OMAHA. MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 29, 1892.

# MARRIED AS A MINOR

Mr. Blaine Makes a Personal Statement Re His Son's Marriage to Mary Nevins.

DECEIVED BY PRIEST AND SON

Father Ducey Accused of Deceitful Complicity-Accessory Before the Act.

LIES NAILED BY FACTS AND DATES

The Younger .Mrs. Blaine's Assertions Controverted at All Points.

OF MOTHER AND WIFE RELATIONS

Foung Couple Assured an Income and House-The Offer Refused-What Led to the Separation-A Straightforward Statement of the Affair. -

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.-Mr. Blame furnishes to the Associated Press today for publication the following under the heading,

'A personal statement: " Since the separation of my son and his wife three and a half years ago, my family have silently borne every misrepresentation, every slanderous attack, every newspaper interview which it has pleased the now divorced wife to inspire. The one person simed at has been Mrs. Blaine, and we have perhaps been at fault in allowing a horror of the publie discussion of private matters, combined with the regard for the future of my grandson, to permit so much calumny to go unanswered. The last outrage of the kind, embodied in the decision of the judge at Deadwood, S. D., assumes an official character which makes it impossible to remain longer silent. To remain silent would be to accept and perpetuate a great wrong to my wife-a greater wrong to my grandson than even a publication of the truth can inflict upon him. It is necessary in speaking that I should give a summary, as brief as possible, of the

and led to the separation. Deliberately Deceived by Priest and Son. A letter which I addressed to the Rev. Thomas I. Ducey at the time of the marriage will distinctly state the important facts bearing upon that event:

marriage and the incidents which followed it

Augusta, Me., Sept. 18, 1886 .- Rev. Thomas I. Ducey, rector of St. Leo's church, No. 16 East Twenty-ninth street, New York .- Sir: On Wednesday morning last, the 8th instant, my youngest son, James G. Blaine, jr., shocked me by the announcement that on the preceding Monday he had been united in marriage with Miss Macy Nevins; that you had performed the ceremony in your own rectory; that my son and Miss Nevius were unaccompanied by friend or relative, and that two of your household servants were the sole witnesses. My son's announcement gave the first knowledge that I or any member of my tamily had of his marriage or even of his attachment to Miss Nevins, whose character I wish to say at the outset is not at all in the question, and of whom but for this rash marriage I have never heard a

# breath of censure.

My son was born October 12, 1868, and is not, therefore, is years old. He was living here in his own home in the house where he was born, surrounded by neighbors who had known him all his life, under the daily care of a tutor who was fitting him for college, which he hoped to enter this autumn. To facilitate his preparation he desired to remain here during the summer while the other members of the family were much of the time at Bar Harbor. As I have since learned, Miss Nevins, in company with her sister and father, came to Augusta on Monday, August 16. On Friday, September 3, eighteen days after her arrival in Augusta my son had never seen or heard her name until she came here, left his home without permission and without the knowledge of any member of his family and accompanied Miss Nevins and her sister to their mother in New York. On Saturday, the 4th, the two young persons presented themselves to you for marriage. Through my eldest son, Walker Blaine, who went to New York as soon as I heard these unhappy tidings, learn that James misrepresented his age to you, stating that he was within a month or two of 21.

But he did not (according to your own narrative to my son Walker) conceal from you the vital fact that he was a minor, nor he did not conceal from you but openly ayowed that I had no knowledge whatever of his intention to be married, and that his special de sign was to keep all knowledge of it from me. In this concealment he sought your aid and abetment, and you held his secret under consideration from Saturday until Monday, agreeing with my son not to advise any member of my family of his rash purpose. You took him to the archbishop in order that a dispensation might be secured to enable Miss Nevins, who was reared a Catholic, to marry my son, who was born, baptised and reared a Protestant. You knew that during the long interval in which you were making these preparations I was within a moment's reach by telegraph, and yet you never gave the slightest intimation to me, the most deeply interested and responsible party.

Unworthy of a Priest and a Man. In defense of this conduct you alleged to my son Walker the confidence reposed in you as a priest by my son. The confidence of the confessional is always respected, but by your use of confidences reposed in you outside of the confessional, even by those not of the Catholic communion, you perforce be come an accomplice before the act of any orime or any imprudence to which you may listen. It is not for me to advise a minister of your intelligence that your position is absolutely untenable, would be dangerous to society, and would not be respected by any court of the land. You further alleged in justification of your action that if you had not performed the ceremony someone else would have done it. That is a common defense of evildoing and is unworthy of a priest and a man. You might as well justify your murder of a man by chloroform on the ground that otherwise someone else would murder him with a dagger.

A week ago my boy was under my protec tion, the most helpless, the least responsible member of my family, erratic but controisble through his strong affections, an ebject of constant watchfulness to his parents, his brothers and his sisters, a source of constant anxiety, but not of Aespair, because he is of good abilities, as readily influenced to the right as to the wrong, and because the patience of love can never know weariness. Today through your agency this boy in years, in experience, in

judgment, in practical capacity, leaves my home and my care burgeaed with the full responsibilities of a man with the welfare of a woman in his keeping.

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I am powerless, I cannot question the legality of the marriage. I shall at a distance and at every disadvantage endeavor to guide my son. But as a father, living under the divine institution of family, as a citizen living under the divine order of society, I protest against your act. As a servant of God to whose ministry you are ordained, I call God to witness between you and me. Of whatever evils resulting from this deplorable marriage my son may be the author or the marriage my son may be the author or the victim, the guilt be on your head,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

When I wrote this letter I believed that

Miss Nevins had no other responsibility in the marriage than in consenting to my son's appeal, and was blameworthy for this alone. Since then I am prepared to say that the marriage was arranged by her far more than by my son; that she did everything to pro-mote it, suggested every arrangement, an-ticipated and provided for every emergency. and that in fact, but for her personal, active and untireing agency the marriage would never have taken place. In this she showed knowledge and forethought not to be ex-pected in a woman of 21 years.

The Hand of the Woman, Within ten days after her arrival in Augusta, within one week from the day she first met my son, she was adjuring him thus for several successive days: "Write nothing until I see you. Let me know at once about the law (of marriage). I can't wait to hear. It makes me ill."

"Can you come to me a moment? Am alone. Do not send up your card."
"Did you see the laws! Do not keep up the suspense."

"The Bar Harbor house is perfect, but I love the dear old place far better. "Don't ask any questions that may lead people to suspect anything. Remember that we are in the mouths of every man, woman and child in Augusta. Every word you speak is repeated and misconstrued. Every look of yours, every flush of your face, is talked of. Look into the laws only tomorrow and perhaps one question at the bank (where he obtained money for his marriage journey on my account by inducing the cashier to ad-vance him funds on his memorandum, a thing he had never learned to do before he

#### Mindful of the Laws.

"All else can wait. Oh, do be careful. I feel now all sorts of dreadful things are said of us. You don't know how vile the world is. Do look up the laws. The rest keep

quiet."
"Did you look into the laws of Massa-chusetts and New York. I am sure not.
Answer this tonight."
"I have at last thought of the only man on

earth whom we can both trust for witness. He is a man I can telegraph for to come to Boston if we find it necessary. He is a man and he adores every member of my family.

\* \* I have known him since I was a child. He would go any place with us and none know. He never would breathe it as long as he lived. If you say so, I will give him a gentle hint that I will need his services

him a gentle hint that I will need his services for an emergency, but not tell him for what."
"Do write me at once what the New York law was and the forfeit. Answer at once."
When they reached New York after they had fled from Augusta, she cautioned my son not to "forget the \$20 gold piece in a little box for Ducey, and look into the pocket of his gray clothes for the ring." In short, she took charge of every matter and directed of his gray clothes for the ring." In short, she took charge of every matter and directed the proceedings to the last minute,

### Too Late for Action.

It was thus that a boy of 17 years and 10 months, in some respects inexperienced even for his age, was tempted from his school books and led to the altar by a young woman of full 21 years—with entire secrecy con-trived by herself and with all the instru-ments of her device complete and exact. When my eldest son, Walker, went to New York, as I have related in the Ducey

letter, his object was to see whether the marriage of my youngest son might not be invalid or could not be annulled by reason of his youth. It was met with the assertion that it was too late for any proceedings set aside the marriage, because after the marriage the bride, instead of returning to her mother, had taken passage for Boston with the groom on one of the night steamers on Long Island Sound.

I purpose next to show by a somewhat minute statement of facts and dates the falsity of the assertion that Mrs. Blaine broke up the marriage relations of my son and his wife. She did not see her daughter-in-law until May, 1887, eight months after the marriage, when being in New York the latter called upon her twice during her two days' stay. The next time she saw her wa a month later. When about to sail for Europe on the 8th of June she was a single day in New York and saw the young woman

# Facts and Dates.

At the end of fourteen months we returned from Europe and stopped two or three days in New York. We found that in our ab-sence our son had not only spent his entire allowance, but that he was deeply in debt. It was then arranged that both my son and his wife should come down to Augusta and have their future determined at a famil council. They arrived in Augusta on Satur-day, the 18th of August. Mrs. Blaue waabsent from home on a visit and returned Monday afternoon, the 20th, so that she saw James' wife for the first time in Augusta on the evening of August 20. With-in two or three days I learned the details of the dismal failure of their New York life. the dismal failure of their New York life, and after full consultation with Mrs. Blaine and with her free approval I proposed that that they should come to live at Augusta and occupy their old home. I had a summer house at Bar Harbor, and as I intended to spend all my winter in Washington, this house would be vacant if they did not occupy it. The house being large I proposed to pay for fuel and light and the wages of a to pay for fuel and light and the wages of servant, and I would furnish them with a horse and carriage.

# Assures Them an Income.

I als assured them in addition them the sum of \$2,500 a year until my son should be able to earn an income of that amount. I able to earn an income of that amount. I made the proposition while we were sitting on the lawn, with my son's wife with but a few feet distant. My son went immediately over to her and I know that he told her in detail just what my offer was. Her reply was that she would not true in Augusta on any consideration. stay in Augusta on any consideration. He was very much disconcerted by her decision, and for the first time informed his mother and myself of his discontent and unhappiness, a fact which was not before known, but which was not received with surprise. then learned that during our absence in Europe he had become gradually estranged from her, and her refusal to accept the residence in Augusta was merely the last of a long series of disagreements which threat-ened to make their united life impossible and which led finally to a separation. Disaster is the only legitimate conclusion of such a mar-During the two weeks that my son's wife stayed at Augusta, it became patent to every member of my family and to every visitor, and to no one more than myseif, that separation was the least disaster to be

Mother and Wife.

The immediate occasion of her departure was my son's going to Bangor at my reques on Friday, August 31, with some documents for which I telegraphed (I was occupied with the campaign of the state) and he continued with me to Elisworth, where I was to speak on Saturday, the 1st of September. There being a violent rainstorm the meeting at Elisworth was nostponed to Monday, Sepbeing a violent rainstorm the meeting at Ellsworth was postponed to Monday, Sep-tember 3. James spent the interval at Bar Harbor and I remained at Ellsworth. On Monday after the meeting James returned with me to Augusta and arrived at 11 p. m., only to learn that his wife had gone to New York at 3 p. m., eight hours before. She knew well that James world be at home that night.

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Mrs. Blaine had strongly disapproved of her departure and had earnestly urged her to remain. She did not then dream that our son would not follow his wife, or that the imminent final separation would come so soon; but she deprecated the angry and, to us at least, sudden departure, and the journey to New York alone with their infant and nurse. She did not, however, suspect that the young woman

left with any less friendly feeling toward herself than toward every other member of of the family, except my son James. Find-ing the young woman determined to go, and forseeing the difficulties in their path, since my daughter-in-law utterly declined the provision I made for their support, Mrs. Blaine repeatedly bade her remember that at any moment we would receive the child for any length of time—for one year, three years, ten years or for life—that he should receive, as all who know my wife will believe, the very best of care and attention; that she would put his mother under no conditions whatput his mother under no conditions whatever, and that whenever she wished the
child to be returned to her he would be sent.
Tho offer was given in the most friendly
spirit in which it could be given. Thus my
daughter-in law left my home, the only home
my son could provide for her. She left behind her for my son a note whose temper and
tone are sufficiently indicated by a single extract. tract.

#### From Wife to Husband,

"You knew when you left what the conse-quence of your trip to Bar Harbor would be. What business had you at Bar Harbor! Why did you not telegraph me and not let me lie awake till nearly 4 o'clock! You shall live to regret all this. You have broken the greater of your promises thus far, and until you learn to be truthful you need not come near me. I am not here to have my affairs discussed among the neighbors. If you desire to have any communication with me you can address New York hotel."

This was signed simply "Mary Nevins On reading this note, my son declared: "I will not follow her, and I told her I would not when she made the threat."

Just forty-four day after this wilful departure, she returned to my house accom-panied by her mother, Mrs. Nevins, my grandson and his nurse. At the moment of their arrival there were in the house only Mrs. Blaine, who was ill, rnd the servants. Mrs. Blaine at once arose, dressed and went down stairs, having previously in-structed her maid to do everything required for their comfort. This was the only time she ever mot Mrs. Nevins. Neither lady advanced to greet her. No hand was ex-tended to her, but from Mrs. Nevins, seconded by her daughter, came charges against her son and herself, so insulting and so violent that a servant was called in for the frankly expressed purpose of acting as a re-straint upon the elder visitor.

On this brief stay of two weeks with us, and on this one last visit of two hours, rests all the substantiation of the statements of the judge at Deadwood. Before leaving for the west I had advised with Mrs. Blaice in the event of the return of her daughter-inlaw, and she acted upon my advice. Not a word since the separation has been written by her, nor has she seen my son's wife except on the street in New York, when not a word was exchanged between them.

### OREYED BY THE ROCK ISLAND.

But Chairman Midgley Finds Other Roads

Ingnore His Decision-Railroad News. CHICAGO, Ill., Pep. 28,-The situation as iffected by the agreement of a few southwestern lines to reduce the rate on sugar and other commodities from Chicago to Kansas points, is still a source of anxiety to the managers of some of the competing roads It was supposed that Chairman Midgley's order to withdraw the new rates would be obeyed by all the lines interested, but it seems that the Rock Island is the only one that has beeded the mandate. Accordingly, the chairman has called a special meeting of the association for next Tucsday to consider the situation and decide what is the proper thing to be done under the circumstances. It is claimed that the new tariffs, aside from being a violation of the existing agree

ments, are illegal. Especially is this said of the Missouri Pacific tariff, which quotes rates from Chicago without naming its Chicago connection. This omission is con-trary to repeated rulings of the Interstate Commerce commission.

It is reported here that J. S. Grammock, general traffic manager of the Mackay lines, will succeed George W. Saul as president of the Chicago & Eastern Ininols road. Mr.

Saul's resignation takes effect March 1 and

immediately thereafter the board of directors will hold a meeting in New York to elect his successor Having been requested to make a ruling o he status of the circuitous route rates to California points from Chicago, St. Louis and St. Paul, Chairman Finley has handed down an opinion in which he says that the tariff agreed to by the Western Passenger association lines, and put in effect in June, 1890, covering all-the-year-round traffic still prevails and is the only association basis for

ourist rates. Arrangements have been made for a con-ference next week for the general passenger agents of the lines involved in the passenger rate war between here and Columbus, O. understood that the roads are willing restore rates before further damage is done.

# TRYING TO BREAK HIS WILL.

senator Macdonald's Relatives Quarreling

Over His Estate. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 28.-A suit to contest the will of the late Joseph E. Macdonald was filed in the circuit court today, the plaintiffs being a brother, Malcolm A., with Joseph E. and Jesse C., children of Ezekiel Macdonald, a son deceased. Mrs. Josephine F. Macdonald, widow of the senator, and Theodore Haughey, administrator of the estate, are made codefendants. The plaintiffs claim that the will probated June 26, 1881. and executed August 20, 1890, mot the last will of Senator Macdonald, and that undue influence was used in procuring the making of the will by Mrs. Macdonald. They also claim that the will probated is a mutilated edition dicated by the date of the last page of the will, and before the witnesses whose names are on the page, the senator executed a last will consisting in part of the last page, which is now the second page of the pro-bated will. Other pages give Mrs. Macdon-ald a life interest in all her property, includ-ing the homestead and the Washington street property. The plaintiffs allege that this last page was detached without the testator's knowledge and other pages were de stroyed or concealed.

# WEATHER FORECAST.

OFFICE OF WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 28. The storm which passed over the lower Missouri valley on last Scturday, is now central in the Ohio valley, where, and in the lower part of the lake region, mild weather has prevailed. Rain and snow prevailed in the upper Mississippi valey, while a moder-ate cold wave has passed down the Missour valley, in the upper part of which cold, elean

weather now prevails.

A fair weather condition extends over the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, and another storm is developing in the north Pacific regions.

Temperature is rising in the mountain regions as far north as Montana.

For Eastern Nebraska—Fair weather, stellonary temperature during Monday.

For Omaha and Viciniey-colder clearing Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—For Missouri—Clearing, colder northwest winds, amounting to almost a cold wave in south

For the Dakotas-Winds, becoming warme southr clearing weather; probably For Montana-Generally fair weather

east; cloudy weather in western portion. For Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Ne-braska, Kansas and Colorado—Generally clear weather; north winds, becoming vari able; warmer and fair Tuesday.
For lows and Minnesots—Colder in east warmer by Tuesday in west portion: clear-ing weather; northwest winds, becoming variable; clear Tuesday.

Fifty cents buys a bottle of Bradycroinet a bottle of Bradycrotine will cure four head

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for chil-dren teething softens the gums and ariays all pain. 25 cents a bottle.

# SOME PECULIAR MEASURES

Senators and Representatives Anxious to Investigate any Subject.

PRESENT WORK IN THIS DIRECTION

Southern Statesmen Desire to Understand the Depressed Condition of the Cotton Market-Alleged Crasade to Begin Against Free Passes.

# Washington Burrau of the Bre, 513 Fourthern Street, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.

It has become the custom in congress to propose an investigation into every channel of trade or society which does not show a healthy condition, the idea being that con gress can legislate anything out of existence from yellow fever to a surplus of manufactures. Probably the most unique proposition for an investigation comes from Senator George of Mississippi, who introduced a bill and it has been reported from the committee on agriculture and forestry, providing that one or more subcommittees of the sounte be authorized to investigate by every practicable method, and report from time to time to the senate, the cause of the present low price of cotton, and the cause of the depressed condition of agriculture in the states

raising cotton; and also into the remedies and report by bill or otherwise. Representative Kyle has introduced a joint resolution which has been referred to the house committee on education and labor, ask-ing that the commissioner of labor shall be directed "to make a full investigation relaconfining such investigations to cities con aming 200 000 inhabitants or over as shown by the eleventh census." An appropriation of \$20,000 is proposed to defray the expenses of the investigation, which is made for the alleged purpose of securing information "relating to the occupations, earnings, sanitary surroundings and other essential facts to show the condition of the residents of such localities.'

#### Its Defeat Assured.

Representative John Davis of Kansas has introduced a bill which is sure to slumber peacefully in the pigeonholes of the committce. It proposes to make it unlawful for a senator, representative or delegate to con-gress, member of the supreme court, circuit or district court of the United States. accept or use or permit or suffer any one to use for his benefit a free pass, complimentary ticket, or to otherwise travel for less rate than are paid by the general public for like services over railroads or in a car, steam-boat, steamship or other public conveyance in the United States, or to transmit mes-sages over a telegraph line at less rates than are paid by the general public." The pen-alty for violation of the proposed law is \$1,000 for each of the directors, and over \$1,000 for each of the directors, and every officer of the company extending the free courtesy; but no penalty appears for the eneficiary of the courtesy.

It Will Be an Interesting Volume.

The Postal Guide for February furnishes evidence of the efforts of the department to popularize this publication. The purpose is to publish from month to month not so much dry, statistical matter, but at the same time to include as much as possible of interesting postal news which concerns everybody. The nost important step thus far taken has been most important step thus far taken has been to make arrangements whereby the monthly supplements of the guide—every one well worth reading from beginning to end—may be obtained by anybody from his postmaster at the cost of I cont. Thus far hundreds of postmasters have availed themselves of this privilege in behalf of their patrons, who have been supplied with about 12,000 copies of the monthly supplements. The February guide contains the details of this arrangements are all the supplements are supplied to the process of the supplements. nent, new rulings, an invitation to pos masters to criticise the postmaster general's last annual report, particulars of the pro-posals about to be received for carrying the nails on some 1.600 star routes. descriptive of the special delivery system and of second-class matter. It also contains news about the British telegraph money orders and postal savings banks, and all the recent orders of the department officers.

Suggestions for the Postal Department, The recommendations and suggestions of the county seat postmasters, who recently submitted their reports to the postmaster general after visiting the offices in their counties, are now being considered in all their details by the different bureaus of the department. The reports from the county seat postmasters generally had letters accoun panying them and emphasizing the most im-portant suggestions. These letters were re-ferred to the different bureaus. Of the 2,20: postmasters who made the vivits, fully two-thirds made suggestions. These included recommendations about the discontinuance and establishment of offices, the curtailmen or increase of star route service, and change in a few cases where postmasters seemed un desirable. In such matters as the posting of the anti-lottery law and the supplying of in struction in the keeping of accounts, etc., the recommendations were, of course, carried into effect personally; but in the larger changes in the service reference to the proper tureau of the department was necessarily bad. This work is now going on and every one of the hundreds of suggestions made i followed up until it is carried out, or it is found impossible to carry it out.

For the Sale of Indian Lands. Favorably action is assured by the senate upon Senator Paddock's amendment to his bill for the adjustment of the sales of land belonging to the Otoe and Missouri Indians. The amendment provides that in cases wher full amount of appraised value of the lands sold and interest has been paid the patent shall issue, and where it has not been paid two years more time be given in which to make good the deficit, but if there is defauit or impediment at the end of this extension the land shall revert back and be sold again There shall then be no refund of money paid The provisions of the amendment will not take effect without the consent of the

# Indians. For the Price of His Gun.

Probably the smallest bill which has been presented in this congress is one introduced by Representative Hermana of Oregon "for the relief of Robert Travilla for loss of his carbine in the late was." "Forwills was a pricarbine in the late war." Travila was a private in company K, First United States cavalry, and in 1867 while traveling with his troop in a mountainous region of Arizona he lost his Spencer carbine. It is represented that the gun was strapped on his saddle and must have slipped out and was lost. He nothat the gun was strapped on his sactice and must have slipped out and was lost. He applied to the War department for relief, and found that the gun hall been charged to him as having been lost "through carelessness." He now asks congress to reimburse him for the loss, \$75, and the house committee on war daims has reported through Mr. Pickler of South Dakota in favor of allowing the claim. Under the rules of the War department when a soldier loses his gun or any part of his equipment "through carelessness," the same is charged to him at cost price and taken out of his regular pay.

### Opposed to National Banks. Every two years the lower house of con

gress makes an assault upon the national banking system. The proportions of the as-sault are formidable in relation to the numsault are formidable in relation to the num-ber of flat money advocates there may be in the house. Numerically, ten years ago, the assaulting party aggregated not more than ten members, half of whom represented the greenback and granger parties, and the others the mossback democrats. Each year the party has gained in numbers as the spe-cial factionists and the independent parties have grown in numbers. It is believed now that there are fifty or sixty of the kind in that there are fifty or sixty of the kind in the house—possibly 100—who would vote at any moment to entirely abolish the national banking system and offer nothing in its stead. There are probably thirty or forty bills now before the you elooking toward the abolition of the national banking system by the imposition on national banks bardships as would tend to hamper the system and ultimately break it down. Some o the bills simply provide that the present na-

tional banking taws shall be repealed. Others attack it indirectly. Watson of Georgia, who is the most rabid of the flat and inflationist leaders, and probably the most ridiculous of the would-be leaders of the new element in congress, has a bill which proposes to repeal the act of July 12, 1882, which enables na-tional banking associations to extend their corporate existence. Senator Call of Florida, who has had long experience in congress, has a bill before the senate which, in three lines, provides that national banks shall be prohibited from paying or receiving interest on deposits made by hational banks. This is intended to break up the present system of exchange and reserve agency credit, which is one of the foundation stones of the national

#### banking system. Restrictions Advocated at Present.

One bill has already passed the house bear ing upon the national banking system, and it will, in all probability, be adopted by the senate. It was introduced by Mr. Harter of senate. It was introduced by Mr. Harter of Ohio, and in a word, provides that no national bank shall make any loans to its presi-dent, vice president, its cashier, to any of its clerks, tellers, bookkeepers, agents, servants or other persons in its employ until the proposition to make such a loan, stating the amount, terms and security offered therefor, shall have been submitted in writing by the person desiring the same to a meeting of the board of directors or executive committee of the board and approved by a majority of the same. It provides further that none of the officers of national banks shall be permitted to overdraw their accounts or become secur-ity for any paper belonging to the bank. This bill is admitted on all hands to be a just one in the interest of safety to depositors and the public. It is not at all probable that any other bills affecting national banks will become a law. There is one proposition which has not yet been made to congress, which is a very important one in relation to national banking, and which will undoubtedly become a law if it is presented in time for consideration at this session. It is believed that there will be an investigation of the office of the comptroller of the currency with special relation to the failures of the Spring Garden and Keystone National banks of Philadelphia and the Maverick of Boston. It will be remembered that the comptroller of the currency was charged with dereliction of duty in the closing of those banks at a late day and in the modes of settlement of the business of the banks.

### More Bank Examiners Required.

It is undoubtedly true that there are not more than half as many national bank ex-ammers as there should be, and men who have taken especial interest in the subject say they will present a bill providing for a large increase of the bank examining forces and reorganize the system. One of the propositions in this direction is to appoint from among the banking forces in each city hav ing, say four or more national banks, an ex-aminer who will look alone to the banks in his city. The idea is to have in each city where there are a number of national banks an examiner who will keep close run of the values of the securities held by the banks, and the commercial standing of borrowers. Of course such a proposition would have certain safeguards thrown about the examiner which would make it impossible for him to show favoritism or give more leniency than is now extended. The trouble with the examining system is that there are not enough examiners, and some banks have not had their examination for periods nearly twice those required by the law. To give emphasis to the necessity for an increase in the examining force the fact is pointed out that nearly all banks which have been closed during the past year had not been examined within the time prescribed by law, and the closing occurred immediately after the examination was made.

### Miscellaneous.

Senator Shoup says his bill donating to the territory of Utah sixty acres off the west side of the Fort Douglas military reservation at Sait Lake for a site and campus for the Utah university will pass the senate soon. It is believed the bill of ex-Secretary and Senator Prector providing for the promotion of enlisted men of the army to the grade of second licutement, which has been favorably reported from the military committee to the

mate, will pass probably this week. S. A. White and wife of What Cheer. In are at the Ebbitt.

Mrs. Brown, the mother of Mrs. Mander-son, is in a more hopeful condition tonight than she was last evening and her condition is somewhat improved.

The tea to be given by Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Warren, wives of Wyoming's senators. at the Arlington tomorrow afternoon prom ises to be very largely attended and a great

Mrs. Russell B. Harrison expects to visit her parents, ex-Senator and Mrs. Saunders in Omaha very soon. Assistant Secretary Crounse has returned

from a five days stay in New York on official J. M. Jones and wife of Iowa are at the

A committee of the house will, it is stated.

investigate the question of leases and the letting of privileges in the Yellowstone Naional park. It is said there will be some in teresting developments.

Senator Shuoup's bill appropriating \$200. 000 for the purchase of a site and construcion of a federal building at Boise City

#### HE'S FOR THE NOMINER. One of Calvin S. Brice's Friends Explains

ldaho, will probably pass the senate this

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the Standard Oil Senator's Position. LIMA, O., Feb. 28 .- The following editoria appears in the Lima Times, the local democratic organ, which is particularly friendly to Senator Brice:

There seems to be a determination on the

part of certain Ohioans and others from states other than New York to draw Senator Brice prominently into the Hill-Cleveland fight as a partisan. Nothing could be fur ther from the truth. Senator Brice has taken no part in the contest, because he be-lieves it is a matter for the people to settle. The tripartite alliance, of which he is charged with being a member, exists only in the imagination of some political fanatics, who think the moment a man ob tains prominence la politics he must natur ally become dishonest. Aside from the fac that he will not believe it best for him to take on the semblance of a dictator, it would be the height of folly for him to ally himself on the side of either of the gentlemen now prominently mentioned for the democratic presidential nomination. The chances against the success of either are not less than six tone, and a declaration for either would b little removed from political suicide for any one occupying the position of Mr. Brice, as chairman of the democratic national commit-tee and a seat in the United States senate. named, and when that is done he has but the interest of every other good democrat in the country for the nomination."

# Marriage of an Old Couple,

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 28 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-The oldest couple ever married in the state have joined hands and hearts at Jefferson. The groom, George Thistler, is 75 years old and the bride, Salie Barton, only 71. Hev. Ree performed the

Death of Barry Simpson's Victim, NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 28 .- | Specia Telegram to Tue Bee. |- Bob Foley, who was shot by Barry Simpson at Palmyra yesterday afternoon, died at 8 o'clock last night. Simpson is out on \$1,500 bail.

#### Result of an Ice Gorge. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 28 .-- [Special to THI

BEE.]—About 11 o'clock this morning a gorge formed in the Loup river about two miles west of Mouroe. At noon the water was backing up and running over the rail

Mrs. Aunie M. Starr, 5 Brewer street, New London, Conn., writes: "I have used your medicine for a number of months and find it a 'sure cure.' with neuralgic headache and have spent dol lars upon dollars on medicine for this trouble alone, without any benefit until I got your Bradycrotine. I cannot live without it

Carso, Ili., Feb. 28.—in the circuit court Tilberg, was bound ever. For Killing Her Husband.

here Elien Orange has been given thirty-five years in the penitentiary for killing her worthless husband. They had quarreled about a negro woman, and as they walked along the sidewalk he started up stairs at the call of the other woman, when Mrs. Orange fired after him, killing him instantly.

### WORK OF A FIREBUG.

Wymore Has Two Close Calls from Incendiary Fires in One Day.

WYMORE, Neb., Feb. 28 .- | Special Tele grain to THE BEE. |-Two small ares occurred here today. The first was in H D. Coxe's residence, northeast of the postoffice. Some one went into the house during the absence of the family and turning down the bed clothing and upper tick built a fire in the middle of the bed. When the family came home they gave the alarm and the fire was soon put out with slight damage other than the loss of the bedding.

At 8:30 the fire alarm was again given, and this time the fire was located in the St. Charles hotel. It caught in the garret, it is supposed from the chimney. A large crowd soon collected, and shortly after two streams of water were playing on the roof and soon extinguished the flames. One hundred dol-lars will fully repair the building.

Arranging for Sewerage. FREMONT, Feb., Feb. 28 .- [Special to THE BEE, |-A special meeting of the city council was held last night for the purpose of considering the project of constructing a system of sewerage for Fremont. There were present besides the council a number of citizens who are interested in this important public improvement, and Engineer Tostiver of Council Bluffs. A plan for the system was drawn by City Engineer Andrews a year ago. Nothing further has been done in the matter since that time. It contemplates draining the sewage into the Platte river through an open ditch about three miles in length. The council will go over the ground comorrow and hold another meeting tomor row night, when a proposition will be sub-mitted to bond the city for the sum of \$100, 000 to do the work, the question to be voted on at the municipal election in April.

# Grand Island's Social Event.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 28.- | Special to THE BEE. |-The social event of the season was the return leap year party given on Friday evening by the young men of the city, assisted by a number of traveling men. Ancient Order of United Workmen hali was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the scene was a brilliant one when the guests had assembled. The music was furnished by Brellett's full orchestra of eight pieces, and so delightful did everything prove that several "extras" were added to the regular several "extras" were added to the regular program of twenty-two numbers. Ralph Platte acted as master of ceremonies and was ably assisted by Will S. Kemp, H. P. Tucker, H. O. Stinger and Max Eg e. as committee on arrangements; E. H. Culver, George S. White and John Gawiey as receptors remuitive, and topher. Gendys and tion committee, and Robert Geadys and George H. White, assisted by Mrs. A. H. Baker and Mrs. Joseph White as floor con mittee. The program, which was neat and tasty, announced that

tasty, announced that
More precious than the ocean's white pearls
Are moments spent with Grand Island girls.
Those present were: Misses Rose Wickwire, Margaret A. Howard, Grace L. Ball,
Adda Lame, Alma Reimers, Fannie Coniey,
Olga Schourap, Gertrude Whitney, Effic L.
Adams, Miss Clarke, Denver: Francis Norris,
Minnie L. Guthrie, Jennette Andrews, Kansas City; Eva Murphy and Jennie Maxwell,
Kearney; May McAllister, Lorine Nace,
Brownville; Minnie Warwick, Bertha L.
Smith, Florence Wilber, Denver; May Lamb,
Pearl Van Pelt, Ida M. Heffleman, Vina Sisson, Emma Boehn, Nellie Murphy, Adelade
Warwick, Daisy B. Fezler, Hattie Norris,
Jennette White. enpette White.

Messrs. H. P. Tucker, W. S. Kemp, C. Morse, of Council Bluffs, A. W. Bachbiet, George H. White, Max Egge, F. O. Stringer, Charles McElroy, E. B. Knapp, Emmon Mc Means, E. H. Culver, of Des Moines, Alexander Baker, of Des Momes, Robert Geddes, L. D. Munson, F. D. Collins, J. G. Gawley, h Powell, E. S. Miller, Charles Woelz, M. Walker, Jack Donald, of Omaha, Charles Monck, James E. Ferguson, E. A. Brown, Clay Jones, Aurora, John Houck, Ralph Platt

### KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 28. - Special to THE Beg. ]-John J. Osborn, secretary of the Kearney Opera House company, and a leading society man, was married on February 18, to Miss Lizzte Clitton Hunter of Mariboro' Mass. The following account of the wedding appeared in the Boston Journal under Mari-

boro' date:

"The most brilliant society wedding that has taken place for along time occurred thi evening, the contracting parties being Miss Lizzie Clifton Hunter, daughter of Marshail E.: Hunter of Marlboro', and John Joel Osborn of Kearney, Neb., manager of the Kearney opera bouse. The ceremony oc-curred at the church of the Holy Trin-ity and was performed by Rey George S. ly, and was performed by Rev. George S. Pine, according to the English form, at o'clock. The maid of honor was Miss gmia Osborn, a sister of the groom, of New Haven, Conn. while the groom's brother, Selden Yale Osborn, acted as best man. The ushers were Harry M. Aldrich of Boston George H. Whippie of San Francisco, Colone Frederick A. Osboro of New Haven, Conn. and Julius G. Day, of Seymour, Conn. bride wore a costume of white satin, princess and heavily trimmed with duchess lace, with a tulle veil, and carried lines of the valley, the only ornament being a dianond pendant, a gift of the groom. the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Clifton D. Hunter, an uncle of the bride. The young couple started then of an extended tour through the south, and or their return will take up their residence in Kearney permanently. The present The presents

# Missouri Elopers Captured.

glass and were costly and handsome as well

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 28.-[Special to THE BEE.]-Mrs. Burt Barnes of Rockport, Mo., yesterday came to this city in search of her husband, who had eloped with Mrs. Alice Stephens of St. Joseph, Mo. about a month ago. Barnes and Mrs. Ste phens were traveling in a covered wand camped in Edgewood addition. Barnes got an officer and went to the camp, but no one was to be found. A short search, however, brought Mrs. Stephens and her two children to light, but Barnes had made good his escape. Mrs. Barnes took charge of the horses and the officer took the woman and children and placed them in jall. They were released later and left for their St. Jo-seph home last night. Mrs. Barnes drove the team back to her home near Rockport.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 28.-|Special to THE Biss. |- The ice in the Platte river is breaking up with its usual destruction to bridges. Three spans of the wagon bridge at this place have gone out and communication with Saunders county will be cut off for a few days. The bridge at North Bend has likewise been damaged so that no crossings can be made. Saunders county farmers who were in Fremont when the bridge went out rove to North Bend to cross there, find that bridge gone also. They then re-turned to Fremont and shipped their teams and wagons to Cedar Bluffs, on the Elkhorn road, thence driving home.

HAMPTON, Neb., Feb. 28 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-D. W. Curtis, principal of the High school, has resigned and accepted a call to preach at Clay Center, whither he went last aturday. Prof. S. Caster from Albany,

Diphtheria has spread somewhat in this locality, but is pretty well under the control of the physicians. There have been but

Their Names Were Confused. WALLACE, Neb., Feb. 28 .- | Special to THE Bgg. |- In the recent report of the Hullinger-Van Tilberg case in the Tan Ban, it should have been stated that Hullinger, not Van

# CAUGHT BY DECOY LETTERS

Young Peroffice Thief Easily Captured at David City.

BUT HIS E RIENDS RELEASED HIM

Ater a Short E ourn in Prison the Doors

Were Open A hrough Outside Assist-ance-Pla River Bridges Being W ted by Ice. DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 28.- | Special to THE BEE. |- The postoffice in this city has been robbed the past month of several valuable letters containing drafts, money, checks

and bonds. Henry Will of Oklahoma City lost one letter containing bank stock amounting to \$3,000, which required his making a trip here from that city to get duplicate stock. Last Wednesday evening Postmaster S. L. Brown put some decoy letters in the boxes (Seward combination locks) and watched the results.

watched the results.

About 8:30 p. m. a young man about 16 or 17 years old was caught taking the letters, and was promptly arrested. It was Burt Andrews, son of Irving Andrews, a resident of this city, formerly a hardware merchant of Brainard.

The United States marshal was notified as

once and wired in reply that he would be here last night, but failed to put in an appearance. Last hight young Andrews escaped from the jail, being released by outside parties forcing open the doors. There was no clew to the direction taken by the boy.

# Gage County News Notes.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 28.-[Special to THE Ben. ]-Mrs. H. A. Lee gave a very enjoyable high five party to about two score of her friends at her charming home at Washington and Thirteenth streets Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was passed by all particlpants. The entertainment was given in nonor of Mr. and Mrs. Rook and Miss

Georgia Hawke of Nebraska City.
A pleasing social event of the week was a reception given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Thomas Yule and Mrs. L. E. Walker, at the former's residence on North Seventh street. About three hundred guests were assembled, comprising many of the older set-tiers of the city. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was indulged.
The hostesses were assisted by Mesdames T.
H. Burke, C. N. Emery, W. D. Cox, R. W.
Gere, Kate G. Bares, William Pickrell and
the Misses Miles, Nicholls and Yule,

Gage county is awakening to the necessity of better roads. In view of this excellent awakening, a movement is on foot to call a road convention in this city in the near future to agitate the matter in some tangible or practical form. The subject is aiready engaging much attention among the farmers alliances, and that something effective will come of the agitation is already manifest.

A large number of the friends and ac quantances of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stoll were assembled at the Stoll homestead, three miles southeast of the city, Tuesday eyening, to commemorate Mr. Stoll's 62d birthday. The guests, comprising many of the best recopie of Beatrice and Gage county, were right royally entertained and made to enjoy the full force of the generous hospital-ity of the Stoll household. Refreshments, lavish in their excellence and quantity, were served and a grand good time was the re-suit. A happy incident of the affair was the presentation to Mr. Stoll of a handsome gold-

headed cane by numerous friends. A very recherche affair was given at the Paddock hotel parlors and dining room Thursday night by a number of the leading society young men of the city. The program comprised dancing high five ments. The entertainment was proceeded by a short season of music rendered by the Lansing orchestra of Lincoln. A number of the leading society lights of the city were present, and on the whole the affair was pleasant, elegant, and a brilliant social success. The committee of arrangements, to whom the success of the "social" is very largely due, comprised the following gentlemen: Messrs. Harry A. Lee, A. S. Maxwell, H. H. Waite, W. H. Harrison, C. P. Swiler

and C. T. Harrison. Boyd County's Progress. BUTTE, Neb., Feb. 28.-[Special to THE BEE.]-Butte, the county seat of Boyd county, is getting to the front in great shape. At a meeting held for that purpose Saturday evening a board of trade was organized consisting of thirty-two members, S. C. Sample president and M. T. Rowland secretary.

Although a town isolated from railroad facilities, Butte has gained a prominence among the county capitals of the state in regard to the amount of business transacted. A railroad is all that is necessary to make Butte one of the best towns in northern Nebraska. There are still hundreds of claims esian water has been assured the citizens of Butte have begue the organization of a stock company for the purpose of sinking an arte-sian well at this place. If it proves to be a success a large mili will be erected imma-

Preparing to Pay Indians. LYONS, Neb., Feb. 28.- | Special to THE Ber. |-- Preparations are being made at the Winnebago and Omaha agency to pay the Indians \$12,000 next Tuesday. At present there are 1,200 to 1,300 Omaha Indians and ,200 Winnebagos. A few years ago the Winnebagos outnumbered the Omahas, but the past few years the Omaha population has largely increased. Many of these In-dians are making some progress in civilization. Several have good farms, moderately well improved. The older class still retain their aucient customs. They prefer to live in a wigwam rather than a well constructed

# Fittingly Observed.

house.

PERU, Neb., Feb. 28 .- [Special to THE BEE. |- Washington's birthday was celes brated by the students of the State normal in a very fitting manner. A program was arranged by a committee of the faculty, and carried it out in a very pleasing manner. The normal cadets observed the day pearing in uniform on the campus and giv

an exhibition drill. Saturday evening Prof. Frederick W. Spencer gave a musical entertainment under the management of the Everett society of

They Will Raise Tobacco. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 28.-|Special to TH■ BEE.]-Some sixty or seventy of the farmers near here have expressed their intention of raising tobacco this season. The acreage each will plant will be small, probably be-tween fifty and seventy-five acres all told, and will be cultivated somewhat as an ex-periment, although the farmers are generally satisfied that the culture of tobacco is entirely practicable in this valley. Few of

and it is this knowledge they seek to obtain, and hence each will plant but a limited area. Syracuse on the Boom. STRACUSE, Neb., Feb. 28 .- [Special to THE Ben. |-Syracuse is enjoying a first-class boom. There is not a vacant house in town, although there are many applicatious for houses to rent. Rents have advanced from 10 to 25 per cent, and this has stimulated

however, know how to raise the weed

#### them will be some very fine ones. The he els have been enlarged, and everything poi ... to a prosperous season. Epidemic of Insanity.

some property owners to build. Several new houses will be built this summer, and a mong

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 28 .- [Special to THE Bez. |-Mrs. Neff of Scribner was yesterday adjudged insane by the County Board of Insanity. This is the third person who has been declared insane by the county board