

public. incidents. The fire had gained good head-The combination, the report declares, way and smoke was pouring from the was arranged in 1900 by the former own- windows before discovery was made. ers of five leading competing concerns. The stairway leading from the second and was not, "as frequently asserted," a story became ignited, and a group of mere sale of their properties to new in- girls found themselves penned in their terests. On this point Mr. Conant says: rooms, from which they were carried "It has been represented in formal tes- down ladders by the firemen.

timony by officers of the company and Two of the students, first to discover the peril, started down the burning stairits financial promoter, G. W. Perkins, then of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., way, became panic stricken and fell, that its organization was not the result rolling to the bottom. Their hair was of concerted action by the former com- burned, but their injuries are not thought peting owners, but merely of the pur- serious.

Fagg of the Fagg Brothers Commission but President Taft decided to make it nominal damage, but was full of exciting ompany, and J. Laverty of Laverty Brothers Commission company, were also

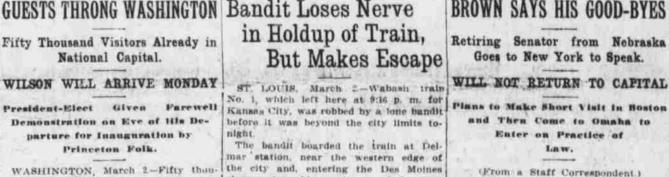
speakers against the Howeli bill, setting forth to the executive committee prin-

for the stock at the yards and the shipping and commission busineess of South

cipally that the reason the stock yards and packing companies have installed a \$309,000 water plant of their own, is because they could not get sufficient water

Omaha found they were losing vast

amounts of business to the St. Joseph



The work of the laborers yesterday was onfined to the southwest portion of the building and when the workmen quit last pight the entire south part of the building had been cleared away. One entire room which was located on the second floor fell to the basement and was intact when the workmen reached it late yesterday afternoon. True the bed was burned, but the walls and celling were still holding up much debris

chase of their properties by new and outalde interests. Documentary evidence gathered by the bureau completely disposes of this contention and shows that the principal competing interests considered and discussed among themselves the formation of this combination and were active in bringing it about."

## Aided by Combination.

Great resources came to the company Ellis, and was unable to get through it is asserted, through the combination, The train backed into Beatrice this eventhe financial support of J. P. Morgan ing and started out with three engines & Co., its fiscal agents, and large to buck the snow. The trainmen did not loans from John D. Rockefeller, fatherexpect to reach Jansen, on the main in-law of a member of the McCormick line, until late tonight. family, which owns a large portion of Trains on this road were being operated

the total stock of the corporation. with difficulty today on account of the Between 1903 and 1904, the company is drifting snow declared by the commissioner, to have

MASON CITY, Ia., March L-(Special acquired, secretly, control of D. M. Os-Telegram.)-A northwest blizzard stopped borne & Co., its chief competitor. traffic here today. The temperature is the Minnie Harvester company, the Aultman-Miller company, and the Keystone at zero and trains on the railroads are board promised him to make, were in These are referred to as delayed. City and interurban service was the bill. He declared that when the bill company. "bogus independents." The secret con- abandoned. The city is without electric trol of the Osborne company, the report lights.

says, was maintained for nearly two years, while it was being advertised as HARVARD CLUB HEARS an independent concern. These representations, it is alleged, were supported by its managers in sworn statements

The Harvard club of Nebrasks, at that it was an independent company. Two of the chief stockholders of the Osdinner at the University club lant night borne company, Mr. Conant adds, agreed listened to an address by Prof. G. H. to refrain from engaging independently Palmer, head of the philosophy departin the same lines of business for ten ment of Harvard university. Of 30,000 years. The report says that the Har- students who have attended the univester company's claim that the owner- versity in the last forty-three years, 15,000 ship was concealed in some cases merely have received instruction from Prof. to facilitate the liquidation of the old con- Paimer.

cern is not regarded by the Bureau of A reading from Kipling was given by Corporations as a justification of the George Lyon, jr., one of the eldest alumni of Harvard university in Nepractice. braska.

#### Competitive Methods

Competitive methods employed by the About thirty persons attended the din Harvester company, Mr. Conant declares, ner, including a number of Omaha High have been the subject of much com- school students who are contemplating plaint to secure an undue proportion of attending Harvard university

local dealers in farm machinery by allotting, as a rule, only a single brand to any one dealer in the same place. thus tending to restrict the outlet for competitors' goods, Commissioner Conant

BRYS: "The company's own records show little island of Guam, far down in the that this was one purpose at least in making this distribution of its brands, States during the Spanish-American war, and it appears to have had some practi-

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For Nebraska-Fair; warmer. For Iowa-Fair; warn Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

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# DRIFTING SNOW BLOCKS MAIN ROCK ISLAND LINE

BEATRICE, Neb., March 2-(Special Telegram.)-The westbound Rock Island passenger train which left the city at 2:30

o'clock this afternoon encountered a snow drift ten feet deep in a cut near

> Omaha, but to the people of Florence, bundee and Omaha, as well. Senator Macfurland explained the "midnight burial" of the bill. He said that when authority over private water

> > was passed there was no one at Lincoin representing the stock yards or the

onstantly in the lobby ADDRESS BY DR. PALMER Stenographers Hurry.

Moreover, the senator asserted, sending a by the house. He said it was for these

Former Senator Frank Ransom tion.

bltrary as the Howell water district bill. CONNECTED WITH WIRELESS The first section of the bill, he said, declares what the district shall be, including South Omaha, Florence, Dundee and SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.-The lonely other suburban territory, and does not

shots fired, at him by American battleships were friendly salutes and sent out none of the representatives of the stock asking the invading officers to ten, is at last "livked up" with the rest of the registered.

possession the United States troops sta-Dundee," he averred. tioned, there had occupied the most isolated station in the world.

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**BANK RESERVES ARE** 

WASHINGTON, March 2.-Reserves of the 7.425 national banks showed a material improvement on February 1 as comnared with the stringent period of fauvember, but were not as great, however. as in February of last year, according to cturns to the comptroller of the cur-SI LIGHUZ

LONELY ISLAND OF GUAM

world by wireless

declared the stock yards men prefer the of a million expected to witness the from the passengers. water secured from their own plant to first-inauguration in twenty years of a

afternoon, escorted by special train loads

of Princeton university students and the

Essex troop from New Jersey, which is

to act as his official escort in the in-

Home Folks Say Farewell.

codspeed to the White House.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 1 .- Thou-

augural procession

enthuslasm

plant, because it has the pressure and States. is much purer than Omaha water, having The inaugural committee announced next commanded A. M. Snedden to hand ington yesterday with Mrs. Brown for been passed upon by United States gov- late in the day that every detail for the over his money. Mr. Snedden drew 30 the metropolis of the nation, where he rument experts.

Legislature Says Bill Unfair. Senator Macfariand told the executive

-mmittee that the Howell water dis- has assumed a jovial spirit. trict bill in its present form would not Tonight Pennsylvania avenue from the the legislature has recognized it as unfair, not only to the people of South through which passed increasing thousection reached the city. Holfday Spirit in Capital.

Throughout the day Washington Leomed he voted for it in the senate he supwith inaugural activity, which tonight posed the amendments concerning turned into gayety, its historic avenue being transformed into a brilliant hollplants the salary for legal assistance and others day thoroughfare. Enthusiasm was apwhich the chairman of the Water parent everywhere, in hotel lobbies, res laurants, theaters and the main thorough fares, with arriving clubs and military companies which are to participate in the inaugural parade contributing to the

packers, as was published in the Omaha general excitement. Official completion of the inaugural newspapers, while R. B. Howell was plans now await the arrival of Woodrow Wilson, the president-elect, who will

sort of thrill over the room of nearly 200 men, that \$25 had been paid the girl stenographers for them to see that copies of the blil reached the house as soon as possible. Senator Macfarland declared he did not know who paid the money but that he had his suspicions, knowing was most interested in its passage

reasons that the bill was recalled and the action referred to by Omaha sup porters of Howell as a "midnight burial.

An Arbitrary Bill.

sented the stock yards' side of the situa-He said there never had been passed or never before had the attempt been made to secure a measure so as

little island of Guam, far down in the south Pacific, which fell to the United districts affected may have something when its Spanish governor thought the bill was taken through the senate while

yards was there, while Chairman Howell was there all the time, although not "The hill usurps all the powers of tha Since the island became an American charters of South Omaha, Benson and

> Political Machine to View. What will South Omana and these cup

other towns do when Mr. Howell, as Colonel David M. Flynn presented it in time to vote on some important leg chairman of this Water board, builds up in a brief speech. The president-elect islation that was to coe up during the SMALLER THAN YEAR AGO this powerful political machine? It :s stood on a box just outside the portico latter part of the week. This commore than evident from the bill that tout of his nome and said good-bye to his mittee expects to work during most of

is what he has in mind. The Water fellow townsfolk. board is trying to put part of a bad bar. The president-elect said he meant to gain on others-a bad bargain made by enjoy the three days between his resignathe city of Omaha upon others. Under this tion of the governorship and inauguration bill the Water board could say to the day, in which he was a "plain and un- Theodore, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. ment of conspiring in the Illegal trans-Young Men's Christian association, to the titled citizen." not because he had no J. Peterson, died of scarlet fever. Four portation of explosives, were released creameries, public buildings and brew- particular responsibility, but because of more children of the same family have upon bonds from the federal prison here (Continued on Page Two.) (Continued on Page Two.)

sand visitors, it was estimated by rail- sleeper, drew his revolver on J. L. Kenmarket as a result. They protested road officials, had reached Washington hard and compelling him to lead the way, against doing away with this plant and tonight as the vanguard of the quarter started down the aisle to collect money with a pardonable pride, wishing to

The first passenger the bandit apthat which was gotten from the Omaha democratic president of the United proached was W. C. Wiley of St. Louis, from whom he took \$10 and a watch. He senator of the United States, left Wash-

elaborate ceremonies of Tuesday had cents from his pocket, handed it to the been completed, and the city, bedecked robber and before the astoniahed bandit in patriotic and holiday array, already had time to demand more, locked himself

ness the dissolution of the Sixty-second in a wash room. The bandit then seemed to joose his passed by the legislature. He said capitol to the White House, was em- nerve and pulling the air brake cord, blazoned with arches of electric lights, stopped the train at Glen Echo, a small stor, one whose name among the other station about thirteen miles west of sands as rapidly as trains from every St. Louis and escaped in the darkness,

The train went on to Kansas City, News of the robbery did not reach here until the train arrived at Mexico, Mo., at midnight

FURTHER PROBE ON GIRL PAY Two Legislative Committees to Re-

sume Investigations Here. LOOKING INTO LIVING COST

Wage Committee Meets at the Paxeach Washington at 3:45 o'clock Monday

ton Hotel and the Cost of Living Committee at the

Millard.

Probably Senator Brown excelled most in committee for he was an indefatig-Beginning Ioday two house committees able worker and a painstaking legislator, of the state legislature will begin what his efforts to get the patent laws of the tabilah some cause for the fire, but could Vice President-elect Marshall spent the will perhaps be their most active work United States upon a more business-like second day in his new home looking over in Omaha. They are the committee in- basis being a subject very close to him vestigating the wage conditions of girls as a lawyer. Universally esteemed by and women in the city and the commit- his colleagues for his fairness, his broad | tee investigating the high cost of living. mindedness and uniform courtesy and for

ands of the home folk of Princeton, and Both began their work last week and his humanities. Senator Brown was acwith them the students of Princeton unigot well started, so that they know how corded a wealth of warm good wishes, versity, maye Woodrow Wilson a farewell to proceed from this on. The wage in-not only by the entire body of the sen-vestigating committee, for example, has ate, but by the employes as well, when secured the names of a number of girls it became known that he was about to It was a unique tribute to the man, who after twenty-seven years of residence in who will testify during the week, and leave official life for that of the plain the historic town had been elevated to the also is prepared to command the appresidency of the United States, in that pearance before the committee of cer- go to Boston for a day or two, thence to both students and towns foll: joined in tain of the packers of South Omaha, their home in Omaha, stopping in Chicheering him. It was the first celebration who have sought to elude the direct caso for a few days, where the senator in which "town and gown" mingled in questions asked them in a circular let- has business for his law firm.

such great numbers and with so much ter. These packers will be ordered to . Miss Howland, Senator Brown's secre bring with them the books which shall tary, accompanied the senator and Mrs. A brass band, a glare of fireworks and reveal the names of the girls and women Brown to New York, where she will tinuous cheering brought the presi- employed and the wages paid each. The spend a few days, and then return to dent-elect to the door of his bungalow committee has the same power to sum. Omaha to take a position with the law just as the procession of students and mon witnesses as has a court, and the firm of which he is a member. residents turned the corner of Cleveland chairan says the committee will not hes- F. A. Cuscaden of Omaha, national

bank examiner, has been assigned to cover Nebraska only, his duties heretofore having taken him into states other than Nebraska.

John Haskell and daughter of Wakefield, are in Washington for the inauguration.

both of San Francisco, two of the labor leaders convicted at Indianapolis last De-

LYONS, Neb., March 2,-(Special.)- cember upon the charge by the governlate to

from the third floor. One of the fore-(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 2.-(Special Telegram.)-Senator Norris Brown,

was scheduled to speak last night.

of the grades on the free list.

Exteemed in Senate.

men of the gang searched the room and found nothing. This morning all work will be confined to the north end of the building. Kugel say, "good-bys," to his brothers of the Beta Theta Pi, at their magnificent club has not decided whether to send his men rooms in New York City, while yet a up on the second floor or to pull the debris down into the basement and con-

tinue to search there. There is a bare possibility that bodies may be recovered among the debris on the second floor, where it is asserted several occupants of While it is just possible that the senthe hotel were caught like rats in a trap ator may return to the capital to witwhen the fire broke out.

Mr. Kugel and Chief Saiter are of the congress, it is hardly probable, and so bellef that the work of cleaning out the passes out into private life as a sendebris and searching for bodies will not he completed until late tomorrow of immortals is stamped upon the constitu-Wednesday morning. tion of the republic, as the author of

### Inquest Delayed

the sixteenth amendment to the great document, commonly known as the in-Coroner Willis Crosby yesterday aftercome tax amendment, and which he saw noon said he would not hold an inquest ratified by thirty-eight states before the until the entire ruins of the Dewey hote period for which he was elected had ex- had been searched and cleaned out.' His pired. While Senator Brown will be jury continued their investigation all Sunday, but in the evening reported to Coroknown hereafter as the father of the neome tax amendment, he will be also ner Crosby that nothing of any value remembered among the majority of news- had been learned. However, they will papers, magazines, books, etc., as the work every day until the inquest in the hope of finding some cause for the fire, hampion of free wood pulp during the long drawn out debate over the Paynealthough the general bellef is that it ori-Aldrich tariff bill, and, while the fight sinated in the boller room. The fireman resulted in a compromise on the item of the hotel, it is said, worked until 10 in question, he succeeded in getting a re- o'clock every night and at that hour filled duction on wood pulp, and putting some the furnace, banked it and went home, returning about 6 o'clock in the morning. He may have shut it off entirely the

night of the fire and coal gas accumu lating exploded and caused the fire. County Attorney George A. Magney worked all yesterday in an effort to esnot. He has visited the various merchants and taken their statements. Manager Nold of the Dewey hotel told his story to Mr. Magney which was taken

### Clothing Man Talks.

down by a stenographer.

11. W. Raphael. senfor member of the firm of Raphael-Pred company, who owned the store directly under the hotel and who are probably the heaviest losers, was in conference with Mr. Magney and gave his story, which was also taken down by a stenographer.

Mr. Raphael, according to his statement could lend no light to the cause of the

fire. He said his firm purchased their heat from the Dewey hotel company and paid \$30 a month for it. He also stated that he believed the fire originated in the boller room which was situated in the extreme south end of the building in the basement. Mr. Raphael said he knew nothing of the sort of bollers or furnace which was used to heat the building, having never been in the furnace room. He said his stock was valued at \$35,000 and at the time of the blaze there was \$27,000 insurance on it. A \$3,000

insurance policy with one firm ran out on January I and it was to be renewed on April 1

Since the story of the Dewey hotel fire has been circulated all over the world the police have been receiving letters and telegrams galore from various parts of the United States and from persons who had friends and relatives in Omaha at the time of the fire. A telegram was received yesterday afternoon by the police from Temple, Tex., asking the whereabouts of Floyd Opry, sged 35 years, who was known to be in Omaha. The police

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TVEITMOE AND CLANCY ARE RELEASED ON BOND LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 2.-Olaf A. Tveltmoe and Eugene A. Clancy,

the same disease.

ane, marching by the house where Grover litate to exercise that power in cases Cleveland lived and dies. The streets where see of the employers have been were muddy, but the marchers trudged obstinate about yielding facts.

merrily along. When they reached the The committee investigating the high Wilson home a great cheer went up. C. cost of living took some interesting tes-Robinson, a republican, and A. S. timony in Omaha for a few days last

the members might get back to Linncoln

Leigh, a democrat, bore a silver loving week, and only adjourned in order that

Boy Dies of Scarlet Fever.

this week in Omaha.