ment for any crime less than murder in the first degree would be a distinct step backward. The tendency everywhere is just the other way. Instead of increasing the number of crimes punishable by death the movement is to abolish the death penalty altogether. I have no sympathy with kidnaping or kidnapers, but believe they should be promptly and effectively dealt with by means of a good, stiff penitentiary sentence, but with a death penalty attached it would be impossible to convict them before a jury if they were apprehended. Even the optional death penalty, to be determined by a jury, would not accord with modern ideas. I expect to see some legislation enacted on kidnaping, but the death penalty will be cut out."

Immature Apportionment Bills.

The apportionment bills that have already been introduced by various members of their own accord as the product either of their own figuring or of some mathematical constituent all strike terror to the representatives in various districts that are being shifted around like pawns on a chessboard. The apportionment committees will have to take these bills and work them out anew into some practicable scheme. In all probability the apportionment bill, when it comes up for final action, will have to be brought before the caucus and made a caucus measure.

"A great many people want to know," said Chairman Lindsay of the republican state committee, "when the bill favored by the committee will be forthcoming, and have taken it as a matter of course that the committee or its officers will prepare an apportionment bill. I do not believe this is one of the duties of the committee, and if we did prepare one it would have no more claim for the support of the republican members than any of them. I believe, however, that the matter is so important that it should be delegated to a committee of representative men familiar with all parts of the state and with the political complexion in various counties. They might be members of the legislature or might be outsiders called in to assist with advice, but they should proceed only after the most careful investigation and consultation with the interests of every section. The trouble with most of the bills prepared by the individual member is, that while they strike it all right in their immediate localities, they fly wide of the mark in more distant parts of the state. The next apportionment will have to hold good for at least three legislatures to come and it is of great importance to the party and to the people generally."

H. E. STEWART AS SUPERINTENDENT

Governor Dietrich to Appoint Him to Head of State Institution.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—It is learned that Governor Dietrich has about decided to appoint H. E. Stewart of Omaha to the position of superintendent of the State Institute for the Deaf and Blind in that city.

Mr. Stewart served several terms as a teacher in the Omaha institute and is now engaged in a similar capacity in the Iowa State Deaf and Dumb school at Council Bluffs, although he maintains his residence in the Nebraska metropolis. He was highly recommended to Governor Dietrich, among his endorsers being Former Superintendent Gillespie.

Governor Dietrich entertained a small party of friends at dinner at the executive mansion todal. The guests were Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Savage, Senator and Mrs. Steele and Edward Rosewater.

To Foreclose Tax Liens.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The case of the County of Cass against Mary Fitzgerald and others has been on trial in the district court for several days. The suit was brought to foreclose tax liens and involves nearly all the property in the city belonging to the estate of John Fitzgerald, including the Fitzgerald block, which was assessed for taxes at over $1,000 a year for several years. The attorneys, County Attorney J. L. Root for the plaintiff and James Manahan, D. O. Dwyer, Clark & Rawles and S. M. Chapman for the defendants, will submit their arguments by briefs and Judge Jessen will give a decision at the next term of court in this city, which will open March 4.

The case of D. O. Dwyer, trustee for the Tourtelot bankrupt stock, against the Western Mercantile association of Omaha and others, the court decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Claims He is Innocent.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—George Thomas, the young colored man who was arrested in Omaha while attempting to dispose of an overcoat which belonged to Conductor J. W. White, was arraigned before Police Judge Archer last evening and pleaded not guilty to the charge of burglary. At the request of the prisoner the case was continued until January 25 to allow him time to secure an attorney and witnesses. He claims that he can prove that the car on the freight train of the Missouri Pacific was not broken open at Weeping Water and that the coat was not taken from the caboose, as charged in the complaint by Detective John DeLong.

Medal from the Emperor.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—George P. Keim of Tecumseh was a soldier in the German army from 1854 to 1871, serving during the Franco-Prussian war, and he has received a medal from Emperor William of Germany in recognition of his services. William I, who was the emperor at the close of Mr. Keim's service, made a request that on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth these medals be given, one to each of the soldiers who served in that war. The medal is of bronze and was made from a cannon captured from the French in 1871. Mr. Keim is proud of the recognition of his services.

Johnson County Mortgages.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—During the year 1900 there were 223 farm mortgages, aggregating $351,140.77, filed with the county clerk of Johnson county. During the same period there were 249 releases of farm mortgages, amounting to $335,546.81. Of town property, there were 71 mortgages filed, amounting to $38,156.58, and 75 releases on this same class of property, representing $36,799.95. Nine hundred and fifteen chattel mortgages were filed during the year, amounting to $451,421.90, and 292 released went on record, aggregating $234,006.60.

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GERING HAS A BAD FIRE

Half of an Extensive Block is Wiped Out, Involving Several Business Houses.

GRAHAM AND COCHRAN BUILDINGS GO

Flames Set Toward Business Center and Only Frenzied Efforts of the Citizens Saves the Town from Destruction.

GERING (Via Scotts Bluffs), Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Half of an extensive block of Gering's business buildings is a smoldering, smoking mass of ruins. The Graham building, Cochran building, Charles Stewart barber shop and residence building, were totally wiped out by fire early this morning. A heavy wind prevailed during the time the flames were raging, but by strenuous labor the citizen volunteers prevented the destruction of the principal business part of the city lying southeast and the Commercial hotel just north.

The fire originated in the Graham building, which was occupied by the Beehive grocery store, and E. S. Wood, with his jewelry store. When first discovered the fire had made such progress that not a penny's worth of goods could be removed from the building. The flames then communicated with the Cochrane and Stewart building and all effort to check their progress was unavailing. A portion of the stock of the M. A. Cochrane general store in the lower story of the first building was saved, and all the barber fixtures and household effects in the Stewart building. The property in the upper story of the Cochrane building, belonging to a lodge, was burned.

Mere conjecture and speculation alone are advanced to account for the origin of the fire. The aggregate property loss is large, but in most cases is covered by insurance, and new buildings will be erected upon the site of those destroyed.

Tecumseh Dwelling Damaged.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 13—(Special Telegram.)—An overheated stove pipe in the small frame dwelling owned by John Gould on the east side of the square here, caused the building to become ignited this afternoon. It is occupied by S. K. Smith and family. Before the flames could be controlled both building and household effects had suffered considerably from fire and water. Both were insured.

Dwelling Damaged in Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The fire department was called to the home of Aaron Nash on South Colorado avenue at 5 o'clock this morning to extinguish a blaze that had started from a defective flue, but the fire had a good start before the department arrived and the damage was $300. The property was not insured.

West Point Lodges Installed.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Fraternal and secret organizations of this city installed their new officers last week.

The Woodmen of the World will have for officers the following: M. K. Manning, counsel commander; A. F. Walla, advisor lieutenant; Rudolph Boldt, B.; Joseph Kase, C.; Al Hartline, E.; Fred Budwig, W.; George Roehl, S.; G. B. Glazer, M.; Dr. J. Lingenfelder, P.

The Rebecca Auxiliary to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows installed the following officers. Mrs. Peter Poellet, P. N. G.; Miss Clara Weisner, N. G.; Miss Anna Mathieson, V. G.; Miss Emma Miller, S.; Mrs. D. C. Giffert, C.; Miss Emma Paul, T.; Mrs. M. E. Kerl, R. S. of N. G.; C. H. Carstens, L. S. of N. G.; Mrs. Otto Wichert, R. S. of V. G.; Otto Kerl, L. S. of V. G.; Miss Alice Schairer, conductor; Mrs. C. H. Carstens, warden; John Grammp, O. G.; Mrs. Joseph H. Kuntz, I. G.

The German lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the oldest fraternal organization in the city, installed their officers last evening as follows: J. Pscherer, Ex-C. M.; F. Sonnenschein, C. M.; L. Tiempke, P.; George Korb, sr., T.; F. A. Mewis, A.; Theo Krenke, S.; F. Singpiel, master-at-arms.

On Wednesday the Independent Order of Odd Fellows installed their new lodge officers: John Grammp, noble grand; Robert Cristensen, vice grand; William Mortensen, secretary; M. E. Kerl, treasurer.

The new officers of the English lodge of the Knights of Pythias were installed last night: Douglas White, chancellor commander; Otto Kerl, vice chancellor commander; O. C. Anderson, master of work; M. E. Kerl, master of exchequer; J. B. Tharpe, master of finance; A. A. Peterson, keeper of records and seal; W. N. Servoss, master-at-arms; G. L. Nieburg, A. A. Peterson and H. S. Miller, trustees.

Longevity in Table Rock.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A recent letter to The Bee from Elk Creek gave the names of sixteen persons over 70 years of age near that place and challenged competition. The following are the names and ages of the thirty-five persons over 70 who live in and near Table Rock: David Robertson, 89; William Brown, 87; Hiram Billings, 87; John Morley, 86; Sarah Kerns, 86; Margaret Jones, 82; Daniel Layman, 78; Elizabeth Ball, 78; Benjamin Ball, 77; Mrs. Ruth A. Nesbitt, 76; Mrs. Keziah Tibbetts, 76; Mrs. J. B. Ward, 76; Mrs. Hiram Carmichael, 76; Mrs. Joanna Hanna, 75; Joseph Hanna, 74; Ebenezer F. Decker, 74; Daniel Bentley,. 74; Mrs. Jane Groves, 74; Mrs. Phebe J. Cooper, 74; Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael, 73; Mrs. C. V. Dimon, 74; Caroline Dimon, 73; John Aycor, 73; Emily Fisher, 73; Mrs. G. Phillips, 72; Mrs. Cordelia Goodell, 71; Mrs. H. H. Colton, 71; Frank Fenzel, 71; Mrs. Frank Fenzel, 70; Mrs. Catherine Stover, 70; J. C. Clark, 70; Oren T. Crisler, 70; Eleanor Aylor, 70; Sam M. Parall, 70; William Talbot, 70.

Daniel Lyman was married to a lady 68 years old in Table Rock one week ago today. Who can beat this record?

Armours to Rebuild at York.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Armour & Co. report that they lost in their recent fire here over 7,000 pounds of dressed poultry and a similar amount of live poultry, besides tools and other improvements. Owing to the large business they do at York they have rented temporarily a large store building. Their Omaha agent is here to arrange for the purchase of real estate and will build a large poultry, cold storage and egg house. They claim that York is one of their best points.

Gering Courier Gets the Plum.

GERING (Via Scotts Bluffs), Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The new county board completed the work of its annual meeting yesterday. The Gering Courier was determined as the official county paper and the contract for all supplies and stationery was given to the publishers of the Courier. E. A. Currie, who is a cousin of Senator F. M. Currie, is the new republican member of the county board.

York College Prospers.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The winter term of York college was opened this week and shows a larger per cent of attendance than previous terms. York college is growing and is now recognized as one of the leading educational institutions in the state.

Accept Mr. Miller's Gift.

CRETE, Neb., Jan. 13.—At a meeting of citizens in the city hall last night the gift of $10,000 by F. H. Miller for a public library building was formally accepted by the city. Two committees were appointed, one to select a site and the other to collect funds by private subscription for the purchase of the site selected. No taxes are to be raised for payment of the site. No doubt the financial aid to carry out Mr. Miller's wishes will be obtained.

Joint Installation at Table Rock.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—John N. Gere post No. 135, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief corps of this place had a joint installation here yesterday at their hall. The post and corps sat down to a well filled table at noon, to which all did justice. Hon. William Sutton, past commander, was the installing officer for the post and the following are the newly installed officers: John Hodges, post commander; John Bush, senior vice; Rev. A. C. Allinson, junior vice; J. D. Longwell, chaplain; Peter Gold, surgeon; J. W. Hastings, officer of the day; Peter Stevens, quartermaster; Allen Barnes, adjutant; J. L. Fisher, sergeant major; Jesse L. Morton, guard.

The officers of the Women's Relief corps were installed by Mrs. Amanda J. Marble, past president, and are as follows: Mrs. Allie Fisher, president; Mrs. Maria Shaw, senior vice; Mrs. Lucetta Fisher, junior vice; Mrs. Gabriella Barnes, chaplain; Mrs. Allie Carmichael, treasurer; Mrs. Lizzie C. Fellen, secretary; Mrs. Julia Gold, conductor; Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, assistant conductor; Mrs. Rebecca Bush, guard; Mrs. C. E. Groom, assistant guard; Mrs. Elzina Bailey, first color bearer; Mrs. Minnie Taylor, second color bearer; Mrs. Catharine Baker, third color bearer; Mrs. Elvina Stevens, fourth color bearer.

Girl Hurt While Coasting.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Gladys, daughter of Frank Warner, while coasting down a steep hill last evening, was thrown off the sled and struck her head on a sharp rock, making an ugly wound of several inches on her scalp, and bruising her head in several places, requiring a number of stitches.

Modern Woodmen Delegates.

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—At the county convention of Modern Woodmen in this city Thursday to elect two delegates to attend the state convention at Kearney, Neb., next month, D. H. Cronin of O'Neill and F. W. Phillips of Star were elected delegates and E. L. Lackard of Ewing and M. L. Winternote of Chambers, alternates.

Lutherans Grow in Benedict.

BENEDICT, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Lutherans are experiencing a wonderful growth, due to gosepl meetings. Last week over forty new members joined the Lutheran church. The good work is still going on and it is expected that a large number more will join.

Nebraska News Notes.

Thirty-seven people were taken into the Lutheran church at Benedict on a recent Sunday.

The new Catholic church, costing about $4,000, has been completed at Southcreek, Dixon county.

A local telephone company has been incorporated at Neligh and the town expects soon to have a local exchange.

The business men of Bloomington have organized a society to promote the creamery interests of Franklin county.

The Postal Telegraph company is removing its wires outside the corporate limits of the towns of Blue Springs and Wymore.

Horsethieves one night recently stole a team and harness from one man at Falls City and completed their outfit by taking a fine buggy from a neighbor.

The city marshal of Chadron has served notice on the youth of that town that all of them found with airguns in their possession will be deprived of their weapons.

Several parties were convicted of illegally selling liquor at Holdrege during the recent term of the district court at that place. They were fined sums ranging from $200 to $300.

A young man named Gallitine, living near Greeley, was picking up wood near his home when he was shot in the arm by the carelessness of some person who was hunting in the neighborhood.

C. J. Anderson, a ranchman near Cody, has sold a carload of saddle horses for use at the Buffalo exposition. He also sold his fine driving team to be used as the lead team on the band wagon at the exposition.

The night watchman at Schuyler locked up a suspicious character one night and forgot all about him until the second morning thereafter. The man had accumulated a large appetite in the meantime, but was otherwise none the worse off.

A 6-year-old son of C. W. Doty of Butte fell into a dry well fifty-five feet deep. The boy was not rendered insensible and a rope being lowered to him he tied it around his body and was drawn up. He was considerably bruised, but it is thought he will recover.

A short time ago the B. & M. left a carload of railroad ties and bridge timbers standing on the track at a siding between Lawrence and Rosemont. The timber disappeared and railroad detectives located it in the possession of several neighboring farmers. They were arrested and fined $35 and costs each.

The terms for holding court in the Fifth judicial district have been fixed by Judges Good and Sornborger as follows: Butler, February 12, May 21, November 12; Saunders, March 4, June 10, December 3; Polk, January 22, April 30, September 10; Seward, February 11, May 20, December 2; Hamilton, January 21, April 29, September 9.

Judge Guy T. Graves has set the terms of the district courts of the Eighth judicial district as follows: Cuming county, January 21 and September 6; Dakota county, February 11 and September 30; Thurston county, March 4 and October 21; Cedar county, March 18 and November 11; Stanton county, April 1 and November 25; Dixon county, April 15 and December 9.

Veronica Pokorna, who has been an inmate of the county poor farm in Butler county for a number of years, died last Sunday, aged 102 years 11 months and 2 days. Deceased was the mother of twelve children, of whom six are living. She leaves thirty-two grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

Judges Stull and Letton of the First judicial district of Nebraska have decided upon the following dates for the holding of district court in the counties as specified: Richardson county, April 8, June 3, November 11; Gage county, February 11, April 29, September 16; Jefferson county, April 8, May 27, October 21; Pawnee county, March 25, May 20, October 21; Nemaha county, February 18, April 22, September 16.

"No Knife," the last chief of the Omaha Indians, died last Monday on the reservation at the home of his son, Matthew Tyndale, at the remarkable age of 113 years. He had not been sick within the memory of those living and simply died of old age. He was buried yesterday at the William Tyndale place on the reservation. This venerable Indian had lived in three centuries. He was born before Washington was elected president, before the adoption of the constitution and while the confederation was yet in control of this incipient nation. Truly his was a long life.

Fatal Landslide in Oregon.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 13.—A passenger train on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad ran into a landslide near Clifton about midnight last night. The engine was derailed and rolled into the river. Engineer W. M. Scott remained at his post and was killed. His body has not been recovered and it is supposed to be under the engine in the river.

Fireman James Davis was also thrown into the river, but was rescued. He is now in the hospital suffering from a broken hand and several bruises about the body. None of the passengers were injured.

The accident occurred on a curve along the Columbia river, where the heavy rains of yesterday had brought down a landslide. The engineer was running at low speed or the entire train would have gone into the river.

Work of Tract Society.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 13.—The American Tract society today for the first time held meetings in this city. General O. O. Howard, the president of the society, and Rev. Judson Swift, the field secretary, accompanied by the district secretary, Rev. George S. J. Browne, held meetings in the First Presbyterian church of Allegheny, the Bellfield Presbyterian and the East Liberty Presbyterian church of Pittsburg at the appointed hours. The services evidenced a very deep interest on the part of the audience in the subject. General Howard told of the great desire of the soldiers for the society's publications and how from the Philippines his own son appealed for primer and Christian literature.

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CHINESE NEWSPAPER ADS.

Column of Personal Paragraphs Makes Interesting Reading.

China does not boast a very extensive native press. There are, in fact, only five daily papers published in the vernacular of the flowery land. Shanghai and Canton each support two; the remaining one is published in Tien Tsin.

These journals are run on strictly business lines, reports the London Express. They give their readers a fair quantity of news and an abundance of "personal paragraphs," many of which are very personal indeed. But it is the advertisements that form the leading feature of a native Chinese daily. Advertisement rates rule cheap, and thus it comes about that almost every celestial patronizes columns of his favorite journal. He even airs private grievances through the medium of the press.

Here is the concluding portion of an announcement inserted by a jilted swain whose lady love eloped with one Chou Ling:

"I cannot control my wrath and bitterness. My loved one has, it is plain, been enticed away by this rascal's deceit. How, I wonder, can a mere tailor's dummy like this succeed in winning her? Surely, he has not law of justice before his eyes. I do this account that I am advertising. Should any kind-hearted gentleman give me information of her whereabouts by letter I will reward him with $30; should he bring her back to her parents I will joyfully give him $40. I will most certainly not eat my words. His kindness and benevolence for a myriad generations, to all eternity, shall not be forgotten."

Another announcement of the agony column class, written apparently by a mother to a son who has run away from home, runs thus:

"If you delay longer and do not return I cannot, cannot bear it, and shall most surely seek an end to my life, and then you will stand in peril of death by thunder. I am now at my last gasp, and the family has suffered from insults most grievous. If you come, no matter how, everything is sure to be arranged. I have thought of a plan by which your father may still be kept in ignorance. My life or death hangs on the issue of these few days. Only I pray that all good people everywhere will spread this message abroad, so that the right person may hear of it. So will they lay up for themselves a boundless store of secret merit."

There is not much of the broken-hearted parent about the following:

"My second son, Hual Po, a boy of tender years and no parts, was educated at home in the country, and had no knowledge of the world. Even when we came to Shanghai last year he stayed indoors learning his lessons and never left the house until September 26, when he went out to get cool and never returned. I ought to say that the boy was altogether unacquainted with the customs of Shanghai and the character of the people, and I presume he has been decoyed away by rascals for some bad purpose. The gold charms he was wearing and the silver he had about him will not, I am afraid, be sufficient for his necessities. On the contrary, he will be borrowing money or doing something of the kind. In that case I will not hold myself liable. Should any of my relatives or friends see him I earnestly hope they will command him to return at once, and so will they earn my gratitude. But I shall pay no monetary reward."

China is a happy hunting ground for quacks. Appended is a translation of an "ad" typical of its class:

"Our recipe has come down to us from a physician of the Ming dynasty. A certain mandarin was journeying in the hill country when he saw a woman passing southward over the mountains as though flying. In her hand she held a stick, and she was pursuing an old fellow of 100 years. The mandarin asked: 'Why do you beat that old man?' She answered: 'He is my grandson, for I am 500 years old and he 114. He will not purify himself by taking his medicine, and so I am beating him.' The mandarin alighted from his horse and knelt down and did obeisance to her, saying: 'Give me, I pray you, this drug, that I may hand it down to posterity for the salvation of mankind.' Hence, it got its name, 'Fairy Recipe for Lengthening Life.' Take it for five days, and the body will feel light; take it for ten days, and your spirits will become brisk; for twenty days, and the voice will be strong and clear and the hands and feet supple; for one year, and white hairs will become black again, and you move as though flying; take it constantly, and all troubles will vanish, and you will pass a long life without growing old. Two dollars per bottle."

Needless to remark, there is no law of libel in China. The celestial publicly heaps abuse on his neighbor, and the latter retorts to the full extent of his vocabulary. It is a delightful system of give-and-take.

MATERIAL FOR ROMANCE.

Last Wills and Testaments Afford an Abundance.

Much material for romance has been heretofore extracted from the last wills and testaments of persons deceased, who had the ordinary human capacity for seeing into the future, and there is no prospect that the supply will fail, says the New York Mail and Express. A wealthy farmer lately died near Geneva, in this state, leaving a rich legacy for the ingenious writer of romance.

He was suffering from cancer in the stomach and was childless, but he made his will not only in expectation of death, but of birth, and aimed to provide for the future offsprings. His heart was set upon leaving his name and the bulk of his fortune to a son, but he considered the contingency of a daughter, and also of multiple birth, and the instrument was so drawn as to carry out his cherished purpose in behalf of his "oldest son," in case his widow and his memory should be blessed with one.

The farmer was gathered to his fathers and within a week the widow gave birth to two boys. It was duly noted that the first-born was marked with a mole under the right shoulderblade, which would serve to identify him as the eldest son, and in the excitement of the occasion no further observations were made. It was afterward discovered by the nurse who was bathing the twins that they not only looked exactly alike, but each had a mole at the same spot beneath the right shoulderblade, and by that time she had so "mixed those babies up" that she no longer knew which was the firstborn. Here was a how-de-do. Was the eldest son to be deprived of his birthright because his distinguishing mark failed to distinguish and the nurse had blundered? There seemed to be no way but to contest the will in behalf of the heirs-at-law, so that the twins might share alike, but the testator had previously provided that if the will should be contested the person or persons in whose interest action was taken should be disinherited and the property should go to certain charitable institutions. This is the raw material, and we leave the romancer to work it up.

A PICTURESQUE CAREER.

Early Struggles and Later Successes of Joe Murphy.

Joseph Murphy has reached the goal of his ambition. He is probably the wealthiest actor on the stage today, reports Success, and numbers among his admirers those thousands of theater-goers who enjoy the comedies redolent of old Ireland, her humor and her pathos. Joseph Jefferson alone rivals him in wealth.

His struggles in early life read like a romance, and show the persevering spirit of this millionaire actor. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., about fifty-four years ago, and, being thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he went to California, securing employment in a Sacramento restaurant. This restaurant was burned to the ground one night and William Lawrence Murphy (his baptismal name) was bereft of employment. For three days he cast about, looking for work. The third night, in utter despair, he was dragging himself along a side street, when he noticed something shining in the moonlight. What he thought, at first, to be a piece of tinfoil, proved to be a twenty-dollar gold piece. After getting supper and a good night's sleep he started again to look for employment. While walking near the river bank he saw a boy in a boat rowing in to shore. Upon inquiry he found that the boy was selling wild berries, for which he received $1 a quart. He bought the boat for $10, got information as to the location of the berry ground and that season cleared $70.

Ignorance that Pays.

New York Sun: The newsstand man is probably the only dealer who makes it a point to know nothing about his goods. Ask him for any publication you want and he will hand it out if it be in his stock. If you ask him if it contains a certain article he is not able or willing to tell you. One down in Wall street, who was asked about this, shrugged his shoulders and replied:

"I don't know. You buy and find out. If I knew it did not contain what you want and said so I would lose a sale. And so it would be with anything but a newspaper and I do not read that until evening."

"Is this a custom in your business?"

"It is with those who understand their business," was the reply.

South Dakota Incorporations.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Vulcan Mining company at Keystone, with a capital of $150,000; incorporators, Harry F. Champman, Elliott G. Stevenson, Henry Binswough, James A. Clark, Frederick H. Whitfield and John H. Duffie. For the Norwegian Lutheran congregation of Fremont township, Moody county; trustees, Bottolf Iverson, Rasmus Arundson and Isaac Thompson.

TELLS TALES OUT OF SCHOOL

Frank DeHaas Shows Up McGraw and Robinson in Unenviable Light.

PLAYERS CHARGED WITH DOUBLE DEALING

According to Story of St. Louis Magnate, Who Seems to Have Been Played for Good Thing, Twain Cost Him $14,000 Last Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Frank DeHaas Robinson of the St. Louis base ball club gave out the following statement concerning the withdrawal of McGraw and Robinson from the National Base Ball association:

"Before the last meeting of the National association was held at Chicago last winter McGraw and Robinson had both signed regular National league contracts to play base ball with the Baltimore Base Ball company, Mr. Hanlon president and Mr. Von Der Horst treasurer for the base ball season of 1900. This was done on the same night, and that same night McGraw, together with Mr. Peterson, the president of the new club that had been organized in Baltimore, started to attend the meeting of their association. As is well known to all, McGraw and Robinson had previous to this time deserted the Baltimore Base Ball company and had become the prime movers in the new National movement. They had never intended to remain with that club, but, on the contrary, sent private letters to Mr. Hanlon of the Baltimore club, asking if he would meet them some place. Mr. Hanlon decided he would meet McGraw and Robinson and hear what they had to say. This was after the new base ball company had been incorporated and had elected officers, and gone so far as to effect a lease of the ball grounds, which was the property of Hanlon, Von Der Horst and others and had been improved to over $3,000 in cash.

Meet Hanlon on the Quiet.

"McGraw and Robinson stated to Hanlon that they did not want to play ball with the new National association or become connected with it if they could make suitable arrangements with Mr. Hanlon and Mr. Von Der Horst. At the conference held by Von Der Horst and Hanlon, the two said they would like to make a contract with him to play ball with the Baltimore club for the season of 1900. The proposition submitted was: McGraw said he would sign a contract with the Baltimore club belonging to Hanlon and Von Der Horst if he were paid a salary of $5,000 for the season. Robinson would sign if he were paid $3,200 for the season and in addition they stated that if McGraw were released or his release sold to any club in the National league he was to receive $3,500 in addition and if Robinson was sold he was to receive $2,500 in addition.

"At the time this proposition was made to Mr. Hanlon he said he could not give them an answer until he had consulted with Mr. Von Der Horst. I had been in Baltimore before and at this very time. Von Der Horst called me into a conference and submitted the proposition that had been made by McGraw and Robinson. Van Der Horst then and there declared that he would never agree to any such terms, stating that it was an outrage if the Baltimores were compelled to pay this kind of a bonus for the return of what they considered their stolen property. I finally suggested to them that it was not right that the Baltimore club should stand all of this loss.

Robinson Takes Hand in Deal.

"I said I thought the National league would share in the loss and help reimburse the Baltimore club in case Hanlon and Von Der Horst accepted the terms of McGraw and Robinson, and both Hanlon and Von Der Horst said if I would telegraph to members of the National league asking them if the National league would stand by them in this matter and share the loss with them and get their consent to do so, that they would accept the terms proposed by McGraw and Robinson. The latter also agreed that they would break up the new National association and drop them entirely, this being part of the consideration. I consented to telegraph to the members of the circuit committee of the National league and did so, and getting replies from them that they would stand by the Baltimore club. Mr. Hanlon then again met McGraw and Robinson and accepted their terms and they both signed National league contracts calling for the amounts stated, namely: $5,000 salary for McGraw and $3,000 salary for Robinson. Hanlon then made a separate contract with McGraw and Robinson whereby they agreed to be released to any other National league club if they were paid the amounts stated, namely: McGraw, $3,500, and Robinson, $2,500."

McGraw Makes Futile Trip to Chicago

After McGraw and Robinson had signed the contract McGraw took the train, accompanied by Mr. Peterson, the president of his new base ball organization, and started for Chicago, where they were to attend the meeting of the National association. It was McGraw's idea to break up that association at that meeting, but he found Quinn and Havener, representing the Milwaukee club, Spink, Schaefer and Heckle, representing the St. Louis club, Anson representing the Chicago club, Richter representing the Philadelphia club, and others at the meeting when it was called to order. These persons, it seems, had each brought with them a bond, for, I think, the sum of $5,000, which each club was to put up as a guaranty of good faith, and they were so strong in believing that their new movement would be a success that McGraw found it impossible to carry out his plans at that meeting. McGraw at this meeting had Peterson and himself put on a committee to see Mr. Koch for the Philadelphia parties and to see if they were ready to put up their bond and sign the agreement that had been drawn by the association and also to select the eighth city to represent the league. This gave McGraw the opportunity to carry out his plans and he, either before leaving Chicago or while on the road, wired to Mr. Hanlon to meet him the following night in Baltimore and he would explain matters to him. Hanlon met him and McGraw told Hanlon that he would go to Philadelphia to put up their guaranty immediately and if they did not do so he would telegraph Anson that he was through with the whole matter.

The St. Louis ball club, after the National league meeting held last spring in New York, purchased the release of McGraw, Robinson and Keister, paying the sum of $16,500 for the same. In addition to this amount, the St. Louis club had to pay and did pay McGraw's salary for the season of 1900, $5,000, and Robinson's salary of $3,200. The St. Louis club had to assume and pay and did pay to McGraw the sum of $3,500 on account of his release, and to Robinson $2,500 on account of his release, and paid for a man's service for running their saloon while they were away during the ball season. The amount of $14,250 was paid for the release of McGraw and Robinson.

Sioux City Out of the Game.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 13.—The report that Sioux City is out of the Western Base Ball league is confirmed. Manager Beall says the franchise has been transferred to Minneapolis and that he will manage the team. He says Sioux City has a chance for securing Pueblo's franchise if it puts up a $2,000 bonus.

Sioux Falls Defeats Sioux City.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Sioux Falls won three straight games in the first of a series of bowling championship games between Sioux City and Sioux Falls. The aggregate score was: Sioux City, 2,220; Sioux Falls, 2,322. The return game will be played at Sioux City January 28.

MAYOR WILL ISSUE PERMIT

Promotors of Jeffries-Ruhlin Bout Can Conduct Sparring Match, but Not Prize Fight.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13.—The agitation over the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight here next month continued today, together with informal conferences. Mayor Fleischman left for New York to be gone a week and he left his ultimatum with the Saengerfest Athletic association. The mayor said:

As the matter presented itself to me at the Friday meeting, the application for the permit was not for the purpose of giving a sparring contest, but for the purpose of "getting out" of giving a sparring contest. I so told the gentlemen present at the conference, and told them so plainly. I also called their attention to the fact, well known and understood by them, that it had from the first been understood that the permit was to be issued at the proper time for the contest, and I added that I stood just where I had stood at the beginning and that if they went on with their arrangements the permit would be in their hands two days in advance, and it is well understood that this permit will be for a sparring contest, and nothing else.

It is understood that if Mayor Fleischman had issued a permit in advance it would have been estopped at Columbus if it had not been declared illegal in the Cincinnati courts. The only question here now about the fight among the agitators is as to the time when the Saengerfest Athletic club will declare it off.

Gus Ruhlin arrived here this afternoon and up to midnight there had been no effort to arrest him. He denies that he is in training for a prize fight and says he is here for a week's theatrical engagement.

TAKES WILSON AS PARTNER

Billy Hulen Disposes of One-Half of Interest in His Pueblo Base Ball Enterprise.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 13.—William Hulen, owner of the Pueblo franchise in the Western league, has sold a half interest in his team for 1901 to Park Wilson, the ex-New York Giant, who will catch for the Pueblo aggregation this year. Hulen has announced that the only men who were with him last year whom he will retain are: McHale, outfielder; Whiteridge, pitcher; Raymer, second baseman, the latter being contingent upon Connie Mack's demands. He has secured Pickett, outfielder; Wally Taylor, second baseman; Bishop, pitcher, and Jack Quinn, catcher, for next season.

A. A. U. Boxing and Wrestling.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 13.—The annual national championship boxing and wrestling tournament of the Amateur Athletic union will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Avenue theater. The entry list is large. The referee of the boxing bouts will be Charlie White of New York.

DEATH RECORD

Drops Dead at Home Gate.

BANCROFT, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—After spending the afternoon calling on the sick, Mrs. Nancy Young was returning home and reached her gate, when she dropped dead. Her daughter, Mrs. Maud Phillips was working about the house and saw her mother coming, and when she did not hear her enter, looked out, only to see her lifeless form lying at the gate. Mrs. Young was the widow of an old soldier and leaves two daughters.

William H. Dwyer.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 13.—William H. Dwyer, treasurer of the Peninsular Stove company, died at his home here tonight. He was 38 years old and was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1863. He had been connected with the Peninsular Stove company since it was organized by his father, James D. Dwyer, in 1881.

Charles W. Brown.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 13.—Charles W. Brown, a wealthy business man of this city, died here suddenly today from heart disease. He had not been well for several months, but his condition was at no time considered dangerous. Mr. Brown was very largely interested in real estate in this and other cities.

Death in Huron.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Miss Cora Risdon, daughter of George Risdon and wife, died at the family residence in this city Friday morning of typhoid fever. Miss Risdon was among the prominent young ladies of the city and for several years chief saleswoman in Milo Booth's dry goods establishment.

Joseph Yates Paige.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Joseph Yates Paige, for the last six years chief clerk of the comptroller of the currency, died this morning of pneumonia. He was well known in the banking interests. Mr. Paige was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1850 of a family distinguished in the state's history.

Salisbury's Brother Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Lord Lionel Cecil, half-brother of the marquis of Salisbury, is dead.

HYMENEAL.

Iowa Bride and Groom.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—At the home of Baxter Smith in this city last evening occurred the marriage of Frank E. Donelan of Glenwood, Ia., and Miss Winifred F. Wells of Tabor, Ia., Rev. T. J. Burgess officiating.

Married in Huron.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Henry Bolte, a prosperous farmer and stockman living near Virgil, and Miss Lizzie Graham of that place were united in marriage in this city on Wednesday by Rev. Charles A. Brand.

Colorado Mining Strike Ends.

FLORENCE, Colo., Jan. 13.—The strike at the Union Gold Extraction company's mill ended today. President Milliken of the company granted the demands of the Mill and Smeltermen's union for an eight-hour day and a satisfactory wage scale was arranged at a conference between the president and a committee of the union.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

Jell-O,

a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day. 10 cts.