

they arise, may be met by new safeguards

in the constitution and the well-being of

"secretaries of boards" could be swept away.

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to the government of cities of the metro-

CHARLES B. LETTON.

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cers Chosen.

ernoon there was a meeting of the execu-

tive board at which Henry W. Yates of

bers of the board for the present year are:

the coming election.

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Luther Drake

R. Gould of Omaha.

Saturday:

Court of Compulsory Arbitration.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Oct. 4 .- The Cen-

tral America court of compulsory arbitra-

tion has been installed here. Guatemala,

however, has refused to participate. It is

Mortality Statuaties.

# AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

#### Abertive Efforts to Secure Needed Changes in Nebraska's Organic Law.

### CARELESSNESS OF VOTERS PROVES FATAL Simple Expedient Proposed to Adopt

Amendments by a Majority of the Votes Cast on Such Amendments

FAIRBURY, Neb., Oct. 3 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Twenty-seven years ago a constitutional convention was held the attention of the electors could be conin the state of Nebraska, the result of centrated upon the proposed amendmentswhich we are now living. At the time this matters submitted to their franchise at any were mainly confined to the eastern onesixth of the state, communication was diffiroad existed and were in operation, whereas election never vote at all upon the pronow nearly 6,000 miles are operated within posed amendments, they are usually dethe state. The telephone was not then in use, the electric railroad was only a dream. packing industry was non-existent in fact rigid and self-perpetuating. the state and manufacturing was only in the germ. Over a quarter of a century of time and a degree of achievement greater than tion to be by "a majority of the electors the time alone would warrant mark the change between the Nebrasks of that day and of this

But with all the changing conditions of the state we have been bound and tram- cared enough to think about the matter. meled in our social and governmental development by the straitjacket of our 1875 constitution. For the most part an admirable document, its chief defect lies in the lameness of the provisions providing for its amendment. Changing time brings erigencies could be met by new provisions.

#### Provision for Amendment.

The portion of our constitution providing for amendments thereto reads as follows: "Article xv, Section I. Amendments-Either branch of the legislature may propose amendments to this constitution, and

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#### Often Disagree With Us

Because we overeat of them. Indigestion follows. But there's a way escape such consequences. A dose of a good digestant like Kodol will relive you Your stomach is simply at once. weak to digest what you est. That's all indigestion is. Kodol digests the food without the stomach's ald. Thus the stomach rests while the body is strength-ened by wholesome food. Disting is unnecessary. Kodol digests any kind of good food. Strengthens and invigorates. **Kodol Makes** 

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proposed amendments shall be entered on of the torrents of fervid eloquence which necessary amendments to make our fundathe journals, with the yeas and nays, and had flowed all over the state for months in mental law meet the requirements of this published once each week in at least one discussing this question. All the proposed and succeeding generations. New evils, as Over One Thousand Nebraska Veterans Ge newspaper in each county where a news- amendments were defeated. paper is published for three months im-Neglect of Voters. mediately preceding the next election of In 1892 two proposed amendments were the state preserved. Such palpable evasions senators and representatives, at which election the same shall be submitted to the executive officers," and one "permitting in- | letter, of the constitution as the present vestment of public school money in school system of "deputy commissioners" and electors for approval or rejection and if a majority of the electors voting at such elec- district bonds." On these propositions

tion adopt such amendments the same shall about 95,000 votes were cast, while for goy- If new executive officers were needed they become a part of this constitution. When ernor, at the same election, 197,473 persons might, if the people willed it, be called into more than one amendment is submitted at voted. Both amendments received a ma- being. The dignity of the supreme court the same election they shall be so subjority of nearly 70,000 of the ballots cast and its worth to the state might be inmitted as to enable the electors to vote on upon the propositions, but failed to carry creased by an addition of judges to its each amendment separately." under the constitutional requirements. This provision reads fair enough, and if Over 100,000 voters cast no ballots upon the sition. Questions relating to the revenue,

questions. The legislature of 1895, believing that politan class and other changes now urged whose labors was the constitution under which are usually by far the most important radical amendment to the constitution was by the best thought of the state might be required, submitted to vote at the election submitted to the people with some hope of constitution was adopted the population of given election, much more so than whether in November, 1896, no less than twelve favorable action. the entire state was less than a quarter of Jones, Brown or Robertson is elected to an proposed amendments. These proposed a million, while now over a million people office-then the theory of the provision changes related mainly to changes in the in the state to cast his vote at the approachlive within its borders. The settlements would work out in practice. But in fact executive and judicial departments in the ing election, knowingly, either for or this never happens, the clamor made by direction of providing for additional judges against the proposed amendment to the con-

Killed by Carclessness.

A Simple Expedient.

parties and by candidates diverts the public and executive officers, and for increasing stitution. It is important that he vote in cuit, except along the main lines of the mind from the more important question of the compensation of such officers, while Tavor of the amendment, but it is more railroads. Comparatively few miles of rail- large proportion of the voters voting at the cities, to trial by jury, to financial questions and to submission of amendments. The highest vote cast upon any of these was upon the proposition to increase the feated, not by active hostility, but by apathy number of judges of the supreme court, and

their terms of office, upon which 122,475 BANKERS CLOSE CONVENTION and neglect. The constitution is thus in votes were cast, and which received a ma-The fatal provision in the section relating to amendments is that requiring the adop- jority of 46,685 of those voting upon the H. W. Yates Elected Chairman of Exproposition. At the same election 223,245 votes were cast for presidential electors. voting at such election." If the law only required "a majority of the electors voting and 217,765 for governor. Over 100,000 voters did not vote upon the amendments upon the proposition at such election," then whenever a majority of the electors, who and the propositions were defeated by rea-

son of this failure to vote. signified their assent an amendment could be made. It will be noticed that since 1881 only

#### Experience with Amendments.

two elections at which amendments could be submitted have passed without an at-The history of the submission of amendments to the constitution in this state has tempt being made to amend the constitubeen as follows: The first amendment sub. tion. This resume shows that while a few changed conditions, and the fundamental mitted under the 1875 constitution was in of the proposed amendments which have law should be rigid enough to be certain 1882, and provided for the extension of the been submitted have failed to receive a and sure and yet elastic enough so that new electoral franchiae to women. This amend- majority of the votes cast thereupon nearly ment failed to receive a majority of those every one has been killed by the carelessness of the average voter. Experience thus voting upon the proposition, and was defeated by a large majority. has shown that it is well-nigh impossible to

In 1894 two amendments were submitted, amend the constitution as the provision for one relating to an increase in term and amendment now stands. Realizing this fact, salary of logislators, and one to the crea- the last legislature decided to submit to tion of a board of railway commissioners. the people of the state a proposed amend-The amendment relating to the legislators ment dealing with the manner of making received a majority of 24,193 of those vot- amendments to the constitution and this ing on the proposition, while the other amendment will be voted upon at the comproposition was defeated by a majority of ing election. The only change suggested 12,191 of those voting thereupon. Since by the proposed amendment from the pres-47,196 more persons voted for governor at ent manuer is that in order to adopt a this election than voted on the proposition. proposed amendment it shall require "a both amendments were defeated. majority of the electors voting at such elec-On November 2, 1886. a proposed amendtion on such proposed amendment." instead

ment was submitted increasing the days of of as now, requiring "a majority of the service of members of the legislature, for voters voting at such election." which they should be paid, and increasing

their compensation. This amendment was The proposed change is reasonable and declared lost by the canvassing boards, but after the legislature met a recount was right. It should carry by a large majority, ordered by that body, and after the recount and it is in accordance with the method pursued in a majority of the states of the been arrived at between the delegates as was completed the amendment was declared carried. A certain amount of doubt union. If this amendment should fall to to the action to be taken by the republics has always existed as to the correctness carry we will be left as we now are, trying in the event of Colombia attacking Nicaraof the recount, most people doubting that to adjust by questionable means twentieth gus. the legislature could be more nearly correct century conditions in a full developed state than disinterested officers of the election. to the limitations of a constitution well It was too much like making a man judge fitted for us when we were in swaddling clothes over a quarter of a century ago. in his own cause to look well.

In 1890 an amendment was submitted, to-If this fails the next plan will be by the gether with four others, to prohibit the expensive method of a new constitutional nanufacture and sale of intoxicating convention, which would cost thousands of iquors. This question was much agitated deliars to the people of the state and might and discussed. The total vote cast on this prove a very unsatisfactory experiment. amendment was 194,010, while the total vote | With a few amendments, which time has the same election for governor was shown the need of, our present constitution 214,072. Over 20,000 voters who voted at may well last indefinitely. If this proposed | streets, aged 28 years.

the members elected to each house, such the question to mark their ballots, in spite the people, with some hope of adoption, the OFF FOR THE GRAND REUNION

to Washington Encampment.

submitted, one "adding to the number of of the spirit, though perhaps not of the OFFICIAL TRAIN PULLED OUT LAST NIGHT

Wabash, Rock Island, Northwestern, Burlington, Illinois Central, Milwankee Carry Their Quota of Grand Army Delegates.

About 1,000 civil war veterans from Nebraska, with their wives and families, will be in Washington to attend the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which convenes there Monday. With Commander Steele and Junior Com-

mander Kenny of Fairbury and Blair 16-It should be the duty, then, of every voter spectively, at the head of the column, over 600 strong heroes of 1861-65 will depart from Chicago at noon today over the Wabash for the national capital to respond once more to the bugle call and meet and Union Pacific and Burlington & Missouri a change in the constitution and, since a others related to the government of large important that he vote upon the proposition mingle with their comrades from other either for or against if he casts a ballot at states around the old campfires.

The official Nebraska train, which is the Rock Island, from Omaha to Chicago and from there to Washington, the Wabash, left Omaha at 8 o'clock last night, composed of ten cars. The Burlington will send out one special car from this city and another from Superior; the Northwestern has already sent four specials filled with veterans and the Illinois Central, two, one occupied exclusively by Nebraskans and the other by Oregonians. The Burlington, Illi-

At the conclusion of the convention of nois Central, Northwestern and the Milwauthe State Bankers' association Friday aft- kee passengers will travel over the Baltimore & Ohio east of Chicago. Aside from its special Nebraska train the Rock Island Omaha was re-elected chairman. The mem- sent out at 4:55 p. m. yesterday a special train to be loaded with Iowans along the

line through that state. At Des Moines a Group No. 1, J. T. Trenery of Pawnee City, very large delegation was taken aboard Charles Marshall of Douglas; group No. 2 C. B. Anderson of Crete; group No. 3, E. F. Folda of Schuyler and T. E. Stevens of line on the east it was well filled. These, Blair; group No. 4, E. A. Wiltse of Pender; with the Nebraskans carried by the Rock group No. 6, George B. Bell of Grand Island | Chicago.

The Wabash special from Chicago will terviewed. The matter is still one of great testator. and George B. Darr of Lexington; group No. be an elaborate train. It will be composed 7, Charles H. Cornell of Valentine and George N. Seymour of Elgin; group No. 8, of fifteen cars or more if found necessary, comprising tourists and Pullman sleepers J. W. Welpton of Ogalalla and J. J. McIntosh of Sidney; group No. 9, Charles K. and every other sort of car that goes to Hart of Bloomington and W. O. Robinson make up a modern and comfortable train. This special will be under the personal of Trenton; Omaha, Henry W. Yates and upervision of Harry E. Moores, general agent of the Wabash in this city. At the session of the convention in the Moores went to Chicago with the Rock afternoon officers were elected as follows: Island people and stays with the veterans President, S. H. Burnham of Lincoln; vice president, J. B. Dinsmore of Sutton; treas-

who take the Wabash until they have returned from their great journey. urer, Frank Hamilton of Omaha; secretary, This train will go by way of Niagara Falls, where a very brief stop will be made

Sunday; Buffalo, Harrisburg, Baltimore and other interesting points, making such stops as the schedule will permit. It is billed to arrive in Washington Monday.

National Irrigation Congress.

rumored that a secret understanding has Railroads are exercising great interest in the convention of the National Irrigation congress, which begins in Denver Monday. The Union Pacific will have personal representatives there, one of which will be C. E. Wantland, who happens to be chairman of the national executive committee of the The following births and deaths were re-ported at the office of the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at congress. George McDonaugh, Union Pacific immigration agent, also will be present for the company.

noon Saturday: Births-Frank Hevek, 2502 South Twenty-fourth street, boy; Fritz Hansen, 2018 North Eighteenth street, girl; Oren Jensen, 3500 North Fourteenth street, girl; Mike Sulli-van, 2541 Larimore street, girl. Deaths-Mary McCarthy, 1006 South Twenty-third street, aged & years; Christ Christensen, Thirteenth and Harney streets, aged 25 years. The Union Pacific's special interest in this congress and its unusual zeal in irrigation in general just now, is based upon the proposed reservoirs, five of which are to be established throughout the west, the first one to be located in the South Platte valley, near Sterling, Colo., to be known

as the Pawnee Pass reservoir. This is to interest among railroad men, with whom be the test reservoir and the location has the general impression seems to be that been selected because of its proximity and Mr. Dickinson has received and is considaccessibility to the east, from which many ering but has not yet accepted the Stilweil of the most ardent students of this proposi- offer. ion will come. Moving Midway Shows.

Pawnee pass is regarded as one of the most natural reservoirs in the arid west. having a computed water storage capacity for the accommodation of the Midway showof 12,444,903,608 cubic feet, forming a huge men who have been in the city during the lake covering 6,896 acres. The portions at carnival. Some will be taken to St. Louis. Weld, Morgan, Logan and Sedgwick counsome to Atlanta, Ga., and others to Matties skirt the Union Pacific throughout the toon, III South Platte valley in northwestern Colorado. To fill this vast basin a canal will the Missouri Pacific, has gone to Falls City be run from the South Platte river at to arrange for a special transportation of a some point sixty or seventy miles from Midway outfit which has been showing at the street fair in that city. It will be re-

Sterling, having a capacity of 1,500 to 2,500 cubic feet of water a second. The moved to St. Louis over the Missouri Paarea to be watered is one of the richest in the state. The country is generally

level and will be easily accessible to water. About 1,000,000 acres of fertile agricultural land will thus be added to the tillable acreage of the state by the government and private irrigation facilities.

, Bumper Traffic; Car Famine Local railroad men pronounce this one of the best traffic years of their experience. Both passenger and freight business has been sustained at a very high stand-

ard from the first of the year, increasing as time progressed, the passenger travel reaching a climax during the heavy excursion season, with the crisis to come in the freight husiness, when the bulk of the vast grain crops are to be moved. The most conservative men in the business unhesitatingly admit that a freight car famine will be experienced despite the strenuous efforts being made to avoid it "The roads simply have not the cars avail-

able and cannot get them in time," said an official, "but, nevertheless, it will be a rich financial harvest for the roads."

Dickinson is Still Silent. General Manager Dickinson of the Union

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St. Clair special administrator of the es-Pacific still declines to discuss the report of tate of George R. Voss, who was killed his resignation and acceptance of the prop- some days since by the accidental disosition to become general manager of Ar- charge of a gun which he was carrying and by the time the train reached the state thur E. Stilwell's line from Kansas City to The administrator has given bonds of Port Stilwell on the Guif of California. An- \$5,000, which will be increased as soon other effort was made yesterday to elicit as the value of the estate is known. The No. 5. J. B. Dinsmore of Sutton; Island, will be delivered to the Wabash at from Dickinson either a denial or confirma- legatees are Mrs. Florence Y. Vozs, widow. tion of the report, but he refused to be in- and George K. Voss, infant son of the

> Is the name sometimes given to what is generally known as the BAD DISEASE. It is not confined to dens of vice or the lower classes. The purest and best people are sometimes infected with this awful malady through handling the cloth Contagious **Blood Poison**

malady through handling the clothing, drinking from the same vessels, using the same toilet articles, or

The Wabash will run a special train from

Omaha south at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon

Tom Hughes, traveling passenger agent of

MURPHY TO RETURN TUESDAY

Probably Will Have News About Pro

posed Sale of Street

Railway.

Word was received in Omaha yesterday

that Frank Murphy, president of the street

railway company had left New York Sat-

urday for home and probably would

stop a day in Chicago, arriving here Tues-

day morning. Until he arrives there will

be nothing known as to the condition of

the negotiations for the transfer of the

controlling interest of the stock of the

VOSS ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR

On Petition of the Widow, County

Court Appoints Clency

St. Clair.

On petition of Mrs. Florence Y, Voss

Judge Vinsonhaler has appointed Clency

It begins usually with a little blister or sore, then swelling in the groins, a

cific.

company.

sores and ulcers appear in the mouth, the throat becomes ulcerated, the hair, eye brows and lashes fall out and, as the blood becomes more contaminated, copper colored splotches and pustular eruptions and sores appear upon different parts of the body, and the poison even destroys the bones.

S. S. S. is a Specific for this loathsome disease, and cures it even in the worst forms. It is a perfect antidote for the powerful virus that pollutes the

blood and penetrates to all parts of the system, Unless C Q you get this poison out of your blood it will ruin you, and bring disgrace and disease upon your children, for it can be transmitted from parent to child, S. S. S. contains no mercury or potash, but is guaranteed a strictly vegetable compound.

Write for our free home treatment book and learn all about contagious blood poison. If you want medical advice give us a history of your case, and our physicians will furnish all the information you wish without any charge THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA. whatever.

otherwise coming in contact with persons who have contracted it. red eruption breaks out on the body,

Ten years ago I contracted a bad case of Blood Poison. I was under treatment of a physician until I found that he could

the disease disappeared. I took six bot-tles and today am sound and well. R. M. Wall, Morristown, Tenn.

do me no good. Then began taking S.S.S. I commenced to improve at once and in a very short time all evidence of