Sons and Daughters POLICE WORK IN SILENCE of Protection

Unite With Bankers Union of CHIEF DONAHUE DECLINES PUBLICITY the World,

OMAHA INSTITUTION.

Letter to Its Members.

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Resolutions of Lincoln Lodge No. 1.

LINCOLN, Dec. 17, 1900. TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PROTECTION-GREETING:

For four years, the Supreme Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Protection and the membership have endeavored to furnish to its members safe insurance at cost, and at the same time to build up a conservative, growing fraternal institution. In this, they have been at least partially suc-

At the present time we have about 3,000 members in good standing, selected from among the best people of the State of Nebraska, and while our growth has been good, it must be conceded, however, that number of other Orders, whose Supreme Officers have been able to devote their en- | men who impersonated officers from Sarpy tire attention to the work of the Order, have made a considerably more rapid growth

furnished our members more cheaply by the consolidation of this Order with some one of the young and progressive Orders of our State, we have, after careful examination of the plans of insurance, records, methods of doing business, and acquaintance with the Supreme Officers, most likely to furnish to our members the nounce. most satisfactory association and insurance, and believing that the best interests of our Order would be subserved by a consolidation with that Order, an arrangement has been made whereby all the obiigations of the Supreme Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Protection to its memand others, have been assumed by the Bankers Union of the World.

By way of introduction to our members, in good condition and it has a large and says. growing reserve fund. It furnishes to its members life insurance, accident insurance, health certificates, and protection against issued either in separate policies or in one

of the World is certainly to be congratument. In Dr. E. C. Spinney, Supreme Prestdent, we have a man of large experience in fraternal insurance, of great executive ability, of agreeable personality and the strictest probity, and we bespeak for these united Orders a most splendid future, be-Heving that in this consolidation the membership of both Orders have been greatly strengthened and none of the rights or privileges of either membership endangered or curtailed in the least.

We ask of our membership the same the Sons and Daughters of Protection, and theory that he is guilty. predict that within a few years the Bank-America. Fraternally yours,

IRA J. AYERS. Associate Supreme Secretary.

On last Tuesday evening at Lincoln, Judge E. P. Holmes in the chair, Lincoln Lodge No. 1 Sons and Daughters of Protection, with more than five hundred members, adopted the following:

"Whereas, It has been made to appear to the members of this lodge that this organization, the Sons and Daughters of Protection, has by the action of the Supreme Lodge been consolidated with the Bankers Union of the World; and, Whereas, It has been made to further ap

pear that by such action the interests of the Sons and Daughters of Protection, holding beneficiary certificates have been fully protected by the action of the Supreme Lodge in such consolidation, and made such certificates more secure and of greater value; therefore, Be it resolved, That we, the members

ers of Protection, hereby ratify and approve of such action and fully endorse the wisdom of the Supreme Lodge in the perfection of such consolidation; and,

Be it further Resolved, That we hereby epress our great appreciation of the efforts of the members of the supreme lodge, who have given their untiring efforts and made personal sacrifices that the interests of the nembers of this organization should at all times be fully protected; and,

"Be it further Resolved, That we pledge our support to the consolidated orders and by individual efforts will seek to make such organization first among the fraternal or ganizations of this state by maintaining the high standard of the personal character of our members, as we have in the past. BECRETARY LINCOLN LODGE NO. 1. Sons and Daughters of Protection.

OMAHA ST. LOUIS WABASH RR

WINTER TOURIST RATES

and Orient.

each month. To Hot Springs, Ark., the

famous Winter Resort of America, on sale every day

Tickets now on sale to all the winter re-

Harry E. Moores,

Will Pursue Cudahy Kidnapers Without I rass Eand Methods.

Developments of Saturday Are Slight, in the buckboard. but Sufficient to Encourage the officers Who Are Working on the Case.

Saturday was not especially fruitful as case. No new evidence of a striking char-The Former Society Issues a Circular acter was uncarthed and there are no new lues or theories, but the police are working hard and with a settled, clearly-defined purpose. A dozen or more persons The Consolidation Makes Both Orders say that they had seen the kidnapers and brown overcoat, which had evidently seen the Consolidation Makes Both Orders sould be able to identify them. The chief two or three winters, a black slouch hat. questioned all such closely, took their that in the event of the arrest of a suspect By far the greatest part of the evidence now in possession of the police consists of descriptions of the supposed kidnapers, and u the absence of snything more tangible the task which the department has in hand utes he and his companion drove away in is by no means an easy one. The bandits the buckboard. didn't leave much of a trail behind. They may not have been professional crooks, but from the manner in which the job was planned and executed they were certainly not altogether unread in the ways of crim-

The most gratifying phase of the case thus far is the fact that four witnesses, no two of them known to each other, agree perfectly as to the description of two of the outlaws, while two other witnesses agree as to the description of the third bandit. J. N. H. Patrick, Miss Maud Munshow, Mrs. John Schneiderwind and Eddie Cudahy, the kidnaped boy, describe the two county and who seem to have done the most active part of the work. August Schlemme and Frank Glynn describe the light-com-Feeling that the same insurance could plexioned thug, who did the telephone and spying for his principals. Their descriptions are not detailed, however, and it must be an officer of keen insight and judgment, indeed, who would feel justified in making arrests upon them.

It may be that the police are in possession of much more material evidence than their qualifications and integrity, decided slop of much more material evidence than that the Bunkers Union of the World, of they care to give out. The chief issued an Omaha, Neb., is of all of these young ultimatum Saturday that no more "bulle-Orders the most progressive, conservative, tins" would be given out until he had someand business like in its management and thing of a really decisive nature to an-

ISSUES ULTIMATUM

No More News Will Be Given to News papers Until Kidnapers Have

J. J. Donahue, chief of police, has issued decree to the effect that he is going to we would say that the Bankers Union of give out no more information to the news-World was organized November 10, papers in connection with the Cudahy kid-1898, and claims for its jurisdiction all the paping case until the police department nealthy portions of the United States, and is has accomplished the arrest of one or more now a brotherhood of more than 20,000 mcm- of the bandits. "We hope to have some bers in good standing; that its finances are such good news for them very soon," he

Ar old detective, now in the employe of the infirmities of age, the same being the case which is now engaging so much Patrick, was rented a month ago by the policy as the circumstances dictate. The Union admits men and women upon equal Crowe, he said: "The fact of the matter Cudahy's prison house. It will be rememterms, and their plan of insurance and is, the police department is very much in- bered that the Happy Hollow shanty was years and consider it no more than just form of government are very similar to terested in this individual just now, though visited late in November by the sheriff and that all income from that source should be that of the Sons and Daughters of Protec- the chief was perfectly correct when he a posse, that its doors and windows were devoted to the payment of past obligations The management of the Bankers Union step in at that door this minute.' Of course dows covered with newspapers, and that able for use in paying the current expenses they wouldn't arrest him under such cirlated upon its magnificent growth and its cumstances as that. For him to pay the though a month's advance rent had been Building Fund Must Be Provided For. conservative, aggressive and able manage- police such a personal visit would be equiv- paid. Mr. Patrick's description of the men job, and I can prove that I am not."

"The police know perfectly well that Pat no trouble in proving it. An alibi would finally caughtsquare him all right. So the police are cordial and hearty support for the Bankers and, if he doesn't materialize within the to the persons for whom the police are now forever issuing bonds and must prepare to next few days, they will proceed upon the searching. On the morning of December 2 meet educational demands in another mandoubted that there is considerable evidence horse hitched to a light top buggy, stopped ers Union of the World will be the leading against Crowe, but the police are doing in front of her home, 1948 South Twenty-Fraternal Insurance Association of perfectly right in not wiring the depart- eighth street, and, calling her to the door.

gold cannot remain always in obscurity. "And speaking of gold, did it ever occur manded this kind of money from their man, who gave the name of James L. Conand then dig it up and decamp. Paper necessary he could have made and the cost identified than paper money.

"But you can readily understand that a me the remaining \$5.
andit wise enough to hatch this plot and "The man was about 32 years old, I should bandit wise enough to hatch this plot and of Lincoln Lodge No. I, Sons and Daught- carry it out so successfully would be too judge, slight of build, with a light-colored buried, that the men are at work at some sider her a very well-dressed woman." legitimate employment, and that these concitions will obtain until public attention is diverted from the case, or until the police get the right t'p and arrest them."

FARMER SAW THIRD BANDIT

August Schlemme is Confident He Can Identify One of the Cudshy Kidnapers.

August Schlemme, a farmer who lives

with his family near Thirty-sixth and Curby the Cudahy kidnapers as their strongheld, called upon the chief of police yesterday with a story to which is attached no little importance, as it relates to the third representatives from Chicago districts are bandit of the gang. It has been known to the engaged in drafting bills to be presented to police from the first that there were three this end. men in the gang that kidnaped young Edward Cudahy, but until the present time five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$100. one of these men has succeeded in keeping or both, except in cases of children under well in the background. The kidnaped boy West, Cuba, Bermuda, Old did not see him; Miss Munshaw doesn't may be the penalty. Both democratic and Mexico, the Mediterranean include him in her description, nor is any republican members of the new general reference made to him by James Schneider-Rates for the round trip to wind, the broommaker who rented the banmany points south on sale dits the house. But now comes an entirely and third Tuesday new witness in the case with positive assurance that he can identify bandit No. 3 and also the light trap-half wagon, half buggy-which was used by the abductors in

conveying the boy to his prison. "We live a little more than two blocks on sale to all the winter resouth, good returning until the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase outside," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife—have taken and little more than two blocks from the cottage was blown down during laws to place from the first. That is such a long-scale laws of the season of the laws results of the staircase outsides. A large bilload near Eleventh and to St. Joseph's bespital by the ratived bera of the laws results of the season of the "We live a little more than two blocks sorts of the south, good returning until side," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife June 1st, 1901. For rates, descriptive mat- and I-especially my wife-have taken an ter and pamphlets and all other information active interest in the new tenants of that call at O. & St. Louis Ticket Office, 1415 place from the first. That is such a lone-Farnam St., (Paxton Hotel Building.) or some neighborhood, and there is so little

horse hitched to a buckboard. They tied the horse and went in. This was about noon, and, as my wife had dinner ready, I sat down to the table and began eating forgetting for the moment the new arrivals. About ten minutes later my wife called me to the window. Here is one of the men, now,' she said. I went and looked, and there, right in front of our house, walking leisurely along with his hands in his pockets, and carefully 'sizing up' everything he saw, was one of the men who had arrived

"As he was then walking toward the cottage, he must have passed our house once before when we didn't see him. He appeared to be on a tour of inspection, and remarked at the time that he was probably trying to make out what manner of to developments in the Cudahy kidnaping neighbors he was going to have. I would surely know that man if I ever saw him and. I think, a black suit of clothes, though was long and buttoned up. He couldn't they will be called upon to look him over. see me looking at him, but I could see him in the insurance fund for the year 1900. as distinctly as I see you now. He was not more than fifteen feet away

"After he had sauntered by the house he re-entered the entrage and in a few min-

"I have never seen any women about the during the last two weeks she must have done so at night.

"On the night of Tuesday, December 18, my wife and I saw a light in the upper om of the mysterious cottage. It was not bright, however, being such a light as would shine through a thin-curtained win-This was the night young Cudahy held there a prisoner. I noticed the light two or three times, and as late as 10:30 o'clock, when I retired, but didn't see any rig going to or from the house that night. Our house is so far away and the night was so dark that we couldn't have seen a dozen rigs if they had stopped

Milkman Saw the Signal.

Chris Hansen, a milkman living on Cen ter street near Ruser's park, is an individual of considerable interest and importance in his neighborhood just now, as he, by happy stroke of luck, saw Mr. Cudahy and his companion Wednesday evening as they drove westward on Center street with the white and red lights to deliver the \$25,000 into the hands of the kidnapers.

"Of course I didn't know it was Mr. Cudahy in the buggy then," said he, "and I dian't know they had \$25,000 in the rig, but I did see the white and red lights, and I thought at the time it was rather queer. supposed it was some bridge contractor going to hang a red light on an open bridge as a warning to travelers, or something of

HAPPY HOLLOW FIRST CHOSEN

Bandits Selected This as Site of Their Prison House, but Abandoned It.

A circumstance came to light yesterday which shows that the police were right in the government secret service, gave his their conjecture that the little frame shanty opinion yesterday on several phases of out in Happy Hollow, property of J. N. H. said. 'We wouldn't arrest him if he should found to be fitted with new locks, the win- and should not be considered as funds availit was abendoned forthwith by its alent to his saying. I am not guilty of this who came to him to rent this shanty tallies putting money in its building fund," Secperfectly with Mr. James Schneiderwind's retary Burgess said in discussing the needs Crowe, if innocent knowing that he is sus- the cottage at Thirty-sixth and Grover issuance of bonds be discontinued. The pected, would come to Omaha from wher- streets. Thus Mr. Patrick becomes an im- High school is provided for now, but other ever he may be and report to Chief Dona- portant witness, as he, too, will be able to buildings must be constructed in a short hue, because if he is not guilty he will have identify the kidnapers when they are time. In the south part of the city the

It cannot be a man and a young woman driving a gray ner. ment of some other city to arrest him, asked if the house at Thirty-sixth and A bandit with so many thousand dollars in The man tied the horse, helped the woman

out of the vehicle and they entered. "We talked the matter over for some to you to question why the abductors de- time," said Mrs. Schneiderwind, "and the victim instead of bills of a large denomina- ner, seemed to want to beat me down on the tion? I have a theory in that connection rent because he said, the house was out of which I think is good. They wanted it in repair. I charged him \$6 a month in adgold because they planned to bury it here varce. Finally we agreed that, after the in Omaha until the excitement blew over first month, any repairs he might think money won't stand that kind of treatment, of them deducted from the rent. This by rats or other vermin. Another reason bind the bargain, and then the pair drove is that gold is less easily marked and away. The next time I saw him was four days later, when he called alone and paid

wise to strike out of Omaha with something mustache and dark hair. He had a nervlike \$14,000 in gold on his person, while the ous, abrupt way about him. The woman entire country is wrought up over the kid- was somewhat younger, and was a brunaping. No, I think that the guilty men are nette. She were a dark fur collarette, a the Omaha postoffice, that the money is with steel gray trimmings. I would con-

DEATH Illinois General Assembly Will Be Asked to Pass Law Imposing

Severest Penalty. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.-The Illinois general be asked to make kidnaping for ransom punishable by death. Stirred by the kidnaping of young Edward Cudahy at Omaha and his release on payment of \$25,600 in ew Lane, in the sparsely settled section gold, some members of the state legislature which has been located the house used are determined that the Illinois laws shall be amended so as to make liable to the gallows anyone who may commit similar crimes in this state. Already three state

> The present law prescribes a penalty of 12 years of age, when life imprisonment assembly assert that the death penalty will be adopted by a unanimous vote Among those who are aiding in the preparation of bills for presentation to the legislature are: Representatives-elect Frank C. Farnum and A. W. Nohe of the Second district and Representative D. E. Sullivan of the Twenty-third. The first two are republicans and the latter is one of the lead-

School Houses in South Part of the City Are Padly Crowded.

DEFICIT STILL STARES TAXPAYERS IN FACE

Levy for Coming Year Must Be Increased to Enable Board of Ednention to Meet Its Obligations.

During the first eleven months of the present year the income of the Board of Education amounted to \$381,775.29 and the again, and so would my wife. He was short receipts for December are estimated at and stocky built, without being fat, and \$80,000, making a total of \$461,775.29 availhis face, which was florid, was smooth able for school purposes. This sum has not shaven. He had broad, prominent jaws and met the needs of the beard. Twenty called upon the chief during the day to keen blue eyes. As to dress, he wore a thousand dollars should have been placed say that they had seen the kidnapers and brown overcoat, which had evidently seen in the sinking fund preparatory to taking H. B. Morrill. up the \$200,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds which were issued in 1888, but the members names and addresses and notified them I am not sure about that, as his overcoat of the board were unable to set aside this money. Neither has any money been placed Of the board's resources for the year

\$137,815.81 came from the 4-mill levy made for school purposes. The income from ! other sources for the year 1901 will probably be about the same as in 1900 and the members are of the opinion that the levy must be increased to enable the school house, and if a woman has called there district to meet its obligations and provide for the increasing number of pupils. A 5-mill levy is advocated by most of the board members. Such a levy would yield W

about \$175,000.

One hundred and seventy-one saloons paid license in 1900, contributing \$171,000 Ra. to the support of the schools. Sixty-eight other saloons were licensed to do busiwere paid into the city treasury in 1889 Nebraska Fuel Company and do not appear in the 1990 receipts. There will be no marked increase in the number of saloons licensed for 1901. Police court receipts for the first eleven months of the present year were \$1,000 and with Judge Gordon out of office the board's income from this source will be much larger

No Increase to Revenue Anticipated. The state apportionment of school funds for 1900 gave the Omaha district \$47,919.68. Interest on funds yielded \$3,244.30. Tuition fees amounted to \$328.95. Miscellaneous licenses brought in \$10,495.10, and the income from various other sources amounted to \$10,300.40. Secretary Burgess is of the opinion that there will be no radical change in the amount of revenue these sources will yield during 1901, and says that an increase of at least 1 mill in the levy is necessary to put the board on a firm basis and enable it to take care of obligations which must be met within the next few years. Although the board will probably receive

that kind. About an hour later I saw the a levy of at least 1 mill this year as a same rig coming back, this time without payment upon the judgment of \$159,000, which it holds against the city, it is the desire of the members that this money be used to care for some of the outstanding bonds. Forty thousand dollars must be set aside next year for the purpose of creating a fund to retire the bonds issued in 1888. Half of this money should have been put into the sinking fund in 1900. In 1902 the board must place \$38,500 in the sinking fund preparatory to taking up \$385,000 worth of bonds, which were issued in 1892, for a

period of twenty years. Members of the board regard the money of the schools for the incoming year.

"The board must make some provision for description of the men to whom he rented of the schools. "It is high time that the buildings are so crowded that more room Mrs. Schneiderwind of Sheeley Station, must be provided. Nearly all the schools expecting almost every minute that Pat wife of the broommaker, says she at- are full and the school population is in Crowe will bob up like a jack-in-the-box | tended to the details of renting the cottage | creasing at a rapid rate. We cannot go on

"Taxpayers realize that there is no economy in shaving down the levy and then issuing bonds to pay for school buildings which should be paid for out of money de Their game is a waiting game, as they feel Grover streets belonged to ber husband, and rived from levies. Bonds are a temporary assured that in the course of a very short if it was for rent. She went out and talked relief for depleted funds, but they only time Pat Crowe, or anyone else who may be with them a few moments. Then, as the delay payments, which must be made sooner guilty, will do something to 'flush his hand.' day was cold, she asked them in the house. or later, and it is high time that the Omaha school district provide funds with which to make improvements in the near fu-

FAIL TO PRODUCE WITNESSES ping at the Her Grand. Fusionists Fall Down in Their Effort to Find Someone Who Will

Testify.

The fusionists in the election contest money won't stand that kind of treatment, of them deducted from the rent. This were virtually lost yesterday. When the city Attorney W. J. Connell has gone to as it is likely to mildew or to be attacked seemed to satisfy him. He paid me \$1 to hearing adjourned Friday afternoon the New York, where he will remain for about were virtually lost yesterday. When the fusionists announced that they would be ready to proceed with the examination of their witnesses Saturday, but when the notaries and the lawyers gathered at room 108 of The Bee building at 11 o'clock yesterday morning not a solitary witness could terday morning not a solitary witness could be found. Will Gurley and Frank Ransom had a whispered consultation in the hall and looked worried. All hands waited arxiously for the promised witnesses, but right here, within a radius of five miles of short brown jacket and a very stylish hat none put in an appearance, and at 12 o'clock an adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 3 o'clock the notaries and lawyers KIDNAPERS came together again, but it seemed that witnesses were not to be had at any price. At least the fusionists were unable yesterday to produce a scintilia of evidence to bolster up their side of the case, which up to date rests entirely upon the inconsistent and immaterial testimony given by assembly, which convenes in January, will Chief of Police Mitchell of South Omaha the other day.

The hearing has now been adjourned to 10 c'clock Monday morning, when the fusionists will make another effort to get in some testimony favorable to their cause.

ANTON KMENT IS CRUSHED Former Councilman Knocked Down by Burlington Train and Prob-

ably Fatally Hurt.

Former Councilman Anton Kment, who

resides at 1247 South Fifteenth street, was struck by the engine of B. & M. passenger train No. 2 on the crossing at Fourteenth and Mason streets a few minutes after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and so severely injured that he is not expected to recover. Kment was going home and apparently did not see the rapidly approaching train because of the heavy snow which was falling at the time. He was struck on the left side, his arm and leg being crushed and broken and extensive internal injuries received. Even if he should live both limbs must be amputated. Kment was removed at the time. He was struck on the left

BOARD WANTS BUILDING FUND FUND KEEPS ON GROWING EDIBLES FROM ALL LANDS

Subscriptions and Donations to the Auditorium Are Now Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

At the meeting of the auditorium com mittee yesterday new subscriptions in suffi cient amount to increase the fund to \$104. 510 were reported. The members of the ommittee expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the progress of the work, and no doubt whatever is enter tained as to the complete success of the auditorium project. A number of small and a few large subscriptions are expected next week. The subscriptions reported yesterday are as follows:

Previously reported. Emerson Hall & Co. C. G. Fisher harles A. Edling. Reichenberg, Smith & Co ebraska Ceramic Club Steam Baking Company Bloom teuben W. Taylor Varren R. Taylor Carey. E. Baum. Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge Company Margaret A. Nagl New Omaha Thomson-Houston Elec-tric Light Company Council Bluffs Railway \$104,510

BULLS AND BEARS MAKE MERRY Members of New York Stock change Engage in Boyish

Frolles. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Holiday celebraions were held at the Stock exchange and the Consolidated exchange today.

Elaborate preparations had been made and both exchanges were packed with members and their friends. At the Stock xchange the fun began soon after the close of the market. An enormous evergreen tree hung with electric lights and decorations of many kinds stood on a platform near the Broad street entrance. From the stained glass skylight were suspended garlands and wreaths of green, while the railings of the balconies were brilliant with the national flag. The program opened with a patriotic air by the Seventh Regi ment band, which was stationed on a plat form near the rostrum. Charles Knob-

lauch was the master of ceremonies. At a eral millions of dollars, the value of the It has always been the policy of this Designal the windows which overlook the telegraph lines along the route of the Great partment to encourage the consolidation of trading floor were opened and a perfect Northern railway from St. Paul to the the various fraternal societies of this state storm of colored paper, confetti, wriggling | Pacific coast, was decided late this aftersnakes, rubber balls and favors of various kinds descended upon the heads of the States district court in favor of the debrokers. Then came inflated paper sheep, fendant, the Western Union Telegraph bears, bulls and similar objects, which were caught by the crowd on the floor. | not alone in the amount of money involved, Dignity was thrown to the winds and old for it was the general understanding should members, as well as the younger ones, in- the railway company have won all the dulged in horseplay while the onlookers great railway systems of the country laughed in delight. Impromptu parades around the trading posts joined in good- with the Western Union Telegraph comnatured teasing of some broker, who was made to make a speech of thanks for the distinguished courtesy shown him.

The program at the Consolidated exhange was more formal in character and included a vaudeville performance.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

W. B. Price of Lincoln is at the Murray N. R. Welch of Rising City is at the Her A. H. Allinson of Norfolk was at the Millard yesterday. F. E. Etter of Topeka, Kan., is a guest at the Millard. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis of Norfolk are at the Her Grand.

William Sturgls of Cheyenne, Wyo., is stopping at the Millard. J. D. Steyen and Frank H. Bells of Nor-folk are Her Grand guests. Lorenzo Crounse of Fort Calhoun regis-tered yesterday at the Millard. C. J. Patton of Deadwood and W. G. Smith of Sturgis. S. D., are in the city.

Nebraskans at the Merchants: John Diener of Hyannis, H. M. Grimes of North Platte, E. A. Pollard of Hastings, Louis P. Larson, Jr., of Fremont, and J. O'Donnell of Lincoln.

of Lincoln.

Major David B. Wilson, chief commissary officer of the Department of the Missouri, has left for Silver City, N. M., accompanied by his wife and son. The party will remain in the southwest a week and will attend the major who resides in Silver City. son of the major who resides in Silver City.
Captain Townsend, chief clerk of the
quartermaster of the Department of the
Missouri, has returned from a hunting trip
to Atkinson, Neb. He was accompanied by
his son, W. D. Townsend. They killed
about 250 birds, most of which were qualt,
and in addition bagged a number of jack
rabbits

Nebraskans at the Merchants: Mr and Mrs. John Payne and daughter of Eigin, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Richards of Chadron, H. Perrine and son of Wisner, Leander Clark of Kearney, M. B. Horton of Lincoln, B. R. Latta of Tekamah, W. Frank of Grand Island, F. A. Bulleck of St. Edward, W. W. Valght of Millard and J. E. Hall of Petersburg.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Diphtheria is under quarantine at 2775 Burt street. Lee Barach has taken out a building permit for a \$200 addition to be built at 1501 William street.

Monday night the Scottish Rite Masons of Omaha will meet for regular business and the election of officers in the Nebraska John Arthur Epeneter, aged 2, died at 4032 Izard street and the remains were taken to Fairview cemetery, Council Bluffs,

Mrs. S. Lehman has been granted permis-don to make \$100 worth of repairs on a store building at 206 South Twelfth street which was damaged by fire.

Delicacies from All Over the World Await the Buyer.

MERCHANTS MAKE SPECIAL PREPARATIONS

People with Long Purses Can Dine as Well in Omaha as in Any Other City in the Country.

With a moderately full purse it makes century, from a gastronomic standpoint, where a person finds himself on Christmas day, as rapid transportation brings to him the delicacies of the entire world. Seated at his Christmas dinner in Omaha the man of ordinary means will have before him the direct products of every clime. Pineapples from the Antilles will hob and nob across the table with pheasants, whose ancestors basked in the sun of southern China, and the stately sirloin will be flauked on either side with ducks whose habitat is the waters of Great Slave lake. Above his head will be mistletoe from Mexico and bright holly berries with their dark green foliage from the land of the Acadians.

There is everything in the local market which an epicure could wish and as far as seasons are concerned there is little difference between the latter part of December and the latter part of August. The melons have disappeared, but every other form of vegetable is to be found. String beans from Louisiana, tomacoes from Florda and the West Indies lie beside spinach, radishes, lettuce and onions produced by market gardeners of Douglas county. The field is only limited by the purse of the buyer. Direct from famous Strasbourg come pates de foie gras, with olives from blue-skied Italy. Covered with cork dust come grapes from the slopes of southern California, with oranges from the sunny plains. The merchant has made especial effort for Christmas and in the shops are to be seen the finest of the products of the year of 1900.

At the butcher's the field is more limited than usual at the holiday season and generally "there is nothing to eat but meat." Warm weather has kept the hunters from the baunts of game and so far but little, if any, venison has been shipped to Omaha. What game has been killed in the west has been consumed locally or has been shipped to eastern centers, where it finds a readier market. For this reason Omaha gourmets will be thrown upon Nebraska JOHN F. CORNELL, Audior, resources. Quail and prairie chicken are in he market at moderate prices, while with them are found squirrel and rabbits of both varieties known to the state. Domestic poultry is plentiful and prices are lower than generally rule at this time of TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Telegraph Company Wins Suit

Brought Against It by Great Northern Railway. ST. PAUL, Dec. 22 .- A suit involving sev-Its importance, however, was company. would, at the expiration of their contract: pany, have claimed the ownership of the telegraph lines along their right of way

would have been a strong competitor in the telegraphic field. The suit was brought by the St. Paul. Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company (now the Great Northern), against the Western Union Telegraph company and the Northwestern Telegraph company, whose lines are now controlled by the Western Union company. In 1879 the Northwestern Telegraph company built the telegraph line along the right of way of the plaintiff road and in 1882 1,537 miles of line had been constructed. The same year the Northwestern company sold out to the Western Union, the consideration being \$1,800,000, together with a yearly rental of \$150,000 for a term of ninety-nine years.

and either have operated them independ-

Contracts had been entered into between the railway company and the telegraph company in 1879 and again in 1882 by which, among things, the telegraph company was to supply wires, poles, etc., and the railroad company to furnish transportation and labor for the construction of the lines, and the railway company was to fur nish the operators. The case turned upon the construction of these contracts. The plaintiff insisted that the defendant

companies had no ownership in the tele graph lines, except an interest as a join owner, and asked that the defendant be obliged to accept the value thereof and relinquish the lines to the Great Northern company. On the other hand, the telegraph company claimed to have a clear and un-

mistakable title to the property in quesion, through the contracts it had acquired reason of its absorption of the North-

western company. The suit had been pending since 1897 and the records submitted to the court were voluminous. Arguments have been pending before Judge Lochren since last Wednes. day, a brilliant array of counsel being engaged on either side. Judge Dillon, for the defendant, made his final summing up this morning, and this afternoon Judge Young closed for the plaintiff. Judge Lochren's decision was a verbal one, the written decision, which will be a lengthy one, to be filed some time next week. The judge held that the rights of both parties were the same at the expiration of the contracts as they were during the little difference in these latter days of the operation of the contracts. The court allowed no costs in the case for either side

MID-ROAD POPULISTS MEET

Indiana Members of Party Auxious to Amalgamate with Other So-Called Reform Elements

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22 .- A meeting of the middle-of-the-road populist state committee was held here today for the purpose of instructing delegates to the meeting of the national committee in St. Louis next Saturday. The principal topic under consideration was the proposition to organize all reform parties for the formation of new political party. The Indiana delegation goes to the meeting instructed to hold out unrelentingly for the principles advocated by the Omaha and Cincinnati platforms, and to make no sacrifice other than the name of the party. "All the committeemen favor amalga-

Secretary Walter of the state central committee, "if it can be done without a sacrifice of our platform, as adopted at our national conventions." National Chairman Joseph Barker was

mation with the other reform parties," said

present at the meeting. Pattleships Go South.

NEWPORT NEWS, Dec. 22.—The battle-hips Kearsarge and Massachusetts sailed enight on the annual winter cruise of the

North Atlantic squadron in southern wa-ters, to be joined later by the battleship Alabama and torpodo fleet in the gulf.

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As indicated by a recent communication At the fruiters nuts of all kinds are on from this department, a personal investithe market. Small pinons, gathered by the gation has been made as to the reasons swarthy-skinned greasers from the sides of of the officers and Executive Board of the the Sierras of Mexico, rest in boxes be- Sons and Daughters of Protection in side the almonds of Egypt. Pecans from transferring and consolidating of the Sons Texas and walnuts from Nebraska tempt and Daughters of Protection with the Bankthe taste of the citizen of Omaha, who can ers Union of the World, of Omaha, Neb he served with the best the world affords After a careful and thorough examination while sitting at home in the family circle. of the contract and agreement entered into by and between the said Sons and Daught-DECIDES FOR WESTERN UNION ers of Protection and the Bankers Union of the World, I am convinced that said transfer and consolidation was for the best interest of the members and certificate holders of the Sons and Daughters of Protection and the said transfer meets with the hearty approval of this Department for the reason that in so doing, the ex noon by Judge Lochren in the United penses incident to the management of such societies are very largely decreased and will result beneficially to all parties concerned. I do not deem it advisable at this time to make a re-examination of the Bankers Union of the World, for the reason that a thorough and complete examination was recently made by this Department, which is now on file. The examination shows that said Society is now in a healthy and prosperous condition and by reason of the fact that it now has added the Sons and Daughters of Protection to its membership, will make it a much stronger and better orently or have formed a consolidation, which ganization even than it has been in the past. The Bankers Union of the World has always shown a willingness to comply

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