PROUT FAVORS COMPROMISE Absolutely Free

Understanding that Bendsmen Prepese to Pay Costs of Suit.

STATE TO REALIZE NOTHING FROM THEM

Examiner Reports on Condition of Elkhorn Valley Bank at O'Neill. but Statement Not Made

Public.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) FLINCOLN, Dec. 3 .- (Special.) -At a meeting of the State Board of Compromise last night, at which was discussed the Bartley bondsmen case, Attorney General Prout read a history of the litigation and closed slave. by recommending that the board settle the | matter. While no formal proposition was made to the board, it is understood that the bondsmen are willing to pay the court costs of the suit. It has been learned by the board members that W. A. Paxton has they nerves are spent a large sum fighting the case. It was told a member of the board that Mr. Paxton gave his wife and son each \$200,000 and kept \$200,000 himself. Since the suit began it is said he has spent \$200,000 in defending the suit and in other ways, and that a judgment would be valueless. It has been reported to the board that if it

lished. The £5,000 worth of notes found by the examiner that he at first reported as being apparently worthless are worth something. Some of the notes are new ones and are not yet due. Many of these notes, it is safe to say, can be realised on for the benefit of the depositors, but to what extent is not kown. No cash, other than the ten copper cents, has been found.

state penitentiary, has resigned his posttion and the place is now vacant. The resignation was tendered to Governor Mickey some days ago, but was not made public. It is probable that Rev. P. C. Johnson of Tecumseh will be appointed to all the vacancy. Rev. Mr. Johnson is an old-time preacher and stands high in is at present without a charge. It is understood that he was formerly pastor of one of Governor Mickey's churches.

Board Friendly to Penn. Commandant Penn of the Soldiers' home it Milford and Joe Teeters, who wants his place, were both interviewing members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon, though each said there was no significance in his visit. Some complaint has been made against Mr. Penn, but a member of the board said in his opinion seven-eighths of the old soldiers would sign a petition to have Penn retained, and that he believed the present board would retain him. His time, however, is not out until March, and it is a new board, with the exception of two members, that will do the selecting. Mart Howe G. W. Davenport, both of this city are after the same place.

Suspense Not Over Yet.

Auditor Searle, who was expected here today to name his office force, failed to show up and the present members of Auditor Weston's staff are consequently still on the anxious seat. It has been announced in Aurora that Guy E. Barton of that city is to have a place under Mr. Searle.

Premium for Fine Poultry. Secretary Ludden of the State Poultry association is sending out to poultry fanciers the list of premiums to be awarded at the coming poultry show to be held in Lincoln January 16 for five days. The pre-

miums aggregate \$1,600. Omaha Man Gets Endorsement.

Fred Folkman from Douglas county, who has been doing a begging stunt around town for several days, on the strength of a letter of endorsement signed by the county commissioners of Douglas county, has secured a further endorsement on his begging letter. It reads thus, and is signed by the desk sergeant at the city jail; cannot endorse all of above, but will certify that at 11 a. m. on December 1 he was paralyzed drunk." Folkman was arrested for being drunk and upon his promise to get out of town was released by the chief

Has Time to Read Clippings.

Hon. Thomas Tibbles will have thirty about him in the press clippings furnished well known young people of western Cumhim by the Burrell Clipping bureau of ing county, were married at Howell. They New York before paying the \$66.60 or not will reside on their farm in Lincoln townpaying the said sum. The case was called ship. and the late vice presidential candidate South Main street, in this city, Frank asked for thirty days' continuance and Weander and Miss Katle Krause also asked that the clipping bureau be re- united in marriage by County Judge quired to file a bond for costs in the case.

Questions Too Much for Wiseley. taken to the insane hospital here for treatment. For some time Mr. Wiseley has been prominent as a socialist and his mind has been gradually breaking down. It is thought a short treatment at the hospital will put him right.

Cases Are Postponed.

The cases against two parties for renting houses for immoral purposes were called in and waiting for a buyer at 5 per cent. the consent of the deputy county attorney. The arrest of the parties is the beginning of a war to be waged by the Ministerial quickly. association, preparatory to cutting some ice in the next city election.

Federation Asks Postponement.

The Civic Federation of Omaha, dated for an engagement here this morning before Governor Mickey, disappointed the people of this city grievously. The delegation failed to show up, but instead wrote sociation will be held at 7:30 p. m., Decema letter to the effect that the president of ber 6, at the First Presbyterian church. the association, T. J. Mahoney, was busy Major R. W. McClaughrey will deliver an and couldn't fill the engagement, and in- address.

A Dollar Dyspepsia Cure

For Stomach Trouble

that a judgment would be valueless. It has been reported to the board that if it fails to compromise the suit the bondsmen expect to go through bankruptcy.

Report on Broken Bank.

Bank Examiner Whittemore has made his official report to the State Banking board of the condition of the Eikhorn Valley bank at O'Neill and this will be followed by an application for the appointment of a receiver. The report will not be made public at this time, for the reason that in the opinion of Attorney General Prout such publication would hamper the work of settling up the affairs of the bank and the names of some individuals are used in the report that it is not deemed expedient at this time to give to the public.

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the ten copper cents, has been found. Chaplain Rev. Williams Resigns. Rev. W. K. Williams, chaplain of the state penitentiary, has resigned ble

Methodist circles. He is an old soldier and stead Mr. Graham asked that Tuesday morning be reserved for the appearance. SOME RAILROADS PAY TAXES

> Northwestern and Rock Island Do Their Duty as Other Citisens. CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 3.-(Special.)-The Northwestern railroad has paid its tax, due Dawes county for 1904, amounting to \$14,-163.96. The amount was paid in full, the same as the farmers and business men in the county are doing. The taxes of the Burlington amount to \$8,522.86, but yesterday C. C. Francis paid \$5,821.74 and the

\$5,820.63 and was paid in full and without protest. The Burlington tendered \$5,775.17 that time. The four walls seem to be all of its taxes, leaving about \$4,200 unpaid. County Treasurer Merrill accepted the amount tendered, giving partial receipt for

Complaining Witness Gets No Fines. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-In the case of Chapin against Seward county Good sustained the demurrer to the petition. Chapin sought to recover one-fourth of the fines collected from two citizens of Beaver Crossing, Neb., who had sold intoxicating liquor at that place without license. He was the complaining witness in the two cases and had assisted the state in prosecuting the two parties charged to conviction. The mooted point was whether an informant could recover one-rourth of the fine when the corporate authorities had not issued a license to the violators of the law. The court held that a strict construction should be given the section relating to the payment of fines to the complaining witness and that the complaining witness could only recover when the corporate authorities had issued a license to the party convicted of a vio lation of the law

West Point Weddings.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)days in which to meditate over things said John Drapela and Miss Anna Kucera, both

for hearing in a justice court yesterday At the home of the bride's parents, or Dewald. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Krause and the groom J. C. L. Wiseley, who for some time has a well known young man of this city. The 6, to which date the jury had been excused. been trying to prove his position on so- ceremony was attended only by relatives cialistic problems by the Bible, has been and intimate friends. The young couple will go to housekeeping at once.

Water for Osceola.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 2 .- (Special.) Osceola's Board of Village Trustees have been wrestling with a water works question ever since the people voted the \$20,-000 bonds in August of this year. things are now ready, the bonds issued police court yesterday and continued, with from January 1, 1905, and to run from 13; amount, \$9,460; released, 13; amount, five to twenty years. There, is a general expectation that they will be snapped up They are also ready for bids \$5,688.89. to put in the water works and think that with the nice weather we have been having that they can get the works in operation in the spring

Prison Association Meeting. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 3 .- The third annual meeting of the Nebraska Prison as-

Ranchman Misses a Bunch of Twenty-Five Head from His Herd.

ALL BUT TWO TRACED TO SOUTH OMAHA

Young Calf and a Crippled Cow Evidently Lost on the Drive to Litchfield-Other Cases

Reported.

LITCHFIELD, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-On November 6 George Porter was on his ranch and counted his cattle. On the first of last week he again counted them, finding a shortage of twenty-five head. Inquiry has revealed the fact that on November 7 twenty-three head of cattle were shipped to McLoud-Love company, South Omaha, by one Jonny Powers. So far destroyed. Each was 50 years old. They Jonny Powers has not been found. One little calf left in the stock yards and a crippled cow, which would hardly make the trip from the ranch to Litchfield ac-

counts for the shortage. Tom Todd, a farmer living on Clear creek, south of Leis park, lost twenty-five steers in September and has been unable to get any trace of them.

The preliminary hearing of M. E. Huffman. Robert Fox and J. E. Chandler, cattle from Crist Jensen and N. J. Crawford is set for December 12 in a justice ment of the mind for about four weeks, but court at Broken Bow. J. E. Chandler is was not thought to be bad enough to do out on \$500 bonds, signed by George Gross, an ex-convict; Robert Fox is out on \$500 bonds signed by his wife and another. "

FREMONT MASONIC TEMPLE BURNS

All of Lodge Paraphernalia Destroyed Before Flames Are Under Control. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Masonic Temple on Fifth street control the entire building was badly damaged. The fire evidently caught in a propwhen discovered. All of the lodge paraphernalia was destroyed, including the Knights Templar uniforms.

On the second floor was a large hall, which was being decorated and fixed up with booths for a Masonic fair which was to be held next week. About \$15,000 worth of goods which were to be sold during the fair were in the hall and an adjoining room and were a total loss and of course unin-

Courtright & Sidner's office, on this floor was badly damaged by water. Much of the goods in Ed Hein's cigar store, factory and billiard hall on the first floor were removed in a badly damaged condition. O. D. Harm's bowling alleys were totally

The building was built in 1888 at a cost of \$32,000 and was owned by a corporation known as the Masonic Temple Craft. Its loss is about \$15,000, with \$15,000 insurance Courtright & Sidner's loss, which is principally by water, is about \$500, with no insurance. Ed Hein places his loss at \$800, which is just covered by insurance. O. D. Harm's loss is \$500, with no insurance. The Knights Templar carried \$1,700 on their uniforms. The Blue Lodge chapter, Easter Star and the Knights had \$2,300 insurance on the properties, which are a total loss. The lodge records were

saved in a badly damaged condition. The records of the different Masonic lodges, which were in a desk in the lodge room on the third floor, were taken out of the ruins this afternoon, and while wet Grand Island railway tax amounted to second floor left about the same time and everything was all right on that floor at

> ENJOINED FROM LAYING FLOOR Five Councilmen Resign as Result of

> Litigation at Kearney. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The injunction case of C. A. Robinson against Mayor Roe and the members of the city council to enjoin them from putting a hard maple floor in the assembly room of the city hall, occupied all of the time of the district court Friday afternoon. Mayor Roe was represented by N. P. McDonald, Councilman Downing by John N. Dryden and the remainder of the counclimen by City Attorney Squires and Warren Pratt. After listening to the arguments Judge Hostetter issued a temporary njunction fixing the bond of the plaintiff

> As a result of the litigation over the floor matter Councilmen Chase, Clapp, Kuhn, Shrevs and Boyd this afternoon filed their resignations in the office of the city clerk.

> Small Docket in Dawes. CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-The fall term of the district court of Dawes set for November 28, convened The cause of the delay was that the presiding judge, W. H. Westover, was engaged in hearing a murder case in Keya Paha county and was detained longer than expected. The docket contains five criminal cases, the only one of which that will come o trial, in all probability, being that of Frank Woods, for alleged robbery of \$4,000 from the person of Mae Johnson in a sportng house in Chadron, and fifty-one civil

After call of docket and setting of cases for trial, court adjourned until December This is the smallest number of cases ever on the Dawes county docket and the cleared even if court stayed in session until

Farmers Feeding Much Stock. FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special)efferson county mortgage indebtedness for November is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 14; amount, \$23,235; released, 18; amount, \$21,772.50; city mortgages filed. \$7,229.75; chattel mortgages filed, 78; amount, \$44,711.93; released, 26; amount, The large amount of chattle mortgages filed is for stock bought for winter feeding, one feeder having given a mortgage for \$24,000 for stock pur-

Conductor Crushed by Cars. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special 34 years of age, was run over and crushed by a car at Pacific Junction this morning. The unfortunate man was brought to this with honey. city and attended to by Dr. T. P. Livingston, but he soon passed away. He had been in the employ of the Burlington for twelve years. His wife and their son, aged 13 years, accompanied the body to their me in Creston, Is., this evening.

William Bossow. WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 2,-(Special)-Word was received in the city this week of the death of William Bossow, who was a patient from this county in the Hospital for the Insane at Hastings. The body was brought to this city and was interred by his parents, who live north of town. The

beceased was 26 years of age. FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 2.-(Special.)-At their last meeting the county commis-

CATTLE THEFTS IN CUSTER ing and repairing county bridges for 1905 Towle of Omaha commenced mandamus proceedings against the board yesterday to compel them to give him the contract as his hid was the lowest. The commissioners claim that as they considered the bid of the former the best they had the right to award the contract as they

RUSBAND AND WIFE ARE KILLED

Old Settlers of Madison County Struck by Train Near Meadow Grove. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special Telegram.)-A Norfolk News special says that Thomas B, Ayers and his wife, old settlers of Madison county, were killed by a Northwestern freight train near a little bridge west of Meadow Grove last night, and their bodies, together with the body of their dead dog, were found blanketed with

snow by section men today. The bodies were horribly cut and mangled, limbs being torn off and features leave five children.

An inquest was held today,

Drowns Herself in Well. BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special Telegram.) -Mrs. Peter Jensen, aged 62 years, who has lived on a farm about one mile from the city for several years, drowned herself in a well this morning. She had got up to prepare breakfast, and her husband, missing her from the room, searched for her charged with stealing thirty-four head of and found the body at the bottom of the well. She had shown some slight derangeherself any bodily harm. She leaves, be sides her husband, two sons and one daughter, all grown.

New Egg-Eating Record.

COLON, Neb., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-In order o win a bet of \$1 with Dr. Willis Joseph Jenoways on Wednesday devoured four dozen eggs in twenty-five minutes, without serious inconvenience. Apparently he sufwas discovered on fire about 3 o'clock this fered no after ill effects. The eggs weighed morning and before the flames were under six pounds with the shells on and were soft boiled. Under the terms of the bet he had one hour for the task, but got through it erty room on the third floor and the whole less than half the time. A large part of upper part of the building was a blaze Colon and the surrounding country was on

SEWARD, Dec. 3.-A decidedly cole wave is making itself felt at Seward to

day.

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—The farmers' elevator at Blue Springs is almost completed and the contractor expects to have it ready for occupancy by December 50, BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—Francis M. Gallant has sold his farm of 240 scres, located in the northeastern part of the county, to E. C. Kemmer for \$13,300.

WEST POINT Dec. 3.—A movement is

WEST POINT, Dec. 2.—A movement is on foot to secure all-night electric lighting throughout the city. At present the light is furnished only until 12 o'clock. SEWARD, Dec. 3.—The Methodist Epis-copal presiding elder of York district gave a program at the Methodist Episcopal church last night on "Aggressive Evan-gelism."

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Gil-bert L. Cole, pioneer residents of this city, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary tomorrow at their home on South Sixth street.

FAIRBURY, Dec. 3.—W. T. Hicks, for-merly of Lincoln, has taken charge of the Fairbury Gazette, the late publisher, Cash M. Taylor, retiring to engage in other business on account of poor health. PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 3.—In district court in the case of Matt Gering against School District No. 28 to collect the sum of about 3300, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, District court has adjourned until Monday.

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—This section of Ne-braska is experiencing its first touch of winter. The thermometer yesterday dropped down to about 20 degrees above zero and prospects are for snow before the weather moderates.

county treasurer accepted this as part payment.

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BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Fourth Ward Hose company held last evening Charles Mudge was elected a delegate to attend the annuary state firemen's meeting to be heid at Columbus January 18, 19 and 20.

PIATRICULTY. 12,499.87 in full, \$5,306.47 of the amount being no fire there then. A number of people who PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 3.—The Burlington has a force of men at work building a new sidetrack from the main line at Swallow Hill, near Oreapolls, to the mouth of the Platte river, which will be used by the Lyman Sand company to get sand from the river bottom.

HASTINGS, Dec. 3.—The Carnegie public library will be opened formally and with a fitting literary and musical program Tuesday evening. The library will be open thereafter between designated hours five days in the week. Miss Mabel Stone will be librarian.

AUBURN. Dec. 3.—Mes. Harmonick.

AUBURN, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Harmon, wife of G. W. Harmon of this city, met with a painful accident last evening. She slipped on a defective sidewalk, breaking the bone just above the ankie. She was taken to her home, where physicians were called in and the broken bone reset.

BEATRICE. Dec. 3.—Harry G. Willer.

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BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—Harry G. Miller of Omaha, interested in the grain business at that place, informally met a number of the local grain dealers here last evening for the purpose of talking over the matter of forming an organization.

Mr. Miller left for home this morning.

SCHUYLER, Dec. 3.—Arrangements have been perfected for a fat stock and poultry show here December 5, 6, 7 and 8. Something like \$100 in cash prizes will be up. During the show there will be sales of fine stock, especially of cattle by E. F. Folda and of hogs by W. Cameron, J. C. Kahl, E. F. Folda and others.

BEWARD, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith were married fifty years last Wednesday, and thirty of their friends gave them a surprise in the afternoon of their golden anniversary. The aged couple were presented with beautiful flowers and an index copy of a leather bound Bible with dollar bills for bookmarks.

DAKOTA CITY, Dec. 3.—Joe Hagan, a former residing near Hubbard.

DAKOTA CITY, Dec. 3.—Joe Hagan, a farmer, residing near Hubbard, has reported to Sheriff Hansen that on Wednesday night of this week, while on the way to his home from Hubbard, three parties

THE VALUE OF CRAHCOAL

Pew People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty. Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all. court announced that the docket would be but simply absorbs the goses and impu.tties always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectually clears and improves

the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic. It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disin-

fects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh. All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and Telegram.)-Conductor Charles S. Brawdy, other harmless antiseptics in tablet form. or rather in the form of large, pleasant

tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary,

great benefit. A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and boweis, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of sioners awarded the contract for build- the ordinary charcoal tableta.

Orchard : Wilhelm Carpet Co. Portieres and couch covers

Never before have we offered such values in couch covers and portieres-many instances less than cost of making-and no limit to assortment. You cannot afford to miss looking over this stock.

wide, fringe all around, the kind usually selling at \$2—special, each.....95c all around, extra heavy cover, all colors, price, each............ -3 yds. long, 50 in. wide, usually selling at \$2.50 each, special 1.25 wide, 3 yards long, heavy knotted fringe, special, each

1,000 couch covers, 3 yards long, 50 inches | 50 and 60-inch Bagdad couch covers, fringe 500 stripe couch covers, with fringe all around Persian covers, extra heavy, all 60 inches

heavy, fringe top and bottom, always sold for \$4.50 to \$5 per pair... 2.50 to to \$5 per pair....

Note-Every couch cover and portiere guaranteed perfect-all new goods.

Stripe and Negus Portieres, full width, extra | Mercerized Portieres, extra heavy with knot-Mercerized Portieres—over 30 styles to select | Duplex mercerized Portiere, is made with diffrom, taking in all colors, with heavy fringe | ferent color on each side, in all combinations

> 24x24 inches square - special, each 15c. For pillow

Remnants of tapestry- | English Cretonnes, all fast colors, for bed room draperies—worth 35c 171/2c per yard—special.

Holiday Furniture

We have gathered a very choice and large selection of furniture of all kinds most suitable for the holidays. We urge an early selection while stocks are most complete. Your purchases will be laid aside and delivered when you wish.

Tabohets

Our assortment consists of all the conceivable shapes in taborets in golden, weathered and antwerp oak, mahogany finish and solid mahogany, also genuine teak wood and Damascus taborets. Oak taborets at 75c, 90c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50, gradually raising in price up to the extreme fine pieces in teakwood, up to \$40.

Ladies' Writing Desks

73 patterns in golden, weathered and antwerp oak, bird's eye maple, curly birch, mahogany finish and solid mahogany at as great a variety in prices as there are styles, from \$5.25 to \$100.

Parlor Cabinets

A large showing of these pretty pieces for the parlor handsomely polished, in oak and mahogany and gold Some plain, others carved, while still others handsomely For the plainer pieces we start at \$12.50 and grade gradually up to the extreme fine ones at \$200.

Work Tables

See our complete assortment of ladies' work tables in genuine mahogany. Some especially attractive pieces in old colonial and antique reproductions. These range in price from \$13.50 to \$45.

Tea Tables In oak and mahogany. \$8, raising in price to \$35.

Music Cabinets And also open and closed cabinets for pianola rolls, Music cabinets come in golden oak, mahogany finish and

genuine mahogany in great variety of shapes, starting at \$4.75 and grade gradually in price up to \$50.

Dressing Tables In oak, bird's eye maple, curly birch, light and dark mahogany. A very extensive showing of these for the holidays, ranging in price from \$8 to \$80.

Many other pieces suitable for gifts in furniture, such as davenports, divans, pretty parlor chairs, Morris chairs, leather couches, Turkish chairs in leather, parlor and den tables, den and weathered oak pieces of all kinds, gentlemen's auto-valets or chiffoniers, princess dressers, bookcases and many other articles.

torium of Lee Foote.

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—Martin Griswold, a colored waiter at the Markle hotel, took an overdose of chloroform this morning, presumably with suicidal intent. A physician was summoned and succeeded in restoring the young man to consciousness. It is said Griswold quarreled with his sweetheart last night, which caused him to become despendent.

WEST POINT Dec. 3.—A meeting of the

to become despendent.

WEST POINT, Dec. 3.—A meeting of the local rural carriers was held at Wisner this week with a full attendance of carriers. Resolutions were passed looking to the betterment of the country roads. Numerous suggestions for improvement were made and the meeting was very harmonious throughout. The next session will be held at Bancroft February 22.

DAKOTA CUTY Dec. 3.—A barn on the at Bancroft February 22.

DAKOTA CITY, Dec. 2.—A barn on the farm occupied by Jay Bliven and family was burned this evening about 8 o'clock. How the fire originated is unknown. Flames were first discovered on top of a straw roofed cow barn adjoining the horse barn. All the stock in the barn was taken out. Several pieces of machinery were burned, the property of Mr. Bliven.

HEATRICE. Dec. 3.—One more case of

the property of Mr. Bliven.

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—One more case of smallpox and one of diphtheria were reported to the authorities yesterday. The authorities have within the past few days established a more rigid quarantine than heretofore with a view to stamping out the diseases which have caused considerable anxiety among the residents of Beatrice the past few weeks.

(CHADRON Dec. 3.—The district declarations of the past few district declarations are considerable anxiety.)

Beatrice the past few weeks.

CHADRON, Dec. 3.—The district declamatory contest took place at Crawford. The following will represent this district at the state contest: Dramatic Blanche Sperling of Chadron and Lona Williams of Crawford; oratorical, Earl Mallery of Alliance and Alberta Munkres of Chadron; humorous, Ethel Nolan of Alliance and Lafayette Blanchard of Chadron.

CHADRON, Dec. 3.—The Northwestern

fayette Blanchard of Chadron.

CHADRON. Dec. 3.—The Northwestern Educational association met in Crawford, holding its annual session as usual the two days after Thanksgiving. The association was organized by State Superintendent A. E. Gowdy and has been of incalculable benefit to the educational interests of this section. State Superintendent elect J. L. McBrien and Dean Charles Fordyce of the Nebraska Wesleyan university were among the visitors. sity were among the visitors.

oSCEOLA. Dec. 3.—Service has been held at the First Presbyterian church for several days this week, morning and evening Rev. Knox Boude is the pastor of the church and he secured Rev. E. Payson Hammond of New York to assist. All the business places have been closed in the evening except the restaurants, barber shops, hotels, billiard halls and drug stores so that all the clerks and proprietors could attend the meetings.

FREMONT Dec. 3.—After the jury in the tors could attend the meetings.

FREMONT. Doc. 3.—After the jury in the case of Hladky against the Standard Cattle Company had been out twenty-four hours and reported that they were unable to agree, Judge Reeder had them brought into court and instructed them to bring in a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff sued the company for £000 damages said to have been sustained from failing from a load of hay, breaking his leg and otherwise injuring him. He claimed that the foreman of the company was negligent in directing him where to drive.

HEATRICE. Dec. 3.—The Beatrice Wo.

BEATRICE, Dec. 3.—The Beatrice Wo-man's club held its regular meeting yes-terday afternoon with a large attendance, the program being given by the civics and forestry department. Besides an excellent musical program Mrs. E. G. Drake read

held him up at the noint of guns and relieved him of about \$\frac{1}{8}\$ in cash. The robbed him of about \$\frac{1}{8}\$ in cash. The robbed him of about \$\frac{1}{8}\$ in cash. The robbed him of a setaway in the dark.

VORK, Dec. 3.—York chapter \$\triangle \triangle \triangle

Commits Suicide by Hanging. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 3—Miss Emma L. Gessert, aged 40, a bookkeeper from Roseville, N. M., ate a hearty breakfast today at the Shepard sanitarium, and soon afterwards was found strangled to death in her room. She had placed a necktle around her neck and taken the ends in her hands, had strangled berself to death. She came to the sanitarium last July for treatment for a nervous disorder, but returned home supposedly cured and only came back early this week.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—For the first time this season snow whitened the ground today. The temperature is mild, but indications are that the snow will continue to fall.

FINNS ARE FEELING BETTER Expelled Persons Elected to Biet Are Permitted to Attend Sessions.

Coming Session of Parliament Regarded as Being of Vital Importance to Future Status of Grand Duchy,

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 3.-An order has been issued by Emperor Nicholas that as the statutes of the Finnish Diet require members to participate in its deliberations all expelled persons who have been elected deputies or who are heads of hereditary noble houses shall be permitted to return and attend the Diet until the session closes.

The assembling of the Diet December 6 arouses the most intense interest among the Finnish people, as the session is regarded as being of vital importance in determining the future status of the grand duchy. The elections have given the constitutionalists a majority in three houses, the nobility, the burghers and the peasants, and there is a tie in the cierical chamber.

Much of the political agitation which disturbed the tranquillity of the country was due to the belief of the Finns since the policy of the Russification of Finland became active, that the Diet would not be reconvened this year. The late Governor General Hobrikoff's opposition to its convocation was the cause of his intense unpopularity, and it is not too much to say that the country experienced a sense of relief when Schaumann's built ended the

governot's existence. With the advent of Governor General Prince Obolensky and the emperor's action in not only convoking the Diet for Decemsembling three years hence, instead of after the usual five years' interval, much better feeling prevailed, and the elections took place without any evidence of coercion on the part of the Russian officials.

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