

# THE FRONTIER

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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Florence Carlyle, a grandniece of Thomas Carlyle, is exhibiting paintings from her own brush in Philadelphia.

W. K. Vanderbilt and party have sailed from Savannah, Ga., for a cruise of the Mediterranean in his private yacht *Valliant*.

The senate committee on appropriations completed the fortifications bill. It carries an increase over the house bill of \$311,000.

At the Fasig-Tipton horse sale at New York 83 head sold for \$14,685. During the week 363 head were sold for \$125,550, an average of \$346.

Mrs. Annie D. Tallent, the first known white woman to enter the Black Hills, is dead and her remains have been taken to Elgin, Ill., for burial.

Charles E. Bent, aged 25 years, shot and mortally wounded his wife at St. Louis, Mo., and then, kneeling before a mirror, put a bullet through his own head, dying instantly.

Five Boer prisoners who escaped from the island of Ceylon have arrived at a Crimean port on board a Russian steamer to which they swam while in the harbor of Colombo.

The William H. Crocker expedition from the Lick observatory to observe the total eclipse of the sun in Sumatra on May 17, will sail from San Francisco on the *Nippon Maru*.

Count Cassini, the Russian minister to this country, has presented to President McKinley a magnificent photographic album containing the scenes of the coronation of the czar in 1896.

A contribution of \$250,000 by John D. Rockefeller to Brown university was announced at the annual dinner of the Brown University Alumni Society of New York, held at the University club.

Col. Peter S. Michie, professor of the department of natural and experimental philosophy at the United States Military Academy, died at West Point, N. Y., after a short illness of pneumonia.

Hon. Charles A. Leland, ex-state representative and late associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico under President McKinley, died at his home at Caldwell, O., from consumption.

The story given out that J. P. Morgan and J. D. Rockefeller had purchased all the mines in the Fairmont, W. V., district is declared to be false by officials of the company declared to be in the deal.

Dr. William Pole, the English authority on which, who died a few days ago, was not a physician but a successful civil engineer, and his doctorate was a degree for music conferred on him by Oxford university.

George D. Wick, president of the Youngstown, O., Iron Sheet and Tube plant is authority for the statement that the report from Philadelphia that Youngstown will be the site for a \$35,000,000 tube plant has no foundation.

Orders will be issued by Major General Otis to all post commanders in the Department of Lakes, directing the immediate enlistment of men for the new Twenty-ninth regular infantry regiment, which will rendezvous at Fort Sheridan.

Rumor has it in Washington that the president will appoint P. C. Knox of Pittsburg to succeed Mr. Griggs as attorney general. Mr. Knox is favored by Senator Quay and on that account is regarded as having an excellent chance to enter the next cabinet.

Alexander Millar, secretary of the Union Pacific company, officially announces that the executive committee has authorized the issuance of \$100,000,000 ten-year 4 per cent gold bonds, to be secured by un-mortgaged property of the company, which can be converted into common stock at par value, by the holder, if desirable, at any time prior to May 1, 1906. Right is reserved to redeem these bonds after May, 1906.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$15,000 for the erection of a library building at Centralia, Ill.

The first beet sugar factory in Indiana will be built at Shelby. Every detail has been arranged and the plant is to be in operation this season. The construction contract has been let.

The appropriation for the St. Louis exposition has passed the house and little if any opposition is expected in the senate.

Sir George Williams, who founded the Young Men's Christian association in London in 1844, may attend the jubilee convention of the association in Boston in June next.

Senator Hanna, from the committee on commerce, today made a favorable report to the senate upon Senator Perkins' amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, authorizing preliminary contracts to be made for a submarine cable from San Francisco to Honolulu.

Charles Holland, a prominent stockman of Redding county, Ia., committed suicide at St. Joseph in a hotel by taking morphine.

At Minneapolis Mayor Ames issued orders to the captain of police to see that no contests with gloves or any sparring match shall take place in that city in the future.

William P. Hill, for over fifty years a prominent New England newspaper editor, is dead of grip at the home of his son-in-law, A. R. Williams, in Denver, Colo. Mr. Hill was born in 1819 in Concord, N. H., and was the son of Isaac Hill, at one time governor of New Hampshire.

A dispatch from Vienna says the Neue Freie Presse and another Vienna paper announce that the queen of Serbia has given birth to a son.

A party of American have found petroleum in large quantities on the island of Margarita and at Maracaibo, Venezuela, while prospecting for asphalt.

# WILL DISCUSS FULLY

Senate to Debate Exhaustively Army Appropriation Bill.

**TO HEAR THE CONFERENCE REPORT**

House Prepared for the Final Struggle With the Upper Branch, Which Promises to Be Intense—A Week Full of Hard Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The army appropriation bill will receive the attention of the senate during the early part of the present week, and when it is disposed of another appropriation will be taken up. It is probable that the army bill will be debated at length, especially upon the Philippine amendment, and the amendment relating to Cuba, if the latter is introduced as is proposed. The amendments, or either of them, quite certainly will be made the basis of a number of speeches, as they will serve to open up the entire question of the relations of the United States to the islands which this country came into control of through the war with Spain.

It is hoped that the sundry civil bill will be reported by the time the army bill is disposed of, so that it may be taken up next. If it is not in shape to be considered by that time, the river and harbor bill probably will receive attention. The general deficiency is likely to be the last of the appropriation bills acted upon.

Conference reports will be made from time to time during the week. Some of these will create considerable discussion. The conferees on the war revenue reduction bill expect to make their report during the week. Of the appropriation bills only two, the pension and the urgent deficiency, have been signed by the president. Both houses have passed the legislative, Indian, District of Columbia, naval, agricultural, fortifications, post-office and diplomatic bills, and they are in varying states of conference. The army bill and the river and harbor bill, and the general deficiency bills still remain entirely unacted upon by the senate.

It is not yet believed that much general legislation will be accomplished during the week, but a great many private bills will be passed. The probabilities are all against getting up to the Nicaragua canal bill.

The senate will continue to meet at 11 o'clock each day and probably will sit every night of the week.

The last week of this congress in the house will be mainly occupied with conference reports on the appropriation bills and the other numerous measures now being fought over by the managers of the two houses.

The last of the general appropriation bills went to the senate on Thursday and the house has its decks pretty well cleared for the final contests with the senate. Some of these struggles probably will be exceedingly fierce, but when it comes down to actual work the house, although a large and unwieldy body, ordinarily can dispose of business under its rules with much greater celerity than the senate.

The last six days of the session are suspension days and it is always possible to bring the house to a vote on any proposition under a motion to suspend the rules, which provide for only twenty minutes' debate upon a side.

The time has practically gone by for the passage of new bills, although an attempt doubtless will be made to secure action on the bills to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service and to create a standardizing bureau. Beyond these and a few small bills of local importance no effort will be made to put through any bills. The leaders know that it would be a waste of time to send any further general legislation to the senate at this stage of the session and their efforts will be directed to clearing up matters in dispute between the two houses. It probably will be necessary to hold night sessions during the latter part of the week and both houses will sit next Sunday.

**Gillett May Come Back.**

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—A special to a local paper from Chihuahua, Mex., says that Grant Gillett the Kansas cattleman who fled to Mexico two years ago to escape the wrath of creditors, from whom it is said he secured nearly \$1,000,000, will soon return to Kansas City and give a thorough account of himself. Gillett, it is said, is now penniless. If he took any money to Chihuahua he has lost it in bad investments.

**Steyn Addresses the Boers.**

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from De Aar, dated February 24:

"Mr. Steyn addressed the Boers today, and told them they must all shift for themselves, returning to Orange River colony. He and General Dewet took 300 of the best horses to escape."

**Madrid Cabinet to Resign.**

MADRID, Feb. 25.—General Azcarra, the premier, will present the resignation of the cabinet to the queen regent tomorrow, and will probably be charged with reconstructing the cabinet.

**Wichita Needs Its Saloons.**

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 25.—A public mass meeting of citizens of Wichita, under the auspices of the ministerial association, was held here and a resolution passed demanding the enforcement of the prohibitory law, but no specified time was set for the jointists to close their places and the meeting was surprisingly temperate, the 3,000 people who attended feeling disappointed at its tameness. The resolutions will be presented to the mayor.

**Sugar Refiners of France are beginning the formation of a big trust.**

# IS SURE DEWET HAS FAILED

Kitchener Reports a Number of Captures and Casualties.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"MIDDLEBURG, Transvaal, Feb. 25.—French reports from Piet Retief, February 22, that the result of the columns sweeping the country east is that the Boers are retreating, in scattered and disorganized parties, to the number of some 5,000 in front of him.

"Amsterdam and Piet Retief have been occupied and troops are on the Swazi frontier. French will push in, but is much hampered by the continuous heavy rains.

"Summary total losses inflicted upon the enemy up to February 16: Two hundred and ninety-two Boers known to have been killed in action, twenty-six taken prisoners, 183 surrendered, one fifteen-pounder gun, 462 rifles, 160,000 rounds of small ammunition, 5,500 horses, seventy mules, 3,350 trek oxen, 18,700 cattle, 155,400 sheep and 1,070 wagons and carts captured.

"Our casualties: Five officers and forty-one men killed and four officers and 108 men wounded. I regret to say that Major Howard, a very gallant officer of the Canadian scouts, was killed February 17. Plumer reports: 'Colonel Owen captured Dewet's fifteen pounder pom-pom February 13, as well as 150 prisoners and a quantity of ammunition. We had no casualties; enemy in full retreat and being fully pursued. Dewet's attempt to invade Cape Colony has evidently completely failed.'

**BOLD THEFT OF CATTLE.**

**Fat Steers Taken from Yard in Heart of Sioux Falls.**

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 25.—The thieves who have during the last year or more been operating in southwestern Minnesota, northwestern Iowa and this portion of South Dakota, stealing cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and other animals and property from farmers, appear to have shifted the scene of their operations to Sioux Falls. A night or two ago five fat steers, valued at nearly \$300, were taken from a yard in the heart of the city. The surrounding country was scoured for them, but not a trace of the animals could be found after a prolonged and systematic search. By chance the animals were found in the cattle sheds of the Illinois Central railroad, where they had been taken by the thieves preparatory to shipping them out of the city on a train due to leave Sioux Falls a few hours after the steers were found by men in the employ of the owner. The thieves have succeeded in preventing the authorities from discovering the slightest clue to their identity.

**WOULD AVOID EXTRA SESSION.**

**Senators Confer and Formulate Plan to Push Cuban Matter.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—There have been several conferences today of senators looking to an amicable understanding on the Cuban question so that an extra session may be avoided. As a result it is tonight probable that an amendment dealing with our relations with Cuba will be presented in the senate tomorrow, when the army appropriation bill is taken up. The amendment will be on the lines outlined by the Associated Press last night.

The exact phraseology of the amendment, it is said, has not been definitely settled as yet, but the conferees have made it likely that the opposing parties will get together.

**ON THE FIFTY-THIRD BALLOT**

**John H. Mitchell Elected to Succeed McBride as Oregon's Senator.**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—John H. Mitchell was elected United States senator at 12:30 this morning to succeed George W. McBride, whose term expires on March 4 next. His election was accomplished by a combination of thirty-five republicans with eleven democrats, making forty-six votes, a majority of the legislature.

**Will Improve Kansas Line.**

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 25.—Among the improvements contemplated by the Union Pacific this spring is the thorough equipment of the Kansas Pacific line, which runs between Kansas City and Denver. Thousands of dollars will be expended in its improvement. This information has been officially given out. The work is to be taken up immediately. A number of coaches and engines are now being prepared in the Omaha shops for the line.

**Admits Husband's Murder.**

ALGONA, Ia., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Foster, wife of F. E. Foster, who was shot and nearly killed Saturday night, February 9, by Clarence Robinson, has confessed to having been implicated in the attempted murder of her husband and brings others into the case. The confession of Mrs. Foster was made before Attorney Frederick M. Curtis and Dr. J. E. Gay. As soon as she had made the confession she attempted suicide, but was saved.

**Independence Day in Cuba.**

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—Independence day was celebrated by mass meetings and general rejoicings. This afternoon there was a parade of 10,000 school children bearing Cuban flags. They were reviewed by prominent Cubans. General and Mrs. Wood were showered with flowers when they passed.

**TAKE FIFTY BOERS AND A GUN**

**Col. Plummer's Men Scatter Dewet's Forces.**

CAPETOWN, Feb. 25.—Colonel Plummer engaged General Dewet yesterday near Dissenfontein, on the south bank of the Orange river, capturing a gun and a pom-pom and taking fifty prisoners. The Boers were scattered and are being pursued by Colonel Plummer. It is reported that General Dewet escaped to the opposite bank in a boat and is now fleeing with a handful of followers.

# CROWE HEARD FROM

Mr. E. A. Cudahy Receives a Letter From the Alleged Kidnaper.

**SIGNATURE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED**

**Fugitive Declares He is Innocent of the Alleged Abduction — Denies All Knowledge of the Crime—Will Soon Call on Cudahy.**

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—Pat Crowe has been heard from under circumstances which indicate that he is soon to make public appearance.

E. A. Cudahy is in receipt of a letter bearing Crowe's signature.

The handwriting has been tested by comparison and it is the opinion of the Pinkerton's, Chief Donahue and other authorities that the signature is genuine.

Mr. Cudahy says: "I have no doubt now that the letter was written by Pat Crowe. At first I supposed that the communication was the work of a crank letter writer, but I now stand convinced that it is exactly what it purports to be."

Owing to the fact that the letter is now in the Pinkerton office, Chicago, and that no copy was retained here, Mr. Cudahy is unable to repeat it verbatim.

Mr. Cudahy and Chief Donahue have made its contents known, however. Crowe explains in the letter that he has heard that the Omaha police are looking for him and believe him to be one of the kidnapers of Edward Cudahy, jr. He maintains that he is innocent and says that he has no knowledge of the affair, with the exception of what he has read in the newspapers.

He says that he will drop into Omaha some day and prove himself innocent and that he would have done so long ago had he not been afraid that he might suffer the fate of the negro who was lynched at Leavenworth.

Crowe says that Omaha people must have cooled off considerably by this time and expresses the opinion that he will soon be able to come here with safety. He makes an appeal to the chief of police and Mr. Cudahy for protection and says that he will expect them to stand between him and violence. In conclusion, he says that he is much hurt to think that Mr. Cudahy suspects him of being guilty of the kidnaping and expresses his appreciation of the kindness Mr. Cudahy has shown him in the past.

"When I received this letter," Mr. Cudahy explained, "I was determined not to take too much for granted, so I sent it to Chicago, as I knew Mr. Pinkerton had samples of Crowe's writing and would be able to identify it without difficulty. A few days later I heard from Mr. Pinkerton. He said he has compared the writing with a sample of Crowe's chirography and that they were the same beyond question. I wouldn't be surprised now if Crowe should show himself almost any time. I believe the letter was written in good faith.

"I don't think the letter was written in either Omaha or South Omaha. It bore the date line, 'South Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13,' but the postmark on the envelope showed that it had been mailed in Omaha. It was probably written some distance from here and sent in a separate envelope to some friend in Omaha or South Omaha, who remained in it. This was done for the obvious purpose of keeping his present whereabouts a secret. He evidently wants to come in voluntarily, without giving detectives the honor of having captured him."

"There is no question about the genuineness of the Pat Crowe letter. We have compared it with other writing of Crowe's and it was unquestionably written by him and suspected kidnaper," said Chief Donahue. "Nobody could imitate Crowe's writing perfectly enough to deceive all the men who have examined the letter."

"In the letter Crowe does not say when he will show up, but he appeals to Mr. Cudahy and me for protection, and says that he will depend on us to save him from any violence when he sees fit to give himself up."

"The letter is unlike the flood of anonymous contributions which have been sent to Mr. Cudahy, the mayor and myself, and I have every reason to believe that Pat Crowe wrote it and that he will do exactly what he says."

**SANTEE INDIANS PROTEST**

**James Garvey of South Dakota Wants to Shut Out Attorneys.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—James Garvey of Santee, S. D., is here to protest against the further recognition by the secretary of the interior of the attorneys of the Santee band of Indians, which attorneys were employed to push the claims of the Indians for their annuities. Garvey is one of the leaders of the Santees and he claims the contract with the Indians was obtained by misrepresentation. He also conferred with Secretary Hitchcock, who seemed to be favorably impressed with his argument.

**Costlier Buildings at Cheyenne.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Warren introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing for increasing the limit of the cost of the government building at Cheyenne, Wyo., from \$250,000 to \$325,000 and authorizing the secretary of the treasury to make contracts for its completion.

**WOOD AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS.**

**Governor General Has Received Cuban Constitution.**

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Governor General Wood has informed the authorities at Washington that the Cuban constitution was officially presented to him this morning and that he awaited instructions whether to forward the document immediately or hold it until the relations between Cuba and the United States are decided upon.

# THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

**SOUTH OMAHA.**

**UNION STOCK YARDS—CATTLE.**—There were more cattle on sale today than yesterday, but the receipts fell far short yesterday of what they were last week. Packers all seemed to be wanting a few cattle and particularly those showing quality and as a result the market ruled active and steady to strong all around.

Receipts included about 30 cars of beef steers and there were very few what might be called finished cattle. The better grades, however, were picked up early at good, strong prices and the fair to good cattle also sold readily at good, steady prices.

There were something over 25 cars of cows and heifers on sale and the market was active and stronger. In some cases the more desirable kinds sold a good time higher. As the demand for all kinds was in good shape it did not take long to clear the pens.

The stocker and feeder trade did not show much of any change today and could be quoted just about steady. In some cases perhaps the better grades sold a trifle stronger, but there were not many good feeders offered and the demand for the common stuff was rather limited and prices no more than steady.

HOGS—There was only a fair run of hogs here and while the market started out weak it improved later on and the average cost of all the hogs was a shade better. The first sales were mostly at \$5.20 and \$5.25 and \$5.25. Some of the choicer loads sold as high as \$5.27 and \$5.30, which was 5c higher than yesterday's best price. All the hogs offered on \$30; morning market were sold in good season.

**SHEEP**—There was another liberal run of sheep here, but the demand was equal to the occasion. It was a good choice, active market and choice ewes or wethers brought a little stronger prices than they did yesterday. It was noticeable, however, that the heavy weight stuff was in much better request. Lightweight lambs also commanded good, strong prices, while the heavyweights of both sheep and lambs were sold in good season.

**KANSAS CITY.**

**CATTLE**—Receipts 8,700; steady to 10c up. Native beef steers, \$4.00 to \$4.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.25; western feed, \$4.00 to \$4.30; cows, \$3.00 to \$4.25; heifers, \$3.25 to \$4.50; calves, \$2.25 to \$2.90; bulls, \$3.25 to \$4.25; calves, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

**HOGS**—Receipts 21,000; steady to lower. Bulk of sales and mixed packers, \$5.25 to \$5.30; heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.35; light, \$5.00 to \$5.25; pigs, \$4.75 to \$5.00.

**SHEEP**—Receipts 4,100; active to steady. Lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.25; wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.40; yearlings, \$4.00 to \$4.80; culls, \$2.50 to \$3.25.

**DEATH IN THE DEEP**

**Pacific Mail Steamer Rio de Janeiro Crashes Against Reef and Sinks.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate early this morning in a dense fog. She sank in a few minutes after striking. It is impossible to ascertain the exact number missing owing to the fact that Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is among the missing, but the latest estimate is that 122 persons, most of whom were Chinese and Japanese, were lost.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon ten bodies had been recovered, two white women, one white man and seven Chinese. The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Rounsville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. It is thought all were drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when it struck. He was rescued. Captain William Ward went down with his vessel.

As nearly as can be learned there were 201 persons on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; second cabin, 7; steerage (Chinese and Japanese), 58; white officers, 30; Asiatic crew, 77. The following have been accounted for: Rescued, 79; bodies at the morgue, 10; total, 89; missing, 145.

Following is the cabin passenger list, almost complete: Consul General Rounsville Wildman, Mrs. Wildman, two children and nurse, from Hong Kong; Mrs. and Miss Wakefield of Honolulu; James K. Carpenter, mining engineer, Oakland, Cal.; Miss Rowena Jehu, Honolulu; William Brander, London; Mr. Mattheson, Shanghai; Captain Hecht, German navy; Captain Holtz, Shanghai; Mr. Dowell, Shanghai; J. F. Seymour, editor of the American, Manila; Mrs. K. West, San Francisco; Miss Lehman, Russell Harper, journalist, Nagasaki; Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Manila; Miss Gabriel Hoerou, Dr. Dodd, Butte, Mont.; Attorney Henshaw, Butte, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, Dr. Okawhara of Japan.

The Rio de Janeiro was three days overdue from Hong Kong, via Honolulu, when it arrived off the Heads last night, and the dense fog prevailing at the time induced Pilot Jordan to bring her to anchor until he could see his way clear through the gateway. It laid to until about 4:30 o'clock, when the atmosphere cleared and it was started under a slow bell toward Point Benita. All went well until 5:40 o'clock, when it struck. Most of the passengers were below at the time, and it is believed that many of them were drowned in their berths.

The first news of the disaster reached here at 7:30 o'clock this morning and soon afterward a boatload of rescued passengers and petty officers arrived at the mail dock. Tugs were immediately dispatched to render any service that might be needed, but no living persons were afloat when they reached the wreck. A number of drowning people were rescued by Italian fishermen, and the bodies of two white women, three Chinese and a Japanese were brought in by the tugs. The search for more of the victims has continued all day.

**Congress Won't Reach It.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The War department has not heard from General Wood yet of the reception by him of the Cuban constitution, as reported from Havana. It is not expected that he will send it to Washington immediately unless he can transmit along with it some resolution by the constitutional convention defining the relations that are to exist between the United States and Cuba. It is not manifest that it would be a physical impossibility for the present congress to act upon the subject of Cuba.

# ONE OF THE KIDNAPERS

The Man Under Arrest Undoubtedly Implicated in the Affair.

**HE IS IDENTIFIED BY A WOMAN**

**Firm in Her Decision that Callahan is the Man Seen in the Neighborhood of the House Where Young Cudahy was Confined.**

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 25.—The strongest identification thus far as one of the Cudahy kidnapers was that of Mrs. George F. Wittum, who picked him out of a line of five prisoners as they marched by her at the city jail.

Two days before her husband, Attorney George F. Wittum, had identified Callahan under similar circumstances. The identification made by Mrs. Wittum is considered especially good, as various means were employed to confuse her and shake her judgment, but she remained firm in her decision that Callahan was the man she saw in the neighborhood of the Melrose Hill prison house ten or twelve times during the two weeks immediately preceding the abduction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittum live at 3641 Boulevard avenue, within a few hundred yards of the house in which young Cudahy was held prisoner. Their attention was attracted to Callahan then by reason of his uncouth appearance. They regarded him as a suspicious character and scrutinized him closely whenever he showed himself in the vicinity. Having taken special notice of him on these occasions they were able to identify him positively.

"The last time I saw him," said Mr. Wittum, "was on Monday, December 17, the day before the kidnaping. It was between 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, I happened to be home that day. I was sitting at the front window when my wife came in from the yard and called my attention to a man who was passing, walking slowly southward in front of the house. He was looking in at the window, and not being more than twenty feet away, I had an excellent opportunity to study his face. I remember he impressed me as 'sizing up' the place. He had the appearance of one who takes in every detail of his surroundings, and I remarked to my wife at the time that he was a tough looking character. I remember, also, that he had his coat off and was carrying it on his arm, as the day was quite warm, despite the fact that it was the middle of December. My wife said, 'I have seen him several times before hanging around here, and he acts suspicious.' I think she was a little afraid of him.

"We watched him that time until he passed beyond the house of Henry Malchen on the corner, which cut off our view. He was then going toward the Scheidewind house, as we call it—though I believe, it is better known as the Melrose Hill prison house—but we didn't see him enter it, as the Malchen house was in the way. That was the last time we ever saw him in the neighborhood.

**Buttermakers Pick No Town.**

ST. PAUL, Feb. 23.—The National Buttermakers' convention adjourned this afternoon, leaving the choice of a place for the next convention entirely with the executive committee, which is to be appointed by the president. Kansas City and Milwaukee are favorably considered. It is estimated that 4,000 delegates have attended the convention, which is said to have been the most successful in the history of the association.

**Studying American Farms.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Baron Hermann, agricultural expert of the German embassy, has received word from the German government that a specialist, designated by the agricultural societies, will leave Berlin soon for the United States to make a careful inquiry into the uses of American agricultural machinery, with a view to its introduction into general use in Germany.

**Packing Plant Soon Starts.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 25.—Superintendent Bundick of the Morton-Gregson Packing Co., has announced to the commission men that he will begin buying hogs at once and as soon as sufficient stock is in the yards the house will begin operations. Notice has been sent to the adjoining territory and soon the packing house district will be the most lively portion of the city.

**Asks to Be Reimbursed.**

GRAND ISLAND, Feb. 25.—At the meeting of the city council a resolution was passed instructing the city attorney to draw up an act for presentation to Hall county's representatives in the legislature asking for reimbursement by the state of \$4,000 money it has spent in stamping out the disease of smallpox, now practically extinct in the city.

**Found Guilty of Arson.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 25.—The jury in the case of the state vs. John Lutz, charged with arson, reached a verdict after being out for some hours. They found the young man guilty. The crime of which Lutz was convicted, was committed last May at Cortland, when a barn, containing among other things, a stallion which was heavily insured, was burned.

**Convicted of Liquor Selling.**

DAKOTA CITY, Feb. 25.—James C. Riddle, who was on trial for the second time at this term of district court charged with the illegal sale of liquors, was found guilty by the jury, after being out about two hours. Another case against Riddle, on a similar charge, was at once taken up by the court.

**Beaver City Out of Quarantine.**

BEAVER CITY, Feb. 25.—Mayor Phelps raised the smallpox quarantine. The churches and lodges will resume business at the old stand at once, while the city schools will reopen this week.