THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1899.

A QUEEN'S HIGH TEMPER. New Stories of Wilhelmina of Holland as a Girl.

Since she was a very young child the who will tell everything. Papa made me little princess has had a complete idea of promise not to hide anything from him." "When your papa made you promise that her own importance. She was hardly 5 years old when she had the measies. This he was well," said the queen: "now he is sickness plunged the court in mortal | sick; I forbid you to disturb him." But without answering, the little girl One night, when Queen Emma, anxiety. pressed on toward the door. The queen and worn out with watching the little invalid, had been forced to seek a few minutes of the baroness exchanged desperate looks of

sleep, two old and very exalted noblewomen, | wild fear. Suddenly Queen Emma pushed who were permitted to share the duties of the child back into the room, locked the the queen, sat watching the royal child. door and assuming a majestic air, by no They supposed that she was asleep, and means familiar to her, she stretched forth like the old women that they were, they beher hand and said solemnly: "Princess, the queen of Holland commands you to regan to scheme and indulge forebodings for the future of Holland. There lay the little main in this room and to be silent!" princess, apparently asleep, and there sat The little princess stopped short, reflected

the two haughty old noblewomen gossiping a second and then, making a deep reverand turning their gold spoons in their perence, in which at that time she was drilled dally, she said: fumed tea. Before daybreak Queen Emma

came back to the sick room, and kissing "If it is the queen who orders, I obey," the little girl's feverish fingers, she asked and then turning to the baroness, "I hope," said she, "that such a thing shall not occur her if she was better. "Oh, much better, moederchen," answered the little princess-"and it is well that I am. • • • Only to again!'

"It shall not," said the baroness, "for I think of it! When we realize that between shall have the sorrow this day to put my poor Holland and those frightful Germans resignation into the hands of the queen. I there is only a gouty old codger and my | hope that her highness may very soon have governess better able to please her than young life!"

I have been," and she kept her word in spite of the grief of the little princess, who, Queen Emma, who is a very sweettempered woman and kind-hearted, looked with soft reproach at the noble old frightened watchers, and she proved to them by loved the kind governess. As Wilhelmina grew to be a young lady her silence that there were some good ones, even among "those frightful Germans." As Wilhelmina grew, the king himself con- the question of her toilets became a burn- clever ruse to watch results and had the

table upon which stood a lighted candle. As 'passing pedestrian, says the New York Com-usual, the cat was at his elbow. Suddenly the light went out. Dickens was deeply in-terested in his book, and he proceeded to snow men and bob sleds and slides, but when relight the candle, stroking the cat while he did so. Afterward he remembered that puss had looked at him somewhat reproachfully while she received the caress. It was only the bed? I think I'd like to see it." when the light again became dim that the reason of her mehancholy suddenly dawned upon him. Turning quickly, he found her

ingly. She was lonesome; she wanted to be

A DOG'S STRATEGY. A Good Bone Trick that Proved Suc

"Don may be less active than in his youth," said the owner of an old shepherd dog, "but his intelligence is by no means on the decline. He has been very much annoyed of late by the conduct of a neighbor's dog that is too lazy to bury bones for

its own consumption, but greatly enjoys unearthing the treasures of others. When Don had been cheated out of several of his hoarded stores in this way he evidently meditated over the matter until a bright idea came to him. One day, after dinner,

when the neighbor's dog was out of the way, Don began to dig a hole not far from where I sat watching him. I noticed that he dug the hole unusually deep and in it he deposited a large and highly desirable bone. Then he covered it well over with earth, disappeared for a moment and came trotting back with a small bone which had seen its best days, but was still good enough, 10 notwithstanding her tricks and her temper. Don's opinion, for a thief. This bone he had the heart of a little girl and had always laid on the earth which hid the big one and scraped the earth over it with elaborate care. I was enough interested in this



the boys had gone he sighed a big sigh.

Marian, 4 years old, is a cunning little Mount Vernon girl who attends the Method deliberately putting out the candle with her ist Sunday school, says Truth. Not long since the golden text of the week chanced to be the verse from Matthew commencing, petted, and this was her device for gaining "Let your light so shine." The verse was her end." tried throughout the week to instill into the child's mind not only the words, but their meaning.

When Sunday came the little maid trotted off to Sunday school with her older brothers and sisters and when the teacher asked her for the "golden text" she promptly slid from her seat and convulsed the class by repeating gravely:

"Keep your gas burnin'."



Controversies and Other Matters of Interest.

The good roads section of the League of American Wheelmen report one great achievement this year. It is a resolution passed by a congress of farmers recently held at Fort Worth, Tex., approving the policy of good roads and commending the work of the League of American Wheelmen in that direction. The resolution is regarded as a signal driumph, and very properly so, for it records in black and white the fruits of the year's labors. Its

usefulness cannot be questioned. At a time when the league is harassed with outlaw racers, thousands of dollars tied up in fines unpaid, tracks wihout number on the black list, and racers giving the racing board a continuous frost, a resolution of commendation, neatly framed and hung in the parlor, ought to prove a soothing poultice for the bruises, bodily and mental, which the year inflicted. It is a hot thing for frosty times.

managers. Late reports are to the effect that Sams of Maryland is to enter the race for the presidency, thus leaving the field clear for Keenan and the state ticket. The New York division has endors Keenan and instructed its delegation to vo for the abolition of race control. At pre ent there is very little prospect of th

being accomplished. An unofficial po shows that the national assembly det gates from Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Col rado, Maryland, Indiana, Illinois and N brasks will vote solidly for the retently of racing by the League of American Wheelmen. These states would give 54 votes in favor of racing to none against. Of 47 votes from Pennsylvania, 35, it is estimated, would be against any amendment to drop the sport. In New Jersey the vote is figured at 10 for racing and 5 against; in Massachusetts 25

would favor existing conditions and 9 would vote otherwise. According to these figures the eleven states named want the League of American Wheelmen to retain its intere

in cycle racing. It is further estimated that not more than 300 votes will be cast at the League American Wheelmen assembly in Providence R. I., and since two-thirds of the who vote is necessary to carry a constitution amendment, the number of ballots necessa to defeat the anti-racing amendment wou be about 100. With more than this num

ber already counted upon, not includin possible additional votes from New You and other states, the supporters of racit in the league are beginning to gro jubilant again.

But here the query may be pertinent "How can the league continue to contra racing when practically all the racing men and a majority of the big track associations August



Exposition Period Sees an Increase of Visitors to the Building, but a Falling Off in the Home Circulation.

According to the records of the Omaha Public fibrary the people have been doing less reading during the summer than usual and considerably more sightseeing. The effect of the exposition is very evident in a comparison of the twelve preceding months with the corresponding months of 1897. While the number of visitors to the Byron Reed collection has increased 50 per cent and there is also a marked increase in the patronage of the reading room and reference library, the home circulation of books has decreased by over 3,000, as compared with that of the year before. The changes in each case are largely effected during the big months of the exposition, when the Omaha people were too busily occupied in entertaining their wives' relatives and doing the Midway to devote the usual time to reading, and when thousands of out-of-town visitors im-

and make use of its privileges. The following statistics have been pre-pared by Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian, and are complete with the exception of the last

	HOME CIRC	ULATION
		1897.
2		19,659
2	February	19,941
•	March	21.711
e	April	18.427
5	May	
1	June	16,019
I	July	16.427
1	August	16.886
8	September	14,173
- 11	October	17.439
1	November	19.068
r	December	17,727

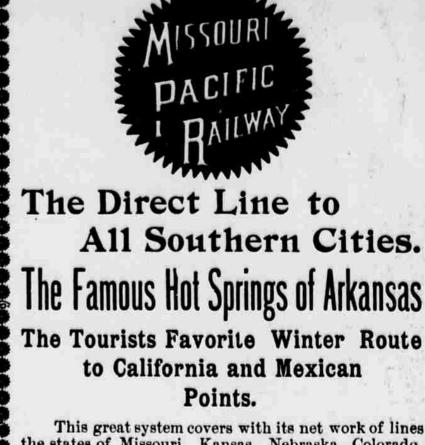
183,334 4,698

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et.	Month. V	lisitors.	Books.	Visitors.	Books
bea	January	2,181	4,633	2,998	4.41
	February March	2,637	4,773	2,497	4,23
ore	March	2,813	5,288	3.442	5,05
es-	April	2,368	4,550	2,411	3,66
at	May	2,065	4,191	1,915	2,71 2,06 1,85
-11	June	1.560	3,101	1,361	2,06
011	June	1.428	2,947	1,730	1.85
le-	August	1.376	2,588	1,853	2.17
10-	September .	1.551	3,023	1.793	2,15
	October	2,449	4.366	2,096	2,57
	November .	2.447	4.350	2,314	3,09
on	October November . December	2,278	3,886	2,208	8,07

... 57,167 8,521

Total number of books now in the 48,640

16	VUILOPS.	1897.	1898.
st	January	3.725	4,281
	February	3,937	4,484
re	March		4,887
1.1.1.1	April		4,975
of	analy second second	3.375	5,061
ce,	June	8,116 3,388	3,878
ale	July		4,730
al	August		3,665
1111	September		3,914
ry	November		4.091
lđ	December	4,249	3,745
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ng	Total		52,104
rk	BYRON REED COLLE	CTION.	
ng	Visitors.	1897.	1898.
w	January	695	1,318
	February	782	1,050
	March	798	1,089
it:	April	541	836
loa	May	383	729
		- (0	110



the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Texas, etc. For pamphlets and information about any of the

above states and territories, apply to your nearest agent, or the following:

1897 and 1898, of the collections and dis-

bursements of the county as recorded by his

greater. Following is the statement:

During the Year.

On January 1 last there were 130 inmates

Of the 137 last reported seventy-four of

the paupers were males and thirty-one fe-

males, and the insane were divided into

fifteen males and seventeen females. Of the

130 at the beginning of the year sixty-three

of the paupers were males and thirty-one

Handsome and Costly Structure Par-

tially Occupied During the

Last Year.

building is almost ready for occupancy.

that the carving will cost \$25,000 and the

The following shows the contract price on

structure.

dynamos \$10.000.

the work of construction:

Pau-

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\$414,865.55.

1898.

1897.

J- O. PHILLIPPI, A. G. F. & P. A. THOS. F. GODFREY, P. & T. A. New offices. S. E. Cor. 14th and Douglas Sts. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts., Omaha, Neb. C. G. WARNER, Vice-Pres. W. B. DODDRIDGE, Genl Mgr. H. C. TOWNSEND Genl. Pass & Tkt. Agent. ST. LOUIS, MO.

CHESS.

ffice. The table gives totals of tax and The prizes to be awarded in the problemmiscellaneous collections, the proceeds from solving tourney now going on may now be announced more definitely. The first prize the sale of bonds and the settlements with the state, city of Omaha, city of South will be "Chess Harmonies," by the noted Omaha and the school districts of the county. American problem composer, Walter Pulitzer, containing a fine collection of problems; the second, "Two Move Chess t shows that in the item of tax and miscellaneous collections \$116,820.62 more was taken in during the last eleven months than for Problems," by B. G. Laws, the celebrated the same period of time the year previous. English composer, and the third, "Chess The total paid out has been \$29,732.28 Problems; Their Composition and Solution." by James Raymer, problem editor of the British Chess Magazine. As stated in this column last Sunday, the first person whose score reaches fifty points will receive first prize, and so on. To receive full credit for of bonds 298,044 93
 Total
 \$1,002,654 96
 \$587,819 41

 Paid to the state.....
 \$137,754 76
 \$136,197 79

 Paid to the city of
 Omaha
 25,166 49
 27,840 32

 Paid to the city of
 South Omaha
 1,100 00
 1,838 25

 Paid to the county
 140 151 54
 108 564 15
 the number of points allowed on each problem, every variation must be given. The White Q at R 2 in problem No. 53 should be a White R. Solvers should govern themselves accordingly. Solution will Paid to the county school districts 140,151 54 108,564 15 be given next week.

Total \$304,172 79 \$274,440 51 The match between a team from the Ne-Thus the school districts of the county are braska Chess association and the Kansas shown to have received \$31,587.89 during the club has been definitely arranged and will elven months of 1898. The total receipts probably begin this week. According to the of the treasury were swelled by the sale of schedule the games will be completed before bonds. The difference in favor of 1898 is June.

em No. 54, by G. C

proved the opportunity to visit the fibrary

two days of December:

League politics continue to agitate the

QUEEN WILHELMINA IN STATE ROBES.

orders and the austerity with which he sur- , tastes were not in harmony with the tastes | successful. Early the next morning the rounded his little presumptive successor to of her child. One day (and it was a day the importance of which she was even then not very long ago) the two royal personages, so well convinced. The princess was taken mother and daughter, were sitting on the for a walk in the woods of Loo every morning, and the old king had issued an order that this promenade was not to be interrupted, no matter what might be the excuse. The governess was under rigid brilliantly beautiful dress goods, and the orders to march at the side of her little young queen looked with longing eyes upon charge during an hour at least. Teacher and pupil were to proceed straight ahead for a certain distance, and then they were to turn and walk back at the same pace.

Instructive and interesting conversation was to enliven the promenade, and there this." was to be no diversion from it; this daily walk was an almost unsupportable bore for the little princess.

One day the Baroness von R-, who was | horror of alpaca!" one of the most amiable women at the at a turn in the path, she came face to was unmoved, replied calmiy: face with her only brother, whom she had not seen for three years. He had just returned from Java and was on his horse on his way to the palace to greet his sister. from the veranda into the salon, and pron-He sprang from his horse and, taking his ing herself on the threshold, she cried: sister in his arms, he covered her cheeks with honest, fraternal kisses. At this spectacle Miss Wilhelmina, who was at that time seven years old, began to sniff in the air and act with so much agitation that the baroness, recovering from her joyful surprise, understood that she had been guilty of misdemeanor, and she hurriedly dismissed her brother, telling him to call on her at the palace. The little princess did not say she entered the salon like a whirlwind of one word, neither did her governess, for she had become very anxious, and in silence the teacher and the pupil began the repast which always awaited them when their daily walk was finished. Suddenly the child, looking out upon the terrace, saw the king riding about in the sun in his rolling chair, drawn by his servant. "There is my father," said Wilhemina. "I am going to tell him what you did in the forest."

Madam von R- caught her by the arm. "You will not do that," said she, much frightened. "You know that the king is very sick and that nothing must disturb him; he might die if you should annoy him I am going myself to tell the queen about

"Mamma?" It was not mamma who gave the orders; it was papa; and it is he whom you have disobeyed."

"Take care!" cried the baroness, who was beside herself with terror-"there will be a terrible scene."

Without one word in answer the little princess went toward the door; but at that of his pets. Williamina, a little white cat, moment her mother came in.

"What is the matter?" she asked, looking hold, but regarded the great author as her in the pale face of the baroness and in the inflamed face of the child.

"Hold back the princess," cried the baroness, "and will your majesty be pleased in her little family of kittens from the to listen to me." But Madamoiselle Wil- | kitchen, one by one. Dickens had them heimina, in the strange language which is taken away, but Williamina brought them used by a child who, though a child, understands things like a woman, began to tell her mother the adventure in the forest. The queen bit her lips; the case was grave and her husband, Wilhelm III, could not hear of it without entering into one of the awful rages she knew too well. She herself would be the one to suffer, for more than once the great cane of the royal study, and made themselves royally at home, spouse had threatened her, and, like the other members of the court, she had, more than once, been forced to make rapid calculations as to the distance between her own body, the cane and the royal arm that

tion.

thief seized what he thought an opportune moment, dug up the worthless bone and scampered away, while later in the day veranda of the chateau when a merchant Don reaped the reward of his wisdom, as he sat munching and crunching the big, jutcy from La Hague arrived with various stuffs bone at his leisure." selected from his stores for the queen to choose from. Among them there were some WHAT OUR PRESIDENTS COST. A Good Round Sum of Money, but Le the silken dress patterns which were spread out to display their artistic colors. The Presidents "come high, but we have got ! queen had arranged a piece of heavy alpaca have them." It costs us \$114,865 a year for in stiff folds over the back of a chair, and she said calmly, "First of all, we will take "found," as our western neighbors say.

The president's finding is rather compre-"No!" cried the young queen. "You may hensive, covering about every possible retake it, perhaps, but I never shall wear quirement of a family. His private secre alpaca, not even in the morning; I have a tary, the clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and steward and three other servants cost

The queen mother, who has strengthened dreary Court of Loo, was taking the cus- ther German phlegmaticism by twenty tingent fund of \$8,000 a year which the presitomary walk with her royal charge when, years' practice in the phlegm of Holland, dent may use according to his discretion.

"We will take this!"

The young queen bounded from her chair. by the direction of the president, is pro-She pulled open the glass door which opens vided by the nation and is always expended. For fuel alone \$3,000 is allowed and for necessary repairs to the greenhouse there "Thank heaven (Dieu Merci!), I shall s \$4,000. Altogether the presidential "finding" ansoon be able to choose my dresses, my

friends, and (turning square upon the ladies nually amounts to the snug sum of \$64,865, of the court who sat at a little distance nearly \$15,000 a year more than his salary. from the queen) my husband also! Ah! If The two aggregate \$114,865. This is an imyou imagine for a moment that I do not posing aggregate, but it is small compared know what you are plotting-all of you!" with other presidents. The president of the And shaking her handsome blonde mauve, French republic receives as salary \$120.000 a which she wore floating upon her shoulders, president rather cheaply, after all. noise and fury.

These are such stories as are current in the capital of Holland. It is impossible to shut them within the four walls of the city. "Is your mamma at home?" asked It is well known why the queen mother is aller of 5-year-old Nellie. anxious; and the loyal subjects of the "No; but she'll be home in a minute," throne of Holland, though they are proud of was the reply. their little queen, look upon her and upon "How do you know ?" inquired the caller. her mother with fear for the future. They "'Cause she said 'bout an hour ago she mourn for the story of the domestic hen, was just going to run over to a neighbor's who, through some strange chance, hatched for a minute," answered Nellie. out the egg of a mountain eagle.

DICKENS' DEAF KITTEN.

A Story of the Great Novelist and His Devotion to Cats.

writing table, and scampering behind the

book shelves, until they were one by one

I, be not afraid." Upon returning home his mother asked: "What was the text At the cat show we ran across an Englishthis morning, Harry?" man who chanced to know many unrecorded takes of Dickens, and during a lull in the The little fellow thought for a moment, "meows" he casually inquired, "Did you then answered: "It's me; don't get know, by the way, that Charles Dickens was scared." devoted to cats? He was indeed a lover of Small Tommy's father had been elected all animals, and frequently became the slave

public post, and the little fellow could not was a great favorite with the entire houseconceal his joy when he heard the news. especial friend. She selected a corner of his awful glad you got elected.' study for her individual property and one day committed the indiscretion of bringing

quietly back. Again they were removed but the third time of their return the little mother did not leave them in the corner. Instead she placed them at her master's feet

"Thereafter the kittens belonged to the wilted flowers in her hand and said: swarming up the curtains, playing about the

cause they is all melted."

given away; all but a poor little deaf one,

ave banded to oppose the League of Amer. can Wheelmen?" Clearly the racing element in the league counting confidently on the fickleness of the riders and the alleged instability of the

Track Owners' association to bring the former in a suppliant mood before Mr. Mott and the racing board. The riders comprising the American Rac-

ing Cyclists' union and the track owners and meet promoters elected to office in the recently formed National Cycling association appear to be quite as determined in the stand they have taken as is Mr. Mott in his. An officer of the National Cycling association said recently that he had assurances that every important cycle track in

a chief executive. His salary is \$50,000 and the eastern states will be enrolled in the National Cycling association before spring and that the new association has the sympathy and support of every race-pro moting club in this section of the country.

"While it is logical to expect that Albert Mott should again be chosen for the chairus \$33,865 a year. Then there is a conmanship of the racing board." says the New York Tribune, "there is reason for thinking he may not be. Mr. Mott has made a good In furniture and repairs to the White official. The place he has held calls for House the sum of \$16,000 more, to be used supervision over an army as large as that of the United States in times of peace, for there are nearly 25,000 riders in the country, and they are scattered over nearly 2,000 tracks. That he has made mistakes can be

ardoned when this is considered. There is a large amount of work connected with his office, and he may desire to retire. Should he not want it again, or if other complications ensue, it appears that the mantle will fall upon Charles W. Mears, now chief consul of Ohio and for two years handlcapper for that state. He is thoroughly informed year, \$32,480 for contingent purposes and a in the requirements of cycle racing, in so far handsome house, rent free. So we get our as a man may be who has not had actual experience on the racing board, and is possessed of sound judgment. He is nervously energetic, and if he gets the same assistance as Mr. Mott has received b should make a good official."

The success of George Banker, the American cyclist, in Europe during the last season

has induced him to remain abroad another season. He is reported to have made more money than any other sprint racer in tax for 1898 was \$6,192.18. America during the last season. Banker was a good attraction in Europe because of the superiority he showed over the best foreign riders. Banker will have a strong rival, however, Eddle Bald having completed plans to race abroad next year. Bald is a faster rider than Banker at some distances and the struggle between these two men for the big end of the purses will interest the devotees of cycle racing abroad.

Professional racing has secured a firm hold in Europe. Until last season the racing center was Paris, but it has moved to Berlin, where the principal events were decided last season. Berlin had races on forty-two days, 179 separate events being decided. More than 2,500 amateur prizes were awarded and the money prizes awarded to professionals is said to have aggregated \$60,000. This is an increase of \$18,000 over last year's figures.

M. Charles Abel Ballif, founder and president of the Touring club of France, an cross of the Legion of Honor. He was forprefect of the Seine, where he served twentyone years. Since his retirement he has worked on committees and commissions and has devoted himself zealously to the cause of

body, the cane and the royal arm that wielded it. "Sit down and finish your breakfast. I will tell the king," she said to her daughter. "No," said the little princess, "it is I

1,240 728 568 Total 8,736 12,221 under Superintendent George M. Wright's DOUGLAS COUNTY FINANCES charge at the county hospital. The last monthly report showed 137. For the twelve How the County is Assessed, Wha months the number has run as follows:
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 Month.
 Total.
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 January
 130
 80
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 February
 141
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 March
 143
 87
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 April
 149
 95
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 May
 140
 84
 56

 June
 133
 80
 59

 July
 146
 87
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 July
 146
 89
 56

 Beptember
 149
 93
 56

 October
 149
 91
 58

 November
 153
 95
 58

 December
 137
 89
 48

Its Bonded Debt is and How the Taxes Are Divided.

For the first time a detailed statement of the finances of Doughas county has been compiled and tabulated officially. This has been the work of E. G. Solomon, chief clerk of the tax department. Owing to the petuliar operation of the revenue law, however, the total assessed valuation of Douglat county is given as \$21,023,552.41, although the assessed valuation of Omaha for purposes of city taxation is over \$35,000,000 Estimating the county's assessed valuation at one-seventh of its actual value, the actual value would be \$150.000.000. The bonded indebtedness of the county amounts to \$975,-

females; seventeen of the insane were males Omaha's proportion of the county's asand nineteen females. sessed valuation is put at \$16,791,572.98. During the year 320 persons were admitted South Omaha's at \$1,741,621.29 and the rest altogether and 275 were discharged and of the county \$2,490,358.14. The following table will give an idea of the different birty-eight deaths. branches of property as valued by the county:

Personal property: Class Valuation

elegraph companies alace car companies\$17,077.067

23% mills, or \$555,697.56. Of this the state fevy of 7% mills amounted to \$160,304.59 and the county levy of 151/2 mills amounted to \$325.865.06. The school tax for the sixty-one districts

outside of Omaha amounted to \$53,650.32. The bonded indebtedness of these sixty-one districts is \$25,375. The total school bond

The \$975,000 bonded indebtedness of the county is segregated as follows: Per Ct. Amount. When due. Class.

5 (\$268.000.00 July 2, 1907 5 158.000.00 July 1, 1911 446 150.000.00 July 1, 1911 446 119.000.00 July 1, 1912 441 119.000.00 Jan. 1, 1915 Refunding Funding mprovement xpositio Douglas add 416 180,000.00 Jan. 1, 1918

Received and Expended for County Schools

Somo figures supplied by County Superin tendent Bodwell show a very favorable comparison for 1898 over 1897. The receipts and expenditures for the two years have been as follows: \$632,416.76

Difference \$ 60,741.17 \$ 55,356.38 Though the amount left on hand, \$55,355.38 for 1898, is less than that, \$60,741.17 left over from 1897, still the comparison shows

there was \$143,916.06 more expended in various ways for school improvement. The of this county was \$25,752.23 larger, that for being \$87,156.06. Eighty-two more teachers have been employed and the total school enrollment is about 200 larger.

Drainage ditch Plumbing Interior finish, plastering, etc.... 1 Silewalks, curbing and sodding... Heating and ventilating system... Automatic heat regulating system... Two passenger elevators, one mail lift, one ash aft... Tower clock and bell... Marble work Marble morals floors COUNTY TREASURY COLLECTIONS. Comparison for Eleven Months Favors

RECORD OF COUNTY HOSPITALS. problem in the contest, five points for correct solution in full. White to play and mate in Number of Inmates Increases Slightly two moves:

BLACK.



TOLD OUT OF COURT.

"Don't know how to plead, don't you?" scowled the Detroit judge. "Did you or did you not steal these chickens as charged?"

"No, sah, an' I kin proob it, sah." "That's your privilege."

"Yes, sah, an' I kin bring fo'ty ob de best transferred. There were seven births and em'men in my neighbo'hood to sw'ar to my cha'acta', sah. Don't dat papah done say dey was a dozen chickens an' eight wa OUR NEW FEDERAL BUILDING

"You are right?"

"Yes, sah, I is right. An' ebery one ob lem gem'men will sw'ar on dey solemn oaf dat I neber raided no hen roos' yet I didn't lif' every pullet on de pe'ch, sah. Dat's no job ob mine."

Some ten years ago it became apparent that a larger and better United States court Civil Justice McKean of New York City house, customs house and postoffice building proved that he knows all about woman's was a necessity and steps were taken to apparel Tuesday. Miss Louise Baylos, a scure its erection. It was decided to erect iressmaker, sued Mrs. C. R. Hammesley for the structure at Sixteenth and Dodge streets \$70 for making a black cloth dress which and an entire block was eventually secured Mrs. Hammesley had ordered. for this purpose. November 14, 1891, the

"Mrs. Hammesley wore the dress to the contract for the excavating was awarded, theater and told me every one admired it." the sum of \$1,300,000 having been previously said the dressmaker to Justice McKeen. appropriated for the building and the site. "Then she sent it to me to be altered. We since then the work of construction has altered it. She returned it again with a progressed until now, when the entire letter saying it was a perfect botch. We sent it again to her and her messenger On February 22 the postoffice moved into

brought it back, threw it in the hallway the new building, occupying the entire lower and left it there.' floor. During the next two months the "Three times I tried on that dress," said other government offices will move into the

Mrs. Hammesley. "Each time I stood for an hour and a half—a severe strain on my strength, your honor. The dress did not fit The new government building is constructed of granite and is three full stories me; it was much too tight. I wore it on in height. The court rooms will be finished the street and almost fell." in marble, stucco and East India marble.

"Just examine this dress, your honor." Mosai. floors are laid in all the corridors cried Miss Baylos eagerly.

and about the elevator landings. In the con-"I can't tell whether it fits unless I see struction of the building were used over it on," answered the cautious judge. ,000 tons of granite, costing the sum of

Urged by her lawyer, Mrs. Hammesley \$193,000; 900 tons of steel and 7,000,000 brick. and her mother retired to an antercom, The contracts, amounting to \$580,511, were where Mrs. Hammesley put on the dress secured by Omaha parties. The total amount expended to date aggregates the and the justice was called in to judge of its fit.

um of \$753,235.30, exclusive of the \$400,000 "The waist does not fit her." said the expaid for the site. At this time there are pert justice, so it returning to the bench. contracts aggregating \$40,000 that are un-"It's too small. The sleeves are too tight, completed. With the exception of those for the trimming is not on right and the skirt carving the granite and putting in dynamos, is-well, the s'dri does uot fit, either.' all contracts have been let. It is estimated

"I have an expert here, too, your honor, and I would like him to judge of its fit. That's my right, I think." said Miss Baylos' lawyer.

"It is," said the upright judge. "Will Foundations and basement walls .. \$ 91,046.00 you put on the dress again, Mrs. Hammes-ley?"

 Foundations and black work super-structure
 294,014,54

 Structure
 294,014,54

 Btructural iron work
 40,029,00

 Fireproof floor arches, partitions
 38,422,79

 Drainage ditch
 4,710,75

 Plumble
 4,700,75

 "I certainly will not, your honor, I would like to settle the case right here. I will pay \$25 to the dressmaker and permit her 4.710.75 to keep the dress."

166,859.00 19,000.00 36,000.00 3,250.00 Miss Baylos accepted this offer, and all retired, much marveling at the justice's knowledge.

10,000.00 When you ask for De Witt's Witch-Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by 2,760.00 this than all others combined.

Statement Manual County Palacence -----

that the receipts being greater by \$138,630.27, organization of bicyclists, has received the apportionment from the state for the schools merly a deputy chief of the office of the 1897 having been \$61,403.83, and that for 1898

bicycling.

commander of the Grand Army of the Re-

Little Minule, who had been spending the

and taking her stand beside them looked imploringly up at him. That settled the ques-

Than Other Rulers.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little 5-year-old Harry accompanied his

father to church one Sabbath morning, and

the minister preached from the text, " 'Tis

A small boy who has been ill for many

"Oh, papa!" he exclaimed; "I'm just "Thank you, my son," said the father, "but why are you so glad?" "Because now you'll have all the soldiers at your funeral." answered Tommy.

afternoon at a neighbor's, was presented with a bouquet of beautiful flowers. Upon

"I dess I'll frow 'em away now, mamma,

weeks was well-nigh frantic the other day

her arrival at home her mother told her to put them in a vase filled with water and they would keep fresh for several days. A few days later Minnie appeared with the