The Great Stock Reducing Sale of Dress Goods

Remember we invoice Jan. 1. This big stock of dress goods must be reduced before that time. Thursday will be a great day in the dress goods department. The prices for that day should appeal to every lady within reach of Thompson, Belden & Co.'s Store. Read each item below carefully.

Handsome Paon Sutting-in the new blue mix, brown mix, oxford and green mix. Thursday's special price 29c a yard.

New Camel's Hair Suiting-For the they will sell quickly. wanted tacket suit or long coat effect, 56 inches in the new mixed colors, regular \$1.50 quality. Thursday special

New Checked Sultings-Pretty combination of dark rich colors, 53 inches regular \$1.00 quality, Thursday's special price

Iridescent Sulting-One of this season's most beautiful fabrics, dark rich velvety frosted effect, regular \$1.00 quality-Thursday's special price, 59c.

Neck Furs

Special prices all this week on beautiful

Hable and Isabella fox, sable wolf, mink, blended squirrel and beautiful marten suits have been included in this week's balance of our beautiful fox special price sale. At the reduction in muss are included in this special price prices which we are making we will dis-

Children's Coats A good time to buy children's coats; with the cold weather and these special prices

\$5.00 coats reduced to \$3.75 \$5.00 coats reduced to \$4.00. \$6.75 coats reduced to \$4.75. \$7.50 coats reduced to \$5.00. \$8.50 coats reduced to \$5.00. \$9.00 coats reduced to \$6.00. \$10.00 coats reduced to \$7.75. \$12.50 coats reduced to \$8.50.

All our new and desirable tailor made

See the beautiful coats we are selling with a pretty changeable or \$10.00. They are 42 inches long and come in plain black, brown and castor shades. They are all made in the new styles and are regular \$15.00 values, special price this week, \$10.00. All other cloth coats at special prices. Suits

continue alterations. THOMPSON BELDEN&GO

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unusual in field operations. This elaborate MAY BE COPLEY'S PROPERTY General Rennenkampff's raids southeast

There are many evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortifying their line of communication toward Corea, which necessarily will absorb a considerable

Tells of Attack. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.-A letter from a sailor on board the Russian transport Kamechatka, published here today, describes an attack made by torpedo boats on the Kamschatka preceding the attack on the vessels of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. It says the torpedo boats circled around the Kamsckatka from 7 to 10 o'clock at night, he thinks, firing 204 shots. The sullor said be thought one of the torpedo boats was sunk. The admiralty explains that the work progressing at the dock yards of Sebastopol is for vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron and rest was planted here. not for ships of the Black sea fleet.

Ditch Will Be Neutral. THE HAGUE, Dec. 28 .- In connection with the rumors of a possible infringement of the neutrality of ports in the Dutch East Indies, it is officially pointed out that the neutrality of Sabang and other ports will be maintained. Two Dutch battleships, two cruisers and five smaller warships are now in those waters, while two additional vessels are ready at Nieuwe Diep, Holland, to reinforce them if neces

MORE INTEREST IN DODGE CASE the South Omaha police for a crime com-York Detective Supposed to Know of Affair is Attached.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The first officia move by District Attorney Jerome to uncover the conspiracy and lawlessness which he believes lies back of the long legal fight in the Dodge-Morse case was made today when he swore out an attach ment for Edward J. Bracken, a detective. Bracken, it is alleged, was with Dodge in New Orleans and accompanied him to Temas. At the time the divorce of Mrs. Clemence Dodge was first questioned by her former husband, who alleged that he had never been properly served with papers in the proceeding, the legality of Mrs. Dodge's marriage to Charles W. Morse was placed in question by the courts and the tangle that resulted has never been straightened out. The prominence of Morse in the business world and his great wealth brought the case unusual attention and public interest has been increased recently by the reports that Dodge has made a confession to the district attorney implicating other persons in a conspiracy to keep him away from this state, where he had committed perjury in swearing that he was not properly served with the divorce Proceedings against promilent lawyers before the bar association have been represented to be part of the district attorney's program.

The great mystery of the affair has been the fact that Dodge, bimself a poor man, was plentifully supplied with money while he fought extradition from Texas. Bracken, it is claimed, was with him much of the time and is believed to know where the funds came from. At the same time that the attachment for Bracken was issued, it was given out that Judge Cowing was sitting in the court of general sessions, although all other courts were closed, and that he was on the bench in order that instant action might be taken if indictments were handed down today.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse are in Europe, but have announced their intention to return soon. Dodge, who is at a hotel in this city, is in bad health and was said today to be on the verge of a collapse.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN

Patal Accident in a Saw Mill Plant at Chehalis, Wash .- One Man Fatally Hurt.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 28.-Four men were killed and one injured today by an explosion of four boilers at the sawmill plant of Walworth & Neville, at Walville, Wash, today. The explosion occurred im-mediately after the mill started for the

C. HICKS, 32 years old; has relatives in West Virginia.
FRANK DOWELL, 38 years old, of Walville; came from Missouri.
PRES EPLING, 28 years old, of Walville.
ROT ICKES, 28 years old; relatives at Decatur, Mich.

V. Buchanan, 22 years old; probably

Some Postal Chauges. gram.) Sidney Dodge is appointed post-master at Marios, Red Willow county. Neb., vice W. El. White, resigned. Rural route No. 1 is ordered established February 1 at Fartin, Green county, Ia.

Thirty Days for a Kias.

CBILE, Als., Dec. B.—James Robinson sent to full today for thirty days for assault. The offense for which he was victed was kiasing a young woman inst her will at Bayou is Bateo during a

Negre Arrested in St. Louis Has Much Jewelry and Pawn Tickets.

SAYS HE COMMITTED ROBBERY IN OMAHA

Man with Several Names Says Goods Were Pawned Between This City and St. Louis and Surrenders Tickets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.-(Special Telegram.) Charles Butler, alias Will Jones, alias Moore, a negro whom detective Lee Killiam arrested after a battle, confesses to robbing various houses in Omaha, with a negro companion, and says much of the booty was pawned enroute to St. Louis, and the He says he served as a horseman

Omaha. Two gold watches, a sunburst, rings and pawn tickets have already been recovered. Butler says he has forgotten In Butler, Chief Donahue save the man

who robbed the Copley jewelry store may be arrested, as some of the goods mentioned were of the charatter of those taken from the Omaha jewelry store just before Christmas.

The police have the record of having arrested a negro named Charles Butler about a year ago. He was turned over to mitted in that city, and the Omaha police do not know what became of him after that. This Butler had a bad reputation as an all-round thief and may be the man in custody at St. Louis.

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why the mandamus he issued against the State Canvassing board should not be dissolved and the latter two to answer for ontempt of court in not obeying the order of the court issued at the beginning of election suits, directing all courts and members of the bar to cease involving the election cases by proceedings in lower courts.

The supreme court, after hearing argu ments on the Adams petition, announced that it would render a decision tomorrow at

BREAK IN COTTON MARKET

Bureau's Ginning Report Causes a Decline of 30 to 35

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The cotton market ginners' report, indicating a crop in excess of the government's estimate. There was very heavy trading on the decline. The bears contended that the ginners' re port probably forecasted a crop of nearly

Following the report the prices, which had shown weakness since the opening broke sharply, with January selling around 6.66 cents, March 6.81 cents and May 6.98 cents, or a net decline of 22 and 25 points and a break of practically \$6 a bale in two weeks' time. The market was very active during the afternoon, with big short interests covering, while there was also heavy liquidation, and on every little buige the bears seemed disposed to withdraw their buying orders and sell more cotton. The low figures reached in the slump are the lowest that cotton has reached in

nearly three years. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.-With the reading of the ginners' report on the Cotton exchange today cotton slumped 47 to 55 points, attended by extraordinary excitement. The report that 11.548,113 bales had been ginned, with eighty-two countles yet to hear from, came as a surprise, although a bearish report was expected, and the market was hammered with great energy. The report today showed 1,848,288 more bales already gained this year than the total crop of last year.

After the first excitement the market grew quieter, though the decline was not arrested. January cotton went to 6.40c, which is a decline of about 4 cents in the last three months.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. - The census bureau today issued a report giving the quantity of cotton ginned in 737 counties up to December 18 last to have been 11 .-\$55.514 running bales, which is the equivalent of 11,848,113 commercial bales. The ommercial bales reported to the period for 1908 amounted to 8,747,609.

Water Famine at St. Joseph, ST. JOSEPH. Mo., Dec. 28.—Owing to an immense jam of ice in the Missour river, north of this city, a water famin is threatened. The ice has diverted the water from the in-takes and lowered thievel of the river five feet. Three hundremen are working on trenches to brig the water in reach of the pumps. Water is now being drawn from the reservoir.

Letter Brides Sail for Europe. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The carl of Suf-folk and his bride, formerly Miss Dalsy Leiter, and Colonel Colin Campbell and his bride, who was Miss Nancy Leiter, sailed for Europe today on the steamer Baltic. Stop that Cough by using Piso's Cure to

"In these days of cynicism and pessimism the one great bulwark we may look to for the preservation of the republic is the triotism and honesty, and all those things that go to make true men and women, had called attention to the fact down the line."

Lincoln schools. Mr. Stephens referred in the gap. The synopsis of Superintendent a humorous vein to the little feeling of MoBrien's bill, which was referred to rivalry supposed to exist between the capital and the metropolis of the state. "We state." The speaker paid a tribute to the and report, is as follows: "spirit of the west," in that it produced a sturdy and intelligent race of men and women, and closed with a few general remarks of interest to the teachers.

The Royal Hungarian orchestra rendered pleasing program. The soothing strains of the musicians seemed to strike a particularly sympathetic chord on the sensitive nerves of the teachers. The orchestra was well received.

Election of Section Officers. Yesterday afternoon the various sec-tions of the Teachers' association met at the High school, listened to papers and elected officers. The officers elected are as follows: Literature section: Miss Mary E. Thompson of Doane college, president; Miss Taylor of South Omaha, secretary Latin section: H. Gillespie of Doane col lege, president; Miss Mary Ross of South Omaha, secretary. Mathematical section: Miss Edith Long of Lincoln, president; W J. Hunting of North Platte, vice president; W. H. Wagoner of Hebron, secretary Physical science section: Prof. Herbert Brownell of the State normal, president; Dr. H. A. Sentry, secretary. History section: M. Bracelen, secretary treasurer; Miss Grace Abbott, Miss Kennedy, Mr Aylesworth, E. B. Sluman and Prof. Caldwell, advisory board. Child study section: Mrs. Harriett Moller, president; W. B. Smith and M. Monday, executive committee, German section: T. M. Bowwell, prestdent; Pearl Bookefellow, secretary. ence section: A. J. Mercer, president; J. A. Loveland, secretary.

One of the large events in connection with the meeting of the state teachers will be the reception to be given at the ganizations that will be represented will be the Woman's club, Young Women's Christian association, Young Men's Chris tian association, Commercial club, Library association, etc. A committee from each organization will constitute the reception committee. Punch will be served at various tables and every effort is be ing made to make the event an enjoyable great hall last evening and tested one for the visiting teachers in particular. The program for this morning is:

GENERAL SESSION-Thursday, 9 a. m.

The program to be given at this evening's general session at the Auditorium and to precede the reception, will be as follows:

LEGISLATION FOR THE SCHOOLS

Election of County Superintendent by District Officers is Advocated. A resolution favoring the election county school superintendents by the school district officers in convention instead of py direct vote of the people, was adopted with emphatic unanimity by the county superintendents' section of the State Teach ers' association yesterday morning.

The proposition was voiced by Charles Arnott, superintendent of Dodge county, and met with instant approval, the only voice raised against it-and that weakly+ belonging to a woman.

Further, the resolution declared the proper time for the expiration of the county superintendent's term was on July and not on January 1, when the outgoing incumbent had no chance to secure school

"I am decidedly in favor of the directors of the various school districts in a county coming together at stated times and seecting the county superintendent for merit alone," said Superintendent Arnott, "There is no more reason why politics should have anything to do with this office than in the case of city superintendents, chosen by the school boards. Usually candidates for county superintendents have nothing in common with the politicians, but are forced to work hard along partisan lines during the campaign. It is not a kind of effort that appeals to most of them and I think

Gives Ample Independence. Would that give the county superin has?" asked State Superintendent Fowler, who presided. "It would give him enough," responded a

horus of voices. "The city superintendent usually has all the independence he needs in his work. Whereupon the resolution was adopted

with enthusiasm and will be recommended to the legislative committee for drafting into a law to be requested from the legis-The county superintendents held their

sessions in the high school Wednesday after organizing in the city hall Tuesday night and listening to an address from State Superintendent Fowler.

Address by Fowler. In part he said: I believe the legislature of the state should make more liberal appropriations for the support of the state normal schools of Nebraska, whose students are taught and trained for the direct benefit of the children of the state. A much larger per cent of the normal school graduates return immediately to the service of the state than the graduates of any other educational institution. stitution. Besides the receipts from several other inds, the University of Nebraska receives in benefit of a tax of I mill upon the doi-

STATE TEACHERS GET BUSY

First General Session of Association is Very Well Attended.

SECTIONS MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

Afternoon Spent in Organisation and Evening Given Over to Addresses of Welcome, Responses and Music.

The first general evening session of the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers association served to comfortably fill the First Methodist church. The session was opened by invocation by Rev. E. Combie Smith, pastor of the church. He was followed by an address of welcome by City Attorney C. C. Wright, who was formerly identified with the profession of teaching. Mr. Wright recalled his school days and took from the past some lessons that he said have helped him through life.

"In these days of cynicism and pessimism, the one great bulwark we may look to The greater part of the morning was seemment roll of the state Normal schools as the university, and it receives no financial support from any other source than the direct appropriations of the state would be sufficient for the support of the State Normal schools of the State of the suspension of the sufficient part of the state of the state of the state of the state in the past some lessons that he said have helped him through life.

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State High School Bill. The greater part of the morning was given up to the discussion of a legislative teachers," said Mr. Wright. "And if you bill drawn up by State Superintendentwould inculcate in your pupils civic pa- elect McBrien for the establishment of state high schools. Superintendent Fowler you must have within yourselves those though the state provides free education qualities that will inspire confidence in up to and including the eighth grade and your teachings. You must be convinced in university training, only 445 out of the that honesty is the best policy and so on 6,667 school districts of the state have high schools and only eighty-five of these have Mr. Wright was followed by a response the full four years' course. He suggested W. L. Stephens, superintendent of the that some way should be found to bridge committee composed of County Superin tendents Crocker of Richardson, Waddell are here in Omaha, to lay aside the past of Pawnee, Hyland of Stanton and Baker differences and to assemble for the purpose of Kearney and City Superintendents of discussing subjects of interest at least Thomas of Kesrney, O'Connor of Norfolk indirectly to 278,000 school children of the and Graham of West Point, for dissection

State high schools are to be provided through a state high school board to be created and to be composed of the chancellor of the University of Nebraska, the state inspector of accredited schools, the principals of the state normal schools and the state superintendent of public instruction. Any public graded school which shall give instruction according to the terms of the act and shall admit students the state superintendent of public instruction. Any public graded school which
shall give instruction according to the
terms of the act and shall admit students
of either sex from any part of the state
without charge of tuition, after satisfactory
examination, shall be entitled to be classified as a state high school and receive
pecuniary aid hereafter specified. To qualify the schools must have the regular
course of study, embracing all the studies
prescribed by the state high school board
suitable buildings, substantial library and
other apparatus necessary for doing
efficient work, the school to be open at all
times to inspection and examinations by
the state board. Inspections are to be
made at least once a year and no money
paid by the state until the work of the
school has been approved by a majority
of the board. Although specified in the
proposed bill, the manner and amounts of
money to be apportioned have not been
settled upon by the superintendents and
this matter is 'be only part of the measure money to be apportioned have not been settled upon by the superintendents and this matter is 'he only part of the measure that has caused much controversy. The draft provides sums ranging from \$100 in the case of one-year high schools to \$1,000 a year for the full course schools, the amounts being gauged by the number of nonresident pupils attending, \$25 per pupil being the rate. The money received by the school must be used to increase the efficiency of the school.

The state high school board is to have much discretionary power as to curriculum and teachers. Three high schools in any county may demand the sid and it may be extended to a fourth. Provision is made

county may demand the aid and it may be extended to a fourth. Provision is made for the position of assistant examiner to be filled by the board, the salary to be not more than 33 a day. The members of the board shall serve without compensation. A state tax of one-third of a mill is called for and the creation of the state high school fund.

Auditorium this evening. Among the or- BIGGEST DANCE OF THE YEAR

Street Railway Employes' Ball at the fn Size.

What is probably the largest crowd that has danced in the Auditorium filled the floor capacity. The occasion was eleventh annual ball of the Omaha Council Bluffs Street railway employes When Olsen's orchestra struck up the grand march the couples that fell in line gradually encircled the entire floor space, while massed near the entrances was an mmense throng of waiting couples who did not take part in the first number. All the the galleries.

boxes were filled and there were people in As the strains of the "Rose Dreams" waits floated through the hall, well dressed couples circled across the floor and a moment later the hall was a kaleidoscope of color. Here and there a gown in this ments, while in the basement tables were added variety and two prompters were stationed, one at each end of the hall. Frank Sheets was master of ceremonies. Bert Chambers was the floor manager and Fred Francis acted as his assistant. There was the usual list of committees to look after the comfort of the guests. There were twenty-eight numbers upon the program and they seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the dancers.

CONDEMNS MINORITY STOCK

Connecticut Court Holds Railroad Can Force Sale of Stocks in Merger,

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28 .- A decision of the state supreme court made public today is considered of great importance as bearing on condemnation proceedings of minority stocks in consolidations and mergers of railroads. The case in point is that of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad against Charles H. Offield of Chi cago, involving the condemnation of the two remaining shares of the New Haven & Derby railroad stock held by Offield. The court upholds the right of the plaintiff to obtain the two shares by condemnation proceedings under a statute. The case will be appealed and it is expected will eventually be carried to the United States supreme

CHEYENNE INDIANS: STARVING Would Work, but Cannot Find Em ployment and Ration lasue is Stopped.

ROSEBUD, Mont., Dec. 28 .- The Northern Cheyenne Indians are in a pitifully desticondition. Commissioner Jones, on the advice of J. C. Clifford, Indian agent, Indians except the very young, the aged and infirm, basing his action on the theory that they were self-sustaining.

The Cheyennes are willing workers, bu the government failed to give them work. Complaints are coming that the starving Indians are raiding and slaughtering the herds of cattle in the viginity of the resersioner, spent soveral weeks on the reservation and has left for Washington to lay facts in the matter.

Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All In the beginning of the bond desi inquiry druggists refund the monej if it falls to Governor Savage wrote me that he consideure. E. W. Grover signature is on each sped a great wrong had been done. The

BEFORE Oregon Senator Tells What He Knows

SHOWN ANY

Alleged Land Frauds.

His Request for Evidence Against Him and the Names of Supposed Accusers is Not Granted-Hermann Also Testifies

PORTLAND, Dec. 28-Bent with his threelaw partner, the white-haired senior senator from Oregon, John H. Mitchell, who for nearly a quarter of a century has represented his state in the federal congress, today went into the federal grand jury room to tell what he knew concerning frauds which the government believes have been perpetrated upon it in the acquisition of its public lands.

Tired and careworn, he came from the fury room at the noon hour only to return in the afternoon. Later, when the senator left the courthouse, apparently nervous and worried, it was stated that the investigation, so far as Mr. Mitchell was concerned had ended. What transpired in that chamber is unknown, further than that Mr Mitchell went into it with no more favor than would have been extended the humblest citizen of his country. Neither his request that he be confronted with any testimony that the government may have found to his detriment, nor that he be furnished with the names of his alleged accusers was granted.

Congressman Hormann Appears Congressman Binger Hermann appeared shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon and went into seclusion in the inner office of the district attorney after he had greeted : the hail. When called to the jury room he shook hands with those whom he knew in the corridor and patted Mr. Henri heartily on the back. When the session had closed inner room for some time conversing with

The time of the jury will be taken up by Mr. Hermann for the greater part of the forenoon tomorrow.

Indicted Men Give Bond Salem was given five days in which to enter his plea and was allowed one day to secure ball. In the meantime he was released on his own recognizance. C. E. Loomis of Eugene gave his bond a

required. Mayor W. H. Davis of Albany did not reach the city today, as expected. He will probably arrive in Portland tomorrow, when he will give bond.

George Sorenson is reported to have returned to Portland today, but has not yet made his appearance.

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moment's notice of what it was to be ap plied to. The talk of censuring the board of Burt county is ridiculous, and is only made for the purpose of throwing dust Since the first of what is called the Burt county bond matter was made public the friends of Mr. Stueffer have been busy in trying to make it appear, as Ager infers, to Mr. Alfred M. Palme of St. Edward. that a Burt county factional fight is involved; as Mr. Mockett says, he has been told that the Burt county board should be Question Really Involved.

The question is not an inquiry into the Burt county factionalism, which we have not in Burt count; - whether the board nade a good or bade of the bonds. The question is an inquiry into Mr. Stueffer's conduct of his office as treasurer. If that office was conducted with integrity, then his bond was rightly paid for by the state, if he was furnishing the state's money for friends to buy the bonds he should have bought in the first instance; if he was keeping money that belonged to the state in his own bank, on which interest was not paid: if he was getting interest privately in a manner that indicated an intention to keep such interest sums-then such payment van wrongfully made. This was all shown against Mr. Stueffer as the only natural conclusion from his own testimony, a copy of which I have. There were about 100 members in the house of the Twenty-seventh session. Can Mr. Ager or Mr. Mockett find one of these members that will say treasury? There were 100 members of the spread for supper. Several square dances last session, including Mr. Mockett. Is there one of those members, including Mr Mockett, that will say that he would have voted the \$3,000 to Mr. Stueffer for the last year's bond had he known that the treasury money had been so used? Will Mr. Agei say that an appropriation of \$5,000 should have been made to Mr. Stueffer to pay for his last year's bond if the state's funds had been used as is here indicated? These are the questions.

Committee Already Predicted. I say that the committee was partially nade up of those prejudiced on this question, it having probably been misled and wrongfully prejudiced. During the hearing one of the members came to me and asked me what I expected to show. I refused to talk to him on the evidence and told him that I would argue the evidence and the facts to the committee, and that I had never tried a case on the street. In my opinion this committee was prejudiced and biased because of what had been wrongfully told them, that it was a factional Burt county fight and spite was being wrongfully vented on Mr. Stueffer. In my opinion it did not know to what conclusions the estimony taken lead on the question involved. To illustrate, I will ask each mem- Miss Elizabeth Oberg, both of Omaha, were ber of that committee: "Would you have married, reported favorably upon that bill if you had ealized on one item of admission alone that for ten months Mr. Stueffer had taken cashier's checks running to himself personally from the Pirst National bank of Omaha, and that he had kept these for ten months without turning them into the treasury, and then only turned them in on e day that the Burt county bond matter had been taken up with Governor Savage, and that this manner of making money from the state's money was one which Mr. Stueffer's predecessor had used, and was known to the office as a manner of graft? Such as would, hold up your hand. I ven-ture the opinion that no member that was in the house two years ago and voted for the allowance in question could be re-elected in his county if he had known of these facts and his people knew that he knew and realized it before voting. The committee in question should have been named from both parties; it should have been such that from its inception the strongest members in the house would wil-

lingly have served upon. After the evi-dence had been received it should have listened to argument of its counsel; it should then knowingly have made its report, which should have been knowingly acted upon by before the secretary of the interior the the house. These were all more or less violated in the instance referred to Stueffer's Share in Matter.

In the beginning of the bond desi inquiry

wrong was to the state treasury; he never

of. The wrongdoor (if a wrong had been done) refused the suggestion that I made in all sincerity that a committee of Senstor Manderson, G. M. Lambertson and T. tainly would have been fair. The people of the state would have been satisfied with FAVORS | their report. Mr. Stueffer refused to go into his party convention for a renomination, when but for the wrong charged he would have been a candidate. He files a bill for \$3,000, which he is entitled to, if his office was conducted with integrity. The house agrees to investigate on the statement of one supposed offence against his trust. Up to such time he refused to appear before the regular committee at all. Then all at score years and ten and leaning upon his once the committee is named as here indicated; he is ready with counsel. The claimant admits, as the inference I can draw from his own testimony, over and beyond what was originally charged as to facts, and also as to having received cashler's checks to himself each month for about ten months, which is an offence previously known to the office. The attorney chosen by the committee, who happens to be the person who made the statement that the investigation was ordered on, is refused eave to argue evidence. The committee reports the last day reports can be made, time is not given to present the matter to the house; the claimant and his friends are on the floor of the house soliciting

Denies Instantation. Mr. Mockett is made to say: "He (myself) appeared to desire a committee that was opposed to Mr. Stueffer." I desire to ask where is there a basis for such a statement in my relation to the whole matter? deny it absolutely. I first suggested that Manderson, Lambertson and Mahoney, or some such men, investigate the affairs of Mr. Stueffer's office. Then that Mr. Stueffer appear before the claims committee: then that the strongest and best commitfew acquaintances in the outer office and tee that could be named be appointed. Which of these suggestions is unfair? I ask for a more definite statement of my unfairness, Mr. Mockett? Mr. Ager?

Votes, and there you are.

On my part, at least, friendship of the for the day Mr. Hermann remained in the speaker as to this matter was not worked or desired; but from some source it certainly was worked, unless co-incidence ran riot as never before. In my opinion the speaker in the first instance intended fairness, perhaps always, but was misled. In the light of these facts what intervened? Some of the men indicted Tuesday after- In my opinion the colonel will hardly claim noon have appeared and will give the \$4,000 the fact that I was elected as the commitbonds fixed by the court. S. B. Ormsby of teo's attorney disproves, his constant presence in the speaker's room mornings as previously charged.

Is the treasury of Nebraska something to be played with? To be filched from? Is society erganized in order that it may the sasier be plundered from? If so, it should be so generally understood, so as to give all an equal chance. In some instances of the past, even the formalities of Gaston and use of them; they cost but twenty-five Alphonse have not obtained.

The people of the state, and especially of Lancaster county, owe themselves the first principle of living, which is said to be selfpreservation. This matter as I present it MOCKETT, AGER OR STEUFFER preservation. This matter as I present it to the people of Nebraska is not aimed at any individual, but is strictly a proceeding W. G. SEARS.

HYMENEAL.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 28 .- (Special.)-Miss Ethel Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Boyd of this city, was married this evening at the home of her parents Rev. De Wold, pastor of the Methodist church performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a party of invited friends of censured. Both are outrageous statements. the parties. Mr. and Mrs. Palme will go to St. Edwards tomorrow, where they will at once begin housekeeping

Murray-Hartigan.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 28 .- (Special Telegram)-At the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hartigan, their daughter, Miss Anne, was united in marriage to Mr. Alvin E. Murray, a local young business man, at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev Lee Young of St. Mark's Episcopal church officiated. The young couple departed for Jacksonville, Ill., where they will visit a short time before returning to make their home in this city.

Liptrap-Washburn. PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.-(Special.) On the afternoon of Christmas day, at the home of Mr and Mrs. F. E. Washburn of Sheridan precinct, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eva, to Elmer Liptrap of Whitewater Kan. Only the imme diate relatives of the parties were present. Mr. Liptrap is the teelgraph operator for the Rock Island at Whitewater.

McCune-Trindle. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 28 .- (Special Tele gram.)-At high noon today at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs J. F. Trindle, occurred the wedding of their daughter, Clara Trindle, to John N performed the ceremony. The young couple will reside in Red Cloud and left for that

place today. Todd-Stump. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 55.—(Special.)—Mr. Davison F. Todd and Miss Eva Stump of Milford were married Tuesday at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. George Withanis. Both of the young people are well and favorably known. Mr. Todd is associated with his father in the stock business.

Harvey-Davis. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 18 - (Special.) - Th wedding of Miss Ruth Davis to Mr. George Albert Harvey will occur on Thursday, December 29, at the home of the bride' o'clock. Rev. George Withanis of the First Presbyterian church will officiate. Nelabu Oberg.

At the home of the bride's parents 90% South Twenty-zeventh street, in this city, ing of December 27, Albert W. Nelson and

FIRE RECORD. Candy Fuctory Burns. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28,-(Special Telegram,)-The stock and building of the Fenn Bros. Wholesale Candy Manufactur ing company in this city was this evening practically destroyed by fire, which resulted from an explosion in the starch The stock was valued at \$25,000 and was insured for \$19,500. The building was insured for \$3,000, which will about cover the loss upon it. This makes the second wholesale candy factory to be destroyed by fire in this city within a few weeks, the other being the plant of the Anthony Candy company.

Business Houses at Gochner. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 28 .- (Special.)-The hotel at Goehner, Seward county, was burned on Monday night. The building was the property of W. Q. Dickinson of Seward and had but recently been repaint d and papered. A drug store next to the hotel

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NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.-18pecial.)-The home of Henry Moyer, corner J. Mahoney investigate his office; they cer- Sixth avenue and Tenth street, was damaged about \$200 this afternoon by a fire which was caused by a defective chimner The property is owned by H. Cave. The loss, is covered by insurance.

Coal Company's Power Plant, ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 28 .- (Specia Telegram.)-The buildings, compressors and pollers of the Union Pacific Coal company's power plant here were destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$10,000. The fire was caused by an over-heated boiler.

Blaze in lowa Town. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 28 .- Fire detroyed the Coon block and several other buildings adjoining, The loss is estimated

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