securing the apprehension of Silcott, as the indictments will insure the punishment of the criminal if he can be caught. The only danger is that he has got beyond the clutches of the representatives of the law and cannot be caught.

WANAMAKER'S "RETREAT."

Postmaster General Wanamaker went over to Philadelphia today where he will spend tomorrow. Mr. Wanamaker's daughters came to the department this morning with their father. He showed them his office and then took them up stairs where they expected his "retreat," as his private room upon the third floor of the department is called. The "retreat" is very handsomely furnished with lace curtains and upholstered furniture. It consists of two rooms. The larger room has a desk in the center and is fitted up as an office. Connected by a doorway is a smaller room, which is divided by partitions, thus providing a place for toilet facilities and also an office room where there is one desk and one chair. When the postmaster general is at his desk the room is full. There is no space for anything else. His daughters were naturally interested in the "retreat" and especially in the cute little private office. Mr. Wanamaker does not occupy his retreat very much, but when he wants a place of this kind he wants it badly, and for this reason he had these rooms fitted up for his use.

A CHECK ON RASCALITY.

Treasurer Huston, after January 1, will have the regular bank punching machine brought into acquisition to prevent the raising of checks. It makes round holes in the draft or check immediately preceding and following the figures so as to make the raising of a check impossible. Mr. Huston says he has used these punches in his banking house with great success and although there has never been raised a check cashed at the treasury department he is fearful he will wake up some fine morning and find the government swindled, because there are very large checks and drafts issued daily and floated throughout the country. Mr. Huston has introduced a number of innovations which facilitate the work of his office and guard against the practices of dishonesty.

WAR ON TRUSTS.

There is a good deal of talk among prominent members of both houses about the war that is to be made upon trusts. It will be remembered that the first bill introduced in the senate this session was by Mr. Morgan prohibiting the formation of trusts. There is scarcely a man in either house who is not opposed to trusts, and when the measure is reached its adoption is assured.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

Nebraska—Germantown, Seward county, C. Fetterman, vice C. E. Haus, removed; Tilden, Madison county, Mrs. L. E. Honeysett, vice G. W. Honeysett, deceased.

Iowa—Bluff Creek, Monroe county, M. H. Sumner, vice W. F. Crowell, resigned; Cotsa, Shelby county, W. S. Rarabaugh, vice W. J. Smith, resigned; Calumet, Obrien county, W. T. Rowell, vice W. O. Jones, resigned; Knox, Taylor county, V. D. Harriott, vice G. V. Houton, resigned; Luther, Boone county, H. H. Badley, vice F. Luther, removed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

John H. Beattie of Iowa has been appointed chief of a division in the treasury.

Frank Alexander of Lagrace, Campbell county, S. D., has been appointed chief of the division of swamp lands, general land office.

The Sioux Indian Commission of Standing Rock agency, McChesney of Cheyenne, Agent Anderson of Yankton and Agent Gallagher of Pine Ridge, are here, accompanied by delegations of Indians from the various agencies. It is believed that the commission will submit its report on Monday and that the president's proclamation to open the reservation will be issued within a few days therefrom.

Senator Moody will on Monday introduce a bill to reimburse the country south of the forty-fifth standard parallel, South Dakota, for the expense incurred in the constitutional convention of 1885. The constitution adopted in 1885 was used as a basis for North Dakota, Washington and Montana in the preparation of constitutions in 1889, which shortened the sessions of the convention and saved money for the federal government, which by the omnibus bill contracted to pay the expenses of those conventions, and Senator Moody says the government can now well afford to pay the expense of the Sioux Falls convention of 1885, amounting to about $15,000. The senator will also introduce bills providing for an assay office and public building at Deadwood.

Joseph Hare was today appointed postmaster at Hill City and J. O. Callahan at Whitewood, S. D.

Senator Allison intends to leave Washington next week for Des Moines. He will remain there until after the question of his re-election is settled and probably not return to Washington till some time in February. The stories being circulated to the effect that the senator is going to be married are said by his friends to be untrue.

G. M. Hitchcock, editor of the Omaha World-Herald, arrived in the city last night and left this morning after a conference with Senator Manderson.

Mr. Rosewater will leave for New York tomorrow night and after a few days there will return to Omaha.

W. C. Shutloff of Waterloo, Ia., has entered upon the duties of cashier under sergeant-at-arms Holmes. This is the position recently occupied by Silcott, who decamped to Canada.

William Hill of Iowa has been appointed a folder in the house document room.

John F. Beatty of Iowa was today appointed chief of a division in the registrar's office in the treasury department.

Secretary of the Interior Noble today dismissed the motion for a review in the case of Perry vs. Hildreth, involving the northwest ¼ of section 23, township 103, range 54, Mitchell, S. D., land district.

PERRY S. HEATH.

A Magnificent Gift.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—At the annual dinner of the Wesleyan University club last evening it was announced that Dr. Daniel Ayers of Brooklyn had paid over to the trustees the sum of $250,000 as an endowment fund for the university. Dr. Ayers, although not a graduate of the college, recently gave it $50,000 to establish a chair of biology, and has also given other considerable sums. The newly elected president of the college, Bradford Raymond, added to the enthusiasm by the declaration that the trustees had resolved to add $250,000 to Dr. Ayer's gift, and that $60,000 of the amount was already raised.

Robbed a Cashier.

GREAT FALLS, N. H., Dec. 14.—As Cashier Stickney of the Great Falls National bank was leaving the building last night two men confronted him with revolvers and ordered him back to open the vault. Stickney explained that the time lock was set for morning and this satisfied them. They relieved Stickney, however, of a watch valued at $300 and his loose change, after which they made their escape.

Two of Burrows' Gang Captured.

AMORY, Miss., Dec. 14.—Rufe Smith and James McClung, members of the notorious Rube Burrows' gang, were captured here by the Southern Express company's detectives this morning. There was a desperate struggle during which McClung was shot and seriously injured. It is understood they were organizing an attack on the pay car of the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham road.

ADDITIONAL SPORTING NEWS.

The Juveniles Organize a Polo League.

WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW.

A Professional Six-Day Bicycle Chase—Cocking Main—The Foxy Senator and What Clarke Would Like to Do.

Juvenile Polo Players.

The first game for the juvenile polo championship of this city was played yesterday afternoon at the Coliseum between the Burkets and the Two Orphans teams, and resulted in a victory for the Two Orphans by a score of 5 to 4.

There are four teams in this adolescent organization, viz: The Burkets, colors red and black; the Two Orphans, black; the Apollos, blue, and Council Bluffs, maroon.

The positions of the two teams in yesterday's contest were as follows: Burkets, Searl first rush; Haskell, second; Morris, goal tend; Alexander, half-back; Weller, center. Two Orphans, Arnold, first rush; Christian, second; Purvis, goal tend; Whitman, half-back; Stanley, center. Referee, Stegnole.

The boys put up a fine game, and with a little more practice will be able to make a showing against the teams of the older game.

The next game will be next Saturday afternoon between the Apollos and the boys over the river.

Additional Questions Answered.

Will you publish in Sunday's sporting columns the record of Leon Lozier of Council Bluffs for 100 yards, also that of Walton of Greenwood, Neb., and oblige? Also are there many good sprinters in this city?—Sprinter.

Answer: Lozier, 10½; Walton, 10½. There are several, among whom might be mentioned M. T. Kettleman and Hub Skinner. Tit Willis, the ball player, is also a speedy man.

Please inform me in Sunday's BEE what the score was between the Midland and Gate City polo teams at their game Friday evening, December 6.—John Benner, city.

Answer: Eight to two in favor of the Midlands.

To decide a wager, will you please inform us what Hamlet, the Melancholy Dane's, first name was?—Minnie and Lannie, Cass street.

Answer: Charlie.

A Six-Day Cycle Chase.

Manager Prince, of the coliseum, is making preparations for a big bicycle race, open to the world, to be held either during the last week of January or the first week in February. The race is to be a six days, four hours a day, for a purse and the gate receipts.

Morgan Wins the Race.

Senator Morgan won the six-day bicycle chase run in the Mechanic's Pavilion at Portland, Ore., last week, after a hard struggle with Knapp and Kennedy. The score was as follows: Morgan, 296 miles and 11 laps; Knapp and Kennedy, 296 miles and 10 laps; Fabing, 71 miles and 9 laps; Merrill, 51 miles and 1 lap.

The Battle of the Birds.

The dead game will assemble at a rendezvous just outside of the southern city limits this afternoon and indulge in a cocking main. There are to be five battles for $25 a battle and $100 on the main.

Is Willing to Work.

Dad Clarke has concluded to remain in Omaha this winter and while waiting for the ball season to open would like to serve as cashier for some bank or the president of a railroad.

The Brotherhood Ball Players Elated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The brotherhood of ball players here are gleeful tonight because of legal opinion which was rendered them by David M. Newburger upon the validity of the reserve clause in the league contract. The document sets forth in detail the reason for the final conclusion, which is in these words: "Clause is invalid and not binding, and a party of the second part, whoever he may be, in my judgment is at liberty to attempt employment under any conditions he may choose whenever he pleases."

Kilrain Convicted of Assault.

PURVIS, Miss., Dec. 14.—The jury in the Kilrain case returned a verdict of not guilty of prize fighting, but guilty of assault and battery. They were out five hours.

The jury was secured without much difficulty this morning. It was composed of nine whites and three negroes. The testimony was not lengthy and did not differ materially from that in the hearing a few months ago. Referee Fitzpatrick was one of the witnesses. A strong charge was made by the attorney for the state, while the advocate for the defense held that the little affair was a social combat, and not a prize-fight. After five hours' deliberation the jury returned the verdict as above, and Kilrain was sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and imprisonment in the county jail two months. An appeal was taken, and he was admitted to bail in the sum of $1,000.

A Sculler's Challenge.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 14.—Edward Hanlon, the sculler, dictated a challenge to the world this afternoon, agreeing to post $1,000 with any New York paper agreed upon for an open, free-for-all scull race on any lake in this country or the Thames river, England, in July next; each entry to put up $1,000, the winner to take two-thirds and the second one-third of the stakes, and the winner to be classed champion sculler of the world. If this is not satisfactory to Australians he will row any Australian for $2,500 a side on the Thames course next July for the championship of the world.

Base Ball Test Cases.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Colonel Rogers, as solicitor of the Philadelphia league club, today filed a bill in equity against players Hallman and Buffington, setting forth the nature of the league, its contracts, etc., and asking that players be restrained from giving their services as ball players for the season of 1890 to any other club. These will be made test cases.

A New Orleans Hotel Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 14.—The Allen house, a hotel situated in the upper floors of the McCloskey block on Charles street, burned this morning. The stairways were ablaze immediately after the alarm and nearly all the guests had to make their escape through the windows over the roofs of adjacent buildings. Three or four jumped to the pavement and were badly injured. Frederick Rust, the manager of the Nellie McHenry theatrical company, may not recover and Charles Shackford, the leading man of the same company, was terribly burned.

The Death Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Judge Ambrose Monell died tonight. He was recently implicated as counsel for Sheriff Flack in the notorious divorce case, and it is said that his ill-health dated from the discoveries of the fraud in that case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Hector Havemeyer, president of the Havemeyer Sugar Refinery company, and cousin to the president of the sugar trust, is dead in Paris.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Rev. Reuben Jeffery, DD., a well-known Baptist clergyman, died at 8:45 o'clock today in Brooklyn.

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—Cardinal Gangiebauer, archbishop of Vienna, who has been critically ill for some time, died today.

White Caps Arrested.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Dec. 14.—Three prominent Mexicans, supposed to be the ringleaders of the white caps, and the fence cutters who were arrested yesterday, makes seven so far taken into custody, leaving thirteen yet to be arrested for murder and other crimes.

THREE RAILROAD DISASTERS.

Through a Bridge—A Collision—A Construction Train Derailed.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 14.—During a howling snow storm this afternoon a coal train on the Susquehanna road went through an open draw-bridge into English creek. Engineer Nixon, Fireman Harrington and William Seely are under the wreck in the river.

Collided With a Freight.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—A passenger train on the Missouri Pacific collided with a freight train near Pleasant Hill last night, and two tramps stealing a ride between the tender and the mail cars were crushed to a pulp. All the passengers were shaken up, but none were seriously injured.

Derailed on the Wabash.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—A construction train on the Wabash railway, fifteen miles from this city, ran down a hand car, derailing the train and killing two men and badly injuring four others.

A Capital Crime.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict of guilty against Charles Merchant, charged with having set fire to the Oklahoma house yesterday. The crime is a capital one.

New York in Darkness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The city is almost entirely in darkness tonight in consequence of the cutting of the electric wires. There is not an electric light visible south of the park on either side of the town.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Business Transacted by the Commissioners Yesterday.

The bill of Henry Gibson for printing and stationery furnished in October and November, amounting to $1,317.35, engaged the attention of the county commissioners yesterday afternoon, after all the other business had been transacted. The finance committee reported the bill back with the recommendation that it be cut to a total of $951.28, and the report was adopted. The bill contained items of poll books, pens, pads, etc., some of which were cut nearly 50 per cent. Mr. Anderson, chairman of the finance committee, stated that the charges were extortionate and were in excess of the market value of the articles.

Mr. Gibson was present and explained that there was no contract between himself and the county for the year 1889, and the only basis was the bid submitted by him. He claimed that the prices named were the market prices. The poll books used in the election were charged at $1 each, and Mr. Anderson claimed that other counties only paid 80 cents for them. Mr. Gibson explained this by saying that the books for Douglas county were larger than those used in other counties, and cost more to make up.

Mr. Anderson then asked about the item, "senate pads," which are charged at 41 cents each. These are pads of yellow writing paper, foolscap size, some of the pads containing fifty sheets and others 100 sheets. The price on these was cut by the committee to 20 cents each. Two dozen short hand reporters' note books were charged at $20. This item was changed to $6.

Mr. Anderson stated that the court reporters told him they could buy the same books for 15 cents each.

Mr. Gibson merely laughed at this statement.

Mr. Anderson then asked to have the chattel mortgage records brought into the room, as he wished to ask Mr. Gibson something about the books. County Clerk Roche brought in three books and said, "There they are."

"Are those all of the books?" inquired Mr. Anderson.

The clerk replied that those were all.

Anderson then demanded how it was that the county had paid for four books when only three were furnished.

This reopened the old fight between Anderson and Roche and the same old arguments were brought out again, but nothing new was developed.

Anderson said his idea in having the books brought out was to ask Gibson why they were not furnished with "indicators" on the edges of the leaves, and he had no intention of bringing up a dispute.

The dispute over the amount of Gibson's bill was overlooked entirely but Mr. Gibson remarked that he would not accept the amount voted by the board. He was not prepared to make a detailed statement as to the various items, but would do so later.

During all the time this dispute between Anderson, Gibson and Roche was going on Chairman Mount vainly endeavored to bring the board to order, and finally succeeded in putting a motion to adjourn until Monday afternoon and declared it carried.

The chairman at once withdrew, leaving Anderson and Roche to fight it out, which they proceeded to do. They accused one another of crookedness and brought up the same charges which were aired about six months ago. When they had vented their spleen they retired and quiet was restored.

Previous to the dispute occasioned by Gibson's bill the following business was transacted:

J. C. Mahoney applied for the position of engineer at the county hospital. Referred to the committee on construction.

The county attorney returned the bill of Police Judge Reuther of South Omaha for fees in state cases, with the opinion that the county was liable for fees in felony cases, but not in misdemeanor cases.

Mrs. Marion Casey submitted a communication asking damages for land taken in locating road No. 49 D.

The official bond of Sheriff-elect John F. Boyd for $10,000, with William A. Paxton and John A. McShane as sureties, was approved.

The bonds of F. A. McArdle, as justice of the peace of McArdle precinct; John S. Morrison, justice of the peace of the Third district, city; John Steinert, justice of the peace of McArdle precinct; J. R. Watts, justice of the peace of Waterloo; William Clark, supervisor of Elkhorn precinct; S. S. Wilt, supervisor of Elkhorn precinct; C. E. Ogle, supervisor of Valley precinct; L. Peterson, constable of the Seventh ward, and Peter Sharkey, constable of the Fourth ward, were read and approved.

The bonds of David Neil, as constable of Waterloo precinct; Jacob Hertman, constable of the First precinct, and Henry McKendry, justice of the peace of South Omaha, were referred to the committee on judiciary.

A number of applications from county officials, for supplies, were referred to the committee.

The claims of the judges and clerks of the election on the bond propositions, at $6 each, were presented and allowed.

The following estimates were allowed: Dan O'Keeffe, brick culvert, $268.22; Root & Johnson, grading State street, Florence, $759.25; Eli Johnson, grading county road, $174.08; O. Davis, grading Dodge street, $1,030.23; H. C. Barnes, grading Military road, $1,332.80.

A number of small bills were allowed and ordered placed on the next appropriation sheets.

The bill of the Democrat publishing company of $294.50 for publishing the election proclamation was referred to the finance committee.

The fees of Clerk Moores of $2,317 for the February and May terms were allowed.

Appropriation sheet No. 17, of the road fund, amounting to $1,259.11, was allowed, as was also sheet No. 32, of the general fund, amounting to $5,338.87.

The bill of the canvassing board of the last bond election, for two days, was disputed by the chairman. The board met to canvass the vote after all the boxes were in, and found that the boxes from two wards were empty. They were obliged to wait until the next day to canvass these two wards, and their bill for the second day was disallowed, Chairman Mount voting against that part of the bill, while Anderson voted against the entire bill. O'Keeffe and Turner voted aye.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the county attorney was directed to draw up a bond to be signed by all contractors for county work providing for the payment of all claims for wages of laborers, mechanics, etc. The motion carried, Messrs. Mount, Turner and Anderson voting in the affirmative and Mr. O'Keeffe in the negative. Mr. O'Keeffe wanted exception made in the case of E. J. Brennan, who had already submitted a bond which covered this point.

The board then adjourned until Monday at 2 p. m.

Mr. W. A. Paxton, jr., will give a cotillion Tuesday evening, December 17, in the handsome ballroom of the family residence.

SHE LOVED THE DOCTOR.

And Because He Wouldn't Marry Her She Poisoned Herself.

A DRESSMAKER'S INSANE FREAK.

A Fraud Perpetrated on the Modern Woodmen—An Old Account Closed—Other Iowa News.

A Woman's Mad Act.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night Mrs. E. E. Doolittle, a dress maker, walked into Dr. Raymond's office this city, and demanded of him that he marry her. On refusal she swallowed a dose of poison and died this morning. She has been insane some time and considered herself engaged to the doctor. While he was trying to prevent her from carrying out her intention she broke a plate glass window. She seized a piece of the glass and threw it at the physician, and cut an ugly gash in his head. The doctor is one of the most prominent physicians in the place.

An Insurance Swindle.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A swindling scheme of widespread interest has just been brought to public notice here by an attempt to have the alleged perpetrators indicted by the Polk county grand jury in this city. The fraud was practiced upon the organization of Modern Woodmen of America. About a year ago the national officers of the organization were notified that John Berman had joined the order as an independent member at Lawrence, Kan., where a deputy was supposed to have admitted him. There being no local camp his assessment fees and dues were paid directly to the head officers, and after a short time it was reported that he had gone to Houston, Texas, and died there. Then an application was made on behalf of Mrs. Berman for the amount of his insurance, $3,000. The necessary affidavits, proofs, death burial, etc., were sent on to the head banker, Gus Smith of this city, who, supposing them genuine, made out the draft. He was informed by Head Counsel Root of Lyons, Ia., that the widow was there, and that if the money was sent to him he would pay it to her. It was so sent but investigation later showed that there was no such person as John Bremen; that the name was fictitious and had been invented to cover a fraud. Then came the resignation of Root and another officer who seemed to be concerned with him, and efforts ever since have been going on to try and indict some one for the swindle. The grand jury has refused to take it up, believing that it did not properly come within the jurisdiction of this county. It is announced that Banker Smith will himself prosecute Root, and thus bring the matter into the courts. The Modern Woodmen number over forty thousand, chiefly in Iowa and surrounding states.

Closed Up an Old Account.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The state treasurer has received a check for $2,800 from ex-Attorney-General McPherson in settlement of old accounts outstanding many years. During McPherson's administration he made some collections and had some offsets by way of commissions which produced confusion in the account. The executive council made an investigation and decided that McPherson owed the state this sum which he has promptly paid and closed up the old account.

A School Trouble.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A little unpleasantness occurred to mar the serenity of our public schools. It seems that some days ago Superintendent Coleman had suspended a boy named Carr for various misdemeanors. The boy, obeying instructions of his father, W. D. Carr, returned to the school room several times, but was promptly sent back to his parents. Finally, Friday, the father took it into his head to reinstate the boy himself, and accompanied him to the school house and entered. After considerable parley, in which Superintendent Coleman told Carr that his son could not return to school without action of the school board, Carr made an assault on Mr. Coleman, who very promptly, properly and vigorously ejected the intruder. It is reported that the board will prosecute the offender for a breach of the peace. Everybody approves the action of Prof. Coleman in maintaining the dignity and authority of his position.

Representative Shepley's Illness.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The latest report of the condition of Representative Shepley of Guthrie county is that he is very ill with pneumonia. His condition is regarded as quite serious, and much anxiety is felt as to the outcome. If he should not be present at the opening of the legislature the democrats would elect the speaker.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

How the St. Paul Railroad Got the Razzle Dazzle.

"It is a short road that has no branch lines," said an official of the Milwaukee one day last week, and he accompanied his assertion with a declaration which might mean much or little.

Conversation in relation to an inquiry for news had been diverted from common place matters into more interesting channels, which brought out some racy developments as to why the Union Pacific formed its train service combination on Denver passenger business with the Northwestern instead of the Milwaukee.

"I can unfold to you a story showing sufficient reasons," said a Union Pacific attache, "and strange as it seems the facts never became known outside of the immediate circle of those who were directly concerned.

"We offered to negotiate with the Milwaukee people first, but they acted very indifferently and gave us to understand that from their point of view there was nothing in it for them. Mr. Lomax, then our assistant general passenger agent, was sent to Milwaukee with a proposition and full authority to close the deal. Mr. Tebbets telegraphed the Milwaukee officials that he was coming and they all left town, purposely, as I have always believed, to avoid meeting him. Anyway, when he arrived there the head men were not to be found.

"This action bore such unmistakable evidence of contempt towards our friendly, well intended overtures that we naturally felt aggravated and would have done something more surprising than the consummation of a tie-up with so strong a competitor as the Northwestern to accomplish our scheme. From Milwaukee, Mr. Lomax went to Chicago, met Tibbetts there, and together they called on the Northwestern people, made known their errand, and within the very short space of one hour had closed the deal."

But the version given of this transaction by a representative of the Milwaukee road is quite different, though it does not change results. He says: "We are now very sorry that the Northwestern was permitted to get away with us on that enterprise, but the management could not be induced then to believe that there was anything worth struggling after in it for our road. We were not given a fair showing, and for this reason: When the Union Pacific first talked of putting on a through sleeping car between Chicago and Denver our people were consulted and agreed to into the scheme. While Lomax was with some of them at Chicago and St. Louis, fixing it up, Charles Frances Adams happened to put in an appearance at Omaha, met Marvin Hughitt here and with him closed a contract to take the Northwestern instead of our road. That is why we came to get the razzle-dazzle."

The Missouri Pacific officials are feeling angry about having new freight rates thrust upon them in Nebraska because they were not consulted. It seems that in all meetings by representatives of other lines with the Omaha jobbers, this corporation was entirely ignored. Once General Manager Ripley and General Freight Agent Stone of the Burlington were here and sat all day in a session, with Union Pacific, Northwestern and B. & M. magnates at Mr. Mellin's office without letting the Missouri Pacific know anything about it. This is what makes the latter show an inclination to stand out and create war.

The new lumber rate for Nebraska points from Omaha will go into effect tomorrow. As an illustration the following towns are given, showing what the tariff has been and will be:

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Lincoln	8 cents	5 cents
David City	10 cents	6 cents
Stromsburg	11 cents	8 cents
Beatrice	10 cents	7 cents
Schuyler	10 cents	5 cents
Columbus	12 cents	7 cents
Fullerton	13 cents	12 cents
Norfolk	12 cents	9 cents

THE THEATERS.

That Bronson Howard possesses considerable cleverness as a playwright is not to be denied. Perhaps the least attractive side of him, as an artist, is that cleverness seems to be his ideal, and that he is fully content to be clever and nothing more. In the latest one, "The Henrietta," you feel that he has cared for little else than to show himself as a cleverly successful "man of the times" in the play-writing way. Wall street speculation is no bad theme for a play, and if, in treating it satirically, Mr. Howard saw fit to set up such personages as the fashionable clergyman and the Anglomaniac dude as side targets upon which to expend his spare shafts, no one need quarrel with him. To try to laugh a popular vice out of countenance, however, is one thing, but to pounce upon a popular vice as excellent material for a joke is very different. When "The Henrietta" was brought out last season by Robson and Crane it became an instantaneous success and was quickly pronounced a great attraction. This season Mr. Robson is playing the piece without Crane, and will bring it to Boyd's opera house next Friday night.

The management of the Boyd opera house is pleased to announce the engagement of Messrs. Rich & Harris' Boston Howard athenaeum specialty company, which begins its engagement at that theater tomorrow evening. The proprietors of this famous vaudeville company are the originals in contributing to the refined class of theater-goers a highly enjoyable entertainment, such as a different element has long been privileged to enjoy, but which the better class of theater patrons have been debarred from witnessing on account of this style of amusement being usually given at places that the upper social world does not frequent. The company this year comprises the cleverest variety performers in the best bill ever offered in this country or Europe. Monday and Tuesday are the dates of the Howard athenaeum company at the Boyd.

"The King's Fool" will be sung at the Grand opera house this evening by the Conried comic opera company, and the same cast that appeared on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with the single exception of the substitution of Miss Mayen Kelso for Miss Helen Bertram in the leading role, Prince Julius. While not possessing quite as strong vocal powers as Miss Bertram, Miss Kelso has a sweet and beautiful voice, and she will make a most charming and attractive prince, with her wealth of charms of form and feature.

In compliance with the expressed desire of many there will be another fencing match this evening during the third act between Captain Alford of this city and Miss Englehardt, of the Vienna female fencers, who won the Thursday evening match by four points. Popular opera prices will prevail for this evening, from 15 to 75 cents, with all box seats and first four rows in the orchestra reserved at $1.

"Peck's Bad Boy," by a particularly strong company, will be the attraction at the Grand opera house tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and a Wednesday matinee, with popular prices. The company is said to be a strong one and the play is the original comedy, out of which Manager Atkinson cleared over $100,000.

Mr. Joseph Murphy needs no special introduction to Omaha theatergoers. His engagement at the Grand opera house last season, when he played to over 5,000 people in four performances, proves that his clientele in Omaha is unusually large, and his popularity here is not equaled by any other actor in his special lines. He will appear there again next Thursday evening in "Kerry Gow."

For the coming week the Eden Musee presents a very novel attraction in the person of Maxey, who has become known to fame as the human sewing machine. This remarkable man lunches on 100 assorted needles hourly. Pins and needles both are masticated and swallowed with impunity. In addition to this President Lawler has selected two of the best stage performances ever given in this city. All of the seven departments will be filled with interesting features, and altogether this week at the popular family resort will be one of the best ever presented to an Omaha public.

One of the largest matinee audiences ever seen in Boyd's opera house witnessed, appreciated and enjoyed the second performance of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" yesterday afternoon. It was composed very largely of ladies and children, who went especially to see, hear and admire handsome Master Tommy Russell and his pretty, graceful mother. What all these people said about Tommy and the delightful manner in which he played his part would fill columns. The children went wild over him. Last night's performance, at which May Maskell, a charming little girl, appeared as Cedric Errol, drew another very large and enthusiastic audience.

The Apollo club has engaged Mr. H. B. Lord to secure associate members for the coming season and all persons desiring to attend its concerts should avail themselves of the opportunity, and secure membership tickets of him as the management will positively refuse to sell single tickets.

Della Fox, the bewitching little soubret of the Conried Opera company, is going to try her fortune next season in farce comedy. Mr. Conried has secured and is having two or three old German productions translated for her.

The Russell family is arranging a play from one of Mrs. Ewing's child stories for Master Tommy, in which he expects to star next season.

On Wednesday afternoon next Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young will give a matinee musicale at Max Mayer's music hall. They will be assisted by Mrs. Fred Nye and Miss Bertha Bayliss.

The next entertainment of the Young Men's Christian association course will be a concert next Monday evening. The participants are mainly local artists and are as follows: Miss Carrie Maud Pennock, soprano; Mr. George W. Sues, zither; Miss Clara Roeder and Prof. J. E. Butler, piano forte, accompanists; Miss Anna Lou Fitch, piano forte; Miss Frances Roeder, contralto; Lieutenant Kinzie, tenor; Mr. Penny, baritone, and Simpkins select.

THE STATE FAIR.

Several Good Sites Offered for its Location.

If Omaha don't get the state fair it won't be because suitable locations for holding the show cannot be secured. The board of trade committee appointed to secure options on desirable locations have a very satisfactory report to make at the meeting to be held tomorrow night. The committee has received offers of at least six different sites, each comprising from 100 to 140 acres of ground and all within easy access from the city. The sites offered are all within the four mile limit and can be purchased at from $400 to $600 an acre. Chairman J. A. Wakefield of the committee thinks there will be no trouble in securing subscriptions for a stock company of $200,000 if that kind of a move will secure the state fair for Omaha for the next five years.

Personal Paragraphs.

Miss Alice Ball of Washington, Ia., is visiting her sister, Grace Ball Anderson, at 912 North Twenty-sixth street.

M. H. Collins of Louisville, Ky., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Herman Hartman of this city.

J. H. Green, general agent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City railway, with headquarters in Des Moines, Ia., is in the city on business for his company.

Mrs. L. E. Rock of Milwaukee is in the city for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. James Horn.

Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Smythe are visiting Mrs. Frederick Lowe for a time. Later they will be at the Millard hotel for the winter.

STATE GRANGE OF NEBRASKA.

Close of the Fourth Annual Session at Indianola.

A GOOD GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP.

The Ladies of Blair Hold a Successful Trades Display—Big Damages Asked of a Madison Saloonkeeper.

Nebraska State Grange.

INDIANOLA, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The State Grange of Nebraska held its fourth annual meeting in this city from December 10 to 14. One hundred and fifteen delegates, representing fifty-eight local granges, were present and a great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings. On the 11th the citizens of Indianola gave a public reception to the officers and delegates at Masonic hall. The secretary's report shows the following facts. There are now 58 local granges in the state with a membership of over 2,000. The cash receipts for the year were $776; total expenses, $525. Twenty-eight local granges have been organized during the year with a gain in membership of 500. J. A. Cope of Pawnee and S. J. Henshaw of Jefferson county were elected members of the executive committee. The session closed its labors on Friday, and the delegates departed for their homes well pleased with our city and county.

Blair Trades Display.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One of the most successful entertainments ever held here was given by the ladies of the Congregational church, who gave a trades display. Over six hundred people were present. The different businesses were represented by the young ladies of the town, who had some very pretty and expensive costumes.

Big Suit Against a Saloonkeeper.

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Notice was served on Albert Zessin today that the relatives of Frank Murphy, deceased, had through their attorneys begun suit to recover $10,000, alleged damages for selling Murphy whisky, the same being the cause of his death.

A Costly Suit Over Bridles.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Several weeks ago E. C. Bickford of this city by mistake took the wrong bridles from the stable of a man named McAlleer at Unadilla and was arrested for stealing. He fought the case and brought a counter suit against McAleer. The course of the suit, through the stubbornness of the principals, brought into the fuss O. O. Hefner and M. J. Covell of this city. Today Unadilla officers attempted to levy on Hefner's stock of horses for judgment and costs in one of the suits brought against the wrong party. Hefner got out an injunction and also commenced suit for damages against the Unadilla officer and his bondsmen for $800. The bridles were worth about $1, but will be more expensive before the case is over.

A Narrowly Escaped Fatality.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Miss Belle, the daughter of District Clerk Frank Holt, very narrowly escaped a fatal injury this afternoon by being thrown from a carriage in which she was riding. The team became frightened from some cause and ran away, Miss Holt was thrown out at the corner of Eleventh and Grant streets by the vehicle coming in contact with the street car track. She was badly injured about the head and face and it was at first thought she was killed. She regained consciousness after being taken to her home and her injuries, though severe, are discovered to be not necessarily dangerous.

An Accident Caused by a Hog.

SPRING RANCHE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A peculiar and aggravating accident happened to Supervisor D. W. Evans of this precinct. He sold a fat hog to a neighbor, or rather traded it for corn husking. When the hog was loaded into the wagon it became unmanageable and to obviate the trouble they thought best to stick the porker, and in so doing the team became frightened and ran away. In getting out of the wagon at the rear end Mr. Evans' helper stabbed him with the butcher knife, laying open the arm from the wrist to the elbow. Mr. Evans suffers considerably and is confined to his bed.

Lincoln Gamblers Arrested.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Joe Philips' gambling den at the corner of Thirteenth and O streets was raided tonight. Eleven persons were caught bucking the tiger and playing draw poker. Phillips and the gang were taken to the police station and after being searched were committed to the cooler to await a hearing Monday morning. Marshal Carder intends to pull every gambling room operated in the city.

Plattsmouth Clothing Thieves.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Two light-fingered gentlemen entered the clothing store of Joe Klein today and while the clerks were all busy one of them managed to leave the store with an overcoat, a hat and a pair of pants concealed beneath his coat. He and his comrade were arrested, and taken before Judge Clifford. The former got ten days on bread and water and the latter was discharged.

Free Excursion to Kansas City.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Elaborate preparations are being made for the free excursion to Kansas City over the new road Monday next. The train will leave here at 7 o'clock Monday morning and will convey about 300 Beatrice citizens, the city officials and the board of trade.

First Train on the Road.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The first freight train over the Kansas City & Beatrice railroad reached here about 2 o'clock this afternoon. It consisted of twenty-two cars of coal from Leavenworth. The train was gaily decorated with banners and was met at the depot by a large delegation of citizens.

A Dangerous Church to Attend.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Members of the African Methodist Episcopal church today petitioned Mayor Rolfe to station an officer in their church on Sundays to preserve order. An armed guardian will be appointed for service tomorrow to keep the members from fighting.

Not Guilty.

WAYNE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Kelly case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock this afternoon and at 7:30 they brought in a verdict of "not guilty." This result was expected. When the verdict was rendered Dr. Kelly and his counsel thanked the jury and the case was over.

Farmers' Alliances Forming.

SPRING RANCHE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Alliances are being formed all over this part of the country. The farmers have concluded that they have worked for party long enough and now propose to work for the farmer. Their power will be felt in the future.

Democratic Senatorial Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The democratic senatorial caucus committee to arrange the minority representation on the new committees held a meeting at the capitol today. They completed their work, but owing to the absence from the city of numerous democratic senators who must be communicated with before the selections are submitted to the caucus, the members of the committee declined to make any statement for publication.

THE TURKISH BATH ROOMS.

Dr. Worley Charges Fraud in the Sale and Wants Them Back.

Dr. Worley has commenced a suit for fraud in the district court against J. B. Finley, the proprietor of the Turkish bath rooms under Boyd's opera house. In his petition Dr. Worley recites that some months ago he sold the bath rooms and appertenances to Finley for $9,000, receiving $6,000 in cash and a $3,000 mortgage on a lot of property at Denver Junction. He recently made an examination of the Denver Junction real estate and alleges that it is worthless. Finlay, the petition claims, has sold a part interest in the establishment. The doctor therefore asks that the original sale of the property by him to Finlay be set aside on the ground of fraud. He has deposited $6,000 and the mortgages with the court and wants possession of the bath rooms.

The Island Settlers.

To the Editor of THE BEE: In last evening's World-Herald I notice that Charles J. Green (the best pleased man in Omaha) with the aid of Judge Brewer, hopes to soon oust the settlers now occupying the old bed of the Missouri river on Cut-Off island. Charles J. Green understands well enough that every settler now occupying land in the former bed of the Missouri river proposes having his day in court and there contest every foot of his claim with all comers. And by the time their cases are reached by the seven other judges of the United States supreme court at Washington, it may be more than possible that these cases will be shown to differ considerably from the case of the East Omaha Land company vs Thomas Jeffries (the only case which has thus far been before the courts) and wherein the East Omaha Land company, having just been granted a rehearing by Judge Brewer, are highly elated. Their presumption is to be admired and the minds that can be made so hilarious on such trivial grounds are to be pitied and deserve the sympathy of all intelligent people.

The change of the river affecting a portion of the river-bed ground (cutting off the entire island) was the most sudden and rapid ever known by the oldest residents of this country.

Supposing, for illustration, that the Missouri river of today should suddenly shape its course east towards Council Bluffs and leave its present bed from the Union Pacific bridge north to the water works, to whom would that abandoned river bed belong with its two bridges? To the United States government, the states of Iowa and Nebraska, or would it become accretion to the land now owned by the smelting works; or would the East Omaha Land company come down and claim it as accretion to their island property? Solve this question and you will have one of the points on which the island settlers (not squatters) are making their fight and before we are through we will try to keep the East Omaha Land company from taking all the land which the Missouri river happens to vacate between Montana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Judge Brewer has been appointed to one of the highest positions man can hold in this grand country of ours. He will have the disposal of the people's property time and again in his hands. Beyond that court, of which he will doubtless be a sturdy member, we cannot go. Not the slightest suspicion should ever for a moment attach itself to that court. Now why should any member of that court ever do anything to excite suspicion? We do not say that Judge Brewer was influenced in any way by being banqueted here by the land sharks of the East Omaha Land company but it does not seem consistent with the dignity of his position to have dined with Woolworth and Green immediately after their arguments before him for a rehearing on this particular case, and before he had rendered his decision.

As to the comments of some of the Omaha papers upon the disreputable and lawless element occupying this disputed territory, we have little to say. Time will efface any lie, and as these comments are founded upon lies, they do not worry us. A little investigation will convince any fair minded man that the parties occupying the deeded land of the East Omaha Land company hold the bait that catches the rougher element from Omaha, and as the East Omaha Land company have encouraged the establishing of saloons and fostered other lawless enterprises, they alone are responsible. We are willing to leave the public to judge of the justice or truth of such statements.

It is not the principle upon which our government was founded "to oust people engaged in agriculture for the purpose of much boasted improvements." We pass by that slur.

Should the East Omaha Land company, or any other, acquire a better title than we possess, we will resign without debate. Very truly yours,

A SETTLER.

A Masked Entertainment.

Lifeboat lodge, I. O. G. T., gave a mask entertainment at Goodrich hall last night. The performers were all masked—an innovation in this line. The programme included recitations, singing and instrumental solos, the identity of the performers being concealed.

Mr. F. B. Barnes, the lodge deputy, as Uncle Sam, had charge of the ceremonies.

Among the characters represented were the following:

THE OMAHA BEE, by Miss Lulu Voorhies. This costume was made of the daily and weekly issue of THE BEE, with pictures of THE BEE building. The cap was a bee hive.

The companion of this costume was one representing the World-Herald, by Miss Katie Drum.

Misses Lottie Watts and Myra Austin represented "two little maids from school," and sang the appropriate air. The other "little maid" did not materialize.

Miss Nellie Askwith represented the goddes of liberty.

There was the usual number of counts, zouaves, peasants, school girls, flower girls etc.

An oyster supper was served in the oyster room, after which the evening was passed very pleasantly in a social way.

County Court.

When David Hume died, October 9 last, he left a will bequeathing all of his property to his step-daughter, Miss Helen Gibson. Some of Mr. Hume's relatives induced Miss Gibson to cancel her father's will, persuading her that the property had been originally deeded to Mr. Hume on condition that he would care for his aged father during his lifetime. Miss Gibson agreed to accept the insurance on her father's life, $2,000, and to and to cancel the will making her the possessor of the real estate. She filed a petition in the county court asking for the appointment of W. N. Nason as administrator of the estate and canceling the will. She has changed her mind recently and yesterday filed a petition asking that the order appointing an administrator be set aside. Judge Shields granted the petition and the will was filed for probate.

District Court.

The attorney for the complainant in the case of George A. Hoagland vs the Omaha & Council Bluffs Bridge company, have filed a motion for a new trial, producing the proceedings of the insane board to prove that Andrew J. Harmon, one of the jury, was insane at the time of the trial.

Another motion for a new trial has been filed by the plaintiff in the case of the Omaha Fair and Exposition association against the Missouri Pacific Railway company. The petition charges Juror Gibbs with peculiar conduct in being in the company of one of the railway employes and accepting drinks from him.

Danish Lutheran Church Fair.

An entertainment was given at Washington hall last night for the benefit of the Danish Lutheran church, at the corner of Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets. An amateur programme was given in which Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, Ernst Nordin, L. Hansen, Christ Herz, O. Nelson and Fritz Jacobsen took part. This was followed by a supper and dance.

Discharged by Death.

Some months ago H. A. Bryant of Wymore was indicted in the United States court on the charge of sending threatening letters through the mails. Yesterday, when his case was called, his attorney showed that he had been dead for a month, and his case was dismissed.