

BATTLE LASTS FOR TWO DAYS

Fight in Progress at Santa Barbara, Near Chihuahua.

FIVE HUNDRED MEN ENGAGED.

Federal Leaders Find That They Are Outnumbered by Insurrectos and Send to Parral for Reinforcements. Little Prospect of Immediate Peace.

El Paso, Tex., April 1.—A stubbornly fought and bloody battle between 300 insurrectos and 200 federal troops has raged around the little town of Santa Barbara, southwest of the city of Chihuahua, for two days, according to a telegram received here from Parral. Both sides have sent for reinforcements.

According to the Parral dispatch, the insurrectos attacked and took Santa Barbara, but before they could strengthen its defenses the federals rallied and attempted to retake the place. A body of twenty-five rurales charged through the insurrecto lines and succeeded in reaching the municipal building, but were cut off from the main federal body. They took refuge in the building, but the telegram does not reveal their fate.

Finding himself outnumbered, Colonel Arzamendi, in command of the federal troops, sent to Parral for reinforcements, and the insurrecto leaders are said to have dispatched messengers in the direction of the camp of Madero and Orozco on a similar errand. Neither side had received reinforcements when the message was received here. It is said both sides exhibited the greatest coolness and bravery and that the percentage of killed and wounded is high.

Officers of the insurrecto junta here, while declaring they hope earnestly for peace, again said that there seems little prospect for immediate cessation of hostilities.

KIDNAPED BABY RANSOMED

Child of Las Vegas Lawyer Returned When \$12,000 Is Paid.

Las Vegas, N. M., April 1.—Two masked men forced an entrance into the home of A. T. Rogers, a prominent lawyer, Wednesday night and at the point of revolvers compelled Mrs. Rogers to surrender to them her two-year-old baby. The kidnapers left a note for Mr. Rogers, who was absent from the city, demanding \$12,000 in cash if the parents wanted their baby back alive, and directed that the money be paid at midnight. The demands were complied with to the letter, the money was paid and the child recovered.

The baby is a grandson of Judge Henry L. Waldo, a millionaire of Kansas City. The bandits escaped, but possess in automobiles are scouring the country for miles around. One of the kidnapers was partially identified as Dennis Hart, a notorious postoffice and bank robber.

Mr. Rogers' brother, Will Rogers, was in the house at the time of the kidnaping, but he was not disturbed. Entering the mother's bedroom, the two masked men pointed revolvers at Mrs. Rogers and demanded the baby. She offered them her jewels, silverware and other valuables, but they told her they had been waiting for months for an opportunity to steal the little fellow and told her to "hurry up about it."

Mrs. Rogers then carefully dressed the baby, gave the abductors extra clothing for it, kissed it goodby and the kidnapers departed.

Driven almost insane by fear that harm would come to her child, the mother gave no alarm until Thursday, when she conferred with the local bankers, pledged them to secrecy as commanded in the note left by the kidnapers, secured the money, which was in bills of \$10 denominations or less and at the appointed hour, her brother-in-law drove alone to a remote point in the mountains, eleven miles from Las Vegas, where the two men received the money.

BLACK HANDED CONFESSES

Chicago Man Admits Writing Twenty-Five Threatening Letters.

Chicago, April 1.—Philip Purpura, a former commission merchant of South Chicago, confessed to the police that he had written twenty-five letters to people of the suburb demanding money and signing the epistles "The Black Hand." Some of these were successful, he said.

Purpura was arrested when he went to a designated spot and took a dummy package which had been placed there by the recipient of a Black Hand letter.

The police do not believe Purpura's letters were inspired by his individual needs and are endeavoring to connect him with the senders of other missives of similar import which have been mailed to residents of Chicago, one of them to Federal Judge K. M. Landis and to the members of a jury in his court which was trying a Black Hand case.

Elevator and Houses Burn.

Red Cloud, Neb., April 1.—The elevator belonging to the Duff Grain company burned to the ground. Fire spread from the elevator to a small dwelling house and two stacks of alfalfa and all were burned.

ATHLETES AT OMAHA

Speedy Men of Middle West Ready to Compete at Auditorium.

Omaha, April 1.—All is in readiness for the tap of the gong tonight, when 150 of the collegiate association and scholastic athletes of the middle west will meet to contest for honors and medals in Omaha's second annual indoor track meet. Every class of amateur athletes is represented in the entry list. College men from Nebraska, Michigan, Kansas, Chicago, Drake, Wesleyan, Morningside, Omaha and Tabor all have their best runners ready for the starter's gun. Athletic associations, the two big clubs—Chicago Athletic association and Kansas City Athletic association—and Lincoln, Kansas City and Omaha Young Men's Christian association are here, with many former college athletes in their lineups. Omaha, Sioux City, and York will have one relay race. South Omaha and Council Bluffs another, and there will be individual entrants from all of the high schools and others in Nebraska and Iowa.

EDUCATORS ELECT OFFICERS

Southeastern Nebraska Teachers' Association Adjourns.

Nebraska City, Neb., April 1.—The Southeastern Nebraska Teachers' association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Superintendent A. H. Staley of Superior; vice president, Superintendent B. A. Eastwood of Biller; secretary, Superintendent Lulu Woodford of Pawnee City; treasurer, Principal E. K. Hunt of Falls City; executive committee, R. C. Harris of Fairbury and Superintendent E. J. Bodwell of Beatrice.

NORRIS OPPOSES CANADIAN TREATY

Fifth District Congressman Declares Farmer Will Suffer.

Lincoln, April 1.—Congressman G. W. Norris of the Fifth Nebraska district, who is in the city, took the opposite side of the reciprocity measure proposed by President Taft as presented to the Commercial club two weeks ago by Senator Norris Brown. The representative outlined the injury at most sure to follow for the American farmer if the bill were passed. The arguments advanced by those in favor of it were answered at the same time.

The dining room of the Commercial club was filled with members of the club and the legislature when the speaker was introduced by Vice President Joyce. Governor Aldrich sat at the table with the guest of honor.

Most of the time was devoted to a discussion of how the so called reciprocity would affect the American farmer. The particular product which claimed the attention of the speaker was that of wheat. He claimed that the bill provides for taking off the tariff on all farm products, but leaves it on every article that the farmers have to buy. And this he thought to be a great injustice to a great class of American citizens.

WRECK NEAR CRAWFORD

Runaway Freight Train Crashes into Passenger.

Crawford, Neb., April 1.—A runaway freight train containing fifty-nine cars crashed into No. 42, Burlington east-bound passenger train, wrecking one engine and ten boxcars. That no one was injured is considered remarkable. The freight train had been set out on a siding, which is on a steep grade, and the brakes became loosened, allowing the train to run down the main line at a speed of eight miles an hour. No. 42's train requires a helper engine between Crawford and Belmont and this engine, which had just been attached, received the full impact of the runaway cars and undoubtedly saved the lives of the imperilled passengers.

No. 42 was standing still at the depot and the engineer and fireman of the wrecked engine saw the danger and saved themselves by jumping. Traffic was delayed several hours by the wrecked cars.

HASTINGS DOCTOR IN TROUBLE

Dr. Swigart Is Held Responsible for Death of Sixteen-Year-Old Lass.

Hastings, Neb., April 1.—A coroner's jury held Dr. H. M. Swigart responsible for the death of Miss Grace Baker, aged sixteen, who died last Monday as a result of a criminal operation. Dr. Swigart was arrested and released on \$5,000 bond pending preliminary examination.

Safe Blown at Northport.

Bridgeport, Neb., April 1.—Burglars entered the branch store of the Bridgeport Mercantile company, across the river at Northport, blew open the safe and secured \$75 in money. The post-office is in the same building, but neither the stamps nor any of the merchandise was interfered with.

Omaha Pioneer Ends Life.

Omaha, April 1.—Allen Koch, a retired dry goods merchant, shot and killed himself. Mr. Koch was sixty-two years old and had been ailing for some time. The body was found in the basement of the home. Mr. Koch had held a mirror before him and fired the bullet into his brain.

Better Select Your

while the picking is good. We tern suits bought especially quality in his clothes. Some of browns. Some with plaid ef-some one button, some are two ton styles. All of them are tail-fecton. Long graceful dip to that hug the neck and stay with all the latest improve-sirable features to be had in find them in our Quality Line, We show some beautiful styles other stores ask \$27 to \$30 ing. Come in now and select the right thing.



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FARMERS ORGANIZE 'PHONE COMPANY

Incorporated for \$20,000 With Headquarters at Louisville.

An enthusiastic meeting of the farmers of this vicinity was held at the Drake hotel Monday evening to perfect the organization of the Farmer's Mutual Telephone company.

Officers were elected as follows: President, C. G. Mayfield; vice president, Frank Stander; secretary, Henry Ragoss; treasurer, August Stander.

Another meeting will be held this (Saturday) afternoon for the selection of a board of directors. The capital stock is to be \$20,000, divided into shares of \$50 each, no stockholder to be permitted to own a controlling interest in the company.

As to whether the new company expects to connect with the local independent company or put in an independent switchboard is not stated. In the latter case it will be an inconvenience to local business men, who will necessarily have to maintain two telephones. From the fact that the Mutual company's stockholders are comprised of patrons of the local company it would appear that connecting arrangements would be a little more difficult to secure as it means the loss of comparatively all the local farmers' lines running out of Louisville for the Independent company.

The outcome of the whole matter will be watched with interest by Louisville people.—Louisville Courier.

Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming and go west, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder on the Woolsey farm, five and one-half miles northeast of Union, six and one-half miles southeast of Murray, and two and one-half miles southeast of the Lewiston church, commencing at 10 o'clock, on

MONDAY, APRIL 10th,

The following described property: Horses and Cattle.

Consisting of one team of geldings, 4 and 5 years old, weight 3,000 pounds; one bay brood mare, 13 years old, weight 1,250; one colt coming yearling; one bay mare coming 9 years old, weight 1,250; one good family horse, 6 years old, weight 1,200; one horse coming 9 years old, weight 1,150.

Eighteen head of cattle, consisting of 6 good milch cows, two fresh now, rest will be soon; 6 heifers and 3 bulls. 40 head of brood sows and stock hogs.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

Consisting of one Milwaukee binder and truck, one Boy riding cultivator, one Western Belle riding lister, one combined walking lister, one iron shank New Departure, one 3-section harrow, one set of black-smith tools, one wagon, hay rack, set of work harness, corn elevator, one 9x14 building on trucks, one buggy, cable stacker complete with poles, one horse clipper, Avery stump plow, some prairie hay, and many other

articles too numerous to mention.

One Threshing Outfit Complete.

With Garr-Scott 13-horse power engine, J. I. Case separator, 32-inch cylinder, 52-inch rear, with water tanks, self-feeder, blower and loader. This outfit in good shape, having been in the shed since last used. Also good buzz saw outfit.

Lunch Served on the Ground. Terms of Sale.

All sums of Ten Dollars and under, cash. Over Ten Dollars a credit of eight months' time will be given, purchaser giving bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest from date. No property to be removed from premises until settled for.

FRANK VALLERY, Robert Wilkinson, Auctioneer. Glen Boedecker, Clerk.

FACTS IN A MATTER THAT CAUSED MUCH CRITICISM

To the Editor: I understand that I have been criticised by some of the citizens of the Fourth ward because I have failed to build, or cause to be built, a sidewalk along the south end of our property, which runs south from Gold street through to the south line of this property. Now, as a matter of fact, and it may not be generally known, that the so-called street immediately south of this property spoken of is not a street at all, but is a strip of ground twenty feet wide which we gave the use of to the city for the accommodation of the people who live in that vicinity or who care to use this so-called street in connection with a thirty-foot strip running north to Gold street on the west side of this same property. Inasmuch as the ground is given practically free of cost to the city for the purpose mentioned, I could not see my way clear to build a sidewalk, and know, when the matter is explained, those who are prone to criticize will take a different view of the case. The contract with the city has only two years more to run. Yours truly,

George E. Dovey.

April 1, 1911.

George K. Was Fooled.

Ten years ago today Mr. George K. Staats was April fooled in a manner he has not yet forgotten, and which he is not likely to forget for ten years more. Some wag, who wanted to relieve Mr. Staats from the burden of paying the tax on his poultry, visited his hen house early that morning and took every fowl on the place. George has not yet seen the full force of the joke, as the birds were never returned.

Ex-County Treasurer W. D. Wheeler was in the city last evening en route to his home near Murary. Mr. Wheeler was on the South Omaha market with a load of hogs Thursday.

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DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT FREMONT THURSDAY NIGHT

The declamatory contest, an annual feature of the East Central Teachers' association, was held at the Larson theater last evening, the affair being under the direction of R. V. Garrett, president, of Scribner. Prof. Softley of Fremont, J. L. McBrien and Prof. Reed of Lincoln were the judges. The recitations were not concluded till after 10:30, and the judges' decision came at a rather late hour. Each contestant had more or less friends present, for each got a good round of applause upon the conclusion of the oration or recitation given.

In the oratorical class the judges awarded first place and gold medal to Richard Kading of Schuyler, with John Wenstrand of Wahoo second.

In the humorous class Clarence Eldam of Fremont as winner of the gold medal, with Miss Amy Gladfelter of Wahoo second.

Fred Babcock of Columbus was easy winner of the medal in the dramatic class, while there was a tie between Jessie L. Sprecher of Schuyler and Ruth Wagner of North Bend, each being favored with presentation of a medal and honorable mention.—Fremont Herald.

Plattsmouth was represented in the oratorical contest by John Faltre, who has quite a local reputation in this line, and we opine that the successful contestants had to go some to win out.

Brother Very Ill.

Mrs. F. H. Copeland will depart this evening for Rockport, Missouri, where she is called owing to the serious illness of her brother. The young man, who is 15 years of age, met with the misfortune to fall down a flight of stairs leading to a cave a few days ago, receiving what was thought to be slight injuries, but which later developed into hemorrhages, and is now suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, the former having a situation on the News-Herald, have resided in Plattsmouth but a few months.

Another New One.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wegener of Weeping Water, John Wegener of Loupville and Miss Carrie Schaefer of Manly were visitors in the city today, attending to various business matters. All were pleasant callers at this office, and while here Mr. Herman Wegener handed us the price of a year's subscription and asked us to enroll his name on our already large list, which we were very much pleased to do.

Pasture for Rent.

Horses at \$1.25, cattle 75c per month. J. D. Shrader.

Make Final Settlement.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. W. T. Richardson of Mynard was in the city today looking after the final settlement of the estate of William Renner, deceased, of which he is the administrator. Matthew Goring represented the estate before the county court; A. L. Tidd was appointed guardian ad litem for the minor heirs, and C. L. Herger, as general guardian for the minors, appeared in court to receipt for the shares owing to the minor sons of the deceased. The widow, Mrs. Emma Renner, is in California.

PLATTSMOUTH SURE TO HAVE FIDDLERS' CONTEST

The Haymakers held their regular meeting last night at their hall at the Red Men building. After the meeting a special committee of Red Men met to consider the proposition of a much talked of fiddlers' contest. The matter was gone over and it was decided by the special committee that such a contest could be made a success here, and now is the time to make preparations for the meet. Other towns, including Omaha, have had these rare musical events and the public has been greatly pleased and entertained.

There are some very fine violinists in the surrounding communities, some of whom have played the fiddle "ever since Old Hee was a pup," and by long practice at wielding the bow are very dexterous with horsehair, and these gentlemen could no doubt be induced to join in a contest to determine who could best play the "Devil's Dream," "The Fisher's Horn-Pipe," and many other old-time blood-stirring melodies.

A committee composed of the following named gentlemen was appointed to go over the matter again and decide on a date and rules governing the contest: Anton Koubek, John Corey, John Nemetz, Joe Libershall, Frank Libershall, Al Egenberger, John Iverson and William Gravett. This committee will have a meeting Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Wigwam, and every member of the committee should be present.

Begin Attachment Case.

Attachment proceedings was commenced yesterday evening against Mrs. Myrtle Payne by J. V. Egenberger, the amount of the suit being about \$24. There is included in this suit an assigned account of H. M. Soennefischen. The defendant left the city on No. 15 yesterday afternoon and may not return. There are many other small claims to be sued should there be sufficient property to pay them. The suit was brought before Judge Archer.

Return From California.

Mr. J. H. Becker and wife and son and daughter, Miss Carrie and George, returned from California this morning, where they spent the winter. The entire party returned feeling fine and improved in health and enjoyed their stay on the coast very much.

Miss Esther Larson came up from Union last evening for a short visit with her parents.

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