

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Helen Gould will furnish two rooms in the Winfield, Kas., hospital, now almost completed.

Richard Storrs Willis, author, editor and teacher, has died of heart disease at his home in Detroit, aged 82 years.

Both houses of the Swedish rigsdag by a point vote of 212 to 149 have agreed upon the expenditure of 4,853,000 kroner for new defenses.

The president has sent to the senate a communication from the secretary of state, giving the expenditures in detail of the Paris exposition commission.

By direction of the secretary of war, the small allowance of arms and ammunition for target practice will be increased one-third during the present calendar year.

Herbert W. Bowen, United States minister at Teheran, Persia, has had conferred upon him by the shah the decoration of the "Grand Cordon of the Lion and the Sun."

Judge Thompson, of the United States district court at Cincinnati, O., decided that the law does not require any revenue stamp to be affixed to bonds of notaries public.

Representative Stewart, of Wisconsin, has introduced a resolution to authorize the members of the Prairie band of Potawatamie Indians to purchase lands in Wisconsin.

It is understood that the president has practically decided upon John C. Baird of Wyoming, as United States attorney for Hawaii and Daniel A. Roy of Illinois, as United States marshal.

The navy department has received from Captain Chadwick the acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter of reprimand which he was directed to return.

The amount of bonds received at the treasury to date to exchange for the new 2 per cent consols is \$265,501,560, of which \$48,812,900 were received from individuals and institutions other than national banks.

Secretary Long's route to Captain Chadwick for uttering sentiments reflecting upon Admiral Schley is accepted as a rebuttal of the charge that the administration has fathered Admiral Sampson's complaints.

The Kansas India relief committee has instructed Secretary Anderson to order the purchase of 20,000 bushels of corn in New York to be loaded in the relief ship which sails next week for Bombay.

Treasurer Colburn's cash receipts to date are \$10,372. General Elias M. Bailey, one of the 206 of the famous "Old Guard" which stood by General Grant in the convention in 1860, died at Uniontown, Pa., aged 64 years, of brain trouble, which resulted from a bullet wound received during the war.

The contract for supplying the government military forces on the American Yukon with beef supplies has been awarded to Jack Dalton, the noted Alaskan pioneer and explorer. It involves about \$100,000, and provides that Dalton shall furnish the soldiers at Fort Egbert, Circle City, Rampart and Fort Giddon with all their fresh beef from July 1, 1900, to July 1, 1901.

Ben F. Morse, was convicted at Kansas City in the United States district court, of defrauding dead men's heirs and of using the mails for his schemes. His plan was to watch the newspapers and learn of the deaths of men of more or less wealth or prominence. He would then send a letter addressed to the dead man, saying that a small amount remained unpaid on valuable mining stock.

The report that cholera is strengthening its deadly hold on the famine-stricken of India brings the pitiful condition of that country more than ever to the public view. About 93,500,000 persons, for this is the population of the districts affected, are awaiting their squallid existences away among pestilence and misery that show no signs of abating. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of good British gold, good German marks and American coin have been thrown into the country, but, judging from the latest advices, all this charity is merely a drop in the ocean.

Chicago porchladders, in a raid upon the home of M. M. Munster, a diamond broker, secured plunder valued at nearly \$15,000.

John E. Madden has sold the 3-year-old colt Kilmarnock, by Sir Dixon-Miss Used to William C. Whitney. It is said that the price paid was \$30,000.

M. S. Yeager of Chicago, is searching for his brother George, who has been missing twelve years, and is now heir to considerable money.

Governor Johnston has fixed August 6 as the day for a special election to choose a successor to General Joseph Wheeler as congressman from the Eighth Alabama district.

The house passed the sundry civil bill. It carries slightly more than \$61,500,000, about \$10,000,000 more than any previous sundry civil bill. The general deficiencies and military academy appropriation bills are now the only general supply bills unacted upon by the house.

Advices from Great Falls, Mont., state that the strike was declared off by the employes of the Montana Central.

Albert B. Schultz of the Schultz Bridge & Iron company, announces that his company has entered the combination of bridge and structural companies.

F. V. Bowers began suit for divorce at New York, naming George M. Pullman as co-respondent. Mr. Bowers also instituted an action to recover \$500,000 from Pullman for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections. Pullman and Mrs. Bowers are living together as husband and wife.

The American Ax and Tool company has purchased thirty-eight acres of river frontage at Glassport, Pa., and will erect thereon a \$500,000 plant, the largest of its kind ever built. It is intended to centralize the plants of the combine at this point. The works will employ 1,000 men and will begin operation before the end of the year.

PUSHING FOR MAKEKING

The Three Thousand British Column Due There in a Few Days.

NOW ONE HUNDRED MILES AWAY

General Hunter's Main Body is Fifty Miles South of There—Roberts Sweeping on to Kroonstad—At Last Accounts He Was Twenty Miles From Boer Stronghold.

LONDON, May 12.—A British column, 3,000 strong, has arrived at Vryburg, 100 miles from Mafeking. It reached there Thursday, and, though harassed by the Boers, is pushing swiftly forward. Fifty miles south of Vryburg, at Laungs, is General Hunter's main body, moving slowly and contenting with considerable force.

The pick of his mounted men are the 3,000 who are going without wheeled transportation and at a rate that may possibly bring them to Mafeking on Monday or Tuesday.

Lord Roberts' narrative closes with Thursday evening, but he continued his march yesterday toward Kroonstad, twenty miles distant, and, by this time, he must know whether the Boers intend to fight there.

Winston Churchill says there were only 2,000 Boers who opposed the British at Zand river. Another report is that 6,000 Boers with six guns made a rear guard action, while many of their thousands with convoys retired without firing a shot.

President Steyn and a counsel of the leaders of several thousand Free Staters in the Ladybrand and Ficksburg district determined to submit to the men the question of continuing the war or not at a great open air meeting.

The fighting men decided to fight on Steyn, who appears to be in active command, began to advance toward the British and came into contact on Thursday with Campbell's brigade and Brabant's horse twenty miles northeast of Thaba N'chu. A smart engagement ensued with no positive success on either side, except that the Boer advance was stopped.

General Rundle has disposed 10,000 infantry along a twenty mile front in such a way as to bar a Boer advance toward Lord Roberts' communications. With the exception of General Brabant's colonials, General Rundle has no horsemen. The cavalry are all with Lord Roberts' advance.

According to a Pretoria telegram, General Buller is moving from Elandsbaag in the direction of Helpmaakar and the British vanguard engaged a Boer patrol of Italians on Thursday. Twelve Italians are reported as routing fifty British.

The dispatch also says that British reconnoitering parties have invaded the Transvaal near Fourteen Streams and that the Scouts on both sides meet frequently with varying results.

Lord Roberts telegraphs to the war office from Riet spruit, under date of May 10, evening, as follows:

"We have had a successful day and have driven the enemy from point to point. French, with Porter's and Dixon's brigades of cavalry and Hutton's mounted infantry, crossed the Zand at Vermenten's kraal and then worked around in a northeasterly direction to Maatschaphy, being opposed continuously by the enemy. Pole-Carew's division and Gordon's cavalry brigade, augmented by Battery J of the Royal Horse artillery and by Henry's and Ross' mounted infantry, crossed the river by a drift near the railway bridge. My quarters accompanied this force. With the infantry portion we are eight miles north of the river. The cavalry and mounted infantry are at Ventersburg road station and Tucker's division is at Deelfontein Nord. Ian Hamilton's force and Broadwood's cavalry brigade were making for the crossroads near Ventersburg when I last heard from them. Hamilton's column met with stubborn resistance for some hours in protecting the rear flank of his force.

JEFFRIES BY A BLOW

Champion Knocks Corbett Out in Twenty-Third Round.

SEASIDE CLUB, May 12.—Jim Jeffries is still the heavyweight champion pugilist of the world. He defeated Jim Corbett in the twenty-third round of their fight with a knockout. The finishing blow came as a sudden and startling surprise. Corbett had been making a wonderful battle. His defense was absolutely perfect, and while he was lacking in strength, he had more than held his own and stood an excellent chance of winning the fight had it gone the limit. He had not been badly punished and had managed to mark his man severely.

The winning punch was a short left jolt to the jaw. Corbett dropped like a weight and was clear out. Jeffries showed his ability to take punching at any distance and hard. He was clearly outboxed and at times made to look like a novice. The crowd, which numbered fully 8,000, was with Corbett, and his defeat fell upon a silent crowd.

Pension for Gen. Henry's Widow.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The house today broke all records, passing 180 private pension bills. Among them was the senate bill to pension the widow of the late General Guy V. Henry at the rate of \$100 per month. This amount was reduced by the house to \$50.

Martial Law is Proclaimed.

MADRID, May 12.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the provinces of Barcelona and Valencia.

At Seville, where the shops are still closed, the excitement continues.

Cold Destroys Fruit in New York.

CATSKILL, N. Y., May 12.—The temperature last night fell to 26 degrees above zero. In consequence the fruit and berry crops in this vicinity, which a week ago never appeared more promising, have been destroyed. The loss in this immediate section is estimated at \$500,000.

TOWNE WILLING TO ACCEPT.

Did Not Seek Nomination, but Will Run if Endorsed by Democrats.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Charles A. Towne was seen at the Auditorium Annex last night when about to take a train for Duluth, his home. When asked for an expression of opinion regarding the action of the convention, he said: "I can only say what I have always said in this connection, that I have not sought the office and made no efforts to secure the nomination, but if the populists and the other three parties think I am the most available man I will accept. I had wished all along that the Sioux Falls convention should name a committee to meet committees of the other parties at Kansas City, out it looks as though my friends at Sioux Falls did not consider that the best course."

"If there is a modification of the Chicago financial plank at Kansas City, on the silver question, would you accept the vice presidential nomination?"

"I certainly would not if it approached in the remotest degree to a back-down from the plank of 1896. But there will be no back-down; the Chicago plank will be reaffirmed."

Charles A. Towne was born in Ingham county, Michigan, near the city of Lansing, forty-one years ago last October. His parents were in comfortable circumstances and young Towne, after a common school education, was sent to Ann Arbor university, where he graduated in the academic and law courses. After receiving his sheepskin Mr. Towne went to Marquette, Mich., where he opened a law office and practiced his profession for three years. He then moved to Chicago, where he struggled to establish a practice for several months, but gave it up and came to Duluth in the spring of 1890. He has always taken an active part in politics and until the free silver agitation in 1896 was a republican.

In 1892 he stumped considerably for the republican ticket through the northwest, and his remarkable eloquence soon brought him to the front. At the next republican convention for the Duluth district Mr. Towne was enthusiastically nominated for congress and was elected with an overwhelming majority. He seemed destined to be one of the foremost republicans in the west until in the early summer of 1896 he declared himself in favor of free silver.

In the fall he was nominated by the democrats and populists as their candidate for congress, although holding his seat in that body as a republican. He was defeated by Page Morris by nearly 2,000 votes. In the fall of 1898 he was again nominated by the fusionists for congress and was once more defeated by Morris by a plurality of 1,000 votes, although he carried Duluth, the home town of both candidates, by 1,343. In the summer of 1898 he was chosen chairman of the national silver republicans.

BUTLER IS CHAIRMAN

Re-Elected by the Populist National Committee at Sioux Falls.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 12.—The populist national committee met here today and organized by the election of the following officers:

Chairman, Senator Marion Butler; vice chairman, J. H. Edmisten, Nebraska; treasurer, W. D. Washburn, Massachusetts; secretary, J. A. Edger-ton, Colorado.

The next executive committee is as follows: General J. B. Weaver, Iowa; Senator Allen, Nebraska; J. W. Briden-bath, Kansas; Eugene Smith, Chicago; E. V. Way, Arizona; T. Tracy, Texas; Robert Schilling, Wisconsin; Major Bowler, Minnesota; Dr. C. T. Taylor, Pennsylvania.

Senator Butler was re-elected chairman of the national committee by a majority of seven in a total vote of seventy-six.

Chairman Butler will make his headquarters in Washington during the campaign. Senator Butler accepted the position again on condition that a vice chairman be chosen to assist in the work. This position was offered to Mr. Edmisten and he has it under consideration.

ISLANDERS ARE UNFRIENDLY.

Natives of Masbore Do Not Fancy the Invasion by Colonel Hardin.

MANILA, May 12.—The islanders of Masbore received Colonel Hardin's expedition differently from those of Marinduque, when he left one company of the Twenty-ninth regiment. On approaching the principal town, Palanco, the insurgent trenches appeared to be occupied and the gunboat Helena bombarded them vigorously, after which three companies were landed and took the trenches with little resistance. One Filipino was killed. Two or three hundred insurgents hold the neighboring towns and the natives appear unfriendly.

Favor St. Louis Exposition.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The house exposition committee further considered the St. Louis exposition bill today, adjourning without final action until tomorrow. The discussion thus far has indicated that favorable action will be taken on government participation and assistance, assurance being given to this effect at the present session of congress and the appropriation being left for the next session. At the meeting today arrangement was made to so change the bill as to provide for representatives from the national commission, similar to those made on the last Paris exposition, on the various industries and their development.

Discuss Headquarters.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 12.—The special committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, on the matter of permanent headquarters was held at the convention today. One suggestion was to purchase a building already erected for about \$325,000, in Cleveland, O. Another is the purchase of a site and the erection of a building according to their own plans at a cost of from \$500,000 to \$700,000 in Cleveland. There is a considerable number of the delegates, however, who prefer to have the headquarters established in Chicago.

BRYAN FOR PRESIDENT

The Sioux Falls Convention Nominates Him by Acclamation.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED

C. A. Towne is Named for Vice-President—Senator Allen Presents the Name of Mr. Bryan—Deafening Cheers Greet His Acclamation Proposing.

For President ..... W. J. BRYAN For Vice President..... C. A. TOWNE

SOUX FALLS, May 11.—The delegates to the populist national convention were not all prompt in congregating at the wigwam at the hour set for convening this morning. Many of them had found either the work in the committee assignments or the gossip incident to the convention too absorbing for them to get to bed early, and many remained abroad until the early hours of the morning. As a consequence they were slow in reaching the big tent today, and most of those who did reach there in time looked quite sleepy-eyed and drowsy. Those of this class were not long, however, in rising to the demands of the occasion. The day began with the presentation of the reports of committees, and from the first these were such as to demand earnest attention from all present.

Temporary Chairman Ringdal rapped the convention to order at 9:45, three-quarters of an hour after the time set at last night's adjournment.

The committee on credentials presented its report, declaring that there were no contesting delegations and recommending that the vote of Missouri be increased by two votes, that of Ohio by two votes and that of South Dakota by three votes.

The report, which was read by Governor Poynter of Nebraska, was adopted without a dissenting vote. The minority report threatened last night by Committeeman Madden of Colorado did not materialize.

The committee on permanent organization reported the name of Thomas M. Patterson, of Colorado for permanent chairman, T. H. Curran of Kansas, Leo Vincent of Colorado and E. M. Deisher of Pennsylvania as permanent secretaries. Mr. Patterson's name was greeted with great applause, which expanded into vociferous cheering as he came to the front of the platform.

In accepting the position of permanent chairman Mr. Patterson commenced by stating that he would so far as was in his power rule the convention with justice to all. He then briefly sketched the history of the populist party and the causes which led up to its organization.

When the time arrived for choosing candidates for president and vice president, Jones of Illinois assured the convention that his state would give Bryan a majority in November. Senator Allen of Nebraska stepped forward.

"Mr. Chairman," said he, amid perfect silence, "I move that the rules of this convention be suspended and that William Jennings Bryan be nominated by acclamation for president of the United States."

Amid the din that followed Senator Allen's motion and its seconding the speaker's voice was faintly heard calling on those delegates who favored the motion to rise and remain standing.

As one man the convention arose, hats, canes, umbrellas, flags were waved in the air amid deafening cheers the uproar being increased by the band playing "Old Hundred." Some enthusiastic delegate tore loose a large picture of Bryan hanging in front of the speaker and tied it to the table, where, cheering for Bryan, he held it while the convention applauded frantically.

"I propose three cheers for William J. Bryan," cried George F. Washburn of Massachusetts. These were given with a will and the convention then quieted down.

"I announce the nomination by a unanimous vote of William Jennings Bryan for president of the United States," said Chairman Patterson as soon as he could be heard. Another cheer greeted this announcement and then the delegates settled in their seats to contest over the question of a vice presidential nomination.

There was some controversy regarding the vice presidential nomination. Senator Allen arose. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "I desire to name Charles A. Towne of Minnesota for the office of vice president and to move that the nomination be made unanimous."

Mr. Schilling of Wisconsin then moved that the rules be suspended and that Charles A. Towne be declared the vice presidential nominee by acclamation. The motion was carried, only four men from Montana voting against it.

The national committee, so far as appointed, is as follows: Arizona, A. Noon. California, B. Cornell, E. S. Van Meter, C. M. Wardell. Colorado, J. C. Bell, I. D. Chamberlain, Leo Vincent. District of Columbia, Alexander Kent, E. M. Blake, C. E. Phelps. Idaho, Henry Heitfeld, W. H. Taylor, Mary A. Wright.

Nashville Welcomes Dewey.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 11.—Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Dewey were entertained in a most hospitable manner by the citizens of this city today. The weather was delightful and thousands of visitors were here. Mrs. Dewey was entertained at breakfast by Mrs. McMillin, wife of Governor McMillin, and the members of the committee in charge of the flower parade given during the afternoon. Admiral Dewey, escorted by a committee representing the citizens and the commercial organizations, visited various points of interest in and about the city.

BARKER AND DONNELLY WIN.

Cincinnati Convention Reaffirms the Action Taken Two Years Ago.

For President—WHARTON BARKER of Pennsylvania For Vice President—IGNATIUS DONNELLY of Minnesota.

CINCINNATI, May 11.—Above is the ticket placed in the field today by what is commonly called the middle-of-the-road populist party, but which, according to leaders of the movement, is the one and only people's party.

For a time during today's session of the convention it appeared as if nothing could prevent a complete disruption of the plans so carefully wrought out by the handful of men who separated themselves on February 19 last at Lincoln, Neb., from the fusionist element of the party.

Since Tuesday, when Wharton Barker, who had been selected in 1898 by the initiative and referendum plan to head the party ticket, a steady current against the cut and dried choice of Barker and Donnelly had almost destroyed the foundation on which that ticket stood. Former Congressman Howard of Alabama had suddenly become the idol of the delegates and he clinched his claim through his eloquent address in assuming the chairmanship of the convention on Wednesday.

Today as the time drew near for nominations it was announced that the Barker followers would bolt the convention should their leader be turned down. Howard took the only course for the restoration of harmony. He announced that he had no ambition to head the ticket, had come to Cincinnati without the slightest expectation of being named and withdrew his name.

Nevertheless when the roll was completed on the first ballot Howard was at the top of the column, only a few short of the nomination. On the second ballot Howard's plainly stated desire for harmony took effect and the seventy votes which went to Donnelly on the first roll call were gradually worked over to the Barker column, it being understood that Donnelly's name had been withdrawn although the Minnesota delegation protested.

Minnesota was passed at its own request and when the other states had voted it was apparent that the forty-eight votes of Minnesota could settle everything in a harmonious manner by going to the Pennsylvanian. They were cast for Barker and gave him the requisite majority over all.

The generous Howard moved to make the selection of Barker unanimous, which was done.

Without a dissenting voice Ignatius Donnelly was then declared the vice presidential nominee.

REPORT FROM PHILIPPINES.

Brigadier-General Wheaton Sends Account of Operations.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The War department has made public a report from Brigadier General Wheaton, U. S. V., concerning the operations of an expedition led by him early in January into the country south from Manila to Lake Taal. His forces, consisting of the Fourteenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-eighth, Forty-fifth and Companies D and H, Thirty-seventh infantry, and detachments of the Thirtieth and Fortieth infantry, concentrated at Imus and about one mile south of that point on January 7 the first engagement of the expedition occurred in which Lieutenant Ward Cheney was mortally wounded while leading a detachment against the entrenched detachment against the American loss was two privates killed and one wounded, while the insurgents lost fifty in killed and wounded. On this same day Colonel Birkheimer, with a detachment of the Twenty-eighth infantry, and Captain Reilly, in command of a section of the Sixth artillery, engaged the enemy at Putol, where the insurgents, after making a determined stand, were routed with great slaughter, seventy-four dead bodies being counted in one portion of the battlefield. Our loss was eleven men wounded.

CONFESSES TO THE FRAUDS.

Man Implicated in Cuban Postal Swindle Confesses.

HAVANA, May 11.—The postal frauds have now reached a point where within the next few hours arrests will probably be made and it is believed a considerable sum will be recovered at the same time. One of the culprits has made a complete confession, conditional upon being accepted as state's evidence. What he says proves conclusively what was known before, that several others besides C. F. W. Neeley are implicated. The exact dates have been obtained by the authorities. The latter refuse to give the name of the man who has confessed, but though shocked at the nature of the cold-blooded swindle, they are still glad that they have evidence to justify their action in regard to Neeley.

Boers Are Retreating.

LONDON, May 11.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Cable Cart, Zand River, May 10.—The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length. Ours was necessarily longer. With the widely scattered force it will take some time to learn the casualties, but I have hopeful we have not suffered much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different routes."

Steyn to Give Battle.

LONDON, May 11.—President Steyn with 10,000 men is reported to have been east of Thaba N'chu yesterday (Thursday) noon and a battle was then imminent. The advance troops of General Rundle and General Brabant were being fired on.

According to advices from Durban, dated Thursday, General Buller's army is "showing activity," but a complete embargo is placed on news from him. New Zealand scouts burned the home-stead of a farmer named Greyling, in whose house arms were found at Deering.

OFFICERS FOR RELIEF CORPS.

Encampment at Beatrice Fills Positions for Coming Year.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 12.—The Women's Relief Corps at the business session yesterday finished the election of officers of the department for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. Sarah C. Sweet, Creighton; senior vice president, Mrs. Fredericka Cole, Beatrice; junior vice president, Mrs. Lillian Ludi, Republican City; treasurer, Mrs. Alta Wainwright, Blair; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Hull, Omaha; counselor, Mrs. Mary E. Morgan, Alma; secretary, Mrs. Alice C. Dilworth, Omaha. Executive board, Mesdames, Elizabeth Barber, Kearney; Sarah Felt, Superior; Mary E. Ward, Lincoln; Kate Pond, Red Cloud; Amanda Marble, Table Rock. Delegate-at-large, Miss Etta Brooks, Lincoln. Alternate-at-large, Mrs. Libbie Lescho; Beatrice, Delegates to national convention: Mrs. Carrie M. Peters, Beatrice; Mrs. Diana Potter, Litchfield; Mrs. Lucy J. Barger, Hebron; Lucy O. Austin, Tekamah; Mrs. McCain, Kearney; alternates, Mrs. Maust, Falls City; Mrs. German, Wyoming; Mrs. Cleaver, Neligh; Mrs. Bolshaw, Lincoln.

A resolution was presented and adopted to have Daughters of Veterans incorporated in the Women's Relief corps. The resolution will be presented to the national convention. The convention then adjourned to Paddock opera house, where a joint installation of Grand Army of the Republic and women's Relief corps was held. General H. C. Russell was installing officer for the Grand Army of the Republic and Past President Mrs. Ruppier for the Women's Relief corps. The conventions then adjourned to attend the benouet at the armory of the national guard, given by Rawlins post, Women's Relief corps.

The Ladies of the Grand Army elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Anna E. Marshall, Hastings; senior vice president, Almira Dale, York; junior vice president, Etta A. Tyler, Arapahoe; treasurer, Inez Yarton, Omaha; chaplain, Rebecca Walsh, Stockham; conductor, Wilda Nichols, Scribner; council of administration, Marian Cramplin, Lincoln; Jennie Knights, Lincoln; E. F. Foster, Ord; delegate-at-large, Clara Lyons, Omaha. Delegates to national convention: Mesdames L. S. Stone, Scribner; Rebecca Walsh, Stockham; alternates, Olive Heckman, Loup City; Isabella French, Lushton; Inspector, Mrs. H. Gray, Harvard; councillor, Mrs. S. A. Mason, Ord; sergeants, Miss W. E. Hesse, North Platte; Mrs. H. H. Chase, Shelby; guard, Mrs. M. E. Blackburn, Minden; assistant guard, Mrs. Cole, Crete; conductor, Mrs. Wilda Nichols, Scribner; secretary, Mrs. Ruby Stout, Hastings.

The Standard Oil Case.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 12.—The attorneys for the Standard Oil fled a brief in the supreme court in the case brought by the attorney general to disbar the company from doing business in the state. In opening the brief pleads that the company is the victim of popular clamor against trusts, and says it has been forced into court as a result of agitation. It goes on:

"Instructed by public agitation it is competent for the legislative branch of the government to enact statutes of whatever wisdom or unwisdom in furtherance of principles, doctrines, ideas and notions which are to the public good. But when questions of the constitutional validity come into court, if justice is to be done, they will be examined in a very different spirit. It is not the business of the courts to inaugurate or assist popular prejudices and popular theories. In the calm and serene atmosphere of the court room the imperative duty is to exclude such influences and apply settled rules of law and constitutional provisions so as to give to all the equal protection of the law."

The brief then continues to argue that the act known as the anti-trust law is unconstitutional, alleging that it violates the fourteenth amendment, which says that "no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." It is contended that the statute violates this amendment by the distinction which it makes between traders, manufacturers and carriers on the one side and assemblers or associations of laboring men on the other, and also between different classes of laboring men.

State Capital Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 12.—Acting Governor Talbot issued a requisition on Governor Shaw of Iowa for the return of W. W. McClusky, who is wanted in Omaha to answer to the charge of grand larceny. McClusky is under arrest at Sioux City.

The populist and free silver central committees have issued calls for a county convention in this city May 17. Auditor Cornell has been asked by the treasurer of Washington county to cancel the delinquent taxes outstanding against that county for the reason that most of the people against whom the taxes are assessed have died or moved away.

McMullen Stabbed by a Tramp.

SIDNEY, Neb., May 12.—Robert McMullen, employed in one of McShane's grading gangs, got into an altercation with an unknown tramp this afternoon at the Union Pacific stock yards and the latter stabbed McMullen in the right lung and tonight the doctors report his condition precarious. Nobody was present when the stabbing occurred. County Attorney Capen has taken an anti-trump statement and the description tallies with a fellow who has been about town several days and the authorities think he is the same man responsible for some of the recent holdups.

Child Drinks Ammonia.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 12.—The little 4-year-old son of D. H. Blakeney, a liverman of this place, got hold of a bottle of ammonia yesterday and drank quite an amount, but prompt medical aid prevented serious results.

Peru Woman Kills Herself.

PERU, Neb., May 12.—Mrs. Bolling, wife of a farmer living near here, committed suicide Monday morning by shooting herself through the heart.

She was in a delicate condition and her husband came to town for a physician.