, Bennington; J. M. Ashley, Burlington, Texas; Roy Hunsacker, Galveston, Colorado; C. B. Lexis, Trindlad; Harry P. Renshaw, Denver; J. M. Hollister, Denver, Maine; William Harthorne, Waterville, Mac Gamble, Tom Branch, R. D. Sanderson, Clyde C. Cox, Horuce Place, J. C. Paschall, Walter Gardner, G. A. Branch, all of Merachis, Illinois; Edward Heil, Chicago, H. G. McLaughlin, Jacksonville; H. V. Carey, Bradley; George, Sawyer, Alton, Florida; Henry L. Dollne, Tampa, California; Howard W. Squires Oakland, Connecticut; Frank E. Smith, East Norwalk, Virginia; Edwin G. Eliom, Hampton, Ohio; F. Drocher, St. Cloud, Minnevota; C. H. Levie, Minnevota; C. H. Levi ornia: Howard W. Saures Oakana, Con-iectleut: Frank E. Smith, East Norwalk, Virginia: Edwin G. Elom, Hampton, Ohio. F. Drecher, St. Cloud, Minnevota: C. H. Lewis, Minneapolis: John Roth, Duluth Henry Schipper, Duluth; Percy Hill, Duluth Bert Erickson, Duluth, Nebraska: John D. Robbins, Lincoln, Missouri: J. Holmes Hill Sadalla Sedalla The following list of professional riders

save asked for reinstatement to the amateur class, and their cases, will be referred to the national assembly by the racing board without recommendation:

Colorado: C. S. Price, Denver; Vincent Loos Denver; John Dean, Denver; George A. Childers, Cripple Creek, Ohio; Fred Martin, Columbus; H. W. Glum, Cleveland; C. B. McConnell Cadiz, Pennsylvania: G. Alvin Stewart, Ridley Park, Louisiana: Edgar B. Handa, New Orleans, New York: Johnson, Ithaca. Georgia: thers, Atlanta. No attention was paid to the short track

scandal at New York, other than passing There is a rumor that Chairman Mott is anxious to succeed himself as chairman of the racing board, and this the chairman will not deny. It is said that Herman W.

Foltz is slated to succeed Mr. Mott. Mr.

Foltz is the Indiana member of the racing board. New Jersey is making a warm fight or he handicapper amendment, which aims to take away from the national officers the privilege of appointing the handicapper for each district, and which places this appoint ment entirely in the hands of the state President Potter, it is said, will endeavor to force New Jersey to withdraw this amend-ment, and in case he should fail, the warm-

est kind of a battle is promised. In New Jersey, New England, Illinois and Michigan there is a movement to replace the handicappens by others in touch with the admin istration of affairs at present. The racing board held a meeting tonigh and reinstated sixty-five racing men who were blacklisted for participating in Sunday racing at San Francisco last year. This ruling practically reinstates every man who took par

in the Sunday sport on the coast, After a four hours' caucus, which ended a 1 o'clock this morning the Pennsylvania divis-ion resolved that it was the feeling of the meeting that George D. Gideon should not permit his name to be placed before the convention comorrow as an opponent to President Potter for the presidency.

ATTEND A BANQUET.

Tonight several hundred wheelmen sat down to a good roads banquet at the South. ern hotel. After discussing an elaborate menu a number of toasts were responded to Previous to this, there were read communications from prominent men in public life throughout the country commending the good roads movement improvement working league. These letters came from Governo William D. Lard of Oregon, Governor J. A. Mount of Indiana, Governor Edward Scho-field of Wisconsin, Governor Dyer of Rhode Island, James Wilson, secretary of the De-partment of Agriculture; Governor Holcomb of Nebraska, Governor Bloxham of Florida, Governor Rodgers of Washington, Governor Jones of Arkansas, Governor Bushnell of Ohio, Governor John W. Leedy of Kansas, Governor Alva Adams of Colorado, Governor W. H. Ellerbee of South Carolina and Gov-ernor Joseph F. Johnston of Alabama. A. C. Morrison of New York, first vice

president of the National League of American Wheelmen, who acted as toastmaster, introduced Mayor Henry Ziegenheim. After a characteristic address of welcome by the mayor, John M. Stahf of Chicago, secretary of the Farmers' National congress, responded to the toast "State Aid for Improving Farm Roads." Mr. John M. Stahl, secretary of the

After one or two other adresses of minor importance a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

WORK IN MINNESOTA.

A. B. Choate, member of the national lighway committee for Minnesota, who has lately succeeded in securing the passage by the legislature of that state of a resolution to the constitution providing state aid in the building of highways, presided at the afternoon session. On assuming the chair Mr. Choate spoke on "State Aid for Building Wagon Roads in Minnesota."

While Minnesota, he said, is rich in natural resources, it is but partially developed and any system of road building that might be well adapted to one portion of the state would be totally unfit for the remainder. In some parts of the state road building should be done by contract, he said, but in other portions there are not the state would be obtained. There are no roads in those sections connected with the business centers and what roads the people have built by voluntary labor are far in excess of the number and extent which could be establishment of a stated good roads from the more many the expense of shipping a contractor's outfit one-half way from the nearest point at which it could be obtained. There are not roads in those sections connected with the business of the number and extent which could be required by law.

The proposed constitutional amendment provides for the establishment of a stated good roads fund by the appropriation for that purpose of all the internal improvement fund and by permitting the assessment of the state would contribute to the cost of the state road building should be obtained. There are not roads in those sections connected with the business of the number and extent which could be obtained. There are not roads in those sections connected with the business of the number and extent which could be obtained. There are no roads in those sections connected with the business of the number and extent which could be obtained. There are not could be seen that all classes and industries would be received and building s Farmers' National Congress, said in part:

good roads; and the only feasible, equitable way for them to do this is through is state tax. Hence a state tax is just. I would be effective. Heing just, it would not be resisted when once understood; if fact, the benefits of good roads are simarked and so well understood by city people that they would pay the tax gladly has the tax would fall on compressions any As the tax would fall on corporations and other large holders of wealth a very modest rate would produce enough tax to be effective aid. Emulation and a sense of justice would lead farmers and others to back up a state tax with a sufficient county and local tax.

A state tax would be wisely expended and would carry with it the wise expenditure of the local tax; a state tax would take road making out of the hands of incompetent, petty officials having local jurisdiction only, for the corporations and business men and also the farmers would demand the state tax and therefore the ness men and also the farmers would de-mand that state tax, and therefore the local tax, should be expended by com-petent road officials, skilled engineers and others specially fitted for road making. The roads would be made really good and permanent, and they would be made ac-quainted with "quick repair." Hence state aid carries with it sufficient funds, if expended economically, intelligently and effectively. be said also that state aid is

may be said also that state aid is cessary means. In many localities the of good roads would be really more farm property could bear, and in a few localities, where read improve-is would be the most costly, the land r from being the most productive, and the farmers are not rich; yet the improve-ment of the roads in these localities would benefit town people a hundred miles away, and the improvement of these roads is necessary to the full benefit from road im-provement in adjoining localities.

He was followed by Otto Dorner of Milwaukee, chairman of the national committee on highway improvement, who, in responding to his toast, spoke of the progress made in the work of his committee. He said:

in the work of his committee. He said:

Farmers have been skeptical about the good roads agitation conducted by the League of American Wheelmen, and with reason. The farmers constitute but a fraction of the population yet they have had to build roads for all of us to use. They have struggled along at the roads, doing the best they could in their own peculiar way, and when city people and wheelmen began to contend that country roads should be radically improved, farmers have very naturally been led to believe that their burden of responsibility was to be increased, and that their road taxes were to be multiplied, while the extent and character of the proposed improvements were to be dictated to them. They have felt it unjust that they alone should be expected to gridiren the United States with stone roads at their own expense, while the construction of canals has been heavily subsidized, while rivers have been made navigable by the government, and while unto'd millions have been show-real une realized to their sore realized to the sevent made in a substance of the proposed in the construction of canals has been heavily subsidized, while rivers have been made navigable by the government, and while unto'd millions have been show-real unor realized to this substance. and while unto'd millions have been show ored upon railroads by cities, villages, cour ered upon railroads by cities, viliages, coun-ties, states and the nation, in stock and bond subscriptions, cash denations and grants of boundless tracts of public lands. This sense of injustice has been at the root of the farmers' skepticism of the good roads

of the farmers' skeptleism of the good roads movement.

But it is not the purpose of the League of American Wheelmen to have the farmer bear the cost of road improvement and to take its control out of the farmers' hands, We believe that the farmer should have a great deal, yes, nearly everything, to say upon the subject. We believe that the cities should stand their share of the cost of good roads. This is the purpose of our efforts for state aid. Our aim is to see a liberal share of the expense paid out of the state tax, a large part of which would be paid by the large corporations and wealthy capitalists, all of whom will be benefited by good roads outh directly and indirectly. Proper supervision should be established to prevent a waste of road improvement funds. Every dollar spent must be made to produce a dollar's worth of improvement. The roads first to be inversed are those leading from supervision should be established to prevent a waste of road improvement funds. Every dollar spent must be made to produce a dollar's worth of improvement. The roads first to be improved are those leading from the farm to the market and the railway stations, the roads over which the farmer hauls his produce, and by the improvement of which millions upon millions of dollars can be saved him each year. This must not be forced upon him; the farmer himself must be given the initiative, and must determine what improvements shall be made. Laws for road improvement must be permissive in their nature, not mandatory. This is the system of state aid which is so popular with New Jersey farmers, and which it is our polley to introduce in other states.

Far from intending to antagonize the farmer, we are endeavoring to help him. We want to help him get out of the mud, and want to help him get out of the mud, and want to help him to avoid shouldering an unjust burden of taxes in getting out. Any policy of road improvement which is not in the farmers' interest is not our policy.

Any policy of road improvement which is not in the farmers' interest is not our policy. We do not propose to see roads built at the farmers' expense for the benefit of the cities or of the wheelmen, and any man or body of men seeking to establish such a policy, whether tany be real estate companies, bicycle clubs, or any others, will find us in opposition standing shoulder to shoulder with the farmers. Our aims and purposes are now coming to be better understood. The past year has shown the agricultural societies and farmers' institutes seconding the work coming to be better understood. The past year has shown the agricultural societies and farmers' institutes seconding the work of the league in the legislatures of eight different states. The Farmers' National congress, and other agricultural bodies, have passed resolutions commending our good roads work. The movement for state aid has become familiar to them in their discussions, and has won their hearty approval. Another year or two will see the passage of state aid laws in many states, in response to the united demand of the League of American Wheelmen and the farmer organiza-Wheelmen and the farmer organiza

Robert McMath, president of the St. Louis Peard of Public Improvement, spoke on "Street Improvement in St. Louis." "The League of American Wheelmen Crusade for lood Roads" was the toast responded to by President Isaac B. Potter of New York.
It was after midnight when the concluding

toast, "Good Reads and Farmers' Insti-tutes," was spoken by Prof. John Hamilton of Harrisburg, Pa.

TURNS TABLES ON ADVERSARIES. Man Who Kidnaped Von der Ahe to ST. LOUIS, Fob. 9 .- Chris Von der Ahe's riends lost no time making preparations for

his rescue. Von der Ahe telegraphed back

to Benjamin Muckenfuss, president of

Sportsman's Park and club, all along the route to Pittsburg. J. S. Ferguson, a Pittsburg attorney, was at once engaged by long distance telephone to look after Von der Ahe's interests. J. Scott Ferguson of this city, Von der Ahe's attorney, presented a petition before Judge Buffington of the United States district court for the re-lease of Von der Ahe. Mr. Ferguson asserts that Von der Ahe had been arrested with ut any process whatever within the ing of the constitution of the United States which provides that no human being shall be deprived of his liberty without due precess of law. Judge Buffington consulted with Judge Acheson of the district court and then made an order that a writ should issue and arrangements were made to have it served. Mr. Ferguson asserted that all the people who have been responsible for Von der Ahe's arrest would shortly find hemselves in the United States circuit court

themselves in the United States circuit court of Missouri for conspiracy.

Circuit Attorney Eggers has looked up the law on the matter and declares the abduction of Chris Von der Abe, the base ball magnate, by a Pittsburg detective, a high-handed outrage. He announces his intention of issuing warrants for every person concerned in it as soon as he can find witnesses who personally saw Von der Abe forcibly taken it om the St. Nicholas hotel and carried out of the state. As soon as the warrants are made out application will be made to Gevernor Stephens for a requisition on the governor Stephens for a requisition on the governor Stephens, who is in the city, announces his intention of making the requisition soon. In an interview today he said: "Bendel, the detective who took Von der Ahe and carried him away, has certainly been guilty of a crime in the seizure of Von der Ahe's person. A warant can be sworn out in this city against him and upon such a warrant I would issue my requisition.

der Ahe's person. A warant can be sworn out in this city against him and upon such a warrant I would issue my requisition upon the governor of Pennsylvania for Bendel's arrest and return to this state for trial. I don't think the governor of Pennsylvania would refuse a requisition I might make in due form for Bendel's return to Missouri to answer a charge of violating the laws of this state."

The statutes of Missouri provide a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceed ten years as a punishment for abduction.

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PITTSBURG. Feb. 9.—The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Chris Von der Ahe of base ball fame was heard before Judge Buffinton of the United States district court today. You der Ahe was represented by J. Scott Fefguson of this city and on the other side of the tithle int Charles A. O'Brien, R. B. Scandrett, Charles A. Ashley and A. Fording. The application to Judge Buffinton declared the whole proceeding concerning his arrest illegal and without authority of law and in violation of the constitution of the United States. In the answer to the writ Detective Bendel asserted that he had a legal right to execute the warrant anywhere he might find the defendant and that the latter voluntarily entered the carriage at St. Louis, knowing that he was to be taken to Pittsburg. After the argument the court took the papers and placed the prisoner in the custody of a United States marshal until bail is furnished in the sum of \$2,000 to ahide by the order of court. It is

thought that Attorney Ferguson will go on the bond and that Mr. Von der Ahe will be released from custody this afternoon.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE LICENSED.

National Trotting Association Makes NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The blennial concress of the National Trotting association met here today. The representatives went over the entire turf code and after discussing the various changes suggested by the rules committee approved the great mafries committee approved the season of them. Few of the rules enacted at the congress held on February 12, 1894, and since then in force, escaped alteration. Not only will the National Trotting association be governed by the revised code, but by a resolution the American Trotting association.

resolution the American Trotting association was requested to concur.

The annual election of officers resulted: President, P. P. Johnson, Lexington, Ky.; vice presidents, David Bonner of New York and M. T. Smith of San Francisco; treasurer, Lewis J. Powers, Springfield, Mass.; secretary, W. S. Gocher, Hattford, Conn.

The following district boards were also elected:

elected:
East District—Charles B. Palmer, Lowell,
Mass.; William Christie, Toronto; Morgan
G. Bulkley, Hartford, Conn.
Atlantic District—George Archer, Rochester, N. Y.; J. C. Sibley, Franklin, Pa.;
Frank Bower, Philadelphia. Central District—William Edwards, Cleve-land; William R. Allen, St. Louis; B. L. Kirkman, Nashville, Tenn. Western District—W. C. Blake, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; John L. Mitchell, Milwaukee; F. S. Gorton, Calcars.

S. Gorton, Calcago, Pacific District—E. P. Heraid, San Fran-Pacific District—E. P. Heraid, San Francisco; C. M.

Pacific District—E. P. Heraid, San Francisco; A. B. Spreckles, San Francisco; C. M. Chase, San Francisco; C. M. Chase, San Francisco.

Two questions that have excited much discussion in trotting circles, the abolition of hobbles and the licensing of drivers, came in for a brief discussion. The section regarding the use of hobbles now rends:

"Horses wearing hobbles shall not be eligible to start in races on the grounds of members after January 1, 1899."

The new rule regarding the licensing of drivers provides that no rider or driver shall be allowed to compete on the grounds of a member until he shall have obtained a license from the secretary of the National Trotting association; that license must be applied for anyway; that in an emergency a member may permit a rider or driver to

applied for anyway; that in an emergency a member may permit a rider or driver to compete pending action on application for license, but in all such cases the winnings of the horse shall be withheld until the license is issued, and in case of failure to receive a license the premium obtained shall be distributed under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license may be applied under the rules; that a license license are likely applied to the license and the license are likely applied to the license and the license are likely applied to the license are likely as a l may be revoked under certain conditions; that a license may be issued free of charge to all riders and drivers against whom there

are no claims on the books.

The same rule provides that drivers must wear their own distinguishing colors, that no licensed rider or driver can, without sufficient reason, decline to be substituted by judges as required by rule 37, which has by judges as required by rule 37, which has reference to disqualification of the driver of a horse that is being pulled or being handled improperly; such a refusal may be punished by suspension, or the imposition of a fine, or both; that a rider or driver shall not ride or drive a horse in a race without personal knowledge as to the eligibility of the horse.

A resolution introduced by Charles B. Palmer of Lowell, which set forth that, as it is generally believed that betting on heats is detrimental to the best interests of the turf, the National Trotting association disapproves of the practice and declines to give it recognition, was adopted.

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New York was selected as the place of meeting for the next congress, WISCONSIN WANTS IN THE RACE.

Cornell Looks with Favor on West-

ern University. ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 9.—It is reported at Ithaca that a representative of the crew of the University of Wisconsin had written Captain Colson of Cornell, stating that it is the desire of the western crew to be represented in the regatta of eastern college crews, which, it is expected, will be held either at Saratoga or Poughkeepsie the coming spring. Members of the athletic council says that as far as Cornell is concerned the proposition would be quite acceptable, but the question is one that will have to be left to the conference of representatives of the crews of Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania, which will be called within a few days.

vithin a few days.
With the exception of Harvard and Yale With the exception of Harvard and Yale, other crews to which Captain Gilsen Sent his communication for the formation of an inter-collegiate association have expressed their willingness to confer on the matter. Word is expected from the former shortly and it is quite probable that representatives from four crews will meet. At the meeting the course will be considered and it is said that Saratoga is the most likely one to be chosen. This will be because it is thought better to have no current on the stream better to have no current on the where three or more crews are entered. If it is found agreeable to the other universi-ties to have Wisconsin as a competitor, it is quite probable that its crew will be in-vited by the conference to enter the re-

MANITOBA WHEELMEN RESTLESS. Threaten to Break Away from Cana

dian Wheelmen's Association. MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 9.—A sensation was caused in cycling circles by the publiation of a telegram from Winniper, Man. n the annual meeting of the Manitoba Canadian Wheelmen's association district Canadian Wheelmen's association district. The representatives present from the outside clubs sided with the three city clubs and were of the opinion the time had come for Manitoba and the territories to secede from the Canadian Wheelmen's association and form an association with the assistance of the states of Minnesota and the Dakotas. The Winnipeg Bicycle club has the largest membership by forty of any in Canada, and is strong financially. What troubles the heads of the Canadian Wheelmen's association most at present is the fear that the Columbia cyclists and those of Victoria and Vancouver will break away also. The latter have been rebelling for some time and the complaints and threats to join the California wheelmen became so serious that George Orr, the president of the Canathe California wheelmen became so serious that George Orr, the president of the Canadian Wheelmen's association, had to go there to pacify them. It is feared that Manitoba's action may cause a general break up. Considerable speculation is indulged in as to how the matter will affect the League of American Wheelmen.

BACKS MAHER TO FIGHT KID M'COY

Buck Connolly Covers the Forfeit Pu Up by the Huoster, NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Buck Connolly of Pittsburg, manager of Peter Maher, called at the Police Gazette office today and covred Kid McCoy's forfelt of \$5,000, and is ued challenge to back Maher against McCoy a challenge to back Maher against McCoy for \$5,000 or \$16,000 a side and the champlonship of the world. Connelly said: "I think Maher is entitled to the first chance with McCoy if Flizzimmons refuses to fight him. I am confident that Maher can beat McCoy." Connolly stipulates that the fight must take place within six axeeks after signing. If McCoy does not accept the offer within a reasonable time the \$5,000 will remain up and a challenge will be issued on behalf of Maher to any man in the world.

Athletic Trainer Resigns. PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 8.—John Mc-Masters, Princeton's athletic trainer, nanded in his resignation today. For seven handed in his resignation today. For seven years he had charge of the training of Princeton's base ball and foot ball trams and in that period had trained five championship teams. His resignation was caused by the dissatisfaction which he felt to exist with the way in which he trained the Tigers' foot ball cleven last season. A successor to McMasters has not yet been chosen, although it is quite likely the position will be offered to Walter Christle, now Princeton's track trainer.

Travers Wins at Billiards. The Phoenix billiard parlors, 1412 Douglas street, were crowded last night with those

Mrs. Josephine Polhiil, of Due West S. C., had a severe case of catarrh which finally became so deep-seated that she was entirely deaf in one ear, and part of the bone in her nose sloughed off. The best physicians treated her in vain, and she used various applications of CURED BY washes to no avail. Fourteen bottles of S. S. S.

promptly reached the seat of the disease, and cured her sound and well. S. S. S. never fails to cure a blood disease, and it is the only remedy which reaches deep-seated cases. Guaranteed purcily vegetable. Books free; duress Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Gz.

interested in good billiard playing. The players were W. A. Travers and T. K. Herry, both of this city, and excellent shots were made on both sides. Travers played for 150 points, a handleap of twenty-five over Berry, whose goal was 128. The finish was close and exciting, Travers winning by five points. Another exhibition match will occur this afternoon at 3 o'clock. W. A. Travers will play Homer Kirke under a handleap of 150 to 135 points. This evening there will be a match between Fred Paylou, for 150 points, and Homer Kirke, for 115.

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use of the voice.

FORECAST FOR TODAY'S WEATHER. Threatening, with Light Snow or Rain in Enstern Section. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.-Forecast for

Thursday: For Nebraska-Threatening weather, with ight snow or rain in eastern portion; northasterly winds

For South Dakota-Generally fair; northrly winds, becoming variable. For Iowa-Rain or snow, followed by learing weather; colder; north to north-Missouri-Rain; much colder; variale winds, becoming northerly. For Kansas-Rain; clearing Thursday; older in extreme eastern portion; northerly Wyoming-Generally fair; variable

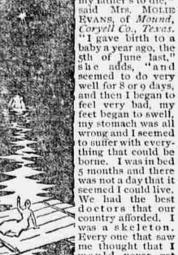
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STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

P Cor Omaha, cloudy
North Platte, cloudy
Salt Iaike City, clear
Cheyenne, partly cloudy
Ruful City, snowing
Huron, clear
Chicago, fosgy
Williston, clear

T indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

THE STAR OF HOPE. "I had lost all hope and gone to my father's to die,"



seemed I could live. We had the best doctors that our country afforded. I was a skeleton. Every one that saw me thought that I would never get well. I had palpitation and pain in the heart, terrible pain in my right side just under the ribs, terrible headaches all the time; a bearing down sensation; a distressed feeling in my stomach all the time; could hardly cat anything and it looked as if I would starve. All the time I would take such weak trembling spells, and it seemed as if I could not stand

spells, and it seemed as if I could not stand
it. There were six doctors treating me
when I commenced taking your medicine.
I had lost all hope and gone to my father's
to die. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's
Golden Medical Discovery and his 'Favorite Prescription' together, and I took
them regularly until I felt as if life was
worth living again," "I weigh more than I have weighed for ten years. My friends say that I look better than they ever saw me. The first two bot-tles did me more good than all the medicine I had taken. My stomach has never hurt me since. I can cat anything I want and as much as I want. If you want to use this in

favor of your medicine, I am a living witness to testify to it, and will, to anybody who wants to know further of my case. Melio Erma

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