THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1898.



The six-day bleycle race at Madison dropped from sight. Two centuries only Square garden begins at midnight Monday have been added to the 250, but it is now night. Attempts to prevent the show col- his intention to ride eight more and quit lapsed with the refusal of the city council for the year with 250, seven more than to take immediate action on an ordinance the record. Edwards says that his employ- being between them), and all concerned re- for the legislature who appear to be dedrafted for that purpose. Interference by ers would not allow him to go on in an ceived the privilege to make speeches as feated at the late election, and who intend the police is the only hope of the opposition effort to make up the lost seventeen cenand that is a slender one, in view of the turies and finish with 365 for the year." masterly inaction of the force at the

A New York man has invented a device Sharkey-Corbett mauling match. The chief to widen the breach between professional of the chain breaking or jumping the racers and the League of American Wheli- sprockets. It consists of an automatic armen. It will be an unsanctioned race and rangement near the rear sprocket, which every participant is to be outlawed by the is prevented from acting while the chain is league. The ban of the league has little on the wheel, but is immediately released by the dropping of the chain, as would be terror for the racers, Besides the string the case were it to break or run off the of racers entered for the six-day match, a number of short races are scheduled, so that sprockets. The chain in falling sets a clutch which stops the rear wheel. the league blacklist will be largely increased and the roll of the American Cycle AWHEEL IN SIBERIA.

room."

Racing association correspondingly swollen.

The National Cyclists' union of England, which affiliates with the League of American Wheelmen, has issued a special order regarding the forthcoming six-day race at Madison Square Garden, in which all Enarticle on "The Boys of Siberia" for the Deglish riders are warned of the penalty for competing in any American races given under auspices other than those of the recognized cycling body, the League of American Wheelmen.

To compete in the unsanctioned six-day race, or any other unsanctioned races in America, officials of the National Cyclists' union state, will be ineligible for competition on any English tracks. This will have the towns and villages of old Siberia. the effect of making it exceedingly difficult for such men as Teddy Hale, who is now in this country for the coming race, to practice his vocation at his home. Hale is a pacemaker in England, as well as a road rider of considerable note, and to be suspended by the governing organization of England will mean a most severe punishment for

With such strong allies as the National Cyclists' union and the Union Velocipedique Francaise, two of the strongest cycling organizations in the world, the League of American Wheelmen makes out a pretty strong case, and one that is quite sure to have considerable weight with the riders who intend to compete in America. Stephane, for instance, the French rider, is a favorite paced rider of France. He manages to make his living by his speed and endurance, and if he is suspended by the French organization, which will be the case if he rides in unsanctioned races in America, it would mean that he voluntarily and effectively puts himself beyond the pale of eractioned competition in any country in the world.

A model of the '99 wheel is on exhibition in New York. It does not show any novelties, but the changes in it mark the direction in which makers are moving toward a general standard. The short head and low frame characteristics are present, and the tubing is an inch and a quarter, which is an eighth of an inch larger than this maker used last year. The tread has been narrowed, a smaller chain supplied, and the pedals are longer and narrower.

balancing-how the blcycle could stand up Internal binders are employed, although without being held. This question was imke of wheel did not have them las

thing to land the latter on the top round of the championship ladder. The rivalry among the featherweights who are thirsting to rob Dixon of the championship is practically narrowed down to a trio-Gardner, Dave Sullivan and Ben Jordan. Sullivan's defeat at the hands of Dixon puts him far in the rear. Jordan was awarded

score a clean-cut frimuph and cannot claim thereby much superiority over Gardner. Last week's investigation of the Corbett-

Sharkey affair might just as well have been omitted as far as any new results go. It did, however, give to Corbett a chance to make an oration and to Sharkey an opportunity to defy Corbett, and another chance

to Corbett to pant publicly for Sharkey's blood (a large table and Senator Sullivan fierce as they were frequent. Also O'Rourke, manager of Sharkey, promised Corbett another "contest." Whatever may be thought of the rest of the proceedings, this, at least, was a bit of genuine business. Corbett had the floor. With his shoulders back, his head up, one hand fingering his massive watchchain and the other gesturing with a cigar held between the fingers, he had just

made his oration defending McVey against the suspicion that he was bought, and saying that, except in the second round, for which he gave Sharkey credit, he had the best of the sailor. A round of applause at the manliness of his defense of McVey had inspired him to further oratory when

The Village Boys Had Never Before the grim, ugly, set face of Sharkey turned to him and its owner said stolidly. "Ah, you didn't have a dead man's Thomas G. Allen, jr., one of the authors of chance. 'Across Asia on a Bicycle," has written an

As a beldame pestered by urchins turns upon them, screeching, but harmless, so did Corbett turn upon his opponent. 'Say,' he cried, 'you're a stiff! Say, you

one summer I had occasion to travel several don't know what manners are! Didn't I pay didate follows: hundred miles along what is called the Great you a compliment? And you didn't know Siberian Highway. You will see by glancing enough to say anything decent back to me. at the map that this road connects the Si-"'Ah, what che givin' us?' said Sharkey. berian capital, Irkutsk, with European Rus-"'Listen to him!' continued Corbett, a sia. The distance is some 3,000 miles, and plaintive note creeping into his voice. along its course have been built nearly all 'Didn't I give him a square show? Didn't I make a manly speech? Wasn't it all right?

Through these towns and villages I made I tell you, by --, I'm Gentleman Jim; my daily runs, and usually with a clamoring (his voice rose to a perfect scream. It was multitude of shouting boys and yelping dogs more like 'Old Lady Jim' than 'Gentleman as my escort; for a bloycle was as yet a novelty in that part of the world, and in some of the more remote districts even a thing unknown. I remember, on entering much puzzled. In a ring he would know

a certain village just at dusk, when the what to do, but at this work the play-actor streets were quite deserted. I came suddenly outclassed him. He looked rather piteously upon two village boys walking in the street. at O'Rourke. They did not see me until I flashed abruptly "'Why, you stiff! You lobster! You fake!'

past them. They threw up their hands in shouted Corbett. 'Give me another chance.' bewilderment, shrieked out, "Chort eediott!" "'Aw right,' said Sharkey, his face seats. (The devil's coming!), and fied in terror brightening up, for this he could underto their homes. I rode on to the regular stand. 'I'll lick you again. But I ain't no post-station ordered a frugal supper, and fake." prepared to pass the night in the "traveler's "'You are, too. How about'-

"'Yer a liar! There in 'Frisco I licked

In the meantime the news of the "devil's" you'arrival had spread like wildfire through the "'You're a ---- liar!' village and the postyard was soon swarm-"'Here! Here!' shouted Senator Sullivan, ing with village boys pestering the stationumping up. 'Shut up or I'll lick you both.' master to let them have a peep at the mar-"Sharkey subsided, but Corbett stood velous "devil's carriage." With the "devil's" snarling and gesticulating until somebody permission, the carriage was finally taken plucked him by the skirts-or, rather, the coat-tails-and he sank back with an agout to exhibit to the wondering crowd. When I had finished my meal I stole out un. grieved expression. This ended the one feature of the 'investigation' of the impromptu noticed to observe the group of eager urchins nature of which there was no doubt. Then

gathered round the object of their curiosity. Sharkey's manager promised Corbett an-One of their number, more presumptuous other 'contest' and Corbett assured the pubthan the rest, had taken hold of the wheel and was endeavoring to enlighten his young lic that he would be on hand." congregation on bicycle philosophy in gen-Since Kid McCoy's fight with Maher has eral, and this wheel in particular. The handle bars, he knew, were to catch hold of and the seat was to sit on, but he did

failed to pan, he has decided to go to 'Frisco after the holidays. Corbett is going in the same direction with the purpose of meeting Jeffries.

CHESS.

To the Chess Editor of The Bee:

The score of the game was as follows:

CONTESTS OF LAST SESSION up the proposition that the difference of 456 votes should be substracted from the total vote of the republican candidates. In order to make the deductions answer the purpose the majority also deducted 127 ad-How the Fusionists Stole Five Seats in ditional votes on the declaration that that Nebraska's Legislature. number of men had been employed by the republican party in campaign work, and were therefore presumably corrupted voters. a decision over Dixon, but he failed to DISFRANCHISING OF DOUGLAS COUNTY This made a total deduction of 669 votes. which was sufficient to bring the four

fusion candidates to the top.

The minority report condemned election

methods in the city of Omaha, and made a

deduction of 201 votes from the republican candidates and eighty-six votes from the

Republicans Fairly Elected to House and Senate Deliberately Ousted Because They Would Not Vote with the Popocrats.

fusionists on account of the naturalization papers issued during the campaign. It sug-CULBERTSON, Neb., Nov. 23 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In view of the fact if the silver committeemen of Douglas county had come into the contest with their that there are a few republican candidates hands clean from the methods they complained of in their opponents. As the de-

ductions that could legitimately be made to contest said election, and in view of the fact that the "pops" will raise a great were not sufficient to unseat the repubhowl, I am of the opinion that a short licans, they declared against the contestants history of the contests waged by the pops Fusionists Did Not Agree. of the last legislature against the Douglas In the caucus a strong minority declared

county delegation, published in The Bee, against the action contemplated by the mawould be both interesting and beneficial jority report. But its advocates urged that just at this time. I am sure I should like it was necessary as a party measure to know how many seats were contested, and it finally was approved by a the grounds alleged for the contest, the caucus vote of 41 to 15. The two reports names of contestant and contestee, who were made a special order at 10:30 the next were ousted and something of the facts as forenoon and at that hour the house was to the sustaining of the charges. The Bee crowded with one of the most excited audigave us all this at the time, but many ,ences of the session. The first vote occurred have forgotten it, and its publication at on the motion to adopt the minority report, this time would be of value to many. J. W. COLE. which was lost by 42 to 56. The debate on the majority report was spirited and at

times dramatic. The republican members The history of the case in brief is this: riddled the gauzy pretexts on which it was The election in Douglas county in 1896 re- proposed to overthrow the will of the people sulted in the selection of a senatorial dele- and Loomis and his colleagues were only

gation composed of two fusionists and one able to make a very lame defense. The republican, and of a legislative delegation fact that Ed P. Smith, attorney for the which included five fusionists and four republicans. The vote received by each can-

SENATE. Howell (d.).....12,111 Jeffcoat (p.).....11,064 Ransom (s. r.)..11,675 Noyes (r.)......10,310 Evans (r.)......11,403 Sudborough (r.). 9,853 HOUSE.

HOUSE. Smith (d.)......12,148 Meyers (r.).....11,762 Rich (d.)......12,148 Meyers (r.).....11,762 Rich (d.)......11,973 Murdock (r.).....11,728 party name by an act of such obvious in-party name by an act of such obvious in-justice, but the majority report was never-theless adopted by 55 to 43. Popocrats Ignore Their Own Report. Liddell (d.).....11,809 Taylor (d.)......11,516 Burman (r.).....11,809 Taylor (d.)......11,516 House The removal of Senator John H. Evans in favor of John Jeffcoat, which occurred Majorities Are Clear Enough.

three weeks later, was an even more un Evans was effected by a majority of 339 warranted piece of legislative work. All the over Jeffcoat and the four republicans elected evidence produced in the contest indicated to the lower house were endorsed by ma- that Mr. Evan's campaign had been excepjorities franging 171 to 304 above Yeiser tionally clean and honorable. Not an inand by still larger majorities over the other cident of doubtful propriety was developed fusionists who were subsequently given

and there was an absolute lack of any pretext on which his majority of nearly 400 In the face of these figures the suggestion votes could be set aside. So positive was that the defeated candidates proposed to the showing that on February 12 the senate make a contest was ridiculed by even their committee on privileges and elections, which political associates. It was not believed that

consisted of four populists and one repubthe legislature could afford to commit such lican, reported in his favor without qualia blunder as practically to disfranchise the facation.

most populous county in the state on such flimsy pretexts as those on which the conweek and in the meantime a tremendous testants relied. party pressure was brought to bear to

Soon after the election J. O. Yeiser, John secure different action. Ed Howell, then Fitzroberts, C. W. Baldwin and J. H. Tayactively nursing his candidacy for mayor lor began proceedings to contest the election of Omaha as an enthusiastic bidder for popuof John Butler, Joseph Crow, Levi Cox and list support, decided that the injection of Frank Burman to the house, while John Jeff-Jeffcoat into the senate would further his coat brought a similar proceeding against interests with the Douglas county populists, John H. Evans. The actions were based on and the edict went out that Evans must go. allegations of fraud in connection with the Since the committee refused to bring in a elections which rested largely on the charge report contrary to its convictions, and the that the republican party had expended a large amount of money in Douglas county

during the campaign.

evidence, it was decided to defeat the report in the senate. The report came up in its order February Hearing Declared a Farce.

19. Dearing of Cass county moved its adop-The hearing of evidence was begun in the tion and Graham of Frontier moved as a rooms of the Jacksonian club early in De- substitute that the report be not concurred cember and was protracted through the in and that Jeffcoat be declared entitled to the month. Notaries L. J. Platti and W. F. scat. No effort was made to assign any rea-Senator

in favor of John Jeffcoat, which occurred

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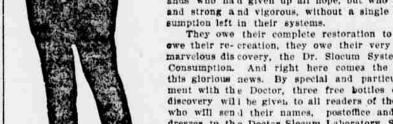
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Of Unapproached Value for the Home, Class-room, Office, or Study. a large corps of experienced lexicographers under direction of JAMES C. FERNALD and F. A. MARCH, LL.D. But action on the report was postponed one

contestees; Smith of Douglas, Clark of Richardson and other fusionists had stated that they were authorized to offer the republicans their seats if they would vote for the recounting bill was made a matter of record. Wooster of Merrick, Felker of Doug-

and all this for the mere asking.



The model also marks the tendency year. toward a three-crown construction of the frame, although strictly it has not three distinct crowns, as so many wheels of 1899 will have. The deference to this style is shown, though, by the manner in which the rear forks and backstays are brought together at the seat post lug and the crank hanger. It gives a neatness of appearance almost equal to the crown style proper, in which the forks and stays are arched and connected by a single stem with the bottom bracket and seat post cluster.

There is some talk about the prices of socalled high grade wheels for next year. A number of manufacturers have announced price of chain wheels from \$50 down to \$25, and chainless or bevel gear at \$75. Every one is expecting to get a g od wheel for little money. According to the New York Times prices will hardly be any lower than at present, so far as the standard makes are concerned. Some doubt is expressed about the chainless wheel. Very few of these were ridden this year, mainly because of the high price asked. It is expected that there will be a greater demand for them at a reduced price, but the veteran rider will stand by the chain wheel.

Several manufacturers will make the truss frame a distinct feature, and brakes and automatic coasters will be added to many of the readsters. There will be no improvement to speak of except in the construction of the wheels, larger tubing for roadsters being used in some cases. It is rumored that several well known firms will offer a first class machine for \$20 that will surprise the trade. There will be the usual demand for 1898 models, of which there are many left over, but dealers say there will be but a slight reduction in the prices, as there will be practically no change in the construction of the 1899 machine.

The New York Sun tells in the following style of the present condition of Teddy Edwards, the world's champion century rider: "Smiling and happy, dressed as a man of leisure would dress, Teddy Edwards, the continuous century rider, walks around New appreciated the fact that he is a great pugi-York with not a worry as to the source from list." which the next dollar will come. Edwards recovered in seventeen days from the attack of typhoid fever which came just in time nip him in his effort to ride a century a day. Edwards rode his 250th century when he should have been "sick abed," for his temperature was 104 when he started it, and 103 when he finished. Laid up at a hotel in New York shortly after that, he such a pronounced advantage, however, as

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mediately seconded by the rest of the asfeat was easy enough to perform, but the game in the chess tourney with Dr. Seeley more he tried to show them how the more of Keareny: he realized its difficulty, until finally the bicycle got tangled up with his legs and bicycle got tangies on the ground. This feited to me. He has answering on both went sprawling on the ground. This feited to me. He has answering on was the signal for a shout of derisive laugh- his three days in answering on was the signal for a shout of derisive laugh- his three days in answering on was the signal for a shout of derisive laugh- his three days in answering on his fourteenth on his fourteenth He picked himself up, rubbed his head for a move he made an unfortunate blunder moment and meditated. Finally a happy

not exactly know how it was propelled.

An inquisitive chap raised the question of

Seen a Bicycle.

During a bicycle journey through Siberia

cember St. Nicholas. Mr. Allen says:

thought struck him. "Oh, I know how it is!" he exclaimed, as he picked up the bi- he replied, telling me it was no credit for cycle. "You see, when it falls over this way me to win a game in that way, etc., but he puts down this prop" (pointing to the sending no move. Thinking this was equiva-right pedal), "and when it falls that way lent to his resignation I sent the game to he puts down the other." Then the selfappointed lecturer upon bicycles looked proudly around for approval.

proudly around for approval. "Why, of course," they all murmured, and in a tone of self-reproof that they had not thought of it before. "Why is a constructed by the sentence of the time is the sentence of t

And so the little village wiseacre at once maintained his reputation and impressed requested to send his side of the case, but he has not complied. upon his associates how stupid they were not to have solved the problem for them-

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS Dixon's Victory Over Oscar Gardner

Esteemed a Hollow Affair by the Followers of the Fancy.

both were equally effective when the battle

ended. Dixon was, perhaps, more scientific

than the westerner, and he had probably

to warrant a defeat for Gardner. The lat-

ter gave the champion the hardest fight of

his career, and should have been entitled

at least to a draw, the sporting men be-

lieved. The fight was a scientific contest

from start to finish. There was nothing

brutal about it, and the crowd enjoyed it im-

In spite of the late fliasco there was a big

attendance, fully 6,000 people witnessing the

affray, and the big portion of this crowd

clamored for a draw after the decision had

lad. In the first place Dixon absol-

proved the charge that he is on t'

Hasbeenville. He was in superb sha

been rendered.

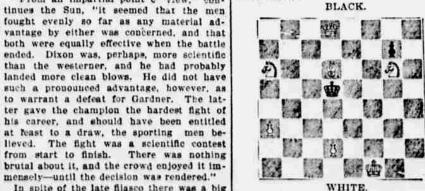
mensely-until the decision was rendered."

White-Seeley, 1-P to K 4. 2-P to Q 4. 3-Q Kt to B 3. 4-Q B to Kt 5. 5-K Kt to B 3. 6-B takes Kt. 7-B tak s B. 8-Q takes P. 9-B to Q 3. 10-B to Kt 5. 11-0 to K 4. Oscar Gardner, the Omaha Kid, upon whose brow the critics are already placing the lightweight championship laurels that must fall sooner or later from George Dixon's cranial covering, partially attained his ambition last Tuesday night when he met $\begin{array}{c} 11-Q \ \text{to} \ \text{K} \ 4, \\ 12-\text{Kt} \ \text{takes} \ \text{Kt}, \\ 13-\text{Kt} \ \text{takes} \ \text{B} \ P, \\ 14-Q \ \text{to} \ Q \ 5, \\ 15-\text{K} \ \text{to} \ Q \ 2, \\ 16-P \ \text{to} \ \text{K} \ \text{K} \ 3, \\ 17-Q \ \text{R} \ \text{to} \ Q \ \text{Sq}, \\ 18-P \ \text{to} \ \text{K} \ \text{B} \ 3, \\ 19-\text{R} \ \text{to} \ Q \ \text{K} \ \text{Sq}, \\ 20-\text{K} \ \text{R} \ \text{to} \ Q \ \text{B} \ \text{Sq}, \\ 20-\text{K} \ \text{R} \ \text{to} \ Q \ \text{B} \ \text{Sq}, \end{array}$ the colored wonder for the first time in his life. He failed to pluck the laurel leaf from Little Chocolate's brow and even retired with a decision against him, but Dixon failed to score a signal victory. Gardner took his defeat to heart and "cried like a little boy," says the New York Sun, "but there was no

need of that, as everybody in the big crowd Problem No. 51: By LaRue Williams, South Omaha; White to play and mate in

"From an impartial point c' view," conhree moves: tinues the Sun, "it seemed that the men fought evenly so far as any material ad-

to his credit.



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The Advantages of Youth. Cleveland Plain Dealer: She looked at him .nd with hot disdain. displayed the remarkable generalship that "I hate you," she cried. "Dollie," he murmured, with extended has been the feature of his fighting for years. In fact, it was this generalship, as arms. "I hate you, I hate you!" she shrilly refine as he has shown in his career, that

saved the colored wonder. Gardner did peated more of the leading and repeatedly rushed t But he came a little closer. Then she sprang at him and kicked his shins with passionate fury. Dixon, but Dixon managed to extricate him- | self several times from embarrassing situa-For she was but 6, and a child can extions. Dixon may have landed more times. press anger in a way that a woman would and on this the referee gave the decision be glad to-but luckily dosen't dare.

to him, but Gardner was the possessor of the to him, but Gardner was the possessor of the mightler punch. And Dixon did not escape Gardner's onslaughts any more easily than did the Omaha Kid Little Chocolate's famous rush that has done as much as any-yard of light waterproof cloth.

Vappich acted fo stants and A. E. sembly and put the self-elected teacher on the following communication was received Walkup and A. H. Burnett for the contestees. eral senators demanded that the testimony his mettle. He asserted at once that that from Lee Edwards of Lincoln, regarding his The sessions were so unproductive of material evidence that the whole proceeding dent arbitrarily refused to permit it. was repeatedly declared to be a farce even substitute was eventually adopted by 17 to 13. Howen voted with the majority and En

by the fusion notaries. The only object of the contestants seemed to be to create a | Ransom dodged by not voting. closed please find my game with Dr. Seeley of Kearney, which I claim should be for-The feeling that existed among the more voluminous record by bringing out immaterial testimony relative to the management reputable members of the majority was illustrated when one of the fusion members apof the campaign.

proached Senator Evans and begged his par-After two weeks of this sort of evidence don for the vote he had just cast. Tears ran Notary Wappich vented his disgust and dedown his cheeks as he said: "That is the clared that he was tired of participating in which lost his queen. I promptly returned him his card to show him his mistake, of such a farcical proceeding. He said that meanest thing I was ever forced to do." course taking the queen. In a few days during all this time not a particle of ma-FRUITS AND NUTS FOR OMAHA

terial evidence had been brought out and advised the contestants either to get down to business or quit. But the hearing continued with little variation, and when the legisla-Secretary Owen. Then I received a card ture assembled a huge block of typewritten containing a move dated August 31, an inmanuscript was shipped to the capitol to terval of eight days between the time I serve as a basis for future operations.

When the house organized January 5 Edson Rich went before the committee on credentials and proposed that the creden-Dr. Seeley was notified of the claim and

tials of the four republican members should be rejected and that the contestants be His seated. His request cited the Kruse-Norton postal card to Edwards, admitting the fatal error, has been received from the con- contest which had come up from Boyd county in 1893. In this case both the contestant, and now, after a reasonable intertesting delegations held certificates of elecval, the game is awarded to Edwards, and Secretary De France instructed to place it

tion. The committee held that the precedent could not apply in the Douglas county case. The matter was referred to the comcame was as follows: Black-Edwards. 1-P to K 3. 2-P to Q 4. 3-K Kt to B 3. 4-K B to K 2. 5-P takes P. 6-P takes R. 7-Q takes B. 8-Castles. 9-Q Kt to B 3. 10-Kt takes Q P. 11-Kt takes B. 12-B to Q 2. 12-B to Q 2. 12-B to B 3. 14-PxQ (dis. ch.) 15-Q takes Kt. 15-Q takes R P. 15-Q takes R P. 15-P takes K P. mittee on privileges and elections January 13 and for two weeks it held fire. Fusionists Needed Votes.

It was generally conceded that the contestants had no case and until it developed that their votes were necessary to secure the recount of the vote on the constitutional amendments it was not thought possible that they would be seated. Even then some of the fusion leaders hesitated to take action that they knew would involve them in disrepute. Repeated efforts were made to induce the republican members to promise to vote for the recount as a condition for keeping their seats, but they steadfastly refused to consider the proposition.

At a session of the committee on priviloges and elections held on the evening of January 27 five of the nine members present voted to report in favor of unseating the contestees. On the Friday following Dudley Smith and several other fusionists approached Frank Burman and John Butler on the floor of the house, and for the last time assured them that if they would vote for the recount bill they would be protected. Both members declared that they would do nothing of the kind and Smith turned on his heel with the remark that in that case they would be compelled to throw them out. At 8 o'clock that night the fusionists me

in caucus to consider the reports of the committee. The majority report, which recommended ousting the republicans, was signed by Loomis, Hall, Lamar, Wheeler and Moran all fusionists. The minority report, which declared against such action, was signed by Sheldon and Eager, populists, and Rouse and Byram, republicans.

Flimsy Evidence of Fraud.

The only tangible element of fraud alleged consisted in testimony elicited during the hearing at Omaha to the effect that naturalization papers had been issued to foreign voters by the clerk of the district court on orders signed by John Lewis, chairman of the republican county committee. At the central same time it developed that other papers had been issued on similar orders signed by E. E. Howell as chairman of the democratic committee. Both the majority and minority re-

ports held that the payment of the fee by the county central committees constituted a bribe of the voter. The evidence showed that 542 papers had been issued in this way to presumed republicans and eightysix by order of the fusion committee. These figures included all naturalization papers issued from June 1 to November 3, in spite of the fact that the legislative candidates were not nominated until September 19. By the

use of this mathematical license, they set . try?

VALUABLE APPENDIX The Appendix embraces: Proper Names in Biography, Fiction, History, Geography, etc.; Foreign Words and Phrases in English Literature: Faulty Diction, Disputed Pronunci-ation; Chemical-Elements, Titles and Degreed: Weights and Mensures, Historical Data; Arbitrary Signs and Symbols; Common and Metric Systems, etc., etc.

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Commission Men Try to Estimate the Amount Consumed Here on a Christmas Day. WARD & GOW

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"How much fruit and how many nuts are consumed by the people of Omaha on an average Christmas day?" was asked a number of commission merchants, and almost without exception they threw up their hands and passed over their ante. Several of them, however, after much persuasion, began to show some interest in the question and resorted to pencil, paper and figures. But even after a careful search of their records, much tabulation and generous guessing they almost without fall returned to the original proposition and demanded a bean jar, : popocratic platform or something easy to guess at.

In the course of the figuring, taking such portions of it as the commission men were willing to stand for, it was estimated that somewhere near 500 boxes of oranges were consumed on Christmas day in an average year by Omaha's population. This represents about a car and a half, and, with an average of 200 oranges to a box, would mean 100,000 oranges. But some of the merchants thought this figure was too high, while others thought it too low. But the point was made that oranges are not a popular winter fruit. It was suggested that the greatest general demand for oranges is in the spring and that even the holiday trade cannot create a boom in the fruit to outhold the spring demand ...

In apples it is believed that 200 barrels will cover the consumption, although the amount may be less this year, as this particular fruit is pretty high this season. In Malaga and Tokay grapes 3,000 pounds will be required to satisfy Omaha's Santa Claus appetite, while other fruits customary at Christmas times will depend as to quantity consumed on the quality and price, which cannot now be foretold. On the matter of nuts the commission men

were again thrown into a spell of silence They said the amount could not be approximated for the reason the retailers as a rule carry over greater or less portions of old stocks. A large per cent of the sales for the Thankegiving trade, it is believed, will be on the market for the Christmas trade and these conditions prevent intelligent estimates upon the amount consumed for one particular day. For instance, it was cited that one of the department stores purchased about 5,000 pounds of assorted nuts shortly before Thanksgiving day and these will supply the trade of that store for the rest of the year. Yet after all their dark forebodings as to the impossibility of reaching an intelligent figure it was finally agreed that about 4,500 pounds of assorted nuts will be eaten in Omaha Christmas day, which will probably represent about onethird that number of pinched fingers incident to the cracking.

The Conclusion He Drew.

Washington Star: "Did you ever read the story of the hare and the tortolse?" asked the industrious man. "Yes," answered the leisurely friend.

"Did you take the lesson to heart?" "I did. I have always contended that it doesn't make any difference how slowly a man goes so long as he keeps awake."

Hu-can. Perhaps you can-why don't you



