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Peking, the only capital in the world without a street car system, soon is to have an electric line.

Philadelphia is to have a new convention hall. It is to cost \$4,000,000, and, together with its gardens, will

cover four acres of ground. During the last 50 years the light house service of the United States has cost a total of \$150,000,000.

Paris bakers have formed a syndicate to maintain a laboratory in which all their flour is scientifically tested.

Berlin employs more than 100 storage battery driven electrical machines literally to scrub its well kept streets,

All of Berlin's sewage is pumped out of the city to disposal farms which have a total area of about 40,000 acres

Desertions in the United States army in 1911 amounted to only 2.88 per cent—a lower rate than in any other year for 90 years, except in 1898.

storage battery illuminated elec-sign has been invented to be worn on the arm of a person selling refresh-ments in theaters or other public

There are no blizzards in the Yukon valley in winter, and there is little wind. Snow about two feet deep cov-ers everything from early October till

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in the manufacture of matches in Sweden, as it is easily cut and porous enough to be easily impregnated with sulphur and paraffin.

It is suggested that the bustard, a kind of bird in China, be domesticated in America. It weighs from 14 to 18 pounds and the flesh is well flavored.

The extra leaves of an extension ta-ble invented by a Pennsylvanian are carried beneath the top when not in use and raised into place and fastened there by turning a pair of thumb-

A hog's habit of scratching itself gainst a post has led to the invention f an automatic disinfector for animals, which are sprayed with a fluid as they rub against a supporting col-

A petition has been placed before the Argentine national senate for a concession to construct and operate for a period of 60 years cable railways in various parts of the Argentine republic.

London is plagued with a multiplicity of councillors. Despite the abolition of the old vestries and the creation of borough councils, London has 144 governing bodies, some of which, of course, are quite small and lukewarm to the mass of the people.

collection of 150,000 valentines A collection of 150,000 valentines made by an Islington stationer named King has been offered by him to the British museum. Some of the valentines are elaborate, comprising 750 parts, with prices at \$50 and higher. All these valentines were printed prior to the beginning of the present century.

Minnesota is to add to its delectable resources the brook trout. The first resources the brook trout. The first consignment of eggs from the New England hatcheries is due to arrive this week. Eggs from Pacific coast salmon are also to be distributed in the lakes about the Twin cities. Thus will the east and west meet in the basket of the fisherman.

George Eliot's connection with Coventry, where she lived when she translated Strauss' "Life of Jesus," is to be commemorated in changing the name of Uppingham road to George Eliot road. The town council is also to place a tablet on the house in which the "Life of Jesus" was translated. She lived there between 1841 and 1849.

That the world on the other side of the globe is, to a Caucasian, upside down in standards as well as geographically is apparent from this newspaper item: "A Japanese convicted of murder pleaded yesterday in a Colorado court to be sent to the gallows rather than to prison, as the Japanese consider imprisonment. Japanese consider imprisonment more dishonorable than death. The court ignored the plea."

Thousands of salmon have been Thousands of salmon have been caught in streams and examined and their stomachs and insides were empty. But it is not uncommon to catch them in the sea and find in them half a dozen herring. After the salmon has been in a river for a time the lining of the stomach becomes all drawn up and wrinkled. Just why the salmon avoids feeding in fresh water no one avoids feeding in fresh water no on

A luscious, ripe watermelon, it tion for the average man who is con-fronted with it and has the chance to get away with the melon. So the ag-gregate loss in shipping melons is large according to a speaker at the recent meeting of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association, at St. Louis. A commit-tee was appointed to try to lessen the temptation and save the melons.

A magnificent moonstone, through the center of which extends a perfect sea moss leaf beautifully colored, was found on the beach by J. P. Taylor, a local boatman, after the high tides had receded. He ventured out almost into the storm pitched breakers a sec-ond time to search the pebbles and ond time to search the pebbles and was rewarded with another remarkably white round moonstone in the exact center of which is a drop of water that moves as the gem is turned. Each of the stones is as large as a thimble.

The new receipt for attaining longevity is, give away your fortune. D. D. K. Pearsons, who donated \$7,000,000 in philanthropic objects, is a notable example of success in this line. He is \$2 and remarked recently that he felt so well that he feared he had not kept enough of his fortune to provide for himself during the many more years that he expects to live. If he gets "short" Dr. Pearsons will doubtless be privileged to recall a portion of his gifts without being called an "Indian giver."

Among curious clock novelties is the shadow boudoir clock. With it there no need of getting up to strike a light or turn on the bulb. All that is ecessary is to touch a button and the time is flashed on the wall, after the same fashion that signs are flashed on the sidewalk. When the owner of the clock retires he turns a night dial the celling and when he presses a bulb the electric light reflects from the dial through the lens and appears, giving the correct time in shadow on the

# The O'Neill Frontier EX-CONVICT SAYS HIS ACCUSER IS JEALOUS AT HIS INDIFFERENCE

Woman Acquainted With All of Lincoln Prison Murderers Tells Story.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Mrs. Lillie Owen, of Omaha, was the chief witness owen, of Omaha, was the chief withest against Hartford Reed, charged with having supplied Albert Prince with the knife with which he killed Deputy Warden Davis. Mrs. Owen said that Reed told her he had not only furnished the knife to Prince, but that he had also belied to get to "Shorty".

nished the knife to Prince, but that he had also helped to get to "Shorty" Gray the explosives and one of the guns with which the three men who kiled the three prison officials and broke out were equipped.

Mrs. Owen also swore that she knew al of the men, Prince, Gray, Dowd and Morley, and that they had been frequent visitors at her home. She said that Reed had told her seven days before the warden was murdered he had fore the warden was murdered he had told a woman prison worker that with-in a week Delahunty would be a dead man. She claimed to have worked for

a long time with the Omaha police in turning up convicts. Reed declares that the woman had a grudge against him because of his failure to properly appreciate her personal charms, and his attorney, in cross-examination intimated that it was be-

amination intimated that it was because of Gray's attention to her that her husband got a divorce.

Governor and Mrs. Aldrich went to the penitentiary last evening to make an investigation of the roprt that Morley and Prince, the two murderous convicts, were being cruelly treated. The men are being confined in what is known as the dark cells, but that is a misnomer, according to the governor, as he found the cells were partially lighted, heated and kept cleanly. While he was there the two men were taken out for exercise.

A new information will be sworn out against Morley, charging him with the murder of the three prison officials. The county attorney is understood to be delaying action pending the conclusion of the trial of Reed, who may be charged with being accessory to the charged with being accessory to the

Appropriation for Widow.

A liberal appropriation for the benefit of Mrs. Roy Blunt, widow of the victim of the posse in Sarpy county, will be recommended by Governor Aldrich. The governor takes the position that the fact that the young man lost his life under the circumstances confers an ob-ligation upon the state to assist his widow in the only way possible, which is financially.

is financially.

The governor in a statement says that he cannot control in any way the disposition of the \$2,100 reward money offered by the state for the capture, dead or alive, of the three convict murderers. The courts can determine who of various claimants are entitled to share in this reward, but no other branch of the government has anything to do with it save to pay it out when legal proof is furnished as to the identity of the person entitled to it.

So far as three of the officers are concerned they have stated that they are willing to waive any right to it, but there are so many persons who

but there are so many persons who have at least a basis of a claim that it may not be possible to transfer it to Mrs. Blunt. In fact, she has a strong claim for a portion of the reward, as she ran half a mile to a neighbors's house to telephone the Springfield central so that the posse might know the men were then at her house.

NEBRASKA NEWS BRIEFS.

LINCOLN-On receipt of a letter from Governor Hadley requesting that the petition placing him in nomination for vice president on the republican ticket be withdrawn, his name was stricken from the list of candidates by the secretary of

FONTANELLE-Gustave Kruger is con fined to him home on account of an injury sustained when a cow turning quick-ly in her stall gashed his cheek with her horn. Complications have set in and Mr. Kruger is being attended by an Omaha

FREMONT-Harold Hinton, a brothe of Mrs. Alice Records and Miss Jessie Hinton, dropped dead from heart trouble

St. Louis. The two ladies left for St. als at once. A telegram announces that s wife who is in a precarious condition will probably not recover from the shock

LINCOLN-The state of Nebraska will spend \$200 for the purpose of sending an officer to Oregon with a requisition to get hold of H. C. Decious, whose offense is, as the information charges, that before departing from Custer county, he sold a mortgaged cook stove. The value of the stove is less than \$10.

FREMONT-At a meeting last evening the members of the county board of su-pervisors voted in favor of installing a Bertillon system of keeping track of Dodge county criminals and in favor of an appropriation of half the necessary \$400 for its installation. The city of Fremont will bear the other half of the cost

FREMONT-Another proof of the fickle-ness of Nebraska weather may be found in a comparison of temperatures. A year ago yesterday the mercury at the gov-ernment station in Fremont showed a maximum of 89 and a minimum of 82. Yesterday morning the mercury dipped to below zero and the maximum recorded

for the day was two points above freezing. LINCOLN-The state railway commission has given permission to the Cumins County Independent Telephone company to issue \$2,550 of stock to be used for the purpose of the Eastern Nebraska Telephone company. The latter company is a portion of a toll line connecting the Cuming county telephone lines with other independent companies. The present value of the Cuming County Telephone pany's plant is \$13,812.

FREMONT-No action was taken by the county board on the proposition set forth by Washington county for settling the Magenau bridge controversy and the meaning of this failure to reply is that County Afterney Cook will go ahead with legal proceedings unless Washington county submits another proposition. It is known that a majority of the members of the Dodge county board are favorable to forcing Washington county to help keep up the bridge, regardless of what agree-ment might be submitted.

LINCOLN-Word has been received here that Mrs. Roy Blunt, widow of the farm-er killed in last Monday's convict hunt, may sue for damages. The Blunt and Anderson families have engaged the services of Judge Begley, of Papillion, to represent them at the inquest next Tuesday. Mrs. Blunt's maiden name was Anderson. Cor-oner Mathews, in charge of the bodies of Dowd and Gray, has announced that they will be turned over to a medical school unless claimed by the relatives within a couple of days.

NORFOLK-The Garni hotel was destroyed by fire. It was the second fire same building this week. The loss was \$7,000, well insured.

### **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES**

LINCOLN—Victor Rosewater, who essayed to keep Congressman Charles Lobeck off the populist ticket in the Second district, has been officially notified by Secretary Wait that he was too late to do any good, and that the protest, would be ruled out. Determination to follow that course was announced here yesterday after the secretary of state had conferred with Attorney General Martin. The law prescribes that protests must be filed within three days after the original petitions are sent in to the secretary of state. Rosewater let the matter go a day too long, having sent in his petition the fourth after the filing of the Lobeck populist

LINCOLN-The big drop in the thermometer has put a temporary quietus flood troubles in this vicinity, but it more than made up today when the addi-tional snow, with the balance which has fallen for the past two weeks, began to melt under the rays of the sun. A continuance of warm weather is looked to bring on a myriad of troubles both among the residents of the low places and the rail-roads. Salt and Antelope creeks have been over their banks within the past three days and the further melting is expected to make up for the temporary alle-viation of the trouble.

HASTINGS-Woodman "insurgents" adjourned their mass meeting by adopting a lengthy set of resolutions covering many phases of the matter of the raise in rates at the Chicago meeting. The "Chicago plan" was denounced in no uncertain language. A plan of campaign was out-lined and it was unanimously decided to work in harmony with the meeting held Monday at Columbus. One of the points in demand is to hold back the operation of the raise in rates until it has been decided upon by a referendum vote.

KEARNEY-In a last desperate attempt to gain their freedom Harry Wycoff and Eugene Palmer, two escaped and captured industrial school boys guilty of burglary at Elm Creek, made an unsuccessful attempt at jall breaking. The Palmer boy has made several successful "getaways" from the industrial school, and has only been recaptured after each by the com mission of a new crime. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of from one to 10 years and the Wycoff boy was re turned to the school

BEAVER CITY-Philip W. Harlan, sr. who is under arrest at Cairo, Ill., charged with killing S. F. George, a hotel pro-prietor there; has lived in Furnas county since 1881. He homesteaded in Weaver precinct and now owns a large farm. His only son, Phillip W. Harlan, jr., resides near the old homestead and is a promi-nent and influential citizen. Harlan left here a month ago to visit with relatives at McClure, Ill. Mrs. Harlan died about three years ago and Harlan has wandered since her death, coming home at

M'COOK-A brief session of federal dis trict court was held in McCook, presided over by Judge T. C. Munger, assisted by Clerk R. C. Hoyt and United States Marshal W. P. Warner. The informal session was featured by the fining of L. H. Law ton, of Palisade, for contempt of court. Lawton regarded some questions as strict-ly personal and questioned the right of the court to such an extent that a fine of \$25 was imposed. Lawton paid after some hesitation.

FREMONT - Congressman Dan V. Stephens has mailed out letters to his con-stituency in the Third congressional district asking support for Champ Clark, Mr. Stephens' Fremont friends are rather surprised that he should take such a strong stand for Clark, though they knew that, in view of Mr. Clark's coming to the district in Mr. Stephens' behalf last fall, it would be more than likely the Third district congressman would support fall.

LINCOLN-For disposing of a mort-gaged cook stove without asking the con-sent of the man who sold it to him, H. C. Declous of Custer county will be brought back to this state from Oregon, where he is at present being held. The expense of the trip to be taken there and back by an agent of the state will exceed several times the value of the stove, but no other alternative than to bring the man back is alternative than to bring the man back is offered the officials.

OMAHA-At the closing session of the Nebraska Laundrymen's association, Fre-mont was selected as the place for hold-ing the October meeting and officers were elected as follows: President, C. C. Quiggle, Lincoln; vice president, J. A. Richardson, Nebraska City; secretary-treasurer, H. A. Jacobberger, Omaha; executive committee, Dan McLean, South Omaha; L. B. Hoagland, Hastings, and J. A.

CRAWFORD-W. L. Davis, president of the Ranchers' Commercial club, of Moorcroft, Wyo., is in Crawford purchasing several carloads of seed for his section. Mr. Davis has already purchased seven carloads, consisting of alfalfa seed, flax seed, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye and spelts, and has contracted for three cars of seed potatoes

FREMONT-People through this section and in Saunders county are wrought up over the slaying of Roy Blunt, the young farmer, by the officers who were pur-suing the convicts. Words of condemnation are being heaped upon the officers who shot at the convicts while Blunt was in the wagon.

NORTH BEND-At a meeting of the school board Miss Martha Coulson, of Centerville, Ia., was elected teacher of the third and fourth grade rooms. Super-intendent F. L. McNoun was re-elected to his position.

FREMONT-The snow melt of the pas few days has raised all rivers and has done some damage to the railroads. The Northwestern has suffered delays on count of a washout between Octavia and Eldorado. The passenger train from Linwood yesterday afternoon was tied up 10 hours owing to the condition of the

WASHINGTON—Representative David J. Foster, of Vermont, died here last night after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Foster was first stricken with grip, which today developed into pneumonia and terminated fatally in a few hours. He was 54 years old.

NEW YORK—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Favish, of Birmingham, Ala., will get \$1,500 damages each for the humiliation incident to being ejected from the Hotel Astor here last year. This compromise verdict was agreed upon by counsel yesterday afternoon after an indiscreet juror had caused a mistrial by asking a witness for the defendant: "What would happen if I held up the by asking a witness for the defendant:
"What would happen if I held up the

COLUMBUS, OHIO-Counsel State Senator Isaac E. Huffman, on trial charged with having accepted a \$200 bribe for his senatorial vote, yesterday offered an alibi to offset the telephonic device evidence given by witnesses for the state and upon which the state rested its case

BOSTON—Efforts to save Clarence V. T. Richeson, the confessed murderer of Avis Linnell, from death in the elec-tric chair began yesterday when his counsel, William A. Morse, conferred with Governer Fess.

### HOT INDIGNATION AT MURDER OF BLUNT IS

SENSE OF NEIGHBORS Funeral of Young Man Killed By Officers While Hostage of the Convicts.

Springfield, Neb., March 23.—The body of Roy Blunt was laid to rest in the Springfield cemetery here yester-

day afternoon.

On what had been heraided as the first day of spring, the body of the young farmer, the innocent victim of the man hunt, which ended in the death of two convict murderers and the capture of a third in a pitched battle with sheriffs' officers Monday, was brought to this city shortly after noon in a small sleigh from his father's farm, about six miles from here, following brief services at the Plattford church. In cutters, bobsleds and wheeled vehicles of every description some 200 hicles of every description, some 200 mourners, farmers of Sarpy county and residents of Springfield and nearby towns, braved the biting north wind and followed the improvised hearse through the well nigh impassable roads of Sarpy county to its destination. Residents of Springfield say it was the most impressive funeral cortege the town has known.

Long before the hour set for the be-ginning of the services, farmers and the older members of their families had begun to congregate around the little white frame church which overlooks the township of Plattford from a wind swept hill. They came from Spring-field, Gretna, Louisville and the farms between. They came singly and by households, in wagons, bobs, cutters and top buggies. They came early and waited patiently, discussing the while the incidents that led up to the untime-by death of the young farmer. And ly death of the young farmer. And the feeling was not friendly toward those whom the community holds re-sponsible. It would have been hard to decide which sentiment was dominant in the minds of most, sympathy for the bereaved parents and the 3-months' bride of the young farmer, or indigna-tion against those who caused his

death.

In his funeral sermon, Mr. Warne touched on the youth of the dead man, his great popularity in the community in which he had passed his entire life, and the sympathy which all extended to his bereaved family. He touched lightly on the incidents leading up to young Blunt's death, and spoke of the apparently needless sacrific. The services were brief.

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At the conclusion of the services the At the conclusion of the services the flower-laden casket was carried again to the sleigh, the mourners untied their teams and, dropping in behind the vehicles in which were the members of the family, began the long, difficult trip to Springfield, six miles distant.

Among the many floral tributes which covered the white casket in the church were a broken column from the Modern Woodmen of America lodge of Springfield, a beautiful wreath from

of Springfield, a beautiful wreath from friends in Gretna and Springfield, and remembrances from former school-mates of Roy Blunt at York business

college.
For several hours after services at the grave had been concluded, Springfield was filled with groups of friends of the Blunt and Anderson families, discussing the case. Bitterness against the officers responsible for the death of Roy Blunt its was evident from the conversations overheard, is increasing rather than diminishing.

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Mrs. Roy Blunt today received a let-er from Governor Aldrich. A prominent Sarpy county attorney at law had a long conference today with the Blunt and Anderson fami-lies.

SOUTH DAKOTA WINS LAURELS IN ORATORY

Omaha, March 23.—A good sized and very enthusiastic audience listened to the arguments in the debate, the University of South Dakota against the Creighton university, last night at the Creighton university auditorium. The question for debate was "Resolved, That the principles of the recall of judges should be extended so as to include all except those of the United States supreme court." South Dakota took the affirmative and Creighton the took the affirmative and Creighton the negative. South Dakota won by the decision of two out of the judges, who were Prof. C. E. Persinger, of the University of Nebraska; Charles G. Saunders, of Council Bluffs, and Prof. A. H. Waterhouse, of Frament.

Waterhouse, of Fremont.
George A. Rice, A. H. Hasche and C.
J. Jesperson, first, second and third
affirmatives respectively, made we the
South Dakota team, and P. H. Moran,
John W. Delehant and Francis P. Matthews, first, second and third negatives
respectively made, up, the Creighton respectively, made up the Creighton team. Henry Monsky, alternate of the Creighton team, was officer. Mr. Monsky made the request that

the audience refrain from applauding, but the debaters received much ap-plause, which seemed to be more for the visiting team than Creighton, and when it was announced that South Da-kota had won the debate the stillness of the auditorium was broken by great outbursts of cheers for the visiting

Creighton university orchestra and the Creighton Glee club furnished the music for the evening.

SPIRITED CITY CONTEST

PROMISED AT CRAWFORD Crawford, Neb., March 23.—The peo-ple's party, which last spring won out by the largest majority ever given in this city, when Justin E. Porter was cletced mayor, Arah L. Hungerford and Chas. L. Leithoff were elected councilmen of the First ward, and Frank L. Hall and Wm. T. Forbes councilmen of the Second ward, has renominated the old ticket.

At a meeting of the citizen's party. At a meeting of the citizen's party

Brick McKelvey was chosen to make the race against Mayor Porter; Geo. Uhl against Chas. Leithoff, W. L. Judson against Frank Hall, Walton Mee against Page Francis, but the people's party nominees for treasurer and clerk were also chosen for the citizen's ticket.

A few of the many things accomplished by the administration during the past year are the new seven-mile pipe line water system, the new Tungstun system of street lighting, whereby the entire city is lighted with a 200-candle power Tungstun lamp on every corner, the new viaducts connecting the with the west side, and the sanitary sewer system covering the en-

BRYAN WILL RESIGN IF HARMON GETS THE SLATE

Kearney, Neb., March 23 .- In his speech at the democratic banquet here last night, W. J. Bryan said if preferential presidential vote at coming primary in Nebraska is for Governor Harmon and he (Bryan) is elected one of the delegates at large, he will file his resignation at once. He said he would not go to the national convention at Baltimore to vote for Harmon, whom he charged was backed by the Morgan and Hill interests. Mr. Eryan praised La Follette and criti-cized Taft and Roosevelt.

### **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES**

BROKEN BOW-Albert Baker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker, of this place, who was reported lost in a storm near Lander, Wyo.. several weeks ago, has written to his parents that he is alive and well. Baker says he was in ignorance of the anxiety caused over his disappear-ance, having been on a Wyoming ranch 40 miles from a railroad and being unable to communicate with the outer world. He further stated in the letter that the report coming from Lander was mainly cor-rect, as there was another man bearing the same name as his own lost in the storm, and up to the present time no traces of him have been discovered.

FREMONT-Following is a list of the filings for office in Dodge county: Republican: For congress, J. C. Cook; for state senator, George F. Wolz; representative, Charles Rogers, W. D. Holbrook, E. W. Montgomery and F. E. Liston; county astessor, C. B. Nicodemus, E. Olson; county attorney, Nye Morehouse and H. M. ty attorney, Nye Morenouse and I. Kidder. Democratic: For congress, Dan V. Stephens; state senator, H. D. Schoettger; representatives, G. W. Losey, Henry Gr. M. E. Shinley: county assessor, Oberman, M. E. Shipley; county assessor, M. E. Shipley, H. F. Meyer; county attor-ney, F. W. Button. Socialist: State senator, James Christopherson; representatives A. P. Anderson and C. Jensen.

LINCOLN, NEB-Governor Aldrich has appointed S. M. Melick warden of the penitentiary, vice James Delahunty, mur-dered. Mr. Melick proceeded to the prison at once and took charge. The appointment of Melick has brought to the surface again the old controversy which was waged when he was chief of police in Lincoln. Those who stood by him then are doing so now and saying the ap-pointment is an admirable one, and his opponents of those days are criticising it. It is reasonably certain, however, that any objections made at this date will be too late to be of any effect.

BEATRICE, NEB.-N. F. Howell, an

electrician of this city, who came from Cameron, Mo., a few years ago, shot three times at Vern Ayers, a high school student, because Ayers accompanied his daughter, Helen, home from church. The shots went wild, the young man escaping by dodging behind a tree. Recently Ayers came to the Howell home, and was ordered away by the irate father. He struck Howell and knocked him down. Howell watched for Ayers and when he stepped into the yard he opened fire on with a revolver.

GRAND ISLAND—The proposition to adopt the commission form of government in this city was badly defeated, the opposition led and conducted largely by Councilman Heyde effectively using the argument that it would mean a curtailment of, or at least endanger, personal liberty, and that ulterior motives, with reference to real estate movements, prompted the submission. The promotion of the plan was largely in the hands of a ommittee of the Commercial club. otal vote was 325 for and 745 against.

PENDER-The following filings have been made in Thurston county for the primary to be held April 19: Socialists, congress, N. H. Nye; state senator, Garrison Bare; representative, D. Blankmeyer, all of Pender. Republican, senator, H. P. Shumway, of Wakefield; representative, Sevan Olson, of Walthill; Mr. Heikes, of Dakota City, county commissioner; J. D. Claussen and Chas. Rutledge. Democratic, representative, T. L. Sloan, Pender; county assessor, Henry Rixen, Pender; ounty attorney, Howard Saxton. Filings close March 19.

SPRAGUE-Citizens of Sprague and vicinity celebrated the reconstruction of the town after the recent disastrous fire by dedicating the new M. W. A. hall and opera house. Despite the weather, scores of residents of Martell, Germantown and the countryside were present as guests of the Sprague Commercial club and citizens. The new building is a concrete structure two stories in height, built by F. J. Sieck, of Lincoln. The ground floor is to be used as a general store and the second floor for lodge purposes. A com-pletely equipped stage provides opera house facilities.

OMAHA-Fifty thousand dollars is the estimate made by the house committee of the Commercial club of the cost of furnishing the club rooms in the new Woodmen of the World building. Much of the furniture will be Circassian walnut. There will be new rugs, new curtains, new bill-iard and pool tables and kitchen and table equipment, sufficient to take care of 1,000

LINCOLN—Sheriff Hyers, the man whom Convict Morley claims shot Gray in the battle with the trio of escaped conin the battle with the tile of escape con-victs, sent a letter to Governor Aldrich, in which he recommend that the next ses-sion of the state legislature appropriate \$5,000 for Mrs. Roy Blunt, the three months bride of the farmer boy who was killed while forced to drive the convicts.

ALLIANCE-Owing to the fast melting snow, the Cheyenne river is at flood.

A washout 50 feet long is reported two
miles west of Edgemont, on the Burlington road. Gangs of men and pile drivers are being rushed to the scene. Burling-ton officials here think they will control the situation unless the water rises ma-

NEW YORK-The chairmanship of the NEW YORK—The chairmanship of the republican national committee, made vacant by the death of John Fremont Hill, former governor of Maine, will be filled, up to the time of the national convention, at least, by Vice Chairman Victor Roseeditor of the Bee, of Omaha.

PENDER-Terry Bros., of Onawa, have purchased the local moving picture show.

DAKOTA CITY—J. Spellman, of Omaha,
has formed a partnership with A. Boynnumber of houses in South Sloux City, Neb., on land owned there by them.

FREMONT—A telegram received from Bason, Wyo., by S. S. Sidner announced the death of Frank Pulsifer, a well known resident of Crowell, from a sudden attack of heart trouble.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—August T. Moreaux, a land dealer, was arrested here yesterday charged with defrauding Mrs. Rodella G. Dwight, a wealthy resident here, of \$50,000 in the sale of \$25 acres of land in the Bitter Root valley in Montana. Moreaux's bond was fixed at \$20,000, which he was unable to secure today and he was taken to jail. He denied that he was gullty of the charge and said he would establish his innocence.

DETROIT, MICH.—Floods resulting from sudden and rapid melting of the heavy snow which fell last week have neavy snow which reli last week have caused damage estimated at \$75,000 in the eastern part of Detroit. Large areas are inundated to a depth of five feet and street car service is suspended in

OPENING CONTEST IS POSTPONED A WEEK

St. Louis, March 21.—The opening game of the series of games between the St. Louis American league and the National league teams which was scheduled for Saturday, was postponed today until March 30. Cold weather and the frozen Gold weather and the frozen baseball grounds caused the postponement. The teams will continue to condition in the south for another week.

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## FAULTS OF PRISON AS **PASSED IN REVIEW BY NEBRASKA'S GOVERNOR**

Aldrich Tells the Prison Reformers the Shortcomings of the Lincoln Pen.

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.-In a statement, accompanied by a long and comprehensive set of question on the conduct of the Anamosa, Ia., reforma-tory, Governor Aldrich takes a decided slap at the reform prison men of the state and sets out some excuses for the recent laxity of state penitentiary

the recent laxity of state penitentiary administration. He says in part:

"What Nebraska Is entitled to have in its prison management, of course, is a man like McClaughry, at Anamosa, Ia., or his brother, who handles the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

"But does anyone expect to get such a man for \$125 a month? Does anyone expect to have modern conditions

one expect to have modern conditions and modern rules enforced and carried out according to modern lines with nothing but an old rookery in which to keep desperate men? Can modern ideas of reform be carried out by being obliged to have work side by side a obliged to have work side by side a young man who is in for the first time for a short term, in company with men like "Shorty" Gray and Morley and Dowd? There are many more just such criminals today in the Nebraska penitentiary. tentiary.

An "Impossibility." "Absolutely, it is impossible to con-"Absolutely, it is impossible to conduct a reformatory and a penitentiary under one roof. If you have a reformatory, you must have an equipment such as buildings, grounds, etc., occupied by first term prisoners—men who must be punished and punished according to their crimes. It is repugnant to the idea of a reformatory or an intermediate penitentiary to have with intermediate penitentiary to have with-in its walls the ordinary man or the man who has committed his first indisman who has committed his first indiscretion or who is incarcerated for his first commission of crime, housed with hardened criminals, absolute moral degenerates, with not a single spark of virtue to redeem them from their vices. "I simply mention these things in order that the public may understand the difficulties under which I am laboring. Some good people think that the Nebraska penitentiary down here should be run in the same way that an ideal reformatory could be run, when

prison the other day should be im-prisoned, not so much for purposes of reform as for the protection of society. Sunday School Leaders. "These human devils, Gray, Morley and Dowd, were leaders in the Sunday school class. Gray was on the roll of honor, had his name as star in the Baraca class. Their subsequent conduct, in fact, shows how they had succeeded in hypnotizing many good people.

ideal reformatory could be run, when it is impossible to do so. Criminals like the three desperadoes who broke

or many good people.

"The difficult thing for the warden to contend with at this institution is how to give the proper treatment to the good prisoners down here and at the same time make it safe for life in handling the desperate class, hardened highwaymen or murderers.

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"A system of rules and regulations that would be adaptable to first-term men or slight criminals would be absolutely impracticable in handling or regulating hardened criminals.

"But suffice it to say that I am getting sufficient data together that will enable the warden to handle this difficult matter with the best possible results to be obtained under the circumstances. I simply want to give out Warden McClaughry's statement so that the public may have some facts and data from the hands of one of the most brilliant and successful prison most brilliant and successful prison managers in the entire country and also to have them know how practical-ly impossible it is for the warden of the Nebraska penitentiary to do the Nebraska penitentiary to do things that are being done at the Anamosa reformatory."

WOODMEN AT HASTINGS INDULGE IN PROTEST

Hastings, Neb., March 22.-Delegates to the number of 379 are in attendance here at a meeting of Modern Woodmen, gathered in a protest convention against the rates adopted at the Chicago convention. There are 225 camps of Woodmen represented at the meeting. Mayor Miles, of Hastings, gave an ing. Mayor Miles, of Hastings, gave an address of welcome and a number of other prominent individuals adressed the meeting. Mr. Hall, of Franklin, came to the platform and stated that it was the sense of the Columbus meeting of last Monday to harmonize action with the Hastings meeting. He asked that Edgar Howard be called to read the resolutions adopted at that convention. The Columbus resolutions carried. The Columbus resolutions carried

"That the action of the Chicago meeting in raising the rates was censured by every Woodman in Nebraska who was not on the head office payroll; that condemnation was due Head Conthat condemnation was due Head Consul Talbot for withholding the opportunity from the camps to be heard in the matter of rates and trying to 'intimidate' them by threatening to take away their charters; that they ask every camp in convention assembled to plead with Talbot to allow the matter of rates to be referred to a referendum vote of all the lodges and then call a special meeting of the head camp to reconsider the Chicago action: that they resolve against the expenditure of their money by the head officials to try their money by the head officials to try and buy harmony."

The meeting will be continued in ses-

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES FIGHT AGAINST MERGER

sion this morning.

Fremont, Neb., March 22.—Independent telephone companies of Dodge, Washington and Saunders counties will support a bill providing for physical connection of telephone lines, but will put up a determined fight against a merger. The co-operation of all the independent companies of the state is expected.

A meeting was held in Fremont of representatives of the telephone compa-nies at Blair, Arlington, Hooper, Po-hocco and the Farmers' Independent hocco and the Farmers' Independent of Dodge county. The telephone situa-tion was gone over, particularly with regard to the proposed split of terri-tory between the big independent and the Bell. The 25 men present decided that another meeting should be held for the further consideration of the

BRIGGS TURNS OVER

Chicago.

HIS REWARD TO WIDOW Omaha, Neb., March 22.—Chief of Po-lice John E. Briggs, of South Omaha, who took a leading part in the battle who took a leading part in the battle near Chalco, Neb., last Monday which resulted in the death of two convicts, the capture of the third and the killing of Roy Blunt, the young farmer who had been forced to drive for the outlaws, wired today from Chicago offering to turn over his share of the reward to Mrs. Blunt, the widow of the innocent victim of the affair. Briggs is attending the bowling tournament at Chicago.