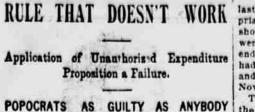
#### THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1898.



Great Hullabaloo Stirred Up by the Late Saifling Committee Dwindles to Nothing Under the Reform Administration.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-When the

enlightened on the subject of "unauthorized expenditures." The committee decided that where the superintendent used in the general support of an institution the moneys derived from the sale of farm products. such expenditure was "unauthorized" and the offending official owed the amount to the state treasury. For their using the funds the former superintendent of the Industrial Home for Boys at Kearney received a scathing rebuke. In this matter the committee fortified itself with an opinion from the attorney general's office, under date of

August 26, 1897, which was as follows: We understand that your inquiries have reference to the right of the superintendent of any of the state institutions to use the money received from the sale of products of the farm or of the institution for such purposes as he would see fit without paying the amount over to the state and receiving an order from the Board of Purchase and Supplies for their disposition. This matter has been carefully considered in this office as well as by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings and all agree that any moneys received by the superintendent from the sale of farm produce raised by the institution or the moneys received from any other source belongs to the state and must be ac-counted for and paid into the state treasury. The legislature makes an appropriation for the support of these institutions and the superintendent has no right to use any of the state's money for specific purposes except when the money has been duly appropriated by the legislature and before he creates an indebtedness, unless it be in case of extreme creates an emergency, he must first secure an order om the proper board. Yours truly, By ED P. SMITH, C. J. SMYTH,

Attorney General. Deputy

Same Old Situation. The committee found especial fault be-

cause the superintendent at Kearney had paid out money for the rent of land, and had sold the product and used the pro ceeds for the benefit of the school, and it is believed that in the suit now pending these items are included in the shortage claimed against Mallalleu. But one by one the recommendations of the "sniffling com mittee" are being turned down, even as the principal members of the committee were turned down in the recent election. The reports from the state institutions just handed in show that no attention has been paid to the committee or to the opinion of the attorney general and that nearly all of them have sold products and used the funds for the general maintenance Prominent among them is again the Kear ney Industrial school, the superintendent of which reports the renting of some 250 acres of land and the sale of much farm and garden stuff, all of which proceeds have been utilized to keep the deficiency as small as possible. According to the at torney general and the "sniffling committee" the state now has a good cause of action against Hoxie and others of the officers of state institutions for "unau thorized expenditures."

Another body blow was dealt the committee when the warden of the penitentiary filed his biennial report. On page 93 of its final document the committee says: "It will be seen that under the present system of management the penitentiary is entirely self-supporting, thus clearly demonstrating that the figures of the account

last two years and his request for appropriation for the coming blennium, but he shows that the figures of the accountant were very far wrong. For the two years ending November 30, 1898, the penitentiary had used up \$40,148.74 of the appropriation. FARMER SUSANKA CONVICIED and the amount asked for to tide over to November 30, 1900, is \$33,150. The state officials now freely admit that

the conclusions in the "sniffling committee's" reports were very hasty, and that there was a great deal of cheap politics in the whole business.

Report on the Smallpox.

A report has just been filed with the governor by Dr. Towne, who is representing the State Board of Health at Nebraska City, showing the condition of affairs in the

late lamented "sniffling committee" made its infected region. The report reads as folfinal report last April the public was much | lows: NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 17 .-- To the Hon-orable Board of Health: Gentlemen-I have

the honor to report that since my arrival at Nebraska City by careful inquiry, and gen-erally in company with the attending physician, I have found in course of the 13th and 14th instant cases in progress of smallpox to the number of sixty-three, all inside the city limits, in twenty-five or twenty-six households. Southwest of the city, in the first school district, on Thursday I found a family just recovered and a boy had been

excluded two days only and the teacher op-posed to vaccination. Southeast of the city, two miles out, is a case in progress and three and a half miles out one or two more cases, about recovered, but not properly cared for. On the 16th two new cases appeared in new families and on the 17th two new cases in a new family and two cases in a family nearly ready for disinfection and another suspected case in a new family, making sixty-nine cases in all in progress. These are nearly all now placarded "smallpox." one or two being placarded "chicken pox." being mild in form, though a third

case in an adult was not mild. The quar-antine is now thorough, with a guard night and day, and I have not been able to enter without a challenge. Quarantine was raised in one case Friday. Because the type of disease was mild in youth, sometimes very mild, the physician of the local Board of Health. against the

united opinion of all the medical men here continues to believe the disease to be varicells, and argues thus. The papers, fearful of frightening away trade, take nearly as short-sighted a view, and are exteremely childish in their fretfulness. The more in-tellizer, part of the empruents I index to telligent part of the community I judge to be convinced of the right, but many are misled by the policy of the papers. Vac-chatlon goes on, but rather sluggishly. I am hoping to begin inspection soon. The isolation hospital is about completed and

will aid the poorer class of people much. It is very comfortable and suitable. A recent communication from the secre-tary of the State Board of Iowa speaks of five infected regions in that state and claim an exposure here or importation from here. Dr. Towne here mentions the progress of the quarantine and tells of some new cases up to December 21, when the report is completed as follows:

Five cases in family of Mr. Rouse, four miles north of Peru; not much opposition to preventative measures. Family of Mr. Terry at Tecumseh, seven or eight cases, one medium or severe. Precautions being taken, but some officials of the town oppose the smallpox theory.

Nebraskans Coming Home Sick. The governor has just received a cablegram from a port in Japan saying that 200 men of the First Nebraska are on the way home and asking that transportation be pro-vided. The message is included in the following telegram sent to the War department this afternoon

LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—Adjutant General U. S. A., Washington: Received following cablegram

"NAKASKI, Dec. 23 .- Two hundred sick Nebraskans returning on Ohio; want trans-portation from 'Frisco home. VICKERS.'' Advise when sick of First Nebraska are

due at San Francisco; whether or not gov-ernment will furnish those transportation on sick furlough to place of enrollment. P. H. BARRY, Adjutant General. It is not known whether these men on

the way home are in addition to those reported to have started some time ago. The last sick report received from the regiment November 13 and says that there been married about two years. She was were ninety-two and one officer sick in the one child. hospital and ninety-seven men and one officer sick in quarters.

all public entertainments are declared off FULL TIDE AT YEAR'S CLOSE There have been more than 100 cases, with several fatalities.

Saunders County Man Who Stole from the Union Pacific Freight Cars

Must Suffer.

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-John Susanka was convicted here today by the district court of Saunders county on the charge of larceny from Union Pacific freight cars near here in August, 1898. On ac count of the previous good reputation of the defendant, who lived here with his family, the case has attracted a great deal of attention. The hearing has been on for several days, and a number of clerks from the Union Pacific freight offices and depot in Omaha have been here to give testimony

regarding the stolen goods. It is the first case in which a verdict favorable to a railroad company has been returned here for a number of years. BRYAN ON HIS NATIVE HEATH.

Bimetallic League Welcomes the Boy

Orator Home. LINCOLN, Dec. 23.-(Special Telegram.) -An open meeting was held at the Oliver theater tonight to express a welcome home

to Bryan, who arrived here today. The meeting had been widely advertised for days and this afternoon a boy carried a banner about the streets announcing that the seats were free, so that there was a full house. Mrs. O. P. Davis of the Bimetallic league presided and in opening said the object of the meeting was to "welcome home

a modern citizen soldier, and to celebrate his recovery from military lockjaw." Governor Holcomb followed with a talk, in

Mr. Bryan opened his speech with a ref-erence to the glorious war which had wiped out sectional lines. He was only sorry that he could not have brought his regiment home with him. Through the help of Governor Holcomb he had been able to send 200 home ahead. He had him-Mr. Bryan opened his speech with a refable to send 200 home ahead. He had himself had "five months of peace in the army and had resigned in order to take part in a fight." After talking somewhat on the war, he said he would refer briefly to the cotton is an eighth lower than a year ago, money question, which he said was not dead. He spoke strongly in opposition to dead. He spoke strongly in opposition to the increasing of the standing army, de-claring such a move to be a menace to free institutions. He said the people of this country were not in favor of turning the

Philippines back to Spain, but had not decided on the alternative. The president had not been in favor of taking in the islands until after he made a trip to Omaha, on which trip he put his ear to the facturers buying very freely, which indi-ground and imagined he heard the voice of the presi-the people. Mr. Bryan advised the presi-for goods, although not enough as yet to the people. Mr. Bryan advised the president to listen again, as he himself had

found that impressions gained during rear platform trips were very deceptive. In referring to the lowering of the flag, he said the flag was made for the people and they could haul it down when they saw fit. and he wound up a peroration with: "No, a thousand times better to haul

down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to "Old Glory."

WIFE IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

McBride Handles Shotgun Carelessly with Fatal Results. SYRACUSE, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-This afternoon Eli McBride of Unadilla accidentally shot and killed his wife.

Trade and All the Industries Have Bigges Volume of Business Ever Seen.

INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT IN IMPORTS

Value of Imports Exceeds Exports for This Month by Seventy Million Dollars-Condition of Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s increase and decrease as compared with the Weekly Review of Trade will say in to- corresponding week last year: morrow's issue:

It is a year beyond parallel and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the stock exchange makes some difference and heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger busi-ness than in any other month of any year.

eiminated there is still a much larger busi-ness than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks' report shows an increase of 25 per cent, against 9 per cent in imports, which would indicate much more than \$70,300,000 excess of exports this month. The payments through clearing houses have been for the week 26.5 per cent greater than in 1892 and for the month 17.8 per cent larger than in 1892. Until now no greater volume of business has ever been due in the history of this country than in the clos-ing month of this year. Shipments of wheat have been 3,285,704 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports, against 3,698,321 hast year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,088,321 bushels, gaiters 10,308,329 last year, a fact which the believers in a small crop may

which he referred to Bryan as "one who stands as a great example of that grand army of volunteers who went to their country's assistance." Mr. Bryan one and his speech with a ref.

The price has advanced about 3 3-5c ,but the continued foreign demand is astonishing. If the cotton manfacturer takes a leading nor because prospects for buyers are so good. The manufacture has been much exis a brighter prospect for all goods. Sales of wool have been larger, 27,366,100 pounds, against 23,115,200 pounds last year and 61,580,200 pounds in the same week of 1892, with small as well as large manu-

The story of the iron manufacture is like a dream. With 25,000 tons Bessemer pig sold at Pittsburg for \$10.60 and gray forge at \$9.40 and Chicago sales limited only by the capacity of the works, and eastern sales so numerous and so large as to raise the Hastings, Neb..... Fremont, Neb..... Davenport ..... oledo Galveston .....

price 25c. There is a demand for finished products, which includes at Philadelphia 4,000 tons of plates for export to South America, 3,000 tons at Chicago, where works are crowded, 80,000 tons steel rails by the are crowded, 80,000 tons steel rails by the Maryland Steel company for Asiatic Russie, 35,000 tons for Australia, against British or-ders at Pittsburg and about 10,000 tons do-mestic from the east, and 6,600 tons struc-tural work at Chicago and Pittsburg and 8,000 tons for car builders at Chicago, all the works there being crowded, with heavy buying of sheets and wide rods and much competition at the south in conton ties a

lift prices.

Totals, U. S...... \$1,673.030.023 25.7 ..... Totals outside N. Y... 629,963,645 17.9 ..... competition at the south in cotton ties, a pending contract for 20,000 tons cast pipe fontreal ...... for Yokohama and sales of smaller quantities innipeg ..... He was handling his shot gun and it was discharged, the entire load entering her left side. She lived only a short time, but long enough for her father, Mr. Calfee, to reach Unadilla from Syracuse. Mrs. McBride had been married about two years. She was ancouver ..... Victoria ..... Totals world in this industry All this business is done with full belief that this business is done with roll belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before and it is creditable, es-pecially in the iron and steel business, so that little advance in prices of finished products has been made. The range of prices is not quite 5 per cent lower than in 1892, "Tax indicating an astonishing increase in the quantity of products. How Europe will be able to pay more than \$70,000,000 due on merchandise account for the month of De-cember, besides the former balances due for November and previous months, is ion which the country can afford to consider at its leisure and with comfort. Failures for the week have been 258 in the United States, against 292 last year,

#### 77,289,988 bushels, against 76,265,454 bushels TRAMPS' DESPERATE FLIGHT during the same period a year ago. Business failures for the week number 212, against 234 hast week, 250 in this week a year ago, 327 in 1896 and 216 in 1895. Business failures in Canada number 34, as against 32 last week and 30 in this week One Swims River Full of Ice Cakes and Shoots Pursuer Before

a year ago. Canadian bank clearings aggre-gate \$28,880,000, a decrease of 16 per cent from last week, but a gain of 16 per cent over last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions Mooney in the abdomen and inflicting a by the Associated Banks. dangerous wound. The robbers jumped into

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities of the United States and Canada for the week ended December 22, with the percentage of

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	D
New York	\$1,043,066,628	30.8	
Boston	129,171,804	17.5	
Chicago	147,281,824	12.4	•••
Philadelphia St. Louis Pittsburg	129,171,804 147,281,824 89,361,638 30,637,399 21,291,487 22,686,307 16,180,217 12,543,700 10,646,834	13.4	•••
Pittsburg	21,291,487	5.2 13.9	1
Baltimore	22,686,307	24.0	
Baltimore	16,180,217	24.0 12.9	
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Minneapolis	10 847 051		1.1
Detroit	7 431 498	11.3 29.9	
leveland	8,771,53	29.9	
oulsville	7,409,847	21.4	
Providence	6,343.000	38.4	
dilwaukee	5,215,912	21.4 38.4 9.5 5.6	1.0
st. Paul	4.016.054	3.3	
MAHA	4,415,411 6,907,525 5,491,950	31.6	
ndianapolis	5, (91,96)	16.6	
Columbus, O	4.415,600	16.6 15.2	
St. Paul Buffalo OMAHA Indianapolis Columbus, O Savannah	3,223,635	5.2	
Denver	3,223,620	18.1	
Lantford	2,271,073	3.5	
Memphis	2,003,28		1
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New Haven	1,672.390	25.1 12.6	
Worcester	1,675,62	14.4	
Atlanta	1,868,853		
Salt Lake City	2,586,258	117.3	
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Nathville	1,181,47		
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Augusta, Ga	637,46	4.0	
Lowell Dayton, O Seattle Tacoma Spokane	1,092,322 862,14 637,46 780,53 1,311,30 715,91 1,259,37	4.1	1.
Seattle	715.91		
Spokene	1,259,37	67.3	i
Sioux City	953.05	52.6	
Spokane Sloux City New Bedford Knoxville, Tenn	577.60	67.5 52.5 52.5 26.5 21.5 21.5 21.5 7.0 7.0 7.0 0 4.5	
Knoxville, Tenn	619.04	42.5	<u> </u>
Topeka Birmingham		21.1	
Birmingham	594,45 472,63 350,20 337,28	21.7	
Wichita	350 20	7.0	
Lincoln	337.28	0 4.1	)
Lexington, Ky	5558,14		
Jacksonville, Fla.	255,99	A	
Birmingham Wichita Binghamton Lincoln Lexington, Ky Jacksonville, Fla. Kalamazoo	332.76	5	
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Bay City	191.45 344.00	0	1
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Springfield, O	238,20	4 83.	9
Chattanooga Rockford, Ill. Canton, O Springlield, O Fargo, N. D Sioux Falls, S. D. Hastings, Neb	259,39 262,80 298,26 411,80	0 54.	51
Sioux Falls, S. D.	148.88	0 211	2
Hastings, Neb	110.81	a 20.	

house they had robbed, and whose horse and cutter they had stolen. The rig was abandoned four miles from this city, near Yorkville. At the latter place the men took breakfast. The landlord, hearing of the affair at Mrs. Brown's and suspecting the strangers, telephoned for an officer. Before an officer could reach Yorkville the mer left, but were followed by a bridge builder named Beard. Discovering Beard, the mer 4.2 fired, but missed him. Others joined in the pursuit. 2.1 The fugitives separated and the pursuers divided. Beard leading one posse. The man chased by this party was brought to bay I 12.1

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Being Overpowered.

a sleigh and drove toward Utica. Neighbors

of Mrs. Brown telephoned for a surgeon and

gave pursuit to the robbers, who in their flight dropped an overcoat which belonged

to a man at Unadilla Forks, whose

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13. San Juan from Central America brought news that the governments of Ecuador and Chili, with the purpose of developing reciprocal commerce, have resolved to form a commercial and navigation treaty, naming for this prupose the respective plenipotentiaries. The president of the republic of Ecuador by his excellency, Senor Cals Freile Zaldumbide, minister plenipotentiary and the president of the republic of Chili

by his excellency, Senor Don Raltran Mathlew, have agreed to certain articles which will result in materially benefiting trade between those countries. In consenuence of the matters set forth in the treaty the members of the Manufacturers' and Producers' association met here today and formulated a letter, which was addressed to the secretary of state at Washington, setting forth San Francisco's advantages as a

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23 .- Two men were seen entering the barn on the farm of Mrs. Margaret Brown, near Casaville, last night. Mrs. Brown's son and a farm hand named shipping point for Central and South Amer-Mooney halled the men, who fired upon ican countries. them with revolvers, a bullet striking

Government Bonds Fall Due.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- Treasury officials here state that the offer of the government to discount payment of the currency 6s of 1899 issue have not been very extensively accepted. It is understood that there are \$6,612,000 outstanding to be paid off after January 1, next.



. ک days do not chased by this party was brought to bay 1 - N to use a stream of water near the Mohawk river, when, after several' for a looking glass. They have modern shots, and wounding Beard in the arm, he i mirrors that will tell them very promptly

The Mohaw river, when, difer several shots, and wounding Beard in the arm, he leaped into the river and swam across it in the midst of foating lee. Crossing at the bridge, Beard and his companions renewed the chase, finally coming up with the man, whom Beard grappled. A desperate fight ensued, and Beard was shot a second time. Finally the desperado was overcome and brought to this city. Mooney identified the prisoner as the man who shot. The provision of One Thousand Dollars the will of Mrs. Harriet Doane, Springfield, Mass.
BEQUEST TO DOANE COLLEGE
Provision of One Thousand Dollars the will of Mrs. Harriet Doane, Springfield, Mass.
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—The will of Mrs. Harriet C. Doane of this city was filed for probate today. Among other bequests \$1,000 is left to the Doane college at Crete, Neb.
IMPROVING TRADE RELATIONS.
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good medicine dealers sell it. "I wish to express my thanks for the good I have received from Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-scription." writes Mrs. E Scovift, of Bolton, Stephenson Co., Ilis. "I have used it at differ-ent times for the last eight years. It is the best medicine for expectant mothers. I never tried it for that until my last baby. I had been very bad, almost helpless. I could not get out of bed alone, or even turn over. Last December I com-menced taking the 'Favorite Prescription,' and could soon get is and out of bed as well as at any time. On March 29th I gave birth to an eleven pound boy without pain, and have since been as well and healthy as I ever was."



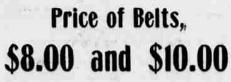
ant cannot be far wrong. See report of Fred Jewell on penitentiary." Warden Ledigh not only repudiates this report in his estimate of expenses for the



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Street Ballway Case.

In the case of the Omaha Street Railway company against Emminger, the order of the court is for a remission of \$5,000 on the \$10,000 verdict of the lower court and a remanding for new trial in case of refusal of the defendant to accept the remission as satisfactory.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE MARSHALL. Prominent Jurists of the State Lay

Their Comrade to Rest. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)--The funeral of Hon. William Marshall was

held from his late residence on Second street this morning. The flag on the court house was at half mast and all the offices in the building closed. The members of the bar of Dodge county, together with attorneys

from Colfax, Platte and Saunders counties met at the court room at 10 o'clock and attended the services in a body. The remains, encased in a beautiful clothcovered casket, which was surrounded with a large number of beautifully arranged floral designs, were placed in the front parlors. Brief funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. Chestnut of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. H. Buss of the Congregational church. The pallbearers were Judges Munger and Hollenbeck of Fre mont, Judge Reese of Lincoln, Judge Albert of Columbus, Messrs. R. J. Phelps of Schuyler, W. M. Cornelius of Columbus and

B. F. Gray and George Loomis of Fremont. The stars and stripes were draped over the casket after it was ready to be placed in the hearse. The members of the bar and of McPherson post of the Grand Army in carriages and a large number of citizens followed the body to Ridge cemetery. The ceremonies at the grave were conducted Smith as chaplain and I. P. Gage as senior vice commander.

VANDALS BREAK CHRISTMAS TREE.

Force a Church Window and Spoil Children's Pleasure.

BENNINGTON, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.) -Some one broke into the new German Lutheran church Wednesday night and took out a Christmas tree which was being decorated for an entertainment tomorrow night, and cut and broke it into a thousand piecea It is known that several members of the institution were opposed to the use of the tree because it was furnished by an unpopular donor. The pastor thinks he can name the guilty parties and the matter may yet cause some trouble.

New Telephone System Starts. SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-The Rufus E. Lee Telephone company started operations upon its new system of telephones in this city this week. The lines will be extended in the near future to adjoining towns, and will connect with the state wires, so that this city will enjoy

additional priveleges.

Criminals Begin Expiation. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special Telpreviously given no indication of being ill. ogram.)-A. Cheesam and C. Wilson were taken to the state penitentiary today by taken to the state penitentiary today by Sheriff Simmering. Wilson will serve a two the church will be finished next week and the church will be finished in January. Sunyears' sentence for stealing a cow, while altar rails. Cheesam will put in one year at hard labor for robbing Mr. Oliphant.

Fine Shipment of Cattle. YORK, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-Hon. C. R. Keckley marketed at Omaha this week 100 hundred head of fat cattle, getting the highest price paid. This stock was fed on York county corn and alfalfa, and the average weight was 1.351 pounds.

Measles Interrupt Festivities. GERING, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-The schools are closed in all departments and in Toropto.

the only daughter of Mr. Calfee and leaves

Assessment and Taxation. OAKDALE, Neb., Dec. 20 .- To the Editor

of The Bee: On page 3 of The Evening Bee of December 19, under the caption "Tax "Equity" makes a sugges Sale Question tion that will have the approval of everybody who believes in equal taxation. It is due to the honest taxpayer, who requires no pressure or coercion to compel him to meet these obligations, that the property of the tax shirker should be sold for delinquent

taxes, and that after a reasonable time for redemption a valid deed be issued at a nominal expense to the purchaser or as-Laws relating to the collection signe.

debts, whether public or private, should h so framed as to encourage their payment and to facilitate, and if necessary, enforce their collection in as speedy and inexpensive a manner as possible. Many of the present laws seem to have been framed for the bene-fit of dead beats and other classes of dis-

onest people. Decent people should now insist on an inning. While on the subject of taxes it might not be out of place to suggest a method of secur-

a law fixing the maximum rate of taxation at 1 per cent of the assessments, namely, a law fixing the maximum rate of taxation at 1 per cent of the assessed value. There is not a municipality in the state that would be the supplied with an abundant taxation not be supplied with an abundant revenue for all purposes by a 1 per cent tax on the actual

alue of its property. While such a law would not insure either the assessment of property at its true value or an absolute uniformity of assessments, it would insure an approximation to these de-sirable results that can never be realized under the present laws.

Rates of 5 to 8 per cent (and such rates prevail generally) if levied upon actual values would amount to confiscation, and it is probably true that the fear of this possibilty becoming a reality has deterred many an otherwise willing taxpayer from listing his personal property fully, and has deterred followed the body to Ridge cemetery. The personal property fully, and has deterred ceremonies at the grave were conducted listing of their neighbors' property. Such a according to the ritual of the Grand Army, law would secure these results: It would S. F. Stiles acting as commander, F. M. prevent excessive taxation; it would necessitate the assessment of all property in sight

at nearly or quite its full value in order to secure sufficient revenue (thereby, also minimizing inequalities in assessments); and it would bring into view a great deal of property that now is hidden. COMMONWEALTH.

Farmers Re-Enter Cornfields. HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)-

For the last few days the weather has been sufficiently favorable for farmers to resume corn gathering and a large amount is being safely cribbed. The yield is uneven and not of as good quality as a year ago. The range is from fifteen to thirty-five bushels to the acre, but generally about twenty to twentyfive.

Nebraska news Notes. Gering is struggling with an epidemic

neasles. The new Congregational church at Craw-ford was dedicated last Sunday. A number of stockmen near Oakland have lost cattle from the cornstalk disease.

People in the vicinity of Superior propose to celebrate the closing of the year with a big wolf hunt. The infant child of Mrs. C. M. Robinson of Arcadia died without a struggle while nursing at its mother's breast. The baby had

The brick work on the new Catholic church day money was raised to buy new pews and

Mrs. Magowan is Set Free. CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Judge Dissette in the criminal court today sustained the de-murrer to the indictment returned against ex-Mayor F. E. Magowan. Mrs. Magowan and Mrs. Wwwn. Mrs. Magowan the ex-Mayor F. E. Magowan, Mrs. Magowan and Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Magowan's sister, upon the charge of child stealing. The court ordered all of the defendants in the case discharged, saying that it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the state of Ohio. The Magowans were not in court when the decision was rendered and sta soil a still to be

cision was rendered and are said still to be

and 31 in Canada, against 33 last year. BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Prices of Securities and Staples Show Aggressive Strength. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- Bradstreet's tomor

ow will say: Current business conditions furnish some sharp contrasts to those usually looked for or reported at this season of the year. It is, of course, reasonable to look for exceptional activity in holiday and retail trade generally at this date and in this respect the most sanguine expectations appear to have been realized.

Probably never before at this date, how ever, was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. Speculative activity is no longer confined to the stock market, but has widened to include when and corn among the cereals and copper among the metals, while the rush of busi-ness in corn and steel seems little if any abated and some lines, notably cotton good and raw wool, are displaying an activity and strength which would have been welcomed

at any time for a year past. Prices of se-curities and of staples alike furnish examples of aggressive strength which are so numer ous as to deserve special mention.

In the iron trade no signs of flagging in-terest are to be discerned, but rather more pronounced activity in new directions. The feature of the week has undoubtedly been the reported placing of an order for \$0,000 tons of steel ralls with an eastern rall mill to go to Siberia. All the strength of prices is maintained and in some lines, notably billets, wire rods, plates and bars, further advances are to be reported. In many lines the country's production seems to be heavily sold ahead and the utmost confidence is ex-pressed as to present values being main-tained or still further increased. In other metals, too, a sympathetic rise is to be

discerned. The foreign demand for cereals continues unabated, any slight reaction in price being

unabated, any slight reaction in price being taken advantage of by foreign buyers. Wheat closes the week with quotations well up to the highest paid this autumn and short sellers of December delivery are reap-ing the benefit of indiscreet speculation. The strength of wheat has been enhanced by sympathy with the growing speculative interest in corn, for which the highest prices paid for three years past have been received.

three years past have been received Speculation in copper and copper stocks has received an impetus this week from rumors of a combination to control the American production. Cotton displays notable strength and the strength for the manufactured product is very firm at the recent advances, print cloths, in fact, being higher than for year past.

Strength and firmness are a feature also of the lumber market, with the possible ex-ception of yellow pine, where keen compe-tition tends to check the advancing tendency shown by other woods. In other lines of general trade and industry reports as a ru re favorable. Wheat, including flour, shipments for th

week aggregate 5.515,231 bushels, again 6,243,859 bushels last week, revised to in clude Portland, Me., 4,757,555 bushels in th corresponding week of 1897, 2,111,702 bushel in 1896, 3,457,991 bushels in 1895 and 1,814

In 1896, 3,457,991 bushels in 1895 and 1,814,-054 bushels in 1894. Since July this year the exports of wheat sugregate 115,236,084 bushels, against 123,-566,647 bushels last year. Corn exports for the week aggregate 4,103,673 bushels, against 3,251,936 bushels last week, 4,879,011 bushels in this week a year ago, 2,468,160 bushels in 1896, 1,839,296 bushels in 1895 and 649,877 bushels in 1894. Since July this year corn smooris aggregate Since July this year corn exports aggregate !

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REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

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Buying of Stocks by the Public Mos Notable Bullish Factor. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- Bradstreet's Fi-

nancial Review tomorrow will say: In view of the recent rises and large stock exchange transactions, it was thought that the market prior to the holidays would become dull and react. The beginning of the week was marked by tendencies which agreed with this estimate, but after the first day or so renewed strength developed and prices were in many cases carried to the

highest yet reached, the activity of specu-lation being shown by the total dealings from Wednesday to Friday, which were well up to 900,000 shares each day. While lead-ing financial interests were active and gave a support to certain specialties, which had a due effect in both startling and maintaining the movement, the buying of stocks by the public was the most notable builish factor of the week. To a large extent the market has been more speculative in char-acter, although the falling off in the bond transactions to around \$5,000,000 each day may account for diminished activity in a number of bond issues where manipu lation has been rather apparent. At the same time it must be admitted that the purchasing on the part of the public was mainly for speculation, an idea that further large advances in stock values are in sight being among the principal influences of the

moment

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TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST General Indications for Nebraski

and Northwestern States, Fair and Colder. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Forecast for

Saturday: For Nebraska-Fair; colder in eastern por

tion; northwest winds. For Iowa-Fair; probably colder; north west winds.

For South Dakota-Generally fair; west to northwest winds.

For Missouri and Kansas-Fair; colder orthwest winds.

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m. STATIONS AND STATE OF

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