FIREBUGS AT BEATRICE

Determined Efforts Made to Burn a Photograph Gallery.

CONFLAGRATION NARROWLY AVOIDED

Believed to Be the Work of an Organized Gang How the Affair was Detected -Indignation of the Citizens -State News.

BRATRICE, Neb., Feb. 21,- [Special Telegram to Tun Ben.]-A sensational attempt was made last night to burn the photograph gallery of A. C. Campbell and but for a peculiar and unleoked for circumstance would have been successful. That the attempted crime was premeditated and born of malice is unquestioned. The rear door of the building was pried open with some implement and the fire started in a small loft used for storing picture frames. The loft is reached by a step ladder kept in the gallery for that purpose and contains a small door, the only opening. Just inside this door the fire was located but the incendiary lost his cunning at the last moment and closed the door, shutting of any possible draft, which alone prevented the fire from extending.

Mr. Campbell visited the gallery early this morning by appointment with a customer and found the rooms full of smoke. The free was still smoldering and had partly burned through the ceiling.

Campbell declines to make any accusations but many citizens are free in charging the matter to one or more of the gang of gamblers

of the city. The gambling rooms that were raided recently are on the same floor of the building in which Mr. Campbell lives, and the parties

arrested charge Campbell with being the in-stigator of their arrest. The building it was sought to destroy is in the heart of the busi ness center, and there in no telling the amount of damage that might have resulted had the fire flends not been folled in their dastardly attempts. The greatest indigna-tion is expressed over the matter.

Some Fast Railway Frains. RICHFIELD, Neb., Feo. 19.—To the Editor of THE BEE: What is the fastest schedule time, including stops, of any railroad train in the world? What is the schedule time of s Scotch express between London and

What is the distance and schedule time of the Unicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Omaha to Lincoln? What is the distance and schedule time of fastest train on B. & M., Omaha to Lincoln!

A SUBSCRIBER The Empire State express of the New York Central is probably the fastest regular train in the world. Its schedule time for the 440 miles from New York to Buffalo is 520 minutes, including four stops. The running time is 504 minutes, or an average of 521/2 miles an hour for the entire distance. Between Syracuse and Rochester the speed averages 55 4-5 miles per hour.

The speed of the Scotch express is adver-

tised to average fifty and a half mile an hour for 400 miles. The distance from Omaha to Lincoln by

the Rock Island is fifty-nine miles, and its The distance by the B. & M. is fifty-five Its fastest west bound train covers it in 90 minutes; its limited east bound train i 75 minutes. The latter averages forty-four miles an hour, including one stop, or 47 1-7 minutes, exclusive of the stop, but in places

runs at the rates of sixty miles. Notes from Juniata. JUNIATA, Neb., Feb. 21-|Special to THE BEE. | - The farmers are beginning extensive preparations for putting in an immense crop this spring in this locality. The snows have been a splendid protection to winter wheat and has put the ground in the most excellent condition for crops. Everything looks very favorable for a bountiful crop this year. Still much grain is coming to market and much more is being held in reserve. The farmers are getting so fixed that they can hold their crops until prices suit them

Mr. Hunter went to Cuibertson Monday to look after his city property there. Rev. M. W. Fashay of Holdreage in the Baptist church Wednesday and

Thursday nights, Charles Angell of Holdredge is visiting his parents here this week.
S. L. Brass, World's fair commissioner Jacob F. Hill, state senator, Gilbert Faber

nd W. E. Shaver went to Lincoln Sunday night to see Boyd inaugurated Mrs. D. V. Stevens, Will Stevens, O. Stevens and wife, William Spade and wife, were in attendance at the Women's relief corps and the Grand Army of the Republic

encampment at Columbus.

Papillion Personals. PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 21,-(Special to THE BRE, |-Mrs. J. E. Curti and Mrs. N. E. Pike entertained about fifty of their friends at progressive high five Wednesday evening. Miss Mattie Allen and Dr. W. C. Upjohn carried off the prizes at the close of

A. W. Clarke's bank is now installed in elegance of finish will compare very favorawith any backing house in the west lion and a highly respected business man

died of consumption Thursday evening funeral was held Saturday and was attended by the many triends of the family The sugar beet question is being agitated to some extent in this vicinity.

Fred Barber recently soid his residence

to Fred Hagedorn, who also purchased the Linville notel a few days ago. Lou Fields, who for some time past has een employed as a tinner in O. W. Royce's hardware store, departed for the Black Hills Thursday marning.

Prof. Rakestraw's Appointments. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 21.- |Special to THE BEE. |- Prof. Rakestraw, who now has charge of the institute for the blind yesterday made appointments as follows Mrs, G. I. Bluchdorn, widow of the late edi tor, nurse and seamstress for the boys, Miss Kate Harter, her sister, as assistant; Prof. Frank of Newport, Conn., teacher of vocal and instrumental music; Prof. Manager of this city, director and instructor

Curris, Neb., Feb. 21.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - About 5 o'clock this morning Curtis was again visited by fire. The result was that A. F. Kelth's immense general merchandise store was entirely destroyed including the stock. Loss on stock is abou \$17,000, on the building \$12,000, with no in

Home Grown Tobacco. KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 21.- | Special to Tax Bur.]-A quantity of cigars manufactured of tobacco grown in the vicinity of Kearney are now on the market. The crop, both in tex ture and flavor, is excellent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The sale of gallery tickets for the perform ance of Mme. Bernhardt in "La Tosca" a Boyd's theater, this evening, will commence at 10 o'clock this morning. The price of tickets is 50 cents each. Ladies and ladies with escorts holding gallery tickets will be admitted at the main entrance. There are few reserved seats left in the rear of the palcony. The orchestra will be put in the gallery box and fifty extra seats will be in front of the orchestra rail. Mme. I hardt and company will arrive by a specia train of eight cars over the Missouri Pacific railroad from St. Louis at 7 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Henry E. Abboy

The Sullivan-Harrison combination is playing to standing room only at the Farnan Street theater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drow and then clever company are coming to the Boyd for the last three nights of the present week. At every performance they will present a double bill—"That Girl From Mexico," preceded by bili—'That Girl From Mexico," preceded by the curtain raiser, "In Honor Bound." Both Mr. and Mrs. Drew are splendidly equipped to give an excellent performance, possessing ability in a remarkable degree themselves and being supported by an able company.

The coming of the Drews will be a social

At the Farnam Street theater next Thursday night "A Cold Day" will be the attrac-tion. There will be uproarous fun, new specialties and new songs in it, and Carlotta, the celebrated dancer, will also appear.

Dr. Birney cures catarra. BEE bldg CHRISTIANITY AND MASONRY. Two Letters from Two Ministers Relative

to a Recent Sermo OMARA, Feb. 19 .- To Rev. T. J. Mackay, rec tor of All Saints: Recently you addressed to me through THE BEE a letter in which you represented that I had addressed to you or other Masons through the Midland certain questions concerning Masonry. If this were true, the columns of the Midland would have been open for your reply and you would thus have been saved the advertising of yourself so conspicuously in a daily paper, and also you would have reached those who had read the questions. But your representation is false. No questions concerning Masonry have been written or prepared or selected by me for publication, nor have any such ques-

tions as you quote been published in the edi torial department of the Midland. In a recent issue, however, these questions were published in a contributed article, signed by the writer "Culder," who lives in a distan state, and who has never heard of you or o any of your sermors, however scholarly or eloquent they may bave oeen. Lest some wayfaring men should err there was inserted at the top of the column over this column the sign board or heading with the ords plainly printed, "Our Contributors," To hold me responsible for that contribu tion would be as foolish, although not quite as humiliating as to hold the editor of Tan BEE responsible for your contribution. you did not desire to misreport; but I dislike to be so uncharitable as to think that the "rector of All Saints"—and the presumptuous corrector of Christians generlly- is so ignorant as not to know the dif erence between a contribution and an ediorial, especially when both are marked. If you are so lacking in knowledge or acumer

and Masonry. As to answering your childish and contemptible flings against United Presbyterians, Calvinism and God's own songs, I wil say only that "I am doing a great work and cannot come down.

wonder that

not distinguish even between Christianity

EDITOR OF THE MIDLAND.

Mr. Mackay's Reply. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 19 .- To the Editor of the Midland-Dear Sir: I supposed, in my ignorance of newspaper customs, that an ar-ticle addressed as the one I referred to, namely "To some high priest of Masonry or Masonie preacher," was at least meant to be answered and that the writer really desired the information he sought so earnestly, supposed also that what he desired by su an article appearing in print was publicity, if ot he could easily have found some Mason to mirghten him by word of mouth. I gratified his desire by giving his questions even great-er publicity than he expected. Do you blame me for this! If you desire to reprint hem in your columns now you are welcome o do so, as my statements, if false can easily be refuted.

I doubtless erred in thinking that you were he writer, but the fact that only an anony mous name was signed led me astray. I thought and still think, that if the article was not written by you, it must have con-tained sentiments which you endorsed, and I answered the questions without one particle of that unchristian spirit which now crops out in your communication to THE BEE, may be decidedly ignorant of the relations between Masonry and religion, as you say but I am not, I trust, ignorant of my duties as a Christian, and will refrain from unswer you letter in the spirit in which it was writ-T. J. MACKAY.

New Washington, Penn., People are not slow about taking hold of a new thing, if the article has merit. A few mo are David Byers of that place bought his irst stock of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has sold it all and ordered more. Hesays It has given the best of satisfaction. have warranted every bottle, and have not had one come back." 50 cent and \$1 bottles for sale by druggists.

Gessler's Magic Headache Wa fers cu is all headaches, in 20 minutes. At all drugg is

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism. Messrs, Gage and Sherman of Alexander, Tex.. write us regarding a remarkable cure of rheumatism there, as follows: "The wife of Mr. William Pruitt, the postmaster here, has been bed-ridden with rheumatism for several years. She could get nothing to do her any good. We sold her a bottle of Chams Pain Balm and she was completely cured by its use. We refer any one to her verify this statement. Fifty cent bottles for

Christian Endeavor.

At the business meeting of the Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor, of the Second Presbyterian church, the lookout com-mittee reported the addition of several The prayer meeting committee Christian Endeavor pledge some two feet square or more, was to be donated to the

At the meeting of St. Mary's avenue Congregational church last Sunay evening there were one hundred in attendance and no one minute of the time was lost. 'The societ, has been holding short prayer services be fore the Christian Endeavor prayer meeting with about twenty five in attendance. Dif-ferent leaders are appointed for these and they have proved very helpful to the society Three young men, (associate members,) have publicly confessed Christ within the past

Interest is increasing in the Hulside Young People's Christian Endeavor. committee prepares a program for each evening which does not in any way intorfere with the spiritual part of the work. The meetings are well attended, and the members hope for good results in the near future. Cordial invitations are extended to strangers toattend the meetings Sunday evenings at

at 6:15 p. m.

The regular business meeting of the Young Poople's Society of Christian Endeavor o the First Presbyterian church was held on Wednesday evening, February 17, and about twenty-five members were present. There is in connection with this society a very interesting junior society. The junior society was led last Sunday afternoon by the pastor little daughter, who gave a very interesting talk on "Forgiveness" and the joys we re ceive when we have this spirit of forgive ness. This society consists of about fifteen active memoers and they are in every sense of the word "active Junior Endeavorers."

A correspondence committee has been organized in the City Union, consisting of the oresident and secretary of the union and the corresponding secretary of each society in the city. They expect to do very great good in receiving and welcoming strangers t the city and giving them Christian fellow ship and so have them surrounded by Chris

tian influences that they may feel that they are not alone in a strange city. The society of the Central United Presby terian church is proparing for an entertain ment to be given in the near future. A musi ment to be given in the near future. A musi-cal and literary program is being arranged. This society has been greatly honored re-centry, Miss Elsie Williamson, one of the leading members and a daughter of the pas-tor, has been elected as a bible leader by the Woman's Board of the church. Her field will be the city of Indianapolis and her work such as is common to a city mission. She leaves for her new field about the first of March. The general convention of the socie-March. The general convention of the socie ties of the United Presbyterian church meet in May at St. Clairsville, O.

delegates sent by the societies of this city

Dr. Birney, nose and throat. BEE bldg The Gold Leaf Remedy company have opened offices in 501 New York Life building, and will be ready to receive patients on Tuesday morning, February 23. This company is composed of a num-ber of Omaha capitalists. William Co-burn, Thomas Crane, H. Baidrige are among those interested. This company guarantees to cure drunkenness, opium and tobacco habits. The first patients applying at the office before Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock will be

[FROM YESTERDAY'S SECOND EDITION.] NEWEST ZOLA NOVEL

Famous French Author Tells of the Work He is at Present Engaged On.

IT DEPICTS THE HORRORS OF

Aim of the Great Realist is to Warn His Brethern of France.

WORKS PROMISED FOR THE FUTURE

Rongon-Macquart Series to Be Followed by Views on Non-Catholicism.

HIS OPINION OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW

American Publishers Do Not Take High Rank in His Estimation-Some of His Personal Experiences Recounted

-Talk of Politicians,

Copyrighted 1892 by James Gordon Bennett.1 Panis, Feb. 20 .- [New York Herald Cable Special to THE BEE. |- The only political news is that there is nothing new to say of the crists. Although two days have passed since the resignation of the de Freecinet cabi net, M. Carnot has not yet made up his mind whom to call in to succeed them. The president seems much embarrassed. To politicians, however, the whole crisis is amusing enough. Every few minutes some fresh rumor reaches the clubs, the newspaper offices and the ministers. First it is whispered that M. Ripot has assumed the premiership, Then we are assured that M. Constans is the happy individual. Each new report gains credence for a time, and each of

course is contradicted. The public and the president atone keep cool. The excitement is confined to political circles and there it is deep, so deep, indeed, that it has almost driven the pope's encyclical making peace with the republic from men's minds. Yet that is more important to the domestic order than the publication of the name of the new minister of posts and telegraphs.

Up to the hour at which I send you this nessage things remain unsettled. It is thought possible, however, that M de Freycinet will retain the war portfolio. By so doing he would make it clear to all that the army and the defence of France are more important than political rivalries.

The latest news is that President Carnot nerely asked M. Ribot and M. de Freycinet to retain their portfolios and that M. de Freycinet declined to bind himself till the cabinet is formed. Although M. Ribot has as yet received no official mandate regarding the matter, a Ribot ministry is regarded as extremely probable.

Emile Zola Talks Copyright.

Politics does not monopolize attention. Paris is greatly interested in M. Zoia's new novel "La de Baele," the first installment of which has just been published. I called on the famous author today at his house, 21 Rue de Bruxelles. He was in his study when I entered-a room filled with bric-a brac, tapestry and furniture of every period the faithful reflection of his own eclection mind. The study was well supplied with books. M. Zola wore his working dress. A watch chain and a gold medallion hung from one of his pockets. He was drinking the third of the five cups of tea in which he indulges every day. I asked him to tell the Herald the plot of his new book.

"The Americans," said he, avoiding a direct answer to my question, "are a great people but they have oneer ideas about literary property. For twenty years past they have published my works without paying me a centime for the privilege. Not satisfled with this, they have even gone to the length of putting my name on books I never wrote. For instance a concoction called 'La Fille de Nana' is sold in the United States as my work, though I should blush to be concerned in it. I fancied that the copyright laws would make things smooth, but find I was mistaken. On entering into negotiation with an American publisher regarding a new work, I was sent an agreement to sign, declaring that if any copies of the French edition of my book were allowed to enter the United States my Paris publisher and I would be prosecuted for piracy. This was really a littie too strong, so I tore up the contract and concluded another. A second incident then occurred. The American publishers wno had undertaken the translation of my book sent me a protest, complaining that I had de ceived them as to the length of the work which was much longer than they fancied and would therefore cost more than their original estimate to publish. I sent those people to the right about, too. It was, think, the first time that my publishers had complained of getting too much for their money. As a rule the cry is that they get too little."

It is a Story of War.

Then M. Zola, who had made these re marks without pitterness, but in the tone of a man who had been rather out out by some petty trouble, after a short pause went on: "But you want to know the subject of my novel. Well 'La de Baele' tells the stor of the war of 1870. It is divided into three parts, each containing eight chapters. The first deals with the events which preceded Sedan. In the second we come to the battle and have all the ups and downs of the struggie narrated with great minuteness. The third and last part narrates the sufferings of the French prisoners and peasants during the occupation of France by the Germans and brings us to the commune.

"There is very little love in the story. In the middle of the narrative I have introduced two soldiers, one a peasant and the other a lawyer. They swear friendship during the war. Both desert, and the peasant kills the lawyer. In those two characters I have symbolized rural France, which is the real

France. '.It has been said that in my book I had at tempted to defend war in general. This is false. I believe that war is both mevitable and abominable. My object was to say to my compatriots: 'See what war means Look what awaits you if you rush into war. Live well that you may be pregared to die well.' I never aimed at justifying wars. It

is monstrous." What Itis Next Will Be,

M. Zola said all this in an excited way and t was clear he was wrapped up in his theory. In answer to a further question he said that "La de Bacie" would be the longest of his works. It will appear in book form on June 20. M. Zola's next and last work will complete the Rougen Macquart series. It will tell the story of a doctor in a small provincial town and will sum up the author's views on heredity. The novel will be based on the true tale of the great savant, Claude Bernard, and his wife and daughter, who were once compelled to destroy some papers great scientific moment. he has completed the Rougon Macquart series M. Zola intends to write novel on French neo-catholicism This will end his labors as a novelist. Thenceforward he will do his best to transplant his realistic theories to the stage, thus

showing that hors one of the most striking

geniuses of his century. The author of "L' Assomoire" should not be confounded, with some imitators of his work who take shelter behind the name of realism. M. Zpia is one of the glories of France, and his remarks on literature will no doubt be quite as interesting to readers of the Herald as vanh gossip about idle politics, JACQUES ST. CERE.

CONGRESSIONAL EXCURSIONISTS.

They Arrive at Chicago and Are Taken Care Of-Program of Entertainment. Caicago, Ill₃ Feb. 20.—The four special trains bearing the congressional visitors arrived in this city between 4 and 6 o'clock. The travelers were met at the depot as the various trains arrived and at once escorted

to the hotels by the reception committee. The Grand Pacific, Palmer house and Auditorium botels are entertaining the party in luxurious style, and the visitors express great pleasure over their reception as well as over their pleasant and comfortable journey over the Baltimore & Ohio and generous entertainment en route.

At 9 o'clock this evening the visitors were tendered a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, the latter being the president of the board of lady managers of the World's fair. On Monday a visit will be made to the

World's fair, but one of the most important

features of the congressional visit will be the

banquet which the Commercial club will give at the Grand Pacific Monday night to the visiting statesmen. All the preparations made for it have been on a grand scale, and the visitors will be entertained in a royal The president of the Commercial club, T W. Harvey, will, on behalf of the club, wel-come the guests in a brief speech. Mayor Washburne will follow him with an address of welcome on behalf of the city of Chicago Addresses will also be made by Franklin

-one from the east, one from the west, one from the south, and the fourth from the northwest, These congressional speakers have not ye EXTERMINATING PESTS.

McVeigh and Rev. S. J. Mcl'herson. The other speakers will be four congressmen

Wolves and Other Varmints. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-At 9 o'clock this morning an enormous wolf hunt started over Crawford and Bourbon counties in Kansas. As a result about 800 wolves lie dead tonight. Both counties, and others adjoining, were

Kansas Farmers Systematically Wiping Out

scoured by over 5,000 men, women and chiltren armed in all conceivable ways. Two thousand jack rabbits were also captured in the general roundup. Owing to an error in signaling there was one break in the line, which reduced the number of captures, but another hunt will

take place next Saturday to finally wind up the foxes and wolves of southeastern Kansas. There was but one accident, Thomas Per kins of Farmington being very seriously bitten by a couple of wolves. He will not re cover, as he was torn fearfully by the infurlated animals.

The hunt was divided into four lines each having more than 1,000 men in the line. Each side was fifty miles long, the square working to the central round up. Under the plans the lines began to move toward a bollow square at ! o'clock this morning. The west end north lines moved about four miles and then awaited orders while the other lines pushed in more rapidly on horseback, driving wolves foxes and Jack rabbits in front of them.

THEY HAVE MEDALS NOW

Three Members of the Omaha Athletic Club Decorated Last Night. The first public contest for medals at the Omaha Athletic club occurred last night. All the six participants were club members in active training, and each did his best to

wip one of the three medals put up by the It was ladies' night as well, and more than half of the members present were accompanied by wives or sweethearts. A lengthy program had been prepared, too long in fact sking everything into consideration the entertainment was a very successful one. The show opened with a standing high jump. Heintz scored four feet, five inches;

Blair, four feet, three inches, and Doody, four feet, one inch.
In bar vaulting Heintz came out a winner, vaniting six feet, six inches : Blair came next with six feet, two inches to his record, and Doody scored five feet, ten inches.

Heintz won the running high jump, four The pole vaniting was rather long drawn out, but nevertheless furnished considerable amusement. Heintz won by vaulting eight feet four inches, just two inches more than Blair made, and beating Doody by haif

Blair put the shot thirty-two feet one inch. peating Heintz four inches and Doody fiv inches.

The kicking contest occupied some tim and was an interesting exhibition. walked away with the best score, making eight feet four inches, Doody followed with eight feet two inches, and Reese made an eight-foot kick. At the conclusion of the contests President

Ames appeared in the center of the exercise floor and said that be took great pleasure in first medals ever awarded by the club for contest, and in accordance with the decisio he presented Blair with th the judges first megal, Heintz with the second and Doody with the third. The announcing of the prize winners was the closing act in th evening's entertainment, and after a round f applause for the fortunate ones the mem bers left the house.

Symes Still in the Lead.

In last evening's game between Syme and Cahn in the series of games for the state billiard championship, Symes, although play ing in very poor form, won again, but this time by a very small margin, beating his opponent out by only five points. Following i

Symes = 2, 4, 2, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 3, 13, 1, 0, 1, 4, 0, 0, 3, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 16, 6, 1, 2, 0, 1, 3, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0, 2, 1, 6, 0, 0, 5, 12, 1, 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 11, 0, 13, 1, 0, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 12, 0, 0, 1, 1, 7, 1, 4, 2, 3, 2, 0, 4, 2, 11, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 7, 0, 4, 0, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2043, 1, 1, 0, 3—300. Best run, 15; avorage, 25; Tuesday evening a special effort will be made to bring the ladies out. Lieutenant Arrasmith and Harry Symes will probably be the contestants.

Oregon Pacific Complications. PORTLAND, Org., Feb. 20. - Sheriff Mackay of Benton county made a demand on Colone T. Edgerton Hogg, receiver of the Oregon Pacific railroad, for a balance of \$1,000,000 to be paid by him and Stephen Job as the purchase price of the road, but the money was not forthcoming, Golonel Hogg pleaded for three days' grace, which was allowed. He has been in seclusion at Corvallis several days, but appeared on streets this afterneon. The sale will be confirmed until the money is paid. is given out that the new manager ordered work to begin on the eastward tension. The prospect of this road b tension completed to eastern connections is more alarming, if possible, than those which threaten existing lines from new projections to the northward. Excepting the crossing of the Cascades, the Oregon Pacific would have at least a level road bed from Corvalits to the Rockies, effection a system which would be very cheaply operated. It promises to be a disturbing element in the transcontinental situation.

Attended by Thousands. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20. - Mrs. Harrison gave a public reception this afternoon which attracted more people to the white hours than ever assembled there before on

similar occasions. Sixty-one hundred per-sons entered the mansion, and when the reception closed hundreds were still waiting

Senator Quay's Health. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.-Members of the family of Senator Quay now in this city say they have no uneasiness in regard to his condition. Some of his friends have just re-turned from Florida and say they left the senator recovering from a bad cold, but other wise in his usual health

Almost Ready for Service. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20-The secretary of the navy has authorized the ninth payment of \$146,605 to the Union Iron works of San Francisco for work on the coast defense vessel Monterey. This vessel is nine-tentus finished.

Local Government for Utah. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.-The hearing before the senate and house committees on territories of those persons favoring the bills to give local government to Utah, closed this morning.

Cut His Throat.

A telegram to THE BEE from Ogallala was received last night that Robert F. Hackett had cut his throat while on Union Pacific train No. 8, when near Julesburg. The dispatch elso stated that H. J. Hackett, who runs the news stand at the Union depot, was a prother of Robert. A BEE reporter tried to find Mr. Hackett

but could get no trace of him. The employes at the depot were questioned regarding Mr. Hackett's whereabouts, but no one seemed to know where he lived. The train in which the affair is reported to have taken place is due in Omaha at 11:50 a.

Steamer Arrivals.

At New York-Etruria, from Liverpool; Michigan, from London; Thingvalla, from Copenbagen; Escandos, from Hamburg. At Loudon-Illinois, from New York.

The British steamer Corea, 1,113 tons bound from Cardiff for Genoa, has been sunk near St. Vincent in a collision with another steamer bound from Valencia for London The bows of the latter were badly damaged. She took off the crew of the Corea and put into Cadiz.

Murder at Manchester. Dusuque, ia., Feb. 20.-Dennis Taylor, a farmer tiving near Manchester, yesterday shot and killed his hired man, Michae Kenua, whom, he says, was criminally inti-mate with his (Taylor's) wife. After the murder Taylor bitched up a team and drove to Manchester and surrendered.

Sent in Search of a Missing Steamer. LONDON, Feb. 20 .- The British warship Snannon of the coast guard service has received orders to search for the British steamer Sir Walter Rallegh. When last seen the Raliegh was drifting rapidly to sea.

Bidwell is Free.

LONDON, Feb. 20. -Austin Bidwell, the famous American forger who was sentenced to life imprisonment for forgery on the Bank of England, has been released from prison on the expiration of his commuted sentence.

Business Troubles BRIDGETON, N. J., Feb. 20. - Albert F. Randolph, proprietor of Randolph's planing mill one of the largest in the state, has made an assignment. The assets are said to

be \$60,000, and the liabilities about \$50,000. Removed from Office. Washiegton, D. C., Feb. 20 .- The president today directed the removal from office of Collector A. T. Wilberly of Mississippi.

WORKED IN SECRET.

Business of the School Board Last Night Transacted in Executive Session The Board of Education had last night, in order to have perfect freedom in bebate decided to go into executive session behind closed doors while dearing with the question of employing an architect for the year President Spalding was absent and Vice President W. N. Babcock occupied the chair. The following items were made a special order of business for the evening: The emool desks, the purchase of a site for the

Central school, and the plastering of the Monmouth Park school. The committee on supplies recommended the purchase of the automatic desks manufactured by the Minneapolis Furniture con e report was adopted. The average

price of the desks was \$2.32. The committee on buildings and property could not decide which of the following bid the board should accept: Henry Voss, \$5,000 John Latenson, \$4,500; Slaney Smith, \$2,500 Mendelsohu, Fisher & Lawrie, \$4,000, and C F. Beindorf 2 per cent of the cost of all th buildings. The committee had selected the above from a list of bids submitted by about thirty architects and recommended that one of the five firms be accepted. Then upon mo tion of Mr. Elgutter the board went into ex

ecutive session on the question of employing an architect. The board deliberated for two hours in the committee of the whole behind closed doors and then emerged and reported that the committee would recommend that the board enter into a contract with John Latensen for the term of one year at a salary not to exceed Latensen should serve the board a second year at the same salary if the board should

Morris Morrison opposed the adoption of the report. He declared that there were other responsible bidders lower than Mr. Latenson and he believed the whole scheme to be a humbug and a farce.

The motion to adopt the report was put

and carried. Messrs. Morrison Elgatter. Gibson and Poroleton voting in the negative and the other eight members of the board voting for the adoption of the report, and ixing his bond at \$20,000. The following sites were recommended for

school buildings: Part of lots 2 and 3, Capito addition, 184x146. Twenty-second street near Dodge, price \$34,000; lots 1, 2 and 3, block 81 sity, 198x134, Twenty second and Davenport streets, price \$35,000; lots 1, 2 and 3, block 6 Reed's first addition, 198x129, Twenty-fifth and Davenport streets, price \$32,000; lots 1, 2 and 3, block 3, Reed's first addition, 152x 127, Twenty-fourth and Davenport streets. price \$28,500; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 2 Reed's first addition, 207x132, Twenty-fourth and Chicago streets, price, \$31,000.

The board decided to postpone action or the matter for one week.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY. Domestic.

John Danfort was shot and seriously wound ed at a republican convention at Westfield Ind. Leading democrats of Minnesota admit that their party has formed a fusion with the farmers altiance of that state.

Four new cases of typhus fever have been discovered among Russian immigrants re-cently arrived in New York City.

The Chicago gas trust has absorbe Economic gas company of that city. Economic was capitalized for \$10,000,000. Arguments as to the right to admit certain testimony in the trial of the ex-city officials of Denver, Colo., occupied all of the court's time vesterday. e yesterday. Domestic trouble led Jacob Broome of Snel-byyllie, Ind., to cut his wife's throat. He then attempted to commit suicide, but was pre-vented. There are many threats of lynching

A sensational rumor has been extensively circulated to the effect that L. H. Green of Cincinnati has succeeded J. B. Greenhut as president of the whisky trust. Mr. Greenhut denies the rumor flatiy. The Seventh Day Adventist preachers' bib-lical institute is now in session at Healdsburg Cal. The object of the institute is the study of the bible. Ministers of that denomination from nearly all over the United States are in

The American Indemnity company of St. Paul has brought suit for \$100.00) against the United States Credit System company of Newark, N. J. It is claimed that the defendant company has conspired in various ways to in our the business of the complainants. Foreign.

By an explosion of gas in the Craig coal pit near Aberdeen. England, one miner was killed and ten seriously injured. It is rumored that either Senor Maris-cal who now holds the portfolio of fereign af-fairs, or Senor Stamacona will be appointed minister to England from Mexico. The rivalry that formerly existed between the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific rali-ways is at an end, and the prospects are that there will be a union of these two railways.

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Delegates From Industrial Organizations Gathering at St. Louis.

SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BREED DISCORD

Prohibition Questions Will Probably De feat the Third Party Movement -Senator Blair and Ex-Lieutenant Governor Jones Write Letters.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.-The principal event today among the delegates to the industrial conference was a meeting at the Lindeil hotel of representatives of the prohibilion, the people's party and the national reform party to endeavor to reach some common ground upon which the three could stand and support a single ticket. Among those present were General J. G. B. Weaver, Ignatius Donnelly, Miss F. E. Willard, E. J. Wheeler, C. M. Miller and others equally prominent in their party.

The entire afternoon was spent in discussing the matter, but no decision was reached beyond a confirmation of the action of the conference held at Chicago recently, at which it was determined that a committee composed of Dr. De La Matyr, Frances E Willard, G. M. Miller, General Weaver, Mr Donnelly, Samuel Dickle and E. J. Wheele should present to the industrial conference i series of resolutions declating in favor of the issue of money by the general governmen in sufficient quantities to prevent the intervention of private institutions, such mone to be full legal tender; in favor of the sup pression of the saloon: in favor of govern ment control of transportation; opposing alien ownership of land, with a limitation on any ownership, and favoring municipal suf frage for women, with an educational qualifi-cation. This committee will therefore present there issues to the conference with a re quest that they be endorsed in the platform. Will Split on the Liquor Question.

It is understood that the liquor plank will be met in the conference with a counte proposition to the effect when a state legis lates upon the question that legislation shall government, and the state protected in the enforcement of its nw on the question. A the full conference comes to consider it, as one wing of the industrial people, lea General Weaver, are practically in favor of straight prohibition and an alliance with the prohibition snd an alliance with the prohibitionists, while another, headed by G. F. Washburne and H. E. Taubeneck insist that economic reforms are sought by the bodies now gathering, and that the liquor question should receive consideration later. Still it is growing evident from expressions let fail that the prevailing sentiment will be in favor of some action touching the liquor question, though the conference's plank will be more likely to favor the nationalization of the traffic than the immediate absolute sup-

pression thereof. Held a Short Session.

The executive committee of the people's party held a short session this morning, but attended only to routine matters. At today's gathering of the National Citi ten's Industrial alliance, the first held here the usual committees were appointed at the morning session. An adjournment was the An adjournment was then had until this afternoon, when twenty five delegates to next week's conference were chosen. These delegates were instructed to support independent political action. An adjournment was then had until this even ing when election of national officers was had. The following were chosen President, Noah Allen, Wichita, Kan. was had. The following were chosen:
President, Noah Allen, Wichita, Kan.;
vice president, E. Gerry Brown, Boston,
Mass.; secretary, Mrs. Anna L. Liggs,
Washington, D. C.; treasurer, P. B. Maxom. Emporia, Executive committee, J. C. Cox Massilion, O.; — Branch, Georgia; — Lin holm, Chicago; J. W. Hines, Carifornia; J.

C. Keily, Missouri. Came with a Single Demand.

It was learned tonight the National Citiens Industrial alliance delegates will enter next week's conference, instructed in addition to their support of an independent movement, to present only one demand to the conference, that being that the constitu-tional right of the government to coin money shall be recognized and that the government alone shall issue money to the people. The committee reporting the single demand was manimous in its favor, and also in favor of

The reason for the strong efforts of the prohibitionists to secure the adoption by the ndustrial conference of a strong prohibition plank, is to secure the exclusion of the nationalization plank, supported by the Washburne-Taubeneck element. This nationalization scheme is practically government control of the liquor traffic, and is backed by the liberal element of the indus-trialists, who believe that they are strong enough to prevent any adoption of prohibition theories.

Press Reform Association, The Press Reform association held another pen session this morning, at which there was a much more numerous attendance than vesterday. Most of the morning was con discussing and denouncing th tional Union company as being connected with or backed by the cordage trust. A committee of five was appointed to inve

tigate the whole subject and report at this afternoon's session. The rest of the morning was taken up with an address by Colonel Polk, president of the Farmers Alliance and Industrial union General A. J. Weaver of Iowa, General Streeter of Illinois and Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota. They all took grounds for a third party and advised utmost harmony and unity of action on the part of the various elements in order to beat both of the old

At the afternoon session the investigating committee reported that a representative of the National Union company had asked to be heard and the association granted further time in which to hear the other side of the

affair. The committee on resolutions, it is learned has submitted two reports to the association The afternoon and evening were devoted to discussion of the reports, but at the end of the day's labor the settlement of the matter seemed as far off as ever. All proceedings vere in secret and it has been impossible s far to learn the bone of contention.

BLAIR IS A CANDIDATE.

Nomination. MANCHESTER, N. H., Fob. 20.-Ex-United States Senator Blair has today publicly de ciared that he will be a candidate before the Minneapolis convention for the republican nomination for president of the United States,

and Chairman Churchill of the republican

state committee has received a letter from

He Will Seek the Republican Presidential

Mr. Blair making the formal announcement He says: "Twice have I declined, although strongly pressed, to allow the use of my name as a didate for the republican nomination for the presidency and at one time as I was assured that not less than fifty-nine votes were pledged to my support in the progress of the convention. This was in 1884. Yesterday I was called on m behalf of men from another part of the country who will be moreoners of the called on in behalf of men from another par of the country who will be members of the next convention to consider the same ques-tion again, and I have decided that I shall

accept, and deeply appreciate the honor of any support which may be given me as a can-didate for the nomination at Minneapolis. "No act of solicitation is pardonable in connection with this, the highest office in the world, but, as chairman of the republican committee of my native state, which in the past has done me such distinguished honor, and for whose interests, in their broader and higher relations to the whole country, I have given the best and mos faithful services of which I was capable, feel that I owe to you entire candor in the statement of my position. I will rely on you to make the contents of this letter known to the republicans of New Hampshire in such public manner as commends itself to you.

He Has Complete Control of the Coming New York Democratic Convention. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20,-Not until this evening did Albany assume the appearance a convention town. Many delegations have arrived.

Arrangements for Monday's state conven-

tion to elect delegates to the national democratic convention are completed. The convention will consist of 884 delegates outside of the 108 delegates from New York and Kings counties

h are supposed to be friendly to Mr. Mr. Hill claims 263 of the remaining 276 delegates, The thirteen delegates unfriendly to hall are three each from Clieton and Essex, the First Chautauqua district and the Nisgara district and one from the Fulton and Hamilton district. Mr. Hill is authority for the statement that the Essex delegation is unfriendly to him. The twelve delegates from Albany country.

Albany county, comprising one congressional district, are uninstructed.

Hill's friends say the Albany congressional district is the one which cannot be controlled to send national delegates for him. It is known that Senator Hill believes the con-vention will instruct the New York delega-tion to present his name at Chicago and that the unit rule will be adopted by the conven tion. So far as known there are but three contests. One in the Fourth Albany district, the Second Chautauqua district and the birst Oswego district.

New York and Kings county consent to the instruction of the national delegates under the unit rule for Senator Hill at Chicago.

There are those who feel that Mr. Hill is independent of New York and Kings. dont of New York and Kings counties and that the effect of an estensible dif-ference between Tammany and the country would be wholesome and nelpful to Mr. Hill before the national convention. Such an ostensible arrangement of the cities against the country, it is urged would prevent the assumpti on in some event the assumption that Tammany is CONTROL nator Hill, and that Hill stands or falls with Tammany. Some who were present at the September convention at Saratoga, and who witnessed the defeat of Hugh McLaughwho withoused the defeat of Huga McLaugh lin's efforts for Mr. Chapin as a guberna-torial candidate, are wondering tonight if Mr. McLaughlin really has grace enough in his heart to bind his Brooklyn followers to his beart to bind his Brooklyn follow the unit rule in behalf of Senator Hill.

The other element of speculation tonight, the probable action of the so-called anti-Hill eaders on Monday, has been intensified by the arrival here tonight of Mr. Ellery Anderson. He has made a tour of the chief cities of the state and oxpects delegations from each to arrive here on Monday for Cooper union against Mr. Hill. A protest to this so-called early convention will be presented to the state committee previous to the meeting of the state convention at noon Monday, accom-panied by a request that the convention be disselved and a later date be fixed. known that Mr. Anderson has hired Union nail from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. convention day, The hall will seat 1,500 people

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS UNITED.

They at Last Agree Upon a Plan to Settle Their Differences. New Onleans, La., Feb. 20.-The compro mise proposition submitted to the two democratic central committees by the joint conference committee has been ratified by both sides. The McEnery committee ratified the agreement last night. The Fosterites were i session all day and there was considerable opposition to the measure offered, as it

onsidered detrimental to the success of the factions. Senators White and Gibson addressed the body during the day and are supposed to have urged harmony. The committee by a unanimous vote tonight decided to accept the agreement and the McEneryites are jubilant in consequence. The principal point of the agreement, as already stated, is the submission of the McEnery and Poster tickets to the primaries, the winning ticket to be the regular democratic ticket at the general election, the others to be withdrawn The conference committees are in session arranging the details of primaries and other matters in connection with the agreement.

Will Not Support Hill. Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.-The Massachu-

setts Reform club had a dinner at Young's hotel this evening. Speeches were made by Colonel Charles it Codman, president of the club; M. Storrs, General Francis A. Walker and General George D. Johnston of New Oricans. The speaker be rated David B. Hill and stated that the democratic party must nominate an un-exceptional candidate for the presidency if it desired the support of the members of the club. Most of the speakers intimated that the democrats must either nominate Cleveland or meet with disaster. Resolutions were adopted that the Massachusetts Reform club recommend that a national conference be held in New York of the advocates of a thorough tariff reform, a sound currency, and civil service reform, and consider by what action these principles

can best be promoted. Will Be the Finest in the Country.

Cricago, Ill., Feb. 20.-Sidney A. Dent, a well known Board of Trade man, today pledged himself to creet for the University of Chicago a chemical labratory which he promises will be the most complete in America. Architect Henry Ives Cobb is already at work on the plans and Mr. Kent bas placed \$150,000 at the disposal of the building committee. Prof. Remsen of Johns Hopkins university, the celebrated chemist, is here assisting Mr. Cobp in emborating the plans. The structure will be ready for occupancy when the university opens on October 1. It was Mr. Kent's brother, A. B. Kent, formerly of Chicago, wno gave the Kent laura

tory to Yale college.

LOCAL BREVITIES. Owing to the fact that Monday is a legal hotiday the postoffice will be open only from 10 to 12 a. m. The usual morning delivery

nd T. E. Sanders. It was a select affair of forty couples. The Oliver Maggard Transfer and Furniture Van company filed its articles of incor-poration in the office of the county clerk yes erday. The capital stock of the company is

A barn owned and occupied by C. A

Brown, in the rear of 2018 Lake street, was discovered to be on fire at 7:10 o'clock last

A dancing party was given last night a

the Delione hotel by J. D. Harrison and wife, P. T. McGrath, W. E. Wood, W. A. Taylor

An alarm was sent in and the plaze was extinguished, with a loss of about Trinity cathedral, Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue, Rev. C. H. Gardner, dean-Holy communion, S.a. m.; Sanday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, litany and sermon,

fixed at \$15,000.

it a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 "Actor" John L. Sullivan, with Duncan B. Harrison, who opens a balf week's engage-ment at the Farnam Street theater, was at the Millard yesterday. He says that he is righting nobody, and all the talk about his receiping Slavia is without ground. secting Slavin is without grounds, Last night he was in Fremont, and will return to Omaha at 11 o'clock this morning.

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