Popular Nebraska Congressman Recounts What He Saw Across the Water.

THINKS AMERICA A PRETTY GUOD PLACE

Did Not See a Magara Falls Nor a Youemite Valley Over There-American Labor in Demand In Russin-Better Paid Here.

returned from an extended European trip with Mrs. Mercer and, in speakfulfilled my vow by visiting the southern part of the country, I felt at liberty to see the sights on the continent. Many people do not vieit the interesting spots in their own country before they go abroad and On consequently are unable to contrast and compare the old world with the new. The trip we took was a sort of a circular one, as we visited Greece, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Servia, Bulgaria, Austro-Hungary, Bohemia, Germany, Switzerland Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and also touched on the island of Korfu, a Grecian possession

in the Adriatic. "Wherever we went we were impressed by the age of things and by the improvements made by long periods of toil. The public reads, street paving, as well as painting and sculpture all denoted the work of centuries, the slow accumulation of time. In Italy, where was formerly the home of painting and sculpture, we noted a stagnation in those lines of art, the people of that land seemingly being willing to rest on the laurels won in the past while, on the other hand, in Russia there was great activity in those branches and some of the best work of modern times is to be seen, comparing favorably with anything of the kind in the

"The galleries at St. Petersburg are filled with the best specimens of modern art, many banks of the Missouri river in Nebraska, but most of it is very old and has a polish given by age that is not obtainable by artists who are carving in the present time, There seems to be little progress in the arts now, although many artists are at work in proved abortive. the studies and the shops, and the country is full of students whose work compares with the best done by Italians who once led the world in the art of the sculptor.

Dug Out of the Past.

"Italy is like one vast vineyard, for the country is given over almost exclusively to the cultivation of grapes and the making of wines. The land is dotted with ruins of cities: seats of once famous republics which are once more, after the lapse of many ages, He said his house was not able to supply His assertion is a stigma upon the Jews regaining something of their former prestige through modern improvements. Naples is one of these cities, situated as it is on a fine bay, and back of it Vesuvius-the continual terror of the inhabitants-forever belching forth great volumes of black smoke and painting the sky a lurid red with its boiling and seething lava. Near here are the ruins of the ill-fated city of Pompell, once buried out of sight beneath an avalanche of ashes and lava. We saw here the streets of the city restored; the buildings excavated from the past, and were enabled to distinguish the one sort of building from the other; the bakery from the dwelling house; the lawyer's office from the It were done but yesterday and saw ruts in the stone-paved streets where carriages had worn them in the years gone by.

"The streets were narrow like many of Herculaneum was also an interesting spot. It, too, was buried by an eruption of Vesuvius, but has not been excavated, and over its buried streets a modern city has been

"Naples is a city fast becoming modernized, with its wide streets, paving, streetcars and large buildings. The country between it and Rome is given up principally to agriculture, and white oxen with long horns seems to be the only beasts of burden used. The soil is reddish in color and quite productive yet. The country is cities upon mountain-tops, relies of feudal days, which is a great inconvenience in modern times, as it is almost impossible to build railways to the tops of the mountains and it costs too much for the people to remove their houses and buildings down to the foot. Many of the cities are walled, and the sight of them takes you back to the time of the battering ram and the attacks of nomadic

'Rome, too, is modernizing rapidly with its street-cars, its pavements and its large railway station and handsome public buildings. She still keeps her walls about her however, and no one is allowed to enter with merchandise for sale until he has been to the tax-gatherer at the gate, who makes an examination and levies a percentage on the cargo. I noticed the tax-gatherers were on the lookout for smuggling, and every farmer who came to the gates was rigidly examined, and if he had sacks of grain or other substances they were run through with a sharp sword to see if any contraband articles were concealed there the examiner seeming to take a savage de light in tearing things as much as possible in pursuance of his duty.

"The taxes of Rome are very heavy, a may be realized when granulated sugar is worth almost 17 cents per pound. The city is filled with rich churches and cathedrale and they in turn are full of priceless paintings and pieces of sculpture-the relics of glorious past, representing millions of dollars in wealth.

"Beside Naples and Rome we went to



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MERCER TALKS OF EUROPE Stringles and Pisa. In the latter place we but Paris would parish without France. The REORGANIZATION OF THE CULF of sheep numbering 1,727 belonging to Taylor tower once accounted one of the seven progressive and do a large portion of the

every canvas being of rare merit. Venice Disappointing at First.

"Venice, once the queen of the seas, dispointed us at first eight. As we left the railway station and took a gondola up the Grand canal to our hotel, we were forcibly Holland the people have pumped up seas of reminded of a Missourl river town during flood time. It recalled to my mind the town of Phelps, in Missouri, during the high water of 1881, when the sidewalks and de-Congressman David H. Mercer recently bris of the streets went floating around the problem of transatlantic travel will be on the murky tide. This may seem a harsh solved by these enterprising people. We cancriticism, but it struck me that way at not bridge and dare not tunnel, so it is left ing of his travels, he said: "After congress first. I found later, however, the longer I for the Hollanders to pump the Atlantic adjourned, in consequence of the advice of stayed the more regret I felt at the idea dry and thus make a highway. physicians who told me my wife must have of departure. Upon closer examination the "Parts of England, Scotlan ocean travel in order to benefit her health, buildings, which looked so old, were found reminded me of a garden with hedges of ivy I determined to take a trip to Europe. I to be constructed of the finest marble, coated between the little fields. There was beautihad always said I would never cross the with the blackness of age, it is true, but ful scenery there and many interesting waters until I had visited every state and ornamented by some of the most exquisite things to be seen. London is enormous, like territory in the United States and, having carvings of the master minds of the past. the hub of the universe, with its lines of Many of the buildings seemed vacant and water travel converging from all quarters there were not many signs of progress of the earth. But I am certain that in fifty in the old city. St. Mark's square is per-haps one of the finest squares in the world. lantic and New York will be the queen of St. Mark's cathedral.

as it is on a sightly hill. There is a har- more is the pity. mony and fine taste in the architecture of Greece that pleases the modern eye. Greece is that we in the United States have many April, 1899. To the holders of the stock body, from the free and easy-going occupant in many respects reminds one of the so- advantages and comforts denied to the infrom which branches droop, laden with a although I saw many beautiful cataracts. I luxuriant growth of fruit. The trees are did not find a Yosemite valley nor a Grand surrounded with holes in the ground in canyon. I think we Americans are too prone which water is kept for irrigation purposes to visit Europe and rave over the scenery to keep them alive. It is absolutely necessary to irrigate in that country and the home which we have never seen." most primitive methods are in vogue. 1 saw many men driving mules hitched to beams, which operated rotary pumps. The water was brought to the surface and turned into ditches that cross-sectioned the small patches of land owned by the farmers. "I was amused in Athens to find that

everything mean and bad was laid to the Turk. If I pointed out a ruin or an unsightly object, the Athenians at once said of which were exhibited at the World's fair it had been done by the Turks. The city in Chicago. In Italy marble statuary is as is troubled for a sufficient supply of water, common as cottonwood trees along the there being such a scarcity the streets are frequently not sprinkled and the inhabitants oftentimes suffer for want of water. An attempt has been made to pipe water from a lake some distance away, but the capital necessary not forthcoming, the scheme

Want American Machinery.

"Russia is of interest, especially to the United States, for the reason that she is being pointed out ac a possible rival in the agricultural pursuits on account of her great wheat-raising areas. I met an American returning from Siberia, the great wheat country, and he told me he had just taken Herald that Jacob Marks declares that all an order for \$360,000 worth of American mowing machines to be sent to Siberia. Marks doesn't know what he is talking about. capable of doing anything they are called resent it. Everybody knows that the Jews upon to do and are greatly in demand, not are good citizens of Omaha-and are intellionly on account of their lightness, but for the workmanlike manner in which they of these people in his pocket. The only are put together and the quality of work they do.

"The government is trying to move the population from the thickly settled portions to Siberia and offers inducements, but not with the generosity our own government showed when it passed the homestead law. The bonus there is simply the use of the land free of rent for five years. The country is rich in gold and silver and precious bath. We saw rooms with frescoing on stones. I hardly think she will ever be their walls that looked as fresh as though able to compete successfully, either in the manufacture of machinery or in the raising of wheat and other cereals. Our own land is not yet settled—there are millions of Harney street with appropriate ceremonies. the European cities of today and the paving are homes for many thousand yet here in this land. Neither Russia nor England has the business facilities of thic country. Besides the demand from Russia for our Germany, Scandinavia and Egypt for Amerdemand comes for the reason that they Wagner-Thomas sang a solo. are of better grade and again because of the rapidity with which the orders are

> "We were much interested by our visit to Finland, with its progressive capital, Helsingfors, and its modern improvements. extreme interest, with its wild scenery and merry close. its many waterfalls. Stockholm and Christiania are beautiful cities, full of modern buildings and progressive enterprises. In houses had five and six. There were two and indigestion. companies, one owned by the government and the other by a syndicate, and compe tition is great. The rental is nominal. also noticed that trusts abounded not only here, but over Europe to a great extent, there being many signs reading like 'John Jones & Co., Limited.' In some countries the government owns the railways, but it often happens that the interest is not shown in the enterprise that would be were fore are not as successful as they might

"While the railway facilities in the old were in use long before the railways came into being. The fine roadways were the reand what could we not do in a thousand years here? From Scandinavia, Germany and Great Britain the excuse for emigration is the fact that they are too densely populated. Every inch of available land is tilled and still there is not enough to support the people. On the continent wemen labor along with the men in the

Emperor William Progressive.

"Berlin is more like an American city han many I saw, and is full of fine improvements and progressive ideas. I liked than many I saw, and is full of fine improvements and progressive ideas. I liked the city ever so much. In this connection I might add I caught sight of Emperor William at Bergen, although I did not have an opportunity to speak to him. From what I was able to learn he seems like a live king and one who is determined to learn all he life can from whatsoever source. He visits the shops and the manufacturing e tablishments and wants to learn everything possible. He desires to make Germany progressive and travels about over Europe in search of ideas for the betterment of his peaple. I hope the time is not long distant when he will visit America, and I am sure the American people will give him a warm

welcome should he come here. "Labor is much better paid in the United States than abroad. There is so little work that it must be divided among a good many, An American man will do in one day what is given to three or four over there. For instance, in building we draw mortar and bricks to the upper stories with pulleys. Over there they build ladders on the scaffolding and men or women carry it up. "France, like Italy, is full of vineyards. The middle classes, prosperous and seem-

ingly satisfied, are the salvation of the

wonders of the world. In Florence we saw business of the city. If the men were half many beautiful works of art, the Uffico gal- as quick witted and public spirited there lery being one of the finest in the world, would be less fault to find there. The ex-It is noted for the fact that there is little position, now being built, will be great, but chaff in the collection of paintings, nearly the site is not so beautiful nor are the plans o extensive as was that of the World's fair. When I was there the Dreyfus affair seemed likely to bring disaster to the big

undertaking. "Belgium and Holland are interesting ountries, full of dairies and windmills. In water in order to find land to till, and it is even hinted that they are contemplating pumping the Zuyder Zee dry in order to secure more land to cultivate. It may be

"Parts of England, Scotland and Ireland one side is the dignified and beautiful the seas and the center of the world. The people of London live in apartment houses sas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad com-The ruins of Rome do not compare with and are jammed into small homes. They pany will give 75 per cent (\$750) in first those of Athens, with its acropolis, situated lack the home comforts we have in America,

# FUSION MEETING A FIZZLE

and Fail to Appear at Bennington.

A "grand" fusion rally was extereively ad-M. Hitchcock and I. J. Dunn were among road company. the confusioniets, concluded that it would common stock. all disappointed, was consoled by two fusion | will be given 75 per cent common stock. candidates-Abbett and Swoboda-who made the usual pereonal appeal for votes.

Jews Vote for the Best Men. OMAHA, Nov. 5 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I have twice noticed in the Worldthe Hebrews will vote the fusion ticket. gent people-and nobody carries the vote vote that Marks can claim is his own. No man can buy Jewish votes. They vote for the best men. There are no Hebrew political clubs to influence them one way or the

#### OMAHA GERMANS CELEBRATE

Four Hundred and Sixth Anniversary of Landing in United States Duly Observed.

The 406th anniversary of the landing of the Germans in the United States was cele- changes as soon as practicable. brated Sunday night at Turner hall on acres that have not been tilled and there There was a large crowd present and the hall plants. A program of much interest was machinery there is also a demand from W. F. Stoecker made the welcome address, ican-made locomotives and steel rails. The J. Renner made a good speech and Madame treasury. which contained a fine poem by A. Rau. Dr.

N. Gonner of Dubuque, Ia., made the principal address of the evening, which was an eloquent one. The Orpheus society sang a song later and the whole audience sang "Die Wacht Am Rhein" at the close. A ball, in which the young people entered with The trip through Scandinavia was full of gladness, brought the day's festivities to a

Dr. H. H. Haden, Summit, Ala., says: "I think Kodol Dyepepsia Cure is a splendid Stockholm I noticed the use of the tele- medicine. I prescribe it, and my confidence phone especially, there being two and three in it grows with continued use." It digests in many of the houses and some business what you eat and quickly cures dyspepsia

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

Joe Wheeler and Oscar Green, members of the Green-Wheeler Shoe company at Fort Dodge, Ia., are in the city. Mr. Wheeler, they under private ownership, and there- at the same time devotes his entire attention while being the junior member of the firm to work on the road and is one of the most popular traveling men in the west. Businoss, he says, starts out more promisingly country did not seem as great as in the this fall than ever before and the house has United States, yet wagon roads appeared so much work to do from its old-time cusmuch superior. This is due to the fact the tomers that Mr. Wheeler says he is unable countries are very old and wagon roads to open acounts with new firms. Both Messrs, Green and Wheeler are jubilant over the opening of the Fort Dodge-Omaha exsult of perhaps a thousand years' work tension of the Illinois Central, as it gives the progressive little manufacturing city of Fort Dodge direct communication, through Omaha, with the entire western field.

> Personal Paragraphs. Senator Thurston left for Washington last

J. L. Doody, real estate man of Albion, la, visited The Bee building Sunday. He waiting to welcome the Fifty-first lowa

William Riggles of Murray, Ia., came to town Sunday to see the sights. Late in the evening he perambulated down Dodge street and was met by a couple of hale fellows well met. They suggested a can of beer. He fell in with the idea. After he drank the beer he felt queer and later found he had been relieved of \$25 in cash. He told his troubles to the police and they went out to look for the culprits. They had not gone far until they found two men who answered the description given by Riggles and they landed the men in Jail. They gave the names of Callahan and Butler, but denied all knowledge of Riggles or his money. lows Man Relieved of Money.

Tin Pinte Trust to Get Charter. Tin Plate Trust to Get Charter.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 5.—A charter will be secured in West Virginia tomorrow for the National Tinplate company, with an authorized capital of \$3,960,600. The incorporators will be: Judge James A. Beaver, former governor of Pennsylvania; State Senator Nelson E. Whitaker, Wheeling; William Rodgers, Leechburg, Pa.; J. C. McDowell, vice president Philadelphia company, Pittsburg; W. E. Tustin, Pittsburg, and A. B. Daly and Charles Daly, Wheeling,

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

ingly satisfied, are the salvation of the country. It has been said Paris is France, but France could well live without Paris, their home, 812 North Thirty-third street.

Modified Plan for an Entire Reissue o Securities of the Road.

INTENDED TO CREATE UNIFIED SYSTEM

Property is to Be Ender a Five-Year Voting Trust Comprising Seven Members-Syndiente to Pur-

chase New Bonds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 .- A synopsis of the modified form of the reorganization of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad has been given out by Max Pam, counsel to the so-called Philadelphia reorganization com-

Under this plan the entire issue of securities is as follows: First mortgage 3 per cent fifty-year gold bonds covering the entire system, including terminals, \$30,000,000 new preferred stock, likewise covering the entire system, \$21,000,000; new common stock likewise covering the entire system,

These will be distributed as follows: To the holders of first mortgage bonds of Kanmortgage fifty-year bonds and 50 per cent ever given in Omaha is that offered by this (\$500) par value of new preferred stock and veteran duo of exponents of the minstrel's "The conclusion I draw after a trip abroad payment in cash of the overdue coupon of art. There is entertainment to please every of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railcalled desert of the west, as it is very habitants of other lands, but we do not know road there will be given in payment of a attends theatrical performances upon Sundry. It is rich in figs and olives, the groves all there is, nor have we all the advantages \$10 assessment on each share one share of day nights, but who is frequently seen in of the latter trees being of great age, some in the world. There are many lessons to be new common stock and one-tenth of a share the week-night audiences. There is nothing trees being 2,000 years old. The gnarled learned from the old countries. We may of new preferred stock for each \$10 paid, said or done at which anyone could take trunks, some of them three and four feet learn conservatism there and patience. While To the holders of the bonds of the Kansas in diameter, are split in five or six sections I was away I did not find a Niagara Falls. City Suburban Belt company, aggregating \$1,000,000, there will be given 135 per cent (\$1,330) in new 3 per cent gold bonds and 25 per cent (\$250), par value, new preferred which represents the interior court of the

> To the holders of the bonds of the new Hitchcock and Dunn Give Up Contest aggregating \$3,050,000, there will be given 100 nition for their efforts to entertain in the

be a waste of elequence to speak at the To the holders of the stock of the Port

To Create a Unified System.

Gates, William Edenborn, Herman Sielcken, songs ever written. John Lambert, Samuel-R. Shipley, Louis Fitzgerald and James Stillman. According to Mr. Pam's statement, the

acceptance by all the security holders. The reorganization is to proceed under the direction of the Philadelphia committee as con-

The Mercantile Trust company of this pository and the Amsterdamsche bank has been added as the Amsterdam depository. The certificates of depositories will be listed on the New York and Philadelphia exchanges as soon as practicable.

THE BILL.

Hungarian Boys Military band, Stephens and Taylor, musical comedians; Hadj. Lessik Fatima, gun spinner; Seymour and Dupree, dancing and musical due; Joseph of Bell. trapeze performer; Armstrong and Cassidy, comedy sketch team; Francklyn Williams. city has been added as the New York de-

It is also announced that a syndicate has been formed which will purchase \$3,900,000 of new bends and \$3,000,000 of new pregiven. The first thing was a song by the ample cash to discharge all its obligations securities not used in the reorganization plan as agreed on are to remain in the

## Nearly Three Million Dollars in Ex-

cess of Last Year's Report. ST. PAUL, Nov. 5 .- The annual report of the Great Northern railway shows a total the reduction of wheat rates on account of which went to the profit of the farmer.

to carry the total earnings of the fiscal dered selections from the opera ment of the line.

Nothing, perhaps, better illustrates the the total weight of four years ago.

Twin Cities and the head of Lake Superior.

### FORTUNE FOR DAY LABORER

Victor Matson of Houghton, Mich., given by these boys nightly. Notified that He is Heir to Fam-Hy Estate in Finland.

HOUGHTON, Mich. Nov. 5 .- Victor Matestate, valued at 500,000 marks.

was disowned. He came to America, was married and for a time was prosperous, ater was packed to overflowing, over 300 Gradually, however, he lapsed into his old habits and lost position after position, management states that the attendance is finally being compelled to labor on the streets for a bare living, while his wife and single performance since its opening. children became dependent on charity. When Matson received the letter an-

nouncing his inheritance he at once hunted up his destitute family and in the presence of Municipal Judge Curtis first took the pledge and then turned over his inheritance

#### STEAL SHEEP BY THOUSAND

State Senator Phillips and Deputy Sheriff Green of Great Falls, Mont., Bound Over.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 5 .- A special to the Times from Great Falls, Mont., says: Something of a sensation has been caused by the arrest in Chateau county of State Senator Phillips and Deputy Sheriff Green on the charge of sheep stealing. It is al-

examination, both men were held in \$2,000

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## ...AMUSEMENTS...

Primrose & Dockstader presenting at Boyd's theater a modern minstrel per-formance in black face. THE COMPANY. Interlocutor ..... Interlocutor James Tenbrooke
Bones George Primrose
Lew Sully
Tambourines Lew Dockstader
Larry Dooley
Manuel Romain
Will Redmond

Harry Ernest James Tenbrooke Charles Kent Vocal Choir ..... George Trewellyn
Edward Hanson
B. S. Carnes
John Pieri
Specialty number by Juggling Johnsons.

One of the cleanest, most modern and thoroughly artistic minstrel performances of the gallery to the church-goer who never the slightest offense. It is the sort of performance that is bound to elevate minstrelsy The first part introduces a beautiful pic

ture in its opening. The stage setting mastodon senate, is indeed artistic and effective. The audience Sunday night was unterminal company, the Consolidatde Ter- usually large, in fact the largest of the minal company and the Kansas City & Inde- season, and thoroughly appreciative. None pendence Air Line company, being part of of the performers were allowed to leave the per cent (\$1,000) of the new 3 per cent bonds shape of demonstrative applause. Lew and 25 per cent (\$250) new preferred stock. Dockstader, who is today without a doubt the To the holders of the capital stock of the most capable minstrel upon the stage, makes Kansas City Property Valued at Half-Kansas City Belt system, including all lines, his usual tremendous hit. He has a batch certised to take place in Bennington last aggregating \$4,050,000, there will be given of new stories, good comic songs and witty night and as a result a small crowd gath- 25 per cent (\$250) new preferred stock and sayings. His reference to local affairs of ered to listen to the popocratic orators. G. 75 per cent (\$750) common stock of the rail- interest in his comic songs and remarks almost convulsed the audience and brought the speakers announced, but they did not | To the holders of the Port Arthur Chan- forth an uproar of applause. George Primappear. It was understood among the assembly that Hitchcock and Dunn, having be000, there will be given 50 per cent (\$500) new tion from the audience and was compelled come convinced that the election is lost to 3 per cent bonds, 50 per cent (\$500) new to answer a half dozen encores to each of his songs.

The real feature of the performance is Bennington meeting. The assembly, if at Arthur Channel and Dock company there the closing scene of the first part. It all disappointed, was consoled by two fusion will be given 75 per cent common stock. troduces some remarkable electrical effects. The opening part of the scene shows the The synopsis states that it is intended exterior of a church and the choir is heard to create a unified system, ownership and singing inside. The lights in the theater title to the main line with both terminals, are extinguished and through the doors of to half a block of other buildings on Main and that the morigage, securing the new the church may be seen the organist seated bonds and the new preferred and common at his organ and the choir boy standing stocks to be issued shall cover the entire near. Both are clothed in the vestments unified system. The property is to be under of the church and to the accompaniment of the control of a five-year voting trust, com- the organ the choir boy renders "The the demand. The American machines are and I, for one, and many others indignantly prising seven members, as follows: John W. Palms," one of the most beautiful sacred

> Another feature is the closing act of the performance, which consists of club swinging by the four Johnsons, youths who plan as modified has been submitted to the handle Indian clubs in a dexterous man-New York committee and unanimously ap- ner, juggling them in all sorts of seemproved by it and it has recommended its lingly impossible positions. The act is finished, refined and decidedly artistic. The engagement closes tonight.

> > Vandeville. Regular weekly change of bill at the Creighton-Orpheum.
> > THE BILL.

Wallace, tenor.

Of the many strong features offered by the management of this popular amusement was handsomely decorated with flags and ferred stock, also will underwrite the \$10 resort since opening as a vaudeville theater, assessment so as to give the new company the Hungarian Boys' Military band, which leads this week's bill, is without doubt the Orpheus club, which was highly appreciated. and supply adequate working capital. All greatest musical attraction. The band is composed of about forty youths, ranging in years from 6 to 17. They are all of Hungarian birth and have been in this country less than two years. All of the lads are GREAT NORTHERN EARNINGS LARGE capable musicians, each having been given a thorough musical education by the government of Austro-Hungary. The finish of their performance would do credit to many organizations made up of musicians much more advanced in years and experience. trackage in the system of 5.850 miles, an in- Yesterday's program included three numcrease of 299 miles since the last report. It bers, besides several encores, which were was estimated in the report last year that graciously responded to. The first number was a march, "Graf Garaffa," by Komzak, the opening of the new Fosston & Duluth which was rendered with a true military line would reduce the revenue about \$1,000,- dash and spirit. Following it came Suppe's 900. This year's report shows the reduction well known overture "Light Cavalry," a to be a little over \$875,000, the average re- most difficult selection, and it was almost duction amounting to 11/2 cents per bushel, faultlessly rendered by these really wonderful musicians. Several national airs were There was a general reduction in all rates, offered in response to applause and they but the increase in business was sufficient were followed by a number of well renyear to nearly \$3,000,000 in excess of last Hood." The performance was closed with year, most of which was used in the better- | the rendition of "Clorindy," one of the popular ragtime compositions.

The band presents a most striking pic growth of the territory traversed by the ture upon the stage. The performers, clad road than the increase in the amount of in their natty, gilt-trimmed red uniforms, mail carried, which exceeds by 50 per cent with black plush capes, edged with white lamb's wool, nickel-plated side arms, high About November 12 the company will open tan boots and white ploomed red and black up its new line from St. Paul to Duluth, shaccos, look every inch the little soldiers This will be the shortest route between the they are. Their musical program will be changed every other night, and those who have been used to attending and enjoying the Bellstedt concerts at the exposition during the summer will find it quite a similar pleasure in listening to the short concert

The band is under the leadership of Prof. Schilzonyi Nicklos of the Hungarian army. The balance of the week's program is made up of acts that are all entertaining on, a scion of one of the oldest and wealth- and quite diversified in makeup. There is iest families of Finland and a graduate of a any amount of good comedy, some acrobatic university of his native land, but who has work, singing and dancing, a good sketch been a day-laborer here for some time, and some clever trapeze performing. At today received a letter from Finland noti- Sunday's matinee performance Joseph fying him that by the death of his father D'Bell, who works upon a trapeze sus he had fallen heir to the entire family pended twenty feet above the stage floor, lost his hold while performing a difficult An hour later Matson had formally as- feat and fell to the floor backward. His signed the estate to his wife and as soon as agility saved him, however, for he turned arrangements can be made Matson, with his quickly in the air and alighted upon his family, will return to Helsingfors, the hands and knees. As it was he suffered capital of Finland, where the estate is sit- only a slight cut on the knee and bruisuated. Several years ago Maison, then a on his hand. He resumed his act at once university student, fell into bad habits and doing his work with wonderful rapidity. At Sunday night's performance the the

> people being seated upon the stage. The the largest enjoyed by the theater at





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# LOFTY BUILDINGS IN RUINS stock of the Emerich Dry Goods company was gaved and the building occupied by the

Million Dollars Destroyed.

FIRE STARTS IN LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE

Several Five and Six-Story Structures Are Consumed and Firemen Have Narrow Escapes from Fall-

ing Walls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 5.-Half a million dollars worth of property was destroyed after midnight by fire that started in Jones Bros.' big department store on North Main and Sixth streets and spread and Walnut streets. The aggregate insurance is estimated at \$375,000. The heaviest day, with 700 bales of cotton. Less, \$60,000. losers are Jones Bros., who estimate their stock, which was totally destroyed, as worth \$300,000. The insurance carried by this firm amounted to 82 per cent of the loss. It was the most destructive fire that has ever

The other heavy losses are: Jones buildng, 551 to 561 Main street, owned by W. Lobenstein, New York, \$60,000; Jones annex, 557 Main, owned by Majors Investment company, \$15,000; Humboldt building, 601 Main, owned by W. C. Lobenstein, \$20,-000; L. M. Emerich, stock dry goods, 601 Main, \$15,000; M. Quinn, groceries, 549 to 531 Main, \$25,000; St. James hotel (unoccupled), 510 to 516 Walnut street, \$18,000; the Flavel Shoe company, Snodgrass Drug company and the Chandler Commission company suffered minor losses.

visited the uptown business district.

Breeze Carries Burning Embers. The fire started in the building owned by Jones Bros., at 551 to 561 Main street, and its inflammable contents burned with remarkable rapidity. Within twenty minutes the entire six stories were a mass of flames and burning embers were being carried by a stiff breeze in all directions. Twenty minutes later part of the Main street front wall fell with a terrific grash, Within a short time the south wall tottered and The fire started in the building owned short time the south wall tottered and fell, crashing into the Humboldt building, five-story structure across Sixth street carrying down part of the latter building. n a little more than half an hour after he fire started the Jones stock was entirely destroyed and nothing was left of the build ing but the foundation. In the meantime the fire had spread south to the Humboldt

building, north to the Jones soney and Quinn's grocery, all five-story buildings, and flying embers had caught the old St. James hotel, four stories in height, half a block north on Walnut street, the next street east The hotel was partially saved, but the walls are bulging out and the building will have to be torn down. Absolutely nothing of the TRY GRAIN-O!

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was saved and the building occupied by the Emerich company is a total wreck. Two stories of the Quinn building were burned and Quinn's stock was ruined. The

other losses were caused principally by water and smoke. Every fire company in the city was called to the scene and help was sent by Kansas City, Kan. Firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls. Dan Donovan fell thirty feet through a skylight at the St.

will recover. Poultry Establishment Scorched. HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 5 .- (Special Teletram.)-Charles Jacobson & Sons' poultry establishment was damaged by fire last night. The loss is small and is covered by insurance.

James hotel and was seriously hurt, but

Cotton Warehouse Destroyed. JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 5 .- The large coton warehouse at Crystal Springs burned to-

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granted:

Issue of October 21:
Nebraska: Original, special October 24—Waldren C. Townsend, Stafford, \$12. Increase—John N. Brock, Giltner, \$8 to \$19:
Samuel Gilbert, Auburn, \$6 to \$12.
Iowa: Original—Edward G. Creel, Marshalltown, \$8: Samuel H. Wark, Adair, \$6.
Renewal and reissue—Isaac N. Gardner, Oakland, \$6. Increase—Christlan Stamm, Alta, \$5 to \$8.
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