TALK OF REAPPORTIONMENT

Members from Western Part of State Will Push the Measure,

HOLD PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS UNJUST

Maintain that Present Legislature Can Legally Pass Such a Bill Which is Denied by Its Opponents.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Redistricting of the state will be one of the interesting propositions of this session of the legislature. Whether it will be forced to a successful issue cannot be determined at this time, as there is going to be considerable opposition to it.

Representative McAllister of Lincoln county, whose district begins with Lincoln county on the east and extends to the state line on the west, a distance of about 250 miles, embracing nine counties, will be the leader in the house for this proposition and Senator Brown of Dodge county will champion it in the senate. Representative McAllister has not yet, but will frame and introduce a bill to this effect.

"The state needs redistricting very badly," said Mr. McAllister. "A casual reference to conditions will show queer inequalities and some glaring disparagements as to divisions and apportionments. For instance, my district in 1900 had a total population of 28,310, and at the last election cast a total vote of between 5,000 and 6,000. Richardson county on the other hand, has three members in the house and a population of 19,000

"The state constitution prescribes 100 members for the house. The total population of Nebraska is about 1,066,000. Thus Richardson county is barely entitled to two members, let alone three. Now the redistricting could not increase the aggregate representation, but would be an equalizing or addition and substraction process, taking from such counties as Richardson and giving to others whose population entitles them to greater representation.

"Douglas, on this basis, ought to get five additional members in the house alone, which would give it fourteen, instead of nine representatives. Lancaster would gain one. I have not figured exactly the gain in the senate."

Mr. McAllister observes that the constitutional objection that the redistricting should have been undertaken at the session of legislature immediately following the census in 1900, but cites rulings in Ohio, whose constitution is similar to that of Nebraska, to sustain his point that a later session of the legislature could rightfully deal with the matter.

Senator Brown, the leading exponent of this proposition in the upper house, represents a district embracing seven counties and of almost equal territorial expanse as that represented by Mr. McAllister. The total voting powers of the two districts are likewise about the same.

Opponents of this proposition will base their action on this, section 2 of article iii of the Constitution on Legislation:

The legislature shall provide by law for enumeration of the inhabitants of the state in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and every ten years thereafter, and at the first regular session after each enumeration and also after each enumeration made by the authority of the United States, but at no other time, the legislature shall apportion the senators and representatives according to the number of inhabitants, excluding Indians not taxed and soldiers and officers of the United States army and navy.

ROUTINE WORK OF THE SENATE

Committees and Employes Are Named and Body is Ready for Business.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Governor Steele called the senate to order at 11 o'clock and after roll call Chaplain Presson asked the divine guidance.

After a portion of the journal had been read the reading was dispensed with and the report of the secretary adopted.

Hall moved that when senate adjourned it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock Tuesday, if the house would do so. This was amended by Hasty of Furnas to read 2 o'clock, and Hall accepted the amendment. Before motion was settled a committee from the house announced that that body was going to adjourn until Tuesday and O'Neill moved that the senate concur. The motion was carried.

The committee appointed on tickets for the inaugural ceremonies reported that each senator be allowed three tickets. The motion carried.

S. F. 14, By Hastings of Butler—Act to amend section 12, article i, chapter 2, of the Compiled Statutes, relating to agriculture.

S. F. 15, by Marshall of Otoe—Act to repeal section 3, chapter xii, entitled "Day of Grace."

S. F. 16, by Marshall of Otoe—Act to amend section 65, chapter lxxiii, entitled "Compiled abstracts of title bonds."

S. F. 17, by Marshall of Otoe—To define scope of Deaf and Dumb school.

Afternoon Session.

On motion of O'Neill senate adjourned until 1:45.

In the afternoon senate convened at 1:45 and after roll call marched in a body to the representative hall to witness the inaugural ceremonies.

The senate reassembled at 4:15 and after roll call on motion of Hall of Douglas a committee of three was appointed to escort the lieutenant governor to the bar of the senate. The committee was Hall of Douglas, Hall of Burt and Brown of Keya Paha.

On motion of Hasty of Furnas a vote of thanks was tendered the presiding officer.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton was received with applause and upon being presented to the senate made a short talk.

A recess of five minutes was taken to allow time for two committees to complete their reports.

Warner of Dakota reported the following standing committees, as reported by the committee on committees:

Senate Committees.

Judiciary—Hall of Douglas, chairman; Wall, Brown, Giffin, Hastings, Marshall, Pemberton, Sloan, Warner.

Finance, Ways and Means—Anderson, chairman; Marshall, Hastings, Hasty, Howell, Jennings, Norris, O'Neill, Sheldon.

Public Lands and Buildings—Sheldon, chairman; Cox, Young, Fries, Giffin, Hasty, Hedge, Saunders, Sloan.

Agriculture—Young, chairman; Reynolds, Brady, Coffey, Cox, Hall of Burt, Umstead.

Highways, Bridges and Ferries—Fries, chairman; Umstead, Beghtol, Brady, Hall of Burt.

Accounts and Expenditures—Cox, chairman; Norris, Anderson, Harrison, Saunders.

Constitutional Amendments and Federal Relations—Sloan, chairman; Warner, Wall, Pemberton, Meredith, Hall of Douglas, Dean.

Military Affairs—Hall of Burt, chairman; Sheldon, Fries, O'Neill, Saunders.

Municipical Affairs—Howell, chairman; O'Neill, Pemberton, Saunders, Anderson.

Internal Improvements—Way, chairman; Umstead, Giffin, Coffey, Alden.

School Lands and Funds—Umstead, chairman; Marshall, Cox, Coffey, Brown.

Public Printing—Pemberton, chairman; Fries, Coffey, Hasty, Howell.

Enrolled and Engrossed Bills—Hastings, chairman; Norris, Giffin, Hall of Douglas, Jennings, Sloan, Way.

Counties and County Boundaries—Umstead, chairman; Young, Hasty, Meredith, Sloan.

Education—Day, chairman; Dean, Coffey, Saunders, Sloan.

Library—Beghtol, chairman; Harrison, Hall of Douglas, Hedge, Reynolds.

Claims—Warner, chairman; Hastings, Anderson, Howell, Sheldon.

Banks and Currency—Jennings, chairman; Marshall, Brady, Day, Norris.

Railroads—Wall, chairman; Fries, Brown, Cox, Day, Dean, Meredith, Saunders, Umstead.

Miscellaneous Subjects—Dean, chairman; Day, Young, Alden, Beghtol, Hall of Douglas, Way.

States Prisons—Beghtol, chairman; Giffin, Cox, Dean, Saunders.

University and Normal Schools—O'Neill, chairman; Wall, Young, Day, Reynolds.

Public Charities—Coffey, chairman; Hall of Burt, Norris, Brady, Alden.

Miscellaneous Corporations — Reynolds, chairman; Saunders, Umstead, Howell, Hall of Burt, Anderson, Sheldon.

Privileges and Elections—Sloan, chairman; Pemberton, Hastings, Brown, Sheldon.

Live Stock and Grazing—Hasty, chairman; Brown, Fries, Giffin, Way.

Medical Societies—Meredith, chairman; Alden, Beghtol, Dean, Sheldon.

Emigration—Brady, chairman; Hasty, Dean, Day, Way.

Mines and Minerals—Howell, chairman; Way, Warner, Wall, O'Neill, Meredith, Harrison, Coffey, Brady.

Manufactures and Commerce — Norris, chairman; Jennings, Beghtol, Dean, Hedge.

Labor—Marshall, chairman; Hedge, Harrison, Brady, Alden.

Revenue—Brown, chairman; Saunders, Anderson, Day, Fries, Pemberton, Reynolds.

Insane Hospitals—Alden, chairman; Warner, Hall of Burt, Meredith, Hedge.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylums—Hedge, chairman; Marshall, Hall of Douglas, Young, Meredith.

Reform School, Asylum for Feeble Minded and Home for the Friendless—Marshall, chairman; Beghtol, Pemberton, Sloan, Wall.

Insurance—Saunders, chairman; Howell, Fries, O'Neill, Reynolds.

Soldiers' Home—Harrison, chairman; Hall of Burt, Young, Hedge, Jennings.

Rules—Harrison, chairman; O'Neill, Warner, Sheldon, Anderson.

Irrigation — Giffin, chairman; Coffey, Brown, Fries, Hasty, Howell, Wall.

Standing Committee—Warner, chairman; Howell, Harrison, O'Neill, Wall.

Employes of Senate.

The committee on employes reported the following:

Mrs. E. C. Lowrie, stenographer; Della M. Fulk, stenographer; W. A. Shottenkirk, mail carrier, Charles Burke, janitor; Robert Foster, custodian of the basement.

The committee has assigned places to the senators, but a majority of the senators have failed to report who are to fill them. Dean of Phelps introduced a resolution that committee on employes be allowed to remove any employes for incompetency or any good cause. Hall moved to amend to insert the word "instructed." The amendment was accepted by Dean and the amended motion carried.

Brown of Keya Paha moved that the appointees agreed upon at the caucus, not made public, be named Tuesday. O'Neill moved that the motion lie on the table. Latter motion carried.

LITTLE BUSINESS IN HOUSE

Speaker Names Employes and Adjournment is Taken to Tuesday Morning.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Speaker Mockett called the house to order at 10:35 and the invocation was offered by Chaplain Scott.

Sears of Burt, Mangold of Douglas and Wilson of Pawnee were appointed to act with a committee from the senate to prepare and distribute tickets for the inauguration. Good of Nemaha, Burgess of Lancaster, Harmon of Saunders, Bartoo of Valley and Anderson of Knox were appointed to determine the number of employes to be selected for the house.

On motion of Rouse of Hall it was ordered that when the house adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

On motion of Rouse of Hall it was ordered that a flag be unfurled on the dome of the state house, to remain during the legislative session.

On Death of John R. Musick.

These resolutions on the death of Representative Musick of Nuckolls were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Creator and Ruler of all men, who is infinite in wisdom and controls all things by His divine power, to remove one who was a member-elect of the twenty-eighth session of the Nebraska legislature, the Hon. John R. Musick of Nuckolls county, by death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members of the house of representatives of the legislature of the state of Nebraska, in the twenty-eighth session assembled, to mourn the loss of one who has served many times in public office with honor to himself and credit to his people. And by reason of his wide experience, his broad mind and exemplary character would have made a valuable member of this body.

Be it resolved further, That we honor the memory of the Hon. John R. Musick, we his neighbors, and all persons acquainted, honored and respected him during life. For the last twenty-three years a resident of Nebraska, he was always a good citizen, a correct man, a loving and faithful husband and father. He loved his fellow men and spent his life uplifting humanity. He represented in himself the best citizenship of the state, and in his death we have sustained a great loss, the state a good citizen and humanity a noble and devoted friend.

Journal to Be Printed.

By a divided vote the motion of Belden of Richardson that a printed copy of the preceding day's journal be supplied each member daily was carried. Good of Nemaha and others thought this might involve a useless expenditure of money. The plan was pursued last term at a total cost of something like $500.

Considerable objection was made to the successful motion of Hogrefe of Richardson that each member be supplied with five 2-cent and five 1-cent stamps daily.

Nelson of Douglas motion that the house appoint a committee to act with a joint senate committee on fixing a day of adjournment was carried. It was at the request of a senator and caused some confusion in view of Rouse's previous motion on adjournment.

Nelson of Douglas, Rouse of Hall and Mendenhall of Jefferson were named, but Rouse declined to serve and Ferrar of Hall was substituted. The speaker explained that the rules prohibited either house from adjourning for more than three days without the consent of the other and that in view of the difference of opinion as to whether Sunday is counted as a regular day or not, this motion was made. He said the question has never been determined and to avoid embarrassment he declared Nelson's motion in order.

The committee conferred with the senate committee and reported that the latter concurred in the house's action of fixing Tuesday as the day of convening.

The house on motion of Perry of Furnas adjourned at 11:40.

Names House Employes.

Speaker Mockett today announced this partial list of house employes:

Josephyne Murphey, chief clerk's stenographer, Cass county; H. Glasgow, book and time keeper, Gage county; J. W. Wringer, assistant postmaster, Lancaster county; A. J. Trude, chief clerk bill room, Gage county; Charles L. Kelley, clerk, Otoe county; S. W. Fisher, assistant sergeant-at-arms, Nemaha county; Maggie Sutton, engrossing and enrolling clerk, Pawnee county; Maud Landers, engrossing and enrolling clerk, Valley county; E. Reisinger, door keeper gallery; Charles Goldsmith, page for speaker, Lancaster county; Theodore Kurth, page, Boone county; Ralph Tillotson, page, Pawnee county; Gideon Stabery, page, Lancaster county; Robert Houghton, bill clerk, Douglas county.

A Perfect Polish at last!
GORHAM SILVER POLISH
The very perfection of a polish
Cleans as well as brightens
All responsible jewelers keep it 25 cents a package

SUGAR BEETS ARE A GOOD CROP

Farmers Along the Culbertson Ditch Are Making Good Money.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The wonderful development of the beet sugar industry in Colorado within the last few years has stimulated the farmers of southwestern Nebraska in growing the sugar beet and this fall more than 500 carloads were shipped from Culbertson and neighboring towns to the Grand Island beet sugar factory. These beets represent a money value of $50,000.

Adjacent to the village of Culbertson there are 10,000 acres of sugar beet lands equal to any in the state of Colorado, all of which are under the big Culbertson ditch, which has the priority to the water of the Frenchman river, one of the finest rivers in the west. These lands have produced as high as twenty-five tons of beets to the acre, testing very high in sugar contents. Such lands in the sugar districts of Colorado, Michigan and Utah are valued at from $100 to $200 per acre, while around Culbertson they were not considered worth over $10 per acre until the surprising results realized by the beet growers the past season became known. Farmers now contend that their lands made them 10 per cent clear on $200 per acre valuation. The average yield has been fifteen tons per acre and the average price received $4.25 per ton, or about $65 per acre. The cost of raising and marketing an acre of beets has averaged less than $35, leaving a net profit of $30 per acre. A number of the farmers averaged twenty tons to the acre, which netted them a profit of $60 per acre.

These are the people who would not become excited at an offer of $100 or even more per acre for their lands, which a few years ago, before the advent of the sugar beet, could have been bought for $10 or less. Thirty bushels of wheat per acre was considered a big crop, which would net the farmer a profit of $3 or $4 per acre, after paying all expenses, including water for irrigation. With the sugar beet, however, it is different. After two years' trial these farmers declare that the sugar beet is the surest crop that can be grown on these lands. The hail, the grasshoppers, the hot winds and the flood will not destroy the crop and at the same time return a larger profit than any other crop that can be grown.

The people of Culbertson and vicinity have organized a beet growers' association for the purpose of stimulating the growing of sugar beets in the immediate vicinity of the town and to secure the location of a sugar factory of at least 1,000 tons daily capacity at this place.

Every man, woman and child you meet here talks sugar beets and a stranger dropping into the town is soon impressed with the fact that it is only a question of a short time until Culbertson will rival the most prosperous sugar factory towns of Colorado. The committee appointed by the association has every assurance that a factory will be built here in time for the crop of 1904.

The advantage that Culbertson has over other towns in this section of the state is that it has appropriated the waters of the Frenchman river, the only stream in the upper Republican watershed that flows a good volume of water during the dry season of the year. The Republican river usually goes dry from two to four months of each year, while the Frenchman very seldom flows less than 100 cubic feet per second in the dryest season. There are some excellent reservoir sites along the line of the Culbertson ditch, and it is estimated that 50,000 acres can be irrigated from the ditch and the reservoirs that can be built along the line of the ditch at a comparatively small outlay. The ditch is owned by ex-Governor Buckeley of Connecticut.

DROWNED WHILE CUTTING ICE

West Point Man Falls Into River and Sinks Before Help Arrives.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—George Ruehl, a well known and highly respected citizen, lost his lift by drowning this morning. The deceased was engaged in cutting ice for the local ice company and, together with F. L. Luedke, went down to the river early this morning to begin work before the rest of the men arrived. By some means both of the men fell through a hole into the water. Luedke succeeded in catching hold of the edges of the ice and held on, calling for help. His cries were heard by William Clausen, who ran to the spot and pulled him out as he was about to let go. Ruehl was drawn under the ice and up to this time his body has not been recovered. The accident happened just above the dam, where the water is deepest. All the available citizens are searching for the body and every effort is being made to recover it. The deceased was a married man, an old settler, and leaves a widow and family.

ACTOR TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Shoots Himself While on the Way to His Hotel After the Performance.

GREENWOOD, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—"Jack" Lambert, a comedian connected with the Metropolitan Stock company, which came to Greenwood this week from Ashland, shot himself through the heart at 10:45 o'clock Wednesday evening. Lambert had taken his usual part in the play and was apparently in good spirits. He had just started for his room in the hotel to retire for the night, when he drew the weapon. He did not utter a sound after committing the act, death resulting instantly. No motive is known for the deed. Lambert was an Engilshman and had been on a tour of Nebraska towns with the show, playing last week at Ashland and the week before at Weeping Water. He was 27 years old. An inquest was held over the remains this afternoon and a verdict of suicide rendered.

Many Windmills Blown Down.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The damages from the heavy wind of Tuesday night and yesterday are much greater than at first reported. A great many windmills were blown down or broken. In Saunders county, south of the Platte, twenty-six mills were put out of use, and probably as many more north of the city were blown down.

Popular Traveling Man Sick.

DAVENPORT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Reuben Moore, formerly traveling salesman for a grocery firm out of St. Joseph, having taken the first order for groceries at Wymore and other points in this state ever given, is dangerously sick at his home with consumption. He has been conducting a grocery store here for several years.

Gage County Transfers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The total number of deeds filed in Gage county for the year 1902 was 1,237, the consideration stated therein being $2,241,505.

FOWLER REPORTS ON SCHOOLS

First Volume of the Document Issued from the Press.

COURT UPHOLDS OLEOMARGARINE LAW

Rules that it Was Properly Passed and is Within the Scope of the Police Power of the State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Superintendent Fowler has issued volume 1 of the seventeenth biennial report of his office. It contains 608 pages. Volume 2 will not be ready for ten days. In the report Mr. Fowler shows the growth of Nebraska schools for the last ten years.

The report contains the decisions of the supreme court in all cases effecting school legislation and all the decisions of the state superintendents.

Sustains Oleomargarine Law.

The supreme court affirmed the decision of the Lancaster court in the case of Benjamin and George Beha, fined $20 and costs for selling imitation butter and of unlawfully selling oleomargarine. Following is the syllabus:

The act of the legislature of 1899, entitled "Food Commissions," chapter xxxiii, Compiled Statutes of 1901, does not by implication repeal the act of 1895, chapter vii, Sessions Laws, entitled "An act concerning imitation butter and imitation cheese, etc," or any part thereof; said last mentioned act being incorporated into the 1901 Compiled Statutes as section 245, in et seq of criminal code.

The act of 1895, section 245, in Criminal Code, forbidding the selling or keeping for sale of imitation butter, colored so as to resemble butter made from pure milk or the cream thereof, and the other regulations imposed by the act, is a valid exercise of the police powers of the state; and it is competent for the legislature to provide such regulations as therein prescribed and to enact suitable penalties for their violation for the better protection of the public health and to prevent fraud and deception.

Ogden Case Reversed.

Judge Charles Ogden, who was ordered to sit down by Judge Keysor of Douglas and who was fined $25 for contempt of court because he did not, found a friend in court. That body reversed the decision of the lower court.

Decisions of the Supreme Court.

Garnett against Myers. Rehearing allowed.

Stitzar against Whittake. Rehearing denied.

Batty against Hastings. Rehearing denied.

Fort against Cook. Motion for leave to file second motion for rehearing denied.

Drexel against Reed. Rehearing allowed.

Creedon against Patrick. Rehearing denied.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad against Roberts. Rehearing denied.

Harrington against Bonacum. Rehearing denied.

Cleland against Anderson. Rehearing allowed.

Everson against State. Rehearing denied.

Opinions Filed.

Solt against Anderson. Judgment of district court reversed and action dismissed. Pound, C.

Preston against Northwestern Cereal company. Affirmed. Hastings, C.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad against Wintry. Affirmed. Holcomb, J.

Citizens State bank of Newman Grove against Nore. Reversed. Lobingier, C.

Fremont Brewing company against Hansen. Former judgment vacated. Judgment of district court affirmed. Duffie, C. Ames, C., dissenting, adheres to former opinion.

Dufrene against Anderson. Former judgment vacated. Decree of district court reversed and cause remanded for further proceedings. Albert, C.

Rhodes against Samuels. Reversed. Sullivan, C. J.

Hendricks against Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad. Affirmed. Duffie, C.

Portsmouth Saving bank against Omaha. Affirmed. Hastings, C.

O'Connor against Aetna Life Insurance company. Affirmed. Duffie, C.

Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company against Daniels. Kirkpatrick.

Wood against Carter. Affirmed. Ames, C.

Cinfel against Malena. Affirmed. Barnes, C.

National Life Insurance company against Dawes county. Reversed. Sedgwick, J.

Dakota county against Bartlett. Affirmed. Hastings, C.

Berlet against Weary. Affirmed. Lobingier, C.

Austin Manufacturing company against Colfax county. Affirmed. Oldham, C.

Bronson against Albion Telephone company. Affirmed. Pound, C.

Kelley against Gage county. Affirmed. Sullivan, C. J.

Ewings against Hoffine. Appeal dismissed. Holcomb, J.

Beha against State. Affirmed. Holcomb, J.

Martin against State. Affirmed. Holcomb, J.

Opinions filed in the following cases will not be officially reported:

Grand lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen, against Scott. Reversed. Day, C.

Murray against Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company. Affirmed. Hastings, C.

Cahill against Morrissey Plumbing company. Affirmed. Oldham, C.

Janouch against Fence. Reversed. Barnes, C.

Pierce against Reed. Affirmed. Lobinger, C.

Brand against Garneau. Affirmed. Barnes, C.

Ogden against State. Reversed. Albert, C.

Nebraska Shirt company against Horton. Reversed and action dismissed. Pound, C.

Tracy against Grezaud. Reversed with instructions. Hastings, C.

Rydson against Larson. Affirmed. Duffie, C.

Parkins against Missouri Pacific railroad. Affirmed. Barnes, C.

Cumming against Hart. Affirmed. Oldham, C.

Village of Atkinson against Fisher. Affirmed. Pound, C.

Whelen against Stilwell. Affirmed. Barnes, C.

Fergus against Gagnon. Affirmed. Oldham, C.

Murray against Romine. Affirmed. Duffie, C.

Estate of Barr against Post. Reversed and cause dismissed. Duffie, C.

Village of Holstein against Klein. Affirmed. Pound, C.

Stik against McDonald. Reversed with directions to enter decree as prayed. Albert, C.

Harmon against Church. Affirmed. Hastings, C.

Ebel against Stringer. Reversed. Oldham, C.

Providence Life and Trust company against Brunner. Reversed. Ames, C.

Hayes against Hayes. Affirmed. Ames, C.

Grand Island Wants New Charter.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the city council last evening a committee was appointed to draft a bill to be submitted to the legislature providing for such changes in the present charter as from conferences with representatives of other cities of this class seem to be generally desired. The changes include the election of councilmen for two years, four alternately each year, instead of for only one year; the simplification and reduction in expense in the matter of the registration of voters, etc. The secretary of the meeting of representatives from all cities, held here in August, City Attorney M. T. Garlow, was instructed to write to all other cities of this class, suggesting that its councils also settle upon what changes are desired and that there be a joint meeting of all at Lincoln.

Talk of Library at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The public meeting called by Mayor Miles for the purpose of talking over the proposition Andrew Carnegie made the city of Hastings in the matter of erecting a public library building was held at the city hall last night, but on account of the inclemency of the weather the attendance was light. After a brief discussion it was decided to postpone the meeting until next Thursday evening, when it will be held at the courthouse.

Cattle Poisoned by Bad Hay.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Several bad cases of cattle being poisoned by eating hay which contained ergot have come to light here. On herd of cattle northwest of the city is in an especially bad condition, nearly all of the 150 head showing some symptoms of it. Yesterday a number were ordered shot by the veterinary. The disease affects the hind feet, which swell up and in some cases actually rot and fall off before the animal dies.

ACQUIT BOY OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Does Not Consider Him Responsible for Killing His Stepfather.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Herman Borchers, the 14-year-old boy who has been on trial charged with the murder of his stepfather, Gerhard Borchers, at their farm near Humphrey last October, has been declared not guilty. After six hours deliberation the jury came in at 5:30 this evening with a verdict for acquittal. While there is no doubt that the boy did the killing, the verdict was returned in accordance with the court's instructions regarding the legal responsibility and the age of the boy, which the jury was charged to determine and agree upon from the evidence. It is said that a complaint will be filed in the morning asking for the commitment of Herman and August, his 10-year-old brother, who was held as an accomplice, to the State Industrial school and that the criminal case against the latter will be nolle prossed.

RAILROAD HELPS THE Y. M. C. A.

Presents Chadron Association with a Fine Building for Its Use.

CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Last night at a meeting of the executive board of the Young Men's Christian association the proposition of the Elkhorn railroad was accepted, and Chadron is to have a new Young Men's Christian association building.

The railroad's proposition was to purchase the Hotel Chadron, a large, three-story brick building on Main avenue, which originally cost $13,000, and give an additional $2,000 to put it in repair and present it to the association, providing the local management of the Young Men's Christian association would furnish and equip it, which will cost about $5,000.

The proposition was accepted and work will be commenced at once to vacate and remodel it. The building will be heated throughout with steam and lighted with electricity. Every modern appliance will be used for the entertainment and comfort of its members and visitors.

INSTRUCTIVE TO THE FARMERS

Several Interesting Addresses at Buffalo County Institute.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The first day's attendance at the farmers' institute was not as large as it was hoped it would be, owing probably to the extremely disagreeable weather of the last two days. The armory was about half filled this afternoon, however, and two very interesting addresses were listened to. The first was by President L. S. Deeth, who spoke on "What the Institute Will Accomplish." His talk was not lengthy, but he showed the advantage of institutes, where farmers could exchange ideas and obtain the opinions of experts in the various departments of agriculture and stock raising. Hon. D. P. Ashburn of Gibbon was the next speaker, his subject being "Breeding and Selection of Seed Corn." His address, which was a most interesting one, was closely listened to. His remarks were illustrated by large pictures of the different varieties of corn, in the ear and in the kernel.

SIDNEY PEOPLE OUT OF COAL

Threaten to Raid the Railroad Supply if Company Will Not Sell Some of It.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Unless something is done by tomorrow morning to furnish coal to the people of this city and surrounding country the Union Pacific railroad will have to order out the state militia to protect the coal it now has in the yards here. None of the dealers have an ounce on hand and the present condition will be ten times worse if severe cold weather should come. There are several cars of coal in the yards and Mr. Clifton, the agent, has telegraphed for instructions to deliver it to the dealers, but no response has been received from headquarters. This has never happened here before and the people are determined to have coal at all hazards.

SUGAR FACTORY FOR HERSHEY

Standard Company Offers to Erect One if Farmers Will Raise the Beets.

HERSHEY, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of sugar beet growers here tonight Mr. Leavitt of the Standard Beet Sugar company of Ames stated he would erect at this place a modern factory if 5,000 acres of beets could be raised and that he would erect and maintain a testing and weighing station this year for 500 acres. We are sure of this from either the American Beet Sugar company or the Standard. The prospects for a factory here in 1904 are good.

Ashland Makes Good Showing.

ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—A list of the improvements made in Ashland and vicinity during 1902 has just been compiled. It shows over $70,000 expended by Ashland citizens for new houses, barns, additions to residences and buildings of similar design. The largest item is Railsback Bros.' elevator, costing $25,000.

Beatrice Hose Company Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Beatrice Volunteer Hose company elected officers last night for the coming year as follows: Ed Maxwell, president; Ira Lock, vice president; W. D. Moore, secretary; Patrick Quinn, steward; John Piebuch, foreman; E. A. Gordon, first assistant; G. Kuhn, second assistant; A. P. Sage, treasurer.

Killed by a Vicious Bull.

COZAD, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. Bagges, a Swede farmer 65 years old, living thirteen miles northwest of here, was killed by a vicious bull Tuesday evening. He went to the field to drive up the cattle when the animal attacked him. He walked to the house, about a quarter of a mile, and died soon after.

Wind Blows Down Smokestacks.

ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—During the high wind yesterday the smokestack on Railsback Bros.' new elevator was blown down, wrecking the dust-cleaning machinery. The smokestack at Swift and Company's icehouse was also blown over. The damage is estimated at $500.

Postal Clerks Elect Officers.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The local branch of the U. N. Association of Postoffice Clerks elected the following officers here today: Clyde E. McCormack, president; H. Clifford Leigh, secretary; Melvin Thompson, treasurer.

LOUISVILLE BANK IS ROBBED

Thieves Obtain Four Thousand Dollars in Cash and Escape.

DIG THEIR WAY THROUGH A WALL

Officers Are Waiting for the Arrival of Bloodhounds from Beatrice Before Beginning Pursuit of the Burglars.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The Commercial bank of Louisville, owned by Tom E. Parmele of Plattsmouth, was entered and robbed of $4,000 last night.

The robbers gained an entrance through the postoffice, which is in the same building, by making a hole about twenty inches square in the brick and cement partition which opened directly into the vault.

A hammer from the blacksmith shop and a crowbar from the mill were secured with which to do the work.

So far nothing has been found missing from the postoffice.

The bloodhounds arrived and were put on the trail, which led from the postoffice down the back alley to the B. & M. depot and west to Ashland, when the trail was lost.

After the hounds were taken from the vault Mr. Parmele went in through the entrance made by the robbers and succeeded in opening the vault door from the inside, which revealed the fact that both doors of the safe were blown entirely off and all the money taken. The amount stolen has not yet been disclosed, but the estimate of $4,000 is probably not far from correct.

The bank will be ready to do business tomorrow, with plenty of money and a new safe.

ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The trail of the Louisville bank robbers was found at 2 o'clock this afternoon by bloodhounds from Lincoln. It followed the Burlington track to the depot in Ashland, where the scent was lost. It is thought the robbers boarded an early morning passenger here.

LEXINGTON STORE ROBBED

Thieves Unlock the Door and Take Several Hundred Dollars Worth of Silks.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The store of S. N. Wolbach of this city was entered last night by means of a skeleton key to the front door about midnight and robbed of silks to the value of $400. The robbery was not discovered until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when a woman called to purchase silk, at which time the loss was discovered by Manager F. H. Adams. Investigation was at once made and Night Watchman Teats reported that prior to midnight the window curtains were up, but at that hour were down. He tried the door and found it locked, but the probability is that the robbers were then quietly at work. Suspicion is directed towards two men whose description was sent here by Chief of Police Hamilton of Kearney. Their names are Michael Hayes and Haley. These two men were arrested in Kearney for a robbery committed in Grand Island two weeks ago, taken there for trial, but released for want of evidence. Two men answering their description were seen here after midnight by a Union Pacific coal detective in the railroad yards. They were skulking along, endeavoring to elude observation. Manager Adams offers any reasonable reward for the arrest of the guilty parties or the recovery of the goods.

RECEIVE GOVERNOR MICKEY

State House Thronged with Crowd Which Comes to Pay Its Respects.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A public reception was tendered Governor Mickey tonight in the senate chamber of the state house. In the receiving line were ex-Governor Savage, Governor and Mrs. Mickey, state officials and their wives and the staff of the outgoing governor. An immense crowd, including military and civic organizations was present and was ably handled by members of the National Guard, under command of Captains L. E. Jones, Brooks, Yoder, Ringer and Lieutenant Rollin. Music was furnished by the Second regiment band.

The offices of the state house were kept open and were thronged with visitors the entire evening. Many prominent citizens from out of state were present.

Revival Begins at Davenport.

DAVENPORT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Christian church at this place commenced a series of meetings here last evening, with Evangelist Gray of Baldwin, Mo., in charge.

Banquet at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The fourth annual banquet of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company will be in Nichols' hall, this city, Saturday evening.

DAKOTA LEGISLATURE TAME

Early Settlement of Capitol Removal Fight Takes Spice Out of Session.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The organization of the legislature is over and the inaugural a thing of the past, while the capitol fight is practically settled with Mitchell a winner. The bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow and take its regular course, the only exception being that it will come from the committee on state affairs and will require no reference. With that out of the way the indications are for a rather tame session, with a number of bills to be ground through the legislative mill.

In the session today the house did little but call the order of business, with no bills introduced. Bill No. 1, to be introduced in the house tomorrow, will be by Pierce, and will be to cede a section of school land to the general government for the use of the National Soldiers' home at Hot Springs.

In the senate the committees were announced and a number of bills introduced, No. 1 being by Stoddard, providing for boards of fence viewers. Bills of importance introduced were for the acceptance of the work of the code commission. This is considered one of the greatest importance for the present session, as its early acceptance will allow amendments to be presented to the provisions of the new code, instead of to laws of past sessions.

A bill was introduced to appropriate all unappropriated state lands—25,000 acres—to the insane asylum at Yankton, and a bill to hold terms of court in other than county seat towns when the same are more than ten miles from a railroad.

Ranchman Solves Difficult Problem.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The deep snow on the cattle ranges in the eastern and central part of Lyman county has no terrors for Oscar Snowden, an ingenious ranchman whose range is in the Medicine Butte country. Snowden states that there is so much snow in that region that the snow birds cannot fly. But nevertheless he is not worrying over the outlook, for he has adopted a plan whereby his cattle can obtain an abundance of feed on the open prairies. Snowden has constructed a huge snow plow, with which he, when occasion requires, as at present, scrapes the snow from portions of his grazing ground. By this means his cattle are able to get to the grass and are kept in good condition. Other cattlemen will doubtless adopt his method of enabling cattle to rustle their living on the range.

Livestock Dies of Thirst.

BASIN CITY, Wyo., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—A deplorable condition of affairs is alleged to exist on the Germania flat north of Burlington, due, it is said, to the scarcity of rain and snow. Last winter several horses and cattle died in the fields, being unable to get water, and several perished on the open range. The same trouble is being experienced this winter. A ranchman from Germania reports that he found twenty dead horses on the plains a few days ago. The only remedy that has been suggested is the digging of deep wells, and steps are now being taken to have a number dug, the ranchmen joining hands, and secure one well at a time.

Wrong Name on License.

GARLAND, Wyo., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Harry Glassey and Miss Hughes were to have been married at Burlington on Christmas day, but to the consternation of the minister and the prospective bride and groom the discovery was made just as the ceremony was to be performed that instead of the name of Miss Hughes on the marriage license the name of another young woman appeared. The wedding was postponed and a messenger was sent on horseback to the county seat at Basin City to have the mistake corrected. The ceremony was performed a few days ago.

Legislators Inclined to Growl.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The cutting off of all communication by rail or wire with this city for two days brought numerous growls from outsiders who expected to return home Wednesday but generally it was taken good naturedly when weather conditions in other sections were learned. As there was but little storm and a mild temperature here, the city had plenty of fuel and there was no discomfort.

Sheepmen Want Wolf Bounty.

LANDER, Wyo., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Fremont County Wool Growers' association has petitioned the legislature to pass a new bounty bill and appropriate the sum of $40,000 for bounty and increase the bounty on coyotes to $2 and on wolves to $5.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair and Colder is Today's Portion in Nebraska and Northwest Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—For