JAMES C. WILSON MODERATOR

Minister from Eris, Pennaylvania, Chosen by ... the United Presbyterians.

CONTEST OVER MEMBERSHIP COVENANT Neve Form ist differed as Substitute

for Old Covenant to Be Submitted to Presbyteries as Overture.

PITTSBURG, May 29 .- With the elevilon of Rev. James C. Wilson, D. D., of Erie as moderator, the appointment of committees, the hearing of reports and consideration of routine business the commissioners to the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church spent nine busy

hours today. The forty-fourth annual session is now well under way. The membership covenant will be the most important matter considered. This has been expected all along, but today put an entirely new face on the matter and tomorrow will see a lively fight on the ques-

the surprise by presenting a memorial from the Lake presbytery containing a covenant to be substituted for the basis of membership devised by the special committee appointed a year aro, and which was re-ferred today to a special committee that will report tomorrow. The memorial asks that the assembly send the covenant down to the presbyteries as an overture and sets forth at length arguments in its favor.

When Rev. Dr. J. M. Ross called the assembly to order today for the first business session 25% gorsmissioners were in their seats.

Attendance in Large

Devotional exercises were held, after which the important business of electing a moderator was taken up. The following names were reported. Rev. J. C. Boyd, D., D., Mount Lebanon; John S. McKee, Butler, Pa.; James C. Wilson, Erie, Pa. P. Williamson, Keckuk, Ta.; Rev. J. B. Lee, Franklinville, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. Wilson was elected on the first affor and the election was made unablmous. Dr. Walson was then escorted to the clerk presented his report. It showed congregations of America contributed for all purposes during the year \$1.843,235, an increase of \$116,355, the larg-

est in any one year. The membership of the church increased 2,029. In three syncds, New York, Ohio and Iowa, there has been a decrease in the membership. In this, the report says, there is an indication of the great changes taking place in our population.

The reports of the various boards were then presented and the rest of the session was taken us with the reading of these reports. They are as follows: Board of Home Missions.

The report of the Board of Home Missions, commends the ministers and congregations in the home mission field for their usefulness and zeal. The board also expresses its appreciation of the support given by the church and individuals. The net gain in attendance is shown to have been 1,614 for the year; contributions to the board, 124,822; entire expenditures for the year ended March 31, 185,817. Twelve congregations became self-supporting during the year After investigation the board reports that "sad in the extreme is the condition in every respect, of the mountain whites of the south Work among them would have to be taken up and carried on much the same as in heathen lands. The year closes with a balance of \$2,862. The receipts from legacies, \$27,103, were exceptionally large.

tionally large.

The annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions said there had been great progress in almost every department. It is shown that the additions to membership in India have amounted to 1,035 on profession and 37 on, certificate and by restoration. In Egypt the additions on profession tion. In Egypt the additions on profession were 453. The descributions in India during the year for definitely religious purposes were \$1,529, a gain of \$302, and Egypt \$29,909, a gain of \$6,532. For all purposes the contributions in Egypt were four times what they were ten years ago, and about the same advance is reported from India. Fund Largely in Hand.

The opening of a memorial church building in Alexandria, Egypt, and a new hospital at Asyut are mentioned and the report says the fund projected for the Asyut raining college is largely in hand. It is announced that the synod of the Punjab has decided to divide the presbytery of findran Waia and a new presbytery to be known as Rawal Pyndi will be organized in October.

in October.

The total sum required for the year was use \$3. The total receipts were \$148,512, leaving an indebtedness of \$10,847. It is estimated that \$87,579 will be needed for the mission in Egypt this year and \$75,919 for India. The report of the board of ministerial relief places the total endowment fund at 1899.700° an increase of 4,000 during the year. The amount required for payments during the coming year is estimated at \$13,000. The report shows that the beneficiaries on the self include thirty-three ministers and forty-seven widows and orphans.

orphans.

The board of publication announces that
"a summary of the authoritative standards
of the church" soon will be ready for the An increased interest in Sabbath schools throughout the shurch is reported and a

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larger number of mission Sabbath schools have been established during the year than in any former year. The contributions continue to increase.

Reformed Church,

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 29 .- The synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church today elected the following officers: Moderator, W. W. Caruthers of Apache, Okl.; clerk, S. G. Shaw of Cambridge, Mass.; assistant clerk, T. C. Sroull of Fair Grove, Mich.

SPLIT ON THEIR PLATFORM Tennessee Democrats Form Division

in Renks Over Kansas City Declarations.

NASHVILLE, May 29 .- The Tennessee democratic state convention met at the in the western half of Oklahoma are caus capitol today and with much enthusiasm ing serious floods. The Washita river rose nominated James B: Fraser of Chattanooga nearly two feet last night and is still for governor and J. Nell McKnight for railroad commissioner.

Joseph Jones of Dresden was temporary chairman and Z. W. Ewing of Pulacki was the permanent presiding officer. While the democrats were of one accord on the question of nominations, there being ne contest whatever, they were badly split on the question of a platform and many of

the leaders are somewhat disgruntled over Rev. David R. Miller D. D., furnished the result in indorsing the principles as set down in the Kansas City platform. The essential parts of the platform indorsed are these:

Indersement of the Kansas City platform, and the indersement of democratic congressmen; a declaration denouncing trusts; a plank favoring tariff for revenue only; a denunciation of the ship subsidy bill and the republican position on the Philippines; a plank favoring the speedy restoration of peace in the east and giving the Philippines independence.

The platform declares against the increased standing army; denounces all republican extravagances and favors the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

The planks following express sympathy for the Boers, fiberal commercial relations with Cuba lindorse the administration of Governor McMillin, declare for such revenue laws as would reasonably limit the lien of right of recovery for taxes and such assessment as would make back or re-assessment unnecessary.

MRS. CRAVEN GIVES UP FIGHT Abandons Struggle for Recognition as Late Senator Fair's Wife on Compromise.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29 .- Mrs. Nettle O. Craven has abindoned her fight for recognition as the widow of the late Senator James G. Fair. She has been paid \$50,000 for withdrawing from the various lawsuits against the estate of the deceased millionaire; and today the estate, valued at \$20 .-900,000, that has been so long in litigation, vests absolutely in Charles L. Fair and his Virginia Vanderbilt. When Mrs. Craven first appeared as a

claimant for a share of Fair's millions she was offered \$800,000 to abandon her con-She demanded \$500,000 and upon bewere dismissed_today.

DEATH RECORD.

Captain Charles A. Hill.

A. Hill, assistant attorney general during A switch has been laid at Boone station, the Tanner administration, and one of the fifteen miles from Pueblo, to connect the best known practitioners in northern Illinois, died today, aged 68 years. He had trains are sent around over that foad to been sick eighteen months with Bright's Scott City, Kan., thence by a branch to disease. Hill was a member of congress regain the Santa Fe main line. from this district in 1888 and 1889 and was defeated for re-election in 1890 by Lewis Stewart of Plano. He served with distinction during the civil war; enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F. Eighth Illinois cavalry; in 1863 he was made first lieutenant of the Enited States colored infantry and afterward promoted to a captaincy.

David Roads, Nebraska City. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 29 .- (Special)-David Roads, one of the oldest settiers of this part of Nebraska, died very stricken with apoplexy and expired before help arrived. The deceased was about 60 years of age and has been a resident a wife and one married daughter. The shock threw Mrs. Roads into hysteria, from which she is in a precarious condition.

Judge Frank J. Washabaugh.

DEADWOOD, S. D., May 29.-(Special Telegram.)-Judge Frank J. Washabaugh, udge of the Eighth judicial circuit, died tal in Baltimore, Md., where he had gone to receive treatment. Judge Washabaugh they would be shot, but in reality the or-Hills, and Deadwood today is in mourning. The bar association of Lawrence county avoided. met this morning and passed suitable resolutions. The judge was 51 years old.

Mrs. James Burke, Grafton

GRAFTON, Neb., May 19 .- (Special.)-Mrs. James Burket sr., died at her home here Wednesday morning. Deceased was born in freland sixty-five years ago and lived in this vicinity for over twenty years. She is survived by her husband and seven sons and daughters.

Noah Brockway Bacon, Centenarian DES MOINES, May 29 .- Noah Brockway Bacon, who was 102 years of age on De cember 19, 1901, died at his home in this city today. On his last birthday he entertained the Octogenarian club of Des Moines of which he was the oldest member.

John Reddy, Gibbon. GIBBON, Neb., May 29 .- (Special.) -- John Reddy, an oldtime ratirond man, a member of the school board, died last night about 11 o'clock, Mr. Reddy was a prominent Maeon and has lived in Gibbon for almost thirty years.

John Jermyn, Coal Operator. SCRANTON, Pa., May 29 .- John Jermyn he millionaire coal operator, died today at his home in this city, aged 75 years.

Joseph Rosenbaum, Kennard. HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 29.-(Special.)-Joseph Rosenbaum died at his home in Kennard last night at 10:30 o'clock.

FIRE RECORD.

Destructive Fire at Jersey Shore. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 29 .- Word has just been received here that a big fire is raging at Jersey Shore, about ten miles west of this city. Twenty buildings in the business section have already been destroyed. The city has asked for assistance.

Pottery Company's Warehouse. MONMOUTH, - III., May 29 .- The nettre warehouse of the Weir Pottery company was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$90.

000; insurance, \$20,000. Box Board Combination is Effected. NEW YORK, May 28.—The Journal of Commerce says that, according to the promoters of the Box Board combination, which has just been incorporated in New Jersey under the hame of the United Box Board and Paper company, the capital will be, in the near future, increased to \$25.000,000. Of this amount \$6,000,000 will be common and \$16,000,000 preferred stock. Permanent organization probably will be perfected in the course of a week. It is understood former State Comptroller James A. Roberts will be chosen president; R. F. Newcomb, president of the American Strawboard company, first vice president, and Charles D. Brown, second vice president. The company will have its headquarters in this city.

SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM RAIN

Railroads and Farms in Southwest Suffer by Recent Floods.

MANY STREAMS OVERFLOW THEIR BANKS

Area of Devastation Spread Over Parts of Indian and Oklahoma Territories, Kansas, Texas and Colorado.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., May 29 .- The unprecedented rains of the past three days coming up. The Rock Island track between Anadarko and Lawton was washed out and trains are stalled. At El Reno, where the North Canadian river is at the highest point ever known and still rising, the bridge has been washed out. At Bridgeport, the South Canadian river has overflowed the valley lands and the railway bridge is in danger. A good portion of Greer county, where five inches of rain has fallen in three days, is flooded, and at Weatherford the Washita river is a mile wide. The damage to crops and railways will be heavy.

LIBERAL, Kan., May 29.-The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway bridge over the Beaver river, thirty-five miles southwest of Liberal, was washed out last night and all travel ever the road is suspended. Heavy rains here and to the west fell last night, swelling several streams.

GUTHRIE, Okl., May 29.-Residents of Woodward report Santa Fe bridges over both the North Canadian and South Canadian rivers washed out and the city isolated. This is on the Panhandle division. Six hundred feet of the South Canadian bridge are gone and all the wagon bridges over the Cimarron in its route of over 200 miles through Oklahoma. Rivers are again rising on account of the recent rains. In Woodward the water stood two feet deep in the streets as the result of a waterspout in the hills near there. Reports of addltional damages are coming in from all portions of the territory. Mrs. Wilcher and son were drowned in Tiger creek, near Perkins.

WICHITA, Kan., May 29 .- Two floods, aggregating fifteen feet of water, are coming down the Arkansas river and the people along the river in southern Kansas are becoming alarmed. The first flood passed Dodge City at 12:30 today and is coming in one breast of water five feet high. It is due in Wichita at 8 o'clock tomorrow The second flood is coming in a wave ten sisters, Mrs. Theresa Oelrichs and Mrs. feet high and passed Garden City at 2:30 o'clock. The river here will not be able to carry the water if a threatened rain tonight falls.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 29 .- In addition to the big washouts on the Santa Fe ratiroad ing refused instituted the proceedings that near Las Animas, caused by the rush of waters from the Purgatorie river into Arkansas a special to the Chieftain today reports that the bridge over the Arkansas at Holly, near the Kansas state line, has gone out. It is stated at La Junta that JOLIET. Ill., May 29.- Captain Charles the gaps cannot be crossed for several days. Santa Fe with the Missouri Pacific and

> GOOD RESULTS OF THE CAMPS Protection Against Ladronism Atforded the Filipines Who Are Concentrated.

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- The senate committee on the Philippines today heard the testimony of Colonel A. L. Wagner, assistant adjutant general of the army, who spent two and a half years in the Philippines. suddenly at his home on South Eleventh He was questioned about the concentration street at 12:15, this afternoon. He was camps and described the system by explaining the details of one particular camp In that camp the people were assembled ac cording to villages, so that the people in all of this state for many years. He leaves cases would have their old neighbors near them. So far as he had been able to observe there was no evidence of want among the people there. Moreover they were sur-

prisingly contented. They were at liberty to go outside the line from 300 to 800 yards. Beyond that distance was what was called the "dead line," beyond which the people were not this morning in the Johns Hopkins hospi- permitted to go. The natives were given to understand that if they crossed this line was the most popular man in the Black ders were not to shoot any helpless persons or others if the shooting could be

Colonel Wagner said one of the principal purposes of concentrating the native people in the Philippines was to protect them against the ladrones, which had been admirably accomplished, so that in many cases what was called the dead line was in reality the life line. Another object of the camps had been that of facilitating the collection of rice supplies in order to starve out the

ladrones and guerrillas. The result had been that hostile parties had practically disappeared and their leader,

Malvar, had been captured. Referring to the policy of burning villages the witness said that indiscriminate burning was not countenanced by the rules of war and that the practice of burning the property of noncombatants was inexcusable except in cases in which it was impossible to separate it from that of hostiles and in cases in which the enemy was making use of it.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

War Survivors Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, May 29 .- (Special.)-The

following western pensions have been granted:
Issue of May 1:
Nebraska: Original—Samuel T. Easter,
Chapman, 18; war with Spain, Leonard L.
Pinney, Omaha, 110. Increase, restoration,
reissue, etc.—Almond I. Burgess, DeWitt,
10; William Weston, Holmesville, 28;
Franklin J. Burcham, Hickman, 18; special
act, May 5, Charles Allen, Minden, 124;
Elizabeth Steele, Plum Valley, 137.
Wyoming: Increase, restoration, reissue,
etc.—William S. Mason, Rawlins, 110; 89;
cial, May 5, Abraham N. Bradfield, Basin,
117.
South Dakota: Increase, restoration, regranted:

etc.—William S. Mason, Rawlins, \$10; 895cial, May S. Abraham N. Bradfield, Basin,
\$17.

South Dakota: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Henry Thompson, Armour, \$5;
Joseph Dunn, Ellis, \$10; war with Spain,
Christopher Mollick, Okobedi, \$17.

Colorado: Original—John H. Lundy, Elbert, \$12; Gilbert Hurd, Moscow, \$6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—William
W. Stinnett, Denver, \$6; special act, May 5,
George H. Smith, Denver, \$10. Original
widows, etc.—Special, May 5, Levina Smith,
Alamosa, \$8.

Iowa: Original—Christian Grumbling,
Washington, \$10; war with Spain, Neal
Johnson, Gravity, \$6. Increase, restoration,
reissue, etc.—Leverett & Stone, Deini, \$5;
Henry A. Browning, Boone, \$12; Phillip
Saulpaugh, Soiders' Home, Marshalitown,
\$12; Harvey Gamble, Cantril, \$12; Thomas
Oalbraith, Colfax, \$10; William K. Fryine,
Oclwein, \$12; William M. Harbeson, Marion,
\$10; Jacob Hoxie, Soux City, \$12; William
H. Donnelson, Ottumwa, \$8. Original
widows, etc.—Special accrued, May \$. Sidney A. Keagie, Vinton, \$8. minor of Jackson Thompson, Muscatine, \$14

Montana: Increase, restoration, reissue,
etc.—George W. P. Pew, Helena, \$15; Danville Eames, Foster, \$10.

Issue of May 3:
Nebraska: Original—Edward A. Shaw,
Omaha, \$6; war with Spain, John Hedland,
St. Edward, \$6; William L. Vessy, Lowell,
\$6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—
Byron & Morrill, Hastings, \$30; Aarch
Henry, Surprise, \$8; William L. Vessy, Lowell,
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Unsala, \$12; Christian—Frank McKay,
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crued, May 6, Mary E. Tubbe, Castlewood, TRADE PROSPECTS ARE COOD North Dakota: Increase, restoration, re-sus, etc.-Special, May 8, Charles Ander-

North Dakota: Increase, restoration, reisaus, etc.—Special, May 8, Charles Anderson, Welton, 16.

Iowa: Original—Edward N. Barrett
(desd), lowa City, \$12. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—James W. Bane, North
Liberty, \$8: Henry J. Kellogs, Greeley, \$12;
Jesse P. Morrison, Chelsea, \$12; Oliver D.
Hibbard, Iowa Falls, \$8; Daniel I. Cain,
Osceola, \$10; Benjamin F. Snyder, East
Cedar Zichefoose, Wayne, \$10; John Dixon,
Russell, \$8; William H. Hickson, Dixon, \$10;
Charles L. Russell, Marshalltown, \$14; Levi
M. Langstaft, Dubuque, \$8; special, May 1,
David H. Holmes, Victor, \$12, Original
widows, etc.—Catharine H. McMullin, Odel,
\$12; Hannah P. Barrett, Iowa City, \$8. Renewal widows, etc.—Special, May 5, Evdline S. Farrell, Charleston, \$12,
Colorado: Original—James H. Huston,
Salida, \$8, Increase, restoration, reissue,
etc.—James D. Hamilton, Canon City, \$8.
Montana: Increase, restoration, reissue,
etc.—William C. Pott, Glit Edge, \$12,
Issue of May 5;
Nebraka: Original—John H. Hulbert, Elements in the Situation. STRIKE OUTLOOK SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

NEW YORK, May 29 .- Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Salida, \$5. Increase, restoration, relasue, etc.—James D. Hamilton, Canon City, \$8. Montana: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—William C. Pott, Glit Edge, \$12. Issue of May 5:
Nebraska: Original—John H. Hulbert, Omaha, \$8: war with Spain, Reuben E. Nichols, Cresten, \$8; Adrian L. Hockett, Linceln, \$8. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Charles W. Booth, Broken Bow, \$12: Caivin W. Green, Plattsmouth, \$18. Iowa: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—William H. Crow, Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, \$5: Albion Mitchell, Davenport, \$12: John E. Daniels, Des Moines, \$10: Bryam Susher, Glenwood, \$10: Charles W. Kellenbarger, Emerson, \$10: David Negus, Springdale, \$10: Joseph T. Dailey, Benton, \$17: Philander Bennett, Cherokee, \$17: Hermann Tuegel, Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, \$8: Levi Gallamar, Villisca, \$10: Issae Betts, Fairbank, \$10: Allen Adams, Keokuk, \$12: Asa B. Pork, Indianola, \$12: Bennett Fluharty, Mount Ayr, \$8: John A. Holman, Webster City, \$8: Voiney Ornduff, Batavin, \$12: James T. Harriman, Grimmell, \$12. Original widow, etc.—Mary A. Webb, Iron Hill, \$8. Original widow, etc.
Hill, St.
South Dakota: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Austin S. Baker, Murray, \$12.
North Dakota: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—John B. Oren, Soldiers' Home, pare better with a year ago, earnings hold all the former a

Lisbon, 88.

Colorade: Original—Charles R. Mumma.
Denver, 36; George H. Brewer, Denver, 38.
Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Lewis
N. Farmer, White Water, \$2; John F.
Henderson, Ordway, \$10; Josephine A. Walden, Craig, \$8. Original widow, etc.—Ellen J. Foote, Denver, \$8.

Montana: Original—Peter Green, Butte, \$8. Original widow, etc.—Mary E. Larue, Great Falle, \$8.

TRUSTS AND TARIFF LEAD Main Issues of Democrats' Congressional Fight Pending Irrigation

Bill's Approval.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The executive committee of the democratic congressional committee was in session here today. Ben T. Cable of filinois, chairman, and Judson Harmon of Cincinnati were present with the senators and representatives on the committee. The other outside members, Josiah Quincy of Massachusetts, Edward M. Shepard of New York, E. C. Wall of Wisconsin and David Overmeyer of Kansas were represented by proxies. Preliminary plans and business details of the congressional campaign were discussed.

Although the meetings were private it was learned that the executive committee had considered plans for making the trusts and the tariff leading issues of the coming campaign for the election of members of congress.

mittee held its weekly meeting and adopted the following resolution offered by Representative Newlands of Nevada and sup ported by Senator Turner and Representative Glenn:

This evening the full congressional com

Whereas, The democratic national platform of 1900 declares that "We favor an
intelligent system of improving the arid
lands of the west by storing the waters
for the purpose of irrigation and the holding of such lands for actual settlers," now,
therefore,
Resolved, by the democratic congressional committee, That we regard the pending bill for the irrigation of arid lands of
the west, which devotes the proceeds of
sales of public lands in the arid and semiarid states and territories to the construction of storage and irrigation works and
makes each project self-compensatory by
fixing the cost of the lands reclaimed to be
paid by the settlers in ten annual installments, and also reserves the lands so reclaimed for actual settlers and home builders, as complying with the pledge contained in the national democratic platform,
and we therefore favor the passage of said
bill as a needed step in the line of domes-

oill as a needed step in the line of domes-PNEUMATIC Postmaster General Calls for Bids to Be Opened on

July 2. WASHINGTON, May 39.-Postmaster General Payne has called for bids to be opened July 2 next, for the contracts for installing pneumatic tube mail service in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and St. Louis.

The bids are to cover either all or parts of the service planned in each city. The limit of the annual expenditure in all the cities of the country for this purpose prior to July 1, 1904, as allowed by congress, is \$800,000, and each city is limited to an annual expenditure not to exceed per cent of the gross annual revenues for

the preceding year. In Chicago the early completion of the new postoffice is anticipated by calling for bids making centers of both the present postoffice and the new postoffice locations The service to radiate from the new postoffice will include the Rock Island railroad station as well as the Union, Chicago and Northwestern and Illinois Central depots.

In St. Louis the pneumatic tube circuits are planned to run between the general postoffice and the terminal stations, the postoffice and the relay depot in East St. Louis and between the postomee and the

In New York there will be an east side circuit between the postoffice and a station near the Grand Central depot. On the west side the direct circuit is between the same points and an uptown station, supplying all postoffices and stations as far north as 125th street on the east and west side of Central park.

DEATH FOR TRAIN ROBBERY Capital Punishment Prescribed in New

> Bill for the Bandits' Crime.

WASHINGTON, May 29.-Senator Platt o New York today introduced a bill making train robbery a felony and providing the death penalty for the offense.

HYMENEAL.

Gustavason-Nelson,

FREMONT, Neb., May 20 .- (Special.) -Gus Gustavason and Amelia Nelson, both of this city, were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents on East First street by Rev. Martelius of Swedeburg. They have resided here for several years and have a large number of acquaintances among the Swedish people. couple leaves this afternoon for an extended European tour.

Gregory-Rhodes.

Frank L. Gregory of Whitehall, N. Y. and Helen Rhodes of Red Oak, Ia., were married yesterday afternoon by Judge Duncan M. Vinsonhaler. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory will join the Ferris Stock company on Saturday.

Saengerfest in June, 1903. BallTIMORE, May 22.—The Basngerfest association of Baltimore, in charge of the twentieth triennial national saeigerfest of the Northeastern Seengerbund of America, decided today to hold the saeingerfest in this city the week of June 14, 1505. The festival will continue the entire week. It is expected that 5,000 trained singers will attend the saeingerfest. The concerts and contests will be held in the new armory of the Fifth regiment, which is being rushed rapidly toward completion. The Basngerfest association swarded to Joseph M. Didus of this city the contract for two bronze pieces of Mendelssohn and Handel for 18,000.

iron and Steel Business Quiet, but Rumors Are Current of Large Deals in the Cruder Forms of the Product.

morrow will say:

The week's developments have been largely favorable. Crop conditions, particularly those of the spring-sown cereais and cotton, have shown further improvement. The labor situation, particularly that in the coal trade, has likewise measurably improved toward the end of the week, pointing to the anthracite strike ending before the position as to supplies becomes critical. Cool weather, it is true, has retarded retail demand and measurably checked re-order business with jobbers and heavy frosts have done damage to vegetables on the northern edge of the country, but this is regarded as only a temporary halt, and the general volume of business has been helped by the large amount booked for next autumn's delivery. Among the industries general activity still rules, with iron and steel, hardware, lumber, the building trades and bituminous coal displaying exceptional activity. Failures continue well down to the minimum and bank clearings are beginning to compare better with a year ago. Railway earnings hold all the former advantages earnings hold all the former advantages shown over preceding years. Gross rall-way earnings returns to Bradstreet's for the third week of May point to nearly per cent increase over a year ago.

Large fruit crops are indicated this year and the same is true of vegetables, but the latter are backward on cold weather. High prices for tobacco indicate that a heavy acreage will be planted. Early predictions of a decrease in the cotton area are being whittled down, and present prices certainly favor as large, if not a larger, area than a year ago.

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Boot and shoe leather is higher. Eastern shoe manufacturers are only moderately active and shipments are respectively 19 per cent and 8 per cent smaller than a year ago for the week and season. At the west, however, a good business is noted at most centers.

Iron and steel are quiet and as regards new business in finished products, but there are reports of large transactions pending in the cruder forms. A leading interest has bought considerable south pigiron at a price delivered at Pittsburg, closs to \$19 a ton. Inquiry for pig iron for next year is noted. Outside steel works are reported liberal buyers of foreign iron. Implement manufacturers are reported ordering liberally for next year. The anthracite coal strike has affected furnaces using that fuel in conjunction with coke, but the effect on pig iron supply has not been considerable. In finished products new business is generally small, but the mills are still crowded with orders.

Wheat, including four, exports for five days aggregate 3,900,645 bushels, against 5,184,839 last week (six days) and 4,128,970 in this week 'ast year. Wheat exports July 1, 1901, to date (forty-eight weeks) aggregate 233,425,080 bushels, against 192,512,721 list season.

Corn exports aggregate 71,478 bushels, against 90,969 last week and 2,037,343 last

Corn exports aggregate 71,478 bushels, against 90,969 last week and 2,037,343 last year.

Business failures for the week number 162, as against 152 last week, 144 in this week last year, 135 in 1900, 129 in 1899 and 178 in 1898. Failures in Canada for the week number 18, as against 17 last week and 21 a year ago.

JUDGE CENSURES THE JURY er in east portion; Saturday showers and Brings in a Verdict of Not Guilty in a Chicago Murder Trial.

CHICAGO, May 29 .- A verdict of not guilty in the case of William McFetridge, accused of murdering his brother, brought s reprimand to the jury from Judge Vavanagh today. "I cannot understand how you ever ar-

rived at such a conclusion," said the court. "If ever a man was guilty, McFetridge was rived at such a conclusion," said the court.
"If ever a man was guilty, McFetridge was that man. The evidence was direct and conclusive. I would not have been surprised if you had imposed the death penalty."

William McFetridge and his brother Robert had quarreled for years. Following a 1902:
Normal temperature 68
Poficiency for the day 2
Poficiency for the day 16 inch Total rainfall since March 1 4.45 inches Deficiency since March 1 4.25 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1901. 3.25 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1909. 1.87 inch

ert had quarreled for years. Following a MAIL . SERVICE suit in a justice court last fall, which had gone against William, the latter met his brother carrying a little girl. After a few words William McFetridge opened fire and continued to fire as his brother ran away. The latter died after reaching home. McFetridge attracted attention at the trial by taking up his own defense and coninuing it for three days. At the end of

that time he accepted the aid of an attornew. He pleaded that his shots were fired in self-defense. He said that Robert had often threatened to kill him and that he was justified in taking no chances. Several witnesses at the trial, however testified that Robert was unarmed and made

FAVORS BOARD OF CONTROL

absolutely no move of a threatening nature

Cownie of Des Moines Tells of Advantages of the lows

System.

DETROIT, May 29 .- The question of state supervision of charities, private as well as public, was discussed at today's session of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which is in session in this city, Jeffrey R. Brackett of Baltimore read the report of the committee which has been investigating the question. The committee agreed that the state should exercise some sort of supervision over private institutions, as well as public. Mr. Brackett and those who signed the committee report with him favored a state board of supervision only, while several members who did not sign the report favored a board of control, which should have administrative functions as well over all charitable institutions. H. H. Hart of Illinois, in his paper on

"Has the State the Right to Supervise Charities, and to What Extent and by What Means," contended that the state had that right and that there should be board of supervision. John Cownie of Des Moines, chairman of

the Iowa Board of Control of Site Institutions, took strong ground in favor of s board of control, instead of merely a supervisory board, and told of numerous benefits which had followed the appointment of the lowa board.

BRUTALLY BEATS A WOMAN Victim of Unknown Assailant Now Lies at the Point of

Death.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 20.—Intense excitement prevails in the locality of Lake of the Woods, a small village in Marshall county, over the brutal assault of Mrs. Peter Vetlock by an unknown man. The woman is lying at the point of death and

her assailant is at large. Mrs. Vetlock was attempting to drive some geese through a gate when a man stepped into the gateway. The woman told him to get out of the way, but instead of dong so he picked up a board, struck her over the head, beating her into unconconsciousness and fracturing her skull.

MEMPHIS ROADS INDICTED Charged with Constituting a Pool to Mnintain Rates on

Cotton.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29.—Six railroads entering this territory have been indicted by the federal grand fury in session in this city on the charge that there is a "declaration or agreement between them constituting a pool for the purpose of dividing on

pro rata basis the cotton shipped out of Memphia as well as to maintain rates. The roads indicted are the Illinois Central, Louisville & Nashville, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, the Frisco Orop Conditions One of the Most Favorable route (Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham), the Southern railway and the Nash-

ville, Chattanooga & St. Louis. The indictments are returned under section 5 of the interstate commerce law, as amended for the regulation of common carriers in the United States. United States District Attorney Randolph and J. T. Marchand, special attorney of the Interstate Commerce commission, are conducting the prosecution.

STORY OF THE FORD TRAGEDY

New Reason Given for the Crime Committed by Malcolm Ford.

NEW YORK, May 29 .- In connecton with the Ford tragedy, which occurred recently in this city, a story hitherto unpublished is in circulation regarding the cause of the shooting which cost the lives of the author, Paul Leicester Ford, and his brother, Malcolm, the famous athlete.

It is to the effect that Malcolm, who was not provided for in his father's will, notifled Paul a week before the shooting that he must have \$25,000, which he claimed was his due because he signed a waiver permitting the probating of the will. He is said to have declared be needed the money badly and to have become much incensed when Paul replied that he did not have the sum on hand, adding that he should consult other members of the family. Malcolm is said to have replied that one of the beirs had kept the agreement, but that he would consult the others, and de-

desperate measures. More Delegates for Kittredge. PIERRE, S. D., May 29.-(Special.)-The Stanley county delegation to the state epublican convention is: T. Maupin, C. L. Mellett, C. A. Conklin, H. A. Scovill, Fred M. Nix and A. Gunderson. They are instructed to support Kittredge, Burke, Mar-

parted with the declaration that he would

return a week hence for the money, fail-

ing to receive which he should resort to

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Falz and Warmer Weather Promised for Nebraska on Decora-

tion Day.

tin and Herreid.

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- Forecast: For Nebraska-Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; probably showers and cooler in north and west portions. For Iowa-Fair Friday and probably Saturday; cooler Saturday in northwest por-

For Missouri-Showers except fair in northwestern portion; Saturday fair, with warmer in the south and east portions. For Kansas-Warmer Friday, with fair in north and showers in south portions; Sat-

For South Dakota-Fair Friday and warm-

cooler. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 29.—Official record of tem-perature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years;

Maximum temperature... 76
Minimum temperature... 55
Mean temperature... 65
Precipitation... 66

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. CONDITION OF THE

1 Omaha, clear :.... Valentine, clear
North Platte, gloudy
Cheyenne, cloudy
Sait Lake City, clear
Rapid City, clear
Huron, clear
Williston, clear

T indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH,
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