

FIGHT WITH BANDITS

BAYARD BANK ROBBERS FIRE ON SHERIFF'S POSSE.

The Battle Is Kept Up for Several Miles—Two of the Pursuing Party Have Their Horses Shot From Under Them—Other Items.

Bayard Bank Robbers.

A sheriff's posse had a running fight for two hours Sunday afternoon with two desperate characters, supposed to be the two bandits who held up the bank at Bayard, Neb., Saturday and secured about \$500 in money. The posse of five men came upon two well mounted men near the South Dakota line. They were within calling distance of the men when the two suddenly turned in their saddles and began firing at their pursuers with their rifles. Their shots were returned. Both were riding hard at the time. The fight continued for several miles, when the shots of the robbers brought down two horses of the pursuers and wounded Deputy Royce. This put an end to the pursuit. The bandits were cool and fired their rifles with the accuracy and precision of old plainmen. They continued on their way toward the Bad Lands, while the posse returned to Bayard, secured reinforcements and again began the chase. Poses from other points have started out and are expected to surround the bandits. A desperate battle is expected, as the men evidently think they have killed President Taylor, who was shot in the raid on the bank, and are prepared to die before they surrender. Taylor is not dead and may recover.

NOTHING AUTHENTIC AS YET

Authorities Have Nothing New Regarding the Disaster.

There is absolutely no information at the navy department in Washington whether or not the Maine court of inquiry will return to Havana from Key West, or when it will finish its work. It is believed its work is nearly done. It can be stated authoritatively that the navy department has received nothing to indicate the cause of the explosion, and that reports that it had been advised it was by external agencies are without foundation. Capt. Sigbee telegraphed that two more bodies were recovered Monday. One is unidentified, and the other that of J. W. Johns, and that Holzner, one of the wounded, died in the hospital. Commander Forsythe, at Key West, telegraphed that he had secured ground in the cemetery for the temporary interment of bodies brought from Havana. The battleship Texas, which has been at Galesburg, is expected to arrive at Dry Tortugas. The Terror has arrived at New York, and the Castine has reached Port Franco, West Indies.

LIONESS LOOSE IN A CAR.

Smashes All the Baggage in Search of Food.

All baggage smashing records were broken by an African lioness which had sole possession of a baggage car attached to Baltimore and Ohio train No. 6, which arrived in Pittsburg Monday. When the train left Chicago Sunday the lion was in a wooden cage, but it escaped when the train was about eighty miles from Chicago. The trainmen decided to leave the lion alone until the train reached Pittsburg. When it arrived there was a score of men from the Pittsburg Zoo on hand and the animal was soon in its cage. The lioness had been loose in the car seventeen hours. In that time she had torn open nearly every piece of baggage in the shape of trunks, boxes, etc. It is supposed she was hungry and broke out of the cage to get food.

FOR USE IN CASE OF WAR.

Bill Introduced in the House for an Appropriation of \$20,000,000.

Mr. Bromwell, Republican, of Ohio, introduced a resolution in the house on Monday to appropriate \$20,000,000 to be immediately available, for the purchase of war vessels and equipment for immediate use in case of war with any foreign country. It was referred to the naval committee.

Stomach Is Removed.

Dr. Charles B. Prigham of St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, on Monday made a complete excision of the stomach of a woman patient suffering with cancer, and thirty-six hours after the operation she was resting comfortably. Dr. Prigham decided to make an incision with a view to possible gastrectomy or gastro-enterostomy, but after finding two-thirds of the stomach involved in the malignant growth he decided upon a complete excision. This is the third operation of the kind on record.

Not Asking War Risks.

There is no truth in the report circulated in the United States that the Lloyd's underwriters of London are asking slight war risks on Spanish steamers bound for Cuba.

Yuen-Chau, China, a Treaty Port

The Chinese government has agreed to open Yuen-Chau, on Lake Tun-Tung-To, as a treaty port.

Carries 300 Gold Seekers.

The steamer Hakslon has sailed from Vancouver for Alaska with 300 passengers. When entering Nanaimo harbor the steamer grazed a buoy rock. No damage of any consequence was done and after a few hours' delay the steamer proceeded.

Quadruple Ohio Murder.

Angelo Will, at Coalburg, Ohio, shot Martha Lawrence, Joseph Farando, Mrs. Peter Farando, Daniel Neute, Farando and Neute fatally. All are Italians. His motive is unknown. A posse went in search of the murderer.

SAD INCIDENT OF DISASTER

Two of the Lost Sailors Had Planned a Double Wedding.

A sad story connected with the sinking of the Maine has come to light. Two young men, close friends, who left their homes three years ago, each in a moment of anger over a lovers' quarrel, found themselves in course of time on the same battleship. The misunderstandings with their sweethearts were cleared up, and a double wedding was planned on their return. Each would have received his discharge from the navy in a few months. The two young men are probably among the unidentified dead of the Maine. They are John Fox, 233 Walworth Street, and John Kelly, 97 Sanford Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. As the time drew near for their discharge preparations for a double wedding were made. Both girls were looking forward eagerly to the time when their jack tars would come back to them, when the news of the disaster to the Maine was flashed over the wires. Since then not a word has been received from either Fox or Kelly. The two girls, as well as the relatives and friends of the young sailors, have exhausted every means of getting intelligence, without avail.

TRAIN STRIKES A BUS.

Six Persons Killed in an Accident at Chicago.

A bus filled with pleasure seekers was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train at the Western Avenue crossing in the southwestern part of Chicago Saturday night. Six of the number were killed and none of the occupants of the vehicle escaped without injury, two being badly hurt. As the bus rounded a curve in the road, the train was seen approaching. A slight down grade prevented the driver from stopping the vehicle as it slipped on the ice and snow, and just as the frightened horses leaped across the railway tracks the heavy locomotive struck the frail vehicle fairly in the middle, hurling human bodies and fragments of debris far from the tracks and continuing on its northward journey several hundred feet before it could be stopped, passing over several bodies in its progress.

GREAT DESTRUCTION DONE.

Severe Earthquake Shocks are Felt in the West Indies.

A New York World's Kingston, Jamaica special says: A succession of terrific earthquakes has caused great destruction of property on the island of Montserrat. They began on the 15th. There were numerous landslides, and water pipes were wrecked. The entire population of the island was thrown into great excitement. There is much distress in consequence. Montserrat is one of the leeward islands of the West Indies British possessions. Its population is between 8,000 and 10,000.

Trans-Continental Rate War.

At a meeting of general passenger agents of the western railways in Chicago, Monday, to devise ways of conducting the trans-continental rate war, the trans-Missouri roads gave notice that beginning March 6 they would put into effect to North Pacific coast points from the Missouri River gateways the same rates as are now in effect via St. Paul. For parties of three or over they will make a flat rate. On single tickets they will charge full fares, giving the passenger a rebate order for \$20, payable on reaching destination. This virtually disposes of the question of meeting the cuts through the Missouri River gateways. A committee was at once appointed to prepare a plan of action for the roads east of the Missouri River to pursue.

100-Year-Old Illinois Woman.

Mrs. Mahala Bentley of Bloomington, Ill., has entered upon the second century of her life and is probably the most active and spry centenarian in Illinois, and to all appearances bids fair to add a score of years to her earthly career. She was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on February 20, 1798, and has lived in Bloomington since 1864. Mrs. Bentley weighs but 65 pounds, is in excellent health and eats three good meals a day.

William M. Singlerly Died.

William M. Singlerly died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia Sunday afternoon. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Singlerly was proprietor of the Record Publishing Company, president of the Chestnut Street National Bank and the Chestnut Street Savings Fund and Trust Company, which recently collapsed, and president of the Singlerly Pulp and Paper Mill.

Leiter Moves Wheat.

Half a million bushels of Leiter wheat has been ordered out of the Chicago elevators for shipment by rail to the Atlantic seaboard for export. It is generally conceded now that over 2,000,000 bushels altogether of the Leiter holdings have been ordered for export. Some of it will go to Newport News, some to Baltimore and some to New York.

Ordered to Report for Duty.

Commander Cosgrove of Boston wired to Portland Saturday night to John Dennis, late acting signal quartermaster on the Montgomery, to report at Boston as soon as possible. Mr. Dennis had just finished a twenty years' service and was at Portland on a vacation.

Reported French Grab.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Singapore says: It is reported from Chinese sources at Hong Kong that a French force has landed at Kwan-Chuen-Wan, 240 miles southwest of Hong Kong, and informed the Chinese that it intends to erect buildings.

Superintendents' Convention.

The department of Superintendents of the National Educational Association in session at Chattanooga, Tenn., elected the following officers: President, E. H. Marks, Louisville, Ky.; first vice president, G. H. Conley, Boston; Secretary, J. H. Van Syde, Denver.

Expect a Good Harvest in India.

The Calcutta correspondence of the London Times says there is every prospect of one of the best harvests ever gathered in India.

WAR IN THIRTY DAYS

SPANISH MILITARY ORGAN EXPECTS TROUBLE.

Prevailing Opinion in Spain that There Will Be a Conflict—Campos Fears the Worst and Says He Predicted It Long Ago.

War by First of April.

The Correspondencia Militar, organ of the Spanish army, published in Madrid, says: "The prevailing opinion is that war between Spain and the United States will break out in April."

A former captain general of Cuba, presumably Marshal Campos, is reported as saying: "I never entertained a doubt that if the rebellion were not suppressed before 1898, war with the United States would become an accomplished fact. Unhappily my prophecy will be fulfilled. I have the consolation of having done all in my power to avert it, and, therefore, I do not regret the blame which has been heaped upon me. All that is now possible is that we should all unite to meet the danger that threatens the country."

TRY TO KILL KING GEORGE.

Attempt Made to Assassinate the Ruler of Greece.

An unsuccessful attempt was made Saturday to assassinate King George of Greece. The king was returning from Phalarum to Athens at 5 o'clock in the evening in a landau, accompanied by the Princess Maria, when two men hidden in a ditch alongside the road opened fire with guns upon the occupants of the carriage. The first shot missed, but the second wounded a footman in the arm. The coachman whipped up his horses and the royal party dashed away at a gallop. The miscreants fired seven more shots at them, none of which took effect, and the king and the princess returned to the palace unhurt. When the second shot whizzed past the carriage the king rose and stood in front of his daughter in order to shield her.

EXPLOSION KILLS TEN.

Victims of the Michigan Chemical Works Accident.

Fire broke out in the Hall Chemical Works at Kalamazoo, Mich., Saturday night and after burning half an hour two terrific explosions blew the whole top of the building off, burying firemen and spectators beneath the falling walls and debris. Firemen on the ladder were blown in every direction by the fearful concussion. The flames shot high into the air, and it looked for a moment as if there would be an awful conflagration. The crowd was dazed by the explosion. Horses were thrown down and windows in the vicinity shattered. Work of rescue began at once, and the building was left to its doom. The total number of dead taken from the ruins numbers ten, while fourteen others were badly injured.

Will Not Hear Bryan.

W. J. Bryan has notified the corresponding secretary of the Students' Lecture Association at Ann Harbor, Mich., that if he is allowed to speak on bimetalism he will tender his services gratis, but if not allowed to speak on that subject his rate will be \$1,000. A standing rule of the university that university hall cannot be used for political purposes prevents the acceptance of Mr. Bryan's first proposition.

Postal Clerk Arrested for Forgery.

James W. Jones, a clerk in the office of the auditor for the postoffice department, has been arrested by officers of the secret service on the charge of forging United States money orders. It is charged that Jones took money order blanks, returned unused from a Michigan office, and filled them out, making them payable at the office in Wilmington, Del.

Policeman Shot by Burglars.

Policeman Lewis Keller was shot and instantly killed at South Bend, Ind., Sunday night in a fight with burglars who had entered a store. Jack Burke, Robert Powers, alias James Burns, Frank Munroe and Frank O'Connor have been arrested. Burke has a bullet wound in the abdomen and cannot live. It is believed Keller shot him.

Hayes Homestead Levied On.

The homestead of the late ex-President R. B. Hayes at Fremont, Ohio, has been levied upon by the county sheriff to satisfy a judgment obtained in common pleas court for \$5,000 damages awarded Mrs. Addie E. Smith for injuries received in a runaway caused by a dog owned by the Hayes estate. The costs amount to \$1,085.

Willing to Fight McCoy.

Champion Bob Fitzsimmons expressed a willingness at Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday night to fight Kid McCoy. He said: "I will fight McCoy any time he puts up enough money to make it worth my while. McCoy is a miserable upstart. He has been a little successful and it has made him daffy."

An Impromptu Duel.

A desperate shooting occurred at Longview, Texas, Saturday night between Albi Heywood, the manager of the Heywood Opera Company, and P. P. Peguer, the opera house manager. Both are seriously if not fatally wounded. The difficulty occurred over free tickets for Mr. Peguer's family.

Schintz Denied a New Trial.

The motion for a new trial on behalf of ex-Banker Theodore Schintz of Chicago, recently convicted of embezzlement, has been overruled. Schintz was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary.

Advised to Leave by Lee.

Mrs. Bruner and five children are at Tampa, Fla., from Havana. She is the wife of United States Health Officer Bruner at Havana, and says that Consul Gen. Lee advised her husband to send her away at once.

Weekly Bank Statement.

The New York weekly bank statement shows a decrease of \$2,029,000. The banks now hold \$22,969,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

REPUBLICS WILL FIGHT.

Hostilities Between Nicaragua and Costa Rica Seem Inevitable.

Advices received in Panama from Costa Rica state that at a banquet President Iglesias in a speech said the situation between Costa Rica and Nicaragua was now such that war was inevitable. On the night of February 29 there was a large popular demonstration. More than 5,000 persons showed their approval of the attitude of the government toward Nicaragua. More troops were sent on February 20 to the frontier.

Hostilities with Nicaragua are expected at any moment. Many prominent members of the American colony have offered to aid the government with men and money. Costa Rica now has 2,000 men on the frontier and by next week will have from 5,000 to 6,000. Their government denies aiding the Nicaraguan rebels. They were only tolerated on Costa Rican soil within the limits of the law.

BANK ROBBER IS CAPTURED

Man Wanted at Sheridan, Mo., is Overhauled in Omaha.

On the night of February 15 three burglars blew the safe in the vault of the bank at Sheridan, Mo., and robbed it of about \$2,400. Charles Martin, alias Charles Davis, one of the robbers, was arrested at the Cambridge Hotel in Omaha, by F. H. Toltson of the Pinkerton agency at Kansas City, assisted by Omaha officers. A woman, who gives the name of Mary Stackhouse, and who has been living with the burglar since his arrival in Omaha as his wife, was also taken into custody. She says she knows nothing about the Sheridan robbery. The police say she resides in a Nebraska town. The prisoner is unknown to the Omaha police, but there is a suspicion among the detectives that the man is none other than the notorious safe blower and bank robber, Sam Welch. Besides a gold watch and chain there was taken away from Martin \$565 in money.

Sight of Wreck Sickening.

Passengers on the steamship Concho, which has arrived at New York from Havana, say the sight of the Maine is horrifying. Buzzards hung about the wreck, the Spanish officers making no effort to drive them away, though their presence was sickening and offensive. Spaniards who rowed about in boats did not conceal their satisfaction at the American warship's fate, and some were seen shaking their fists at the flag that hung at half mast above the hull.

Italy to Press Her Claims on Hayti

The Italian government has decided upon energetic action to compel Hayti to make reparation for the illegal sequestration of property of an Italian steamer at Port au Prince. The claim referred to has been pending since 1893. It is the case of a merchant at Port de Paix, whose vessel and cargo, worth \$80,000, were, it is alleged, illegally seized and sold by the Haytian government.

Call on Policy Holders for \$188,000

Two thousand residents of New York and 2,300 persons from other parts of the country, policy holders in the United Life Association, which went into bankruptcy in August, 1896, have been levied upon for an assessment amounting to \$188,000 for the receiver, under an order of the supreme court. The levy was made to wind up the affairs of the association.

Addressed by Bryan.

Wm. J. Bryan addressed 600 Democrats at a banquet held in Topeka, Kan., Wednesday night. The gathering was in the nature of a reunion of the Democrats. Its magnitude gives it considerable significance, showing the Democratic strength as a balance of power party in that state. Many speakers of state prominence addressed the meeting.

Steamers from Alaska Overdue.

The City of Topeka, Cleveland, Noye, Potocion, Augusta and Socia are overdue at Seattle from Alaska. Their non-arrival causes no serious apprehension, as it is thought they may have sought shelter from the recent storm encountered by the steamer Geo. W. Elder.

W. U. Superintendent Dead.

Dennis Dorer of New York city, general superintendent of construction of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died suddenly at Norwalk, Ohio.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

WESLEY (Iowa) News..... 2-23 Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.03 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 51c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 15c; potatoes, common to choice, 55c to 70c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 cash, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 50c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c; rye, 51c to 53c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 98c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 51c; clover seed, \$3.05 to \$3.15. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 3, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 51c; barley, No. 2, 38c to 42c. Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.06 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, Western, 14c to 16c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska Short Notes.

The musically inclined people of Mason City, Custer County, are organizing a band. Several hundred lots in the village of Randolph were sold by the sheriff on foreclosure last week.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Lancaster County Grand Jury is Likely to Take Action Against Eugene Moore—Indictment Under the Criminal Code Expected.

There is a well defined rumor that the grand jury of Lancaster County will take up the Eugene Moore embezzlement case and bring in an indictment under section 121 of the criminal code. This section provides for the prosecution of persons who embezzle money belonging to other persons or corporations, including among its provisions the following: "If any officer elected or appointed to any office of public trust in the state shall embezzle or convert to his own use any money, property, rights in action or other valuable security effects whatever belonging to any individual or company or associates that shall come into his possession by virtue of or under color of his relation as officer," etc. It was pointed out by Moore's attorney during his hearing before the supreme court that the attorney general had brought the action under the wrong section of the statute, and pointed questions asked the attorney general by Judge Norval and other members of the court during the submission of the case indicated that this fatal error had already been noticed. In the opinion handed down by the court there is an intimation that had the complaint been brought under section 121 it would have been sustained, while a dismissal was unavoidable under a complaint charging Moore with embezzlement of public money—the money being the property of individuals until after it found its way into the state treasury in the manner prescribed by the constitution.

KILLS HER FATHER.

Nebraska City Girl Takes Revenge on Her Parent.

William Kowitzky of Nebraska City was shot by his daughter Mary, a girl of 17. From the best information obtainable it seems that he was addicted to drink and when intoxicated abused his family. He went home in this condition, and armed with a butcher knife drove the occupants from the house, at the same time declaring his intention to kill his wife and commit suicide. The older members of the family succeeded in pacifying him and finally persuaded him to go to bed. About 4 o'clock in the morning the girl Mary, apparently maddened by his attempting to kill her mother, seized a double-barreled shotgun and blew his head off while he was asleep. She was immediately arrested. The coroner's jury, after listening to the testimony, rendered the following verdict: "That the said Mary Kowitzky committed the act while laboring under emotional insanity caused through fear of repeated threats made by the said William Kowitzky against her mother's life and the lives of other members of the family. We, the jury, would exonerate the said Mary Kowitzky, she not being responsible for the act at the time it was committed."

MAJORS APPOINTS HIS STAFF

First Order of New Commander of the G. A. R.

T. J. Majors, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued his first order. The order announces the following appointments on the official staff of the department commander: James D. Gage, Franklin, assistant adjutant general; Lee Estelle, Omaha, judge advocate; Smith T. Caldwell, Edgar, mustering officer; A. M. Vanderbilt, Bihely, chief of staff. The headquarters will continue in the state house, Lincoln, and all official communications must be addressed to James D. Gage, A. G., Lincoln, Neb. The following aides-de-camp are announced: John Skirving, 86, O'Neill; E. C. Burns, 311, Scribner; A. W. Taylor, 5, Wayne; H. C. Matran, 109, Norfolk; C. G. Fisher, 24, Nebraska City; Hank Wert, 173, Auburn; J. S. Robbins, 258, Wallace; J. B. Conway, 32, York; J. W. Lafferty, 29, Wisner; Daniel Cook, 287, Curtis; A. H. Townsend, 219, Stratton; Geo. P. Dean, 11, Grand Island; H. H. Woods, 34, Schuyler; Ira Graves, 264, Callaway.

Jail Delivery.

Grand Island experienced a jail delivery the other evening. Jim Hall, a prisoner awaiting trial on the charge of grand larceny, took the occasion while the deputy brought the supper to the jail to carry out the ashes. He did not put on hat or coat in order not to cause suspicion and when out of the doors of the jail took a lively scout out of town, hatless and soleside. He was seen three miles south of the city in this condition and still running.

Case of Faith Cure.

Mrs. W. Martin, wife of W. Martin of Dunbar, who has been very sick and was not expected to live, was healed in a very remarkable manner. The elders of the church were called in and in answer to earnest prayer on the part of the church officers Mrs. Martin got up from the sick bed and began shaking hands with those present and is now able to be about the house.

Swallowed a Hot Poker.

Willard King, a single man 50 years of age, residing near Fair View, committed suicide the other day in a very singular manner by swallowing a 12-inch red-hot poker. King was alone in the house, and was found by his brother a few minutes after the occurrence, but life was extinct.

Foot Crushed.

While working with a hay baler on the farm of W. F. Wilson north of Humboldt, Shrauger got his foot caught in the baler and badly crushed. The wounded member may have to be amputated.

"Sloppy" Smith Shot in the Leg

"Sloppy" Smith, a well known sneak thief at Fremont, was shot in the leg by Sheriff Kreader while attempting to escape from custody.

Safeblowers at Roseland.

Safeblowers blew Roseland the other night. They blew open the safe at J. H. Pope's grain office, but only succeeded in getting a few cents in stamps. Duncan Brothers' office was also entered, but nothing was taken, as their safe is not closed.

Horse Thieves at Work.

Dakota City was visited by horse thieves last week who, so far, have succeeded in getting away with a pony belonging to Stephen Joyce, a horse of Sam Nelson's, a buggy of Mrs. Denis Armour's and a harness of Roy Armour's. No clew.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The musically inclined people of Mason City, Custer County, are organizing a band. Several hundred lots in the village of Randolph were sold by the sheriff on foreclosure last week.

A local company has been organized at Pawnee City for the purpose of building and maintaining a telephone system in that city.

In several precincts of Lancaster County some little wheat was sown the early part of last week. Winter wheat in the south part of the county is showing up well.

Twenty head of cattle from one drove are reported to have died of foot rot in Hall County, and farmers are petitioning for a quarantine.

The Sarpy County Herald, the new republican paper at Papillion, made its appearance last week. E. W. Beede, an experienced newspaper man, is the editor and proprietor.

Wild geese and ducks are making their appearance along the Platte in liberal numbers and the warfare against them is now on. They will be more plentiful a fortnight later.

In Phelps County some are not done gathering corn yet and others are talking of sowing wheat next week. The frost is nearly out of the ground in most places and the fall wheat is looking quite green.

J. B. Sweetser, a Cherry County cattleman, states that cattlemen in his section of country consider this the hardest winter they have experienced for a long time. They have been forced to feed hay since November and the article is now getting scarce.

The Sheridan County Bank has doubled its capital stock.

The new school building at Valentine is almost completed.

The stockmen of Cherry County are talking of organizing an association for mutual protection.

The senate has confirmed the appointment of F. D. Simmons as postmaster at Ward and W. H. Andrews at Lexington.

Nelson Grimsley of Wayne has made an offer of \$1,000 cash toward building a court house, providing twenty others would each donate a like amount.

As Mrs. Fenninger was driving across the railroad west of Orleans her luggy was struck by an engine pulling a train, the result of the collision being that the lady was thrown quite a distance, sustaining several painful bruises.

William McCumber, who has been an engineer in P. S. Hancock's elevator at Shubert for the last three years, was caught on a shaft and died from the effects of the injury. He leaves a widow and one child. He was born and raised at Falls City, where his parents reside.

The bankers of Dixon, Cedar and Wayne counties held a meeting at Wakefield for the purpose of organizing a North-eastern Nebraska Bankers' Association to establish uniform rates of exchange and collection charges and for the general purpose of promoting such methods as may be advantageous to their business.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Omaha by opening to the public the postoffice, which has been in the course of construction for the last eight years. The first floor of the great building is now ready for use, and will henceforth be devoted to the postal service. In its incomplete state the building has cost \$1,300,000, and \$800,000 more will be required to finish