## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Funeral of Former Mayor Sloane Attended by Large Concourse

NIGHT LUNCH WAGONS TO PAY LICENSE

Mayor Kontaky is Inclined to Protect Restaurant Proprietors Who Pay Rent and Taxes-Magie City Gossip.

The funeral of William G. Sloane, former mayor of South Omaha, was held at St Martin's church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. On account of the prominence of the deceased and because he was universally respected and liked by all who knew him, the church was crowded.

Bishop Williams of Omaha conducted the services and his assistant was Rev. James Wise, rector of St. Martin's. The usual Episcopal service-was read and the remains were placed in a heavy casket and interred at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Members of Knexall council of the Royal Arcanum escorted the body from the house at Twenty-fifth and I streets to the church and thence to the cemetery. During the services the city offices were closed and the city officials attended in a body.

As the deceased was the first postmaster in South Omahs, the present postmaster, Colonel Etter, made a request that all carriers attend and the result was that fourteen carriers, headed by the postmaster, marched from the church to Q street in front of the hearse bearing the remains. Following the letter carriers came about forty members of the Royal Arcanum and then the city officials, the ministers and pall bearers in carriages. The pall bearers were: A. J. Caughey, Howard Meyers, F. A. Broadwell, F. A. Cressey, Charles Griffith and Ed Johnston. On account of the condition of the weather only brief services were held at the grave.

### Night Lunch Wagons,

Mayor Koutsky said yesterday that he had learned by investigation that the night lunch wagons were not paying a license. In fact these wagons have not paid any money into the city treasury for some months. The mayor proposes to have the city attorney draft an ordinance providing for the payment of a yearly license amounting to not less than 325. In case there is any opposition to this the lunch wagons will be compelled to cease operations. The mayor says that the city needs the money. Keepers of night restaurants are complaining all of the time about the night wagons. They say that they pay rent for buildings, while the wagons stand on atreet corners and secure the trade, Mayor Koutsky says that he believes in helping those who pay taxes here and therefore he will start a crusade against the night lench

Building Association Election.

The South Omaha Loan and Building ansociation announce the following election of officers; W. P. Ackins, president; P. Mitchell, vice president; James J. Fitzgerald, secretary; F. J. Moriarty, treasurer; A. H. Murdock, attorney. The directors of the association are: E. L. Howe, W. P. Adkins, P. Mitchell, F. M. Smith, J. E. Bateman, J. H. Loechner, P. S. Sheeby, R. C. Walker and J. E. O'Hern.

German-American Democratic Club. These officers have elected by the German-American Democratic club of South Omaha; F. J. Frietag, president; George Rahn, vice president; Paul Wetzel, treasurer; A. F. Mertens, secretary; E. Elster. assistant secretary; Henry Geest, sergeantat-arms. Regular meetings of the club will be held on the fourth Sunday of each A constitution and bylaws were adopted and plans were made for the

## Club Elects Officers.

The South Omaha club met Tuesday night and elected officers for the ensuing year. There was a goodly attendance of members and following the election lunch was served and cigars passed around. These officers were elected: Bruce McCul toch, president: P. A. Wells, vice president; J. H. Brady, secretary; Walter Slate, treasurer. Colonel J. B. Watkins was elected a member of the executive com-

## Over Fifty Cars Short.

Reports at the yard offices last night showed that the packers were short over fifty refrigerator cars for the day's business. Instead of calling for coal just now the packers are calling for refrigerator cars. Enough coal is coming in now to keep the plants running from dar to day, but the matter of cars for the shipment of packing house products is what is caus ing the packing managers to send in applications for membership in the "Don" Worry" club. Unless there is a bunch of cars here soon the daily output from South Omaha will fall off considerably. It is stated that the refrigerator cars are being sidetracked for the transportation of coal

## Still Raising Money.

The members of the local lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen are still after money and at a meeting of lodge No. 66, held Tuesday night over \$1,000 the temple was piedged. Work on the second story of the temple is now moing on and it is stated that if good weather prevails the roof of the building will be on within two weeks. Members of the work as it progresses and the opinion

> "Defer not till to-morrow to be wise" -Congrave

If you would make practical application of the dramatist's aphorism, consult your jeweler to-day concerning

## Gorham Silver

and he will tell you that true wisdom prompts its immediate purchase. Not otherwise can you be certain of acquiring the very best silverware at the most moderate price. The Gorham trade-mark, to be found on every genuine piece, ensures these twin qualities.



# KEEP IT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

## Nebraska Railroad Assessments-What They Have Been-What They Are-What They Should Be.

								What
				Assessment		Assessment		Assessment
	County.	Miles.		for 1892.	Miles.	for 1902.		Should Be.
	Adams	132.07		749,235.00	132.07	682,521.60		1,284,396.11
	Antelope	72.37		849,758,00	72.37	240,018.00		293,402.50
	Dinine	19,40		64,400,00	18.40	62,560.00		55,200.00
	Box Butte	49.25		147,873.00	49.52	159,404.00		148,560.00
	Brown	28.59		142,950.00	29.59	102,924.00		182,228,75
	Unffalo			740,721.00	108.10	649,324.00		1,858,764.75
	Burt	35.21		176,050.00	35.21	193,092.00		241,233.71
	Doone	50,99		244,405.00	50.99	181,455.00		552,405.10
	Butler	134.27		657,127.00	134.27	491,133.00		1,052,712.50
	CHAS	124.13		838,682,00	124.34	862,614.20		1,141,147.00
	Cedar	47,36		227,370,00	47.30	204,780.00		245,833.50
	Chase	2.01		6,030.00	18.48	55,440.00		55,440.00
	Cherry	112.71		563,550.00	112.71	405,756.00		521,283.75
	Cheyenne	39.32		435,418.00	134.45	609,366.00		1,089,916.40
	Clay			725.492.00	120.98	645,510.10		774,448.41
	Colfax	43.43		332,942.00	43.43	272,494.00		468,300.40
	Cuming	36.32		181,600.00	86.32	144,688,00		179,385.40
	Custer	81.13		294,055.00	94.29	307,108.50		470,226.00
	Dakota	59.01		288,525,00	59.91	263,022,00		325,528.86
	Dawson	03.67		569,025.00	63.69	498,801.50		1,214,446.00
	Dawes	00.70		403,550.00	90.79	320,124.00		365,303.77
	Deuel	20.53		295,909,50	26.76	262,248.00		525,566.40
	Dixon			218,155.00	56.07	251,546.00		314,085.85
	Dodge	81.89		564,368.50	81.89	453,922.00 745,531.00		1,067,965.53
	Douglas			761,004.00	107.09	200000000000000000000000000000000000000		
	Dundy	127.60		199,392.00	41.54	186,930.00		782,322.83 534.183.33
	Fillmore			731,400.00	127.80	626,924.50		834,183.3
	Franklin	46.34		205,008.00	46.34	185,661.00		96,390,00
		82.13		128,520.00	32.13	110,848.50		298,918.07
ŀ	Furnas	02.37		258,400.00	62.37	252,297.00		2,529,736.27
l	Gage	158.94		760,710.00	171.16	763,042.00		
ľ	Garfield			16,485.00	4.17	12,676.50		62,490.00
ľ	Grant			83,320.00	30.89	105,026.00		92,670.00
ľ	Greeley	51.95		109,115.00	51.85	161,851.40		309,471.60
ŀ	Hatt			504,768.50	74.96	450,570,00		1,046,549.7
ı	Hamilton	66,33		320,368.00	66.33	289,557.00		1,108,249.5
l	Harian	- ATT - TO		345,012.00	81.55	317,976.50		710,832.00
ľ	Hayes			37,770.00	12.59	37,770.00		37,770,00
ı	Hitchcock	49.16		203,388.00	49.16	194,070.00		639,252.9
ŀ	Holt	77.02		377,075.00	77.62	267,282.00		816,086.23
ľ	Hooker	30.18		105,630.00	30.18	102,612.00		90,540.00
ŀ	Howard			373,145.00	91.20	302,191.40		1,279,354.2
l	Jefferson			503,194.00	119,41	887,933.00		1,161,291.7
l	Johnson	88.46		275,136.00	58.46	258,280.00		991,062.53
ľ	Kearney	70.81		397,744.00	70.52	355,509.00		467,300.4
ŀ	Keith	41.75		465,512.50	41.52	406,896.00		\$15,452.8
l	Kimball	38.15		425,372.50	36.21	354,858.00		711,164.4
l	Knox	27.66		138,300.00	27.66	120,824.00		157,456.7
ŀ	Lanenster			1,198,447.00	228.10	1,205,807.20		2,820,812.1
ŀ	Lincoln	105.35		840,333.00	105.35	735,694.50	- 2	1,201,586.8
ŀ	Madison	58.46		281,595.00	58.46	215,099.00		467,187.3
ŀ	Merrick	68.83		588,707.00	68,33	518,018.40		1,022,156.2
١	Nance	33.94		152,730.00	33.94	118,790.00		717,491.0
	Nemaha	73,07		362,670.00	73.67	362,211.00		985,526.4
l	Nuckelin	140.22		596,828.00	139.09	517,119.50		775,076.13
١	Otoe	112.14		532,185.00	112.26	525,453.00		1,848,535.53
١	Pawnee	87.10		890,924,00	87.10	369,377,00		878,898.93
۱	Perkins			175,400.00	43.85	151,282,50		131,550,0
۱	Phelps	45.39		181,580.00	45.39	156,767.00		136,479.1
Į	Plerce	59.30		263,690.00	59.30	206,620.00		244,472.3
۱	Platte			582,574.00	97.16	465,698.00		1,316,559.2
ŀ	Polk	21.48		94,870.00	21.49	76,648.00		336,979.9
۱	Red Willow			217,079.00	50.46	209,673.00		641,261.2
١	Richardson			396,030,00	80.36	401,097.00		1,185,582.4
l	Rock			115,800.00	23.12	83,232.00		106,930.0
١	Saline			557,617.00	82.72	527,873.20		945,772.3
ĺ	Sarpy		100	006,713.00	98.40	581,079.00		832,663.7
۱	Saunders			498,748.00	85.80	547,501.80		1,015,534.6
I	Scotts Bluff				40.05	88,110.00		120,150.0
1	Seward			412,700.00	85.96	332,580.00		343,618.8
١	Sheridan			330,415.00	77.05	271,842.00		296,555.0
١	Sherman			220,035.00	57.37	188,352.80		490,465.6
1	Sloux			217,950.00	48.25	170,542.00		198,180,0
J	Stanton			114,900.00	22.98	85,860.00		110,779.0
J	Thayer			454,130,00	99.11	415,504.50		934,040.0
ı	Thomas			118,550.00	83.30	113,220.00		99,900,0
	Thurston			84,400.00	16.88	87,776.00		115,644.8
	Valley	Table - 2.12		154,255.00	46.27	146,944.40		265,282.4
	Washington	and the second		267,000.00	53.40	239,600.00		157,009.4
	Wayne			227,700,00	45.54	236,808.00		311,994.5
	Webster			314,837.00	69.97	287,853.50		902,237.0
1	Wheeler	. 3.86		11,760.00	3.36	10,214.40		10,080,0

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The figures above presented are carefully compiled from reports of the state auditor, the bulletins issued by authority of the railroads and the reports to their stockholders published within the past, year. These documents afford conclusive proof that the aggregate true value of railroads in Nebraska based on net earnings. after deducting operating expenses, betterments and taxes paid, exceeds \$312,000,000. An inspection of the table herewith presented shows just how much each county

Fairly assessed, would be ..... 0,222.14

has lost by gradual reduction of the railroad assessment within the past ten years the aggregate apportionment of railroad assessments to each county for the year 1902 and what the aggregate assessment should be if the railroads were assessed at one-sixth of their value based on net earnings. The appraisement of railroads

the order evince considerable interest in to the city jail where the injuries were at-

Albert Morrow, who was injured at the Omaha packing plant a few days ago, is doing nicely and will soon be out. The notice of the death of Mrs. Poe-baugh, formerly a resident of in maha, was received here yesterday. The Maccabees will give a dance and social at the hall, Thirty-eighth and Q streets, on the evening of January 31. E. Waish of the Armour force, who re-ides at Twenty-first and T streets, is apidly recovering from an attack of pneu-

There will be a joint installation of offi-cers of the Maccabees at Washington hall. omahs, this evening. Officers from the lodges in Omahs, Council Bluffs and South Omaha will attend.

John B. O-borne is suing the Cudahy Packing company because he had to have the thumb of his right hand amputated after an accident at the plant on September 15, 1901. He alleges that he fell against a revolving beef saw because a plank in the platform under him gave way. Macfariand and May have entered appearance for Abner Travis in the suits filed against him as surety on bonds of two prisoners who decamped, and have also filed demurrers in the cases against Garnett C. Porter and Fred M. Hans, alleging that

se petitions therein do not state a cause o ida Johnson, alias "Cocaine Annie," who was sent from this city to the Lincoln penitentiary for having relieved a victim of \$145, was released from the prison yesterday morning and wandered back to Comaha. She was arrested during the day by Detectives Donahue and Heitfeld, which hink she is clever enough to be kept behind the bars while she is in town.

omaha will attend.

Falls Down Unconscious.

An unidentified man, of medium height and weight about 3 years old and apparently a railroad laborer, entered the saloon of Johnson & Larsen at a late hour last might, and in a few minutes fell down unconscious. Police Doctors Hahn and Mick worked over him for two hours and then had him conveyed to the Clarkson hospital. He had not regained consciousness at 2.30

## OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With some question abroad as to the conomy practiced in the conduct of the public schools not a few of the principals and teachers have taken the matter home to themselves, so to speak, and have made an estimate of the supplies used in their schools with a view to curtailing, if that can be done, and as a result the most of 1,284,396,11 them are proud of their record and feel that it can hardly be improved upon. A re-295,402,50 view of their system and an inspection of 55,200.00 the school property committed to their 148,560.00 care must certainly commend the approval 132,228,75 of all for the painstaking care that it 1,858,764.75

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This is especially true regarding the text 241,233.71 books. The generally soiled and dilapidated 552,405.10 condition of some of the books indicates 1.052,712,50 it is true, that they have had hard and 1.141.147.00 even careless use, but a comparison readily 245,833.50 shows these to be exceptional, while the 55,440,00 books that are in poor condition are chiefly 521,283.75 those that have been in use for a number of 1,080,016.40

> . It is estimated by one principal that the ordinary text book should last for eight years and the supplementary readers and books twice that length of time, she basing her estimate upon what has been done in her own building, which includes children from the middle and some of the poorer classes. In her building strict account is kept, of everything, the books being frequently inspected. In many of the buildings the books are issued to the pupils by number, a record being kept of their holders and weekly inspection of them being made. In many buildings, too, the books are covered with cloth or heavy paper covers, each pupil being responsible for the books he is using, and with few exthe last few years have had this kind of care, and when a child is disposed to be careless of the school's property he is given the old books until he shows signs of improvement, and so the care of these things has become a matter of pride with the children. In at least four buildings of the city and doubtless many others there are sets of supplementary readers that have been in use for eleven years. These books are and have been used by two and three classes every day and are surprisingly free from soil and wholly free from markings, the rubbing of their covers, evidently the result of stacking, and the loosening of the binding, which is slight considering their use, being their chief signs of wear. These books are not yet half worn out. When

estimated by a number of principals that the children average one pen in three weeks, some schools using them a month and over, the majority keeping a record, in their copybooks, of the dates when they have had new pens. This is also true of the other writing and drawing materials used and of everything else, in fact, to an 244,472.32 extent that indicates that whatever extravagance there may be in furnishing supplies to the schools it can only in exceptional cases be charged to the principals hogs. The total western packing for the and teachers. As to the necessity of supplementary readers, the teachers are practically united in considering them essential as well as desirable, and as they are in closest touch with the schools, their experience and unity on this subject should have weight. In spaceling of the supplies, benefit, too-that is, after these materials reach the school buildings-and we teachers fortunately cannot be criticised for anything only the care of these things after St. Paul. they come to us. The furnishing of materials means nothing to the teacher but additional care and trouble, so our interest is not a selfish one, but, as the prin cipal sees this matter, the item of books would mean a heavy, and in many cases impossible, expense, to many families if would lose one of the most valuable lessons of his life-the lesson of regard and consideration of other people's property and, incidentally, of his own, for we find that the average child comes to us with little notion of caring for things, even the things that are his own."

> Commissioner of Education Harris that the average salary of men teachers of the city elementary and high schools of the coun try is \$47.55, while that of women teachers

Walter Burwell of Omaha writes the Boswhat he aggregate, assessment should be if the railroads were assessed at one-sixth of their value based on net earnings. The appralement of railroads in the value of their tangible proporty.

In that have not reported net earnings, which constitute less than one-sixth of the relative railroad mileage in the state, is based upon the value of their tangible proporty.

It is expressed that the auditorium will be open to the public not later than May 1.

Xegro Boy Hurt.

George Brown, colored, fell from one of the hoors of the new Workmen temple Truesday night and suffered a fracture of his left arm. Dr. Stabaugh was called to the city full where the laburies were acted to. After the arm has been received from his relatives to the city full where the laburies were acted to. After the arm has been received from his relatives to permit him at Twenty-assessed that the Bown park schools. The work was acasted to the city full where the laburies were acted to the city full where the laburies were acted to the city full where the laburies were acted to the city full where the laburies were acted to the city full where the laburies were acted to full was picking up kinding wood and in some way fell from a scaffold.

Heports have been made to Superintendent McLean that the Brown park school is the board of reat an additional room if he sees fit. President Miller and yesterday that he is now casting about for a suitable room, but intended saving the expense to the board if it was possible to do so.

Marke City Gossip.

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books are not yet half worn out. When each class has finished using them they are counted and taken to the next room, and at night are again-counted and left in the principal's office.

The same care is exercised with other things. Though a large proportion of the every day work above the fifth grade is being done with pen and ink, it has been estimated by a number of principals that

### **OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES** Considerable Decrease in Marketing of Hogs Compared with Pre-

vious Week. CINCINNATI, Jan. 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-Price Current says: There has been some falling off in the marketing of week is 495,000, compared with 545,000 the preceding week and 555,000 last year. Since November 1 the total is 4,395,000, against

5.793,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

## DEATH RECORD.

Old-Timer in Hills.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Jan. 28 .- (Special.) -H. H. Williams, better known to all the oldtimers as Hank Williams, died at the they had them to furnish, while the child Soldiers' home of heart failure, the result of a general breaking down. Hank was about 66 years of age and had experienced a varied life. He was a veteran of the civil war and drew a pension of \$8 per month. He went to Montana in 1866 and came to the Hills in 1876 as one of the pilots on the old six-horse coach. eaves a son in Boston, and a brother in It has been estimated by United States Waldo, Fla. Hank was a generous, wholesouled man and his death is deeply re-

## Henry Ritterbush.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 28 .- (Special Telegram.-Henry Ritterbush, aged 78, living near here, died suddenly this afternoon. He was in the habit of making daily trips to the creek on his farm and as he remained away longer than usual, a search was instituted. The old gentleman was found dying on the creek bank, in an unconscious condition, with his feet in the water. He was taken home, where he died without regaining consciousness. Death was due to heart failure.

## Prof. J. M. Wilson

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-J. M. Wilson, forstate engineer of Nebraska, died at 4 q'clock this morning at Berke ley, Cal., of kidney trouble. The remains unfair to charge up to the miners that they will be gent to Hastings, Neb., for burial. Deceased leaves a daughter. He was at the time of his death in the employ of the agricultural department, and also professor of irrigation of the University of Cali-

## Adatin McDonald. .

LEAD, S. D., Jan. 28 - Austin McDon ld, who has for some time been foreman of the Alder Creek Mining company's mine on Yellow creek, died of pneumonia. He was an old-timer in the Black Hills. A few years ago he went into the stock-raising business and purchased a ranch near Alliance, Neb., which he had stocked. Mrs. Mary Calvin.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 28 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Mary Calvin died at the home of her

### daughter, Mrs. Dr. McCleery, in this city yesterday, her death being due to old age and a severe attack of la grippe. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 19 o'clock from the late home of decrased.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., Jan. 28 .- (Speial Telegram.)-Postmaster G. W. Randall died this evening at 7 o'clock, aged He was a prominent Odd Fellow, well known in Omaha and throughout the state. The funeral will be held Saturday after

Postmaster at Newman Grove.

## Mrs. Robert Whiley.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 28 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Robert Whiley of Harbine died at Drs. Pall & Harris' santiarium Monday night. The remains were taken to Harbine yesterday. Mrs. Whiley was 30 years of are and leaves her husband and two children.

## Robert Planquett.

PARIS, Jan. 28.-Robert Planquett, the emposer of "The Chimes of Normandy and similar operas, is dead,

Do not be talked into using any other Champagne than Cook's Imperial Extra Dry. Most healthful wine in the world.

Louisville, Ky. San Francisco, Cal.

For sale by all druggists. Price fifty cents per bottle.

Acts Gently:

Acts Pleasantly :

Acts Beneficially: Acts truly as a Laxative.

Syrup of Figs appeals to the cultured and the

well-informed and to the healthy, because its com-

ponent parts are simple and wholesome and be-

cause it acts without disturbing the natural func-

tions, as it is wholly free from every objectionable

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manufacturing figs are used, as they are

pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal

virtues of Syrup of Figs are obtained

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To get its beneficial effects-buy the

New York, N.Y.

Wish Baer and Colleagues Called to Fix Famine Responsibility.

ALLEGE OWNERS RESTRICT COAL OUTPUT

Strike Commission Takes Request Into Consideration and May Order Railroad Presidents to Give Evidence.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—The alleged imitation of production was again disussed before the coal strike commission today. The matter was brought up by Mr. Darrow for the miners, who requested the ommission to summon the presidents of he coal-carrying roads as witnesses.

The demand resulted in a lengthy discusif they regarded the issue as being before the companies tried to get the coal in them they would grant the miners' request. advance, but did not succeed in doing so.

Counsel for the miners also announced "The great difficulty in the control that he had received numerous letters from the anthracite trade," continued Mr. Dickthe bituminous coal regions and desired to regularly and equally throughout the year. have representatives of those districts give evidence concerning trade agreements. If if the operators charged the miners with the letters in question. The chairman said of the public, the latter should be althe subject was being considered by the commission.

### Says Operators Limit Output. In asking the commission to request the

attendance of the coal road presidents, Mr. Darrow said: There has been evidence offered here, on the part of the operators, designed to show that the miners have limited production in the last year. We believe the fact to be that the coal roads have placed a limit on production for years. So long as this charge is made to this commission for the purpose of influencing its decision I want to examine the presidents of the roads so that we may aveertain the exact situation.

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"Do you claim," said Judge Gray, "that there has been a limitation by the presidents of the coal roads other than the limitation that the demand of the market creates? Of course there is a natural limitation. It would be a most lamentable waste to keep on mining coal for which there was no demand.

Continuing, he said the deposit of hard coal should be conserved for the benefit of those who come after, and a wasteful, competitive output was a serious thing. He did not know but what in some crude way the consolidation of interests had tended to a more economic management of "this storehouse that Providence has given us in this region." Mr. Darrow said in reply: "I do not se

that anybody could intelligently consider this case without considering that question. But this is the aspect. I say it is have been restricting the output when it has been done by somebody else. The operator has the right to conserve the coal field, so has the mine worker, and he has the same right to conserve himself and his family and those who are to come after him as has the mine operator. For my part, I have never believed that a reasonable limitation of work or production was a bad thing. All I do claim is that it is unfair to charge us with a limitation of production over a series of years and say the miners do not earn more money because they are lazy and have been limiting the supply, when, in fact, the operators have done it."

"The only question I have in adverse agreement.

criticism," said Judge Gray, "is this: Take MINERS ACCUSE OPERATORS a contract miner; he can limit his own hours of labor. The question is whether the man who wants to work four or five hours should limit the man who wants to work eight or nine."

"Under, our present theory regarding the rights of property," responded Mr. Darrow, "where a man has a right to own a coal mine he has a perfect right to work twenty-four hours a day with all the men he sees fit. Now the other operators come in, and because they own rallroads or because they are stronger, they say: 'No you can only mine coal three days a week, or eight hours a day, or whatever it is." The cases are parallel whether this prohibition is imposed by the miners or the operators.

## Try to Prepare for Strike.

Mr. Dickson said the position of the operators was that during the year 1901 and down to the strike the output was restricted so that it was impossible to fill the storage places. All the companies of sion between Judge Gray, Mr. Dickson and late years had been going to large ex-Mr. Darrow; finally Judge Gray said the pense to store coal at their terminal points commission would consider the matter and The coming of the strike was foreseen and

"The great difficulty in the control of large operators and governors of states in son, "Is that the market will not take it Judge Gray expressed the opinion that

this could not be done he wanted to read restricting the output to the disadvantage lowed to show that it was not them so much as the operators.

"Assuming the question is strictly between operators and miners," said Mr. Darrow, "have the operators any more right to say 'You shall not restrict the number of cars you load" than the miners have to say 'We will only load six cars?' ' Judge Gray admitted the proposition was the same.

"Then," said Mr. Darrow, "has one operator the right to say it to another?" "No, air, I don't think he has," replied the chairman, and added that he did not believe the commission had given the ques-

tion of restriction sny serious thought Mr. Darrow then asked the commission to request Messrs. Baer, Harris, Thomas and Truesdale to testify concerning the questions under discussion

All the witnesses today were examined with a view of eliciting information concerning the alleged restriction of output, and it was shown that the Lehigh company produced more coal in December than in any one month for many years. It was also admitted that the miners were working ten hours a day instead of nine.

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## Eastern Ball Men Meet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Members of the Eastern league are in session in this city preparing their campaign for the coming season. The clubs represented are Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal, Rochester, Newark, Toronto, Montreal. Rochester, Newark, Providence, Worcester and Jersey City. It is the desire of P. T. Powers, president of the league, to place it on a basis that will insure permanency and he has a plan by which the clubs shall enter into a ten-year agreement.

