FREE HIGH SCHOOL OUTLOOK

Effort to Revive the Law Will Be Made This Winter.

FORM OF BALLOT MAY BE MODIFIED

Present Arrangement of Names is Not Satisfactory and Some New Method is Likely to Be Provided.

LINCOLN, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Representative-elect John H. Mockett of the Lancaster county delegation, with the co-operation and assistance of several prominent school men, is preparing a free high school attendance law for introduction in the legislature. A bill of a somewhat similar nature was enacted two years ago, but was subsequently declared unconstitutional by the supreme court because it provided for unequal taxation. It is said that the bill now in course of preparation will conform to the ideas of the supreme court as expressed in its opinion concerning the old law. As a means of hastening official consideration of the measure it will be introduced in both branches—in the house of representatives by Mr. Mockett and in the senate by R. H. O'Neil, also of the Lancaster county delegation.

Much gossip has been heard here lately relative to a change in the law prescribing the form of election ballot. There appears to be a growing demand for a ballot of a simpler form than the one now used and many of the legislators favor a modification of the old style, under which all of the candidates of a single party were grouped in one column, enabling the citizen to vote a straight party ticket without placing a cross after each name. There are some who favor the adoption of the Illinois election law, and still others who advocate the passage of a law similar to that in force in Iowa. The experience of the last two elections has shown that not a small percentage of the voters were unfamiliar with the manner of marking the new style ballot, or else who purposely refrained from voting for several of the candidates for important offices. Those candidates who came first in the order of arrangement invariably received a higher vote than those who occupied positions down toward the tail end of the ballot.

Clark Robinson of Fillmore county, sergeant-at-arms of the last senate, was in the city today doing a little quiet work in the interests of his candidacy for re-election. He said he had been assured of the support of several members and anticipated no serious trouble in regaining his old position.

Opera and Local Music.

The financial failure of the Metropolitan Opera company engagement is a source of much disappointment to the local lovers of music. The patronage from that small but enthusiastic class was all that could have been expected, but the regular theater-going element, from whom the local managers expected considerable support, failed to appear in the expected numbers. Mr. Willard Kimball lost heavily through the venture, but not quite so much as previously estimated. He exerted every effort to make the opera a success, believing that people from out-of-town would make good the lack of support from Lincoln.

At the end of the first act of "Lucia di Lammermoor" last night the announcement was made to the crowd near the entrance to the auditorium that seats formerly selling for $4 could be purchased for $1, but Mr. Kimball was in no way responsible for this discrimination. Immediately after the opera in the afternoon Mr. Kimball relinquished the management to Maurice Grau and the decrease in prices was made at the latter's instructions after it was seen that no more $4 seats could be sold. The persons who paid the original prices naturally felt somewhat sore and at first were inclined to blame the local management. The sale of seats at $1 each brought the total receipts up to nearly $6,500.

Although it may not be possible to engage another grand opera company for a Lincoln engagement for some years to come it is not believed that the failure of yesterday will seriously injure the interests of music in this city. Concerts of a first-class character, even at increased prices, will always succeed financially in this city, as they have done in the past, but it would be a fatal mistake for a manager to expect good patronage if the best seats are not sold for less than $4 each.

Bryan's Alligator.

The large mounted alligator recently given to Mr. Bryan by some of his admirers in Florida, has been loned to the University museum. It is considered a valuable specimen on account of its unusual size.

A plan inaugurated by the Philosophical club of the university for the investigation and study of philosophical questions has been adopted by a similar organization at the University of New York.

The Lucy S. Ingalls prize scholarship of the Northwestern University Woman's Medical school has been awarded to Mrs. Emma Tucker of this city and Miss Susan B. Tallman of Grinnell, Iowa. The scholarship was established by Dr. E. Fletcher Ingalls for original work and is conferred only upon students possessing the degree of bacheior of science or bachelor of arts, or a degree of equal rank from a first class university or college.

Chancellor Andrews will lecture before the Philosophical club tomorrow night on "Kant and Konigsberg." His lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views pertaining to the life and city of the philosopher.

An order was entered this morning by Judge Holmes in the district court fixing the salary of Receiver S. A. D. Shilling of the Merchants' bank at $50 per month for every month served since June, 1897. The receivership is not completed, but the court has limited the compensation of Mr. Shilling to $2,500.

Governor Poynter went to Grand Island today to inspect the new building recently erected for the Soldiers' and Sailors' home.

In Judge Jessen's Court.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—In district court, in the case of the First National bank against T. J. Wilburn, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

In the case of Schmoller & Muller of Omaha against Edmund Leichke, the jury found for the defendant. Judge Paul Jessen then excused the jury until next Monday and court was adjourned until that time, the judge returning to Nebraska City.

Celebrate Hospital's Completion.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. G. H. Haslam gave a banquet to his German friends at Turner hall in honor of the near approach of the opening of the Fremont hospital. Covers were laid for 100 and there were no vacant places. After disposing of the elaborate menu and listening to a few toasts, the guests, under the charge of Dr. Haslam and Secretary Shiveley of the hospital company, inspected the new building. The hospital will be ready for use in a few weeks. It is a three-story building, containing three large ward rooms, eighteen rooms for patients, operating rooms and all conveniences.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

Jell-O,

a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day. 10 cts.

FARMER'S FALL PROVES FATAL

Anton Holechek Found Dead on the Road to His Home Near Spencer, Nebraska.

SPENCER, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—At a lonely spot, four miles northeast of here, on the road to his home, the body of Anton Holechek has been found, and it is thought that he was killed by a fall from his wagon. He has occasionally taken liquor to excess while in town, and two years ago a friend of his, one Turachek by name, was killed in a similar manner as the two were driving home in an intoxicated condition. In that instance the team was driven into a ditch, the wagon overturned and Holechek caught under it in such a way that he could not extricate himself and lay there all night in a freezing condition.

Odorous Cases at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Several months ago John Walker of Avoca was tried and convicted by a justice of the peace in Weeping Water upon the charge of bastardy. He was bound over to the district court, but escaped from Constable Quinton at Avoca while trying to secure a bond. Since then nothing had been heard from him until yesterday, when Sheriff W. D. Wheeler received word that the authorities at Marshalltown, Ia., had the man and would hold him until the officers came for him. Sheriff Wheeler will soon return with Walker. The complaining witness was Miss Lillie Parker. Louis Fahenstock of Avoca filed papers in Justice Archer's court in this city yesterday alleging that on January 31 last, John Walker did wickedly and maliciously devise to fasten the crime of criminal assault upon the said complainant by inducing one, Lillie Parker, to go before a justice of the peace in Liberty precinct and to make oath before said justice to a complaint in writing and to make, sign and swear to such information. Fahenstock stated that at the time of the alleged crime he was acting as telegraph operator for the Missouri Pacific at Avoca and Lillie Parker was employed at his home as a domestic. Later the girl repented and made a clean breast of the affair, exonerating Fahenstock and accusing Walker.

Constable H. C. Strong of Nehawka brought Charles Kelberg to this city today, having captured him in Union last night. This afternoon County Attorney Root filed a complaint with Justice Archer charging Kelberg with having committed a criminal assault upon Nancy Estella Bevins, a girl under the age of 15 years. Kelberg waived examination and was bound over to the district court, but not being able to give $500 bond, now languishes in the county jail. Kelberg is about 18 years of age and has been working for the father of the girl in the stone quarries near Nehawka.

Wood River Farmer Disappears.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A report reaches this city from Wood River to the effect that a young farmer named Stevens left that vicinity a few days ago to bring back a few cattle which had strayed to the Loup river country. He did not return and an investigation was made. The horse and saddle were discovered in a field, but no trace has so far been found of the man. The saddle, it is stated, was found under a haystack. The community is considerably agitated and a committee of citizens has gone up to the Loup river country to investigate, search for the man and dredge the river if no trace can be found. It is feared that the man has been foully dealt with.

Canning Factory for Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—This city is to have a canning factory which will cost about $12,000 and will have a capacity of 50,000 cans per day. J. A. Boyce, representing a Hastings company, has been here several days and has interested several prominent business men in the project. It will be built, owned and operated by local capital, and in connection with irrigation, which is now recognized as a permanent thing in Platte county, promises to succeed. While the company has not been permanently organized as yet, one of those interested said yesterday that the early spring would undoubtedly see work commenced on the factory.

Funeral of Soren Olsen.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The funeral services of Soren Olson, one of the victims of the Gentleman shooting affray at Platte Center, was held this afternoon from the Danish Lutheran church on Thurd street, which was crowded with the friends of the deceased. The services were conducted by Rev. Lund, pastor of the church. The casket was covered with floral designs, many of them done in callas. The brother from Pennsylvania, on whose account the services were postponed from Monday to Thursday, was present. The remains were buried in Ridge cemetery and were followed to their last resting place by a large procession.

Stanton Has a New Chapter.

STANTON, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was organized here last night by Mrs. T. L. Matthews of Fremont, worthy grand patron of the order in Nebraska, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Gower, worthy matron of the chapter at Pender. The chapter here starts with a membership of twenty-five, which number will probably be more than doubled within a very short time. The officers are as follows: Augusta M. Ehrhardt, W. M.; Henry F. Stephens, W. P.; Carrie A. Ley, W. A. M.; Minnie Kincaid, S.; Amy C. Mackey, T.; Emma Chace, C.; William Gerecki, A. C.; Ella Frost, W.; John A. Ehrhardt, A.; Rev. Charles Griffith, C.

Pays Fine for Petit Larceny.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A. A. Sheard, who was arrested Tuesday at Arlington by Sheriff Kreader, on the charge of embezzlement from a local bank, went before Justice of the Peace Hinman yesterday. A plea of guilty of petit larceny was accepted by the prosecution and the defendant sentenced to pay a small fine and costs, which he at once did. It is understood that he has settled the amount of the alleged embezzlement with the bank and squared up with other parties. His friends are of the opinion that the embezzlement charge could not have been sustained.

Is Young in Crime.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—James Mahan today plead guilty in the district court to the charge of grand larceny. The prisoner, who is a mere boy, was employed on the government riprap work at Rulo and stole a sum of money from a fellow employe. He broke down when arraigned and Judge Stull was inclined to be lenient and gave him the minimum sentence, one year in the penitentiary.

Small Blaze at State Normal.

PERU, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Negligence on the part of employes of the State normal came near making a bonfire of the main building last night. The electric wire entering the building had had the insulation removed over the chapel and that started a fire which, but for the prompt work of parties present, might have resulted in the destruction of the building.

IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Oxley's Preliminary Trial Throws Little Light on Fullhart Murder.

SISTER'S DREAM IS CONFUSING FEATURE

Mrs. Hushaw's Nocturnal Visions Seem Hard to Verify and Her Attorney Goes Home a Skeptic—Accused Man is Bound Over.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The preliminary trial of William Oxley, in the Fullhart murder case, is completed. The last day did not bring out any additional evidence against the accused, but merely corroborated the testimony of the first day. Oxley was bound over.

At the trial yesterday appeared an unexpected spectator in the person of J. S. Branyan, an attorney from Huntington, Ind., where resides Mrs. Hushaw, the only sister of W. H. Fullhart, the deceased. He came at the solicitation of Mrs. Hushaw, who, on the night of the 22d of November, two days before she received the telegram announcing her brother's death, dreamed that she saw a man kill her brother on his Custer county ranch by breaking in his skull with a hammer. She also dreamed that Fullhart told her he had a can of money buried in a certain part of the stable. When she awoke from her dream she was so nervous she could not sleep and got up and aroused her daughter, who was in the house with her, and told her the dream. After hearing of the death of her brother she wrote to the postmistress at Dunning inquiring about the estate of her brother, who informed her that it was probably worth $50,000 and he had a quarter section of land with a fine brick house, besides large herds of cattle and horses. As her half-brother from Kansas, who had visited the ranch, had written her there were not to exceed 100 head of cattle and horses and that the ranch was on government land, Mrs. Hushaw was inclined to think she was liable to be defrauded out of a large share of the estate. The conflicting reports about the value of the property, together with a desire to have him look for the can of money, caused her to send her attorney.

Mr. Branyan visited the Fullhart ranch today, but instead of a fine brick house he found one of the poorest sod hovels in this part of the country, and further found that the deceased had no title to the land on which he had been residing so long. He dug for the money in the stable, as his client had directed, but without success. The administrator has found fifty-one horses and thirty-nine cattle that belonged to the deceased, including the ones Oxley drove off and sold. Mrs. Hushaw's description does not tally exactly with Oxley, as the man she saw in her dream was light complexioned, light hair and mustache and five feet six inches tall, whereas Oxley is smaller and quite dark. It may develop yet, if Oxley is not the murderer, that her description is not much out of the way.

Mr. Branyan will start home this evening, not strengthened in his belief in mental telepathy since his investigation of the real situation. The dream is remarkable, however, as the date corresponds closely to the time that the evidence would seem to point to the date of death. If true this might clear Oxley, as he had driven off and sold Fullhart's cattle three days before the murder was committed.

Two Deaths at Alliance.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A young man, 22 years old, and a child belonging to the same family died here today from an attack of that which some pronounce smallpox and others Cuban itch.

The authorities today closed the public schools, and all gatherings are prohibited. Probably twenty places are quarantined in the city, a pesthouse has been provided and a doctor employed to give his entire time and attention to the cases. The authorities are determined to stamp out the disease if it is possible to do so. It was about two weeks ago that a young man named Cody came into town and was taken down with the malady soon afterward. Quite a number of his acquaintances called on him during his sickness and from that sick room the local epidemic is supposed to have started, spreading even to the country, where there are a number of cases. The ladies are making bedding, pillows and sheets for the distressed, and plenty of funds are at their disposal.

Teamster Crushed Under Wheels.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Elmer Smothers, a teamster, in the employ of the Henningsen Produce company of this city, was found dead in the road about five miles this side of Deshler in Thayer county. Smothers started from Deshler about midday with a ton and a half of butter and eggs loaded upon his dray, expecting to arrive in Superior in the evening. It is supposed that the day being warm Smothers dozed and fell off. The wheels passed over his body, crushing his ribs upon his heart. The cause of death was so clearly accidental that the coroner did not impanel a jury. The deceased leaves a wife and three small children.

Gentleman Pleads Not Guilty.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Nicholas Gentleman, who did the shooting at Platte Center a week ago, was arraigned in justice court this morning, and upon the reading of the complaint he entered a plea of not guilty, waived the preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court without bail. The witnesses for the state were each required to enter into a recognizance in the sum of $200 for their appearance. The complaint charges murder in the first degree. Robert Wilson, who was thought to have been seriously injured by one of Gentleman's bullets, is said to have passed the danger point and will recover entirely.

Jail Delivery at Beaver City.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Griffin and Arch Bisbee, two prisoners of the county jail, sawed their way to liberty last night. A hole (7x13 inches) was cut in the steel cell through which they squeezed themselves. Four other prisoners refused to take advantage of the opportunity and remained in their cells, although they later refused to divulge any of the details. The escape of the two was thus hidden from the officials until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Griffin was under charge of criminal assault and Brisbee was awaiting trial for cattle-rustling.

Ministerial Association Convenes.

FARNAM, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Ministerial association of the Methodist Episcopal church, North Platte district, convened at Farnam Tuesday evening. Rev. R. S. Moore, presiding elder of the district, with a large number of pastors of the country churches in the district under his charge were present. The program, as outlined, covered three days. Finding the revival services in progress it was determined not to interfere with the evening meeting but rather to aid them in every possible manner.

Tries to Beat the Fast Mail.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Patrick Tulley, a farmer residing eight miles from North Bend, was seriously injured by train No. 101 while he was attempting to cross the Union Pacific track two miles west of North Bend this afternoon. Tulley was driving a wagon. He saw the train coming and attempted to cross ahead of it. The horses, wagon and himself were thrown together into the ditch. It is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

Lodge Elections at Elkhorn.

ELKHORN, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Two lodges of Elkhorn have elected officers for 1901 as follows:

Antlers' lodge No. 72, Knights of Pythias: L. Richardson, C. C.; J. Sylvanus, V. C.; Charles Witte, prelate; J. M. Brunner, M. of E.; W. W. Elliott, M. of F.; Fred Bull, M. of W.; J. A. Gibbons, M. at A.; Ed Hall, K. of R. S.; C. Warren, I. G.; John Butenschoen, O. G.

Elkhorn camp No. 1330, Modern Woodmen of America: Charles Witte, V. C.; James Widgery, W. A.; B. B. Baldwin, banker; D. W. Cannon, C.; August Grimen, S.; P. Hofeldt and Ed Hall, delegates.

Leigh's Woodmen Are Strong.

LEIGH, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of Camp No. 1023, Modern Woodmen of America, last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. A. Madden, V. C.; C. W Draper, W. A.; J. J. Nichols, E. B.; J. H. Pieper, clerk; Charles H. Stockdale, escort; Irvin Walling, watchman; W. H. Carleton, sentry, and F. N. Nichols, a member of the board of managers. The lodge now has a membership of 112.

Trenton to Have a New Paper.

TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—There is a movement on foot to establish here a republican newspaper. One was to have been started before election, but the interested parties were delayed in completing their arrangements.

Trenton lodge, No. 160, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the last regular meeting elected A. H. French, N. G.; C. W. Bosserman, V. G.; W. O. Robinson, recorder, and S. Hill, treasurer.

Six Strikers Out at Superior.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Santa Fe road is dealing summarily with the striking telegraphers on the Superior & Strong City division. The six men who left their keys when the strike order came and who afterward went back to work have been checked out and new men are in their positions.

Odd Fellows Reimbursed.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Adjusters for the fire insurance in which the Odd Fellows building is insured have appraised the damage done by the recent blaze at $270.25, which seems satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Mary Lease Explains It.

HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Under the auspicies of Harvard Public Library association Mary E. Lease gave her lecture, "A World Movement and Its Meaning," at Stokes' opera house last evening to a large audience.

What the Mule Did to Him.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Jared Fard, a farmer of Davis creek, was kicked in the face by a mule and badly injured. His cheekbone was crushed, his nose nearly torn off and he was unconscious for some time after.

Grand Island Mayor Proclaims.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—But one new case of contagious sickness has been reported in the last few days. Mayor Platt today issued a proclamation giving the true condition of affairs and assuring all strangers of the entire absence of danger.

Is Shallenberger's Secretary.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—H. W. Risley, one of the publishers of the Democrat, has been appointed secretary to Congressman-elect Shallenberger.

HYMENEAL

Marvin-Noyes.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Herold E. Marvin of Denver and Miss Mabel Noyes of Hastings were married at 5 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Noyes. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Van Dyke Wight of the Presbyterian church, and was witnessed by nearly fifty guests. The newly wedded couple departed at 9 o'clock for Denver, where they intend to reside.

Young-Carr.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mr. Elias Young and Miss Alice Carr were married here yesterday. Mr. Young is a wealthy farmer of Johnson county.

Savings Association Shy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Before Justice Maddox in supreme court, Brooklyn, today William B. Hornblower appeared to answer an application by W. E. Kisselberg for the appointment of a receiver for the Anglo-American Savings and Loan association, pending argument to make permanent a temporary injunction restraining the institution from carrying on business operations. Mr. Hornblower said that the officers and directors of the association were satisfied that it would be best for all concerned to have a receiver appointed until present litigation was settled.

Mr. Kisselberg, representing the attorney general in the proceedings, informed the court that he intended to prove that the capital of the association, rated at $50,000,000, amounted to less than $2,000,000. The court took the papers and reserved decision.

New Capitol for Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 13.—The Mississippi capitol commission today let the contract for the new state house to Messrs. Wells & Wells of Chicago for $831,000. The next bid was that of George Dugan of Kansas City, who bid $833,000.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Scarlet fever is quarantined at 1329 South Thirty-first street and at 2216 Charles street.

Diphtheria has been reported from 2332 South Tenth street.

Frank Thompson was arrested Thursday afternoon on a charge of stealing a hat from a hat store on North Sixteenth street.

The city council terminated its three-day session as a board for the equalization of special assessments yesterday afternoon. Only three protests were filed with the board and no reductions were made.

The Omaha Water company has filed a protest with the Board of Review and asks that the assessment of $1,000,000 made against the personal property of the company for 1901 be reduced to $420,000, the amount which the company paid taxes for 1900.

Colonel James P. Kimball, chief surgeon of the Department of the Missouri, has gone to Des Moines, where he will meet with the other members of the Board of Survey and report upon the character of the land offered by that city for the new military post.

A mad dog created quite a stir on the High school grounds yesterday. The animal rushed into the yard during recess. It was frothing at the mouth and acted strangely. Pupils gave the brute a wide berth and summoned the janitor, Thomas H. Fitzgerald, who shot the dog.

James Leo, George Wright and George Parker, charged with holding up and robbing a bartender in a saloon on Leavenworth street, near Seventeenth, November 23, were given a hearing in police court Thursday afternoon, after which they were held to the district court under $1,000 bonds each.

A two-story brick building at 202-6-8 South Twelfth street suffered considerable damage by fire at 3:41 a. m. yesterday. The building is occupied by Max Katskee, who leases various parts of it to small dealers. It is estimated that the damage to the structure will amount to $100, and the damage to the contents is fixed at $150. The cause is unknown. There is some insurance.

While tacking an advertisement on the sash of a plate glass window in the front of the Union Pacific Tea company's store, 204 North Sixteenth, about noon yesterday, the stepladder broke and Fred Mauss, an employe of the company, fell through the glass, smashing a hole in it large enough to admit a dray horse. He was cut in several places by the falling glass, but was not severely injured.

The Prospect Hill Improvement club met Wednesday night at Thirty-third and Decatur streets and discussed the extension of the Harney street car line along California and Thirty-third streets to Prospect Hill. Councilmen Lobeck and Karr were present and promised to do all in their power to secure car service, water and gas for that portion of the city. The meeting was largely attended. George Hunt presided.

FANCY PRICE FOR FINE STOCK

Local Packers Pay Big Figures for the Prize-Winning Steers.

SEVEN AND A HALF FOR THE TOP BUNCH

One Extra Fine Animal Brings Twenty Dollars Per Hundred and All Sell at Satisfactory Figures.

The prize cattle that were on exhibition at the South Omaha stock yards on Wednesday were sold yesterday at the highest price paid in recent years on that market. The 3-year-olds which carried off first prize were owned and fed by John Shannon of Hoskins, and the Omaha Packing company brought them at $7.50 per 100. It will be remembered that the same company also bought the highest-priced cattle last year and paid $7.25 for them.

Mr. A. W. Clark's load of yearlings, which were awarded first premium in that class, were also sold at a good figure. There were heifers in the bunch and the fifteen head sold at $6 to the Omaha Packing company, which is the highest price ever paid for a mixed bunch of yearlings on the South Omaha market.

The best steer in the bunch of Polled Argus cattle owned and fed by W. R. Thurber of Ong, and which received the second prize in the 2-year-old contest, was auctioned off. That particular steer has the distinction of going by the name of William McKinley. The highest bidder was Armour, and he paid $20 per 100. Cudahy and Armour were the rival bidders. The first bid was $8, but the auctioneer started it at $10, which was alternately raised by the two bidders a quarter at a time until $16 was reached. They then raised their bids at 50-cent jumps until $19 was reached. Armour's buyer then put on $1 and got the steer. The other cattle entered in the prize contest but which failed to receive a premium were also sold at very satisfactory prices.

DEATH RECORD.

Samuel Likens of Bassett.

BASSETT, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Samuel H. Likens, one of the first settlers in this part of the state, died very suddenly here last night from an attack of apoplexy. He was in his usual health when he retired for the night, but at about 10 o'clock, without any warning, he was stricken. He did not regain consciousness and his death occurred at midnight. Mr. Likens came to this county in 1879 and took up a homestead on the Niobrara river in the vicinity of the operations of the once famous outlaw, "Doc" Middleton. In 1889 he removed to Bassett, where he engaged in the meat business, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death. He leaves a widow and four children.

Gustavus Clark Hopkins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Gustavus Clark Hopkins, an ex-president of the Cotton exchange, is dead. He was born February 29, 1844, in Mobile Ala., but removed to Guilford, Conn., with his parents, when he was very young. He moved to this city and in 1876 became a partner in the firm of Hopkins, Dwight & Co., cotton merchants. Mr. Hopkins became a member of the Cotton exchange on October 17, 1878. He served for a number of years on the board of managers, was vice president from 1894 to 1896, and then served two terms as president from 1896 to 1898. He remained actively in business until two months ago, though he had been in ill health since June. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Michael G. Mulhall.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Michael G. Mulhall, the statistician, is dead. He was born in 1856. Michael G. Mulhall founded in 1861 the Buenos Ayres Standard, the first English paper printed in South America. He was elected to the committee of the British association in 1884 and attended the Anglo-American Scientific congress held in Philadelphia that year.

His principal works were "Dictionary of Statistics," "The Progress of the World" and the "Industries and Wealth of Nations."

William E. Healy.

Word has been received that William E. Healy, an attorney well known in the city a few years ago, died suddenly in Chicago last night. Mr. Healy lived in the city a good many years, having left in 1896 to go to a new home in Chicago. He had a wide acquaintance and was a favorite with many of the older attorneys. The details of his demise are not known excepting that he died unexpectedly in one of the Chicago hotels. He was about 45 years old.

William Osborn.

William Osborn, a veteran of the civil war and for twenty years a resident of Douglas county, died at the home of T. L. Hull yesterday. Mr. Osborn was 60 years of age, and leaves a wife, four sons and a daughter, all of whom reside in Omaha, excepting one son, who lives at Los Angeles, Cal. The deceased was a member of Atlanta post, Waterloo, Ia., and a past president of the Douglas County Association of Soldiers of the Civil War.

Mrs. Klingbeil of Hooper.

HOOPER, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. W. Klingbeil died at her home here at 3 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness of nearly a year. The deceased was about 76 years of age, and hers was one of the earliest families to locate in Dodge county. She lived here for the last thirty-five years. Her husband, five daughters and one son survive her.

Adolph E. Schoninger.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 13.—Adolph E. Schoninger, president of the Western Wheel company of Chicago, died today after a lingering illness of tuberculosis.

Villisca's Oldest Resident.

VILLISCA, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gardner, aged 92 years, the oldest citizen of Villisca, died at the home of her son and was buried here yesterday.

FIRE RECORD.

Iron Works at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—The building, foundry and machinery of the Lane & Bodley iron works in this city were burned tonight with a total loss of from $200,000 to $250,000. They were large manufacturers of sawmills, traction engines and many other articles, and about 200 men will be thrown out of work.

Captain Backer of the fire department was seriously injured while working at the fire. The building and machinery were partially insured.

Fire in St. Louis Theater.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—A fire started at midnight tonight in the upper part of the Standard theater, one of the most famous variety and vaudeville houses in the country and did damage estimated at 20,000. The Utopian Burlesque company sustained a loss of $2,000. The house is owned by Edward J. Butler, a leading local politician, who said the insurance amounts to $35,000.

Valuable Race Horse Incinerated.

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 13.—Noble T, 2:10, was cremated in a fire today that destroyed the livery barn of Lockridge, Houchins & Suggett, and eight other horses. Noble T. was owned by S. H. Trager of Peoria, Ill., and was valued at $7,500.

Steamfitters Make Terms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The Journeymen Steamfitters' Protective association tonight made peace with the Master Steamfitters' association and is no longer affiliated with the Building Trades' council.

The junior steamfitters will also accept the same terms. The withdrawal takes about 600 men from the central body.

Official Vote of Wisconsin.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 13.—The total vote of Wisconsin, as officially canvassed, was 425,151. McKinley's plurality was 106,581. LaFolette's (republican) plurality for governor, 103,745.

TWO FAIR DAYS PROMISED

Weather Bureau Prognosticates Drop in Temperature in Western Nebraska, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Forecast of the weather:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Fair Friday; colder in western portion, Saturday fair; variable winds.

For Iowa—Generally fair Friday and Saturday; easterly winds.

For Missouri—Fair in eastern; rain in western portion Friday; Saturday fair; variable winds.

For North Dakota—Fair; warmer Friday; Saturday fair; variable winds.

For South Dakota—Fair Friday; Saturday fair; warmer in eastern portion; variable winds.

For Colorado—Fair Friday; colder in southeastern portion; Saturday fair; variable winds.

For Wyoming—Fair Friday and Saturday; westerly winds.

For Montana—Fair Friday and probably Saturday; westerly winds, becoming variable.

For Illinois—Generally fair Friday and Saturday; snow Friday near Lake Michigan, east winds.

For Indiana—Generally fair Friday and Saturday; fresh north to east winds.

For Western Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

For Arkansas—Fair Friday and Saturday; easterly winds.

For Eastern Texas—Fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh northerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 13.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature...	46	17	10	27
Minimum temperature....	24	10	—3	22
Mean temperature.....	35	14	4	24
Precipitation	.00	T	.00	.37

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1900:

Normal temperature	30
Excess for the day	5
Total excess since March 1.....	902
Normal precipitation.....	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day.....	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1.....	29.78 inches
Excess since March 1.....	.49 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1899...	3.79 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898...	3.39 inches

Reports from Stations at S. P. M.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum Temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	37	46	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	40	48	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	50	30	.00
Rapid City, clear	36	58	.00
Huron, clear	14	24	.00
Williston, clear	30	36	.01
Chicago, cloudy	24	28	.00
St. Louis, clear	38	42	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	8	8	.00
Davenport, clear	24	30	.00
Kansas City, raining	42	46	T
Helena, clear	42	50	.01
Havre, clear	36	48	.00
Bismarck, cloudy	8	8	T
Galveston, clear	52	58	.00

—Zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

TEST FOR YOURSELF

The Wonderful Curative Properties of Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney and Bladder Remedy.

To Prove what Swamp-Root will do for YOU, Every Readers of the Bee May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

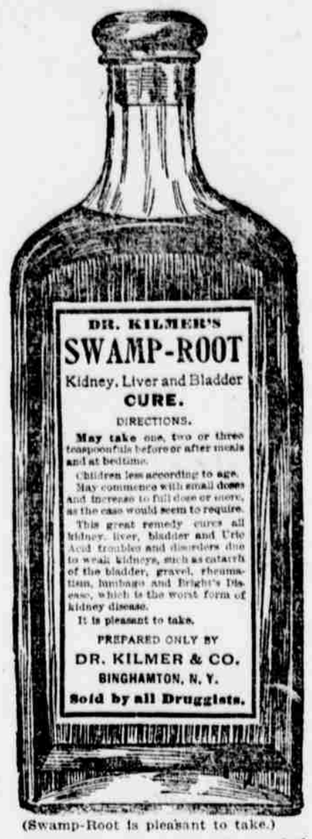
The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

So when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the famous new discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

Among the many famous cures of Swamp-Root investigated by The Bee, the one which we publish today for the benefit of our readers, speaks in the highest terms of the wonderful curative properties of this great kidney remedy. Dr. Geo. S. Champlin, Ashaway, R. I., writes: "When I sent for sample bottle of Swamp-Root I had to make water every two or three hours through the day and the night. I passed but a very small quantity, but with a scalding and straining at the end of each passage. Our best doctor here prescribed for me, but his medicine did me no good. I then began your sample bottle, and before I got through with it I felt a change. I would not have believed such a small quantity would have done so much, but before it was gone I learned that our druggist kept your Swamp-Root, and so got a large bottle for one dollar, but actually worth one hundred dollars. I only took one large tablespoonful three times a day, and before I had taken one-half bottle I was all right and have been since. My urine is as light color as usual. GEO. S. CHAMPLIN. Ashaway, R. I. Jan. 4, 1900.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering with fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Unhealthy kidneys cause rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; makes your head ache and back ache, causes indigestion, stomach and liver trouble; you get as sallow, yellow complexion, makes you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.



(Swamp-Root is pleasant to take.)

In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand twenty-four hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float about in it, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere.

EDITORIAL NOTE—— —Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder remedy, is so successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of The Bee who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent absolutely free by mail. Also a book telling all about kidney and bladder troubles and containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured by Swamp-Root. Be sure and mention reading this generous offer in The Omaha Morning Bee when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co