to the course to be pursued.

Railroad Across Alaska.

Representative Sibley today introduced in

the house a bill authorizing the construc-

tion of a railroad across Alaska from

Cook's inlet to Behring's strait, a distance

of 850 miles, by the Trans-Alaskan Railroad

company. The bill grants a right of way

100 feet on each side of the track and pro-

vides for the cession of each alternate sec-

speedy transportation of the mails, troops,

The company is given ten years within

completion of each twenty miles of road.

Committee on Appropriations

The house committee on appropriations

held its first session today and Chairman

subcommittees which will prepare the big

Sundry Civil-Cannon, Moody, Hemenway,

District of Columbus-O'Leary, Moody

Senator Gamble today introduced a bill

providing for the ratification of the treaty

by which the Rosebud Indians of South Da-

keta cede lands in Gregory county, South

Representative Burke has recommended

Robert E. Dye for Postmaster at Alpena,

Heimrod Meets the President.

Dakota, to the government.

after Christmas.

ington.

as indicated:

Jerauld county, South Dakota.

go into the Treasury department.

Nebraska - Ainsworth, \$1,100;

West Bend, Whiting, \$1,000 each

Wyoming-Kemmerer, \$1,100.

to be supplied by rural carriers.

Postmasters appointed:

Schenken.

Gottfried Schultz.

Greeley, Tilden, \$1,000 each.

water, Kimball, \$1,000 each.

Department Notes.

Iowa-New London, Pocahontas, Radcliffe

South Dakota-Clear Lake, \$1,100; Bridge-

South Dakota-Hosmer, Edmunds county,

The receipts of the postoffice at Omaha

EFFORT TO DEPOSE KNOX

Knights of Labor Petition Senate for

Removal of Attorney

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- The clerk

the judiciary committee, by direction

Chairman Hoar, today informed Mesers.

H. B. Martin and William L. Dewart, rep-

resenting the Anti-trust league, and Dis-

that the senator would receive any evi-

dence or offer of evidence in writing which

fore Saturday of this week and would lay

The letter was sent in response to a let-

ter from the gentlemen named opposing

the nomination on the ground that Mr.

Stops the Cough

and Works Off the Cold.

Legislative-Bingham, Hemeuway,

operated in all seasons of the year-

The claim is made that the road can be

munitions of war and public stores."

price of carrying the mails.

supply bills as follows:

Benton, Burkett and Pierce.

who shall expressly or deliberately approve of the intentional violent or unlawful killing of any persons named the term of imprisonment is fixed at twenty years.

Rigid Provisions.

The death penalty is fixed for any person or persons associating themselves together or assembling within any state or territory for the purpose of discussing or considering the means of killing any person charged with the duty of executing the federal laws or any chief or head of a foreign state or country, or ambassador or minister accredited to the United States. The bill further provides that persons who shall openly or deliberately advocate the violent overthrow of any and all law to the prejudice of good order and the well-being of civilization upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period of ten years or less, as justice in the particular case may require.

Labor-Gardon, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Stark, New York, Polk, Fennsylvania; Bristow, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Polk, Fennsylvania; Bristow, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Gaines, West Virginal Virgeland, New York, Polk, Fennsylvania; Bristow, New York, Gaines, New York, Missouri; Henry, Connecticut, Graduell, Illinois, Flood, Virginia, Missouri; Henry, Connecticut, Graduell, Illinois, Flood, Virg

B. Hughes, to be lieutenant colonel; Capain George H. G. Gale, to be major. ain George H. G. Gale, to be major. | Iowa: K Artiflery—Captain John P. Wisser, to be Holliday.

Eugineer Corps--Lieutenant Colonel Henry M. Adams, to be a member of the Mississippi River commission; First Lieus Sin tenant Robert P. Johnston, to be a memher of the California Debris commission: Lieutenant Colonel David P. Heap, to be a member of the California Debris commis-

John W. Riddle, Minnesota, at St. Petersburg; Chander Hale, Maine, at Vienna; John W. Garrett, Maryland, at The Hague;

Spanish Claims Commission. A report from the Spanish claims commission showing the progress made was presented to the senate today. It includes a memorandum from the chairman of the ommission, Hon. W. E. Chandler, in which he makes complaint of the inadequate provision for the protection of the interests of the government in the investigation of these claims. He says the commission last April made, through the president's requests for assistance from the Departments of Justice, War and State, asking that the last mentioned department make an effort to secure the co-operation of the Spanish government in investigating the claims, but the information has not been forthcoming.

Mr. Chandler gives the number of claims as 494, the aggregate amount asked being \$6,155,758.

Mr. Chandler sums up the situation in the following recommendations: First. That the attorney general is without a sufficient force of assistants and without sufficient funds to enable him to de-

Second. No considerable information concerning the cases has been obtained by him sither from the State department or from Cuba and none at all from Spain.

Third. That is has not been ascertained that under existing circumstances any witnesses whatever can be examined in Spain where those most important and absolutely indispensable for proper defense reside; it seems clearly prudent and wise that no attempt to take testimony in Cuba in behalf of any of the claimants should be made until there has been further action by congress in the premises.

# LONG LIST OF COMMITTEES

Dakota formally announced the death of Senator Kyle and as a mark of respect the house immediately adjourned. The adjournment was until Friday.

following house committees:

Census—Hopkins, Illinois; Russetl, Con-necticut: Heatwole, Minnesota; Acheson, Pennsylvania; Crumpacker, Indiana; Bur-eigh, Maine; Hughes, West Virginia; Emerson, New York; Griffith, Indiana; Kluttz, North Carolina; Hay, Virginia; learborough, South Carolina; Burleson, Fexas.

Texas.

Coinage, Weights and Measures-Southard Ohio; Minor, Wisconsin; Hill. Connecticut; Houtell, Illinois; Cushman, Washington, Bowersock, Kansas; Hedge, Iowa; Bates, Pennsylvania; Hanbury, New York; Darragh, Michigan; Woods, California; Cochran, Missouri; Shafroth, Colorado; Griges, Georgia; Gaines, Tennessee; Candler, Mississippi; Gooch, Kentucky; Wilcox, Hawaii.

Invalid Pensions-Sulloway, New Hampshire; Gibson, Tennessee; S. W. Smith,

### The Non-Irritating Cathartic Easy to take, easy to operate-

upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period of ten years or less, as justice in the particular case may require.

President Sends Nominations.

The president today sent the following sominations to the senate:

Charles H. Darling of Verment, to be assistant secretary of the navy, vice Frank W. Hackett, resigned; George Moulton, jr., collector of customs for the district of Bath, Me.

Army: Cavalry—Lieutenant Colonel William C. Forbush, to be colonel; Major M.

B. Hughes, to be lieutenant colonel; Cap-

War Claims-Mahon, Pennsylvania; Cib-Tennessee; Otjen, Wisconsin; Haugen, ra; Kyle, Ohlo, Blakenen, Marviand; liiday, Indiana; H. C. Smith, Michigan; is, Tennessee; Caidwell, Illinois; Kehoe, ntucky; Spright, Mississippi; Thompson, barra. Alabama.
District of Columbia—Babcock, Wisconsin; Mudd, Maryland; Jenkins, Wisconsin; Mercer, Nebraska; S. W. Smith, Michigan; Allen, Maine; Pearre, Maryland; Wadsworth, New York; Morrell, Pennsylvania; Biackburn, North Carolina; Stewart, New York; Meyer, Louisiana; Latimer, South Carolina; Cowherd, Missouri; Otey, Virginia, Norton Chic. Sims, Tennessee.

Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions—Tawney, Minnesota; Sherman, New York, Joy, Missouri; Corliss, Michi-gan; Burke, South Dakota; Hill, Connecti-cut; Bartlett, Georgia; Coney, Massa-chusetts; Maynard Virginia

Nichight, Stoley, Fennsylvania; Jones, Virginfa; Maddox, Georgia; Williams, Illinois; Henry, Texas; Williams, Missouri; Patterson, Tennessee.
Judiciary—Ray, New York; Jenkins, Wisconsin; Parker, New Jersey; Overstreet, Indiana; Alexander. New York; Warner, Illinois; Littlefield, Maine; Kahn, California; Thomas, Iowa; Powers, Massachusetts; Nevin, Ohio; De Armond, Missouri; Lanham, Texas; Elliott, South Carodina; Smith, Kentucky; Fleming, Georgia; Clayton, Alabama.
Hanking and Currency—Fowler, New Jersey; Hill, Connecticut; Prince, Illinois; Capron, Rhode Island; Calderhead, Kansas; Coverstreet, Indiana; Jovering, Massachusetts; Smith, Iowa; Gill, Ohio; Douglas, New York; Foerderer, Pennsylvania; Talbert, South Carolina; Rhea, Kentucky; Thayer, Massachusetts; Lewis, Georgia; Pugley, New York; Foerderer, Pennsylvania; Talbert, South Carolina; Rhea, Kentucky; Thayer, Massachusetts; Lewis, Georgia; Pugley, New York; Padgett, Tennessee.
Morchant Marine and Fisheries—Grosvenor, Ohio; Hopkins, Illinois; Young, Pennsylvania; Greene, Massachusetts; Miner, Wisconsin; Stevens, Minnesota; Jones, Washington; Fordney, Michigan; Wachter, Maryland; Vreeland, New York; Littlefield, Maine; Spight, Mississippl; Small, North Carolina; Davis, Florida; Belmont, New York; Snook, Ohio.
Rivers and Harbors—Burton, Ohio; Reeves, Illinois; Dovener, West Virginia; Bishop, Michigan; Acheson, Pennsylvania; Morris, Minnesota; Alexander, New York; Tongue, Oregon; Davidson, Wisconsin; MacLachlan, California; Lester, Georgia; Bankhead, Alabama; McCulloch, Arkansas; Sparkman, Florida; Ball, Texas; Ransdell, Louislana.
Millitary Affairs—Hull, Iowa; Ketcham,

MacLachlan, California; Lester, Georgia; Bankhead, Alabama; McCulloch, Arkansas; Sparkman, Florida; Ball, Texas; Ransdell, Louisiana.

Military Affairs—Hull, Iowa; Ketcham, New York; Parter, New Jersey; Capron, Rhode Island; Stevens, Minnesota; Dick, Ohio; Mondell, Wyoming, Esch, Wisconsin; Brick, Indiana; Prince, Illinois; Adams, jr., Pennsylvania; Sulzer, New York; Hay, Virginia; Jett, Illinois; Slayden, Texas; Broussard, Louisiana; Snodgrass, Tennessee; Rodey, New Mexico, Naval Affairs—Foss, Illinois; Dayton, West Virginia; Loudenslager, New Jersey; Butler, Pennsylvania; Bull, Rhode Island; Mudd, Maryland; Watson, Indiana; Cousins, Iowa; Taylor, Ohio; Roberts, Massachusetts; Cummings, New York; Meyer, Louisiana; Tate, Georgia; Rixey, Virginia; Kitchin, North Carolina; Vandiver, Missouri; Wheler, Kentucky, Immigration and Naturalization—Shattuc, Ohio; Adams, Pennsylvania, Howell, New Jersey; Lawrence, Massachusetts; Kahn, California; Skiles, Ohio; Douglas, New York; Cley, Virginia; Ruppert, New York; Roberts, Missouri; Rucker, Missouri, Agriculture—Wadsworth, New York;

House Adjourns Until Friday After
Hearing Announcement of
Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Speaker Henderson at the session of the house today ancounced the appointment of the committees, Usually the committees are not appointed until after the holiday recess, but Speaker Henderson had the situation well in hand when congress met and, having completed the lists, he announced them. The early appointment of the committees should facilitate legislation considerably.

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Speaker Henderson today announced the following house committees:

Census—Hopkins, Eligipals, Turspell, Con-

New Hampshire; Littlefield, Maine; Robinson, Indiana; Greene, Pennsylvania; Feely, Illinois.

Elections Committee No. 3—Weeks, Michigan: Driscoll, New York; Haskins, Verment: Blackburn, North Carolina; Jack, Pennsylvania; Schirm, Maryland; McLain, Mississippi; Randell, Texas; J. T. Johnson, South Carolina.

Pacific Railroads—W. A. Smith, Michigan; Hepburn, Iowa; Shattuc, Ohio; Foss, Illinois; Driscoli, New York; Palmer, Pennsylvania; Jackson, Maryland; Storm, New York; Landis, Indiana; Marshall, North Dakota; Slayden, Texas; Sheppard, Texas; Finley, South Carolina; Creamer, New York; Feely, Illinois.

Public Lands—Lacey, Iowa; Eddy, Minnesota; Mondell, Wyoming; Miller, Kansas; Jones, Washington; Esch, Wisconsin; Moody, Oregon; Needham, California; Martin, South Dakota; Tompkins, New York; Fordney, Michigan; Shafroth, Colorado; Kleberg, Texas; Griffith, Indiana; Brundidge, Arkansas; Lassiter, Virginia; Burnett, Alabama; Flyan, Oklahoma.

Indian Affairs—Sherman, New York; Curits, Kansas; Eddy, Minnesota; Lacey, Iowa; Sheldon, Michigan; Marshail, North Dagota; Brows, Wisconsin; Burke, South Dakota; Morgan, Ohlo; Moody, Oregon; Needham, California; Stephens, Texas, Zenor, Indiana; Fitzgerald, New York; Dougherty, Missouri; McAndrews, Illinois; Smith, Arizonia.

Territories—Knox, Massachusetts; Hamil-

Territories—Knox, Massachusetts; Hamilton, Michigan; Brick, Indiana; Graham,

Pennsylvania, Cushman, Washington;
Boreing, Kentucky: Southwick, New York;
Powers, Maine, Jackson, Maryland, Moon,
Tennessee; DeGraffenreid, Texas; Findley,
South Carolina; Lloyd, Missouri; Robinsan;
Indiana; Thayer, Massachusetts; Smith,
Artzona; Flynn, Oklahoma,
Public Buildings and Grounds-Mercer,
Nebraska; Gliicti, New York; Bartholdt,
New York; Barleigh, Maine, Howell, New
Jorsey; Showalter, Pennsylvania; Connor,
Iowa; Martin, South Dakota; Miner, Wissonsin; Bankhead, Alabama, Little, Arkansas; Brunley, Georgia; Thomas, North
Carolina; Sheppard, Texas; Meyer, Porto
Rico.

ico, irrigation of Arid Lands—Tongue, Oregon enkins, Wisconsin; Ray, New York Jerigation of Arid Lands—Tongue, Oregon, Jerikins, Wisconsin; Ray, New York; Reeder, Kansas; Mondell, Wyoming; South-erland, Utah, Tierreit, Massachusetts; New lands, Nevada; Neville, Nebraska; Under-wood, Alabama; Bellamy, North Carolina.

Chairmen of Minor Committees.

The following are the chairman of the remaining committees: Pacific ratiroads, W. A. Smith, Michigan; ratiways and canals, Davidson, Wisconsin; levees and improvements of the Mississippi river, Marthodi, Missouri, revision of the laws, Warner, Illinois; private land claims, G. W. Smith, Illinois; private land claims, In the State department, Ketcham, New York; expenditures in the Treasury department, Cousins, Iowa; expenditures in the War department, Russell, Connecticut; expenditures in the Navy department, Stewart, New Jersey; expenditures in the pendiffice, Wanger, Pennsylvania; expenditures in the Interior department, Curtis, Kansas; expenditures in the Department of Justice, Overstreet, Indiana; expenditures in the Department of Agriculture, Gillett, New York; expenditures on public buildings, Fietcher, Minnesota; accounts, Bull, Rhode Island. Pacific ratiroads, W. A. Smith, Michigan

### Agree on Philippine Tariff.

The republican members of the ways and upon a Philippine tariff measure and the entire membership of the Inter committee, democrats and republicans, called together for the first McRae and Benton. time. At an early meeting of the republican members Colonel Edwards, chief of lauer, Livingston and Taylor. the insular division of the War depart-

vote on Mr. Russell's (Connecticut) motion to impose 80 per cent of the Dingley rates

Section 2. That on and after the passage of this act the same tonnage taxes shall be levied, coilected and paid upon all vessels coming into the United States from the Philippine archipelago which are required by law to be collected and paid upon vessels coming into the United States from foreign countries until the first day of January, 1905. Provided, however, that the provisions of law restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from one port of the United States to another port of the United States shall not be applicable to foreign vessels Section 2. That on and after the passage States to another port of the United States shall not be applicable to foreign vessels engaging in trade between the Philippine archipelago and the United States.

Section 4. That the duties and taxes collected in the Philippine archipelago in pursuance of this act, less the cost of collecting the same and the gross amount of all collections of duties and taxes in the United States upon articles imported from the Philippine archipelago and upon vessels coming therefrom, shall not be covered into the general fund of the transury of the United States, but shall be held as a separate fund and paid into the treasury of the Philippine Islands, to be used and expended for the government and benefit

## Articles that Are Exempt.

Section 5. That when the duties pre-scribed by this act are based upon the weight of merchandise deposited in any private or bonded warehouse, said duties shall be levied and collected upon the weight of such merchandise at the time

weight of such merchandise at the time of its entry.
Section 6. That all articles manufactured in bonded manufacturing warehouses in whole or in part of imported materials, or of materials subjected to internal revenue tax and intended for exportation from the United States to the Philippine islands, shall, when so exported, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe, be exempt from internal revenue tax and shall not be charged with duty except the duty levied under this act upon imports into the Philipide Control of the control of the property of the under this act upon imports into the Philipide Control of the control of the control of the philipide control of the property of the under this act upon imports into the Philipide control of the property of the of the this act upon imports into the Phil-

The democratic members were called in and the committee was formally organized the former clerks and employes being reelected and the subcommittees announced. The democratic members were furnished copies of the Payne Philippine bill and were advised that it would be taken up at meeting of the committee tomorrow and considered in the house next Tuesday.

### Debate Will Be Brief. The debate in the house will be brief,

probably not exceeding a day, with a special rule providing for bringing the question to a final vote probably on Tuesday even-

ing. Chairman Payne said that the Cuban commissioners had asked for a hearing next | with \$32,514 for the same month last year, chairman to advise the Cuban commissioners that it would not be convenient for the committee to hear them before the holiday recess and that after the holidays the committee would consider the question. The significance of this resolution, it was explained after the meeting, was to postpone the question of Cuban reciprocity after action had been matured on the Philippines. The ways and means subcommittee as announced by Chairman Payne today is as follows:

### Appoints Subcommittees.

On customs, customs district and custom officials, Messrs. Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell, Richardson and Robert-

On administration of customs laws Messrs. Russell, Payne, Steele, Babcock, Swanson and McClellan. On internal revenue, Messrs, Steele, Hopkins, Russell, Tawney, Long, McClellan

and Newlands. On the public debt, the preservation of the public credit and redemption of government notes, Messra, Dalzeli, Payne, Mc-Call, Richardson and Cooper.

On commercial treaties, Messre. Hopkins, Dalzell, Tawney, Long. Babcock, Swanson and Cooper. On revenue from other sources than cus-

Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets cure a cold toms and exclses and on miscellaneous sub- in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 jects, Messrs. Grosvenor, Steele, McCall, cents.

the same before the committee.

The democratic members of the ways and BRUTAL ATTACK ON WOMAN Long, Metcalfe, Robertson and Newlands. means committee held a meeting today it

the Philippine tariff bill with a view of Fashienable Washington Dressmaker Found formulating some line of action. Considerable difference of opinion prevailed and Almost Dead in Bed.

after two hours of general discussion the meeting adjourned without agreement as

> Between Gasps Officers Listen for Some Clue to the Perpetention of Deed Equaling the Bonine Murder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Mrs. Ada Giltion of land for a distance of ten miles on bert Dennis, a fashionable dressmaker, was each side of the track. It is specified that found in an almost dying condition in her this concession is made "to secure the room at 5 a. m. today under circumstances that promise to rival the Bonine murde: case. Her skull was fractured, jawbone Troops and government property are to broken and left ear almost severed from be carried free for a period of ten years, the head. Her left arm bore bruises inand the postmaster general is to fix the dicative of a struggle and her clothing and the bedding were saturated with blood. She was removed to the Garfield hospital which to complete its road, and the lands and a large force of detectives put on the granted are to be transferred upon the case. The name of her assailant is unknown.

The general belief is that Mrs. Dennis was attacked while asleep in her back room. on the first floor and that the first blow was in all probability administered with the piano stool, which was smeared with means committee today agreed Cannon announced the membership of the blood, and rendered her unconscious. The preliminary investigation by the police failed to indicate that there was any struggle. Mrs. Dennis in a conscious mement while being carried to the hospital said that some one had "hurt her," but when pressed for details merely responded "never mind." Robbery apparently was not the introduced a bill authorizing the State de- nis is about 42 years old and is one of the

on W. Garrett, Marjand, at The Hague, converged Minnered and the Philippine commission rates. The and the Philippine co

## HORTICULTURE

State Society Reviews Products and Conditions for the Year.

DES MOINES, Dec. 10 .- (Special.) - The George Heimrod, now consul to Samoa, State Horticultural society is being better was presented to President Roosevelt today attended than usual and the program, which by Senators Dietrich and Millard, and later extends over two days, is an unusually to Secretary Hay, who went over the Sa- good one. President M. J. Wragg of Waumoan situation with the new consul general kee was in the chair today, and the rooms somewhat extensively. Mr. Heimrod will of the society in the state capitol were well remain in Washington until the last of the filled.

week. He expects to sail for his post soon | Secretary Wesley Greene of Davenport in A. B. Cruzen of Curtis, who was one of has tested to the utmost the theory, as well D. E. Thompson's most active lieutenants as the practice taught by the society, of during the latter's fight for senator, is in the great value of conservation of soil cul-Washington looking for a position under ture, and to this trial was also added the the government. Mr. Cruzen is not partic- element of great heat, the intensity and ular as to what he gets, but would like to duration of which has never before been N. H. Tunnicliffe of Omaha is in Wash-These postoffices will become presidential offices January 1, with postmasters' salaries plums, 96; European plums, 90; Japanese Saint Ansgar, \$1,100 each; Dallas Center, Dayton, Elgin, Essex, Lorimer, Preston, Additional rural free delivery routes have been ordered established at Ottumwa, Wapello county, Ia., February 1. The on the decline, with the following low per-

Owing to the short crop of apples and the drying up before maturity of the small fruits the data was not secured necessary Iowa-Keystone, Benton county, Robert to complete charts showing the progress of ripening of different fruits. The importance of keeping a record of the progress of the fruit crop from blooming to ripening is illustrated in taking the history of the for November last were \$34,196, compared Wealthy apple. The seeds were colored in the southern part of the state by August Monday. Mr. Russell then interposed a an increase of \$1.682. At Des Moines 12, while in the north this development had nurseries. motion, which prevailed, directing the the receipts were \$30,749 this November not been reached until September 7. The and \$26,525 last year, an increase of \$4,224. fruit was fully matured in the southern part of the state by August 20 and in the north of the state not until September 20. The query comes: "Does six degrees of difference in temperature hasten the ripening of the Wealthy apple one month? few observations are not sufficient, says the A Citizen of Omaha Pays a Wellsecretary, to answer the question, but a multitude of corroborative evidence may lead to that conclusion. It is this intimate knowledge of all kinds of fruit that is necessary to the fruit grower to have when he is selecting fruit for a given locality. Hence reports are needed from all

sections of the state. trict Assembly No. 66, Knights of Labor. President Wragg in his annual address to the society urged for an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition and spoke in general they might desire to lay before the comof the progress of the society. Among other mittee in opposition to the confirmation of things he said: Mr. Knox as attorney general on or be-

The horticultural products of lowa are recognized not only in our own market, but in the markets of the world, and in competitive exhibits it has always been honered in being rated among the first to receive the highest awards of praise. Our horticultural schools stand second to none in this country and it is with pride and pleasure that we point to the many who have gone from our horticultural institutions to hold like positions in our sister states and also in the agricultural and horticultural experiments in Washington. These results warn is as a state and as a state society to not let the good work has, but reach our present high standard and to make, if possible, greater Knox had been counsel "for the armor

anticipation of the committee discussion of

COMPLETE MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE CASE

Licethant Colonel David P. Heap, to be a grave the California Debris commission.

The president also sent to the senate the recess appointments of Colonel Henry M. Robert, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to the chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, to be chief of engineers (since retired), and Colonel Gorden W. Barlow, t partment to expend such amount as is best known women in business here. She necessary to secure the release of Miss is the widow of Walter Dennis, an actor.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Iowa

his annual report said the year just closed recorded in the annals of Iowa horticulture. The prospect for a fruit crop was encouraging in April, as shown by the reports at that time. The percentage outlook at that time was: Apples, 94; pears, 91; American plums, 92; cherries, 95; peaches, 85; grapes, 88; red raspberries, 86; black raspberries, 86; blackberries, 89; strawberries, 94. In June the prospects had fallen considerably. July was the hottest month on record, being 8.7 degrees above normal, with the thermometer registering 100 or above for twelve days at Des Moines. This extreme heat without rain soon cut the crop of vegetables to such a low percentage that they were scarce on the market at any price. The condition of fruit in August was still routes embrace an area of forty-four square centages showing: Summer apples, 32; winmiles, containing a population of 1.050. O. ter apples, 30; plums, 55; grapes, 62, and K. R. Swearinger and J. H. Walley are ap- blackberries nearly a complete failure. pointed carriers. The postoffice at Keb is

forts along the line of progressive her-

efforts along the line of progressive herticulture.

Our premium offers for the production of new fruits have been dropped from our volume for the reason that the standard of excellence was placed so high that neme has as yet made any claim for the premium. I urge that our board of directors reinstate this premium list, so that there will be some meentive for those who are busy year after year crossing new fruits and breeding them up, for while the ideal is high, yet there is a possibility that we might have an Ephraim boli or a Peter M. Gdeon in our ranks, who might yet make our society prominent by the introduction of some new fruit that has superior quality in both fruit and tree. I would also urge that in our premium list or exhibition of fruits at this suckety, that under the present conditions cold storage fruits be given an equal chance with others, believing that we should encourage our growers to prepare early maturing fruits to show on our tables. One your ago the meager appropriation of & was made for an exhibition at the state fair. While this is a start in the right direction, yet I believe there is no better place and opportunity for popularizing our work where so great a number can have the benefit of our work and experience as at this time would have an invigorating effect in bringing exhibits from our many experimenters, who as yet have not been exhibitors. I recommend that this matter be referred to the executive committee, who shall consult with and work in conjunction with the boriestion of our fruits to be preserved in alcohol. Our society should always be ready to make an exhibit of our fruits and to do this we must prepare many samples in this way to be able to bridge over the contingencies like we have passed through the past season.

At our last meeting the experiment work of this seciety was placed in charge of a

At our last meeting the experiment work At our last meeting the experiment work of this society was placed in charge of a committee of three, called the supervising committee, and one of the duties of this committee was that it should make a personal examination of the conditions of the work at the several stations throughout the state and report its observations at this time. I am hopeful that great results will come from this new departure and that thus work will be carried on with that systematic harmony that was mangurated one year ago.

The experiment work of this society, which was commenced away back in the 70s, has not as yet reached that stage where we can sum up all the results of

where we can sum up all the results of our work. This work must necessarily be our work. This work must necessarily be self for another generation to make a general summary of all results, yet we are happy to know that we have already attained great successes from the persistent work of men like Terry. Patton and others, whose work along the line of crossfertilization and selection has already given to us a new pomology of Hawkeyes. Greenings, etc. If one decade can bring such golden results, what may we not hope for in the next, with its multiplied opportunities and time for developing the work already laid by these men and many others who are helping nature.

A feature of the convention was the reports from the directors of the different horticultural districts of the state on the condition of the crops in the state this season. In general these reports showed that the past season was a good one for some kinds of fruit and a poor one for others. Apples were only a fair crop, but peaches and small fruit did well and brought good prices. The prospects are regarded by all fruit growers as excellent for a good crop next year, as conditions thus far are all that could be desired.

W. O. Willard of Grinnell reported for his district that the winter was favorable and the season of 1901 started out well for all fruit. There was no killing frost in the spring. But in central Iowa apples were a failure, owing in part to the fact that the preceding year had been an un usually good one. Cherries and plums pro duced well, especially the young and thrifty trees. There are not many pear orchards in the state, but interest in the growing of pears is on the increase. The peach trees that survived the winter of 1898-9 bore a heavy crop this year, some orchards reporting 100 or more bushels of fine fruit. New peach orchards have been extensively planted the present year. The loss of grape vines has only in a measure been replaced and the fruit was not as large nor as good this year as usual. The strawberry crop was the largest and finest for years. The season was not good for raspberries. Currants and gooseberries did

A. L. Plumer of Ivy, Polk county for his district reported that the fruit trees and vines came through the preceding winter all right, that the peach trees were loaded with fruit, that there was a fair crop of native plums and that grapes were fairly abundant, but quality poor. In other respects his report was much like the pre-

ceding. B. Shontz of Correctionville reported for northwestern Iowa. The year just past was a remarkable one in that it started out as desirable as possible with plenty of mois ture for all crops, and later was poor. His orchard made a fine growth. The strawberry crop was especially fine, the berries being large and the vines full. The blackberries and raspberries set well, but the season was too dry. Grapes were a full crop and good prices were obtained. Plums and cherries were all right and abundant. The early varieties of apples were good, but not so with the later ones. The prospects are

good for the next season. William Langham of Cedar Rapids reported that his portion of the state suffered from the heat and drouth, but cherries plums, peaches, strawberries and raspberries were a good crop. There was a great deficiency in winter apples in the district

Cherries and plums were never better. Among the papers read was an excellent one by O. H. Barnhill of Shenandoah on "Success with Apples." Mr. Barnhill said that success with an orchard may not be determined by what an orchard does every year, for one or two good crops may pay for all the labor of an orchard covering many years. He urged that farmers should be willing to get good trees and to pay fair prices for them; that they should secure trees from reliable home dealers and then cultivate the trees when young and care for them diligently. In this way one may have success with orchards.

Silas Town or Canby told how he saved his orchard from the rabbits. His recipe was simple. He made liberal use of axle grease on the trees.

J. Sexton of Ames urged that trees for the prairie states should be grown on the prairies; that the trees should be started right here and not be purchased in the south or east. The purchaser should know what kind of trees he is securing and he can do this best by purchasing of home

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