TURKS TAKE LARISSA

DISASTROUS DEFEAT FOR THE GREEKS.

The Headquarters of the Main Greelan Army Hurriedly Removed Twenty Miles Threatened by Greeks.

LONDON, April . 6 .- That the Greeks have suffered a disastrous reverse at the hands of Edhem Pasha, who was only yesterday removed from the command of the Turkish force in Thessaly, is undoubted and reports of the succusses of the warships in destroying Turkish stores do not serve to soften the consternation in Athens and throughout Greece this Easter eve of the Greek church.

The first news of the disaster to the Greek arms came this afternoon in the shape of the following semi-official announcement: "In a flerce engagement at Mati yesterday the troops fought heroically until 6 o'clock in the evening and compelled the Turks to retreat. Whereupon the Turks were heavily re-enforced and our positions were shaken and the retreat was ordered. It is not yet known if the retreat was general.'

Following this a dispatch from the headquarters staff on the Thessalian frontier was given out as follows: Our troops are concentrated along the line of Pharsalosis in consequence of these operations, the abandonment of Tyrnavo and Larissa being considered inevitable."

Then came a special dispatch from Athens saying that after a desperate battle at Mati, which was defended by General Mastophos, the Greeks were outnumbered, retreating with heavy loss, abandoned Tyrnavo and Larissa and removed their headq arters to Pharsalosis, a small town on the right bank of the Phersalitis river and at the north foot of a spur of the Chassidiari mountains, about twenty miles due south of Larissa.

TURKEY'S TROUBL ... GREAT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26. - The latest advices from the seat of war in Thessaly indicate that the Greek forces have penetrated into Turkish territory, reaching the rear of Elassons on the Mount Olympus side. This is most serious news for the Turks. The divisions of the Turkish army stationed at Monastir and Salonica are about to start for Elassona.

In Epirus the Greek division which defeated the Turks at Fillipidia is continuing its march on Jannina, near which place a strong Turkish force is gathered and an important battle will most likely be fought. The most alarming news received from Epirus is that four battalions of Albanians, belonging to the Luros division of the Turkish army, have mutinied and are said to have deserted to the Greeks.

The Turkish government, some days ago, called upon Bulgaria as the vassal of Turkey to break off all diplomatic relations with Greece and to exthe Greek consuls and Greeks. The Bulgarian government, it is now announced, has declined to comply, declaring that she will observe neutrality in the war between Turkey and Greece. This refusal of Bulgaria to acknowledge her vassalage to Turkey is regarded as of extreme importance and as foreshadowing the declaration of the independence of Bulgaria.

The ambassadors of the powers have decided to address identical notes to the Turkish government asking that the Greeks employed by the foreign ministeries, consulates and hospitals and all Greek ecclesiastics be permitted to remain in Turkey and that the foreign consulates use their good offices in behalf of the Greeks who represent the interests of the foreign capital and finally that in any case the Turkish government should observe moderation in carrying out the expulsion of the Greeks.

In Constantinople alone there are 40,000 Greeks and throughout Turkey 200,000. Fears are expressed that disturbances will occur during the Greek Eastertide. Nevertheless a notice was read in all the mosques yesterday enjoining the Turks not to molest the peaceable Greeks.

BRITISH SYMPATHY DIVIDED.

LONDON, April 26.-Intense interest is displayed throughout Great Britain in the Greco-Turkish war, but the sympathies with the combatants run on party lines, the Conservatives lauding the Turks and the Liberals hoping for Greek success. In Ireland, where one would expect universal sympathy for Freece, there is an amazing amount of plaudits for Turkey, on the ground that the Turks are such good fighters.

The comments on the war are becoming more or less heated. Two letters from Mr. Gladstone since Monday have added fuel to the fire. He says that the six powers, "with the incomparable maladroitness which has distinguished them throughout, have said, in acts, to the Greeks, 'You shan't carry on your work in Crete. We will do the war work of the Turks there. It is thus they have driven the Greeks into Macedonia. It is an incredible shame that the incomparable bungling of the powers and sacrifices of honor, decency and humanity, in order to preserve peace, have caused war."

CHILD KILLED BY WIND

Fatal Small Tornado Southeast of Wame go, Kan.-Parents Badly Injured.

WAMEGO, Kan., April 26 .- A small tornado passed over a part of Wabaunsee county, eight miles southeast of here, last night. Henry Miller's 8year-old son was killed, while Miller and his wife were perhaps fatally hert. They live three miles north of McFarland. Their home, one of the best of many German farm houses in that valley, was completely demol-ished, while the other buildings on the place were untouched.

MILLIONS FOR GREECE.

Patriots Abroad Sending Home Help-Recruits From Many Sources.

The war has opened wide the purses of the Greeks abroad, and quantities of drafts of from \$5 to \$50 are coming from the United States and Canada for in the Interior-Elassona and Jannina the Greek defense fund. Probably close upon \$3,000,000 have passed through London for Greece during the past three weeks. A London banker said: "We only represent four United States and Canadian banks, from which these small drafts come, but if these represent anything like a fair proportion of the sums forwarded by other American banks, which, we think, is undoubtedly the case, the total amount of money sent to Greece from America is already very close upon a million pounds sterling. Besides these American contributions, the Greek merchants of London are forwarding large subscriptions of money and material."

The Daily Chronicle and the Star have opened funds for the wounded, and the amounts subscribed will be sent to the crown princess of Greece.

LENGTH OF THE WAR.

Ambassadors of three of the powers in London believe the war will be over in three weeks, and that when the Turks capture Larissa the sultan of Turkey will appeal to the powers to intervene in the interests of polley. In the meanwhile it is said that Great Britain has declined to agree to the proposition of Count Muravieff to abstain from intervention until one of the belligerents shall appeal for help. the Marquis of Salisbury being of the opinion that such an appeal will never be made, and that, in the meantime, circumstances may arise necessitating action upon the part of the powers.

GREEK MILITIA CALLED OUT. ATHENS, April 26.-It has been decided to call out the militia. In breece all able-bodied males from 21 years of age and upwards are liable to be called upon for military service. The total service is for nineteen years, of which two years (with considerable terms of leaves of absence) must be passed with the colors, seven years in the reserve and the remainder of the nineteen years in the militia.

WILL THE POWERS INTERVENE? PARIS. April 26. - A dispatch received her from Athens confirms the report that the Greeks have abandoned Tyrnavos and Larissa and have concen-

trated on their second line of defense. The news has caused the greatest agitation in political circles, and the diplomats are freely discussing the question whether the time has not arrived for the powers to take immediate steps to arrest the further advance of

the Turks in the Greek peninsula. The entire French squadron at Toulon is taking on board provisions, coal and ammunition in order to sall for the Levant, if necessary, to-morrow.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

The European War a Disturbing Factor

NEW YORK, April 26.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: 'If either Turkey or Greece had been wholly buried in the sea, markets might have been affected less than by the outbreak of war in Europe. Like fire in the heart of a corwded city, it raised the question whether a general conflagration may spring out of it. To this possibility, and not to the direct influence of either Turkey or Greece upon the world's money or produce markets, was due the excitement in grain and stocks. As the unknown is magnified American markets were more flighty than European, where the possibilities have been discussed and partly discounted for months. The uncertainty remains, and will affect the movement of money and staples until it disappears, creating a larger demand for American products at higher prices, causing hasty speculative selling of securities at times, but also more continuous buying by for-eign investors, and not improbably influencing the attitude of foreign powers on questions important to this country.

Cirujeda Disgraced.

HAVANA, April 26 .- It is said here that Commander Cirujeda, who commanded the forces that killed General Antonio Macco, has been sent back to Spain by Weyler under grave charges. Spaniards accuse him openly of being the cause of several defeats at Punts Brava at the hands of Castillo, the insurgent leader, and at Santa Ana. where almost the entire guerrilla force was killed. The loss was seventy killed. The chief of the guerillas was Miro, owing to the absence of Cirujeda and the death of the captain. Cirujeda was at Havana selling some cattle he had captured. He was ordered command his forces and prevent the landing of the expedition at Santa Ana. He remained at Miriano and sent the guerrillas with Miro.

Serious Fire at Gallatin, Mo. GALLATIN, Mo., April 26 .- Fire at 1 o'clock a. m. destroyed the northwest corner of Gallatin's business square, including Western hotel, Deming's photograph gallery, express offices, Miller's implement warehouse and Myers' barber shop, and damaged the old I. O. O. F. building and Brown's livery stable. The loss is about \$9,000, with about \$4,500 insurance.

Beat His Dying Wife. GUTHRIE, Okla., April 20.-J. Laws. living east of Perkins, is under arrest for beating his wife, Mrs. Jennie Laws, while she was dying. She had been ill for days and because she could not care for herself, he allowed her to go with no attention and when she begged him to get help, he beat and bused her in a manner almost beyond belief. Neighbors finally discovered her condition as she was dying, but were afraid to do anything. Mrs. Coates, a plucky little woman, swore out a warrant for the arrest of Laws and will prosecute him.

IS HELD TO BE VOID

FREE HIGH SCHOOL LAW IS NULLIFIED.

Decision of the Supreme Court Causes Friends of the Law to Feel Very Blue-Non-Residents Must Hereafter Pay Tuition Other News of Nebraska.

The recent decision of the supreme court declaring the free high school law invalid, caused a deep blue cloud to settle over the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. The law has been in working order for about two years and among those interested in educational matters it was considered in a very favorable light. The decision of the court renders the law ineffective on a technicality which exists in a goodly per cent of the laws on the statutes as they now stand. The case decided was the board of education of Aurora vs. Nellie Moses, who applied for tuition in the Aurora high school in accordance with the provisions of the law. The opinion is by Commissioner Ryan, extracts from which are self explanatory.

"The act of 1895 so amended the existing law as to permit any person of school age having a certain educational proficiency, though living outside the district, to receive instruction at the high school. This was clearly amendatory to the extent indicated and yet neither in the title nor in the body of the latter act is there any reference whatever to the section amended. Neither by the title of the act of 1895 nor by its provisions was there any reference to the law in existence which stood between herself and the exercise of the privilege demanded. The law of 1895 was not a complete act, but was amendatory of the law which denied ren-residents of Aurora, the right to rece ve the benefits of its high school

education. "The fundamental law of the state requires all the parts of an amended law to be incorporated in the act and the old law so amended to be repealed. If said constitutional provision is disregarded or not complied with in the amendment of the prior act, the new nct is void. The other provision of chapter 60 of the session laws of 1895 are dependent upon that which is open to the objection above cited and as the invalid portion without question formed an inducement to the passage of the entire act it must be declared unconstitutional and void."

During the school year of 1895 and 1896, the records show that 2,130 pupils took advantage of the law and re ceived free tuition. During the coming year the signs indicate that the number would have been largely increased. The state superintendent has been receiving applications almost daily for blanks to issue to students who wish to take advantage of the law. In the face of the recent decision, non-resident pupils will henceforth be forced to pay tuition when attending high schools.

BEATRICE PEOPLE SUFFER

Thousands Rendered Homeless By a Very provision for the ratification of the oil

Beatrice during the past thirty days has experienced the most disastrous flood in the history of the city. The incessant rains of the past few days had swollen the streams greatly, and the heavy rain of Friday night caused the Blue river and Indian creek to

rise with alarming rapidity. Saturday water poured into the fire boxes at the waterworks and the city was without fire protection and light all of Saturday and a portion of Sun-

Many heart rending scenes occured during the flood and cries for help could be heard constantly.

Fully eleven hundred people have

been rendered homeless, but all have been provided with ample food. Monday morning the flood went down and the people are resting easier. Sunday, while repairing a bridge on

the Rock Island, a worker named Jenkins was drowned. Four miles east of Beatrice, where the Burlington, the Rock Island and the Union Pacific lines parallel each

other for a considerable distance, the several tracks are piled together promiscuously. Sunday afternoon the fires in the water works department were re-

kindled and the strain on this account relieved.

"Queer" Shovers Arrested.

A secret service agent, assisted by the Omaha police, arrested three alleged counterfeiters and recovered an old rusty milk can partly full of counterfeit silver dollars and imitation \$20 gold pieces at the residence of John C. Henry, 1545 Sherman avenue, Omaha. There were ninety-four lead dollars and forty-four eagles. None of the money had been polished or gilded as yet and were just as they came from the molds, pieces of the metal still clinging to the edges. The secret service agent learned that counterfeit silver dollars were being offered for the nominal sum of 20 cents each or \$5 for \$1, and eagles at \$2 apiece. It was learned that a Fourteenth street saloon was the rendezvous of the representatives of the money makers and a close tab was kept on all comers and goers of a superious character. Henry and a cook named Gus Garterwalte were arrested. Henry claims to have found the can.

BREVITIES.

W. C. Couch of Sidney had one of the bones of his leg broken below the knee by a horse which he was riding falling

The parties responsible for the death of Frank Cole at O'Neill, have been captured. The murder was a coldblooded affair.

A large barn on the old Rogers place one mile south of Hoag was struck by lightning and destroyed, together with several head of stock and a quantity

HAILROAD POOL OPPOSED.

Senator Harris Has an Amendment - Re verses All Pooling.

WASHINGTON, April 26. - United States Senator Harris of Kansas has prepared an amendment to the Foraker pooling bill which he will introduce in Congress. It provides for an entire reversal of the plan of authorizing pooling contracts as contempiated in the Foraker bill, and meets with the favor of all who desire to see that the carrier is given no unfair advantage over the shippers and that all interests are equally protected.

Senator Foraker wants to give the railroads authority to pool and then submit their schedules of rates and classification of goods to the interstate commerce commission for its approval or rejection. The plan suggested by Senator Harris in his amendment is much simpler and will be much more of a curb upon extortionate pooling rates. His amendment provides that a full and complete schedule of the maximum rates and charges, together with the classification of all goods, commodities or merchandise, which shall be enforced, charged or used in the business of such common carriers, shall be submitted to the interstate commerce commission, and by the commission shall be approved as just and reasonable before such contracts as suggested in the pooling bill shall be authorized.

This would afford a national maximum rate schedule. It would give it also complete authority to regulate common carriers by granting it power to refuse assent to pooling contracts where the rates were not fair and

equitable. Senator Harris claims there can be no valid objection to his amendment. It simply makes as a condition precedent instead of a condition subsequent, the consent of the interstate commerce commission to any pooling agreements entered into by the railroads. If the roads find it necessary to make these agreements in order to conduct their business, the change proposed by his amendment ought to be satisfactory. The fight over the pooling bill is to be long and bitter, whether it is entered into now or postponed until the regu-lar session. For the first time since the interstate commerce commission was created it is in the power of Congress to include in one measure all legislation to permit it to cope on equal terms with the powerful railroad corporations.

THE INDIAN BILL.

The House Amends the Uncompaghre

Reservation Provision. WASHINGTON, April 26.-The House completed the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill and sent the bill to conference. The main contention centered about the Senate proposition to open the Uncompangre Indian reservation under the mineral land laws. Finally an amendment was recommended to the effect that no corporation should be allowed to obtain possession of these gilsonite deposits, but that the government should lease the' lands in limited areas and for limited terms of years. The Senate amendment striking from the House bill the Seneca Indians last December,

after a sharp debate, was disagreed to.
Mr. Bland of Missouri attempted early in the session to secure action on the resolution relative to the Union Pacific railroad mortgages. He presented the resolution as a privileged question, on the ground that, as there vas no committee to which the resolution could be referred this was the only way it could be brought before the House. The speaker ruled that it was not privileged, whereupon Mr. Bland appealed, and Mr. Dingley promptly moved to lay the appeal on

The appeal was laid on the table-87 to 75-twenty-two present and not

Under the resolution adopted earlier in the day the speaker appointed the following committee to attend the Grant tomb dedication exercises at New York: The Speaker, Messrs. Low, Cummings, Payne, McClellan, Dingley, Bailey, Hitt, McMillin, Dalzell, Allen, Burton, Hartman, Mercer, Walker of Virginia, McCleary, Brewer, Overstreet, Fitzpatrick, Sulloway, Dinsmore, Bartholdt, Tate and Ridgely of Kansas.

NORTHWEST DELUGED.

Unusually Heavy Rains Palling in Ne-

brasks and Iowa-Creston's Dam Goes. OMAHA, Neb., April 26.—Last night's rain added .77 inches to the week's Knox.—Some seeding has been done; fields on the bottoms along the Missouri OMAHA, Neb., April 26.-Last night's here since Monday to 2.79 inches. The reports received by the weather bureau indicate a rainfall of 2.13 inches at Lincoln, 2.30 at St. Joseph, 1.45 at Plattsmouth and 1.44 at Des Moines. The heaviest in this section was at Clarinda, Iowa, where the record of 3.9 inches was reached.

The most serious damage is reported from Creston, lowa, where the deluge washed out the dam that held back the water in the reservior from which the town was supplied. This flood washed out everything before it, badly damaging the Burlington railroad tracks, destroying county bridges. etc. No lives were lost.

The Burlington main line is tied up by an inundated track between Russell and Melrose, Ia. All branches are probably washed out

Colonel Mosby Injured. RICHMOND, Va. April 26.—Colonel John S. Mosby was thrown from a buggy at the University of Virginia vesterday afternoon and received a cut which may seriously injure one eye. Did Not Year Water. COLUMBIA, Mo., April 26.-Rev. S. H.

Pollard preached at the Mount Zion Baptist church in this county last night with his clothing so wet that little streams of water trickled from the pulpit. He drove to the church in s buggy and when he reached Cedar creek he found it s raging torrent. He rolled up his trousers stood on the seat and drove in. At times the horse was hardly able to keep his nose above the water. The buggy was completely out of sight and the preacher stood in water up to his knees. When he reached the church he said that a Bap-tlat should not fear water.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Furnished by the Government Crop and Weather Bureau.

Lincoln, Neb., April 20, 1897. The temperature for the past week has averaged about 3 degrees below the formal in the eastern sections and 1 degree below the normal in the western sections. Light frosts occurred on several days but no damage was done to

The rainfall has everywhere been be low the normal. A little rain fell along the lower Platte Valley and scattered showers around through the eastern sections the first of the week, but the rainfall nowhere exceeded half an inch.

The excessive rainfall of the week end-ing April 12th left the ground too wet for rapid progress in farm work the first two days of this week. The absence of rain, however, was very favorable and work was pushed rapidly in most sections during the remainder of

Spring wheat is all sown and generally the acreage is reported as larger than usual. The early sown pieces are up and looking nice. Oat seeding is about completed in the southeastern counties and generally well advanced. The acreage will probably be less than last year. Rye is generally in excellent condition. Winter wheat has improved but many fields in the southeastern portion of the state will be plowed up. The winter wheat in the south central portion of the state is in better condition. Tame grasses are starting well and in many sections cattle get most of their living in the pasture. Plowing for corn is

just commencing.
REPORT BY COUNTIES.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Butler-Wheat and out crops nearly all own; wheat and rye look well and pasures in good condition. Clay.-Plowing for corn in progress

quite an acreage of spring wheat, oats, and barley sown. Cass — Wheat seeding completed, early sown up and looks nice; oats nearly al

own; plowing for corn progressing. Fillmore.—Oats about all sown; some round plowed for corn; grass growing well; winter wheat poor. Gage.—Oats about all sown; fall wheat

poor start and much of it will be plowed up. Hamilton.-Ground getting in good

condition and much seeding done during the week; several light frosts. Jefferson-Oat seeding completed and the early sown coming up; a great deal of plowing done this week.

Johnson—Good week for sowing small grain and preparing ground for corn planting; wheat and grass made good

growth Lancaster-Oats are nearly all winter wheat coming out better than expected; some spring wheat sown.

Nemaha—Most of the oats sown; early

potatoes being planted; stock in pas-tures; good week for farm work. Nucholls—Oats being sown; but little has been done toward preparing ground for corn; winter wheat looks well.

Otoe—Oats nearly all sown; plowing for corn well begun, winter wheat about all gone; peach buds swelling.

Pawnee—More favorable week and all are busy getting in oats; ground

ready for corn planting.
Polk—Some few have fluished seeding

small grain, others have not commenced; rye looks fine; wheat only fair. Richardson—Early sown fall wheat shows some improvement, but many gas leases made by the council of acres of fall wheat will be plowed under. Saline-Oats mostly sown and ground plowed for corn, winter wheat very poor; early potatoes planted.

Saunders-Week favorable for seeding and almost all the wheat and oats sown; grass three inches high.
Seward-Spring seeding mostly fin-

ished and some are getting corn ground ready; early potatoes planted; reduced acreage of oats sown. Thayer-Grass starting slowly; oats sown but too cold to plant corn; oats

starting fair. York-Ground rather wet but considerable wheat and oats sown during the week; winter wheat and rye looking

NORTHEASTERN SECTION. Antelope-Wheat about all sown and oat seeding well under way; some plowing for corn done; grass starts s Boyd-Some progress made in farm work but delayed by snow storm of the 12th; grass beginning to appear.
Burt-Wheat all in and most of the barley and oats; acreage large of barley and wheat and small of oats.

Cedar—A little too wet but seeding has progressed very nicely; considerable plowing done.

Cuming.—Wheat about half sown;

tame grass just starting.
Dixon.—Wheat nearly all sown and some have commenced sowing oats; some wheat is coming up: ground very wet, Dodge.—Wheat seeding finished and oat seeding well along; wet; some plow-

are under water.

Madison.—Wheat all sown; early wheat up cats half sown; lowland past

ures getting green.
Pierce. Seeding nearly done; ground plenty wet, freezes nights yet. Platte.-Spring wheat about all sown and oat seeding well advanced; grass

making a good start. Sarpy.—Spring work being gushed but too cold for vegetation to advance rapidly; light frosts on 17th and 18th. Stanton.-Wheat is nearly all sown and some oats have been put in; past-

ures are starting nicely.

Thurston.-Considerable seeding has been done although ground is still wet and cold. plowing for corn has begun. Wayne.—Wheat about ball sown and acreage sown will be large; a few farmers

CENTRAL SECTION. Boone—Seeding nearly done: a little plowing for corn; some wheat is coming up; week favorable for seeding.

Buffalo—Spring seeding pushed the last of the week and is well advanced; grain well advanced.
Custer—About all the wheat and som of the oats sown; a large acreage of

wheat sown. wheat sown.

Dawson—Spring work way behind because of too much rain; wheat and rye look well; grass starting nicely.

Greeley—Wheat seeding almost completed; large acreage of small grain sown; wheat and rye look fine.

Hall—Winter wheat is looking very fine; spring wheat coming up; much

fine; spring wheat coming up; much seeding done; some corn ground plowed. Howard—About all the small grain in and some plowing for corn done; rye and winter wheat look well.

Loup—Spring cold and late seeding

about half done; more water in the ground than for twelve years before. Merrick-Rye looking fine; farmers sowing wheat and oats; weather rather

cold for vegetation.

Sherman-Wheat mostly in and much of the outs and barley and a few pota-

toes; early sown wheat is up. Valley-Wheat and oats not all sown; plowing for earn begun; farm work progreasing rapidly.

BOUTHWESTERN SECTION. Harlan-Wheat and alfalfa starting very slowly; more wheat sown than last year; some ground too wet to work. Red Willow-Grass is starting well and

fall wheat and oats are showing a rapid growth; plowing for corn well under way and some corn planted; soil in splendid condition.

Dundy-Wheat mostly sown and oats well under way. Perkins—Wheat about three-quarters

sown; early oats coming up. Adams-Small grain about sown; some plowing for corn,

Franklin -Spring seeding nearly done; some wheat up and some reported to be rotted; fall wheat and rye looking fine. Furnas-Ryd and winter wheat look

extra well; spring wheat is coming on finely; some plowing for corn. Hitchcock—Farm work being pushed;

wheat looks fine. Kearney-Favorable week for farm work and seeding progressing rapidly; wheat and oets being sown.

Lincoln-Grass coming out finely and plowing done,
Webster—Seeding of spring grain almost finished.

WESTERN AND NORTWESTERN SECTIONS. Box Butte-Wheat doing finely and a large acreage; ground in the best condition since 1892.

Keith-Wheat all sown and oats about all sown; alfalfa starting nicely; some plowing for corn. Kimball-Not more than half the

spring wheat sown.
Logan-Most of the wheat sown and some oats; week cool with lots of cloudy

Rock-Corn plowing begun; grass is getting a good start.
Scotts Bluff-Much wheat is being

Thomas-Ground cold and wet; no crop put in yet.

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BLUFFING THAT DIDN'T WORK. The Conductor Knew a Trick Worth Two of the Other Fellow's.

"Yes," said the smart man, who sat on the rear seat in the smoker, "it's dead easy to bluff these conductors if you know how. Now, I'll make a small bet that, although I have a ticket, I can travel to my destination without showing it or putting up a cent."

"I don't believe it," said the man in the front seat. "Well," insisted the smart man,

"just watch me when the conductor comes along." Ten minutes later the conductor did come along. He inquired for tickets in a peremptory manner. The smart

man made a move to get his. "Tickets!" said the conductor again

when he reached the rear seat. "See here, old fellow," said the smart man, "I haven't got any ticket. I'm an old railroad man. Used to be conductor on the Santa Fe and I want to go a piece with you."

"Used to be on the Santa I you?" inquired the conductor. "Well, I don't know but I can pass you By the way, what time is it? My watch isn't running just right."

The smart man winked at the man in front of him and pulled out his watch. "It's twenty minutes to 12," he said. The conductor held out his hand.

"Give me your ticket or money enough to pay your fare, or I'll put you off the train," he said sharply. The smart man reluctantly pulled out his ticket. As he handed it over

he said: "How in thunder did you know I was bluffing?" The conductor laughed a bit. "Oh," he said, "you were easy. If you'd ever been in the railroad business for ten minutes you'd have said 11:40 in-

stead of twenty minutes to 12." AN ODD WATERING TROUGH. Whole Generations of Biddies Got Drink From an Indian Mortar.

The noise made by an Indian woenabled the brave old Indian fighter, Colonel Benjamin Church, to accure the person of Annawan, the righthand man of King Philip, in 1676. There is hardly a town included in the Nipmuc country but has one or more of these crude mills of the red men. Grafton or Haranamisco holds an immense one on the borders of Kitville, not far from the last settlement of that tribe and near the battlefield on Keith hill, where Philip's men came to grief. There were certain places resorted to by the Indians for growing their corn, and as far as my knowledge extends they were usually on the hillsides.

Some of the small mortars have no doubt been removed from their original places, but others remain where they were used, fixed as the enduring hills. The soapstone vessels used by the Nipmucs are of various sizes and have been numerously found in Millbury and Sutton. Along the streams, in elefts of rocks and on the highest points of land they have been unearthed, many broken and others in perfect condition. I have in mind one which lies in the western part of Millbury, weighing perhaps seventyfive pounds and within fifty rods of Ramshorn stream. All that is known of its history is that the occupants of the farm had for generations used if as a watering trough for hens.

Express Agent a Suicide.

ARDMORE, I. T., April 20.-W. R. Cullen, agent for the Wells-Fargo Express company, on Thursday, when a traveling auditor entered his office to check his accounts, excused himself a moment, went to his residence, kissed his wife good bye, told her he was going to kill himself, entered the barrand sent a 38-caliber ball crashing through his brain. He died this morning. No shortage yet discovered.