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federal prison here a free man.

held up a mail carrier in Nebraska, and although it was shown in the trial that he secured only the postage stamp, he was sentenced for life. This was afterward commuted by President McKinley to fifteen Attorney General Knox yesterday by telegraph instructed the prison authorities to give DeFrance the benefit of his two months' imprisonment at Omaha before being brought to the Bloux Falls peni-

POISON IN THEIR PANCAKES Mother and Son Taken Seriously III. but Doctor Saves Their

Lives.

case of poisoning from eating pancakes es from the western part of the county. tages for patients. These will be built upon Mrs. George Gerreits and her son. Louis the lawn-Smidt, came very near losing their lives,

was summoned and he saved their lives. Leaves Sioux Falls Penitentiary After A dog was killed by being fed some of the

Will Be Completed by October Sext. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 73 .- (Special.)-

"You may arrange for a banquet in Oc-tober. If the Nebraska State Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk is not completed by SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—After having served a term of fifteen years, has known that discovered a term of the theft of a 2-cent postage stamp. Ellisworth P. DeFrance today stepped from the federal prison here a free way.

In the instance at Norrolk is not completed by that and foot ball are planned as features of the feast. If it is, you pay for it. It was in this fashion that Commissioner Follmer, who came with the others of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to this city, assured Chairman W. M. Roberts of the local committee. man W. M. Roberts of the local committee at this place would be finished by next fall The members of the board, Messrs. Mortensen, Folimer, Marsh and Prout, accompanied by State Architect Tyler and his assistant. Draughtsman Harvey, arrived in Platte river, some men discovered the new buildings. They found that the west wing of the old main building is as good amusement hall or for some other similar purpose with very little fixing. The thou-

ock can also be used in the reconstruction State Architect Tyler dished out a bunch of rough sketches to show the people Norfolk that he had been thinking of that new hospital, and he explained what is planned in detail. The new institution will be put up on the cottage system. The new main building, or administration hall, will TECUMSEII, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)-A be placed just south of the old one. On either side of this hall will stand the cot-

There will be either three or four new nor is the son yet out of danger. The cottages, according to the money that is polson is supposed to have been in some left when the third is completed. The main flour from which Mrs. Gerreits prepared building will be so constructed that it may pancakes for the family breakfast, be added to from time to time. All of the Gerreits ate two of the pancakes, new buildings will be two stories high and son one and Mr. Gerreits refused to a basement will be dug under the main them as they did not taste right to hall only. Paced fire brick will be used

ELLSWORTH D'FRANCE FREED him. Both Mrs. Gerreits and her son grew for the front of the buildings and the other portions will be done with the material arms and limbs as to be helpless. A doctor left over from the fire. The fire brick will be bought in Omaha...

Each cottage will be built to hold sixty PROMISE ASYLUM NEXT YEAR feet in dimensions. The administration building will be about 42x00. A dining room

Board Assures Norfolk People Work in each cottage will seat thirty-two persons

Will He Completed by October dows, as there were on the old building Everything will be made as nearly as pos sible a comfortable and homelike apart-ment and all possible freedom will be allowed patients under the new system. Tennis and foot ball are planned as features

Weeks in the Opinion of

PAPILLION, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (Special.) -While driving in an out-of-the-way portion of this county in the vicinity of the

A long gash had been cut in the man's as ever and that it can be used for an throat, extending from ear to ear, as if made with a blunt instrument. Enough was found in the man's stomach sands of bricks and the great quantity of to kill five men, and a deep builet wound was discovered in his head, evidently made

by a thirty-eight-caliber revolver. Doctors say any of these would have killed him. It is not thought the man was murdered, but that he attempted suicide and wanted to be trebly sure of

According to the statement from the doctors the body had been lying dead for six weeks, although decomposition had not progressed very fast.

The man was about 36 years of uge and evidently a Swede. A paper in his pocket contained the name Vin Nelson and address in the state of Wisconsin. An inuest will be held tomorrow by Coroner Hamilton, when further particulars will be learned. The report that the body was

doner and will now wait until Janjustice. His stenographer, Miss will spend Christmas.

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WESTON BACK IN LINCOLN

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MANY ATTRACTIONS FOR THE TEACHERS

Court May Finally Be Asked to Pass on Question of Paying County Trensurers Fees Out of Permanent School Fund.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) night and for the first time in a month he riminal prosecution against him for being partner in the Casper bank that failed as been dismissed, Mr. Weston stated, and depositors will be paid in full. Mr., Weston paid into the bank \$10,000 in cash to help make up the shortage. With the other members of the firm Mr. Weston said he had placed in the hands of the receiver Mi,000 to meet the demands of the depositors, and that the liabilities of the bank would reach about \$56,000.

the management of the bank other than being a silent partner." Re attributed the his unavoidable sojourn in Wyoming, but published. expressed his pleasure at getting back to Lincoln. In the near future a 50 per cent dividend will be declared and later the total deposits will be paid. Mr. Weston, likely, will make one more trip to Casper bank to be started there.

Growth of Teachers' Association.

The membership of the State Teachers' association this year promises to be the largest in the history of the association. which fact recalls that its growth has been little short of marvelous. From a an organization enrolling almost 2,000 members yearly.

The first session of the association was held in Lincoln in 1887, with H. M: James as president. The second session was held in Fremont in 1888, with an enrollment of 271, George L. Farnham being president. In 1889 the association met at Hastings. Prof. C. E. Hessey being president. The membership reached 281. Since 1889 the association has met in Lincoln. The following well known educators have presided over the deliberations from the year 1890 to 1902, inclusive: A. K. Goudy, A. B. Hughes, W. E. Andrews, J. L. McBrien, C. G. Pearse, James H. Canfield, W. H. Skinner. M. Spink, J. W. Crabtree, J. F. Saylor, Charles Fordyce, D. B. Perry, W. S. Heltzman, J. D. French. The officers at present are: President, Superintendent C. A: Fulmer, Beatrice; vice president, W. M. patients. The buildings will all be made Kern, Columbus; secretary, A. O. Thomas, Kearney; treasurer, A. L. Caviness, Fair-

> sociation will be the music, which will be in charge of Mr. Willard Kimball, director of the University School of Music since its establishment nine years ago. These musicians, whose reputations are by no means local, will appear on the program: Dr. J. M. Mahew, Bessie Burruss Funke, Everett B. Carder, A. J. Vernon Spencer, Mrs. R. A. Holyoke, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker

Another feature that is attracting state interest is the address on radium with demonstrations by C. A. Skinner of Lincoln. to be given Thursday afternoon to the teachers of physical science at Nebraska and at its greatest activity a quarter of a drachm costs \$100. It is the belief that radium will eventually become a potent factor in curing cancers, eczema and tuber-

The local committee announced that, al though the number of private rooms at its disposal exceeds that of any previous year, yet the demand is proportionally large, and that only those teachers who apply early can be assured of securing private rooms and board.

To Secretary Caviness is due the credit of inaugurating the most unique and suc-ceasful plan of enrollment ever used in the west. Advanced enrollment blanks are sent to all cities. Teachers pay their fees before starting from home. Membership tickets are mailed to them, and thus they avoid all confusion and aggravating delays plan is largely responsible for the immense enrollment at the last meeting of the as sociation. Secretary Caviness writes tha the advance enrollments are coming in in

Court May Pass on Fees.

In all probability the matter of the con that of Charles Rosencrans, the missing stitutionality of the practice of paying 1 per cent to county treasurers for selling o NORFOLK. Neb. Dec. 21.—(Special.)—
ducted before the amount turned into the permanent school fund will in the near Supreme Court Commissioner J. B. Barnes future be taken to the supreme court. Sev-has wiped clean the slate of his labors as eral days are at the request of the land eral days ago at the request of the land commissioner Attorney Prout handed down pary 7, when he begins his duties as asso- an opinion in which he held the practice was constitutional, and this will be the Dorch, left today for Okiahoma, where she rule as it has in the past unless it is overruled by the court. It was reported here today that notwithstanding this opinion several parties were not satisfied and would take the matter into the court. It is argued that if the legislature has the power to Pills cure or no pay. Only Sc. For sale legislate to the county treasurers 1 per by Kuhn & Co. cent of this money it would have power to legislate 90 per cent, or any other portion of the permanent school fund, which the

constitution declares shall not be dimin-

In the office of the land commissioner i was stated that office would not take the matter up to the court because the atorney general had ruled on it and the office was willing to abide by his decision

merely asking for an opinion in order to be able to carry out the intent of the inw. Ministers Join Prison Association.

The Ministerial association of Omaha is now a part of the Nebraska Prison association and has indorsed the work and the constitution and bylays of the association. This was decided upon by the ministers after the work of the association had been explained to them by Dr. Martin of this city, who went to Omaha about three weeks ago for that purpose. The ministers ap-Auditor Weston returned to Lincoln last pointed a committee composed of Dr. Her ring of the First Congregational church showed up at his office this morning. All Dr. Jenks of the First Preshyterian church and Dr. Smith of the First Methodist Epis copal church to look into the matter fur ther and this morning this committee notified Dr. Martin that the ministers desired to be enrolled among the members of the

The letter was a splendid indersement of the Prison association and its work was an indication that the ministers of Omahi would do all in their power of further the work of the association. The Ministerial association of Lincoln joined the Prison "I was not in any particular responsible association last spring and at present there for the bank failure," said Mr. Weston. are 200 Lincoln people members of it. At a "I have never had anything to do with meeting to be held on the evening of Dewill be made to change the constitution and failure to the collapse of the cattle and by-laws to permit of a wider range of work heep industry, his partners going in too of the association. After this meeting the beavy. The auditor shows no ill effect of annual report of the association will be

Entertainment at Pentientlary.

At the State penitentiary Christman tainment for their own benefit, at which only they and officers of the institution before the business is wound up, but he will be present. That evening they will take no stock in the new national give a musical and literary, at which the public will be admitted. A nominal admission fee will be charged.

Crusade Against Impure Milk. Food Commissioner Thompson is again going after the milk dealers and this time it is for the purpose of getting in close touch with cows tainted with tuberculosis membership of 160 in 1887 it has grown to He will do this under the statute which reposes in him the power to stop the sale of milk of diseased cows.

The campaign will probably begin in the neighborhood of Lincoln with an inspection of the local sources of milk supply. There are several hundred people who keep cows and sell milk in small quantities and the task which will be undertaken will be large one. Instructions have been insued to the chemist of the department to make preparations to carry on the operations of testing milk for the dread bacilli. Under the power conferred by statute the commissioner has large powers to examine produced and has a like power to condemn The statute under which Mr. Thompso acts provides that any one guilty of the sale of saulterated milk, or of diseased cattle, with the knowledge of that fact, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and bars the right of selling it.

Releases Alleged Bank Robber. Detective Malone stated today that he had released the three men he had arrested charged with robbing the Pleasant Dale bank because no one seemed anxious to prosecute them. At the time of the arrest one of the men, so Malone said, confersed

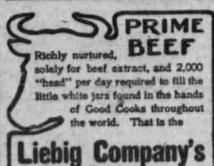
In Judge Holmes' court today Mrs. Mary Knight is suing her husband, County Treasurer Knight, for divorce. The testimony given by the wife was of the sensational order. The case was brought when Knight was a candidate for re-election and from the extracts of the vife's petition it was generally thought that it would have some tearing on the result of the vote. Evi-dently it did not, however, as Knight got

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 21.-(Special.)-Livingston chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, met last night and installed the following officers: John E. C. Fisher, H. P.; B. L. Spellman, K.; Camuel Eccles, S.; G. L. Cole, treasurer; B. P. Liston, secretary; W. S. Bourner, C. of H.; Elwood Bigier, P. S.; S. B. Moore, R. A. C.; George Ealley, third V.; W. N. Spellman, second V.; W. W. Johnston, first V.; D. G. Fiske, sentinel. W. W. Wright of this city acted as insalling officer.

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