

# BOERS WILL FIGHT ON

Spirit of the Sturdy Men of the Republic Remains Unchanged.

## OFFICIAL ADDRESS FROM PRETORIA

**Surrender of Cronje Will Not Discourage Them in Their Defense—Krugger Says God is Testing Burghers—He Brings Tears to the Eyes of Bloemfontein People by a Speech.**

PRETORIA, March 9.—Secretary of State Reitz has issued a war bulletin in which, after saying the government has no official tidings of the surrender of General Cronje, but must accept it as a fact, however painful, adds:

"The government remains assured that the burghers in their defense of their independence and standing as a nation. The struggle thus far has shown the republics have vindicated themselves as an independent people. This reverse will not stagger us. In the struggle for our cherished rights our belief remains that, whatever happens, the Lord will rule."

"Owing to the invasion of the Free State by a large force of the enemy and other circumstances it became necessary to take up other positions, hence the burghers in Natal have returned to Biggarsburg. All the commandos have reached there safely, except a few which retired in the direction of Van Rensburg's pass. Thus, Ladysmith and Kimberley are no more besieged. In retiring the enemy was time after time driven back, so that our laagers were not cut off. In these fights a few men were killed or wounded and the enemy lost heavily."

"In spite of all reports the spirit of the fighting men as to the outcome remains unchanged. Among the commandos in Natal the burghers are full of courage."

"General De Wet now commands all the commandos at the Modder river. It is understood that President Krugger's visit to Bloemfontein was to try to arrange a compromise of the differences between the Transvaalers and Free State."

A special dispatch from Bloemfontein says that President Krugger, addressing a crowd of people Monday, said:

"Although God is testing our people, my personal opinion is that the limit of the test is nearly reached. If the people are sustained by faith in the turn of adversity, God will soon again turn the tide in our favor. If we have strong faith in God, He will surely deliver us. The God of Deliverance of the olden time is the same God now."

"The speech of the venerable president brought tears to the eyes of men and women alike. The Free State national anthem was then sung. The visit of President Krugger has done much good and has cheered the despondents. More recently he has been visiting the commandos south of Bloemfontein."

Much satisfaction is expressed in all circles at the courtesies extended to General Cronje by the British.

## SOLDIERS ORDERED HOME.

Three Battalions Will Be Withdrawn From the Philippines.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: By direction of Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn, instructions have been sent to Major General Otis to return to the United States some time in May one battalion each of the Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third infantry.

The withdrawal of these troops was recommended by Major General Miles several months ago. He pointed out to the department that the three regiments designated would have been two years in the Philippines next June.

There is no doubt that the decision of the department to withdraw three battalions which number more than 1,000 men, is influenced to some extent by the disorganization of the rebel army and the prospect that the American troops will no longer meet with resistance from an organized force.

Mr. Lawson Administrator.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Lectures of administration were issued today to Mrs. Mary C. Lawson, in the matter of the estate of her deceased husband, Major General Henry W. Lawson. Mrs. Lawson set forth in her petition for the letters that she had made diligent search and inquiry for a will of the deceased and had not found any. She also set forth information that he left or made one. Those entitled to the estate, it is explained, are the four children of the deceased general. The petition set forth that at the time of his death the only personal estate of General Lawson consisted of his accumulated pay as an officer, amounting to about \$1,000.

Congressmen Visit the Island.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The congressional committee on Cuban and Porto Rican affairs will go to Cuba early next week. The United States steamship Dolphin will take the senators and representatives on board at some convenient southern port and after going to Havana will make a circuit of Cuba, touching at the principal ports.

Harrison Not a Candidate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 9.—The news this afternoon says: "It is stated by intimate friends of General Harrison that he is chagrined that his name should be so freely used in the newspapers of the country in connection with public questions now under consideration. Efforts to make it appear that he is planning to step forward as an anti-administration leader, with the hope that he may be called on to become a candidate for president, is, it is said, especially distasteful to him. His friends say that he has not the slightest desire to re-enter politics."

Carl Norton Strikes It Rich.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 9.—Word was received in this city last evening that Carl Norton, manager of the starch works of this city and vice president of the United Starch company, has accepted the position of manager an vice president of the United States Sugar Refinery company at Waukegan, Ill. This is one of the largest plants in the world and the new position carries a salary half as big as that of the president of the United States. His successor here has not yet been named as yet. His family will join him about May 1.

# LEAD IS FIRE SWEEP.

South Dakota Town Damaged to Extent of Three Hundred Thousand.

LEAD, S. D., March 9.—Fire which started about 1:30 this morning in the DeWitt block destroyed \$300,000 worth of property before it was brought under control at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The loss is covered by \$100,000 insurance. Forty-three buildings were destroyed, including two brick blocks. The Homestate offices and large store, as well as the Hearst free library, sustained considerable damage from water and explosion of dynamite across the street. One solid block of wooden tenement houses was consumed.

One contract was let today for a \$15,000 stone and brick block to replace the burned structures and architects from this city and Deadwood are drawing plans for four other buildings.

Several reasons contributed to the spread of the flames. One of them was the inflammable nature of most of the buildings, which were of frame. Another was the high wind, which amounted almost to a gale, and another was the inadequate pressure of water. In addition to the local fire department the entire force of the Deadwood, Terravilla and Central City departments were summoned, but in spite of their best efforts the fire continued to spread. It was finally checked by the use of dynamite. Buildings in the path of the flames were blown up and so far as possible the debris taken out of the way. The shocks of the explosions were so great that they shattered the windows in many business houses.

At one time it looked as though nothing could save the entire business part of the town and the big reduction works and stamp mill of the Home-state Mining company and the other big mining properties of the camp. The blowing up of the buildings stopped the fire, however, before it reached these valuable properties. In all, between forty and fifty buildings were destroyed. Among them were practically all the houses in the tenement district.

## PLANS TO IMPROVE RIVERS.

Number of Suggestions for the Mississippi Are Offered.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The senate committee on commerce granted a hearing today to a number of persons interested in river improvements, among them James Selden Cowden, in the interest of his plan for the improvement of the Mississippi river, a number of New Orleans business men in behalf of other plans for Mississippi river improvements and Mr. Charles Stoughton, in support of the project for the construction of a canal to connect the lower Harlem river with Long Island sound.

Messrs. Bryant, Saunders and Woodward were heard upon the necessity for the improvement of the Mississippi river outlet. They especially urged an immediate appropriation for the construction of dredges with which to keep the South Pass clear after the expiration of the present Eads bridge contract.

## EXPERTS SAY PEACE IS NEAR.

Expect Free Staters to Abandon the War Soon.

LONDON, March 9.—The full extent of Lord Roberts' success yesterday is not clear, but the best informed appear satisfied that it brings peace perceptibly nearer. Experts anticipate that the burghers will make no further stand west of the Free State capital, and some of them even deduce from the fact that the Boer forces are divided and have retreated in different directions that demoralization has set in and that the Transvaal forces will next be found carefully entrenched in positions north of the Vail river, while the bulk of the Free Staters will abandon the contest and sue for peace. Elsewhere the news indicates that the conditions continue hopeful from a British point of view, the telegrams from Mafeking alone showing any despondency.

## RUMOR OF PEACE OVERTURES.

London Paper Hears Reports of Informal Proposals.

LONDON, March 7.—The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday—and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct—that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day."

## TROUBLE IN SANTO DOMINGO.

Governor in a Plot to Overthrow the Government.

SANTO DOMINGO, March 9.—The government has apparently discovered that a political movement in opposition to it is pending. General Pepin, the former governor of Santiago de los Caballeros, has voted against the government and government troops have been sent against him. A state of siege has been declared and constitutional guarantees have been suspended in the southwest part of the island. Several arrests have been made and a change in the cabinet may take place soon. This city is quiet.

Populist National Convention.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 9.—Arrangements for the national populist convention are being rapidly perfected. A letter has been received from Chairman Butler of the national committee, denying the report that the committee contemplated changing the date and place of the convention to correspond with the democratic gathering at Kansas City. As the new auditorium will seat but 4,000, it is planned to secure a huge tent, seating 30,000, and offer it to the national committee. A number of temporary buildings will be constructed to supply sleeping quarters.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$299,967,577; gold reserve, \$238,692,601.

Wagons to Cost More.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 9.—The rise in prices of kinds of material caused the National Wagonmakers' association to hold a meeting at the Auditorium Annex. It was announced that since no apparent decline in prices could be hoped for a rise in the prices of wagons probably would be made.

# ROBERTS ROUTS BOERS

He Reports, However, Finding a Second Line of Entrenchments.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES REPORTED

Included Is One Lieutenant of Lancers Killed and Two Officers Wounded—Krugger to Be Taken to St. Helena—His Losses Said to Have Been Much Heavier Than Reported.

LONDON, March 8.—The war office has just posted these advices from Lord Roberts.

"POPULAR GROVE, March 8.—Evening—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy who are in full retreat."

"The position which they occupy is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with a second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made."

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and artillery horses are much done up."

"The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy."

"Our casualties are about fifty. I regret to say that Lieutenant Keswick was killed and Lieutenant Bailey was severely wounded, both of the Twelfth lancers. Lieutenant De Crespigny of the Second Life guards was severely wounded. Remaining casualties will be telegraphed tomorrow."

"Generals De Wet and De Larey commanded the Boer forces."

"OSFONTEIN, March 8.—Our operations today promise to be a great success. The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of the Modder river. I placed General Colville's division on the north bank and General Kelly-Kenny's and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in turning the enemy's left flank, opening a road for the Sixth division, which is advancing without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time. The enemy is in full retreat toward the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's division, Colville's Ninth division and the Guards brigade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening."

"Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as the enemy were quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened."

"OSFONTEIN, March 8.—Lord Roberts' force attacked early this morning. General French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled, leaving a gun and large quantities of forage and their tents. He is now in pursuit."

The Boers on the north bank are also evacuating the position.

LONDON, March 8.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfontein and in the evening from Popular Grove, fourteen miles eastward. By an application of the elementary principles of strategy, the Boer positions, 30,000 men and 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer center and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

Senate Committee May Visit Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on relations with Cuba today authorized the chairman, Senator Platt of Connecticut, to appoint a subcommittee of three to visit Cuba. This committee has not yet been named and Senator Platt has not determined definitely to appoint it at all. The authorization is not mandatory and will only be exercised in case the business of the senate renders it feasible for senators to be absent.

Consider Canal Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on foreign relations today considered the Hay-Pauncefote Nicaragua canal treaty, but reached no conclusion. The committee adjourned to meet Friday, when the treaty will be taken up. The postponement was due to the desire to have the subcommittee investigate some facts bearing upon the treaty which have not yet been taken cognizance of.

Germany Prepare Tariff Schedule.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The German government has caused to be prepared a tariff schedule, differing considerably from the existing schedule. Vice Consul General Hanauer at Frankfurt, who reports the fact to the State department, says that the most noticeable feature of the new schedule is its minute specifications of articles. It contains 1,800 numbers. The principal purpose appears to be a closer grading.

## REPORT ON PORTO RICO.

Senate Committee Favors House Bill Regarding Revenues.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on appropriations today authorized a favorable report on the house bill providing that the revenues collected from Porto Rico be expended in that island.

No Boers Near Ladysmith.

LADYSMITH, March 8.—There are no Boers within twenty miles of here. Plenty of supplies are available and the troops are quickly recovering their strength. Many of the volunteers have been granted furloughs.

Four Thousands Get a Raise.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 8.—Four thousand employees of the National Tube works at McKeesport Pa. were today notified of a 10 per cent advance in wages. The increase includes all day laborers in the tube mills. The tonnage men will get their advance next week, when the rate is fixed by the Amalgamated association. This is the second increase of 10 per cent that the day men of the National Tube company have received within six months and makes the wages of the common laborer higher than at any time in the history of the works.

# IMPRISONED MEN DOOMED

Between Eighty and Ninety Still in the Red Ash Mine.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 8.—Hope for the rescue alive of the eighty or ninety miners believed to be still entombed in the Red Ash mine, the scene of yesterday's explosion, has been practically abandoned.

A number of dead bodies were taken from the shaft after 11 o'clock last night, and, although the working party is unremitting in its efforts to reach the part of the workings still cut off it is feared they will be too late to save the entombed workmen.

HINTON, W. Va., March 8.—It is almost a certainty that forty-two lives were lost in yesterday's explosion at the Red Ash mines. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but is supposed to have been caused by a miner entering the unused room in the mines with an open lamp. There were forty-two men in the mine at the time of the explosion, and if it had occurred twenty minutes later the loss of life would have reached 150 or more.

The names of those supposed to have been in the mines at the time of the explosion who are as yet unaccounted for are: Sam Sheff, Pohn Clark, Andy Pritt, Quin Stewart, Ed Hobbs, Robert Jones, Grayville Holmes, Sam Shew, Junius Sanders, Bill Sledge, Vale Edgars, John Stone, Ed Harper, William Holmes, Ed Haverich, William Haverich, Alfred Collins, Tobe Collins, Charles Fouts, N. C. Ramsey, James Washington, Newville Douse, John Douse, Berry Tucker, Rolston Holmes, Charles Downey, Edward Downey, Ernest Long, Thomas Long, Carl Downey, Late Long.

So far twenty-nine dead bodies have been recovered; only the following have been identified: B. B. Long, John Day, Joe Elliott, Mat Quarles, Sm Jackson, James Hackney, boss driver, and William Williams.

The others who have been taken out could not be identified. The work of rescuing is being pushed as rapidly as possible, but the afterdamp being very strong, men can work but a few minutes at a time.

## BULLER ADDRESSES THE ARMY.

Raises the Courage and Tenacity of the Troops.

DURBAN, March 8.—General Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Ladysmith, says: "Two forces during the last few months have striven with conspicuous gallantry and splendid devotion to maintain the honor of the queen and the country. The Ladysmith garrison for four months held that position against every attack with complete success and endured many privations with admirable fortitude. The relieving force had to force its way through an unknown country, across unfordable streams and, almost inaccessible heights, face a fully prepared, well armed and equipped enemy. By the exhibition of the truest courage, courage that burns steadily beside flashing brilliantly, it accomplished its object and added a glorious page to the history of the country."

"Ladysmith was successfully held and relieved and the sailors and soldiers, colonial and home born, who had done this were united by one desire and inspired by one patriotism."

The order congratulates both forces on the martial qualities displayed during the passage of the hill, the leaders who determined the efforts. General Buller also sympathizes with the relatives and friends of the gallant comrades who have fallen.

## PREPARE FOR EXTRA SESSION.

Smallpox Near Decatur.

DECATUR, Neb., March 12.—Dr. Ross of this city reports a case of smallpox nine miles northwest of here on the reservation. The name of the patient is Gallup. The doctors here were busy vaccinating many residents of Decatur.

Will Impach County Judge.

CULBERTSON, Neb., March 12.—Articles of impeachment were drawn to be filed against C. W. Shurtleff, county judge. The complaint consists of about twenty specifications, leading with his neglect to seal the ballots after the Brown-Crews contest.

Shade On Goes to Kentucky.

EWING, Neb., March 12.—Shade On, the 6-year-old pacing stallion, with a record of 2:10, and owned by Mr. J. N. Kay of Ewing, was shipped to Louisville, Ky., via the American Express company, March 8, at which place he is leased for the coming season. Mr. Kay accompanied him.

Will Raise Sugar Beets.

CULBERTSON, Neb., March 12.—Ed Ewel, representing the American Beet Sugar company of Grand Island, was in the city. The company has leased land to plant thirty acres of sugar beets for itself, while the farmers have contracted to plant over 100 acres.

Arrested for Stealing Coal.

AINSWORTH, Neb., March 12.—Detective Fred M. Hans of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad brought in five more men from Long Pine for stealing from the railroad company's yards at Logn Pine. They were brought before Judge C. W. Potter and pleaded guilty. Frank Farrer was fined \$5 and costs, John Harris, \$5 and costs; Samuel Oliver, \$20; A. White, \$5; Z. Mustelt, \$10 and costs.

Don't get into the habit of relating your troubles to your relations.

His Arm Amputated.

NEMAHA, Neb., March 12.—The right arm of Johnson P. Hoover has been amputated on account of a cancer. Hoover is a prominent farmer and stock raiser.

To Sue for Shortage.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 12.—The county supervisors have instructed the county attorney to proceed against the bondsmen of J. W. Lynch, the ex-county treasurer, whose original shortage was \$30,000, but which was reduced to \$13,000 by Lynch.

Delicate Surgical Operation.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 12.—A very delicate surgical operation was performed on the person of Frank Weingand. The large intestine had grown fast to the adjacent walls, and had to be cut loose. Doctors successfully performed the operation.

Mrs. Engler, residing in the west end of Dawson county, was brought to this city in an insane condition and is in custody awaiting the action of the board of insanity.

A man must be very much alive in order to be a dead beat.

# TRIAL MUST PROCEED

A Continuance for Dinsmore is Absolutely Refused.

## THE CASE TO COME UP MARCH 12

Judge Sullivan Declines Even to Hear Argument for Postponement—Prisoner Taken Back to Kearney—Disastrous Wreck on a Union Pacific Branch—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 12.—Frank L. Dinsmore was taken before Judge Sullivan, and his attorney, Norris Brown, asked for permission to present arguments for a continuance of his case beyond next Monday. Judge Sullivan would not even allow the motion to be argued, but said at once:

"I told you that this case would be tried on March 12, and March 12 it shall be tried."

It was not ten minutes from the time Dinsmore was taken from the cell to apply for a continuance until he was returned with a refusal. S. I. Puck, sheriff of Buffalo county, and Special Deputy Arnold then took the prisoner to the train, and he was conveyed back to Kearney, where he will be held until today. The case is attracting wide attention and many visitors will be in the city this week for the sole purpose of hearing the trial. Dinsmore took his refusal for a continuance very calmly.

Wreck of a Stock Train.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—The special stock train on the Union Pacific which left Kansas City for Valparaiso, Neb., met with a serious accident at Rock Cut, seven miles southeast of Beatrice.

Thirteen cars left the track, two loaded stock cars were overturned and one lumber car was completely wrecked. The tops of the cars had to be torn off to let the cattle out. Many cattle were badly injured and several had to be killed. Four cars are completely wrecked on either side of the track. Rails were broken and bent and ties for 200 yards were ground into splinters.

The accident was caused by a broken flange on the head stock car, the wreck occurring in the center of the train. None of the train crew were hurt. Wrecking crews were sent from here and Marysville.

Program for the Unveiling.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 12.—With favorable weather this city will entertain a very large crowd next Thursday, that being the date chosen for the unveiling exercises. The monument recently erected in Frankfort park to the memory of the soldiers of the civil war will be formally accepted by the committee and then officially turned over by Baker post to the city.

An extensive program has been arranged and all railroads have made a reduced rate for the occasion. Department Commander J. E. Evans, Governor Poynter, Adjutant General Barry and other distinguished visitors will be here and take part in the exercises. Grand Army posts from a number of towns in this part of the state will be here.

Changed Not in the Grave.

CHADRON, Neb., March 9.—Four years ago two brothers in Dawson county died and were buried on the land near Chadron. About the holidays an admirer of the estate of the two brothers came here, had the bodies taken up and sent to the old home in South Dakota. When they were unearthed the caskets were neither rotted or molded and had hardly lost their polish. The bodies were almost as natural as the day they were buried and the hair was as perfect as if just combed. The burials were not injured, and all showed that the moisture of rain and snow fall had not penetrated the earth the depth of the grave.

Not a Pleading Record.

CHADRON, Neb., March 9.—The trial of the George Coil murder case brought out the fact that within the history of Dawes county including the time before it was divided from Sioux county, there had been twenty-two murders committed and there had not been a single conviction in all that time; that Dawes county had had more murders than any county in the state, with the exception of Douglas and Lancaster, in which the cities of Omaha and Lincoln are situated.

York Preparing for Firemen.

YORK, Neb., March 9.—York people will hang up \$1,500 in cash purse to be awarded at the coming state volunteer firemen's tournament, which is to be held here the last of July. The citizens of this place are already making preparations for showing the visiting firemen the biggest time they ever had at a state tournament.

Falls Dead From Wagon.

BRADY ISLAND, Neb., March 9.—Mrs. Able, wife of Charles Able, living eighteen miles north of here fell dead from a wagon just as they were starting from this place for home.

Arrested for Liquor Selling.

ALBION, Neb., March 9.—Alton D. White of St. Edward, Neb., who was fined \$1,400 at the February term of court for selling liquors without a license, was arrested and liquor found in his possession. He was brought to Albion, put in jail, waived preliminary examination and the Bond Surety company of Omaha furnished bond for his appearance at the next term of district court and he was released from jail.

Two Brothers Killed in Philippines.

KILLEVA, Neb., March 9.—Lieutenant E. F. Kool of the Ninth Infantry, killed near Tarlac, was brother of B. Koehler of this city and of A. Koehler, who was buried here ten days ago.

Bones Broken While Skating.

FAIRMONT, Neb., March 9.—The 12-year-old boy of N. T. Magee, while skating with his school mates fell on the ice and another boy was skating with him fell on him, breaking bones of the leg below the knee.

# BOARD MAY FIX RATES.

Has Full Authority to Regulate Charges for Telephone Messages.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—The supreme court adjourned last night after handing down decisions in seventeen cases, among them being the case of the Nebraska Telephone company against the State Board of Transportation, involving the constitutionality of the act authorizing the board to fix and regulate telephone rates. The court decided that the act in question is in no respect contrary to the constitution. The decision of the lower court in refusing to enjoin the board from fixing such rates was affirmed, leaving the board and its secretaries free to go ahead with the consideration of complaints now pending, the principal one of which was filed by John O. Yates of Omaha. The opinion was written by Judge Sullivan.

In the case of The Bee Publishing company, plaintiff in error, against the World Publishing company, the court holds that because the damages awarded in the lower court were in excess of the loss sustained by the plaintiff the judgment of \$4,000 should be reversed. The condition is made that if a remittitur for \$3,000 is filed the judgment will be affirmed.

The case of George E. Hebbard against Auditor Cornell, asking for a writ of mandamus compelling the approval of his claim for salary for services rendered as deputy food commissioner, was continued until the next sitting of the supreme court. This case was set for hearing this week and the attorneys on both sides were prepared to submit their arguments to the court. The continuance was granted on the application of Attorney General Smyth to give his former law partner, T. J. Mahoney, an opportunity to appear in behalf of the butterine makers of South Omaha.

Syrup From Sugar Beets.

FREMONT, Neb., March 9.—John W. Schadt of this city has succeeded in making a syrup from sugar beets which he thinks will prove a strong competitor with cane and other syrups and molasses for cooking purposes. It is about the same consistency and a little darker in color than the best grade of New Orleans molasses and contains no granulated sugar in suspension. Mr. Schadt, who is familiar with the beet sugar business in Germany, has spent considerable time experimenting with the manufacture of beet syrup and has found the most difficult problem to be the removal of mineral salts and alkali, which made it unfit for cooking purposes. His process does this without spoiling the syrup. The beets are first thoroughly cooked and the juice extracted. This is then treated by super-heated steam, passes through a chemical process and is evaporated to the proper consistency.

Opportunity to Advance.

CHADRON, Neb., March 9.—A new plan of employment which some of the young men of Dawes county are taking advantage of on a seven years' contract is to engage as sheep herders on the plains for large stockmasters. The terms are to work for \$16 a month and board for the first year. They are to get \$20 per month for the second year, \$25 for the third year and five dollars per month increase for each subsequent year, making the salary \$55 per month the last year. Under the contract all their savings is to be put into the business as an investment. At the end of seven years a judicious saver will have a herd of his own. The employer also secures the best labor at low wages for several years. Within will be enabled to let his herder invest at the present high prices, the tendency of which will be downward.

Sheep Eaten by Coyotes.

CHADRON, Neb., March 7.—The report has reached Chadron of the loss of 300 sheep in the flock of I. Griffith, a recent investor in a flock of sheep. They packed up in a shed and smothered, nearly 300 in one night. During a storm the next day they drifted apart and a number of the flock was lost. When found a few days later 100 had been killed by coyotes. He is the only sheepman in Northwest Nebraska yet reported to have sustained loss. Most sheep are sleek and fat.

Will Manage a Newspaper.

BEEMER, Neb., March 7.—The ladies of the Congregational church of this city will take entire control of the Times next week, soliciting business for the same and paying all expenses. It is undertaken in the interest of the new Congregational church and the insurance policy may be, will go toward liquidating the indebtedness thereof. Mr. Godell, publisher of the Times, has generously given the ladies this opportunity.

Death of Leading Stockman.

AINSWORTH, Neb., March 7.—N. C. Hedrick, a prominent stockman of this county, died of typhoid fever. Mr. Hedrick served four years in the late war. He was a member of the Masonic order, was sixty-two years of age and well respected by all. He came here from Iowa some six years ago and located near town on a ranch and has been very successful in raising and feeding cattle. He leaves a wife and seven children.

The Fair is a Go.

YORK, Neb., March 7.—The agricultural society of this county has finally decided to hold a fair this year, which will occur the latter part of September. The members held a meeting in the court house, at which time this decision was reached. Before adjourning the usual number of superintendents and committees were appointed necessary to run the fair.

Farmer Insane.

MINDEN, Neb., March 7.—Homer L. Sizer, a farmer, 69 years of age, living five miles north of town, was brought before the insanity commission and adjudged insane. He harbors the idea that someone is trying to murder him or do him violence.

Judge W. J. Richardson Dead.

GERING, Neb., March 7.—Judge William J. Richardson died quite suddenly. Judge Richardson was one of the original settlers in this county and has held numerous offices in this county, besides having been identified with most of the litigation here since the county was organized.

Farmer Demands Damages.

FREMONT, Neb., March 7.—There is a case being tried in district court under Judge Grimison which interests in a great degree many farmers whose lands are near the new central cut-off ditch. Ellis J. Beebe sues the county of Dodge for \$5,000 claimed damages and for the price of the land taken. There are thirteen similar cases set for trial this term, and the result of this one is being carefully watched, as it will doubtless influence the others greatly.

Close of Farmers' Office.

CREIGHTON, Neb., March 7.—The Knox county farmers' institute closed its present session here, with a lecture by Rev. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln. The papers, addresses and discussions have been of a very high order, and were very helpful to all who were fortunate enough to attend. This has been the most successful institute yet held, and is very encouraging to those who have the work at heart. A picnic dinner was greatly enjoyed by the farmers and their wives in the hall.

Liars should possess good memories.

# SUGAR BEETS WANTED

Farmers Around Culbertson Impromptu to Grow the Same.

## THE WOMAN USES A REVOLVER

Mrs. Browner of Fairbury Goes After Her Hubby With a 38-Caliber—Scared but Not Injured—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters From Various Sections.

CULBERTSON, Neb., March 7.—Henry S. Ferrar, resident manager, and Ed Ewel, agriculturalist, representing the American Beet Sugar company of Grand Island, were in the city, their object being to contract with the farmers for the raising of forty acres more of sugar beets under the irrigation ditch, for the coming season. They will contract for all the beets raised at the price of \$4 per ton on board cars at this city. A resident foreman will be sent free of charge to the farmers to instruct them all the details of beet raising. As irrigated beets at that price will bring about \$48 per acre, and the cultivation will not exceed \$22 per acre, and the beets are a grasshopper-proof product, there is no reason why the project should not be of benefit to farmers here.

Shoots at Her Husband.

FAIRBURY, Neb., March 7.—Mrs. Nora Browner, shot at her husband, George Browner, five times with a 38-caliber revolver. The trouble occurred in a tenement house in the southeast part of town, where the woman with her two little daughters has been living. Some weeks since there was some trouble between the husband and wife, and they separated. Browner went to the house where the woman was living and demanded admittance. A resident sitting of the supreme court. This case was set for hearing this week and the attorneys on both sides were prepared to submit their arguments to the court. The continuance was granted on the application of Attorney General Smyth to give his former law partner, T. J. Mahoney, an opportunity to appear in behalf of the butterine makers of South Omaha.

Auditorium for Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 7.—The subscription fund for the new auditorium has been closed and the building is now assured. The site has been selected, corner of Thirteenth and Myrtle streets, and the excavating will commence to arrive in a few days, and it is expected to have the building completed in time for the commencement exercises in June. The building will be 60x120 feet, and by the terms of the contract the city will have a room for library free; also use of the building for school purposes free.

Sheep Eaten by Coyotes.

CHADRON, Neb., March 7.—The report has reached Chadron of the loss of 300 sheep in the flock of I. Griffith, a recent investor in a flock of