

# PRESIDENT SEEN

STOCK RAISERS' ASSOCIATION HAVE A HEARING.

## AT TO HAVING FENCE REMOVED

No Encouragement that the Order Regarding Same Will Be Rescinded—President Rather in Favor of Small Settlers.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Senators Dietrich and Millard presented to the president the representatives of the Stock Raisers' association who have been in the city for the past week looking after general legislation that will open the public domain to the cattlemen under the leasehold proposition which is contemplated in bills now pending before congress.

President Roosevelt expressed himself as desirous of seeing the range problems of the west adjusted so the lands may be secured for small settlers with the least degree of hardship upon those now using them for grazing purposes. In the matter of removal of fences, which was taken up by the delegation, no assurance could be given of relief from the orders which have been issued by the interior department providing for taking down the fences around government land. The visiting cattlemen have little hope of securing any modification of the fence removal orders. They assert that the removal of the fences without the passage of the grazing land leasing law will cause the withdrawal of much capital from the cattle business and will force many investors and owners of herds to remove their property to Canada, where the government is very liberal in its treatment of stock owners.

Before leaving the capital the cattlemen will endeavor to formulate a bill providing a leasing regulation applicable to the state of Nebraska, leaving other states to depend upon their own exertions to secure leasing legislation suitable to their needs.

### Most's Appeal is Denied.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 30.—The application of Johann Most of New York for a certificate of reasonable doubt in connection with his appeal from a judgment of conviction of violating the state laws relative to inflammatory publications was today denied by Chief Justice Parker of the court of appeals. Most was convicted of having published in his paper an article which, it was held by the court, "tended to destroy the public peace." Most will be compelled to go to prison pending the final settlement of the case by the court of appeals.

### Packing House Employees Discharged.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Five hundred employes of the packing firm of Libby, McNeill & Libby, have been released, owing to "dull times." They were given their discharge Saturday night, but the fact did not become generally known till yesterday. Superintendent Morrow of Libby, McNeill & Libby, said that the proposed government investigation of the packing business had nothing to do with the letting out of employes and the plant would by no means be closed. It is not unusual for the meat business to grow comparatively dull at this season.

### Iowa Monuments.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 30.—The Vicksburg commission for Iowa has been selected by the governor and the contracts for the construction of monuments to cost \$150,000 will be let at once. These monuments will be erected on the battlefield of Vicksburg to the Iowa dead. The following is the commission: J. F. Merry, Dubuque; L. C. Blanchard, Oskaloosa; J. A. Fitchpatrick, Nevada; E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids; D. A. Haggard, Algona; W. O. Mitchell, Corning; W. H. C. Jacques, Ottumwa; H. H. Hood, Mt. Vernon; J. H. Dean, Des Moines.

### Installation June 19.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., April 30.—Very Rev. T. Treacy, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church and dean of Northwestern Iowa, received a letter from Bishop-elect Phillip J. Garrigan of Washington, D. C., stating he would arrive in Sioux City June 19 and that his installation would occur on that date. He directed that Rev. Father Treacy be transferred to the deanery of Carroll, Ia., on June 1. Dean Treacy has been in Sioux City fourteen years.

Manufacturers of car and locomotive brake beams have formed a trust.

### Conservative Dies with Him.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 30.—It has been announced that after this issue "The Conservative," a weekly journal established by the late J. Sterling Morton, will be suspended.

### Hay Has Not Withdrawn.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., April 30.—The friends of John W. Hay announce that he has not withdrawn his name as a candidate for nomination as congressman from Wyoming.

## GROSS & BLACKENED MASS.

Business Portion of Nebraska Town Obliterated by Flames.

GROSS, Neb., May 5.—The business portion of this town was obliterated by fire, probably of incendiary origin, which started in the rear of Korab's saloon, never ceasing in fury until the work of destruction was complete. The combined efforts of the citizens against the awful conflagration was of no avail and buildings after building melted before the roaring flames.

This place was a thriving town, in spite of its having been left out of direct railway communication, but it will probably not rise from this body blow.

The following are the losses, which amount to nearly \$30,000, with but one-third of that amount of insurance: Marcellus restaurant, bowling alley, Korab's saloon, Seller's harness shop, Blair's general store, M. E. Smith & Co., general merchandise; Gross Hardware and Furniture company; B. B. Gross, general merchandise; Bank of Gross and Simms' barn.

### The Fancy Cattle Sale.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., May 5.—The auction combination sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle was held at the sale pavilion. The cows averaged \$225 and the bullocks \$135 per head. This was considered satisfactory by the owners, as the offerings as a whole were not considered the very best. The top price was brought by "Blackbird Wellington," a cow owned by Smith & Baker, and sold to Cantine Bros., at Holstein, Ia., for \$3,010, the largest price ever received here.

### Lays Down Law to Corporations.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 5.—Assessor Ackerman is compelling corporations to put in all of the difference between their real and personal property and paid up capital stock, deducting no indebtedness, as per the recent decision of the supreme court, and there is some talk of the corporations here getting together and compelling other property to be assessed on an equal scale.

### E. L. Chenoweth a Suicide.

OSCEOLA, Neb., May 5.—People here were greatly shocked to hear that E. L. Chenoweth had committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. The act occurred near his home, about two miles from town. He got up about 5 o'clock, telling his wife that he was going out back of the barn, and he took his gun with him. He was soon after found dead.

### Pays Bounty on Eighteen Scalps.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 5.—The bounty on eighteen scalps was paid at the court house by County Clerk Plasters. Nine of the eighteen were coyotes and the others gray wolves. The animals were captured by C. H. Pfeiffer of Clatonia township, and Clarence and Arthur Laisure of Riverside. The bounty paid was \$39.50.

### Child Drowns in Water Jar.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 5.—The year old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Wheeler, during the absence of the mother from the house, fell into a five-gallon jar of water, and when the mother returned to the house all signs of life were extinct and all efforts to revive the child proved unavailing.

### Falling Tree Kills Boy.

LEXINGTON, Neb., May 5.—Mr. Backhouse, a farmer living south of the Platte river and about six miles west of this city, lost his two-year-old son by accident. He was falling trees. His son was caught under one when it fell and he was instantly killed.

### Albion Man Violates Game Law.

ALBION, Neb., May 5.—Alex Wilson of this city was arrested by State Game Warden McConnell and fined \$10 and costs for violating the game laws of the state.

### Red Willow County Gets Rain.

INDIANOLA, Neb., May 5.—One-half inch of rain, which was pretty general over Red Willow county, fell here. Grain is looking well.

### Western Roller Mill Burned.

WESTERN, Neb., May 5.—The steam roller mill at this place, the property of Charles Linn, was totally destroyed by fire.

The French battleship Gaulois must be off Annapolis, instead of in Baltimore harbor, during the Rochambeau statue dedication, because of possibility.

### Alleged Murderers Held in York.

YORK, Neb., May 5.—August F. Jahnke and Alfred Jahnke, father and son, who were placed in York county jail for safe keeping were brought here by Sheriff Reed of Alliance and will be confined here until the next term of court in that county. The Jahnkes strenuously assert that they are the victims of an excited community and that the death of Sierk on April 18 was the result of an accident and not a murder.

# KILL AN OUTLAW

A HORSE THIEF FIRES ON PURSUER AND MEETS DEATH.

## A BATTLE IN THE SAND HILLS

Ex-Sheriff Houck of Ord Hurt in the Fight—One Thief Shot Down and the Other Captured—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., April 30.—Charles Wilson, horse thief, is dead, and ex-Sheriff Houck of Ord is wounded, as a result of two battles with two horse thieves near North Loup. Geo. Haskell, Wilson's partner in crime, is in jail in this city. Wilson was shot in the head by his pursuers in the second battle. Haskell was captured soon after without resistance. Houck was shot in the foot and in the hand. His injuries are not serious.

The battles resulted from a chase after horse thieves in Greeley, Sherman and Valley counties. Thursday night six horses were stolen, two each from Farmers Prichard, Peterson and Giles, living about seventeen miles northeast of Greeley Center. The trail of the thieves was at once taken up.

The pursuers were aided by Detective C. M. Franklin and Malone's bloodhounds from Lincoln. The posse pursued the thieves until ex-Sheriff Houck and Sheriff Kake came upon them in the sand hills. The horse thieves turned on their pursuers and a battle ensued in which Houck was wounded, being hit twice. Many shots were fired by both sides. Finally the thieves escaped. The chase continued and in the afternoon Meyers and the Hutchins brothers again got within range of the fugitives. They at once reopened fire.

The shooting attracted other sections of the pursuing party, scattered over two or three miles of sand hill territory and they began closing in on the thieves. When they reached the first party they found that Wilson had been killed and that Haskell had been taken prisoner.

From near Spaulding, where the horses were taken, the thieves took a southwesterly direction into Sherman county. Then they moved northward into Valley county, where the pursuers, by cutting across country, soon overtook them. They passed through Loup City with six horses. When they reached the sand hills they apparently thought they were on safe ground and proceeded more leisurely.

The six horses were recovered, the two men having them in their possession. They have been identified by their owners. Haskell admits that he and Wilson stole them.

### Pay Tribute to Morton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Officials of the department of agriculture adopted resolutions on the death of Former Secretary Morton at Chicago. Dr. O. E. Dyson of the Chicago headquarters of the bureau of animal industry; H. J. Cox, of the Chicago weather bureau, and Dr. D. C. Ayer, of Omaha, were appointed a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of the department.

### Cherry Duchess Is Dead.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 30.—The famous show cow, Cherry Duchess No. 49178, owned by the Riverside ranch at Ashland, Neb., died April 27. Cherry Duchess met with an accident on April 11, and her owner, in order to relieve her of her suffering, ordered her killed. Cherry Duchess was not only a show cow, but a first class breeder also. She died at the age of 12 years.

### New Corporations.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 30.—The Provident Land Investment company, incorporated by C. M. Chittenden and O. H. Davidson of Omaha, has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000. Thomas R. Ashley of Decatur has applied to the state banking board for permission to start a private bank.

### But Nine Cases for Trial.

FREMONT, Neb., April 30.—Judge Hollenbeck in district court called the cases which will be tried at the May term, nine in number. This is the smallest list which has been made up for any term in Dodge county for the last ten years. None of the cases are of special importance.

### Former Nebraskan Dead.

YORK, Neb., April 30.—A telegram was received here stating that Charles F. Dillon, a former resident of this place, had died at Lead City, S. D.

### The Town in Mourning.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 30.—The news of the death of J. Sterling Morton has caused the town to take on the garb of deepest mourning. Long streamers of black crape are hanging from the front of both public and private buildings. Telegrams of condolence have been coming in from Mr. Morton's friends all over the country, bringing additional evidence of the great regard in which he was held in this city.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. CATTLE—The bulk of the receipts consisted of beef steers and the quality was good, the same as it has been for some time past. The market was slow in opening and packers as a rule tried to buy their supplies lower. Sellers, though, were holding for steady prices, and the rest of the cattle that changed hands sold that way. It was hard to get steady prices, though, so that although offerings were light, it was late before anything like a clearance was made. The cow market was slow, but not far from steady. The feeling, though, was by no means firm, and the tendency was to pound the market wherever possible. Some sales looked a little lower, but as a rule sellers succeeded in getting right close to steady prices for the desirable grades. There were comparatively few cows and heifers in the yards, but it was late before they were out of first hands. There was not enough change from yesterday in the prices paid for bulls, veal calves and stags to be worthy of mention. While prices held about steady trade was by no means active. There were only a few stockers and feeders in the yards, and as the demand from the country remains very light the market was slow and no more than steady. Good stuff sold without much trouble, but common grades were neglected, the same as usual.

HOGS—There were not nearly as many hogs on sale as yesterday, but as other markets were all quoted lower prices at this point also took a tumble. The market, however, grew more active later on and gained a little strength, so that a good many hogs did not sell over a nickel lower. Practically everything was sold in good season. The bulk of the good weight hogs sold from \$7.00 to \$7.15, medium weights from \$6.50 to \$7.00 and the lightweights from \$6.50 down.

SHEEP—Quotations are thus given: Good to choice lightweight yearlings, \$6.00 to \$6.25; fair to good, \$5.75 to \$6.00; good to choice wethers, \$5.50 to \$6.00; fair to good, \$5.25 to \$5.75; good to choice ewes, \$5.00 to \$5.25; fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good to choice lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.40; fair to good, \$5.75 to \$6.15. Woolled stock sells about 25¢ above clipped stock. Choice Colorado woolled lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.00; fair to good, \$6.50 to \$6.85.

### KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Market steady to the lower; choice export dressed beef steers, \$7.75 to \$7.90; fair to good, \$6.90 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$6.00 to \$6.25; western fed steers, \$4.90 to \$5.15; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas cows, \$2.50 to \$3.00; native cows, \$2.75 to \$3.25; native steers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; bulls, \$3.10 to \$3.25; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market about steady; native lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.10; western lambs, \$6.40 to \$7.15; native wethers, \$5.60 to \$5.85; western wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Texas clipped yearlings, \$6.00 to \$6.20; Texas clipped sheep, \$4.75 to \$5.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

### OFFICERS NOT INTOXICATED.

When Senator Depew and Mark Twain met the other night the Senator began a story, at the conclusion of which he laughed heartily. Mark Twain smiled sadly and said:

"Senator, let me look at your hand." The Senator turned up his palm and Mr. Clemens examined it intently for a minute and then remarked softly:

"Party released on pardon from king and are on board."

In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press the imprisoned officers warmly repudiated the reports from Rome that they were under the influence of wine at the time of the trouble, and said that, on the contrary, they were absolutely sober.

Lieutenant John S. Dorrdrige remarked:

"After the accidental upsetting of a table in a cafe by myself and a companion at 11 o'clock at night we were followed and attacked by a mob and two municipal policemen appeared on the scene. I, with my open hand, motioned the crowd to keep off. The police then seized us, but the mob became so threatening that our brother officers and a marine who happened to be on the piazza ran to our rescue. We acted only in self-defense and against a large, hostile crowd. We did not strike the police. Doubtless misunderstanding of the two languages has something to do with the trouble. We have been allowed to remain together in prison, but the room in which we have been confined swarmed with insects."

### J. Sterling Morton's Will.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 3.—The will of the late J. Sterling Morton was opened today at the county court in the presence of the heirs and their representatives. The estate is estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The will provides for an annuity to be paid to Miss Emma Morton, the sister of the deceased, during the balance of her life. The estate is then divided in four equal parts, one part each for each of the sons or their heirs by representation. The homestead, Arbor Lodge, goes to the oldest son, Joy Morton.

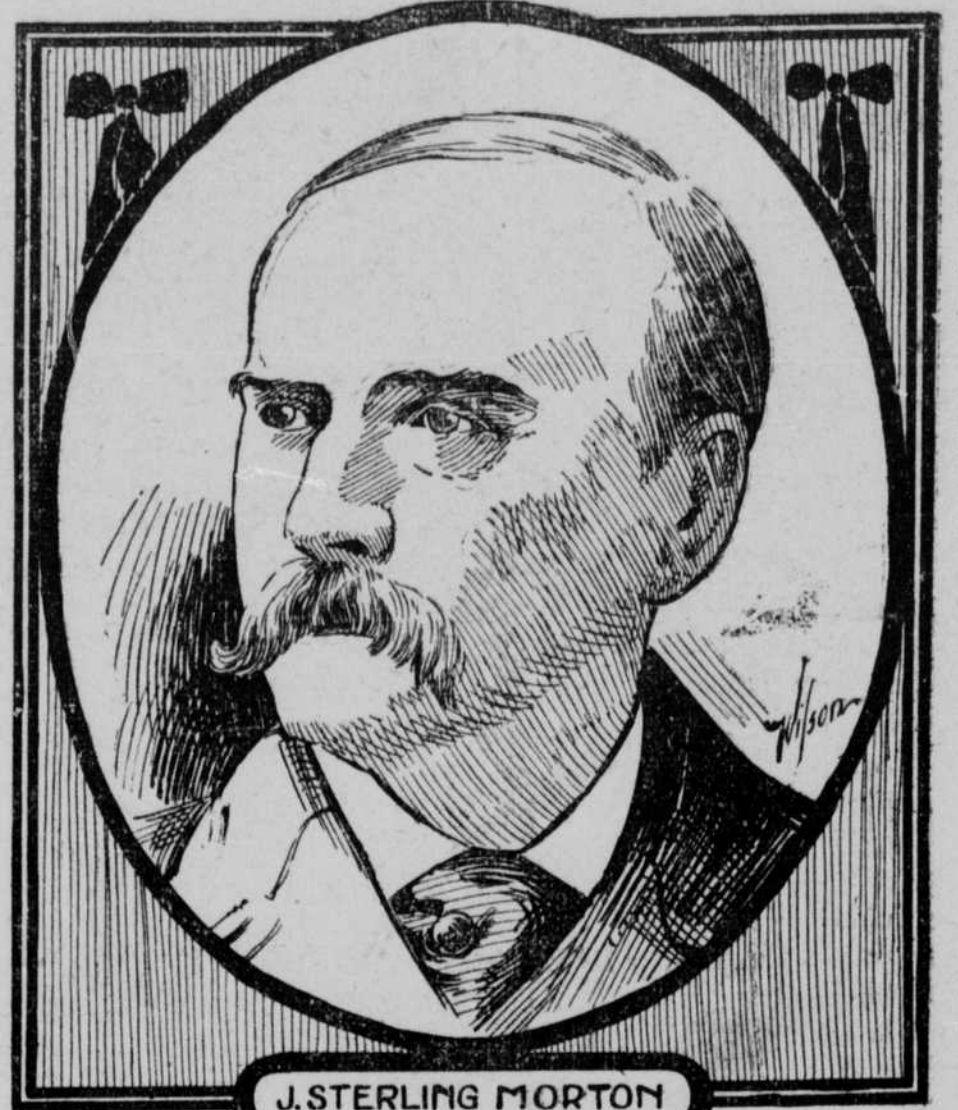
### Hail Visits Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 3.—A terrific hail storm has raged over western Oklahoma and great havoc was wrought in its path.

### Government Sure to Fail.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, May 3.—Vice President Vasquez of Santo Domingo, leader of the revolution against President Jimenez, has arrived at Guerra, near Santo Domingo, the capital. The fall of the Jimenez government is expected today or tomorrow. At Porto Plata, the principal port of Santo Domingo, large bodies of government troops have been concentrated, and they are supported by Dominican war vessels.

## EX-SECRETARY J. STERLING MORTON, "FATHER OF ARBOR DAY," WHO DIED LAST WEEK.



J. STERLING MORTON

J. Sterling Morton, editor, lawyer, politician, statesman, founder of "Arbor Day," and a member of Mr. Cleveland's last cabinet, is dead. He was 70 years old.

He has been failing since the death of a son, Charles Morton, a year ago, but his malady became seriously threatening less than a month since, and his death was unexpected.

Mr. Morton was a New York state man, born in Jefferson county in 1832. He was only 22 years old when he came west and settled in Bellevue, Neb. The following year he issued the first number of the Nebraska City News.

He entered public life early, being elected a member of the Nebraska

legislature before he had been two years in the state, and ever afterward was prominent in home affairs. He was offered the portfolio of Secretary of agriculture by Mr. Cleveland, accepted it and assumed office March 7, 1893. He remained in the cabinet for four years, was markedly successful and he and his chief were warm friends.

He was best known nationally as the "Father of Arbor Day." It was largely his idea, he urged its adoption and, when authorized, promulgated it. This holiday has been adopted by forty-two states, and there are now more flourishing trees in this country to be credited to him than to any man who has ever lived in America.

### One on Senator Depew.

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### Dogs in Quarantine.

A new law in England requires that all dogs brought from abroad shall be kept in quarantine for six months at such place as may be provided by the British authorities, but at the expense of the owner.

### Where It Belonged.

Foreman—Where shall I put this item about the retirement of Alderman Soaker from public life? Editor—Put it under "Public Improvements."—Puck.

### One on Macbeth.

Macbeth was suffering from insomnia.

"Is this a dagger I see before me?" he inquired of the Presence which he somehow felt was occupying the same room he was.

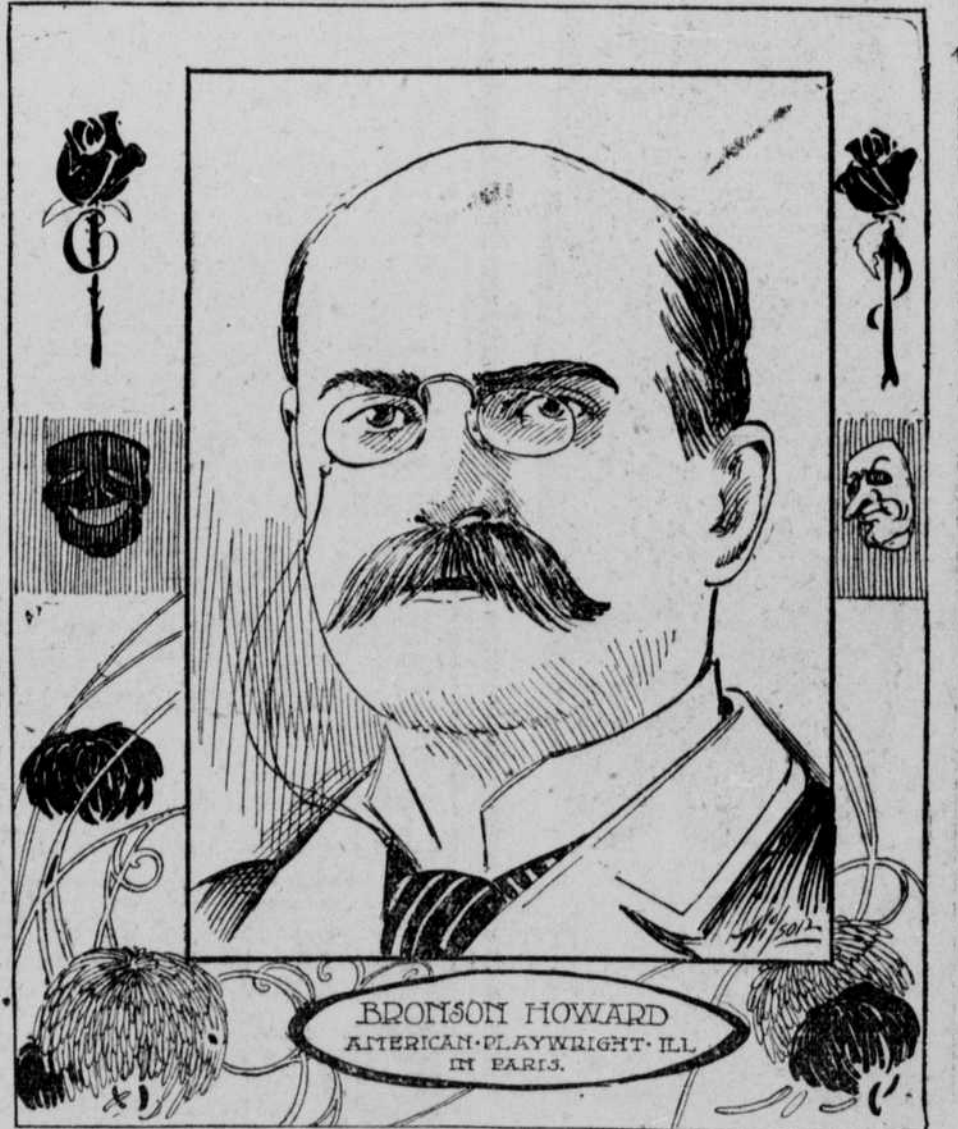
"What do you think it is," sniffed the Presence, with fine scorn, "a Mause-ri-fer or a Krupp cannon?"

Considering the age he was living in, Macbeth was struck by the common sense of the observations of the Presence, and, feeling certain that it was a dagger, he decided to let it dag as soon as the fatal moment arrived.

### Furbishing Rejected MSS.

When a manuscript has traveled to and from a certain number of offices, it begins to tell its own tale—the tale of "Declined with thanks." An American lady novelist, however, has been confessing that she did not allow her rejected MSS. to tell this sad story. Each time they appeared on the editor's table they looked as though they had never been on a journey before. They had been under a hot flatiron!—Buffalo Commercial.

## BRONSON HOWARD, NOTED AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT, SERIOUSLY ILL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



BRONSON HOWARD AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT-ILL IN PARIS.

Bronson Howard, the well-known writer of American plays, who is so ill in France that small hope for his recovery is entertained by his friends, is now in his fifty-first year and really in the zenith of his fame. He began his career as a newspaper man in his home city of Detroit and worked his way into the authorship of plays

through his capacity as a dramatic critic. His first success, "Saratoga," was produced in New York in 1870. His other early plays are "Diamonds," "Hurricanes," "The Banker's Daughter," "Wives," and "Young Mrs. Winthrop," while his later dramas are still current on the stage. His forte lay in his plots.