

Legislative.

SENATE

The senate spent Monday morning on the deficiency claims bill and recommended it to the passage. In one case only the senate committee added \$87,470 for bills that came in after the house had acted on the claims and reduced the deficiency appropriation for the house industrial school at Kalamazoo from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Otherwise the bill was not changed.

work and is only waiting of the house to adjourn sine die. HOUSE. The house Monday morning after an extended debate killed all the bills providing for constitutional amendments and in the afternoon passed a joint resolution providing for the holding of a constitutional convention.

NEBRASKA ELECTIONS

LOCAL OPTION THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE VOTED ON.

Politics Cut Very Little Figure in Most Places, and Party Lines Were Obliterated in the Smaller Towns of the State—A Few Returns. A Lincoln special says: Over the combined opposition of the fusionists and the Municipal League, the Republicans won a sweeping victory in the city election held here Tuesday.

CLAIMS VISIT FROM SPIRIT OF BEECHER.



DR. I. K. FUNK.

Dr. I. K. Funk of New York, who insists he has not only been in spiritual communication with Henry Ward Beecher, but has actually been face to face with and spoken to by the ghost of the famous preacher, is president of the Funk & Wagnalls Company, publishers. He is the compiler of the Jewish Encyclopedia, and was editor-in-chief of the Standard Dictionary.

MERGER IS DEFEATED.

United States Wins Case Against the Northern Securities Company. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Paul handed down a decision in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities Company, enjoining the company from voting the stock of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railway companies, but allowing the return of such stock as had been delivered up to that holding company.

MANY CHRISTIANS MASSACRED.

Entire Christian Population of Okhrida, Macedonia, Slain at Night. Large and solemn ceremonies have been aroused by the report from Sofia that the Christian population of Okhrida, numbering 11,000 people, has been massacred by Albanians. The massacre is said to have taken place at night, and men, women and children were aroused from their sleep and ruthlessly slain.

MYSTERY STILL DARK

Pennell Inquest Throws No Light on the Murder of Burdick.

The mystery surrounding the Burdick murder and the uncertainty as to whether the deaths of Arthur R. Pennell and his wife were the result of accident or design were not lifted by the evidence at the Pennell inquest in Buffalo. Thomas Penney, attorney for the Pennell family, declared that so far as he was aware nothing in Pennell's papers would throw any light on the murder of Burdick. He declined to answer questions regarding the alleged delinquency of Pennell.

CONDITION OF WHEAT.

Government April Report Promises Biggest Crop Ever Known. The April report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of winter wheat on April 1, 1902, 91.7, against 78.7 on April 1, 1901, and 82.1 the mean of the April averages for the last ten years.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Alarm was expressed in Scotland over the increased emigration of the best classes to America. New York newspapers advertised: "To have a healthy, middle-aged, healthy woman with her child, a boy about 3 years of age."

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

European nations were surprised by the announcement that the United States would pay off \$500,000,000 of its national debt, owing to the prosperous condition of its finances. Between 600,000 and 700,000 eyes were said to be wandering about Europe.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Two thousand negro slaves were landed at Havana in spite of the efforts of British cruisers. Vessels were reported en route from California with \$2,700,000 in gold taken from the new mining regions there.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

A steam cylinder loaded with anthracite coal and a locomotive equipped for burning it was sent from New York to Paris to show the world a new European market.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Nine men were killed by a falling crane on the Chicago drainage canal at Rome. Chicago world's fair structures, the Clarendon and Plymouth hotels, and the Chattanooga panorama building collapsed during a wind storm.



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