Legislature of 1887.

Defeat and How the Boodlers

Choked Off an Investiga-

tion.

A sensation has recently been created at

the state capital by an opinion given by

as well as the keeping of a gambling

house either a fincable or a penitentiary

offense and also provides for the recovery

victed of gambling, or keeping a gambling

\$100, or three months in the county jail

coln, Omaha and other cities, The

Thayer's friends that he was offered :

bribe of \$25,000 to veto this act. He ordered

ceived a small fortune by a scratch of his

Recalls an Exciting Episode.

gambling law recalls one of the most ex-

citing episodes in the history of Nebraska

egislation. The law making gambling a

felony was enacted during the memorable

n the senate at the instance of black-

mailers with other holdup measures and

was not expected to pass, but the reputable

element of the senate pushed it through

When the bill reached the house it was

eferred by the speaker, N. V. Harian, to

the judiciary committee, of which the re-

doubtable "Colonel" Henry C. Russell was

the chairman. That committee had for its

members several of the worst boodlers in

the legislature and they at once proceeded

to negotiate with the gamblers to side-

track it. This action was anticipated by

the editor of The Bee, who had a very

Charges of Boodling Made.

Committee Begins Its Work.

The reading of the letter created a pro-

tee was appointed by the speaker to in

and Mr. Rosewater handed to the chair

he pledged himself to name, and thereupon

timony within closed doors the day follow

During the afternoon and evening in

agreed upon a program to defeat the pro-

SLEEP IS PRICELESS

Methods.

lacerated, and you finally sink into the

If so, you do not need to be told that you

are afflicted with itching piles. You have

probably tried every remedy you could hear

of, with but temporary relief, if any, and

have concluded there was nothing left for

you but to drag out a miserable existence.

As a drowning man grasps at a straw, so

should you eagerly dovour the words of W.

fifty cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure at the

drug store, and used about one half of it,

and it not only cured me of itching piles.

but also of constipation, a trouble of about

fifteen years standing. I have tried almost

everything without any lasting benefit, but

should ever return I will know just what to

do, but I guess it won't for it is now six o

seven months since I first used this wonder-

We youch for the anthenticity of this

testimonial, and as Mr. Milbury found

relief and a cure so you may also. Do not

delay, but buy a box and try it tonight,

and do not allow any dealer to sell you

"something just as good." You will do

well to write to Pyramid Drug Co., Mar-

shall, Mich., for their little book on the

causes and cure of piles, which is sent free

"I am pleased to state that I bought one

O. Milbury, 70 Pearl St., Reading, Mass.

time with dread and shrinking?

sleep of exhaustion?

ful remedy."

and the gamblers,

to the disappointment of the gang.

The controversy over the validity of the

of money lost in a gambling house.

CANNOT ABSORB OTHER SOCIETIES

State Expresses Itself as Being Satisfled with the Findings in the Case of Referee Hynn.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-The Bankers Union of the World will have to change its present methods of doing business in several instances if it is to continue as an organization, should the report filed by Referee Ryan in the supreme court this

afternoon be the decision of the court. The report finds for the state in most instances, though it denied that the evidence sustained the allegation of the state that the company was insolvent. It denied also that the evidence showed that President Spinney had drawn a larger salary than he was en-Referee Ryan held that should the com-

from receiving commissions on business order that may be required by the auditor; merging into its order other companies.

the findings of facts submitted.

After discussing the evidence at length

Conclusion of Law. conclusion of law I find that the of the legislature is that the interest policy of the legislature is that the interest of the membership of the Bankers Union should be consuited in the determining of a case of this character and that insurance of its numerous membership should not be destroyed unless that course is unavoidable. On such conditions as I shall indicate, I am of the opinion the Bankers Union should be permitted to transact pushers in this strength of the property of the strength of the same of the opinion the Bankers union should be permitted to transact pushers in this strength of the same of the opinion of the same of the same of the opinion opinion of the opinion opi

Union should be permitted to transact ousiness in this state.

There is a provision in section 112, chapter
xilli, complied statutes, that before any
amendment, change or alteration of a consituation and bylaws of a fraternal beneficiary association shall take effect or be in
force a copy thereof shall be filed with
the auditor of public accounts. From these
provisions I draw two conclusions, and they
are, first, that the said auditor shall not
file any statement if it embodies any unfair provisions toward, policy holders, and,
second, it seems to result as a necessary

file any statement if it embodies any unfair provisions toward policy holders, and, second, it seems to result as a necessary correlative of the first proposition that the filing of an amendment gives the sanction of the auditor to the policy which such amendment embodies.

The filing of such an amendment cannot validate what the statute forbids, consequently the provision for the appointment of eight directors by executive officers is entirely nugatory, for the reason that this method of providing directors is in conflict with section 91, chapter xiiii, compiled statistics, requiring that fraternal benedicary associations shall have "a representative form of government." If the Bankers Union is permitted to do business there should be an injunction against the appointment or the recognition of any diffectors appointed by section 103, chapter xiiii, compiled statutes, that "such society shall not employ paid agents in soliciting or securing members, except in the organization or building up of subordinate lodges, or granting members inducements to procure new members." As a conclusion of law from these provisions I find that the Bankers Union of the World had no right to give to its president a commission on its membership already procured, and consequently that if the society is permitted to do business it should be enjoined from paying, and President Spinney should be enjoined from receiving pay or credit for commissions to any amount of that character.

Mergers Should Be Enjotned.

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The "taking over" of other fraternal beneficial societies is contrary to public policy, for the reasons set forth in the above finding of facts, and it is contrary to the provisions of the statutes providing for a physical examination and prohibiting the taking in of members over 5° years of age. If the Bankers Union is permitted to obusiness it and its officers and their do business it and its officers and their successors should be enjoined from merging into the Bankers Union of the World any other fraternal beneficiary associations by rider or otherwise while no statute of this

other fraternal beneficiary associations by rider or otherwise while no statute of this state sanction such mergers.

Referee Ryan stated that it was difficult to estimate the liability arising under its amended constitution. The evidence introduced by the state tended to show that the outstanding liabilities not reported. December 19, 1905, but which should have been reported, were \$39,239, of which there has been settled \$11,873, leaving estimated liabilities unsettled, \$27,356. The books of the company, supplemented by testimony of one of its officers, tends to show that on December 19, 1903, the date of its report last made, its liabilities were \$15,404, of which it has since settled \$11,425, leaving a balance unsettled of \$3,978.

On December 31, 1905, there were about 15,000 members in good standing. The claims for losses reported and received in 1903 amounted to \$27,300. The amounts collected for deaths and disabilities in 1903 mas \$36,117. There was therefore collected in 1903, \$28,817, for deaths and disabilities in that year in excess of what was necessary to pay losses of that character according

in 1903. \$28,817, for deaths and disabilities in that year in excess of what was necessary to pay losses of that character accruing within the same period. The referre finds in these figures that it does not appear that the Bankers' I nion of the World is in a condition in which it is unable to raise funds with which to meet its liabilities by the assessment of its members. As its revenues, as a fraternal beneficiary association, are in the nature of its business, to be obtained only from this source the referre finds that the allegation that the association is insolvent and unable to meet its pending death claims is not sustained by the evidence. Referee Ryan finds that the salaries paid to President Spinney and hits wife are not exorbitant. The president sectived \$500 per month for the year 1906 and Mrs. Spinney received \$150 a month during a portion of that year for editing the official paper. For another parties of the vear she received \$6 a month for other services. There is in evidence, stated the referee no tabulated statement of the amounts paid into the company by President Spinney nor of the amount drawsout by him. The net sums he has received as salary is at the rate of less than \$1.000 per annum during the existence of the Bankers' Union of the World though he has received \$4.000 in commission.

Betts Will Help Son.

John Betts of Omaha was here today looking after the interests of his son, Frank Betts, who was bound over to the district come a dependent upan a county, unless he

BANKERS UNION IS SOLVENT | court on a charge of torgery. The elder Betts informed the officers that he would spend the last cent he had in assisting his son, though he knew that as soon as he Referee Says, However, it Must Change Its was free again the boy would have no more to do with his father and mother. He will secure ball for the boy, though he told the officers that he doubted not that his son would run away and he would have to pay it. The father believes that the evil mpanions the son met while in the reform school was the cause of his downfall. The boy passed had checks on a number of jewelers here two weeks ago.

Parole for Robertson

Governor Mickey Intends to parole Joseph Robertson, sent up from Nuckolis county on a charge of arson. It was told the governor that a doubt existed in the minds of some of the people near Robertson's home as to his guilt and, furthermore, that Robertson has a family that needs his assistance. His sentence was seven years,

Mrs. J. C. F. McKesson of this county was last night elected president of the Board of Visitors at the Milford Industrial home. Mrs. McKesson was just recently appointed a member of the board, though she had long been known as a worker in affairs of charity.

Protest on Eastern Fragernals. W. B. Price has filed with the department of insurance a protest against frapary continue to do business it should be ternal beneficiary companies of the states enjoined from allowing its officers to ap- of Massachusetis, Maine and Vermont dopoint a board of directors; it should be en- ing business in this state unless the rates joined from paying to President Spinney charged by such companies shall be and President Spinney should be enjoined equal to or greater than that provided by the fraternal congress. Mr. Price did this lone; the company should be enjoined from | because these states have a law that no withholding information regarding the company of the character can do business there unless their rates come up to the the company should be enjoined from rates fixed by the fraternal congress. Upon investigation he found that companies of Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown, these states that were organized before the who prosecuted the case for the state, is law fixing fraternal congress rates as a well satisfied with the report of the referee | basis, were charging a rate less than that and will file a motion for judgment upon provided. Therefore, other companies going into these states would be at a disadvantage in that their rates would be higher Referee Ryan came to this conclusion of than the home companies. Mr. Price is the attorney for the Woodmen of the World. He holds that if Nebraska companies cannot get into those states the companies organized there should not do business here.

Differ Over Fees.

Notwithstanding Attorney General Prout the purchase price when they sold school lands or made leases, deducting the commission and then remitting the balance to the credit of the permanent school fund. was constitutional, rumors are constantly heard around the capital that the case will go to the supreme court for a final deciston.

The land commissioner is still charging on his books the entire selling price of the the treasurer is still giving credit for the amount less the 1 per cent. This of course a balance every time a sale is made. In and on that ground he upheld the prac- had no insurance. tice. A number of people who believe that if 1 per cent could be legislated out of the permanent school fund 90 per cent could be legislated out with the result that there would be nothing left of the fund, do not agree with the attorney general, and it is not unlikely that one of the number will

Wants Sheriff to Pay.

John W. McDonald, former sheriff of Douglas county, William J. Broatch and William M. White, his bondsmen, are defendants in a case in the supreme court brought up on error from Douglas county, in which Jerome B. Parrott is suing then for something over \$2,060. The reason of the suit was the negligence of John Lewis, a deputy under McDonald, in serving a writ of attachment against one George W of Omaha from his feet. Lewis, it is alleged, failed to take with him the required number of witnesses as specified by the statutes, consequently the writ was dissolved by the court, and other creditors got the money, leaving Parrott shy. In the lower court the brief states that Parrott was a winner and that during the fourth trial Ames went through bankruptcy in New York. The claim of Parrott was allowed, but there was no money left with which to satisfy it. He is now trying to get the court to make the sheriff and his bondsmen make good.

Paupers to Be Deported.

Every alien who is a pauper or an imbecile and who is a charge upon any county of the state, will be sent back to the country from whence he came. Secretary John Davis of the State Board of Charities and Correction, who at the request of the Denational government, has been looking up these cases, together with other information for the use of the department, will soon make his report, which will show that there are a large number of such in the state.

In the meantime C. Parbury of the department is making a thorough investigation of the entire state for these dependents. In the Lancaster county poorhouse he found out of seventeen inmates five that were aliens. In Douglas county, out of 187 persons, be found only two that were foreigners. In order to deport these people it will be necessary for the county in which they are being supported to make proof that the persons are foreigners, and they will be deported without expense to the county or state, the steamship companies being compelled to return them to their various countries.

As Mr. Davis understands the law, no matter if a foreigner comes here well fixed financially, or who is able to make a living, should be be so unfortunate as to be-

THE YELLOW

Quality

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has become naturalized, he can be de-

RUSSIA'S HOSTS WILL WIN IN END. Dr. Steiner Predicts Contest Between

Saxon and Slav Later.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-Dr.

E. A. Steiner of Grinnell, In., lectured before a large audience at the Congregational church last evening on "Russian The speaker has Discovery of the Plot to Bribe Its Problems of Today." traveled extensively in Russia during the past eight or ten years and last summer spent six months in that country, mingling with all classes of people and stopping for some time with Count Tolstol. The densest ignorance, he said, prevailed among nine tenths of the Russians and on account of the Russian papers publishing nothing about their own country and only elippings Attorney General Prout, holding the antiof such foreign news as the censors per- gambling law of Nebraska unconstitutional mitted, the educated classes knew but little about their nation. This nine-tenths actually knew less about the present war and ts causes than the country farmer in Nebraska. The peasantry, though obliged to serve in the army, pay taxes averaging \$83 each, while their average income was only these sections out of the way, parties con-\$125. Not having a foot of land which they could sell, poor, half-starved and governed by no law but the arbitrary acts of an official and not permitted to leave their vilages without a passport given on thirty The State Journal says: "The act which lays' notice, were intensely loyal to their Attorney General Prout declares invalid is country and good soldiers. Human life in Russia, he said, was held at little value and open gambling houses were running in Linfor this reason only he thought Japan would eventually be defeated. With its gamblers were wearing diamonds in those enormous resources and millions of men days. It is known to some of Governor Japan would be eventually overwhelmed on the land. The pending contest was between the Anglo-Saxon and the Slav, and the messenger from his office and few ever victory for Russia would be the predomi- knew that the governor could have renance of Imperialism, Ignorance and oppression over modern civilization and would pen.

The address was a terrific arraignment of Russian imperialism and was listened to with close attention.

WACO BUSINESS HOUSES BURN. Loss is Estimated at Fifteen Thou-

sand and Insurance is Light. YORK, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-Fire was discovered early this morning in the stores of Plants & Co. at Waco, the first town east of York, and in a short time the two store buildings of Plants & Co. and some time ago decided that the practice of the flour storage house were burned to the paying county treasurers 1 per cent of ground. There is no fire company or water works at Waco and the citizens with buckets did all they could to put out the fire. By hard work they saved the bank building on the east. The two burned buildings were of frame construction and were owned by Plants & Co. There was a stock of general merchandise and a good stock of hardware, and the flour house contained a large stock of flour.

The amount of the loss is \$15,000. The land, without deducting the 1 per cent and buildings were worth \$2,000. There was insurance as follows: Home of New York \$2,300; State of Omaha, \$1,000; Transmissismakes the books of the two further from sippl of Omaha, \$1,000; Nebraska Mercantile of Lincoln, \$1.500. Nothing was saved. It the office of the land commissioner this is the general belief that the buildings were afternoon it was stated that the officials set on fire and the business men have of there would do nothing about the matter fered \$1,000 reward for the arrest of the but go ahead and do as they had been gullty parties. Every effort will be made doing. Mr. Prout contended that by law to learn who they were. In 1891 Plants each fund should pay its own expense & Co. suffered total loss and at that time

WEEK FROM CRIME TO SENTENCE.

Men Sent Up Seven Days After Brenking Into Freight Car. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-Judge Jessen today refused a new trial to the two men, Harry Welch and John Sumler, who were convicted of break ing into a freight car here and sentenced them to four and five years, respectively This is the quickest time justice has been meted out in this court, it being a week ago today that the crime for which the men were sentenced was committed. Court

has adjourned for this session. G. A. R. Dinner and Campfire DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-Yesterday was a gala day for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps. For the purpose of replenishing a depleted treasury sumptuous dinner and supper was served at Odd Fellows' temple. Last night a camp commander of David City post; J.

fire was held, at which Governor Mickey was the principal speaker. C. D. Cusper Sholes and others also entertained the large audience with reminiscences of their experiences while in the service. The music was furnished by a mixed quartet. This is the first time that Governor Mickey has appeared before a David City audience since his election. The net proceeds of the day and evening were about \$75.

Sarpy County Suit is Compromised PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-The trial of the case of W. R. Patrick county attorney, against the County Board of Sarpy county, came up before Judge Sutton in the district court here a few days ago and a settlement was arrived at partment of Commerce and Labor of the Patrick had brought suit against the board in an attempt to prevent them allowing a claim of \$10,000 in favor of the Sheeley Bridge company, for the construction of the Elkhorn river bridge. All concerned came to an agreement which was approved by the court, whereby the payment of the amount would be made when the necessary funds were on hand. It was further decided that Patrick did gight in enjoining any construction work after Sheeley's contract with the county had expired.

Plans for David City Chautauqua. DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.) The fourth annual session of the David City Chantauqua assembly will be held in Chantauqua park July 23 to 31, inclusive E. Williams and G. W. Gates will again have the management of the assembly with Rev. H. H. Harmon of Columbus. Ind., superintendent. Mr. Harmon is now procuring speakers, musicians and entertainers of national reputation. The organization of a chautauqua association with a paid up capital sufficient to insure its success in the future is now being con-

Farewell to Pastor Lewis.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Feb. 27,-(Special.)-Members of the Congregational church gave a farewell surprise last night to Rev. Frank lewis of this place, who organized the Nebraska rection of the Mediterranean cruise in connection with the world's fourth Sunday school convention at Jerusalem. which takes place in April. Mr. hewis will personally accompany a party to the Holy Land and will leave home in a few days. A large number of his friends presented him with partings gifts.

Methodist Men Serve Supper. YORK, Neb., Feb. 27,-(Special)-One of the events looked forward to each year is the men's supper, prepared and served by the men of the Methodist church. This year's supper was served last evening at Fraternal hall, where hundreds were served with a four-course dinner, after which a

some of the local musicians in the parlor. Will Not Rebuild Stucco Mills. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-It is reported here that the stucco mills, which were destroyed by fire at Wymore recently, will not be rebuilt. The plant

very fine musical program was rendered by

employed about forty men. York Y. M. C. A. Engages Evangeliat. YORK, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-The Young Men's Christian association has engaged Billy McClure, the engineer evangelist, to conduct four meetings next week. for the asking.

bers susceptible to pressure to make sure BIT OF NEBRASKA HISTORY of their support for the movement that was to take place on the floor of the house the following day,

When the house reconvened the next Exciting Episode that Marked Session of morning an enslaught was made upon the investigating committee for conducting the PASSAGE OF ANTI-GAMBLING STATUTE

inquiry within closed doors. The leaders of the gang denounced secret sessions as un-American and Infamous, They wanted the people to know what any witness would testify to. They wanted every member accused of complicity in the alleged conspiracy to have an opportunity to face his accuser and defend himself. They insisted upon an open hearing that would prevent a whitewash, etc.

Defeated the Investigation. Following this onslaught they forced through a resolution directing the committee to conduct the investigation in the open. Having succeeded in their first move, on account of alleged irregularities in its they followed it up with another resolution passage. The sections in question, 214 and injecting four new members, who were it 215 of the criminal code, make gambling close touch with the gang, into the com mittee, and by these tactics they foled the effort to uncover the conspiracy for the time being. Thereupon Mr. Rosewater withdrew his memorandum and handed the chairman of the investigating committee the following letter: house would be subject only to a fine of

chairman of the investigating committee the following letter:

OMAHA, Neb., Mch. 16, 1851.—Hon John A. Dempster, Chairman Special Investigating Committee, House of Representatives: My Dear Sir—Under the new conditions imposed upon your committee, I have come to the conclusion that it would be a costly farce to undertake to establish the charges which I have made in good faith. The memorandum which I had placed in your hands when the cummittee first organized contained very ample and circumstantial proofs against the parties implicated in the conspiracy to defeat senate file No. 38.

I relied upon my ability to have the witnesses named in the memorandum examined separately, within closed doors, expecting of course that your committee would also examine each of the members accused of collusion, and give him an opportunity to explain his conduct by his own testimony, and if possible clear himself by furnishing you corroborative proofs to overturn the charges. It would be utterly impossible with open doors to carry out such a program, hence the end would be a mere acknowledgment that money had been collected for the purpose of defeating the bill, but that proofs were wanting to confirm the charges of conspiracy. That would whitewash the very men whom I know to be guilty by a superabundance of proof and by their own conduct on the floor of the house when the charges were preferred. I can establish the fact if necessary, that members of the judiciary committee, implicated in the conspiracy, concocted the scheme Monday night to break your committee by insisting upon the addition of six members of their own choosing, and to thwart the object of investigation by forcing the committee doors open. Their success shows that the plotters and confederates in the lobby wield a baneful influence on the house.

It had been my intention to push the investigation (as I told you personally), have the committee sit at Omaha Wednesday and Thursday and finish the inquiry by Priday. one that was passed in 1887. At that time ession of 1887. The bill was introduced

Priday.

This course being now impossible, I respectfully request that the proceedings be dropped, as they only would entail needless expense upon the state. Urgent husiness compels me to make a trio to Cleveland. If upon my return pext week the house persists in making the investigation, I shall be at your service. Very truly yours.

E ROSEWATER. efficient detective circulating among members, who managed to ingratiate himself into the confidence of both the boodle gang When matters were about to culminate

he editor of The Bee, standing in front of the bar of the house sent the following Apotheosis of Russell. Three days later the legislature took a letter by one of the pages to the speaker recess to attend the annual Grand Army LINCOLN, March 14, 1857.—Hon. N. V. Harlan, Speaker House of Representatives; I desire through you to make known to the honorable house of representatives that I am in possession of information which warencampment at Omaha and the boodlers and gamblers' lobby, with their allies of the railroad lobby, centered all their efforts and influence to vindicate Colonel Russell, rants me in making the charge that mem-bers of the house committee on judiclary whose names I deem it improper to divulge who had never even held a commission as corporal, and procured his election as department commander of the Grand Army. This was held as a great triumph over

whose names I deem it improper to divulge at this time, have become parties to a criminal conspiracy to defeat the bill now in possession of said judiciary committee: Senate file No. 98, an act to amend sections II4 and II5 of the criminal code.

I have positive knowledge of the attempt of one member of the judiciary committee, who claimed to represent others, to extort a large sum, reported to me as \$5.000, from certain keepers of gambling houses at Omaha, for which sum the said member offered to procure an adverse report by the committee on the anti-gambling bill and cause its final defeat.

A large sum, amounting to several them. Rosewater. In the meantime, the latter, who was then making preliminary arrangements for financing the erection of The Bee building, went to Cleveland to confer with parties interested in the building project, but before leaving notified the committee that he would return within a week and proceed cause its final defeat.

A large sum, amounting to several thousand dollars, was thereupon contributed by the parties interested, and placed at the disposal of members of the legislature who are in collusion to carry out this corrupt bargain. I am also reliably informed that a corruption fund was raised and distributed by certain contractors for public works and parties connected with corrorate interests. with the investigation, if it was persisted in. On his way, however, he read a dispatch from Lincoln in the Chicago Times announcing that the house of representatives had severely reprimanded him for running away, and pronounced his chi

baseless and the committee as free from.

by certain contractors for public works and parties connected with corporate interests to bring about the defeat of, or radical changes in, Senate file No. 84, known as the Omaha charter bill.

I hold myself ready to substantiate these charges and make known to any investigating committee appointed by the house all the facts known to me concerning corrupt interference with the legislation. Very respectfully,

E. ROSEWATER. guile as a new born lamb. Thereupon he wired Speaker Harlan, serving notice on the house that he was on his way back and would appear within forty-eight hours at Lincoln to proceed with the investigation, but the house was not in a frame of mind to investigate. In the meantime the anti-gambling bill passed the house unanimously, because nobody dared to go on record against it. Since its found sensation and at its close a commitenactment repeated efforts have been made vestigate these charges, with power to sumto secure its repeal and big purses reported to have varied from \$3,000 to \$7,000 in each mon witnesses, and report to the house as soon as possible all information touching instance have been hung up by the gamthis case. Immediately after the house had blers, but their effort has proved unavailtaken its noon recess the committee met ing. The law is still on the statute book and it is doubtful whether Attorney Genman a memorandum of the facts that had eral Prout would be sustained by any court, come to his knowledge concerning the corhigh or low, in pronouncing it unconstitu-

rupt conspiracy between the gambiers and tional on account of flaws in its passage. certain members of the committee, whom Charged with Threatening Widow. the committee decided to begin to take tex-BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-Late this afternoon a warrant was sworn out by Assistant County Attorney Spafford for the arrest of Charles A. Folwell, who is suspected of being the person tense excitement prevailed in the capital and an alarm was sounded all along the who attempted to obtain \$1,000 from Mrs. line among the gamblers' lobby prepara-Prible, a widow residing near Odell, by tory to a wholesale crusade. During the threatening the life of herself and family night the conspirators and their allies held Sheriff Trude left this evening for Fola council of war in the Capitol hotel and well's home for the purpose of placing him under arrest and is expected to return with his man late tonight or tomer posed investigation. Messengers were sent out for members who were dominated by row. Folwell is a man of family and lives just over the Gage county line in Jefferson the corporations and jobbers and for memounty. He was arrested some time ago

for stealing oats. Superintendents Inspect Road, BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special Tel-But It Can Be Obtained by Simple egram.)-A party of Union Pacific officials passed through the city this afternoon on Are you a hard worker? Are you over a tour of inspection of the southern diviome with fatigue at the end of each day's sion and while here veited a number of abor, and instead of retiring to bed with a the leading business houses. Those comcelling of satisfaction at the prospect of a prising the party were Superintendents night's repose, do you wait the hour of bed-Gruber, Deuel and Brinkerhoff, Assistant Superintendent Charles Ware, First Assistant General Freight Agent Charles Is it your unhappy lot to be awakened Lane, Superintendent of Buildings and every night, just after you have dropped off to sleep, by an intense, uncontrollable itch-Bridges Schemerhorn, General Agent E. B. Claussen, at Lincoln. The party traveled ing of the rectum? Do you then endeavor on a special train. to relieve the sensation by scratching so desperately that the skin becomes raw and

Women Will See Blind Pupils. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-At a meeting of the Woman's club beld here yesterday it was decided to have Morey, superintendent of the Nebraska school for the blind at Nebraska City, give an entertainment in this city March 2. The entertainment will consist of musical numbers and demonstrations in algebra and geometry and will be given by sixteen blind pupils.

Gets Damages from Rock Island. FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)--In district court C. W. Curney recovered a judgment against the Rock Island railway for \$300 for personal damages sustained while working for the company. He sued for \$2,000 damages.

Delvan Herbert, who was charged with can honestly and truthfully state that stealing a caddy of tobacco from the Rock Pyramid Pile Cure has entirely cured me, as Island freight house, was acquitted by the I have had no return of that terrible itching, which used to keep me awake by the hour, night after night. If the old trouble

Polk County District Court. OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-Judge Arthur J. Evans came and held court for about twenty-four hours this week and there has never been a time in the county when cases have been disposed of more quickly, and the bar docket so nearly cleaned. Judge T. H. Saunders was appointed as attorney of the board of insanity in the place of Judge M. A. Mills

Farmer Wins Suit. PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-William Ely, a farmer in the south part of the county, won a suit against the Mis-

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trict court yesterday, being awarded \$375. Ely's crops were damaged in 1902 by the ompany's grade causing the high water to flood his land. He sued for \$450 damages

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CRETE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-W Waugh Lauder of Chicago gave a piano lecture-recital before a large audience in the Congregational church last night. He colighted his audience with his artistic rendition of the great masterpleces, his overture from "Tanhauser" being especially enjoyed. Mr. Lauder was brought here under the auspices of the Doane college school of music.

Brute is Sent to Pentientiary. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-Mike Mostek, who was convicted of attempted criminal assault on a young girl, was centenced this morning by Judge Hollenbeck to three years and six months penal servitude. Frank Mackey was acquitted of a similar charge.

New Rural Mail Route. PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 27,-(Special.)-The postal department has just decided to establish another free delivery route out of Gretna. It will run south and will em brace the territory surrounding the state fisheries, and nearly twenty-five miles in

Chops His Foot with Axe. FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-A roung man named Clark McCurdy, while chopping stove wood last evening, struck

souri Pacific railroad company in the dis- this left foot with the axe, severing an artery and several muscles. The wound is a serious one, but it is thought the foot can be saved.

> Cereal Company Suffers Loss. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 27 -- Special Telegram.) Fire at the Great Western Cereal company's plant today caused about \$800 loss by fire and water. The fire cepartment at the factory responded quickly and prevented a larger loss.

Grand Army at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-The Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic will celebrate the lorty-second anniversary of the battle of Shiloh in this city April 6 and 7. Several good speakers have been engaged for the occasion

March Term Opens Tuesday. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 27.-(Special.)-The March term of the district court will convene in this city next Tuesday, with Judge Paul Jessen on the bench. The bar docket shows there are twenty-five civil, twenty equity and six criminal cases,

Falls Down Elevator Shaft. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-H. W. Cozad fell Jown an elevator shaft at the Arcade restaurant today and was badly injured. His escape from instant death seems remarkable.

Cement Company incorporates. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 27.-The Diamond Portland Cement company, capital \$1,000,-000, was incorporated here today.

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