WHY LATENSER WAS CHOSEN

Came to Be Made.

Did Not Either Solicit or Know of the Appoint-

ment.

A great deal of comment has been aroused by the award to Architect Latenser of the work of preparing plans for a new High school building without inviting competischool building without inviting competi-tion from other architects. With a view to ascertaining what were the motives of the new members of the school board, who Bee has secured the following interviews

several considerations in voting for Latenser | common stock, for the High school architect. In the first place, he was vouched for by the bland members who have been conducting the recent investigation and in whom I had The school buildings already constructed by Mr. Latenser are giving the highest satisfaction as regards construction, appearance, ventilation and other particu lars. In the second place The Bee and the public in general have been urging prompt action and if competitive plans were drawn up considerable time would necessarily be consumed. Then, if plans were invited, it would be necessary to allow each contestant a certain percentage, whether his plans were accepted or not, and the proceeding would prove expensive in money as well as

"If it could be done under the terms of the bond issue I should much prefer that the \$150,000 be expended in three high schools. There is a manifest hardship in foreing children from all portions of the town to make the daily journey to Capitol hill. Very often they cannot afford to use the street cars and many leave school upon finishing the Eighth grade."

Gives Satisfaction.

Member Johnson: "I voted for Latenser not because I desired to show him any partiality over other architects, but because he is now finishing three new buildings for the board which I know from personal inspection to be eminently satisfactory. He has also constructed ten other school buildings which I know to be beyond criticism in design and construction. This is not a question of saving money, as another architect would be paid exactly the same, and there is no question of economy involved. This is simply a question of the best man and I believe in retaining Latenser just as I would re-employ a doctor of lawyer who had given good satisfaction."

Member Howard; "Ordinarily I would be In favor of giving all architects an opportunity to secure the High school work, but in this case we were obliged to act at once We have been admonished that the present High school building is unsafe and we want to replace it with a suitable structure at the earliest moment possible. I was no active partisan of Latenser, and, in fact, would have preferred another firm of architects. It was apparent, however, the most of the board was in favor of Latenser, and as I assured myself on inquiry that he was in every way a first-class architect I gave

him my vote." Member Barnard: "I voted for Latenser because he is a specialist in school house construction and has proven his worthiness in the work already done. I can see no more reason for advertising for bids in the case of an architect than I can in that of an attorney. His services are professional and we are simply looking for the best man. There was no intention on the part of any member of the board to show any favorit ism to Latenser; his work simply speaks for inspected the Cass school, recently comfinest sixteen-room school buildings in the

Member Wood, the fifth of the new in cumbents, is out of the city and could not

Referring to his election Mr. Latenser Bays: "I did not solicit the votes of any of the members and had no knowledge that they intended giving me the High school work. My election on Monday night was a total surprise to me. If I cannot undertake the task with clean skirts, however, I will resign the position."

DISAGREE WITH THE EAST

Western Lines' Freight Representa tives Meet to Consider the Ultimatum-Committee Appointed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 .- At a meeting here today of freight representatives of western lines to consider the ultimatum recently handed down by the eastern lines in regard to prorating on westbound business a committee, consisting of Marvin Hughitt of the Northwestern, J. H. Harland of the St. Paul, W. B. Biddle of the Santa Fe. J. W. Johnson of the Rock Island and F. A. Wann of the Alton, was appointed to map out a plan of action. The western roads declare that the return

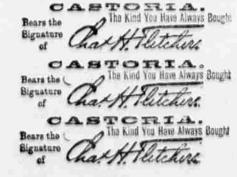
to the eastern lines' recently adopted methods scheduled for March 1 would result in unbearable discrimination against Chicago in favor of St. Louis. If the eastern roads refuse to prorate with the western roads on westbound business it is said the western lines will retaliate by refusing to handle their eastern connections' business.

TICKET AGENTS IN CONFERENCE. Annual Meeting at Atlanta Promises to He an Important Gathering.

While not one of the Omaha ticket agents is in attendance upon the annual meeting of the International Association of Ticket the association, which dates its inception from 1889. The principal subject on the docket for discussion is the sweeping abolttion of commissions to ticket agents, which has recently become effective on all the railroads in the United States.

will go on record as unalterably opposed to the action of their superior officers, but It is likely that they will suggest some plan for the consideration of the general passenger agents and other general officers whereby they may be, in a measure, compensated for the loss sustained by the abolishment of the commissions. This may be accomplished by the adoption of a resolution recommending the railroads to advance the salaries of the agents or else adopt the payment of commissions again with certain modifications satisfactory to the superior officials.

Some of the more optimistic Omaha agents



believe the present poncommission agreypent will meet the short life which has been the face of a score of predecessors. Others, however, realizing that the present agreement was adopted at the dictation of School Board Members Tell How Change the general managers of the various agndicates controlling two-thirds of the mileage mercial club will be held this evening for SHOULD COMPETITION HAVE BEEN INVITED to cheer up the agent and increase his bank of an iron foundry here. Some time ago Architect Latenser Insists that He reached by the general passenger agents provided he was given a suitable site. This looking toward an advance in the salaries of matter was referred to a committee of the the ticket agents.

DIVIDENDS BY THE UNION PACIFIC.

Directors Meet at New York-Increase of Enraings. NEW YORK, Feb. 8 .- The directors of the Union Pacific Railroad company, at their had unanimously supported Latenser. The blends on its \$97.687.000 preferred stock, two that the members of the organization did dee has secured the following interviews of 1½ per cent and one of 2½ per cent.

Member Robert Smith: "I was prompted by Nothing to this time has been paid on the long age there was a deal on foot to se-

Statements submitted to the board of directors show that the accumulation of tory in contemplation will not be removed earnings of the system, including the Union from Nebraska City to this point for some Pacific Railroad company, the Oregon Short time to come. What is needed, said this Line and the Oregon Railroad and Naviga- member, is concerted action on the part tion company, for the year ending December,

99, amounted to \$12,994,533. ing to income for betterments and equip- quire a tract of land in some part of the ments approximately \$3,000,000. Expenditures which have been made for bettertion of the three companies named, entirely provided for out of the cash of the reserves and without any increase of capital or other obligations, amount to \$9,672,000, shich amount, however, includes \$3,000,000 charged to income. Cash on hand February 1900, was \$8,698,985.

The surplus earnings per annum, including amounts paid from income for capitat expenditures, were more than double the dividend on the common stock at the rate of 3 per cent per annum. The six months' statement ending December 31, 1899, shows a net increase of \$833,260 over the same period of 1898.

To Be Made Proud Gauge. DES MOINES, Feb. 8 .- It is announced vestigate.

bay during the coming season the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy will change the Burington & Northwestern, from Burlington to Oskaleosa, from narrow gauge to broad gauge, build a connecting link from Tracy to Oskaloosa and use the new line for Dea Moines-Chicago business. This will make spector Montague made a lengthy report on a shortening of fifty miles in the Chicago-Des Moines route. The new road built will amount to thirty miles.

Railway Notes and Personals. A. Leland, assistant general freight t of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, is siter in town from Kansas City. Assistant General Passenger Agent S. A. lutchinson of the Union Pacific was called o Kansus City yesterday on Important

Harry P. Potter, agent of the Erie Dis-batch, left Thursday for a three weeks' business trip to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, Mrs. Potter and two children accompany him to New York, where they will visit for some time.

J. H. Jagoe, traveling passenger agent of the West Shore line at Chicago, was the only outside traveling passenger man who ventured into the storm, destined for Omaha, Wednesday night. He reached this ity safely yesterday morning and had a lear field with the local agents.

B. W. Summers, city ticket agent of the bicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Thicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road at Duluth, has been appointed ticket agent for the Omaha road at the Webster street depot in this city. Mr. Summers succeeds Henry L. Sisier, who has been appointed traveling passenger agent, with headquarters at St. Paul.

WESTERN LEAGUE TO MEET

President Calls a Gathering to Be Held at Des Moines Monday.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 8.-T. J. Hickey president of the new Western League of

President Hickey says that at this meeting the circuit of the new league will be completed. At present the membership in-cludes Omaha, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Sloux City, Denver and Pueblo. It is likely that clubs will be placed at St. Paul and Cedar Rapids, both of which cities have made application for membership.

Results on the Running Tracks. Results on the Running Tracks.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—The decision in the fourth race was roundly hissed, most of the spectators being confident that Trust Me had won, with Teuton second and Pat Garrett third. The judges, however, placed Garrett first. Azua, Judge Wardell and Sidney Lucas were the winning favorites. Track heavy. Results:

First race, selling, seven furiongs: Azua won. Prince Real second, Scottish Grit third. Time: 1:35,

Second race, selling, one mile: Lovable won. Maidstone second, Phallas third. Time: 1:3616.

Time: 1:39%.
Third race, selling, six furlongs: Judge Wardell won, Eva Wilson second, Alvin W third. Time: 1:19.
Fourth race, selling, one mile and seventy yards: Pat Garrett won, Teuton second, Trust Me third, Time: 1:54.
Fifth race, six furlongs: Sidney Lucas won, Aberdale second, Matt Simpson third, Time: 1:19.
Sixth race, six and a half furlongs:

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, sell-ing: Headwater won, Novia second, Del Paso II third. Time: 1:2814,

Agents, now in session at Atlanta, Ga., they Prospects Bright for Chicago Derby, are, nevertheless, much interested in its outcome. The present convention promises given the Washington Park club that a good as could be expected, although there to be the most important in the history of the present convention which the present convention which the present convention will be a sent to be the most important in the history of the present convention which the present convention will come to Chicago to compete was considerable delay in the arrival of American Derby and other nors. The club has carefully

> a great race. Regarding the betting part of the races Regarding the betting part of the races the club makes no announcement and will take no cognizance of it. It is said, however, the club has received assurances that its meeting will be allowed to go on without hindrance. The club will open offices in a short time at the Wellington hotel. Secretary James Howard said Martin Nathanson would represent him in securing entries at San Francisco and the Kelsey or Keogh would do the same work for the club at New Orleans.

Amateur Pilliard Tournament.

A meeting of the directors of the Comof the railroads of the country, believe that the purpose of considering several important commission vouchers will never more arrive propositions, among them being the location These latter are the ones who Patrick Brennan of Creston, In., signified re anxious for some agreement to be a willingness to remove his foundry here club, but up to the present time very little has been done. It now transpires that one of the stockholders of the East Omaha Land company has the address of Mr. Brennan and is considering the advisability of inducing him to locate his foundry on land owned by this company. If the club demeeting today, declared a dividend of 2 per to get out and hustle in order to compete sires to secure a foundry here it will have cure a canning factory, but for some reason the project was dropped and the facof all members and a disposition to remain with a proposition until the deal is closed. These results were obtained after charg- It has been suggested that the club ac city where a sidetrack is available and then ures which have been made for better-nents and equipment since the reorganiza. Should this be done it is asserted that there is hardly any limit to the growth and prosperity of the city.

City Council Meeting. An exceedingly uninteresting meeting of with President Bennett in the chair. The bonds of nineteen police officers in an Omaha surety company were submitted and at the instance of Johnston and Bennett were raerred to the judiciary committee. Mr.

Johnston stated that he felt it necessary to inquire into the surety given and Mr. Bennett said it was a duty the members of the council owed the people to be sure that the bonds offered were good. For the reasons given the judiciary committee will in-

St. Bridget's church asks for a cancellation of taxes on the property now occupied by the church and the finance committee will investigate the report.

The monthly reports of heads of departments were read and placed on file. Inthe condition of Mud creek and intimated that it was a disease-breeding stream, notwithstanding the fact that Iye is turned in laily from the packing houses.

The petition of the electrical workers for license fee and an examination was read and went to the license committee. An ordinance was passed providing for the laying of a sidewalk an both sides of

Twenty-first street from Q to U. The council will meet on February 21 as board of equalization to equalize special assessment taxes.

Patrick J. King served notice that he will hold the city liable for the January salary of the police judge. President Bennett ordered the communication placed on

Patrick Breslin served a notice for damages on account of personal injuries alleged o have occurred on January 31. This went o the finance committee. Patrick Hines asserted that he fell through

he wants damages. His claim is too late according to law, and it went to the files. The regular January bills were paid prior o adjournment.

Donations for the Library. As Congressman Merces is doing every thing possible for the South Omaha Public will be heard in the United States circuit library, it is considered no more than right | court of appeals next Monday afternoon. that the citizens here assist in the carrying pleted by Latenser, say that it is one of the Base Ball Clubs, issued a call today for a on of the enterprise. New books are needed meeting of the league at Des Moines Feb- and it has been suggested that the directors of the library request the city council to appropriate \$10 each month for the maintenance of the institution. For some time past the council has given the hospital \$25 a month, and in some circles it is held that day, explaining their inability to attend the donation of at least half this amount should be made monthly to the library. With this sum at its command the directory will be enabled to purchase quite a number of new books each month and thus keep the shelves fairly well filled with desirable Mr. Mercer is sending all literature. the public documents of interest and these are being continually called for by business and professional men. Librarian McReynolds is giving out on an average of twelve books a day, and these go mostly to students and professional men. A little help from the city at this time will tend to place the library on a firm footing within a very short time.

All interested in the success of the project are requested to send books or donations of money to any member of the board of directors. The receipt of such donations will be acknowledged in the daily press.

Time: 1-19.
Sixth race, six and a half furlongs:
Paraket won, Lord Neville second, Cathedral third. Time: 1:274.
SAN FEANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Weather clear; track fast at Oakland. Results:
First race, selling, seven-eighths of a mile: Rachel c won, Choteau second, The Echo third. Time: 1:283.
Second Time eleven streamble of a mile.
Second Time eleven streamble of a mile. Second race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling: St. Cutibert won, Storm King second, Montallade third. Time: 1:0734.

Third race, one-hulf mile, purse: Lucidia won, Grafter second, Impromptu third. Fourth race, one mile, sweepstakes, \$250 a side, \$1.000 added: F. W. Brode won, Advance Guard second, Yellowtall third. Time: 1.394.

Fifth race, one mile and one-sixteenth, selling: Horton won, Imperious second, Formero third. Time: 1.46.

Sixth race, second-sixteenth, selling: Horton won, Imperious second, Formero third. Time: 1.46. gles were straightened out by noon and the usual good service prevailed the balance of the day. There was no sitting on the fence and haggling over prices at the stock yards, Buyers and sellers got together without many preliminaries and the receipts were soon disposed of and sent to the slaughtering pens. The street car service was as ing pens. The street car service was as good as could be expected, although there was considerable delay in the arrival of early trains. The N and L street stub line went out of business entirely and patrons of the line were compelled to walk. At the stock yards the best of attention was paid to shipments and hogs, sheep and cattle were rapidly placed in sheltered pens. Great he association. Which dates its interpretable of the second state honors. The club has carefully cancelled to the street open to one of the most successful to of commissions to ticket agents, which has recently become effective on all the callroads in the United States.

It is assorted a great field will go to the famous horses of the 3-year-old division are ascerted to be sure entries and a sufficient number of these will enter to make the second of the streets and alleys and it will be a day or two before the streets of these will enter to make the second of the secon sidewalks are cleared of snow drifts. Very little suffering is reported and only a few requests for fuel have been made upon the city authorities.

No New Packing House. A few days ago mention was made in the press of a transfer of fifty odd lots in the southern part of the city to Clara Rank and DOINGS OF LONDON LEGISLATURE. the inference was that the property was be ing purchased by the Stock Yards company NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Charles Threshie, for a new packing nouse, investigation be expert Boston amateur and class B proves that the transfer was merely one for a new packing house. Investigation champion, easily defeated the Chicago representative. Charles P. Conklin, this afternoon on the sixth game of the class A championship tournament at the Knickerbooker Athletic club. The secre:

Threshic 490: average, 846-48; high runs.

61. 67. 47 and 26.

Conklin, 234; average, 446-67; high runs. Conklin, 234; average, 446-67; high runs, purposes, but the Clara Rank transfer has 26, 25, 16 and 14.

nothing to do with the deal now on foot.

be taken to prevent the spread of the dis- sentative Smith.

case. Dr. Towne was sent for and he prosunced Henry's case smallpox.

Magie City Gossip A business meeting of the Eastern Stat

A year ago Wednesday the thermometer registered I7 degrees below zero. The choir of St. Martin's Eniscor-church will meet Friday night for practic General Manager Kenyon of the Stock Yards company returned yesterday from a short southern trip.

Colonel G. C. Contant, the historian, asserts that the Wyoming ranges are being verstocked with sheep. Cattle receipts since January 1 show an occase of 18.372 head as compared with be same period of time last year.

Atlanta. Ga., papers report a mule familie in the south. It is asserted that nearly all the mules are being purchased for the British in South Africa. The fire department was called out Thursday by a blaze at Cudahy's smoke louse. There was no loss to speak of but the firemen nearly froze while making the

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Firman, Twenty-

E. C. Price was in the city yesterday saying goodby to his many friends. He leaves Monday for Texas and Old Mexico. Mr. Price was until recently general manager of Swift and Company's plant here. At the First Presbyterian church to hight a concert will be given under the suspices of the Christian Endeavor society A fine program will be rendered and it is expected that there will be a large at Miss Grace Maxwell of the Nebraska

Telephone company has resigned to accept the position of chief operator at the Ham-mond plant. For a number of years Miss Maxwell occupied the "901" desk at the local exchange.

The 'rag time' party to be given by the Ideal club at Odd Fellows hall tonight will be something out of the ordinary. The members of the club have been scouring the city for sultable clothing and some ex-An exceedingly uninteresting meeting of coedingly amusing costumes will be shown the city council was held Thursday night. The party is strictly an invitation affair.

(Continued from First Page.) office is in Cincinnati, was called in as asso-

ciate coupsel When Ellis and Prior resigned after issuing certificates of election to the republican candidates on the state ticket, the third member of the Board of Election Commissigners, Mr. Poyntz, appointed Judge Fulton and Morton J. Yonts as his colleagues and these commissioners are now in session at Frankfort, but the injunction seems to restrain them from seating the democratic contestees. After the resignations of Ellis and Pryor, Governor Taylor appointed Cochrane and Mackoy as the successors of

Ellis and Pryor to serve with Poyntz. Mr. Mackoy, who has been working all day with Bradley, Sweeney and others in drafting the petitions, was a member of the State Board of Election Commissioners under appointment by Governor Taylor until that board was declared illegal by the Kentucky courts.

After a conference of less than an hou the judge announced that he would hear arguments on the petition Monday, February 2, at 2 p. m., and that the defendants and their counsel should be furnished with copies of the petition in the meantime.

It was learned late tonight at the Grand hotel, where the attorneys are working on One petition is brought by the republican state officers, other than governor and Hentenant governor, to restrain their demoratic contestants from further interference with them in the discharge of the duties hole in the sidewalk at Twenty-fourth and for which they hold certificates of election streets on the night of December 9 and by the State Board of Election Commis-

The other petition is made on the par of the citizens of Louisville and other parts of Kentucky for an order to enjoin the State Board of Election Commissioners from further interruption with the de facto govern ment of the commonwealth. Both petitions

WHY LEGISLATURE STAYED AWAY. Democrats at Louisville Send Mes-

sages of Regret to Blackburn. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.-The democratic members of the legislature sent th following message to Senator Blackburn to-

funeral of Governor Goebel Hon, J. C. S. Blackburn, Frankfort, Ky.: The democratic members of the Kentucky house of representatives now in Louisville and menaced with armed duress and unlawful military arrest and detention for unprecedented purpose directed against the civil government of our common-wealth if we should attend the funeral of our beloved governor at the state capital today, send you this expression of our today, send you this expression of our polgnant regret and sorrow that we cannot be with you. We need not assure you and the thousands of grief-stricken Kentuckians in Frankfort today that our hearts go out with yours in unspeakable devotion to Kentucky's martyred governor. With each of you we cach earnestly trust that the all-prevailing memory of Governor Goebel's life-given allegiance to the peo-ple of his state will quickly result in a ful restoration to them of their powers of gov ernment under the law. May God be with you in all you say and do. SOUTH TRIMBLE.

For Democratic Members of the House o Representatives. To the Hen. J. C. S. Blackburn, Frankfort, Ky.: Absent on this occasion that we may not jeopardize that for which the honored dead sacrificed his life, the senate makes its tribute at the grave of the martyr, a lyre attuned to the note he sounded with dying breath. "Be true to the

FREAT COMMON PROPERTY OF THE KENTUCKY SENATE. AN ADDRESS BY JUSTUS GOEBEL.

Brother of the Dead Appeals to Contique the Fight. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 8.-Justus Goebel tonight issued the following open letter:

murderer loose under the very roof of the executive mansion?

Shall the guilty in high places be un-covered? Shall the honor of your state be restored? Or shall his life blood, spilt on your capital square, be dried up by the sun, washed away by the rains and his life sacrifice be forgotten?

Measured by the highest standard of man the grandest tribute possible to be paid him to whom you have been so loyal is to fight for the principles for which he laid down his life as he fought for them.

Secret Sessions of Both House and

Senate Are Held. telegram from Frankfort was read:

"Taylor has not signed; some say he will Forfeit to Go Up at Once.

SAN FRANCISCO Feb. 8.—The managers of the National Athletic club, which according to advices from the east, has secured the Jeffries-Cordett prize fight, state that they will at once put up the \$5.000 forfeit. They propose to make the contest the chief feature of a puglistic tournament, which they are confident will draw thousands of people to this city from all parts of the United States. The place for holding the fight has not yet been decided upon, but the prices of admission will range from \$2 to \$10.

Another Smallpox Case.

Another case of smallpox was discovered to trick of the rear of the small dwelling in the rear of the patient is a colored man who goes by the name of Charles Heary. He was at once removed to the pest house and the three other persons in the house absolutely refused to say what had taken place in the secret meeting. The senation of the United States. The place for holding the fight has not signed; some say he will not. Collier is purchasing ammunition."

At 1:15 p. m. the house absolutely refused to say what had taken place in the secret meeting. The senation of the tree other persons in the house and the required six more for a quorum, it is understood that the sergeant-at-arms has been furnished lists of absentees to be sent of the prices of admission will range from \$2 to \$10.

JOHNSON OFFERS HIS DEFENSE

Another of the Tainted Majority Explains His Official Conduct.

MEMORY FAILS AT THE CRITICAL POINTS

Former School Board Member Admits that He Prepared Relative's Bid.

but Forgets When it Was Handed to Secretary.

The investigation committee of the Board of Education held a final session yesterday to listen to the defense of ex-Member A. W. Johnson, whose conduct was called into question at the previous session. The committee had believed that its labors were over, but upon Johnson's plea that he had second and J streets, announce the birth of a daughter. Mr. Firman holds a responsible position with the Hammond Packing company.

In the second and J streets, announce the birth not received fair play he was given a chance to testify. According to the evidence of Secretary Gillan Johnson had extracted from him the fact that the lowest bid on seat leaning was 55 cents per desk. Gillan unsuspectingly gave Johnson this information on the night for the awarding of the contract. Just after the meeting was called to order the secretary received from the page a bld of 54 cents in the name of Oscar Peterson, brother-in-law of Johnson. The handwriting was that of Johnson.

Johnson admitted on the stand that he wrote the proposal for his brother-in-law which was accepted by the board. He asserted, however, that the bid was prepared at his house before the meeting began. "I is only fair to state," continued Johnson "that no bids were invited for the sea" cleaning and that the work was let in a sor of an auction. The proposals sent in were unscaled and any member might be allowed to examine them. I knew during the after soon that the lowest bid so far submitted was 55 cents."

"Didn't you ask the secretary about it is the hallway?" Inquired Committeeman Johnson,

"He told me what the low bid was, but don't think I asked him," responded the

witness. The committeemen then interrogated Mr Johnson very pointedly regarding the draw ing up of the bids and its submission to the board. Johnson was unable to account for it after he had prepared it at his house. He was asked directly if he had not himself brought the bid to the board rooms, but he was unable to recall the circumstance. When he was pressed for an answer the witness exhibited confusion and either did not remember or went into such rambling explanations as to try the committee's patience. Whenever the committee seemed or the point of securing information of value Johnson's memory failed to perform its functions.

Contract Taken at a Loss. Johnson was asked regarding the probable profit involved and replied that 54 cent was less than the actual expense to the contractor. He said that his brother-in-law had taken the contract at a loss in order to gratify a private grudge which he entertained against Boyles, the former contrac-

The committee then made a faithful ef fort to reach the bottom of the wagon purchase. Johnson, who is a salesman for the Seaman Buggy company, admitted that he their petitions, that they have two suits. had sold the school board a wagon for \$175 but he was positive that no commission had been offered or accepted by any board member. The price charged, he said, was th same as that made to other purchasers. This statement is contradictory to the evidence of C C Relden who testified that he has ourchased an identical wagon from the firm Detective Buckminster testifie also that Member Cowie had confessed to him that there was a small commission in the deal. Johnson then recounted the trip of the board members to Kansas City on the invitation of the American Warming and Ventilating company, but no new testimony was brought out.

The committee continued its sitting at o'clock in the afternoon, when ex-Member Bandbauer made a brief statement regarding the Kansas City trip. The committee i now engaged with its report to the board and will probably hold no further sittings.

Denver Aldermen in a Fight. DENVER, Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen tonight to consider a bill for a franchise for the Denver, Boulder & Northern railway Alderman Currigan, who favored the bill, choked Alderman who favored the bill, choked Alderman Currigan, who favored the bill, choked Alderman Golder, chairman of the board, and pistols are said to have been drawn. Trouble was temporarily averted by interference of other members. No action was taken on the franchise.

Carter Not to Be Removed Yet. NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Former Captain berlin M. Carter, U. S. A., who is now in astle William, the military prison on Governor's Island, will remain there unti

MURDEROUS MICROBES Breeding and Feeding in

Human Intestines.

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the United States supreme court decides what action it will take on the application for a writ of certiorari on the prisoner's behalf. The United States court of appeals, as a matter of courtesy to the United States court, in a decision handed down today stayed the issuance of the mandate until the application for a writ of certiorari is decided. This stay prevents Carter's removal to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

INDIANAPOLIS. Feb. 8.—Fruit far manufacturers of Pennsylvania, Ohio and indiana, representing the entire production of the country, adjourned today after completing an organization, whereby hereafter, it is said, all the product will be sold from the Muncle factory of Ball Bros, and each factory will share in profits as per capital invested, Johbers have not been allowed to buy this year as yet, and the entire season's business is yet in the hands of the manufacturers, who have advanced prices 25 per cent. Fruit Jar Trust Completed.

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History of "The Defense of Champigny."

The Franco-German war of 1870, with all its horrors and terrible loss of life, still burns in the memory of most living. For many years previous a bad feeling existed between France and Prussia and both great powers had been getting their armies in readiness and were armed to the teeth. Distrustful and full of hate to each other, they soon found themselves in a position from which neither could retreat with honor and an appeal to the sword was the only alternative. The Spanish crown offered the Prince of Hohenzollern, in June, 1870, and being accepted by him, caused the interference of Prussia, which the French government resented. feeling that Prussia had no right to interfere in Spanish affairs, and step by step the quarrel grew, and although Great Britain and other European powers tried to avert an open rupture and to preserve the peace of Europe, the war spirit was madly popular in both Prussia and France. At last, on the 15th of July, 1870, the crisis came. The Duke of Grammont told Lord Lyons, the British ambassador, that "The Prussian government had deliberately insulted France by declaring to the public that the king had affronted the French ambassador. It was evidently the intention of the king of Prussia to take credit with the people of Germany for having acted with haughtiness and discourtesy-in fact to humilitate France." Emperor Napoleon, as early as the 8th of July had moved forward his troops, and on the 15th of July war was declared by the French government to exist between France and Prussia. All Paris was in an uproar of delight. The declaration of war made Napoleon popular with his subjects and the Chambers, by an overwnelming vote, granted a credit of 50,000,000 francs for the army and 16,000,000 for the navy. The war was carried on with vast expenditure of force on both sides, and war was brought to a close after seven months of awful bloodshed and almost daily battles, the details of which are too harrowing to narrate. The Germans lost 6,247 officers and 123,453 men. The total losses of the French were incalculable. Strasburg and Metz, which Germany had lost in a time of weakness, were reconquered, and the German Empire had arisen anew, and France had thrown off bondage and had become a free nation-a republic. So good came out of evil.

While reflecting upon these eventful times, M. Jean Batiste Edouard Detaille, the great and famous French painter, was inspired with the idea of painting his world famous picture, "The Defense of Champigny,"

Before giving a few facts, a description of this magnificent painting, an outline of the village that has been made so famous, may be here narrated. Champigny, with a population of over 2,000 might almost be described as a beautiful suburb of Paris. It lies five miles east, southeast of the gay city. Here business men from the busy capital and picnic parties wend their way for a quiet rest, fresh air, and to take in the rural and pretty landscapes. Here, scattered through the village, were lovely homes or chatcaus, surrounded with well-laid-out gardens and lawns, full of sweet-scented and pretty flowers and beautiful trees, casting a heavenly and peaceful aspect all around. But this beautiy was to be marred by the ravages of war, to be trampled down by the soldiers and implements of war, for, situated as it is, on the Marne, it was selected as a place for a sortie on behalf of the French army, and here on November 30th until December 2nd, 1870, was the scene of protracted and bloody encounters between the French troops under colonel Ducrot and the Germans, and on December 3rd the French recrossed the Marne, having slain 5,000 Germans and sustained a loss of from 10,000 to 12,000 men and leaving Champigny a waste. M. Detaille's painting of The Defense of Champigny, 1870, holds a most prominent position in New York. It is now hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park, and is valued at over \$60,000.

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