

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER THE STATE.

A Complete Review of the Past Week's Happenings in the Tree Trunk State—Success Summary of the Most Important News.

The state board of transportation is engaged in comparing live stock rates of Iowa and Nebraska with a view of making an equitable readjustment of Nebraska rates.

The investigation committee of the Lincoln city council is engaged in drawing up the charges of impeachment to be preferred against Mayor Graham and Excelsior Vail.

The general store of W. P. Snell of Ashland, was broken into and a large amount of goods taken. The thieves put a ladder to a window in the second story and entered, going down from above. They ransacked the store completely.

Adolph Gale, the eleven year-old son of Joseph Gale, a farmer living near Plattsmouth, was accidentally shot and killed by his older brother while on a rabbit hunt. The boys were endeavoring to free the locks on their guns from snow, and young Adolph unconsciously stepped directly in front of the muzzle just as the lock became free and the full charge entered his abdomen. He lived six hours after sustaining the injury.

An invitation issued by President and Mrs. McKinley to the governor of Nebraska and the members of his family to a reception to be given in the executive mansion Wednesday evening, February 16, has been received by Governor Holcomb. The invitation was printed on plain white cardboard. Above the lithographed lettering is a small emblem in gold in the form of the eagle, after the type shown on the government coin.

Ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley has filed a motion for a rehearing in the supreme court, and in support of the motion filed a brief. Only three days remained of the forty days allowed for filing this motion. Particular attention is called in the brief to the voluminous record and the same time that elapsed between the submission of the case and the handing down of a decision.

A motion for a rehearing in the Mills case has been filed in the supreme court by Judge S. J. Tuttle, Thomas Darnall and Attorney McNeeny of Red Cloud. A similar motion will probably be filed in the case of ex-Treasurer Whitney of Harlan county. These cases involve embezzlement of Harlan county funds, though they are separate and are being prosecuted by different attorneys.

The people of Blair were startled by reports that Alfred Housner, a carpenter living near town, had been dangerously ill in the hip and abdomen by Frank Virginia. When found, his intestines were protruding. Three of the doctors were called who placed the intestines in place and sewed up the wound. At present he is improving and the first report that he was bleeding considerably internally is not verified. Virginia was landed in jail. He is charged with being a man of quarrelsome disposition.

The fate of one scheme of Francis G. Grable, the noted boomer of western interests, is before the state irrigation board awaiting the decision of Secretary Wilson. It is a contest case involving the priority of water rights and on the result depends the fate of the Crawford Irrigation company which owns the Citizens' canal which supplies the thriving town of Crawford, Neb., with water and is intended to irrigate a great deal of land adjacent to the White River. The case was brought before the state irrigation board because it was thrown out of the district court of Dawes county. Many residents of Dawes and Sioux counties have watched the development of the Citizens' canal enterprise with interest. It was a project said to have been conceived by Francis G. Grable, through the name of his nephew, C. J. Grable, has more often been connected with it. It is reported that at least \$70,000 was invested in the canal.

Sheriff Tinker of Falls City, Richardson county, met with an unwelcome surprise the other day when he opened the jail door to feed his only prisoner, for there, hanging by the neck, dead, was Joseph Holechek, who was awaiting trial for the murder of his wife near Humboldt a short time ago. Holechek was fifty-two years of age and the crime that he had committed was of such an atrocious character that he could not hope to escape the severest penalty of the law, and he seized the first opportunity that presented itself to take his own life. Around his neck he had tied a red handkerchief, to one of the bars near the top his cell he tied a white handkerchief and connected the two with a short towel and by this means defeated the desire of the people to see a judicial hanging, none having ever taken place in this county. Holechek killed his wife by shooting her with a revolver on December 2, 1897, at their home five miles southwest of Humboldt, a full account of which appeared at the time.

The board of directors of the Omaha exposition have decided not to appoint a director-general.

A jury has been secured in the Bartley bond case at Omaha, and the hearing of testimony has begun.

Fire damaged the Lincoln coffee and spice mills plant to a considerable extent, but prompt work prevented a general conflagration.

The residence of A. B. Browder at Albion was burglarized while the family was at church. Considerable silverware and jewelry was taken and some money.

A number of Adams county farmers are disposing of their stock and grain preparatory to starting for the Klondike.

Harry Cullison of Gordon was heavily fined before a jury at Rushville on the charge of conducting a sporting house. The fine was \$50 and costs, making a total of about \$125.

Geo. A. Howard, of Willow Lake, S. D., died at his father's, Rufus Howard, in Firth last Saturday, aged forty-six years. Mr. Howard has been in failing health for more than a year. The Franklin creamery has been completed and is now in active operation. The creamery is owned by Haskell & Bosworth of Beatrice, and the cream is to be shipped to Lincoln, where the butter is made.

The boys and young men by the score used sidewalks in Lincoln for skating during the sleety weather. The iciness of the walks and paved streets made a passable rink. Messenger boys went about their business on skates.

Sheriff Mencke has procured a pair of bloodhounds to be used for the purpose of tracking criminals of Washington and adjoining counties. If the dogs are properly trained it is predicted there will be some lively times in some quarters.

The Louis Bradford Lumber company of Omaha has incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Elijah M. Hughes and William Smith have incorporated the Smith Irrigation Canal company with headquarters at Barwell. The capital stock is \$1,000.

J. J. Kelley, jr., of O'Neill was accidentally killed while out hunting. Deceased and another young man went out hunting about 2 o'clock the other day and shortly after starting they separated and about two hours after Kelley was found by another young man lying dead on one side of a wire fence, the shotgun on the other. It is supposed while drawing the gun through the fence it was accidentally discharged, killing him instantly, as he was cold when found.

Mrs. Schulerberg, of Falls City, who lived alone, was discovered lying dead in her kitchen by Mrs. Weber a neighbor who frequently visited her. No one had seen Mrs. Schulerberg for several days when Mrs. May had called and found her just ready to bake bread, but death must have overtaken her very shortly after Mrs. May's visit, as the dough was not worked out. Mrs. Schulerberg is the mother of a large family, all of whom are married. She had ample means, but lived alone from preference.

Chief of Police Schack, of Columbus recently received a long letter from Mrs. Emma V. Craven, 2608 South Nebraska street, Marion, Ind. She is hunting for her husband, James H. Craven, whom she says is most likely travelling under an assumed name, and who left home last August to make his fortune with a phonograph. She claims that the family have fallen heir to a small amount of money, but that she cannot get it until James can be shown up. From the description it is thought that he was in Columbus about the middle of last December.

Governor Holcomb has issued a proclamation quarantining certain localities on account of Texas fever. The southern line of Kansas is a part of the boundary line between the infected and uninfected district as fixed by government authorities. One change is made by the proclamation in regulation covering importation of cattle into this state from the quarantined region. Rule eight is changed so as to designate the stock yards at which southern cattle may be unloaded for feeding. The rule now reads: "Cattle from the scheduled district may, while in transit through this state, be unloaded for the necessary time required for feeding and watering at the stock yards at South Omaha, Lincoln and Aurora in said state, only in pens and feeding yards set apart for the exclusive use of such cattle." Cattle coming into the state in violation of these rules shall be held in quarantine at the risk of the owner or consignor for ninety days or until otherwise disposed of according to law.

Henry Williams of Sargent has written the board of transportation to ask when the B. & M. "charter" on a roadbed in his section of the country expires. This letter raises an interesting point. Mr. Williams says the B. & M. built the roadbed in 1887 through that part of the country, but has not put down a track. Mr. Williams declares the B. & M. already has other lines in the surrounding country and will not lay a track on the unoccupied roadbed until they are compelled to do so. He complains because the farmers are obliged to go a long way to a railroad. Whether the board has jurisdiction over such cases will be referred to Secretary J. W. Edgerton for an opinion, he being the lawyer member of the board of secretaries. Secretary Laws finds a precedent which occurred when he was a member of the board of transportation. Complaint was made that the B. & M. had left an unfinished road between Culbertson and Imperial for the purpose of keeping out competing roads. As a result of this complaint the road was soon completed to Imperial.

Beverly Fields, a Lincoln colored man, in attempting to board a car at Fourteenth and Dodge streets Omaha, fell so that the car ran over his right leg, breaking it below the knee. He is seriously injured.

The remains of Thomas Gleason arrived recently from Mokulume Hill, Cal., and were entered in the Uteia cemetery after a short service at the Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. Mr. Phinney. A report is current in Uteia to the effect that he was shot while participating in a dance at the above named mining camp.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN.

Most Important Events of the Past Six Days Carefully Collected and Condensed—Foreign and Domestic Doings Chronicled for Busy People to Read.

The English parliament opened Tuesday.

The Nicaraguan revolution is getting interesting.

Civil strife and bloodshed have followed the assassination of President Barrios of Guatemala.

The steamer Nevada of Seattle, has been reported wrecked. It is believed those on board are lost.

H. Sheeler, a Chicagoan, has offered to raise the Ohio state capitol and put another story under it for \$300,000.

The convention of the league of American Wheelmen, recently voted down a Sunday racing proposition.

The assassin of President Barrios was killed by the presidents staff before he had time to make his escape.

Boston is in mourning because the famous society leader, Mrs. "Jack" Gardner has broken one of her legs.

Mrs. James O. West of New York, residing at St. Louis, was robbed of \$7,000 worth of jewelry by sneak thieves.

Watson Denny, a wealthy farmer near St. Joseph, Mo., murdered his wife because she threatened to sue for a divorce.

It is reported that the naval department has ordered of the Carpenter Steel company 27,000 steel projectiles. Secrecy is observed.

Mrs. Charlotte Selby, wife of the pugilist "Kid McCoy," otherwise Norman B. Selby, has applied for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

The Spanish cabinet has selected Senor Luis Polo Bernaba as successor to Enrique Dupuy De Lome, as minister from Spain to the United States.

Nicaragua and Costa Rica are expected to soon engage in war unless the latter comply with certain demands of President Zelaya of the former country.

Fifteen hundred men stood all night in front of the state house at Boston, Mass., to be on hand early the following morning when 500 jobs were to be given out.

The health department of Greater New York has made an official estimate of the population of the greater city. The number of persons in all five boroughs is fixed at 3,438,899.

Judge Lunt, in the district court at Colorado Springs, Col., has rendered a decision which practically nullifies the eight-hour labor law passed by the Colorado legislature some time ago.

Salter D. Worden, convicted of wrecking a mail train near Sacramento, Cal., in 1894, has confessed his crime to Governor Budd with a view to receiving a commutation of a death sentence.

Two thousand persons surrounded the jail at Burlington, Ia., for the purpose of lynching Storms, the self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Rathburn and her daughter, but officers had removed him from the jail.

The United States circuit court of appeals for the sixth circuit at Cincinnati decided the east iron pipe trust case declaring the trust a combine illegal in restraint of trade, therefore illegal.

President Barrios of Guatemala was assassinated February 9 by insurgents. Vice President Manuel Cabrera has succeeded to the presidency and calm now prevails. Barrios' dictatorial manner was the cause of his assassination.

Baron Harden Hickey, better known as the Prince of Trinidad, committed suicide in his room at an El Paso, Texas, hotel. Baron Hickey obtained notoriety some time ago by seizing the island of Trinidad and proclaiming himself dictator.

Elizabeth Flanders and Fanny Eaglehorn, the Indian girls who tried to burn the girls' building at the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., pleaded guilty and were sentenced to one year and six months. They said they were homesick and wanted Captain Pratt to send them home.

Minister De Lome has resigned as minister of Spain and goes home in disgrace. He refused to deny the authenticity of the Carnalejas letter. The Spanish cabinet accepted his resignation. Spanish papers deplore the situation, but do not censure the diplomat. Americans as a rule, are bitter against de Lome, and are more than ever favorably impressed with the justice of Cuba's case.

Fire destroyed the six-story cold storage plant of the Chautauque Lake-lee company at Pittsburg. The building covers an entire block, and the contents were valued at \$1,000,000. An explosion blew out an alley wall, and it is thought that twenty-five or thirty persons were crushed to death. Many firemen, reporters and citizens are among the injured.

The Chicago police are puzzled over the disappearance of Earl Conway, a talented youth, well known in musical circles, and Miss Ollie Wilson, daughter of a wealthy Nebraska stockman. Although the young woman is eleven years older than the lad, who is but fifteen years old, the two, according to the story told the police by the lad's parents, are deeply attached to one another and the police have been led to suspect that they have gone away to get married.

A bill has been introduced in the Kentucky legislature to change the name of Carlisle county to "William Jennings Bryan" county.

The seven-story office building in New York owned by Levi P. Morton, was destroyed by fire. Loss of building and to occupants is estimated at nearly half a million.

In a collision between two log trains on the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway at Carney Spur, Mich., Conductor Anderson and Brake-man Toole of Green Bay, Wis., were instantly killed and the engine with nine cars were wrecked.

The Rocky Mountain Oil company of Denver has applied for a receiver.

It is rumored that the Carnegie interests are trying to form a pig iron trust.

Paul Kruger was re-elected to the presidency of the South African Republic.

Tommy Burns will succeed A. C. Anson as manager of the Chicago base ball club.

The steamer Shenango is fast in the ice in Lake Michigan four miles out from Muskegon.

John D. McKenzie, who was foreman of the grand jury which indicted Wm. M. (Boss) Tweed, is dead.

Seven thousand clothing workers of N.Y. are on a strike against low wages. Before it ends 20,000 may be out.

Fort Worth, Tex., had a \$250,000 fire, and as a result many of its handsome business houses are in ashes.

The supreme court of Illinois held in the Bibb case from Alton that the schools must admit colored people.

The engagement of Prince David Kavalani of Hawaii has been announced.

Isaac Potter was re-elected as president of the league of American wheelmen at the recent St. Louis convention.

Much of the testimony in the Sheriff Martin case at Hazleton, Pa., goes to show the brutality of the deputy marshals.

The large Hoyt building in Cleveland, O., was destroyed by fire, and many firms suffered heavy losses. The total loss will foot up fully \$375,000.

Acting president of the Uruguayan republic, Senor Juan y Cuestas has forestalled action of enemies by issuing a decree dissolving the assembly.

A reign of terror exists in Guatemala as a direct result of the assassination of the president, Estrada Cabrera, gives assurance that things will soon be quiet.

Chris Hansen, the "Crazy Dane," was arrested at Keystone, Ia., and taken to Cedar Rapids. His hobby is the writing of obscene letters and mailing them to Iowa women.

Orders have been received at department headquarters at Vancouver, B.C., to send four companies of United States troops to Alaska. Threatened lawlessness is the reason.

The Colorado state board of arbitration has decided in favor of the striking miners and operators of the Northern Colorado district in their demand for an increased wage schedule.

Miss Francis E. Willard is ill at the Empire hotel in New York as the result of over work and worry and the agitation caused by the attacks upon her co-worker, Lady Henry Somerset.

The jury in the second trial of Adolph Luetzger found him guilty and he was sentenced to life imprisonment. Luetzger received the verdict with a laugh, and declared he would get a new trial.

The Auditorium opera house and contents, at Moline, Ill., was destroyed by fire and many people narrowly missed being burned to death. Arnold's Fun Makers held the boards at the time and lost their entire outfit.

Rear Admiral Seward has been relieved from command of the North Atlantic squadron temporarily on account of sickness and the command has devolved on Capt. Wm. T. Sampson, commanding the battleship Iowa.

Attorney-General Crow of Missouri has rendered an opinion that it is a violation of the state law to have pupils of public schools recite the Lord's prayer, or for the teacher to read the Bible as a part of the opening exercises.

At Elwood, Pa., Andrew Krabin shot and instantly killed his cousin, Andrew Krissen. The fact that the latter had secured work in Pittsburg at higher wages than the men were receiving at New Castle caused the fatality.

Mrs. Arthur Levy, wife of a New York wholesale clothier, was instantly killed at the Holland house, New York. She had entered the elevator, and just as it started up swooned away and her head was caught and crushed in.

British papers, both city and country, express the opinion that the position of the United States in the Senor de Lome affair is correct. The Statist says the United States would be "morally justified in saying that the war must end and that Cuba must be given peace."

Mrs. Caroline Lang, eighty-seven years of age, died at the Cook county hospital, Chicago, of starvation, and her husband, Cornelius Lang, is in the same institution dying slowly from the same disease. Lang is a tailor and recently lost his job.

The department of customs of the Dominion government has issued instructions which provide that goods purchased in Canada, destined to the Klondike district, must be carried in British boats, otherwise full duty must be paid upon them.

The steamer Veendam, from Rotterdam to New York, was wrecked in mid-ocean. The steamer City of St. Louis rescued the crew of eighty-five and the 118 passengers. Captain Stenger of the Veendam set fire to the ship to remove it as a dangerous obstruction to other vessels.

Judge Thornell of the district court at Council Bluffs, Ia., decided the state law taxing collateral inheritances to be unconstitutional on the ground that it was in contravention of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, in that it took property without due process of law and also because the law contained no provision for annuities.

A Professor Sued for Divorce. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—University of Chicago society circles are stirred up over an application for divorce filed by Mme. Frances E. Du Poyen-Bellisle. The professor is a West Indian, the son of French parents, while his wife is an American. They met and wooed in Baltimore, where he taught before he came to Chicago. They have one boy, five years old. Incompatibility is the cause assigned for the suit.

Western New Yorkers are crazy over the Klondike and are preparing to go to the Eldorado in droves.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAT

WEEK'S DOINGS OF NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

A General Resume of the Most Important Labors of the House and Senate—Executive and Departmental Actions Noted Briefly.

Representative Burton of Ohio has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 to construct a steel steam light house tender for use on the great lakes, to be specially fitted for steaming through heavy ice.

The senate committee on appropriations completed consideration of the fortification appropriation bill. The committee recommended increases which double the figures of the bill as passed by the house.

Patents have been granted to Nebraskans as follows: Luther Baird, Omaha, washing machine; Silas G. Dean, Norfolk, window bracket; Anna S. Fridolph, Wayne, washing machine; John M. Lucas, Lincoln, pneumatic tire; Oscar M. Miller, Benedict; combination wrench; Samuel A. Rhodes, McCann, wire tightener; Joseph N. Uurl, Steinauer, fire escape.

Petitions have been introduced in congress by the Nebraska delegation as follows: By Senator Allen for citizens of Nebraska protesting against the anti-scalping bill, papers relating to various pension bills, and by Representatives Strode, Mercer and Stark, petitions from the normal school of Lincoln praying for the enactment of legislation to prevent violations of the anti-cigarette law.

Senator Allen has offered an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill the Morgan resolution for the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba. He said he hoped it would be speedily acted upon by the committee on foreign relations, so that it would not be defeated in the senate by a point of order. Senator Cannon of Utah and Senator Mason of Illinois also had amendments and are after Spain's scalp.

Acting Secretary of War Melville Johnson has submitted an abstract of the militia force of the United States according to the latest returns received at the adjutant-general's office. The abstract shows that there are in Nebraska seven men on the general staff, including the general, forty-five in the cavalry service, fifty-two in light batteries and 1,051 in the infantry. It shows also that there are 101,926 men in the state all available for militia duty.

Representatives of the Cuban junta at New York have given out copies of a letter signed "Enrique Dupuy de Lome," who is minister of Spain at Washington, and addressed to Jose Canalejas, who went to Cuba last September as Premier Sagasta's personal representative. In this letter the Spanish minister refers to President McKinley as "weak and catering to the rabble" and as a "low politician, who desires to stand well with the jingoes of his party." It is pronounced a forgery by de Lome, but the members of the junta claim it genuine, and that the original was stolen from Canalejas.

The house will take up this week the bankruptcy bill reported from the committee on judiciary. The measure is in the nature of a substitute for the Nelson bill, which passed the senate and provided only for voluntary bankruptcy. The house bill provides for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy and is a modification of the Torrey bill, which has been discussed for a number of years past in congress.

Judge Strode has been working hard with General Henderson of the judiciary committee for several months past and urging that the house be afforded an opportunity to vote upon a bankruptcy measure. He has taken great interest in the subject and has presented a number of arguments to the committee on behalf of the people of the west who are desirous that a law should be passed which would relieve them of obligations which they are unable to pay in full but which they are solicitous to meet so far as they can and receive a clear bill of financial health thereafter.

The policy of the administration concerning the de Lome incident can be stated briefly and definitely—and on authority not open to question—as follows: The president is awaiting the full report of Minister Woodford, who in the brief report already made, stated that further details will be forwarded. So far as the personal illusions of the late minister to the president are concerned the incident is undoubtedly closed. No demand has been, or will be, made, according to the present intentions, for a disavowal of them, though should it be made it would be regarded as a graceful act. But the inferences in the letter which bring into question Spain's good faith on questions of reciprocity, and inferentially autonomy for Cuba, if not disavowed voluntarily, may become the subject of further diplomatic correspondence, though as to this matter, as has been stated heretofore, the president will await Minister Woodford's fuller advice before anything is decided upon. This feature of the minister's letter is entirely disconnected from the personal aspect which resulted in his retirement. It is confidently expected by this government that Spain will take early opportunity to disavow the statements of its late representative so far as they tend to commit Spain to a policy which leaves its good faith open to serious doubt. It is felt to be most desirable that this government should have no doubt as to Spain's real purposes and feelings on those vital questions which have been subjects of negotiation, or are likely to become such, in the immediate future.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage has sent to congress a bill to consolidate customs collections districts throughout the United States. The states of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska, under this bill, are divided into four districts with ports of entry at Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. The Omaha port will comprise the cities of Council Bluffs, Omaha, Lincoln and Des Moines, the collectors to be paid the salary of \$2,000 per year. Returns for 1896 and 1897 show that collections at these points were for that period: Council Bluffs, \$268,811; Omaha, \$1,563,121; Lincoln, \$1,116,231; Des Moines, \$157,751.

At the close of his three days' speech in opposition to Hawaiian annexation Senator Pettigrew was cordially congratulated by many of the senators, including some of the opposition, upon the thoroughness with which he had gone into the subject and the ability with which he had presented the opposition to annexation.

The postoffice department has notified Representative Mercer that the new postoffice building at Omaha can be formally taken possession of by the postoffice authorities by the 25th of the present month. There have been many delays and postponements in the contemplated removal of the old office into the new, but all arrangements can now be made for this date.

Gen. William Booth of London founder of the Salvation army, officiated as chaplain at the opening of the senate's Thursday session. Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, the son-in-law and daughter of General Booth, were in the gallery during the prayer. Previous to the meeting of the senate the entire party held a brief reception in the vice president's room.

Pension Commissioner Evans has received \$879 from a pensioner in San Antonio, Tex. The pensioner believed he had not properly received it and hence returned it to the government. Commissioner Evans ascertained that the pensioner was honestly entitled to the money—\$12 per month for deafness—and directed the entire amount returned.

The secretary of the interior, having been advised that the purchase money for the Union Pacific railroad has been paid in full, has directed the commissioner of the general land office to submit for action all lists of lands selected by the company for lands under the main line grant opposite the road from Omaha for this company heretofore confined to such as had been actually sold to settlers by the company.

Extensive preparations are being made in Washington for the convening of a pure food congress. The object of this gathering will be to bring pressure to bear for the passage of an anti-adulteration law to supplement laws passed by the various states to protect citizens from frauds in the food either unwholesome or under names other than those which they should bear. The movement is in the line of the bill introduced by the late Senator Paddock of Nebraska and to which he devoted three years of his time in Washington. He succeeded in securing its passage in the senate, but it was defeated in the house through the efforts of a powerful lobby.

The state department gave out for publication the substance of the cablegram sent to General Woodford, our minister to Madrid, in reference to the de Lome letter. The statement is as follows: "There has appeared in the public prints a letter addressed by the Spanish minister to Mr. Canalejas. This letter the minister admits was written by him. It contains expressions concerning the president of the United States of such a character as to end the minister's usefulness as a representative of his government in this country. General Woodford therefore was instructed at once to say to the minister of state that the immediate recall of Mr. Dupuy de Lome is expected by the president."

Representative James Hamilton Lewis, of the state of Washington, has gone to Ottawa, Canada, to endeavor to induce the Canadian authorities to send into the Klondike mining region an official authorized to issue miners' licenses. At present it is necessary for American miners who desire to work in Canadian territory to go to Victoria, B. C., to obtain their licenses. Many of them fit at that point and proceed to their destination on Canadian vessels. Representative Lewis has received many letters and telegrams from Washington urging him to facilitate the work of American miners by using his influence to have a Canadian license official located in the mining region, and he hopes to secure this concession from the Dominion government.

Child Shot at a Wedding. BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Feb. 9.—At a German wedding at the home of John Hawkers, near this city, a 10-year-old girl was shot through the left breast. Physicians were summoned, and every effort is being made to save the girl's life. The affair was reported to the officers as accidental, but arrests have been made, and the matter is being thoroughly investigated.

Sir Robert Peel May Go on the Stage. LONDON, Feb. 9.—It is reported that Sir Robert Peel is to adopt the stage as a career.