Warden of the Penitentiary Discouraged by Actions of Other Officials.

HIS EFFORTS AT REFORM THWARTED

Attempts to Put Institution on a Paying Basis Defeated Through Political Machinations-Poynter's Probable Private Secretary.

LINCOLN, Dec. 5 .- (Special.) - There has been a storm brewing at the state penitentiary for about a year, on account of the differences between the warden and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. They have clashed on a number of subjects, and especially on the letting of the labor contracts that are now in force. Leidigh had some progressive ideas about the employment of the prison labor, but the pull of some interested politicians prevented the putting of these plans in force, the board always deciding against the warden's ideas. The result of this ruinous policy is that a large number of the prisoners are now unemployed and the institution falls very far short of being self-sustaining. Some time ago the warden became so disgusted with the course pusued by the governor and the board that he decided to resign. The mention of this intention caused the deputy, a man named Welch from David City, to file an application for the place. It is said that one Hopkins from O'Neill also has an application in and that he is backed by Mike Harrington, the political boss of the north Nebraska country.

Why Leidigh Did Not Quit.

Just why Leidigh did not take the final step in the matter of resignation is not known, but it is believed that he concluded to stay until Poynter gets into office, allowing the new governor to make the selection of a warden, if there is to be a vacancy. In this Leidigh is probably guided by a wish to have matters run smoothly at the penitentiary, avoiding the chance for the demoralization that might ensue if Holcomb named a man who would in a month or two be displaced by Poynter. The presence of Poynter in town today has renewed the speculation as to who is to be his private secretary. The opinion which was at one time almost unanimous that Gaffin would be selected has almost entirely changed and there are many who believe that Gaffin is to be offered the place now occupied by Edmisten as the head of the oil inspection bureau. It is said, however, that the sentiment against the retention of this bureau is so strong that Gaffin will think several times before he accepts a job that may be abolished. Some believe that the private secretaryship is to go to Secretary Thompson of the populist committee, but a quiet tip has been given out that the selection has already been made and that a man from north of the Platte river will be given the plum. The matter is of no small moment as the job is considered to be worth more money than some of the state offices and carries with it a political pull of large dimensions. It is now certain that Benton Maret is not enjoying the political favor of the Poynter element and that he is getting ready to retire to his stock farm in Dawson county.

Preparing for Graham's Trial. County Attorney Munger is preparing for the trial of Mayor Graham on the charge of bribery, which was returned as an indictment by the grand jury some time ago. The defendant's attorneys have now exhausted every means of delay authorized but to stand trial. There are several infident that he will be acquitted on all

points. The police officers received word last night that there were two dead bodies in an old their efforts to secure a rebate from the building on East O street and upon going United States government of the difference to investigate found in a box the badly de- | paid by them for their farms when bought composed body of a man and the frozen at auction and the price at which the land body of a woman on a table upstairs. The had been appraised prior to the sale. The find was removed to undertaking rooms, but meeting, at which nearly all the settlers of the mystery was soon cleared up by communicating with physicians of the Lincoln Med- by Congressman Stark of Nebraska, Conical college. The college authorities had gressman Calderhead of Kansas and also recently engaged the building for dissecting by the attorney employed by the settlers, rooms and asserted that both bodies had J. A. VanUrsdel, attorney general of Wy-

been obtained legally. At the regular meeting of the Woman's papers on the different phases of character be sold to homesteaders. The government building and several pretty songs and plays had the land appraised and the value the the exposition.

Union Y. M. C. A. Meeting. The different Young Men's Christian associations of the city held a very interesting union meeting at St. Paul's Methodist church yesterday afternoon. Five-minute addresses weer made by G. A. Adams, Prof. Fordyce, Dr. Hindman, Superintendent Jackson and Prof. Condra, and excellent music was furnished by a quartet of young men from the university. The meeting was in the nature of a preliminary to the state convention of the association, which will be

held in Fremont next week. A large num-



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tions in this city.

The Ladies' Bimetallic league of this city held its second adjourned meeting Saturday afternoon for the annual election of officers. Their constitution requires that twenty members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but owing to the lack of interest n the money question at this time they have thus far been unable to get that many women to attend the meeting.

A reception service for the Lincoln Medical college of Cotner university was held at the Central Christian church last night President W. P. Aylerworth delivered an address on "Christianity and Medicine," in which he asserted that the two should go hand in hand, facts having proven that medicine reaches its highest state of development in the Christian countries.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell-F. W. Little, ir., Leo M. Franklin, F. S. Showalter, C. S. Squires, C. L. Bouffier, George E. Pritchett. At the Lincoln-E. F. Fairchild, John A. Krug, J. F. Dietz, W. F. Startzel.

ANOTHER INQUIRY INTO RATES

State Board of Transportation Pirects Its Secretaries to Search Out Cases of Discrimination.

LINCOLN, Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The State Board of Transportation has suddenly come to life and has made a play for public favor by adopting the following resolutions: Whereas, The Board of Transportation in 1894 permitted coupsel for the railroad com panies in the maximum freight rate cases to improperly embody in the decree of the United States circuit court of Nebraska in said cases two prohibitions totally foreign to the question presented to the court for decision, viz., first, a probibition whereby this board was forbidden to reduce any one local freight rate to the rate fixed in the maximum freight rate law, even though the reduction of such rate would not unreasona-bly affect the earnings of the railroad companies; and second, a prohibition whereby this board and the legislature were probibited from reducing the local freight rates below the rates charged by the railroad companies in 1894, thus, in effect, depriving the state of all power to regulate local freight rates while said decree remained un-

Whereas, In May last the supreme court of the United States on the application of Attorney General Smyth, struck out of said decree the two prohibitions aforesaid and thus restored to this board and to the legislature the power to regulate local freight rates.

Whereas, This board immediately after it was relieved of the shackles imposed upon it by its predecessor, proceeded to inquire into the reasonableness of the local freight rates charged and to that end called upon the railroad companies of the state for information with respect to the cost of con-struction, present value of the roads, expenses of operation, earnings, etc., all of which necessarily involved a great deal of time in preparation. Now, therefore,

Resolved, That the secretaries be and they are hereby instructed to vigorously prose-cute the investigation heretofore commenced and report to this board at the earliest possible date the result of the investigation; and be it further

Resolved, That the searctaries be and they are hereby instructed to report to this board on Monday, the 5th inst., whether the local rates on grain to Omaha are unreasonable as compared with the through rates to Chicago on the came commodity; whether the local rates to South Conaba are unreasonable as compared with the through rates thereon to Chicago; whether the rates from Omaha to points in the state are unreasonable as compared with the rates from Council Bluffs to the same points and whether any city or town in the state is be-ing unjustly discriminated against.

SETTLERS SEEKING A REBATE

by the statutes and there is nothing left Ask that Excess Paid for Farm Lands WYMORE Neb. Dec. 5.—(S meeting held at Barneston Friday the settlers living on the Otoe and Missouri Indian reservation received much encouragement in the reservation were present, was attended

ming, but a former resident of this county. Fifteen years ago this reservation, which club this afternoon the department of child | consists of 46,000 acres of the finest land in study had charge of the program. Miss the southern part of Gage county, was Margaret Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Hart and bought by the government from the Otoe Miss Mary Fosler all presented excellent and Missouri tribes and was advertised to were given by the little ones from one of appraisers employed by the government atthe city kindergarten rooms. The most tached to it was \$6.36 per acre. However, interesting number on the program was a when the government agent came here he talk on our battleships by Master Mason | concluded to sell the land at auction to the Wheeler, who exhibited a model of the highest bidder and in this manner the en-Wisconsin, made by himself from models at | tire 46,000 acres was disposed of. The government realizing from \$12 to \$25 per acre or about three times the amount at which the land had been appraised.

About two years ago the settlers became convinced that the government agent who whereupon a collision occurred; revolvers sold them their farms at auction had no right to sell the land for more than the amount at which it had been appraised, so they formed an association and employed attorneys to get their bill passed by congress rebating to them the difference. The congressmen present at the meeting held at Barneston last Friday expressed themselves as having but little doubt that a bill bringing about that result would become a law at the next session of congress and the settlers have hopes of recovering large sums from the government.

Horse Buyer Falls. SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-Friday night a man, who gave his name as A. Johns and claimed to be a buyer of horses representing the noted Berry of Chicago, came here from Columbus, and at once caused a great interest among those having horses to dispose of by buying at the rellers' own prices, not even making the customary examinations to discover the qualities of the animals purchased. He had horses engaged and being brought in to the various boarding stables at a wholesale rate, and managed to borrow considerable money on his supposed sterling financial condition. Later he spent the funds in various saloons and is now in jail for passing a forged check.

Young Dies Mysteriously. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.) -A Young of Schuyler, Neb., died this morning at the home of his son-in-law, Peter Mc-Intosh of this city. Mr. Young had been ill but a short time and his death was a mysterious one. While in Central City Thursday morning he was troubled with an ulcerated tooth and going to a dentist of that place he had a drug injected at the root of it to ease the pain. He left directly home, but before he reached here he was seized with convulsions which contin-

ued until he died. Fine Consignment of Cattle. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.) -The finest cattle shipment ever billed from northeastern Nebraska left this place today for Chicago. One carload was the property of D. C. Dibble and consisted of sixteen head of thoroughbred 2-year-old New York. Hereford cattle of Mr. Dibble's own breeding and rearing which averaged over 1,800 ounds each. The other bunch was a carload of Herefords fed by Thomas Ashford, sr., of Homer, which were sold to L. Rockwell of Hubbard.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Medical fraternity will be held in this city at the instance of Dr. G. W. Medical Men Organise.

LEIDIGH READY TO RESIGN ber of delegates will go from the associa- Meredith for the purpose of forming an association of registered physicians. The purpose will be to "foster and protect the bes interests of the profession, to secure good legislation and to protect the public from

> New Church Dedicated. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.) - The Second Congregational church of Norfolk was dedicated yesterday. Rev. H. Bross, D. of Lincoln and Rev. Joseph Parker of this city were the officiating clergymen. The new edifice cost \$2,000, the greater amount of which was contributed by employes of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri

Postoffice Changes Quarters. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-Three months ago the government advertised for at this place. John Koenigsteld was the lowest bidder and Postmaster Sprecher has received official instructions to make a tenyear lease with him, removal to the new quarters to take place the first of the year.

Valley railroad.

Otoe County Mortgage Record. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The mortgage record for Otoe county for the month of November shows fifteen new mortgages filed, aggregating \$25,790.60; eighteen released, amounting to \$26,580.55; on city property seven mortgages, aggregating \$7,550, were filed and eight released, footing up \$4.155.

Christmas Gifts for Soldiers. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The citizens of Osceola have contributed \$20 to be sent to the First and Third Nebraska regiments to improve their Christmas dinner. The Odd Fellows lodge here has sent Christmas presents to eleven members of the First Nebraska who enlisted in Osceola.

Opposition of Genoa Merchants. GENOA, Neb., Dec. 5 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The merchants of this city are very much opposed to the continuance of the exposition. They express the determination to refuse to handle any goods put E. M. SPEAR. on exhibition there.

Merchants Hold Carnival. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The merchants' carnival held at the Overland theater last night was a great success. The attendance was large and the program well rendered. The proceeds go to the treasury of St. Mary's Episcopal church.

General Store Falls. ALLEN, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The olg general merchandise store of A. L. Button was closed here this morning by the creditors. Button's main store at Wakefield is also involved. It is understood the liabilities will reach over \$15,000.

Widower Arrested for Assault. WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-I. C. Craven, a widower about 60 years of age, was today arrested, charged with atempting to commit a criminal assault upon an 8-year-old Bohemian girl, whose father swore out the warrant.

Snow and Cold Weather. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-There was another heavy fall of snow Saturday in this section of the state. The temperature was 8 degrees below zero this morning. Railroad and street car traffic was interfered with.

Hurt in a Runaway. ALLEN, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Sjecial.)—Satur-day evening the team of Oliver Jeffery, living near Dixon, ran away, throwing Mr. Jeffery out and seriously injuring him. The ront of his head is bruised and his face s badly lacerated.

Osceols on the Exposition. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The citizens of Osceola do not want another exposition at Omaha next year. They think hey have had exposition enough for the present and want to let well enough alone. FREDERIC'S NURSES DISCHARGED.

Prosecution of Miss Lyons With-drawn Because She Meant Well. late correspondent here of the New York Times, who died on October 19 after having been under the care of Christian scientists, was discharged from custody today. She had previously been arraigned in the Bow street police court on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mr. Frederic. Mrs. Athalia Mills, the Christian scientist who attended Mr. Frederic and who was also charged with manslaughter, was discharged. The prosecution withdrew the charge against Miss Lyons on the ground that her acts during the illness of Mr. Frederic were due to affection for the latter.

Clash on Streets of Paris. PARIS, Dec. 5 .- At a meeting held tonight under the auspices of the Patriotic league, the most violent anti-Dreyfus organization in Paris, MM. Millevole and Derouledet declared that the time had arrived to pass from words to acts. The audience thereupon started to march

o the Cherche Midi prison, where Colonel

Picquart is confined. The police interfered,

were fired and one man was wounded. Pope is Not Hostile. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- William T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, who has just returned from the Vatican, gives the corespondent of the Associated Press an unqualified denial of all stories representing that the pope is hostile to the American policy regarding the Philippines. On the contrary his holiness is ready to co-operate

there. French Demands in China. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: France has made demands at Nankin (the southern capital of China, near the right bank of the Yang-tse-Klang and about ninety miles from its mouth) that are equivalent to the alienation of a valuable portion of the Yang-Tse valley. The viceroy of Nankin stoutly refuses to accede.

with the United States in restoring order

Marchand Back at the Front. CAIRO, Dec. 5 .- A dispatch from Fashoda announces the arrival of Major Marchand who left Cairo for that point on November 13, accompanied by Captain Baratier.

Transport Starts for Home. PONCE, Porto Rico, Dec. 3 .- (Delayed in Transmission)-The transport Berlin, with the First Kentucky regiment on board, sailed today for Newport News. General Guy V. Henry and his staff are also on board the Berlin, bound for San Juan, where the Berlin will call tomorrow. General Burke succeeds General Henry, the latter taking command at San Juan. General Brooke, Mrs. Brooke, General Sheridan and Mrs. Sheridan will embark on the Berlin at San Juan. In a disturbance here on Saturday a native policeman shot at some United States soldiers and wounded two Kentuckians. As it was feared the soldiers would retaliate, the regiment was confined to quarters, the native police were withdrawn from duty and double patrols of regulars were detailed to police

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 5. At Liverpool-Arrived-Lucania, from New York; Sylvania, from Boston; Cufic, from At Hamburg—Arrived—Assyria, from Bal-timore. Sailed—Palatla, for New York. At Philadelphia—Arrived—Waesland,

from Liverpool. At Leghorn—Arrived—California, from At Bremen-Sailed-Munchen, for Balti-

City Council Puts the Finishing Touches on This Document.

ITS PASSAGE IS ALREADY ASSURED

One More Amendment Added and Agreed To by the Company and the Committee of the Whole Adopts the Mensure.

The ordinance granting the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company the right of way for nore commodious quarters for the postoffice tracks into the heart of the city will pass on its third reading at tonight's council meeting without a bit of discussion, in all probability. Eight members of the council, Burkley being absent, decided at the committee of the whole meeting yesterday afternoon to vote for it after it had been still further amended. Lobeck insisted that a provision should be put into it, binding the Terminal company to erect a freight depot orth of Capitol avenue, the north-enders apparently being of the opinion that the south side has its full share of these structures. General Manager Webster of the Terminal company agreed to this amendnent and it was consequently inserted.

The expected fight over the ordinance which proposes to give to the Chicago, St. l'aul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad twenty feet of land on the west side of Fourteenth street from Cuming to Nicholas did not materialize for the reason that the ordinance was not up for discussion. City Attorney Connell is absent from the city and for this reason the matter was laid over for a week. North bottoms manufacturers and property owners were present at the meeting, however, ready to oppose the measure if it was brought up.

Street railway matters occupied as much of the attention of the council as these railroad matters. The resolution introduced by Stuht a week ago "requesting" the Street Railway company to extend its Thirteenth street line to South Omaha was passed, after couple of preambles declaring in favor of the annexation of South Omaha had been stricken out. Just what the purpose of cutting these preambles out was was not stated. Every councilman agreed to do so. as if it had been settled beforehand.

"Request" from Walnut Hill. Councilman Mercer gave notice that he would introduce another resolution at tonight's meeting "requesting" the Street Railway company to establish a five-minute service on the Walnut Hill line between 6:30 and 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 and 7 o'clock in the evening. This resolution is also to be passed.

The council put itself on record as of the opinion that Police Judge Gordon did not know what he was doing when he declared the plumbers' ordinance unconstitutional Assistant City Attorney Scott was therefore instructed to take an appeal to the district court on his statement that in his opinion the ordinance is constitutional. The question of drawing up a new ordinance to cover the objections of the police judge were considered a moment.

"This was a carefully drawn ordinance. do not consider that any ordinance could be drawn up that would be constitutional in the opinion of Judge Gordon," declared Attorney Scott.

Property owners on Leavenworth street, who objected to paying for the repaying ald, Lute Wilcox and D. K. Holly. of the street and were recently knocked out by the courts, will be allowed to pay their pavement assessment without interest from the time of the starting of the suit to the dered.

councilmen visited the jail as an investigation committee. Complaint has been made that the building is poorly lighted and that the cells are badly drained and City Physician Spalding wants one of the LONDON, Dec. 5.— Miss Kate Lyons of rooms set aside for an emergency room for he household of Mr. Harold Frederic, the cases of illness. Some action regarding these matters will probably be taken at tonight's meeting.

> Result of Stepping on a Match. A fire that burned a shed in which was stored a large quantity of fuel and linen packed in trunks was started yesterday evening by one of the occupants of the house treading upon a match and leaving it to burn upon the floor.

The shed was in the rear of a house at 807 South Twentleth street, where two famlies named Kern and Perry lived and was used by the members of both families.
About 6 o'clock Mrs. Kern had occasion to
pass through it. In doing so she stepped
upon a match on the floor and ignited it.
Not stopping to put the match out, Mrs. Kern went into the house for a few minutes and on her return found the shed in flames An alarm was sent in and the department responded in time to prevent the fire spreading to the house, but the shed and its contents, including a winter's supply of fuel, were consumed. The loss was about

Steam Engineers' Club. Owing to the absence of President Stark, who was to have read a paper on "Steam Engines and Their Installation." the regular Engines and Their Installation." the regular weekly meeting of the Engineers' club last night at the Young Men's Christian Association was short. It was called to order by G. I. Babcock, who proposed the selection of a temporary chairman and J. S. Johnson, one of the club members, was chosen to officiate in that capacity.

voted to brief discourses on economical methods in the care and operation of en-gines. The session was concluded by the nomination of a committee to request sevnomination of a committee to request several of the prominent mechanical and civil engineers of the city to read papers at future meetings on topics of interest to members of the engineering profession.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was a long-drawn-out affair and it was quite late before any business of importance was transacted. Superintendent Wolfe reported that some of the rooms in the Highland building are cold and in other buildings the northwest rooms are cold. At the Albright school some pipes burst and caused some trouble, but these had been repaired. The furnaces of the Brown Park school were reported in bad order and needed immediate attention.

The November enrollment of the schools showed an increase of 265 over the corresponding month a year ago. In the High school many more girls are attending than boys, the number of male students showing a remarkable decrease as compared with last year. Superintendent Wolfe recommended that the janitor of the Brown Park school be given an increase in salary.

Salaries and bills were allowed as usual, with the exception of the amount due Miss Elgin, the High school annex teacher, who is reported to have left her school without giving the board any notice. Members of the board desire to emphasize the fact that where teachers violate their contract and leave without giving the customary notice they will have some difficulty in obtaining what pay is due them.

Council Meeting Fails.

The city council failed of a quorum last night and after waiting until 8:30 o'clock the four members present adjourned until tonight. The absentees were Barrett, Kelly, Wear and Fanferlik. Mayor Ensor was considerably put out on account of the negligence of the members and did not hesitate to say so. He remarked that it was strange that the council could not get together once a month and transact business. Continuing the mayor said that he could not understand how people would seek an office and then fail to attend to the duties devolving upon them after being elected. The employes of the city were waiting for their last month's pay and he considered it an outrage that the council should treat the city's servants in that manner. No one seemed to know what kept four of the members away, but it was openly asserted that a deal of some sort is undergoing the incubating process. The mayor stated that Kelly had telephoned him as late as 5 o'clock, announcing that he would be out of the city. Wear was seen on the streets in the early evening and told a friend that he would attend the meeting, but when it came to a count of noses he was missing.

Invitations to Denver Meeting. The press committee of the National Live Stock association is sending out invitations to live stockmen to be present at the second annual convention of the association, which will be held in Denver from January 24 to January 27 inclusive. The invitations are unique and show colored plates of the United States mint, the state capitol, the smelting works, with its chimney 352 feet in height, as well as a view of a portion of the city. The committee on invitations is made up as follows: Charles F. Martin. chairman; Fred P. Johnson, A. T. MacDon-

A number of the officers of the stock yards company, as well as a delegation of commission men at the yards are making arrangements to attend the convention. Judgtime the supreme court declaics was ren- ing from the interest manifest it is safe to say that the South Omaha market will be

> Magie City Gossip. Two of Thomas Hoctor's children are down

Revival services are being held at the Baptist church every night. H. H. Cable of Hyannis was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Court Allemania will give a ball at Work-man hall on the night of December 30. The funeral of Mrs. Harrington will be held on Wednesday morning at St. Agnes

At the Episcopal church tonight Rev. Irving Johnson will lecture on "Why We Have a Creed."

On next Saturday evening the Danish Singing society will give a concert at Franck's hall. The trustees of the First Presbyterian hurch will hold an important meeting on Wednesday evening.

It is reported that the stock of hides is light and that packers are now in a post-tion to get their own prices. The Nebraska Telephone company placed public telephone booth in the rotunda of the new exchange building yesterday. Mrs. A. Pierson, Twenty-first and I streets, will entertain the Presbyterian

King's Daughters Thursday afternoon. The Cudahy Packing company reports the loss of a check made payable to J. Mucher for \$12.35. The check is numbered 87.951. Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Hover, who have been days, have returned to their home in Ohio. Mortgages for November.

The mortgage record of prosperity still ontinues in the register of deeds' office. During last month 107 new city mortgages were filed aggregating \$99,627, against 149 cancelled for the same period, aggregating As the program arranged for the meeting sould not be carried out the time was de-

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was fourteen, the loans footing up a menced today and it is expected to have total of \$26,017, while those canceled were it in operation before the first of next twelve, amounting to \$18,306. However, it is explained that most of the new farm mortgages have been given in the purchase of property.

STREET CAR LINES UNITE

Project on Foot in St. Louis to Effect a Consolidation of Tramways.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5 .- The Republic tomorow will say negotiations for a general consolidation of all the street railroads in St. Louis are in progress in this city and New York. The chances for the successful consummation of the deal are now stronger than on other occasions when the consolidation was undertaken.

CROPS AND CLIMATE IN WYOMING. Considerable Rough Weather, Though

Harvests Suffer but Little. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-J. Palmer, director of the weather bureau at this place, has issued a review of the crop results in Wyoming during the year of 1898, which is in part as follows: The months from January to April, in-

clusive, showed a marked deficiency in pre- erly winds. ipitation of moisture throughout the state. The average precipitation for the period was bu 2.73 inches, while the normal should be 4.26. On account of the deficiency in mois-ture but little farm work was done until July and August, droughty conditions prevailing at the close of July, relieved in part by generous rains early in August. A cold wave overspread the state early in Septem-ber with killing frosts and freezing temperature. Grain had been harvested or was ready and little damage was done, excepting to vegetables. For the season the crop of hay, alfalfa, timothy and native grass, was inusually good throughout the state, both and quantity. The early frosts of September damaged the cornfields and prevented a mature crop. On the whole the season has been a very favorable one for the farmers and ranchmen of the state. The ranges are in excellent condition for the present winter's grazing, and hay is plentiful so that little loss of stock is an-

ticipated during the winter. Horticultural Society Meets. YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 5 .- (Special.)-The South Dakota State Horticultural socity will hold a three days' meeting in this city, beginning December 13. There will be reld in connection with the session a farmers' institute. Several experimenters from different parts of the state of wide experience in horticulture and farming will be present and read valuable papers upon the

Brighter Lights for Pierre. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-Work on the construction of the new city electric light plant was com-

month.

Inspector Smith's Territory. Dick Smith, recently appointed revenue inspector has been assigned to duty, but as yet has not been given his territory, though it will be designated within the next few days. Mr. Smith will labor under the direction of Revenue Agent Wheelock and will do field work for a time, at least,

New York Soldiers Start. SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 5 .- The transport Minnewaska with the Two Hundred and Second New York on board sailed at noon today for Pinar del Rio.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Colder in Nebraska with the Winds in the West and Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- Forecast for Tuesday:

For Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota-Fair; colder; north to northwest winds. For Missouri-Partly cloudy; colder in northwest portion; northwesterly winds. For Kansas-Partly cloudy; colder; north-

For Wyoming-Generally fair; variable

winds. Local Record. 4.26. On account of the deficiency in moisture but little farin work was done until May, during which month there was an excess of precipitation, insuring an excellent crop of hay, but retarding the growth of grain. The weather during June was normal, being favorable to all crops. Hot, drying winds, and deficient rainfall marked July and August, droughty conditions pre-Record of temperature and precipitation t Omaha for this day and since March 1,

Reports from Stations at S p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER. Omaha, cloudy
North Platte, partly cloudy....
Salt Lake, clear
Cheyenne, clear
Rapid City, clear uron, clear'Illiston, clear Chicago, cloudy
St. Louis, cloudy
St. Paul, cloudy
Davenport, clear
Helena, clear

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

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The President's Message — Will deal largely with our new possessions-Drex L. Shooman's message today will be confined to warm shoes for

the women folk-We have a very desirable warm-lined slipper from \$1.00 up to \$2.50-which is the finest Romeo flannel-lined, fur-trimmed, very high cut -a beautiful black cloth fur-trimmed Romeo at only \$1.25-another with hand-turned sole, felt top, fur-trimmed, \$1.50-this is the largest line of these warm slippers we have ever carried-They make very acceptable Christmas

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