THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Competition in Telephone Business Brought to an End in Michigan.

Review of the Many Uses to Which Electricity is Put-Danger of Overcrowding Electrical Profession.

The consolidation of the independent and the Bell Telephone companies in Michigan recently is generally accepted as the biginging of the end of competition in the telephone business. The opposition company was more strongly entrenched in public favor in Michigan than in any other state in the union and controlled the bulk of telephone patronage. Rates were low and the service fairly good. Assurances were given with the announcement of the consolidation that existing rates would not be changed, but patrons did not take the pladge seriously. They know that such promises were made to be broken and they were not surprised when the combine showed its true

"When the practical consolidation of the telephone companies was offected, says the Detroit Journal, the management made publie the announcement that the rates would not be advanced as a consequence, but on United States. Thousands of young men as follows: the contrary that the rates would remain undisturbed while the service would be greatly improved. As proof of the sincerity of the announcement flaming advertisements were published once in all the daily papers offering to close twenty-five-year contracts at prevailing rates.

"Within a fortnight of the consummation of the deal and with the advertisement still fresh in mind the Michigan Bell company is making a systematic and strenu ous canvass of the local field for the purpose of persuading subscribers to the prevailing service to apply for a better service at the rate of \$72 a year, exactly three times the rate named for the service now given. In explanation of this crucade for the higher-priced service the officers of the company submit that they are about to install a new 'switchboard' and that the higher-priced 'phones will be directly connected with the "long-distance system." thereby securing to patrons greater convenience.

"It cannot be that this is the first step taken to provide a better service, for both President Flowers and President Glidden are on record against any increase of price for bettering the service, yet, there is something about it quite suggestive of the way of the heathen Chinee, whose ways are dark and tricks vain. The inducement held out that the new 'phone will be connected with the long distance service is not enticing to the average subscriber, for the average subscriber has use for a long distance service only once a year, if so frequently, and business subscribers on the metallic circuit are already served satisfactorily. It is represented, however, that the new 'phone will he much superior to the old, although the old 'phone will be maintained, but its connection with the "new switchboard" will be incomplete and the service will not be of the best.

"One cannot, in view of all the circum stances, see in this new enterprise anything less than a subterfuge under which the monopoly, having got control of the field. purposes to treble the prices of telephone service. It will do this, doubtless, by persuading business firms and rich individual subscribers to take the superior service at the higher price and then by making the cheaper service inferior and unsatisfactory drive others to subscribe for the \$72 service. officers who, a fortnight ago, were promising that the service would be improved and the rates not disturbed, now publicly admit that the service of the cheaper 'phones will i be unsatisfactory because a new 'switchboard' is to be installed?"

Uses of Electricity.

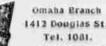
In speaking of the telephone Mr. Price said: with a knowledge of the interesting and place every day under our very cars, as it between all important telephone centers of argued, is no longer in its infancy. being used for transmitting speech, there is ago. graphic messages without producing any incannot be varied by man or corporation, you as dyname tenders. might, by listening, take off the telegraphic message thus traversing these very conduc-

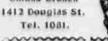
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licketed over these gaps. It is my firm conviction that only to electrically operated FEW trains in an under river tunnel can we look or relief from the present unique and paralyzing congestion of traffic at the narrow Values Are Appraised and Assessments Made of the Brooklyn bridge,"

He stated that the storage battery for electromobiles had been reduced in weight 200 pounds to 600 and it would run CLEVER PLANS TO DODGE PROMISES sixty miles now, as against thirty miles one SACKETT MAKES A SHOWING OF LCONOMY YERP BEO.

in speaking of wireless telegraphy the tive" and therefore only one set of appavalue could be operated in the same locality at the same time, the electric waves inter-

In reference to ocean telephony he said that while the cost of copper alone at prea-Electric Engineering.

ing is the paying profession of the future, to which students will do well to direct ever increasing multiplication of electrical pairment of the service. schools and electrical students in the look forward to their gradua'l n as an introduction to a remunerative and responsible career. But, in the opinion of the Electrical Review, the prospects of electrical engineers are not so bright as they are comonly thought to be. "It is time," rays the Review, "that the real truth as to the position of the electrical graduate should neering should know at least a few of the difficulties that they will encounter."

The Review proceeds to show what changes have occurred in the production of electrical goods in recent years. Fifteen lectrical engineering was an essential. The big companies absorbed the little (nes. unification of design and the placing of the manufacture of electrical apparatus on a urely manufacturing basis. The great types of apparatus of almost every kind and in great quantities, so that new designs were in little request. Innumerable contracts have been filled with devices of ertain types and consulting engineers find their practice limited largely to the choice of standard types of apparatus. To proose an improvement on one of these is to propose a large additional cost of manufacture and delay in delivery. This change in conditions has made the electrical industry prosperous and enlarged its field of operations, but it has narrowed the opportunities of these who, as the Review puts seek employment in "the region intervening between the constructing and consulting engineer and the man who oils the dynamo.

"Ten years ago," our contemporary adds, the graduate from an approved school of ngineering could command a large salary. Today he is met with a situation similar to that of a young physician or a young lawyer. He finds the field occupied with If this be not the real purpose, why do the many other and necessarily abler menmen of experience. He must gain what it is impossible to gain at college-absolutely practical experience. He must work in a shop, or in a factory, or in a station. He must learn the commonest and hardest work by doing it." Years of drudgery, with small pay, may fall to those who are not specially favored by circumstances. "Not-An address on "Everyday Uses of Elec- withstanding this," says the Review, "our tricity" was delivered last Saturday evening schools and colleges are turning out thouat the Montauk club, Brooklyn, by Charles sands of graduates annually, giving them Price, the editor of Electrical Review. engineering degrees and setting them adrift To show what remarkable doings take valuable literature of electricity, but few f them would be able to climb a pole or were, I would state that at the present time s-lder a joint." The art of electricity, it is That the United States, while the trunk wires are stage of growth was passed many years Consequently these who contemplate being sent over them simultaneously tele- electrical engineering as a profession must not be surprised if, after leaving school, terference with the spoken words. Were it they find themselves compelled to work for not for immutable laws of nature, which awhile as linemen or wiremen, or perhaps

Telegraphing Around Obstneles. There has been much locae talk about tors. Although the telegraphic impulses ac- the bending of the radiations, whatever may tually traverse the coil of wire in the tele- by their nature, that are used in wireless phone at your ear and actually speed along telegraphy, around obstacles and around the the identical copper conductor at that time curvature of the earth's surface. Over conveying the voice currents, you hear the comparatively smooth and unobstructed neither dot nor dash of the telegraphic mer- surface of the sea it is certain that signals sage. The car, keeply tuned to those rapid have been exchanged over a distance implyvibrations constituting sound, is deaf to the ing a bending of the electrical impulses vibrations of the slow rate of the telegraph." about one and ene-half degrees from a rec-Mr. Price said that over \$500,000,000 had librar course. From this premise, says the been invested in electric lighting in the Electrical Review, certain investigators have United States and that the total horse-power jumped to the conclusion that sufficiently required in the electric lighting, are and in- powerful electrical disturbances emanating candescent, of Greater New York required a from a wave-radiating source would bend not less than 200,000 horse-power. This around the curvature of the earth between claimed he had the right to use it for an would be sufficient to pump the East river this country and Europe. If this is possible dry in a day and yet this power would be it implies diverting the electrical impulses nearly doubled by the electric traction by nearly a right angle from their initial disposed of it to McCoy and Olmsted. They plants now in existence and building. In course, If they will turn through one right speaking of the progress of the electric rail- angle it is perfectly reasonable to suppose only evinced a disposition to cut ice there. way Mr. Price stated that it was less than that they may be made to turn through two, but that it has also blocked the passagethirteen years old and yet within that period three or even four, which begins to look a an expenditure had been made of more than dittle like an absurdity. Just what is the free access. \$1,700,000,000 and he believed that the year necessity for arsuming that these influences 1900 would see the gross earnings of the travel as electric waves, with a wave-front WRECK KILLS THREE PEOPLE electric traction interests of the United capable of swerving when it meets an ob-States amount to considerably more than stacle, is difficult to see. In all the wireless telegraph work that has been done so far "One can travel," he said, "by electric the vertical elements of the sending and recars from Paterson, N. J., via New York calving or uits have been approximately tar-City, to Fortland, Me., with only three in- sliel, or in the most favorable cosition significant interruptions of less than fifteen for mutual electro-magnetic induction. Is the Plant system was wrecked twenty miles miles altogether; passengers afflicted with nor a perfectly sufficient explanation of the north of here last night. Engineer Kennedy the transfer microbe might even ask to be actions noticed found in ordinary induction? was instantly killed. One passenger was

When currents rush up and down in a verti- killed, but the body was so mutitated it has cal wire the whole surrounding neighbor- not been identified. The son of S. P. Hernhood is filled with complex surges of magsetic potential. A parallel wire receiving the Sanford hospital, Mr. Hernden, sr., is them exhibits electro-merive forces corre- badly injured. A number of other passeneponding exactly to their revenuent with some were also injured. The mail and exrelation to it. Now it is, of course, true the Press care and two day coaches were thrown equi-potential surfaces of magnetic potential from the track and turned over. The accimoving out from a current-carrying wire are. dent was caused by the train running into an in a sense, wave-fronts, but they are cortainly not what are commonly called electric waves or Herez waves. They fill the whole f space, theoretically speaking, except the train bern conducting substances exist, and it is difficult to seveen an object from them-ioform an electro-magnetic shadow-except by actually enclosing it is a good conductor. ttepre, to argue that a dome of sea-water requiring the influence to bend only about the or two degrees, means the possibility of transailantic wireless telegraphy seems meaningless, because if actual electric waves the Herisian variety are in question the deduction is on too slender a premise and if cleetro-magnetic inducti n isthe explanation, wartical wires on the two sides of the Atlantis would be nearly perpendicular to a- another, or in the least favorable post-

whole matter at rest. The modern and most effective cure for consilipation and all liver troumes-the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

icu. It seems worth while for someone to

transatisatic experiment and set the

with Infr quent Protests.

the Tax Commissioner Points to Balance on Right Side of the Ledger.

In his report for the year ending Decemont price and present calculations would ber 31 Tax Commissioner Sackett calle atmount to over \$452,000,000 and while the tention to the limited number of complaints sulation and armor would make the cable filed during jast year before the Board of of the size of a flour barrel and that while Review and the Board of Equalization, I there was not enough guttapercha known to is demonstrated, he says, that the plan unexist on the globe to insulate it, yet there der which the assessment of property is did exist a strong belief, in which he made meets with the approval of the taxshared, that in the lifetime of his listeners payers generally. The labor of making the the ocean telephone would become a reality, assessments has been very much simplified and the assessment for 1900 was levied with The idea prevails that electrical engineer- perhaps the least possible friction between the tax office and the property owners.

Taking up the expenses incurred by his their attention. It is often said that the office during last year, the tax commissioner art of electricity is in its infancy; that it is reports a balance on hand of \$497.80. This of mourning. destined to have a vast expansion. Elec. unusual condition in a year when deficits tricians are to dominate the industry of the are the rule is explained by the rigid econcoming century. There is accordingly an omy practiced even to the necessary im-

In part the tax commissioner's report is

While the result of the 1900 assessment is in a great measure satisfactory the operation of our present charter provision relating to assessments does not accomplish the result which a large number of taxpayers expected from it, nor is it possible for this department to make an assessment which will satisfy the general demand for a reduction of taxes. Many of our citizens had be set forth and that those contemplating hoped that with the inauguration of a new system of making assessments relief in that direction would come, but they have neglected to note that the reason for maintaining the present rate of taxation is not on account of the manner in which our revenue laws are enforced, but that it is due years ago the business was divided among to defects in the original law, which were umerous concerns of moderate size. Each | not cured by the provisions of the charter. employed designers, engineers and other Surrounded as we are with conditions which functionaries, to whom an education in are the result of our own development, many of which have a spaterial bearing upon the Electrical engineers were rare and their expense of our government, and are now of services were in demand. But after a time such long standing that they cannot possibly the small establishments were consolidated, be changed, we are almost compelled to submit to the inevitable and rest our hope with the result of lessening the number for a reduction in taxation upon the future ever awarded in the camp. From present of electrical engineers required. Then fol- growth of the city. When the city shall indications the ore which will be taken from lowed a standardization of apparatus, a have grown so that all unoccupied territory the shaft will more than pay for the expense within our limits is improved or so that a reasonable amount of it is developed and occupied by taxpaying investments, our rate corporations produced incomparably fine of assessment may be lower since the machinery of our government is sufficiently extensive to maintain a city with four times the present population of Omaha. In the meantime our attention ought to be

directed to such improvements in the rev enue laws of the state as are possible to be made, especially a revision of the provisions property is assessed. The city lis: especially Omaha interested this feature and a comparison of the revenue received from that source in Omaha with the same items in other cities outside the state of Nebraska will demonstrate the importance of this suggestion. Most ecially should we direct our efforts toward he development of a more effective system for the collection of taxes, particularly since he method of contracting obligations rests largely upon the promises of the taxpayers to pay their assessments. This department omes in such close touch with the taxpaying population of the community that I am perhaps more frequently reminded of these enditions than is the head of almost any other branch of the city government, and THREE YEARS IN RUSSIAN PRISON. for that reason I am prompted to submit hese suggestions

The cost of conducting the department for he year 1899 has been kept well within the limit of the appropriation set aside by the ouncil and the result in that respect is very satisfactory, there being an unexpended balmer of the amount allowed this department for the year of \$479.80. This result has been attained only by the practice of rigid ecouomy, even to the extent in some instances of impairing the service, but it has been my onstant alm to perform the work required of this department in the best possible man er within the limit of funds allowed, and I think that it may be safely said that the exenditures on account of the labor performed by the tax department in this city are lower han the average expenditure for that ac-

ENJOINED FROM CUTTING ICE Polar Wave Indirect Cause of Novel Litigation Begun in Dis-

trict Court. Frank L. McCoy and R. H. Olmsted have nstituted injunction proceedings against the Reservoir Ice company to restrain the cuting of any ice on a section of the river ust north of the water works pumping tation. The petitioners have been awarded temporary restraining order by Judge Dickinson. They are in a hurry to have the njunction made permanent for fear warm eather will come and dissolve it. The case will be beard on its merits Saturday.

According to the petition, a section of the iver was staked off by Robert Elliott, ce harvest. He staked his claim before the arrival of the cold wave. Subsequently he allege that the defendant company has not way so that the petitioners cannot have

Disaster on Plant System in Florida Believed to Be the Work of

Train Wreckers.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 1 .-- The fast train on den, mail agent, of this city, died today at open switch and colliding with a freight car-It is believed that the switch was opened by some person with the intention of wrecking

AKRON, O., Feb. 1 .- Train No. 14, the fast castbound express on the Eric road, | Hart of Vermillion. hauled by two engines, collided with a freight train in the auburbs of Akron today Engineer Diday of the forward passenger engine was killed and his fireman, George Kial, slightly injured. Diday was the oldest engineer on the road. None of the passengers was injured. Three coaches were badly wrecked.

F. B. Tetraleic, health inspector of Chiago, eays "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cared me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia.

Assaults an Ice Harvester.

Bert Kimberlin went out to Hammond's ice house on Cut off lake early yesterday to help in the ice harvest, but in less than two hours he was back in the city with a broken arm. The fracture was reduced by the police surgeon and then Kim-

berlin swore out a warrant for the arrest of "John Doe" watchman at the ice house, charging him with assault and battery. Rimberlin says that just as the order came to go to work he stepped into a sheal to ascertain if his buch basket was sate. The watchman ordered him out and because he didn't go quick enough struck him on the arm with a base ball bat. "John Doe proved to be Henry Claen, and he was taken into custody. taken into custody.

ALL ARMOUR HOUSES CLOSED speaker stated that it was not yet "seler. In a Year When Deficits Are the Rule Plants Shut Down and Offices Locked Doubt the Constitutionality of the During Funeral of Young

Armour.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.-Armour & Co.'s armies

of workmen and employes in all parts of the world will be idle today out of respect to the memory of Philip D. Armour, Jr. whose funeral will be held in Chicago this afternoon. Packing plants, branch offices and distributing houses will shut down as a tribute to the firm's departed member. The great plants in Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City will be closed during the entire Branch establishments will lock their doors when in Chicago it is the hour of goon and remain closed until tomorrow. Telegraph orders to this effect were sent to all the Armour houses at home and abroad Thousands of persons will observe the day

ACTIVITY OF WYOMING MINES.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Wyo. Feb. 1. -(Special.)-The extent of the mining oper-Rambler mines, which have been shippers of the supreme court, for some time. But there are at least twentyfive properties in the district on which there is more than one shift being worked and the prospects are that the operations will continue throughout the winter. Since the discovery of copper and gold in the Grand Encampment district summer mining has been the rule and very little work was done during the winter months.

The Great Lakes Mining and Smelting company has uncovered some very fine ore in all six of its claims which adjoin the famous Kurtz-Chatterton. The best of this cre runs from 39 to 58 per cent copper and come gold and silver.

The King Mining company is now engaged in sinking a 700-foot shaft on the Carbon claim. This is one of the biggest contracts of the work.

NO DOUBT THE WHY WAS TAKEN. It Was Found in Bissett's Barn, But

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 1 .- (Special.)of that act under which personal Westby, who is spending the winter outside. The plan strikes me as being feasible, if it wagon loaded with wheat was found standhad no knowledge concerning it other than that a neighbor, whose name he gave, had hired hir team and had probably hauled the wheat to where it was found. The neighbor mentioned by Bissett has disappeared. Bissett was arrested on the charge of stealing the wheat. He waived preliminary examination and furnished bond for his appearance before the circuit court.

> Fate of a Former Aberdeen Man Who Went After Emigrants.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—
Word has reached here that Fred Bechtold, a former resident of Aberdeen, is serving a three years' sentence in Russia. Bechtold left here for hir old home in Russia intending to bring back a large body of immigrants. He was arrested on the charge of inducing young men to leave Russia who

men did not know of the accident until they reached Evanston.

Mitchell Needs More Houses. MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 1.-(Special.)-A sica. the scarcity of houses. The crowded condi- favor such a measure. Yours very truly, tion extends to the business part of the city. Several new business blocks are also an assured thing as scon as spring opens.

Pay for Governor's Carpet. PIERRE. S. D., Feb. 1.-(Special.)-The carpet in the governor's office, which has been the source of considerable comment on account of its having been bought in Chieago, in violation of the state purchasing act, has been paid for out of the incidental fund of the office. The secretary of state refused to approve a voucher for the amount on the state house maintenance fund, on account of the manner and place of purchase.

Soldiers to Give a Ball. ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 1 .- (Special.) Members of the First South Dakota regiment now living in Aberdeen will give a ball at the Hotel Aberdeen Monday evening. February 5, the first anniversary of the outbreak of the Tagalog rebellion. The proceeds will be given to the Women's Relief corps and the Red Cross society.

Lee to Buy a Big Ranch. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 1 .- (Special.) Governor Lee and his partner, Prentice, are arranging to engage in the stock-raising business on a larger scale even than heretefore. They are about to establish a 20,-660-acre ranch in McPherson county, which it is understood will be in charge of John

Artificial Sight.

A Russian inventor has perfected an elechappiness to those who have defective eye- were sent out to find McCaffrey. sight. Another great discovery which will bring much happiness to those whose stomachs have become deranged is Hostetter's Stemach Bitters. It has made a worldwide reputation for itself as a certain cure or such allments as indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and malaria, fever

Cousin of Goebel III.

RELIEF FOR SUPREME COURT

Remedy Recently Suggested by The Bee is Quite Generally Discussed.

OPINIONS OF THREE DISTRICT JUDGES

Plan of Calling on the Judges of the Lower Courts to Assist Supreme Bench.

Among the letters received regarding the nuch-needed relief for the supreme court, as suggested recently by The Bee, those from the district judges will be read with interest Here are four:

WAHOO, Jan. 30 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In reply to your inquiry I will say that all lawyers and litigants are interested in the question of giving speedy relief to the supreme court. The remedy suggested in your recent editorial is a good one, if conyesterday, following personal instructions stitutional, but it occurs to me that the from Philip D. Armour at Pasadena, adoption of the constitution of 1875 renders it impossible to grant the relief in the manner suggested. Section 2 of article vi of our present constitution is as follows: "The supreme court shall consist of three judges, majority of whom shall be necessary to Twenty-Five Properties Will Prob- form a quorum or to pronounce a decision. It shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to the revenue, civil cases in which the state shall be a party, mandamus, quo ations in this district surprises even the warranto, habeas corpus and such appellate true, but that he has made threats and that Structure Will Probably Be Completed Much oldest and best-informed miners. It was jurisdiction as may be provided by law." supposed that with the coming of winter It seems to me that there is no authority threats in execution. He was unusually under our present constitution to authorize work going on outside of the Rudefeha and the district judges to sit as an integral part

A remedy has been suggested that might grant the relief in another manner. In of insanity, but there is no way of foremany of the districts of the state the work seeing how long these lucid intervals will is insufficient to give employment to the continue. judges. The legislature could enact a law making the district judges ex officio commissioners of the supreme court. The judges of the supreme court could call to their aze stance members of the district bench to perform the duties of commissioners for a portion of each year, or for a whole year, as ecasion may require. The work in the district could be done by neighboring judges. The bill could provide for three or more judges of the district court to be in attendance as commissioners and assist the supreme court in the performance of its duties. This would involve no additional expense and would serve as a temporary relief until the adoption of a constitutional amendment think that there would be any serious opposition on the part of any of the district judges to perform this extra labor. Truly yours. B. F. GOOD, Judge Fifth District,

NORTH PLATTE, Jan. 30,-To the Editor Dennis Bissett, a well-known farmer who of The Bee: Replying to yours, will say lives near Webster, finds himself in a ze- that I read The Bee's editorial of Sunday rious predicament. Robert Strayton was last, relative to the district judges of the left in charge of a granary containing about state taking the place of the late supreme 150 bushels of wheat belonging to Liuis court commissioners, with much interest. A few mornings ago Strayton can be legally carried out. At this time I discovered that the wheat had been re- doubt the constitutionality of such plan, but moved from the granary. He traced wagon not having given the question much thought tracks to the home of Bissett, where a or examination, would not say that my first conclusion is correct. If the late supreme ing in the yard. Bissett when questioned court commission law was constitutional, I said the wheat was not his, and that he have no doubt but what a law can be framed making the district judges of the state : commission to aid the supreme court. citizen is more interested in the speedy determination of questions constantly arising in our courts than are the district judges of the state. Personally, I am willing to lend any assistance to the supreme court that is in my power to render under the law, as I am sure every other judge in the state is ready and willing to do. Very respectfully, H. M. GRIMES. Judge Thirteenth District.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 30,-To the Editor as given was adopted;

parts. He was arrested on the charge of inducing young men to leave Russia who were subject to military duty.

| Run Down in a Cloud of Smoke. | FAIRBURY, Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee; I am inclined to look with favor upon any plan which will tend to relieve the present congestion of business in the suppreme court of this state. In cases within my own knowledge, the long delay in sestione National park, left Evanston on a curing a final decision has operated as a treasurer. stone National park, left Evanston on a curing a final decision has operated as a freight train intending to ride back from substantial denial of justice, and in the Piedmont on one of the helper engines. At generality of cases it is a serious incon-Piedmont the freight train met a passenger, venience to the partles to suffer the long While the freight was standing on the siding delay which now occurs in obtaining the the locomotives sending out clouds of final decision in an action. I have some smoke, young De Loney stood on the main doubt as to the constitutionality of the protrack and did not see an oncoming pas- posed plan, but yet it would seem to be as senger train. He was struck by the pilot of much within the limits of the constitution much within the limits of the constitution to allow men who already occupy judicial positions to aid the court by rendering opinthe flyer and instantly killed. The engine- to allow men who already occupy judicial ions under the direction of, and subject to approval by the supreme court, have such opinions rendered by a commis-

building beem is assured for Mitchell this | If the legislature constitutionally can for year. There is not an empty dwelling house mulate an act by which the assistance of years. in the city. Within the last two months the district judges may be called to the aid dozen families have endeavored to move of the supreme court in such a manner as into the city to make it their homo, but they not to add to the labors of those judges were forced to abandon the idea owing to whose dockets are already full I should CHARLES B. LETTON.

> DRINK MAKES HIM INSANE Thomas McCaffrey, a Douglas County Farmer, Becomes Violent and

Judge First District

A closed back backed up to the jail door the vehicle and locked him in a cell.

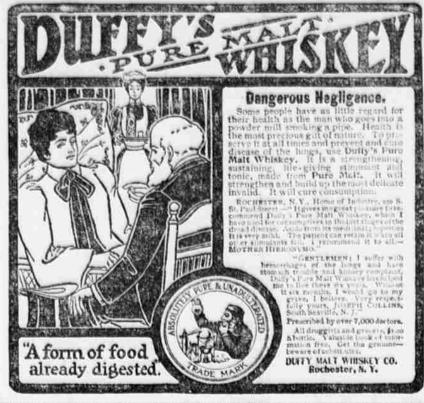
is Arrested.

at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and two deputy sheriffe lifted Thomas McCaffrey from McCaffrey is said to be insane from ex-

ccesive indulgence in strong arink and drugs. He is a farmer and was brought from his home three miles north of Benson. The deputy sheriffs were summoned to the McCaffrey place about midnight, having received information that McCaffrey was in a wild condition and that he had threatened to kill his wife and children and a sister who live t with them. He was captured at his home and after spending the night in jail appeared to be perfectly rational when he awoke early in the morning. The jailer had no warrant for McCaffrey's arrist and helieving him to have recovered from his sprace he was turned loose. A short time after McCaffrey had been released Mrs. McCaffrey and McCaffrey's sister arrived in the city and informed the sheriff they desired a warrant for the detention of McCaffrey, because bey believe him to be insane.

Mrs. McCaffrey declared she was afraid to appear on the streets after she learned that her husband had been freed from jail, o Deputy Sheriff Neve was detailed as a the blind to see. This will bring much wherever she went. Meanwhile, deputies the search was going on, he appeared at the court house, and seeing his wife, he flew into a rage. He escaped, however, before the officers could lay hands on him, but a few minutes later was arrested and detained in the sheriff's office, while Mrs. McCaffrey and the sister consulted Dr. Tilden of the Insanity commission. A brief meeting of the commission was held, and it was decided to restrain McCaffrey for

further investigation. It is said that for a long time he has made habit of drinking a mixture of liquor and laudanum. He is also said to be addicted to the use of other drugs. He has had periodical fits of derangement for several



months, but his family has hoped that he might recover without being restrained. Mrs McCaffrey says the report that her violent Wednesday night, it is said, and the whole neighborhood was aroused by the commotion. He has lucid intervals in which he has not the slightest sympton

PRIMARY OFFICIALS CHOSEN

Republican Committee Will Assemble Judges and Clerks for Instruction.

Owing to the fact that Secretary Whitehorn the republican city committee has gone to Danville, Ill., to be married, Charles Morgan officiated in his stead at the meeting of the committee Thursday afternoon in Washing-

As it is recognized that the judges and clerks of election are going to be given about ncreasing the number of judges. I do not all they can do to handle the vote in some of the wards it was decided to call them to gether prior to the primaries and give them explicit instructions as to their lawful duties. A committee, comprising A. W. Jeffe, is, Charles Morgan and T. K. Sudborough, was named to meet with the primaries' officials in room No. 2 of the Withnell block at 8 p. m.

> duties. In response to numerous inquiries as to hether or not in securing signers to their a foundation to support the iron columns etitions candidates would be allowed to secure the names of voters who had already signed the petitions of other candidates for he same office it was decided that no limit structure. should be placed upon the signing of petitions and that a voter can sign as many as he may see fit.

of Monday, February 12, to discuss such

The special order for the meeting was the selection of judges and clerks of election, factory progress is being made in turnait when it came to that work objections were urged by representatives from the of the undertaking centers about the com-Ninth and Fifth wards, who said that the pany's forges in Chicago, the Omaha end candidates had been requested to hand in of the labor consisting merely of the joinnames for those positions, but had failed to ing of the parts. The Lazzig company is do so, C. F. Robertson moved that the meet- said by local engineers to be one of the ing take a recess until Saturday afternoon for that purpose, but an amendment to proceed to the selections at once prevailed by a vote of 12 to 7. The following were handed in by the committeemen from the various wards and a resolution embodying the lists

The chairman, secretary and treasurer were authorized and directed to arrange at once for permanent headquarters of committee for the filing of petitions, and the meeting adjourned subject to call of the

Mortality Statistics.

at neon Thursday;
Births-Charles Johnson, 155 North
Forty-third, girl; Edward Bodder, Twenty,
third and Burt, boy; Charles Alleott, 119
North Seventeenth, boy,
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Huge Pile Are Now Being Laid in the Earth-Railroads Are Doing Their Part.

The city engineer has recently inspected the new Sixteenth street viaduct and expresses the opinion that it will be open for travel on June 1, one menth before the time limit named in the city's contract with the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads. The railroads have sublet the contract for the masonry and superstructure and are only concerned with the preliminary work.

The raincyal of the old masonry and the setting of the piling is being pushed with all possible haste, as the tailroads wish to give the bridge builders an abundance of time to erect the structure with due attention to details. The companies' engineers and masons are now engaged in driving the piles, which will bear the mormous weight of the iron framework. On each group of piling there will be a layer of concrete four feet thick extending almost to the surface of the ground. On this base will be imposed solid masonry to a height of about five feet above the surface, the whole acting as The masonry which supported the old viaduct is being forn away and will be used in the abutments at either terminus of the new

The Lazzig Bridge and Iron works of Chicago, which has the contract for the erection of the viaduct proper, has notified interested parties in this city that satising out the iron work. The main portion foremost bridge building concerns in the country and no doubt is expressed but that the south siders will be able to hold their contemplated Fourth of July celebration on the yiaduct, the contractors being under a heavy bond to lete the work four

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