DEMOCRATS HAVE A MUDDLE

Want to Be Delegates.

M'DONALD BALKS AT THIRTEEN

Railway Commission to Hear Arguments Today on Question of Giving Receipts for Returning Empty Cream Cans.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) the selection of delegates at large to the national convention will take a Philadelphia lawyer or a William J. Bryan to work out," said a democrat here today. "Mr. Bryan is under obligations to every man whose name has been mentioned as a delegate-atlarge, and each person mentioned has some go because he nominated Bryan at the last convention. I. J. Dunn of Omaha must be stomach. given a place on the delegation because he has never been rewarded with anything by the democrats and has on several occasions made way for others. W. H. Thompsonhome because the 'Little Giant" will be needed at Denver. That leaves A. C. Shallenberger, the recent democratic nominee for governor. The party can't ufford to there. Only four can be selected. All the men named are candidates for delegates-atlarge and the districts have about decided on their delegates, so they can't make any of them district delegator."

Ballis at Thirteen. As an aftermath of the recent county convention, R. H. McDonald, night clerk at the I indell hotel, has see I sed a bill from Judge J. B. Strode for they for 'legal services and treachery." The Honorable Michael was permitted to fill a seat from precinct A of the Fourth ward. He has for years been a lifelong friend of Judge Strode and announced that he intended to vote for Strode. Just as he reached the convention hall the chairman announced 12 votes for Field. Mack backed out. He didn't intend to be No. 13 to get his seat, so he would not challenge the vote. Judge Strode that night filed his bill with the night clerk and today Mack paid up-in conversation money.

Chance to Visit Saratoga. Governor Sheldon has been requested to name delegates to the national Woman's Christian Temperance union convention which will be in session from June 14 to 30. at Saratoga springs. All those who desire to go as delegates are requested to file their names with the governor.

The State Raffway commission will listen to the express companies and the railroads tomorrow to explain why they do not desire to issue receipts for the return of empties. which are returned free after the article has been shipped to its destination. The list includes milk cans, beer kegs, oyster empties; sods, water empties and others.

Argument Over Empties. Shotta of New York City, a member

Reward for Vandala. tilated Sunday night.

Paper Mulcted for Damages. The Evening News has been stuck by a jury for \$18,000 damages in a suit brought by Ethel Roberts of Crete, who is now living in Lincoln. The paper printed an article about the young woman, and the next day when called upon to retract, did so, but left the banks for a libel suit.

Targets for Guardsmen. Patent targets for use in the armories of the Nebraska National guard have been sent to many companies, together with other target supplies to enable the guardsmen to practic firing at a distance of fifty feet, with a 22-caliber rifle. With a windage and elevation chart that accompanies the target and adjustable slips of paper containing buil'seyes, the marksman is enabled to shoot at a mark supposed to be 1,000 yards away. He may set his wights for any given distance and, sllowing for wind of a certain speed and from a given direction, alm at a bull'seye at the bottom of the target and, if his alm is correct, the bullet will hit the proper mark above and either ut the right

The Badge of Honesty

is on every wrapper of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery because a full list of the ingredier ts composing it is printed there in plain English. Forty cears of experience has proven its superior worth as a blood purifier and invigorating tonic for the cure of stomach disorders and all liver ills. It builds up the rundown system as no other tonic can in which alcohol is used. The active medicinal principles of native roots such as Golden Seal and Queen's root, Stone and Mandrake root, Bloodroot and Black Cherrybark are extracted and preserved by the use of chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet which quotes extracts from well-recognized med-cal authorities such as Drs. Bartholow, King, Scudder, Coe, Ellingwood and a nost of others, showing that these roots can be depended upon for their curative action in all weak states of the stomach, as well is in all billous or liver complaints and in all wasting diseases" where there is loss of flesh and gradual running down of the strength and system.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" makes rich pure blood and so invigorates and egulates the stomach, liver and bowels, and, through them, the whole system, and eruptions as well as scrofulous swelings and old open running sores or ulcers are cured and healed. In treating old running scree, or ulcers, it is well to in-sure their healing to apply to them Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve. If your druggist don't happen to have this Salve in stock, send fifty-four cents in postage stamps to Dr.R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hetel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo. N. Y., and a large box of the "All-Healing Salve" will reach you by return post.

You can't afford to accept a secret nosum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic, nedicing of anowal composition, not

nedicine or anowar composition, not iven though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, fiver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take

or left of the center. A wind gauge simiar to the kind used on a rifle range is a part of the equipment for use in an Too Many of Bryan's Personal Friends guardamen are supposed to get all the armory. With these appliances the training they would get on a range, so far as eighting and firing is concerned.

Legal Battle Over Body. Arguments were begun this morning in the equity division of district court before Judge Stewart on the application of Alphia M. Shevalier for an injunction pendente litem to prevent the trustees of Wyuka from delivering to the sisters of the late Helen Horn the body of deceased and to enjoin said sisters from receiving the body or removing it from the jurisdiction of the court, Mrs. Shevalier's peti-LINCOLN, Feb. 17 .- (Special.)- "The situ- tion also prayed that the court order the ation developed in democratic politics over coroner of the county to have an autopsy held on the body of Mrs. Horn, the same to be open to all parties to the pending

Halleck F. Rose first addressed the court by A. S. Tibbets for the defendants, particular claim on the egadidate and each who are contesting the will of their late prize in the Washington county boys' conone desires to attend the convention. Mayor sister, Mrs. Horn, and who are accused Frank Brown, of course, has to be a dele- by the plaintiff, the beneficiary of that gate, because he is the democratic head will, of desiring to obtain possession of Corn Exposition. The fact that the first present scheme of the commissioners for of Mr. Bryan's home town. Dan Stephens the body of deceased for the purpose of prize at Chicago netted the winner over remodeling two or three rooms on the of Fremont has to go because he got out destroying evidence that she came to her \$7,000 sounds well to the boys. of the way of Dr. Hall for national com- death from natural causes and of having mitteemen. W. D. Oldham is compelled to a secret examination made to ascertain lows: Eph Lippincott, president; John Aye. Mr. Solomon says he is opposed to spending

Mystery of Shooting Affair. 25-calibre revolver Sunday afternoon while it is out of the question to leave him at alone in his room on the second floor of hibit of corn grown last year by the the above address. Whether the shooting was accidental or intentional is not clearly

> known. Accounts of it differ. The bullet entered the flesh just above the right eye, was deflected by the skull and plowing around finally lodged above the right ear in the bone. The wounded man was conveyed to St

tracted. This morning his condition is improved and the physicians state that barring complications he will recover. E. A. Rowles, for whom Manchester had worked and at whose home he was staying, states that the wound was caused accidentally. At the time, he says, Man-

KANT-BE-BEAT HOG CIRCUIT

Records of Sales in Nebraska Broken for Duroc-Jerseys.

volver about his finger.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Feb. 17.-(Special.) The "Kant-Be-Beat" circuit of Duroc-Jersey bred sows, the last sale of which was made here Saturday, broke several records and is no doubt the greatest circuit of the season. On Wednesday Mr. Gilbert Van Patten sold at Sutton, Neb., thirty head at the good average of \$143.25, the top price being \$780, paid by R. R. Steelb of Wood River, Neb., and O. G. Smith & Son of Kearney, Neb. On Thursday George Briggs & Son. at Clay Center, Neb., broke all previous world's records for bred sows, selling thirty head at an average of \$250.65 per head. The top price was \$1,500 for the great sweepstakes sow, Clay Center Belle, going to Smith Brown of Waterloo, Neb., and Fred Steinbach of Yutan, Neb. The first prize gilt at the Nebraska state fair of 1907, Garnett's Pride, sold for \$775, going to O. G. Smith & Son of Kearney, Neb., and R. R. Steele of Wood River, Neb. The H., G. Warren sale at Inland, Neb., on Friday, averaged \$75 on thirty head, being a remark-American Progress, association, able sale when the fact is considered that called on Governor Sheldon this afternoon the offering was made up entirely of gilts and discussed Nebraska's way of looking and that the top was but \$450, this price after its institutions. He later visited the being paid by George C. Blessing of Homer, peatentiary and made notes of that insti-Neb., for an outstanding daughter of the \$6,009 Kant-Be-Beat, Saturday Hopkins W. M. Sanstead sold thirty-Colonel John J. Ryder, deputy labor one head at this place for an average of commissioner, will speak at the republican \$18.22. The top price was \$20, being paid county convention at Broken Bow tomor- by R. S. Wilson of Chester, Neb., and W. row. He goes to represent Governor Shel- M. Putman & Son of Tecumseh, Neb. In who had been invited to speak, but who the four sales 122 head were sold for \$20,could not leave his office just at this time. 27.50, a general average of \$155.80. The de-Pelopments of the week show there is a Mayor Brown has offered a reward of general tendency by breeders in general to \$25 for the arrest of the parties who at- secure better individuals and the consensus tempted to tear up the D. E. Thompson of opinion seems to be that in the get of fountain. Several of the figures in the Kant-Be-Beat and Farmer Burns they have fountain were torn down and badly niu- the individuality backed up by popular breeding such as cannot be procured elsewhere. Breeders were present from several

> C. Callahan, the officiating auctioneer. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATED

states and great credit is due to Colonel T.

New Council of Seventy Members Organized in Hastings. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 17 .- (Special.)-Knights of Columbus from throughout Nebraska and a number from Kansas City. Denver, Cheyenne and other places outside of the state assembled yesterday for the institution of the local council. The gathering was probably the largest ever held by the order in Nebraska, there being about 400 persons present.

There were over seventy candidates for initiation, and while a majority were citizens of Hastings, there were a number from Sutton, Harvard, Lawrence, Blue Hill and other nearby places. This morning the knights and candidates attended high mass at St. Cocelia's church and this afternoon the initiatory ceremony was conducted by Deputy Supreme Grand Master Reddin of Denver, who is also a member of the naional executive committee.

Tonight the knights enjoyed a banquet, at which Father M. Dalley of Kearney presided as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to as follows: "The Church and the Age," Father William McKenna, Grafon, Neb.; "The Catholic Gentleman," Hon. George Corcoran, York; "The Good of the Order," Hon. J. H. Mullin, Grand Island; 'Duties of the Hour," Hon. J. P. Sutton,

Bassett Saluon Keepers Leave. BASSETT, Neb., Feb. 17 .- (Special.)-Complaint was filed a few days ago in justice court in Newport, this county, charging Edward Gardner and William Purdy, saloon keepers in Newport, with selling liquor to minors. These men got news of the inended procecutions and closed their sapon and left town in the night. Friday night Gardner returned, assuming that othing would be done. He arrived on the nidnight train, was told a warrant was out for him, and took the 2 o'clock train out of town. Constable Menney boarded the same train and caught his man at Stuart. He was arraigned Saturday and pleaded guilty and was fined \$55 and costs. He paid his fine and will leave at once to avoid prosecution for selling liquor on Sunday. The Board of Trustees her reroked the license of these men.

Lillie Returned for Trial. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-James Lillie, wanted here for assaulting and robbing Thomas Martin of \$75 on the highway near Mr. Martin's home Sherman township more than a year ago, was brought here today from Seattle, Wash., by Sheriff Trude. Lillie probably will be arraigned tomorrow. He is regarded as a tough citizen and served time n the Kansas penitentiary a few years

Hearing in Bridge Case. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 17.-(Special Teleram.)-E. J. Clements, appointed by Judge Munger of Omaha to take testimony in the case of J. H. Sparks, the bridge contractor, against Gage county, held a session of court here today. He was accompanied by E. J. Ferria, court reporter. The suit in-

leged to be due Sparks and the evidence will be submitted to one of the federal judges for final action. Court adjourned this evening until Wednesday morning, when the taking of testimony will be resumed at Lincoln. This was the first session of federal court ever held in this

BLAIR CONTEST IS INTERESTING

Plans Under Way to Have More Corn Contestants Next Year.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 17 .- (Special.)-The Washington county farmers' institute and boys' corn contest closed a most successful meeting Saturday. Ed B. Gibbs of The Twentieth Century Farmer presented greetings from the management of the National Corn Exposition, which received a hearty, endorsement. Superintendent Rhodes was elected general manager to conduct a local contest and prepare a county exhibit for in behalf of the plaintiff and was followed the National Corn Exhibition. Mr. Rhodes expects to have 200 boys and men in his Mesdames Fotey, Milliken and Nicholis, class. Herald Therkelsen, who won first test, brought back his prize corn to use top floor. as seed for his exhibit at the National The election of officers resulted as fol-

whether or not poisons are present in the secretary; Frank Shaffer, John Broderson. the \$4,500 which will be necessary to make C. C. VanDusen and Olan Athan, vice presidents. John Rhodes, county superin-Fred Manchester, 25% H streef, was tendent, was elected as manager of the new court house is completed or the leascounded in the head by the bullet from a corn exhibit to be given at the next ses- ing of a building near the court house sion of the institute. There was an extwenty-seven boys of this county in the contest for prizes offered by the Young Men's Commercial club of Blair for the would be unwise to spend any more money best corn raised. The first nine boys received cash prizes, respectively. Harold have been waiting for the grand jury to Therkelson, Henry Brunton, Ira Dixon, Rolla Epling, George Hindley. Walter toward fixing up the jail and now I think Echencamp, John Jensen, Caeser Kegler we are ready to act. Elizabeth's hospital and the bullet ex- and Gus Auck. The three boys receiving prizes as the best judges of corn were Henry Brunton, Caesar Kegler and Rolla Epling, each receiving a hog (a gilt), given sition until spring. I think we should subby E. Z. Russell, L. A. Williams and mit the question about May I. The plans Aye Bros. The sixteen boys who falled to for the building should include a modern, get cash prizes were given each \$1 in goods by Mr. George Noble of Blair.

chester was carclessly whirling the re-Nebraska News Notes. LEIGH-Twelve carloads of stock were chipped out of here last week. LEIGH-S. B. Hesly has erected a buildng to be used for an automobile garage djoining his livery barn.

GIBBON-Ell Burton, who has been a well known figure in this county for many years, is dead. He leaves a large family. KEARNEY-Judge Marston, who has been very ill and weak for the last two days, is now slowly recovering and is sit-

BLAIR-The republican county conven-tion will be held in Blair, February 29, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the state convention.

BEEMER-F. F. Grosse has sold his took of implements to George W. Hut-on of Crawford, Neb., and has invested h a section of land in Knox county. LEIGH—A. H. Philson, is having a large feed and sale barn erected here. Mr. Phil-son is also contemplating the erection of large feed yards and barns north of town. VALLEY—The Douglas County Tele-phone company of Valley held a special meeting and voted to connect its lines with the Independent long distance line of Omaha LEIGH-Miss Margaret Botch and Mr.

Richard Swobeda were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Botch, by Rev. F. Gensichen last Wednesday afternoon.

of town Sunday morning. and five sons. Funeral services were bond proposition. If it is decided to build a separate fall building for the court house.

are well-known business men of York. FREMONT-Complaints of the hack drivers being decidedly too active in competing for business at the Union depot resulted this morning in the enforcement of a new rule by the police and depot officials. Hereafter no hackman will be allowed to leave the door of his rig and there will be no more scraps between rival drivers over travelers' grips.

AINSWORTH — Thursday night the wrestling match between Jack Sullivan of O'Nell and Roy Bates of Ainsworth was pulled off. After about fifteen minutes Bates threw Sullivan and dislocated his right shoulder. Saturday night the skatling club had a skating party at the rink. Kennis Paine had his right wrist dislocated, and Sunday the base was out on the fair grounds to have game for practice.

KEARNEY-Charles Barrett and William

and to ninors.

KEARNEY-The Good Government and KEARNEY—The Good Government and Anti-Saloon league is now an established organization. At its meeting which was held Saturday evening over 40 opprominent citizens and business men combined and adopted a constitution and will instruct the president, K. O. Holmes, to notify Mayor Hull that the law regulating pool and billiard halls must be enforced at once. At the same time President Holmes will submit to the city council that they either have license or no license.

GIBBON—S. H. Robb, for years a well known man of this county and a prominent politician is dead. He came here from Brookville, Ia. He leaves a large family some of whom are well known, one of his daughters being the wife of Frederick Lecrou, course superintendent of pub-

or his daughters being the wife of Frederick Lecrou, county superintendent of public instruction of Platte county. Another daughter is the wife of J. A. Kirk, cashler of the Exchange bank. A son, Charles, lives in San Francisco. Miss Mamie Robb is assistant principal of the local high school. William Bobb, a son, lives here.

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HUMBOLDT—The local Commercial clubgave a "smoker" at the city hall on Friday evening, a number of the members
and other business men being present to
discuss various methods for internal improvement, and recount and review the
progress of the city along commercial lines.
Various live problems were taken up and
considered, principal among these being the
matter of a better and safer opera house.
Several plans are talked of for providing
another building and it is probable that a
stock company will be formed during the
coming season to carry on this work.

SHELTON—S. F. Henninger, an old and

coming season to carry on this work.

SHELTON-S. F. Henninger, an old and respected citizen of Shelton, passed away last night after a lingering illness. He was a pioneer resident of this section, having come here in an early day and secured one of Buffulo county's choice farms, on which he resided until the spring of 1893, when he built in Shelton one of the most comfortable of homes. Under the Cleveland administration he served as posimuster. He also was an active Grand Army member. His aged wife survives him, also three sons and three daughters. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and will be buried according to the ritual of the he buried according to the ritual of the

When in doubt as to "what to eat," natural appetite has taken a slump. To get right again, try

Grape-Nuts

"There's a Reason."

Commissioner Selomon Says that the Present Jail is Worthless.

REPAIRS A WASTE OF MONEY

New Court House Question is Foreing Itself on the Taxpayers and Bond Question Likely to Come Up in May.

Declaring that he is completely in accord with members of the grand jury who denounced the present county jail in a special report, Monday, County Commis sioner Solomon, chairman of the court house and fail committee says he is op posed to spending any more mone, in repairing the present structur and favors the early submission of the question of issuing bonds for the erection of a new court house with a jail on the

The report of the grand jury declares the second floor is only a makeshift and will the alterations and favors either the erec tion of a temporary jall for use until the which could be caged for a jail.

"I fully agree with the grand jury as to the conditions at the jall," said Mr. Solomon after reading the report. "I think it on the old building. The commissioners make its report before taking any action

"Last fall at the suggestion of the commercial bodies of the city we postponed the submission of the court house bond proporoomy jail on the top floor of the court house. Minneapolis and some other cities have tried this plan and it works well. 1 would favor this plan rather than a separate jall bullding.

Temporary Jail for \$13,000. "The present jail would have to be torn down during the construction of the court house. There are two plans for providing a substitute. One is to erect a temporary jail across the street from the court house and the other to rent a building and fit it up with cages and barricades from the present building. We have been looking around for a building near the court house, but have been unable to find a suitable one. The old market house hus been suggested, but it is a good ways from the court libuse and it would be unhandy to move the prisoners back and

forth. "The plan I am inclined to favor now is the erection of a temporary jail on the vacnat lots across Harney street from the court house. This could be done for about \$13,000 by using the cages and barricades in the present building. The building could be heated from the present court house heating plant by running a conduit under the street. This would materially reduce the expense of maintain-AINSWORTH—Ainsworth is still on the boom. There are several new houses on the way and the carpenters are so rushed with work that the sound of the saw and hammer was heard in the north part we could get into the north part. ing it. For the price I named a building we could get into the new court house. BENEDICT - Edward Bender, an old settler and well-known farmer living near the taxpayers to do this, but the question here, died yesterday at the are of 65 could be submitted with the court house years. He leaves a wife, four uaughters

YORK-I. A. Fisher, one of York's lead- \$100,000 would be required. builders and contractors, reports that a week he has contracted to build two e residences, one for W. L. White and other for Mac Osborne. Both parties very much better than they are in the jail. The floors are giving out and we are up against the necessity of putting in a lot of new material. The plumbing ought to be overhauled and new piping put in all over the building. Under the circumstances I think the time has come to submit the bond proposition to the voters and let them pass on it."

MEXICAN GAME TOO FIERCE Six Bulls and Seven Hopses Killed in One Fight Sickens Omaha

Men.

"We went to see a big buil fight in Mexico, but I don't want to see another R. Herrick, against whom complaints were clied by the county attorney a few days ago, have now the United States government to fight, as the internal revenue department has taken up the charges. They will be brought before the commission at Grand Island by Marshal Sammons from Shelton and later taken to Grand Island and then to Omaha. They are charged with the selling of liquor without a license and to mipors. were there. The arena is of concrete and holds 30,000 people. We spent eight days in the City of Mexico and it was most in-

teresting. "Bullard was especially interested in the umber business because of the enormous prices they get for it there. Star flooring sells for \$95 a thousand and California cedar \$340 a thousand. The tariff is \$80 a thousand and the freight rate is \$1,000 a

car, Mexican money. "The street car system was good, being operated by electricity, the power coming from a water power plant from water brought eighty miles. The street rallway company gets 15.000 horsepower.

"Think of people living as near to civilization as those people are and still threshing their barley by having mules, five abreast, tread it out on the ground by running around in a circle. The barley then has to be picked up and the dirt cleaned out.

While in Mexico Mr. Smith visited with his son, who is representative of the International Machinery and Engineering company.

BOY SEARCHES FOR MOTHER to ourselves, but to our posterity. Youth Travels Across the Continent to Look Up His Lost Mamma.

Sam Senson, a 16-year-old boy from Spokane, on his way across the continent to find his mother, is being cared for at the Detention school. He is out of money and wants to work here for a while until he can earn enough to go on. His father and mother have been divorced and Sam has been living with his father. They had trouble so he started on a long journey to

"She don't know I'm coming, but I know she will be glad to see me and will take care of me," said Sam to Judge Estelle n juvenile court. Sam says he hasn't seen his mother for

six or seven years and she has married in the economic well being of our state that they use every opportunity possible again. He had some trouble remembering her new name. He says she is now Mrs. Nadler and she lives at 166 Allen street, New York City. He will be given shelter at the Detention school while his case is being investigated.

Railway Notes and Personals. J. A. Munroe, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, returned Monday morn-ing from the east. Charles Ware, superintendent of the Ne-braska division of the Union Pacific, left Monday for North Platte.

I am sorely afr new groves is not as it should be.

The trees that

The trees that father planted and the

To the Policyholders

The Mutual Life Insurance Company

of New York.

The work accomplished by the Company in 1907, under the new conditions, in respect of benefits dispensed to Policyholders and in the furtherance of their best interests, has been especially satisfactory.

The Company paid directly to policyholders and their beneficiaries in death claims, endowments, dividends, annuities and surrender values \$43,959,245.40 It added to the net reserves held in trust for policyholders 16,368,679.39 Total received from policyholders..... 57,151,041.71 The total benefits above named exceeded premiums received by \$ 3,176,883.08

The amount paid DIRECTLY TO POLICYHOLDERS during the year was 77 per cent of the amounts received from them.

The total amounts paid to policyholders, plus the increase in the net reserve held for them, was over 105 per cent of the amounts received from them.

Increasing Dividends

This sum greatly exceeds the largest amount ever before paid in dividends in a single year by any company. The annual dividends to be paid in 1908 show a ratio of increase over those of 1907 such as can be approximated by no other company. The Mutual Life is the only company which has increased its dividend scale three years in succession-1906, 1907, 1908. Increasing dividends are possible because of increasing earnings and decreasing expenses.

In Gains for Policyholders the Company Remains in the Front Rank

Its gross earnings from interest and rentals for 1907 were \$23,103,953.59 Its gains from loading, mortality, surrenders and annuities were 8,760,440.79

This is over 56 per cent of the entire premium income, a remarkable showing rarely, if ever, equaled by any other company.

- In Economy of Management the Company Stands Pre-eminent

The Financial Condition of the Company is Superb

Its investments are of the highest class-unimpeached and unimpeachable. In a year of extraordinary financial depression, not a share of stock owned by the Company failed to pay its regular dividend, and on \$222,927,910.60 of bonds [book value] there was not a dollar of interest in default at the close of business on the 31st of last December. With assets exceeding its legal liabilities by over \$57,000,000.00, even by the abnormally low market quotations of December 31, 1907-an excess greater by many millions than is held by any similar organization anywhere—the Mutual Life, the Oldest Company in America, is also justly designated the Strongest in the World.

Balance Sheet December 31, 1907.

Mortgage Loans on real estate.... 125,741,836.42 Loans on Policies 52,022,021.33 Collateral Loans . . 11,805,000.00

Bonds and Stocks, Market Value Dec. 81, 1907 260,026,493.51 Interest and rentals, due and accrued. 3,999,487.10

LIABILITIES Other liabilities on policies..... 5,532,879.66 Premiums and interest paid in ad-1,828,360,34 Dividends payable in 1908..... 8,311,002.02 Miscellaneous liabilities 879,267,56 Held for future dividends 57,580,769.45

Total Liabilities\$494,177,021.03 Note—The admitted assets would be given greated by \$15,989,158.97 were the bonds taken on the Company's basis of amortized book value; or \$13,211,349,94 were the securities stated by the average market value [13 month rule], recommended by many commissioners at the Louisville meeting.

STANHOPE FLEMING, Manager First National Bank Bldg., Omaha

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Forestry for Nebraska.

ELM GROVE, ELGIN, Neb., Feb. 15.-To he Editor of The Bee: Your editorial in a recent issue of The Bee with regard to the importance of forestry I think is most timely, for it is a subject that cannot be too strongly emphasized as one that is of most vital interest to our state. The statements you make and the figures you give with regard to the great care with which number of the European as well as Asiatic nations conserve their timber resources are well calculated to arouse the interest of thinking people as to the duty that we, as Nebraskans, not merely owe tunately, our state has had, and now has men who by example as well as precept have sought to impress upon our population the importance and necessity of being tree planters. The beautiful groves and orchards that one sees scattered up and down our fair state are splendid monuments to the memory of such men as J. Sterling Morton, Robert Furnas and many others, who were and are inspired by a deep love of nature and who have recognized that the planting of trees not only beautified the land, but from the standpoint of utility has an inestimable value That the spirit that governed these men shall be fostered and the present generation have all the inspiration we can give it, it is well for those who have an eye for the beautiful as well as a deep interest to arouse and maintain the spirit of the tree lover, for if we are tree lovers we certainly will be tree planters.

A great many of the early settlers of our state were this kind of people, but I have often wondered of late if their example was being followed as much as it ought to be. A. L. Mohler, general manager of the line The groves that were planted twenty to forty years ago now contain stately and western trip. The groves that were planted twenty to valuable trees. Many are being cut down for domestic and commercial purposes, but am sorely afraid that the planting of new groves is not being carried on as much

groves that the old settlers set out are not TAYLOR'S STEPSON cherished with as much tenderness by their present possessors as they were by those who it may be planted the tiny seed or small seedling and over whose life and development they watched with careful solicitude. The false sentiment that they occupy too much land, I fear, is sometimes rife, and for this reason tree lovers and those who recognize the tremendous importance that trees bear toward our economic wellbeing rejoice that the subject

terial advancement. The planting and care of trees stimulates in our nature the sentiments that go to make home lovers, develops a love of the artistic and beautiful, begets the power that lays a deep and solid foundation for the rural home, and provides a continual feast for those whose good fortune it is to be born and raised amidst such sur-

of forestry is receiving more and more

attention at the hands of educators and

those who are seeking for our state's ma-

roundings. The school of forestry that is now i part of our State Agricultural college, I believe, is womething that is going to be most helpful in arousing and developing a greater interest in this important matter, and I am most hopeful that Nebraska will be one of the leaders in this laudable movement that means so much to those who plant and to those who will be their successors. Very truly yours, GEORGE COUPLAND.

CONFESSES Charges that Man He Killed Mintreated His Mother. CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 17.-Bert Hender

sliter, son of Mrs. Bell Taylor and stepsor of the murdered man, Nathan Taylor, who was murdered in the rear of his confectionery store here Thursday night, confessed tonight that he fired the shot which ended Taylor's life. He did this only after several hours in the sweat box and persistent cross-questioning by the sheriff and police. He states that Taylor had illireated his mother and he took this method for revenge. He produced a watch and chain also, which he had taken from the body. The details of the confession have been kept secret and will only be disclosed at the inquest tomorrow. The young man is not considered responsible mentally and will probably be committed to the criminally insane ward at the penitentiary,

Beemer Shooters Victors. BEEMER, Neb., Feb. 17 .- (Special.)-In bluerock team shoot Beemer walloped the West Point team to the tune of 91 to 73. Beemer using seven men to West Point's eight. The match was shot out in the face

John David, baggage master at the Union Station, returned Sunday from a meeting of the baggage men at Denver.

of a northwest gale and made high scores

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