Score of Buildings Wrecked, but Fortunately No Lives Were Lost in the Wreckage.

STRIKES THICKLY SETTLED DISTRICT

and Central City Lead, Terraville Are in the Path of the Twister -Two Men Injured in a Butcher Shop.

LEAD, S. D., May \$1 - (Special Telegram.) -A destructive tornado started this afternoon from Nevada gulch, a few miles above this city, and though its pathway was through one of the most thickly settled portions of the county and is strewn with wreckage, no lives were lost.

It struck the north part of the city at 1 y'clock and cut a swath through a number of small buildings, threw a train of boxears from the tracks of the Elkhorn railroad and then jumped over the divide into Terrarille. Here it wrought the greatest damage, breaking in the walls of the engine house of the Monroe mill, displaced one of the big engines, tore off part of the roof of the mill building and wrecked about 500 feet of trestle. It completely wrecked the butcher shop of William Adams, catching Adams, Everett Peterson and a little girl in the ruins. Adams had both legs broken and Peterson was injured so badly that he may

In Terraville it demolished three buildings and damaged a score of others, but the people mentioned were the only ones in-

From Terraville it jumped to Central City, where it tore down five houses and several barns, damaged the Portland and the Cook mills and wasted its energies against the side of a mountain.

The first report stated that several had been killed and after a view of the wreckage in the three towns the wonder is that there had not been. The property damage will amount to \$150,000. It is raining hard and storming here tonight.

WASHITA RIVER IS RAMPANT Rises Sixteen Feet in Three Hours, Overflowing Large Area of Ground.

ANADARKO, Okl., May 31.-In three hours last night the Washita river at this point rose nearly sixteen feet, carrying dozens of tents and outbuildings on the lowlands and flooding the town to a depth of four feet or more. People in the bottoms had barely time to escape to high ground and a number were forced to climb trees. Boats were secured and several people in perilous positions were rescued. one woman with a 3-week-old baby being

taken from the branches of a tree. It is believed no lives were lost, though many people are homeless. Today the water is receding. The flood is the worst in twenty years. The river north of Anadarko is a mile wide and is overflowing, destroying crops. One mile of track on the Rock Island road was washed out and the Presbyterian Indian mission grounds and the government Indian school and farm are

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from Omaha and all other Missouri river points. Tickets on sale May 27 to June 8, limit sixty days; July 16 to 21, limit Sep-These rates apply through Colorado and Utah via the Denver & Rio Grande and Rio Grand Western, "the Line of the World," which passes the most famous points of inand you should see that your tickets read via this route in order to make your trip the most enjoyable. See your local ticket agent for free illustrated literature or write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colo.

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STORM WORKS GREAT HAVOC COMMENCEMENT AT ITS HEIGHT PRISON Graduating Exercises in Nebrasks

Schools Entiven Smouldering

Parental Pride. AURORA, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.)-The ommencement exercises of the Aurora

High school were held in the opera house last night. There were thirteen members of the class, being the smallest graduated for several years. The diplomas were presented by the president of the school board, STROMSBURG, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.)

The commencement exercises occurred here Thursday night at the opera house with a large and appreciative audience. There were ten graduates. The class exercises were held at 2 o'clock. In the evening Prof. E. A. Davison of the State university delivered an able address. The musical part of the program was well received.

SEWARD, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) - The graduating exercises of the high school occurred at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening. The class was quite large this year, consisting of eight. Dr. B. M. Long of Lincoln gave an instructive address to the graduates and Judge C. E. Holland presented the diplomas. The exercises of the evening varied from those usually given, in that only two of the class took part in the program. COZAD, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) - The

school were held here last evening in the Methodist Episcopal church. A class of fourteen graduates delivered orations to a house. The class comprised twelve young women and two young men. SCHUYLER, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.)-Graduating exercises of the Schuyler High school occurred Friday night in Bohman's opera house. The High school girls' chorus and a girls' sextet supplied the music. W. K. Fowler, state superintendent of public instruction, was present and delivered a hort address and presented the diplomas.

ommencement exercises of the Cozad High

There were nine graduates. STANTON, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.)ommencement exercises of the Stanton High school were held at Germania hall Thursday evening. There were but two Hon. W. W. Young, president of the school board, presented the graduates with diplomas, making a short and appropriate address. The teachers of the school gave a reception to the graduates, juniors, members of the Board of Education and invited guests, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Klopp.

PONCA, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) -- Commencement exercises of the Ponca High school were held last evening. The orator of the evening was Hon. H. H. Wilson of Lincoln, who spoke on the "True Ideal of Education." There were four graduates. EMERSON, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) Graduating exercises of the Emerson public chools occurred last evening, the opera house being filled with friends of the pupils. The graduating class was composed

of six. HEBRON, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) - An nteresting address was delivered to the High school graduating class last evening at the Christian church by Rev. E. F. Trefz of Omaha. After the address F. A. Powell, president of the Board of Directors, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Mosher Suit on Trial.

SEWARD, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) -The case of the Staplehurst Bank against C. W. Mosher and others was taken up in district court Wednesday morning, the grand jury hearing the evidence all day Thursday until 4 o'clock, when court adjourned until Monday morning. The trial is expected to last about two weeks and the inquiry to extend over a period of ten or twelve years. This case, together with several others, grew out of the failure of the Capital National bank of Lincoln in 1893.

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LABOR CONTRACTS

Governor Proposes to Test One Held by Lee Brown Company.

ward Made by State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Does Not

Meet with Approval of Executive.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May \$1 .- (Special.)-It is not inlikely that a legal test will be made of the prison labor contract recently made with the Lee Broom and Duster company by the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings. Governor Savage insists that the company should pay at least 10 cents more per day for each convict's labor than it is required to pay under the contract given by the board.

Under the former agreement the Lee company paid 50 cents per man. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings about two months ago, when that agreement expired, entered into another contract, which reduced the rate to 45 cents, but raised the minimum number of convicts to be employed from seventy-five to 125, giving five free "runners." The governor protested and succeeded in having the contract recalled. The provision for the five free "runners." or chore men, was stricken out. as were also several other conditions, but the price per man and the minimum to be employed were allowed to remain unchanged. Again the governor protested, but as the contract in this amended form was again signed by the majority of the board, the Lee company presumed it was legal and began operations.

It is said that the governor has asked for legal advice and that if he finds he has authority to do so may order a test made. He insists that the company should pay at least 55 cents per man. He calls attention to the fact that the company is furnished power and a building for its machinery free of cost and further alleges that the convict labor is costing the company one-fourth of what citizen labor would cost. A day's work at the penitentiary consists in the making of four dozen brooms. For overtime work the company pays the convicts individually at the rate of 60 cents per day.

The contract under which the Lee com pany is operating is for three years. All members of the board, excepting the governor, assert that it is the best possible arrangement that could have been made, as there were no other bidders for the labor. They regret that the price to be paid is less than under the old contract, but they assert that the increase in the number of men required to be employed will more than make up for that decrease. Statement from Andrews.

Chancellor Andrews has given the folowing statement for publication:

Save upon intimation that the regents wish it, or upon the failure of my health, or that of those near me, it is not my intention to quit the service of the University of Nebraska for a number of years.

The considerations which have led me to fear of late that such a change might possibly be imminent have not been salary or position, as many seem to suppose, but others of a purely personal and domestic nature.

The many kindly expressions which have recently reached me from students, colleagues, regents and neighbors touch and influence me and are profoundly appreci-

Watson Making Record.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson has demonstrated that he is not afraid to have the courts pass upon the validity of any law affecting his department. When he assumed his duties he proceeded under the theory that the laws were there to be enforced and when he found that he could overcome the obstacles in no other way he went into court. This is just what his fusion predecessor strived not to do. Mr. Kent, who held the title of deputy labor commissioner under the Holcomb and Poynter administrations, performed no service which was of any value to the state. His statistics were incomplete and therefore worthless, but the expenditures up to the limit and he won the distinction of issuing a blennial report bigger than

that of any other state department. The most trouble has been experienced by the department officials under the law which requires county assessors to gather agricultural and industrial statistics. The fusion commissioner succeeded usually in getting about one-third of the counties to comply with this, but the others absolutely refused. Mr. Kent wrote them polite letters and even threatened mandamus proceedings against the most obstinate, but there is no record of any such proceedings having been

It is related that Mr. Kent was cautioned at the time he began his duties not to allow the law to be tested in court. Attorneys told him that it would be declared unconstitutional and then his job would be gone. And so it was that the laws were not enforced. He made an earnest effort to have the clerks and assessors of the various counties submit peacefully, but be carefully evaded legal proceedings.

Since Mr. Watson was appointed by Governor Dietrich last year the law relating to the gathering of agricultural and industrial statistics has been taken to the supreme court and held constitutional. The validity of the female labor law is involved in a case now held under advisement by the supreme court and it is said that the fire escape law and the compulsory education law will also be put to a test.

Mr. Watson is a blacksmith by trade and he has carried some of the sturdy principles of that business into his office at the head of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics. "If we can't get out figures that are worth something we ought to know it," says Mr. Watson. "If the laws are unconstitutional we might as well close up the office, and I'll go back to horse shoeing."

Corporation Laws Favorable. Promoters of financial enterprises have discovered that the corporation laws of Nebraska are more liberal than those of most of the western states and that they are taking advantage of this condition is readily seen by an examination of the articles of the new companies that are filed from day to day in the secretary of state's office. A week ago a party of California investors banded themselves together under the Nebraska laws for the transaction of business in their own state and the only conditions imposed were that they abide by the Nebraska laws and maintain an office somewhere in the state. This company will do a general lumber business and its interests are practically all in California. Other instances of the same kind are numerous, there being on an average of at least one non-resident company organized each week. One reason why the Nebraska laws are tempting is that they make no provision for supervision. They require annual publication of a statement of indebtedness, but the state authorities have no way of ascertaining whether or not this section of the law is obeyed. The corporations are not required to report changes in their management, transfers of stock or even changes in their directory. They file articles at the time of organization and make no further showing unless they decrease or increase their capital stock or make essential

changes in their business. Upwards of 20,000 corporations have been

of them are now in existence. Some have falled, others have consolidated and still others have removed from the state, while rot a small number have gone voluntarily out of business. But so far as the state knows they are all alive and transacting business as provided for by their articles.

The fees received in the secretary of state's office during the year 1901 about equal DEMANDS MORE MONEY PER DAY FOR MEN all of the fees received in the same departnent during the four years of the fusion administration. Among them were several big payments for recording the articles of railroad companies, one being for \$10,000, A few weeks ago a party of Chicago in

cestors organized a gas company under the laws of Nebraska. They do not propose to onduct or operate a gas plant in this city, where they will maintain an office, but will merely hold securities of other gas companies, and it is admitted that most of their business will come from outside of Nebraska, and, in fact, be transacted outside of the state.

Hearing on the complaint of Lloyd Chapman of York against the Interstate Mutual Hail Insurance company of Omaha has been set by Deputy Insurance Auditor Babcock for June 16. The officials decline to divulge the nature of the complaint. State Treasurer Stuefer has issued a call

118, aggregating \$50,000. Interest will cease on June 16. Miss Edith Smith of this city has been appointed stenographer in the oil inspection department to succeed Mrs. Grace

Wilson, resigned.

for warrants registered from 81,581 to 82,-

CADETS HAVE A SHAM BATTLE Man Stabbed in the Leg with a Bayonet the 5um of the

Casualties.

SEWARD, Neb., May 31 .- (Special Telegram.)-The expected sham battle occurred this afternoon. The battallon was divided into attacking and defending parties. The attacking company came down the Lilue river and made an advance on the camp. A skirmish line was sent out in advance and a larger force was held for reserve. All the men were supplied with five rounds of blanks. The sun had come out hot after noon and the boys sweltered and wilted charging out in the hot sun. The rules of the battle were that whatever force had the largest number at the race track had the honors of capture. Owing to some misunderstanding and a series of flukes the attacking force gained possession of the

was the only accident. The injured man went to Lincoln this afternoon. The battalion made up a picked nine this afternoon and defeated the Seward nine by a score of 8 to 5. The playing was fast

camp. In a general charge and mixup

brough the misunderstanding one man of

Company D was accidentally stabbed twice

in the calf of the leg with a bayonet. This

and furious. The officers sat in court-martial this norning investigating an alleged case of a noncommissioned officer interfering with the guard. A sentinel last night was relieved of his gun by the use of a well planned trick. The gun was found in a first sergeant's tent and he was charged with complicity in the case. On investigation there was not enough evidence to convict him. An officer was also implicated, but he was dismissed. The court-martial was conducted by Commandant Smoke in the regulation order. Officers and witnesses were all duly sworn in. This was for the chooling of officers. Nothing serious was attached to the

charges under the circumstances. In the ball game this afternoon Major Hull suffered a fracture of one of the bones of the right forearm. While batting the ball struck him.

A number of the cadets have, with special permission, returned home today. This evening a dance is in progress at the camp, where a large dancing platform Large crowds are visiting the camp, though the lines are closed. Because of a planned night sham battle the cadets are required to be in early tonight.

Company C gained the honors in target practice, the average score being high, and a private making 24 out of a possible 25 points.

No university people visited the camp, as was expected. Tomorrow's program will be services by the college Young Men's Christian association in the morning; Capfor the publication of these figures were tain Smoke will speak and camp will be broken about the middle of the afternoon. A special will carry the cadets to Lincoln.

GOVERNOR GETS HOT SHOT Asked by Cadet Prisoner to Grant Pardon-Good Scores at Target Practice.

CAMP E. BENJAMIN ANDREWS, SEW-ARD, Neb., May 31 .- (Special.) - The university cadets are getting all the benefit of a military camp. Visitors to the camp are pleased with the discipline, order and cleanliness. The standing joke is mess. Along about meal times they all line up and guess by the odors what the dinner will be. The usual fare is diversified by the presents of edibles furnished by admiring young women of Seward.

Two companies, have had target practice at a range of 100 yards. There is considerable rivalry among the companies in seeing who can have the

best appearing street. As a result the appearance of the camp is pretty clean. An amusing incident was told by Governor Savage of his visit to the Omaha High school cadet camp.

He was passing by the guard tent and observed a cadet lying on his back under guard. "Hello, there," said the governor, "why

don't you go on parade?" "He's arrested and under guard," said sentinel "Say, governor," said the prisoner,

brightening up, "can't you pardon me Governor Savage took this as quite a joke and has been relating it to friends. The fair grounds were thronged with

crowds of people from Seward and the

surrounding country. Many of the cadeta spent a part of their time making acquaintances. A couple of nights ago a cadet saluted the officer of the day a few minutes before taps and explained that he and a comrade had been busily engaged with two oung women near the camp and had not noticed the flight of time. He pleaded

that he be given permission to take them The request was refused and with downcast countenance the cadet private sauntered off to his quarters. He did not remain there long, however, but escaped through the lines only to see the faint outlines of the officer and the "other fellow" escorting the young women away.

Company B had target practice this morning. Privates Towne and McCalbun made scores of 22 out of a possible 25. Corporal Shaply made 21. Several scores of 20 were made.

At noon the women of Seward sent down a consignment of pies for the cadets. These were given out after noon mess and were disposed of in short order.

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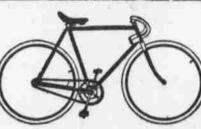
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