

Heilman Was Unarmed. H. P. Rohrke, in charge of the press room of The Journal at Lincoln, is here visiting with Fred Braasch and other relatives. Mr. Rohrke reports that the mutiny in the state penitentiary caused great excitement in Lincoln and that newboys cleared about \$500 as the result of the "extras" issued at the time of the escape of the three convicts. The excitement has cooled off now, he says, and interest is centered in the death of Roy Blunt, the young farmer and in interviews given by Morley, the only living member of the desperate trio. Mr. Rohrke says that from Morley's statement, Usher P. G. Heilman was unprepared for battle and did not have a revolver in his hand as reported at first. Both Heilman and Warden Delahanty made easy targets for the escaping convicts, says Rohrke, both officials stepping from their offices without weapons in their hands.

Keokuk Railroads Tied Up. Keokuk, Iowa, March 25.—Ice banks in some places thirty feet high, along the banks of the Des Moines river as far north as Gregory, Mo., were reported here today. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy tracks were covered with ice and water in depth from eighteen inches to three feet at different points, according to the same reports. No trains were operated during last night and early today and it was said other lines entering Keokuk would be out of commission for two or three days at least. The Mississippi river rose during the night, standing at 15 feet. Heavy repairs on the cofferdam of the Mississippi river were effective in keeping the water back. Several small buildings were carried away by the gorge which broke late yesterday.

West Point Teachers. West Point, Neb., March 25.—Special to The News: The alignment of teachers for the coming year in the West Point city schools is as follows: Sup't, O. R. Bowen; principal, Miss Cecilia Foster; assistant principal, Miss Lucy Woods; 8th grade, Miss Margaret Gallagher; 7th grade, Miss Maria Chambers; 6th grade, not yet assigned; 5th grade, Miss Rose Marsh; 4th grade, Miss Mabel Brazda; 3rd grade, Miss Lottie Koop; 2nd grade, Miss Blanche Shearer; 1st grade, Miss Nelle Wilson, Kindergarten, Miss Fern Solomon; vocal and instrumental music, Prof. Reese Solomon.

THINKS TAFT AHEAD.

Congressman Henry Accords a Nebraska Victory. Washington, March 25.—Congressman Henry of Texas, who has just returned from the Bryan birthday banquet at Lincoln, predicts that Taft will carry Nebraska in the three-cornered fight developing between followers of Taft, Roosevelt and LaFollette and that the heads of the democratic ticket will be Wilson and Clark, Wilson being very strong in Nebraska.

Snow in Tripp County.

Witten, S. D., March 25.—Special to The News: Tripp county is covered with a blanket of from 12 to 18 inches of snow. The warm weather during the past two weeks had taken the frost out of the ground, the bulk of the water from the snow will go into the soil. The Donohoe department store has moved into its new quarters, which have a street front of fifty-six feet. During the past week several farmers that have leased land here have moved in. Almost every day a string of loaded teams passes through Witten from Winner to the towns of Wood and White River in Mellere county. Many are bringing with them cows, horses, hogs and chickens as well as seed grain. Six four-horse loaded wagons stopped here over night with lumber and furniture for a hotel at White River. They expect to have the hotel in readiness for the rush of homesteaders that will be there to file in June. Mrs. Belmont opened a bakery and restaurant in Witten. It is reported that a gang of railroad surveyors are at work at the mouth of Oak creek and are headed toward Witten. They are supposed to be running a line from northwest of here, the end of the Belle Fourche line to connect at Winner.

Requires Sixteen Pallbearers.

Rock Island, Ill., March 22.—William Bieswanger, who weighed 417 pounds, died here. It will be necessary to remove part of the front of his residence to permit the coffin to be taken out. There will be sixteen pallbearers.

Indiana For Marshall.

Indianapolis, March 22.—The thirty delegates from Indiana to the democratic convention were instructed in the platform adopted by the state convention, to present to that body the name of Gov. Thomas R. Marshall as the "first and only choice of the democracy of Indiana for the nomination of president."

Charles A. Bailey.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: The remains of Charles A. Bailey were buried yesterday afternoon in the Ainsworth cemetery. The death occurred on Monday evening. The deceased was one of the old settlers of Brown county, coming here twenty-eight years ago. He was born in Ohio in 1841 and served in company H, Thirty-eighth Ohio, and in company F, 182nd Ohio. After the war he settled in Missouri, and later in Iowa, where in 1878, he married Miss Hattie Cullison, who died five years ago. He was a man of prominence in the affairs of this county until failing health compelled his retirement from all public affairs. He left considerable property. His only

heir is an adopted son, Rex Bailey, one of the county commissioners of this county.

H. L. Russ, 78 years old, died at the home of his granddaughter at Butte, Neb., Thursday morning. The remains were brought to Norfolk last night. This morning they were taken from the home of the son, H. B. Russ, 110 South Thirteenth street, to Sloan, Ia., where the funeral will be held this afternoon. All the children accompanied the remains to Sloan today.

In North Dakota.

Grand Forks, N. D., March 23.—With returns from 350 of 1,800 precincts of the state lacking, Senator Robert M. LaFollette's majority over Theodore Roosevelt in the presidential preferential primary has been cut to 3,519. The returns from the 350 precincts will not be known until the official count is made. At present the count stands: LaFollette, 28,820; Roosevelt, 19,101; Taft, 1,543.

ENGLISH COAL CONFERENCE.

Settlement of Strike Now Hangs On a Meeting Next Monday. London, March 23.—The settlement of the British coal miners' strike now seems to depend on the results of a conference between representatives of the coal mine owners and miners, which has been summoned by Premier Asquith to convene on Monday. Meanwhile, the house of commons will proceed no further with the government's bill, which was introduced in an endeavor to settle the strike, than the committee stage.

This was the outcome of a day of kaleidoscopic changes in the strike situation. In the debate in the commons the miners' representatives plainly intimated that if the government's bill was amended in the committee stage to provide for daily minimum of \$1.25 for adults and 50 cents for boys working underground, the miners would not insist on the inclusion of their entire schedule and the passage of the measure and the settlement of the strike. It has been believed that the government would make this concession to the miners, but Premier Asquith's refusal to accept a labor amendment in a clause covering the \$1.25 and 50 cents minimum or any fixed rates in the bill changed the situation.

Enoch Edwards, labor member of parliament, and president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, declared the government had closed the door which they had left open, while William Bruce, another representative of the miners, said that the refusal meant that if the bill was passed as it stood, the miners would not return to work until their schedules of minimum pay were settled for every coal field in the kingdom.

FRIDAY FACTS.

R. F. Schiller returned from Omaha. Ernest Raasch returned from Lincoln. F. Welsenstine of Battle Creek was here. Mrs. L. Pohlman of Pierce spent a day's visit here with Mrs. A. T. Hutchinson. Miss Marguerite Klentz returned from Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hase of Pierce were here visiting friends. Miss Emma Korth returned from a week's visit with friends at Aurora. Henry Machmueller of Tilden was here visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Machmueller. Miss Lenora Simms, who has been here visiting with Miss Lottie Schmieberg, has returned to her home at Pierce. E. A. Amarine is reported confined at his home with an attack of the grip. Mrs. Landroth of Foster underwent an operation here yesterday morning for appendicitis. The Epworth League supper which was to have been given tomorrow has been postponed indefinitely. Mrs. Walter Jones, who has been ill for the past nine weeks, was taken to the Wesleyan hospital at Lincoln where she will undergo an operation. Mrs. Agnes Masten has purchased the Loder rooming house. David Masten sold the Masten rooming house business to A. Strout, who recently purchased the Compton-Evans meat market.

Five more sleepers "laid over"

in Norfolk to take advantage of a free bed in the city jail last night. During the night the "sleepers" became involved in a fight during which a tramp's face was badly scratched. The fight ended only after Fire Driver Truelock silenced the men with a piece of iron.

Four more Norfolk men have been added to the robin club.

Millard Green, Millard South and R. E. People claim to have seen robins Thursday morning. Robert Smith saw one Friday. These men declare they did not only "think" they saw them but they are positive of the fact. "I heard two singing this morning," says People, who declares he made an extra trip to the tree to be sure. C. S. Bridge, proprietor of the Sugar City Cereal mills, who before Wednesday's snow predicted that there would be no flood, declares he has almost changed his mind. The snow fall has been extremely heavy and some consternation is entertained at the mill as to what may occur. Many business men seem worried over the dike proposition and declare that this protection should be looked after by the city.

TRAMPS HEAR OF NORFOLK.

They're Learning That They Can Get a Bed Free at Local Jail. Besides the robins, there are a number of tramps in Norfolk, among them some of the characters who last summer gave plenty of trouble

to the local police by gathering together in a "rang" at South Norfolk and drawing a "dead line" which they did not allow any one to cross. The fact that free lodging is being given to tramps at the local police station seems to have become so well known among the Weary Willie fraternity that the kindness of the jail officials is being imposed upon.

Valentine Ticket Named.

Valentine, Neb., March 23.—Special to The News: At a caucus held here the following candidates were nominated for offices under the city form of government: Mayor, M. V. Nicholson; aldermen for the West ward, E. C. Davenport, W. A. Kincaid; aldermen for the East ward, Luke M. Bates, Len Bivens; city clerk, W. E. Haley; city treasurer, Charles Sparks; city engineer, Alva Green; police judge, Charles Maxwell.

Newman Grove Wins Debate.

Madison, Neb., March 23.—Special to The News: Newman Grove high school last night defeated Madison high school in the debate of the North Central district. Following were the Newman Grove debaters: Irwin Witt, Olaf Osnes and Judith Sahlgren. The Madison speakers were: Thirza Mossman, August Buttner, James Robertson.

Sudden Death of Herrmann.

West Point, Neb., March 23.—Special to The News: The community was shocked yesterday to learn the news of the death, during the night, of Bernard G. Herrmann, former sheriff of Cumming county which occurred at his residence at about 3 o'clock a. m. Mr. Herrmann had been in average health, apparently for many years but two days ago complained of feeling unwell, but little was thought of the matter until he was seized during the night with a severe hemorrhage of the lungs which terminated fatally after a few hours illness. He had been out of the sheriff's office since the new year, being succeeded by Milton Knight, the present sheriff.

Mr. Herrmann was 48 years old and is survived by a widow and four children. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America under whose auspices his remains will be interred. During his incumbency of the sheriff's office, for one term, he was honored by all his fellow-townsmen, his conduct of the office being impartial and kind. His sudden demise is deeply deplored by his neighbors and friends. He had been a resident of Cumming county practically all his life, his father, still living, being a pioneer settler a few miles from West Point.

BLOW UP SAFE.

New York, March 23.—Cracksmen set off so much dynamite under a safe in the office of a Staten Island mining company early today that the explosion was heard for miles and many persons thought there was an earthquake. The five safe blowers fled after an exchange of shots with watchmen. The safe was blown to pieces and some of its contents destroyed. There is no clue to the cracksmen.

OTHER ALLENS AT LARGE.

Only Sidna Edwards Caught Thus Far in Virginia Manhunt. Hillsville, Va., March 23.—No further captures had been reported early today by the posse endeavoring to round up the Allen fugitives on the North Carolina border. The arrest of young Sidna Edwards yesterday left four of the wanted men at large—Sidna Allen, the clan leader, who is supposed to have fired the shot that killed Judge Massie; and his nephews, Wesley Edwards and Friesland and Claude Allen. The massing of the hundred or more searchers about the hills south of this place indicates that the officers believe that the outlaws are still secreted in that vicinity. Sidna Edwards, who was found alone, unarmed and hungry in a deserted mountain house, insists that he has not seen his uncle or cousins since the day of the courthouse tragedy. He says he had no part in the snooting; that he went to the courthouse and later took to the mountains only because he heard the posse intended to shoot on sight any members of his family. Worn by hunger, fatigue and the pain of a scalded foot, Edwards slept last night in the jail here with two men standing guard. He will be taken to Roanoke today. There is much talk of the reported offer for Sidna Allen and his nephew to surrender on condition that they be allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree in a court outside of Carroll county. Gov. Mann says if such a proposition has been made to the detectives he knows nothing of it.

AGED CONGRESSMAN DIES.

Gen. Bingham, "Father of the House," Expires in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—Gen. Henry H. Bingham, member of congress from the First Pennsylvania district and "father of the house," died at his home here at 5:45 o'clock March 4, 1879. He was 71 years old. Gen. Bingham had been ill for a long time from a complication of diseases.

ADMITS HE'S CALLAHAN.

Man Arrested in St. Louis Says He Knows He's Wanted. St. Louis, March 23.—Daniel Callahan, arrested here Wednesday night, and who is under indictment charging him with attempting to rob the Bremen postoffice a year ago, was sched-

uled to be arranged before United States district Judge D. P. Dyer this morning. Callahan is said to be wanted in other cities for robberies amounting to \$200,000. He admits his identity and acknowledged he knows he is wanted in various places, but will not say anything more. Callahan will go to trial on the same indictment on which William Rufus, James Sheridan and Martin Thorsen were tried, convicted and sent to the Fort Leavenworth prison, where they are serving sentences.

FLEE FROM MASSACRE.

Severe Fighting Takes Place Between Soldiers in China. Swatow, China, March 23.—Business of all kinds has been suspended in this city and people are fleeing into the country, fearing a massacre. Severe fighting has occurred between a body of Cantonese troops and a force of local soldiery at Chao Chow Fu, about twenty-five miles to the north of this city. The local soldiers were defeated with heavy loss. Further troops are being sent here from Canton.

Prepare for Canning Plant.

Some work is being done around the old sugar factory building by a small crew of men employed by A. F. Wentworth, who will open the new canning plant this summer. A number of signed agreements are being received at the Commercial club office from farmers to plant and raise corn for the new factory. As soon as the weather permits it is believed that work on a large scale will be started at the factory buildings.

Fire No. 2 in the Garni Hotel.

The Garni hotel, valued at \$5,000, with several thousand dollars' worth of furniture, was completely destroyed by a second fire of mysterious origin at 4 o'clock this morning. This was the second fire of the week in this hotel, a blaze during Wednesday's blizzard having badly damaged it. The hotel was damaged by fire to the extent of \$1,500 last Wednesday. The origin of that fire was also mysterious.

When the firemen reached the scene the building was a mass of flames and only extraordinary hard work saved the building on the south. The Koerber barber shop was badly burned. This damage, however, was covered by insurance. The furniture in the shop was carried out. The alarm reached the fire station at 4 o'clock and the firemen responded quickly to the call. Clad only in thin clothing, some of the firemen suffered during the rough ride in the 11-helicopter weather. Fire Driver Truelock's ears were badly frozen and some of the other firemen report frostbites. The road between Norfolk and South Norfolk was very rough and both fire horses were cut about the feet. When it was seen that three hydrants were frozen, it was necessary to break one of them to obtain water. Mr. Hershberger, the landlord, said that he did not know how the blaze started. He had been asleep in a house south of the hotel. The exact amount of insurance on the hotel is \$3,700. The building was worth about \$5,000 and the furniture destroyed by the blaze was valued at about \$2,000. The firemen confined their work in saving other buildings immediately after they saw the impossibility of checking the flames which consumed the hotel.

Dakota Cattleman Suicides.

Belle Fourche, S. D., March 22.—The dead body of Edward Cumsey, aged 47, formerly a well known cattleman of South Dakota, was found here. It is believed he committed suicide while temporarily insane. Mrs. William Rieke left for Maville Wyo., yesterday for a visit with relatives. B. L. Schiller of Lincoln was here yesterday on business, between trains. Miss Helen Masters left for Inman, last evening for a visit with her aunt, Herman Sherington, holler maker of the shops here, left for Boone, Ia., yesterday on business. James Brennan is taking his place.

South Norfolk.

Mrs. John Daugherty and daughter Leota left Saturday noon for Bonesteel for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Joe Adams is ill. Mr. Welsh left for Osmond Saturday noon for a visit. Mrs. Wolfe of Battle Creek was here on a visit at the home of her son, W. B. Wolfe between trains Saturday. John Williams of Battle Creek was here Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pippin. Homer C. Williams has moved his family from one of Tom Hight's places on South Fourth street to South Eighth street. Mrs. Bondurant arrived home from Battle Creek where she visited at the home of her grandson, John Williams. Frank House, who has been seriously ill for the past month, is not getting along as well as might be expected. Mrs. William Rieke returned home from a few days visit in Wyoming. A party of eight from the night force left for Omaha this morning to visit with Tom Hogan, a night machinist, who underwent an operation in a hospital there Saturday. The party was composed of Charles Trisles, Paul Bankruff, N. Cartersen, Charles Ostendorf, Charles Nelson, a boiler washer and two boiler makers. Jake Christensen is visiting in Sioux City for a few days before going to Canada where he has taken land. She Had Saved Many a Woman. Two years ago Sadie was seriously

ill with dropsy but she recovered after a short time. Six months ago she was reattacked and last night when a News carrier called at her home to deliver the evening paper, which she read regularly, he found her sitting in a chair at her home at 114 Braasch avenue. She had apparently fallen asleep and the boy, after endeavoring to wake her, called in the neighbors. A physician was summoned and he declared that life was extinct. She is survived by a nephew, Burt Mitchell, a sister Francis of Dallas, and a niece living at Sioux City.

Sadie Dubois was born in Kentucky, fifty-six years ago. She came with her parents to Norfolk in 1878 and was married to Mr. Dubois. She moved to Sioux City but came back to Norfolk. Everyone knew Sadie, Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon, Sadie's parents, were the first colored people of this city, and they were very desirable citizens. Her father, George Gordon, was born in Kentucky and died in Norfolk on Dec. 8, 1884. The mother died in June 1904. Of the five daughters—Mary, the mother of Bert Mitchell, Jane, Sadie, Ella, and Frances—only Frances survives. The husband of Sadie died some years ago.

In the early days when the Gordons first came to Norfolk, the German pioneers welcomed the first colored children to the German school. Here Burt Mitchell, the son of Mary Gordon, Frances Gordon and Sadie Gordon were taught the German language, which they mastered, much to the surprise and pleasure of the German instructor, George Gordon had been a cook for the army of the north during the war and he earned his living later as a cook. John Oesterling built a small frame structure which he intended to use for a harness shop and this building, which stands on the corner of Second street and Braasch avenue, became the home of the Gordons.

Pet Dog It With Her.

It was in this old home that Sadie passed her last days, meeting death (which she often declared she was never afraid to meet) with only a pet dog as a companion. Sadie was very fond of pets and a few years ago attracted attention in defense of two lambs which followed her about the streets of Norfolk. A number of poems were written and printed in The News, regarding the incident.

When Sadie returned from Sioux City, after her husband had died, she made her living by washing and cooking. She never failed to be represented at the funeral of a Norfolk pioneer by a pretty bunch of flowers on which was always attached a card, "From Sadie." In this way Sadie paid tribute to her "old friends" as she called them.

Saved Many a Wayward Girl.

Sadie was kind hearted to a degree. She chewed snuff in the old fashioned southern way and she boasted often that she was "blacker" in the face than any other nigger, but notwithstanding her blackness, her many acts in rescuing girls from lives of shame made her "white." Sadie on many occasions acted as a protector to girls brought to Norfolk for a wayward career. On a number of occasions she brought these girls from houses of ill repute to her home on Braasch avenue. The girls on most occasions were without funds and Sadie sent them to their parents in other towns and cities with a word of advice, paying railroad fare on the installment plan to local railroad agents who were always ready to "trust" her for the payment.

"She often borrowed money from me to buy a ticket for some girl who was broke," says a Norfolk business man. "Sadie often paid a small amount down on these tickets and the rest came in amounts ranging from 50 cents to \$1 a week or a month. Once she nursed a young boy who was stabbed at a resort and saw to it that he had plenty of good advice and assisted him to his home after he recovered. At one time Sadie was a picker of medicinal flowers and her name is recorded among these pickers in a record book in an Ohio institution. "Her Spirit So White."

John Brennan of Sioux City "found" Sadie in 1886 and discovered some of the samaritan work she was doing in that city. On Sept. 24, 1887, Mr. Brennan found Sadie at some missionary work on the levee and in telling of the great assistance she was giving women who were "down and out," he wrote this poem of tribute to Sadie and printed it in a Sioux City paper: Like a true woman instinctively human, Cared for the wretch who had fallen so low, Tenderly cared her and cleanly prepared her. To start on the journey to regions light, This is why Sadie to me is a lady, Black as a raven with spirit so white. In ending his poem he said: When at the moment the sentence is given, Eternity woe or eternity joys, Fondly I hope for a corner in heaven, High in the circle for Sadie Dubois. It is thought the funeral will be held Saturday, though no definite arrangements have been made. Teddy Oesterling was the News carrier who found Sadie dead in her home. Teddy is a grandson of John Oesterling, who built the house, many years ago, in which Sadie lived and died.

TROUBLE BREWING IN CHINA.

Outbreak in Various Sections May Come at Any Moment. Hong Kong, March 22.—Trouble is brewing between the various sections of the population in the province of Kwang Si, and an outbreak may occur at any moment, according to reports received here. During the fight by bullets. The Standard Oil Co.

and warehouses were struck frequently by bullets. The Standard Oil, which has its headquarters here, has put in a claim for 1,000,000 taels (about \$700,000) for damage done to its property during the course of the fighting at Hankow. The commander of the United States monitor Monterey, when it was reported to him that American property had been damaged at Swatow, landed a party of men. He had informed the leaders of the Chinese troops that he did not wish to dictate to them where they should fight battles between themselves in their own country, but informed them that he was prepared to protect American property. The Chinese promised him that they would put a stop to the burning and looting. Guerrilla fighting is still proceeding at Canton and in the vicinity, but vessels can not proceed along the back reaches of the river in comparative safety.

Prof. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, who is here, is proceeding to Canton, Peking and Hankow. Packers' Trial Halted. Chicago, March 22.—Closing arguments in the trial of the ten Chicago meat packers were halted today by the illness of H. E. Bucklin of Dundee, Ill., a juror. Court was adjourned until later in the day. When Bucklin has recovered, Special Counsel Pierce Butler will begin his closing argument for the government. DR. MARY WALKER WORSE. New York, March 22. Dr. Mary Walker's steadfast refusal to have a physician attend her during her serious illness here brought forth a statement today from Mrs. Nellie B. Vanslingerland, secretary of the Settlement league, who has been almost constantly at the bedside. The statement says that Dr. Walker spent a "very bad night" and continues: "As I am nearly collapsed myself with the six sleepless nights and anxious busy days, I have written two of Dr. Walker's women relatives that someone must come to share the responsibility. Dr. Mary refuses to let anyone but myself and a Japanese servant do anything for her; and the day and night vigils are beyond our physical endurance; hence I shall be forced to have some assistance, even though it is against her emphatically expressed wishes, for her own good. "Dr. Walker's mind is as keen and alert as ever and she is watching her own progress with intelligence and with professional discrimination. "Thus far she has improved the power of mind over medicine, as well as matter. I should say."

Battle Creek.

A class of the Lutheran school will be examined in the Lutheran church Sunday and one week later, on Palm Sunday, will be confirmed by Rev. J. Hoffman. Ed Tidieke was here the forepart of the week from Niorura visiting his parents and other relatives. Elmer Neligh, manager of the Meadow Grove roller mills, was here on business Monday. H. Warner, candidate for representative from the 24th district on the republican ticket, was here Monday from Waverlyville to get acquainted with our voters. Sam Goodman was here from Meadow Grove Monday and Tuesday. William Porter arrived here last week from Smythe county, Va., with the intention of locating. Clark Catron and Ed Clark were here on business from Tilden Monday. Charles Ruegge was here from Emerson this week visiting relatives here and at Tilden. William Nicolay, jr., who has been visiting about three months with relatives at McGrath, Minn., returned Friday. Ernest Koester and Arthur Parsons will leave this week with two carloads for Canada, where they have invested in land. William Nedrebet was confined to his room one week on account of being sick with quinsy.

KNOX AT CARACAS.

Party of the Secretary of State all in Good Health. Caracas, March 22.—The city is splendidly decorated in honor of Secretary of State Knox's arrival today. A large triumphal arch has been erected and flags are flying everywhere. The Venezuela government has issued a decree making today and tomorrow official holidays. On board the U. S. Cruiser Washington, by Wireless via Santa De Los Caballeros, San Domingo, March 22.—Secretary of State Knox expects to arrive at La Guaira, Venezuela, today and will immediately proceed to Caracas. The voyage has been without incident and the members of the party are in good health.

In North Dakota.

Lincoln Journal: Senator LaFollette, whose candidacy seemed yesterday all but dismantled, is the beneficiary of the first official presidential primary to be held in any state. He wins North Dakota's five votes by a strong lead over Mr. Roosevelt, with President Taft third. Whatever happens, the Wisconsin senator will have a delegation to present his name to the convention. It was not expected that Mr. Taft had any show for the favor of this state. North Dakota, a border wheat growing state, was greatly disturbed by last year's reciprocity proposal. Mr. Taft had to suffer for that. The surprise in the result lies in the bad showing Mr. Roosevelt makes. North Dakota is in rough rider territory. In 1904 it gave Mr. Roosevelt nearly four-fifths of its votes, 52,595 for him to 14,273 for Parker. Now LaFollette carries the primaries against Roosevelt by bullets. The Standard Oil Co.

SAYS THEY EMBEZZLE.

And That More Than a Score of Federal Clerks Can't be Fired. Washington, March 22.—Chairman Clayton of the judiciary committee declared on the floor of the house that more than twenty clerks of federal courts in the United States were embezzlers of court funds and still retained their places because the existing law was so framed that they could not be reached. Mr. Clayton urged an amendment of the law to permit the president of the United States to remove such offending clerks. "Do I understand that clerks of federal courts are withholding court money, refusing to make an accounting and retaining their places?" asked Representative Goldfogle. "Precisely," said Mr. Clayton. "The president himself in his letter urging the amendment of the law stated that this condition of things exists." The bill was passed.

Roosevelt Not Gaining.

Lincoln Journal: The somewhat surprising outcome of the North Dakota primary confirms the impression that has been growing during the past month that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination for the presidency is impossible. Curiously enough, it is a sign of success for President Taft in the convention, even though he was hardly in the running in the popular voting. The Roosevelt movement may be revived in some of the primaries soon to come, but there is no doubt that it is at present making little forward progress. One certain result of the North Dakota voting will be the stiffening of the backs of the LaFollette people in Nebraska, and their refusal to retire from the field. In a three cornered fight this state is likely to go for Taft.

Resembled Bryan's Famous Speech.

Lincoln Journal: To anybody with a memory four years old the beginning of Mr. Roosevelt's New York speech is remarkable for its similarity to an early clause in Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance on Aug. 12, 1898. "The overshadowing issue which now manifests itself in all the questions now under discussion," said Mr. Bryan is "shall the people rule?" The opening words of Roosevelt's speech were: "The great fundamental issue now before the republican party and before our people can be stated briefly. It is: Are the American people fit to govern themselves, to rule themselves, to control themselves? I believe they are. My opponents do not."

Sentiment in the East.

New York Sun: Gov. Stubbs of Kansas is accidentally right for once: "In the whole east there's been a terrific change in sentiment in the last month." There has been a terrific change of sentiment. Regrettably, sadly a large part of the public has parted with a belief or an illusion. It has ceased to believe in Theodore Roosevelt. Judging him generously heretofore, it has thought him, in spite of much previous evidence to the contrary, straightforward, loyal a man of his word. It is forced to see him tarred and feathered and dismissed by his own act, tangled in a web of equivocations and subterfuges, false to a friend, the "square deal" so long a bitter jest to his opponents, is now become as bitter a jest to many of his former partisans. Private friendship might be sacrificed to a clear and an imperious public duty, but here is no refuge for Theodore Roosevelt. For basic respects of personal ambition he seeks to sacrifice not merely a friendship, but a hallowed precedent of American history, to override Washington and Jefferson to grasp honor or the infamy which was denied to Grant, to make himself president again; and who knows how many terms he has in prospect in his exorbitant and unregulated megalomania? And in his fury to outbid all other demagogues he would subject to the mob the decisions of the courts, whose independence, reached after a long conflict, is the prime essential of a just and orderly liberty. Among republicans, progressive republicans, among Americans generally or selfish boomers who are helping him tear down his reputation, there has been a terrific change of sentiment in regard to Theodore Roosevelt. Compare him as he clutches at straw votes, swallows his own words, pretends to be waiting unwillingly the call after weeks of organized claque and lugger-mugger intrigue, compare this derogate and degraded Theodore Roosevelt with the man who landed in New York in the summer of 1910, saturated with renown, thought kindly of even by many of his former foes, trusted and hoped in, the most famous and the most fortunate, the best loved of living Americans! A terrific change, indeed.