

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

John C. Orrick, the well known St. Louis attorney, died of brain trouble.

The Chicago building trades' council will try again to bring the contractors to terms.

An anarchist meeting held in Berlin was dispersed by the police, who arrested the speaker.

At Amsterdam, N. Y., Judge John Beverly, late of the superior court of the state of Washington, died.

English purchasing agents have been stationed at Lawrence, Kan., to purchase artillery and cavalry horses.

At St. Joseph, Mo., A. Truicy, assistant night foreman of the South St. Joseph stock yards, committed suicide.

William McMullen of Nevada City, Nev., has been appointed inspector of surveyors general and local land offices.

Marcus Dally left Paris for London on his way back to New York. There is no truth in the report of his illness.

Animal keepers at Lincoln Park, Chicago, think the death of a 10-month-old leopard was due to appendicitis.

There is a vigorous resumption of work upon the part of the agricultural industries in the province of Santiago de Cuba.

Colonel Marchand, of Fashoda fame, has been appointed to the general staff of the China expeditionary corps of France.

Prince Maximilian of Saxony has accepted the professorship of canonical law at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland.

Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, has asked for a postponement of his trial until witnesses can arrive from the United States.

The sultan of Turkey has ordered a committee to investigate the recent massacre of two hundred Armenians in the Sasseu districts of Asiatic Turkey.

The station agent at the Milwaukee station at Slater, Ia., was slugged, bound and gagged, and his assailants then cracked and looted the safe.

At Medina, O., the county court house was wrecked by a terrific explosion of dynamite, a large box of which was stored in the basement of the building.

Arrangements are being made to have 5,000 wives, daughters and mothers of the locked out building trades' workmen march in the Labor day parade in Chicago.

Joe Alvarez, the richest cattleman of El Paso county, Texas, died of wounds received last week in a pitched battle with four New Mexico outlaws on his ranch near Vinton.

Miss Helen Gold has presented 250 specimens of valuable plants, which are cuttings from the Gold conservatories at Irvington, to the Botanical Gardens in Bronx Park in New York City.

The census office has made public the census returns of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The population of St. Paul is 163,632, an increase over 1890 of 30,476.

Calvin Titus, who scaled the walls of Peking, was a member of the Salvation army in Tokyo for several months. He was related to Captain Lee, a well known Salvation Army officer and an evangelist of some note.

After repeated efforts on the part of Mrs. Charles Bloecker to get the police magistrate to order her husband of Chicago, who had deserted her, to pay something towards her support, her baby died of starvation in the court room.

George H. Hosmer, one of the best known oarsmen in the world, is dead at the Carney hospital in Boston.

Owing to the case of bubonic plague at Hamburg, the government authorities are taking unusual precautions to avoid the introduction of the pest in any part of German territory.

Count von Goetzen has been promoted to the rank of captain on the general staff of the German army.

Things are lively in the "horse business" in the Pacific coast country. The United States, German and British governments are all striving hard to find and purchase cavalry and artillery horses for shipment to China.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, says the organization will take no partisan interest in politics this fall.

The population of Philadelphia, according to the count just completed at the census office, is 1,203,697. The population in 1890 was 1,046,964.

Miss Mary C. Burton of Kansas City, Kan., has been appointed a teacher at the Umatilla Indian school, Oregon.

Chairman Stewart of the prohibition national committee says that the prohibition special train with speakers will invade Kentucky and that the vote for Woolley is expected to be twice that for Leverings.

Major John B. Kerr of the Tenth cavalry is ordered to Berlin as military attaché of the United States embassy there.

A strike of all the woodworkers in Chicago will be called September 1 unless the mill owners consent to sign the agreement for an eight-hour day.

Governor Shaw has appointed Congressman J. P. Dooliver of Fort Dodge United States senator from Iowa to succeed John Henry Gear.

General Chaffee, the gallant commandant of the American troops in China, is slated for a promotion to the first vacancy that occurs among the brigadier generals.

A WAR CLOUD SO FAR.

Russia, Germany and Japan Have Yet to Break Off Relations with China.

RUMOR FROM FOO NOT CREDITED.

Washington Has Heard Nothing in Days From Coober, Remey or Chaffee—Fear Expressed as to International Action Meaning of Russian Attitude.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Russia, Germany and Japan have not declared war upon China, either separately or in concert. This statement is made upon the authority of the highest character.

What those nations may do within the next forty-eight hours, or within the next fortnight, is a question which no one in Washington is prepared to answer.

A brief dispatch from Che Foo, conveying a rumor current there that Russia, Germany and Japan had joined in a declaration of war upon China, aroused some interested comment among Washington officials and among diplomatic representatives of foreign governments resident here.

In neither official nor diplomatic circles, however, was the rumor taken seriously. No information of such action has reached either the Department of State or the legations of the governments primarily interested. That fact alone is accepted in official circles as a sufficient refutation of the rumor.

Officials of the State, War and Navy departments were at their desks early today, but up to the hour of closing for the day not a word had been heard from Minister Coober, General Chaffee or Admiral Remey.

Since the dispatch from Consul Fowler was received late last Thursday night the Department of State has received no advice from any source in China, except a brief cablegram from Minister Coober inquiring how he should route his messages.

The text of the dispatch, which it was explained, was very brief and purely administrative in character, was not made public. The War department has received no dispatch from General Chaffee, known to have come directly from him, for about a week.

Cablegrams signed "Chaffee" have been received, but as they contained only lists of casualties it is assumed they were sent by some subordinate officer in General Chaffee's name. From no official sources has the department learned of the departure of forty Americans from Peking to Tien Tsin, as reported to a London paper under date of August 13.

Advices from General Chaffee are expected hourly, as the military telegraph line between Tien Tsin and Peking, which has been interrupted, presumably is being or has been repaired. Imperative instructions were sent yesterday to the commander of the United States forces at Tien Tsin to have the line restored at once under the protection of a cavalry detachment.

A suspicion exists here that the delay in messages, both from and to Washington, is rather between Che Foo and Shanghai than between Tien Tsin and Peking. From Che Foo to Shanghai the telegraph line is in control of the Chinese authorities and it is suspected they are not so prompt in the transmission of messages as they might be.

Later in the day a dispatch was received at the Japanese legation from the foreign office of Japan conveying the latest and most authentic information of the situation in and around Peking. In a measure the advices were of a disquieting nature, as they indicated that the Chinese had rallied their forces and were preparing for an attack upon the allies in Peking. If it should prove that the allied forces were besieged in Peking it would account for the lack of advices from General Chaffee.

Americans Leave Peking. LONDON, Aug. 27.—A special dispatch from Peking, dated August 20, says: Forty Americans, with an escort of United States troops, start for Tien Tsin tomorrow.

March Through the Palace. PARIS, Aug. 27.—General Frey, commanding the French forces at Peking, telegraphs under date of August 20:

"The allies have driven the Boxers from all the points they occupied. The allies are camped outside the Imperial palace, which was occupied by some soldiers of the regular Chinese army. The generals decided to march the international forces through the palace doors, which were afterward closed."

Farmer Killed with a Shot Gun. STUART, Neb., Aug. 25.—Henry Beck, residing near Boneskee, S. D., was mowing and carrying a shotgun with him. In some manner the gun was discharged and the bullet penetrated his left lung, causing his death.

Mrs. Moore for President. TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 27.—Mrs. O. L. Moore, ex-department president of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas, is being hoisted for national president of the organization. She was endorsed at the recent state convention of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Kansas delegates to the Chicago encampment, which started north tonight, will work for her election.

Mexican War Veterans. CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 27.—The National Association of Mexican War Veterans will meet in Cincinnati, September 13 and 14, and the local committee of entertainment have arranged a very enjoyable program for the pleasure of the veterans. This program covers receptions, banquets and rides to points of interest in and about the city, including a visit to the military camp at Fort Thomas. Mexican veterans are expected from all over the country, as it is probable that this will be the last formal meeting of the national association.

FEAR OF FAMINE AT TIEN TSIN.

Thousands of Village Refugees Flocking to City Captured by Allies.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The latest news from Peking indicates that the situation there is unchanged. The imperial city is still invaded, but has not yet been occupied. The allies when the last message left, were still refraining from aggressive action pending instructions from their government.

An attack from 30,000 Boxers was expected and to meet this the whole American force and the British artillery, according to a dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking, dated August 18, was moved to the outer city wall. The Boxers were reported coming from the south.

General Doward, in his report of the engagement outside Tien Tsin August 19, when the Americans, British and Japanese signally defeated a large force of Boxers, killing over 300, says in a dispatch dated August 25:

"The lines of communication near Tien Tsin are now free from danger. The enemy had been treating the villagers badly. Several decapitated bodies were found near their camp. The villagers are now fighting at Tien Tsin at the rate of about a thousand a day. As there is not more than a month's food supply, there is every prospect of a famine shortly."

The declaration that a famine is imminent in consequence of the inadequate provisions for the hordes of refugees at Tien Tsin adds a new element of peril to the situation.

Shanghai advices say the report of the capture of Emperor Kwang Su by the Japanese was erroneous. It was a case of mistaken identity. The Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing August 19, says that the empress dowager fled westward and adds: "She has a bodyguard of 1,500 and as the mountainous character of the country would prevent artillery following, it is believed she will not be pursued."

This correspondent reports everything quiet on the date of his dispatch, but a telegram to the same paper from Tien Tsin, dated August 24, asserts that 1,000 Russians, Germans and Japanese pushed forward from Peking with the intention, it was assumed, of pursuing the fleeing empress dowager.

At a conference of ministers and generals, held at Taku Friday, it was decided, according to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, to refer the fate of the Forbidden city to Europe.

FURNISHES BEEF FOR THE CZAR.

Armour Gets an Order for 6,000,000 Pounds for Soldiers.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 27.—Armour & Co. have received an order from the Russian government for 6,000,000 pounds of "beef on the hoof" to the feed the soldiers of the czar in China. This is the largest order of the kind in the history of the Chicago meat trade. Options are available to have been taken upon every available ship in the carrying trade on the Pacific. It will take 5,000 fattened cattle to fill the order. The cattle will be sent from San Francisco via Hawaii and Japan.

Plan for Uprising in Manila. WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The War department has made public letters found among the papers of General Ricart, recently arrested by the police near Manila. Among them is an unsigned letter in regard to an attack on Manila in January, 1900. It states that the reason for not carrying out the proposed attack was because of the small number of resolute persons stationed at the gates and because General Otis had gone aboard a ship in Manila bay. Another attack was planned, but not carried out because the "enemy" made a careful search of the city.

After Express Robbers. BURLINGTON, Ia., Aug. 27.—Two detectives left Burlington tonight for some point east, where it is claimed they will arrest men concerned in the \$20,000 express robbery. Absolutely nothing is known of the point that it is stated that there are three in the gang and it will be in the hands of the detectives by noon Monday. The point of arrest is said to be some city between Burlington and Chicago.

A Soldier Dies Bravely. LONDON, Aug. 27.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated August 24, gives description of the execution on Friday of Lieutenant Cordua of the Transvaal artillery, convicted by court martial of breaking his parole in plotting to abduct Lord Roberts and kill British officers. Cordua walked fearlessly to the garden behind the jail. At his own request he was not bound and sat in a chair with folded arms. Ten bullets entered his body.

Warships to Enforce Claim. TANGER, Morocco, Aug. 27.—A United States war ship has arrived here today to support the claim arising out of the murder last June of Marcos Essagin, a naturalized American citizen, who was the manager of the Fez branch of the French firm of Braunsweig & Co.

Census of Two Cities. WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The population of Rochester, N. Y., was made public today by the census bureau. It is 162,165, against 133,896 in 1890, an increase of 28,539, or 51.31 per cent.

The population of Indianapolis, as just made public by the census bureau, is 169,164, against 105,436 in 1890, an increase of 63,728, or 60.44 per cent.

Roberts Meets General. CAPETOWN, Aug. 27.—Lord Roberts arrived yesterday at Belfast, a few miles west of Machododorp, where he met Sir Redvers Buller, General French and General Pole-Carew. Everything is now ready for an advance.

Declaration of War. CHE FOO, Aug. 27.—It is rumored on good authority that Russia, Germany and Japan have declared war on China and invite England and the United States to retire.

VALOR OF AMERICANS

Hordes of Vengeful Boxers Routed Near to City of Tien Tsin.

ENEMY SUFFERS A LOSS OF 300

Chinese Telegrams Announce the Capture of Emperor Kwang Su and Prince Tuan, as Well as Information of a Provisional Government.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Five hundred American troops participated in a signal defeat of Boxers outside of Tien Tsin August 15. The fact is reported from Vienna. Details came from the Reuter agent at Tien Tsin in a dispatch dated August 26. In addition to the Americans the force consisted of 375 British and 200 Japanese, all under the British general, Doward. The fight took place at a village six miles west of Tien Tsin, where the allied forces found a considerable number of Boxers, whom they engaged, killing over 300 and taking sixty-four wounded prisoners, who were sent to the hospitals of the allies. The village was burned. The Americans had five wounded, the Japanese six and the British none. Hundreds of Boxers, flags, spears and swords were captured.

From Shanghai comes a report, qualified by the assertion that it is from purely Chinese sources, that the empress dowager, after proceeding one day's journey from Peking, became terrified at the looting by General Tung Fuh Sing's soldiers, and went back to Peking.

A Chinese telegram from Stan Fu says that Prince Tuan has been captured by a detachment of the allies. Other Chinese messages report the formation of a provisional government in Peking by the allies, but this appears to be a purely military measure and merely an elaboration of the scheme for dividing the city into sections for police purposes.

Li Hung Chang has received word that the allies entered Peking easily, because the troops of General Tung Fuh Sing utterly refused to face the allies.

According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph Earl Li, recognizing the futility of an attempt to drive the foreigners from China, now professes conversion to reform principles.

Shanghai advices announce the receipt there of Chinese official advices asserting that Emperor Kwang Su has been found and rescued by the Japanese.

Messages from Tien Tsin report serious mortality among the American horses, owing to the heat.

Delayed advices to Repter, dated Peking, August 14, reiterate the statements regarding the treachery of the Chinese on the night before the relief. They had informed the members of the legations that orders had been issued to cease firing. This was followed by a desperate attack. And it was only the welcome sound of the cannon of the relieving force in the morning that renewed the courage of the foreigners. The correspondent adds:

"The Chinese admit having lost 3,000 in the various attacks upon the legations. Our rations dwindled to one pound a day, consisting of horse flesh and rice." When the American detachment attacked the whole Chinese force concentrated against them, leaving the Sha Ho gate unwatched, whereupon the British entered there without the loss of a man.

Trouble Among Telegraphers. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 25.—The Chronicle says: Trouble is brewing in the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The immediate cause of the trouble is the action of W. V. Powell, president of the order, in suspending George Estee, chairman of division 53. For some time there has been much dissatisfaction among the telegraphers regarding the administration of certain regulations which relate to the insurance benefits of the order. President Powell took a stand which was distasteful to many of the members, and especially those of division 53, and when Estee was called on to execute the orders issued by his superior he hesitated and finally referred the matter back to headquarters. The correspondence that followed did not contribute much toward the settlement of the misunderstanding and a few days ago the edict of suspension was issued.

Lieut. Cordua is Shot. LONDON, Aug. 25.—A special dispatch from Pretoria says that Lieutenant Cordua was shot yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated today, says: "General Lord Roberts has confirmed the sentence of death imposed upon Lieutenant Cordua, formerly of the Staats artillery, who was convicted of being a ringleader in the plot to abduct General Roberts and kill British officers."

Peck in the Penitentiary. COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 25.—Peck arrived at the penitentiary in the custody of the sheriff of Summit county at 8:50 tonight. He felt greatly relieved when the heavy iron gate closed behind him and he realized that he was safe from mob violence. He had little to say and was quickly conducted to a cell.

Japanese Courtesy to Americans. WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The state department is in receipt of a dispatch from the consul of the United States at Osaka (Kobe), Japan, accompanied by a translation of a note from his excellency, the governor of Hiogo province, acting as chief commissioner of the Japanese Red Cross society, stating that owing to the disturbances in China should any wounded American soldiers or any sick or wounded refugees arrive at Hiogo or be passing through that city the Japanese Red Cross would have pleasure in rendering them every possible aid.

MAY INVALIDATE THE LAW.

Discovery of an Omission in the Maximum Rate Act.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 27.—Edson Rich, one of the attorneys representing the Union Pacific railway company who has been delving into the maximum rate law for the purpose of finding irregularities, was rewarded by the discovery that the penalty clause of the bill and one unimportant section of the bill were not in the engrossed copy, though the missing portions are in the enrolled bill which was signed by the governor. Now the question is, how did the penalty clause get into the enrolled bill, being missing from the engrossed bill?

What effect this discovery will have on the litigation now in the courts over the enforcement of the maximum rate law is not known, but Mr. Rich intimates that he considers the discovery of great importance. His road has been sued for over \$600,000 for violating the law. He says the omission was overlooked by others who have examined into the record relating to the passage of the law. The house journal shows that the penalty clause and other amendments were adopted but the clause and the amendments do not appear in the engrossed bill, and as the bill serves as the original copy from which the enrolled bill is made, the omission may play an important part in litigation. As the courts do not accept the engrossed bill in evidence, some profess to believe that the omission is of no importance whatever. However, if the omission is of any moment, it is of vital importance, because the act without the penalty clause would be valueless.

Assaulted on the Train. OMAHA, Aug. 27.—Edward E. Balch, assistant cashier of the Omaha National bank, was assaulted and robbed in a Pullman sleeper on a North-western train while coming from Chicago to Omaha. He was roughly handled, brutally mauled about the head and did not regain consciousness for several hours after the assault. Immediately upon the arrival of the train in Omaha, Mr. Balch was removed to his home, where medical attention was given his wounds. The attending physician does not anticipate any serious consequences from the injuries. The perpetrator of the deed escaped with \$50 in cash and two drafts of \$50 each belonging to Mr. Balch.

The affair is a mysterious one in every particular. Not the slightest clue as to the identity of the robber is at hand and the theories advanced by those who are investigating the case are decidedly vague. The robber did not attempt to hold up all of the passengers in the sleeper. He awoke none of the occupants and accomplished his work with the greatest stealth.

Murder at Wayoe. WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 27.—A man, supposed to be Robert Bigham of Dunbar, Neb., was brutally murdered here by another man who gave his name as Adolph Woulund of Buckland, Mo. Both men had been placed in the city jail, Bigham for being intoxicated and Woulund because he had been put off the train here and seemed to be mentally unbalanced, not knowing where he was going.

The murderer gave his reason for committing the horrible crime, accomplished by crushing the man's face with his heels, that the murdered man was an enemy of his soul and that God had ordered him to do the bloody work. The insanity of the murderer is not questioned. Bigham was on his way to Big Spring, Neb., and has a son-in-law living near Wausa.

Farmer Dies Suddenly. CLARKS, Neb., Aug. 25.—Reuben Renker, with his family, passed through Clarks on their way to Ames, Neb., where he expected to work in the beet fields. When about two miles out of town he died almost instantly while on the seat of the wagon. The corpse was brought to Clarks and buried. The wife was without means and the citizens of this place raised about \$35 for her and gave her all the assistance possible.

A Big Ballot. OMAHA, Aug. 27.—While the official ballot that will be used at the election this fall has not yet been printed, it is known that it will be a huge affair. Printers who have made some estimates on the ballot, say that it will require a little over five feet in length. Printed in accordance with the law, the letter used must be one-eighth of an inch in height and a space three-sixteenths of an inch between each name. Thus with the names of the presidential electors, candidates for the legislature and county and precinct officers, the ballot will be the longest ever presented to the electors of this county.

Dead Baby Rescued From Fire. WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 27.—The residence of H. Hassford was struck by lightning and the house and most of the contents burned. The family was in the cyclone cave and when the house was burning, it was remembered that the corpse of the little baby who died the night before was in danger of cremation. One of the family ran into the burning structure and rescued the little body.

Violating the Game Law. ELOOMFIELD, Neb., Aug. 27.—Without regard to law, the hunters are numerous in this vicinity, and ere the first of September comes, few of the immature young chickens will have escaped the burning mottos of the trespassing Nimrod. Even young quails are now being recklessly killed. This manner of works, robs the legitimate sportsman and the farmer of pleasure and profit, to which he is entitled by virtue of feed and protection tendered the birds. The law should be observed or repealed.

HOLDS BOARD IS LEGAL

Attorney General Files Supreme Court in Support of the Law.

THE MATTER AGAIN GONE OVER

Reasons for Knowing the Bill Passed the Legislature and Efforts to Repeal It—Foster Found in the Missouri River—Other Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 22.—The attorney general filed in supreme court his brief in the case of the state against the Burlington and the Elkhorn railroads, as per the stipulation reached at the recent extra session of the supreme court. The question to be decided is whether or not the title which is borne by the act creating the board of transportation and defining its duties, as the same appears on file in the secretary of state's office, was passed by both houses of the legislature. The defense holds that it was not, and that, therefore, the act was invalid, and the board without legal existence. It was on this point that Judge Munger granted his temporary injunction restraining the board from interfering with existing interstate traffic rates. And it is this point that the supreme court is asked to pass on before the question of making the injunction permanent is passed on by Judge Munger.

In his brief the attorney general reviews exhaustively the history of the passage of the bill and its title, in an attempt to show that the title borne by the enrolled bill is the same as that under which it passed both the house and the senate.

Richardson Is Dead. ALLIANCE, Neb., Aug. 22.—The shooting of Brudis Richardson by R. M. Kline has proved to be a fatal shooting, Richardson dying. Richardson was a saloon keeper and Kline was a musician employed by Richardson, who, with his wife, played in Richardson's saloon. There is no excitement, as it was done in the tenderloin district and between parties who make up its citizenship. The affair grew out of an insult said to have been offered to Kline's wife while she was drinking beer and playing the piano with her husband in Richardson's saloon. Richardson's former home was at Berea, Ky., where he has a wife and five children. Kline is an itinerant fiddler and his wife a piano player employed to play in such places. Kline is in custody.

Locating Stolen Goods. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 22.—A number of parties in and near Humboldt are ill at ease these days owing to the presence of a railroad company detective, who is here endeavoring to locate a quantity of merchandise which was taken from the cars which were smashed up at the time of the wreck in the yards here. The smash-up occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning, and the section men did not arrive on the scene for some time, and subsequent events go to show that some other parties visited the wreck earlier, for when the goods were checked over a considerable shortage was discovered and the officials ordered an inquiry.

Nathan Redfield's Death. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 22.—Nathan Redfield, one of the oldest settlers of this section, is dead. The deceased name to this city in 1850, and has since made it his home, save when he served with the Second Nebraska cavalry in the civil war. He was 78 years of age. His funeral will take place tomorrow under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic post of this city. He leaves a widow and one son.

Found a Floater. HOMER, Neb., Aug. 22.—The nude body of an unknown man was found floating in the Missouri river about six miles southeast of here at Blyburg by some young men. Coroner Sawyer at Jackson was notified and will hold an inquest. It was at first believed to be the remains of the man who leaped from the combination bridge at Sioux City about three weeks ago, but as he was fully dressed it proved not to be him. The body was secured to the shore pending investigation.

Marshal Leaves Town. CALLAWAY, Neb., Aug. 22.—George Rupert, who has been marshal of Callaway for some time, suddenly left for parts unknown. No trace of him has yet been found, and numerous creditors mourn his departure, he having run bills and borrowed money from almost every business man in the town. His wife and baby were left behind.

Old Controversy Revived. CALLAWAY, Neb., Aug. 22.—The present outlook indicates that Custer county will be divided this fall. The vote in this quarter will be almost unanimous for it, and reports come from the other quarters that parties who heretofore opposed division will vote for it on the present line.

Robbed a Postoffice. OCTAVIA, Neb., Aug. 21.—Robbers entered the hardware store and postoffice here and blew open the safe, securing about \$97 worth of postage stamps and a few cents in money. The robbers used black powder to do the work. Pieces of the safe were blown through the ceiling. No clue.

Richards Is Wanted. BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 22.—The case of J. B. Richards, the man taken in custody as a fugitive from justice from Minnesota, came up for hearing in the county court. Owing to the absence of important testimony the case was continued until Saturday. Bail was fixed at \$3,000. It is expected the requisition papers will be here by that time, when in all probability the prisoner will be taken to Minnesota, where it is alleged the crime of assault with intent to kill was committed.