

KILLED IN PITCHED BATTLE.

Two Generals in Honduras Die in Fight, and Two Score of Others. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, March 22.—General Lara, a veteran of the Nicaraguan revolution, and General Palma, both of whom commanded divisions of the Honduran government troops in the recent rising in this country, were killed in a riot at Comayagua, a suburb of Tegucigalpa, on Sunday. The riot finally became a pitched battle and it is estimated that not less than forty of their followers were killed and some fifty others, including several women spectators, wounded. Among the dead is a son of General Dionicio Gutierrez.

The riot began about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The respective forces of General Lara and Palma, who had been brought up to assist in the defense of Tegucigalpa against the rebels, had occupied Comayagua. They had not yet disarmed, according to the agreement entered into by the government and the revolutionary leaders with the peace conferees, who arranged a temporary settlement of the troubles, and after the first collision they were quick to draw their fire arms and machetes.

Generals Lara and Palma took part in the fighting, which lasted for more than an hour. Great crowds of spectators gathered at points of vantage to watch the engagement and many of them found escape shut off when the men came to close quarters. Force under General Matuty, another veteran of the Nicaraguan revolution, was hastily dispatched to stop the battle and succeeded in separating the combatants. A strong guard was left in charge to prevent further trouble. Most of the dead were buried yesterday.

MAN KILLED BY HICCOUGHES.

Veteran Minneapolis Real Estate Dealer Succumbs Ten-Day Attack. Minneapolis, Minn., March 22.—Hiccoughing continuously for ten days, with only momentary intervals of rest, caused the death of William Currie, 86 years old, a well known real estate dealer.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Mrs. W. A. Kingsley went to Omaha. Bruce Perrine of Creighton was here.

John Robinson went to Gregory on business.

C. C. Gow went to Boyd county on business.

Charles Martin was here from Battle Creek.

Miss Hyacinth Malone of Enola was in the city.

A. Louker of Atkinson was a visitor in the city.

Father Walsh of Battle Creek was a visitor in Norfolk.

E. M. Huntington has gone to Tilden to inspect his farms.

James Brooks of Stanton was in the city transacting business.

Mr. George Boyd of Oakdale is in the city visiting at the H. E. Hardy home.

W. P. Logan went to Newcastle to attend the funeral services of a friend.

Mrs. George Whitney of Battle Creek was in the city visiting with friends.

Merl Scott, who is employed in a general store at Walthill, was in the city visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Scott.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Frink and daughters Hazel and Mamie, who were here visiting with the E. S. South family, have returned to their home at Newman Grove.

B. Mapes, M. C. Hazen, M. D. Tyler, E. P. Weatherly, Judge Isaac Powers, Jack Koeningstein and J. C. Engelman are among the attorneys attending court at Madison.

Mrs. Charles Eberling, who was here to visit her mother, Mrs. Raguse, has returned to her home in Tripp county, S. D., in company with her sister, Miss Mary Raguse.

Mrs. Mame H. Cleaver, grand chief of honor of the Degree of Honor order in Nebraska, spent the afternoon in Norfolk.

F. A. Beeler and B. T. Reid were busy among the business men Tuesday with a petition to raise funds for the teachers' convention which comes here next week.

William J. Davis, a Northwestern round house employe, is suffering from an injured finger as the result of having it pinched in a switch in the Junction yards.

Miss Bonnie Shippee and Miss Blanche Roseberry have gone to Madison as delegates for the Sunday school convention of the Second Congregational church.

Important business is to be transacted by the Rebekahs at a special meeting which will be held Wednesday evening. Every member has been requested to be present.

J. W. Bovee was a caller in Judge Eiseley's court Tuesday morning and protested against colored people living on North Eighth street. Mr. Bovee declines the shady neighbors are a nuisance.

A great revival meeting is in progress in Wayne under the evangelist and singer, Hart and McGan. The congregations are throngs and the interest great. All the churches are united in the meeting.

Miss Eva Willey is suffering from an injured eye as the result of a hot cinder from an engine falling into the member. It was necessary for Miss Willey to visit a physician before the cinder could be removed.

Mrs. D. K. Tindall leaves this week for a visit with Mrs. M. H. Gray, her daughter, at Central City. Mrs. Gray is the wife of G. H. Gray, who succeeds the late T. B. Hoard as president of the Hoard bank in that town.

George Stalcup is moving the old John Flynn residence, which was purchased by W. H. Blakeman, to the Blakeman property on South Thirtieth street. The house was located

on Prospect avenue, near North Ninth street. W. A. Kingsley, proprietor of the Pacific hotel, has purchased the Crystal theater from A. Royen. Mr. Kingsley took possession of the theater Monday night. There will be no change in the managing department of the place. Robert Ballentine resumes his position as manager and Richard Baker continues in the capacity of operator. Mr. Kingsley expects to make some improvements in his new purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braasch were the victims of the carriage and automobile wreck on Ninth street and Norfolk avenue Sunday night. According to Mr. Braasch, R. M. Wadell, who was driving the automobile, was coming behind his carriage at about 8 o'clock. The auto was not coming fast and he turned to one side to give it plenty of room. A moment later the auto struck the hind wheels of the vehicle and dragged it about a rod. Mr. Braasch jumped out and lifted his wife, who had been ill, to safety.

Heavy wind blowing a large pile of baled hay backward and forward caused a friction of wire which resulted in the total destruction of a large barn, granary and a buggy shed on the Cox farm, five miles east of the state insane hospital, Sunday noon. Much grain was destroyed, but the wagons, buggy and stock were saved. The grain was not insured, but the buildings were covered by insurance. There was much difficulty experienced in the saving of horses and cows. According to one report, one cow escaped only after the rope which tied her to a manger had burned off and released her.

Madison Post: Corl Jenkins, one of the county's foremost and most progressive young farmers, who is fast acquiring a reputation of breeding fine stock, has just recently received two fine Belgian mares, which arrived in this county less than three weeks ago. They were a part of the shipment of the Norfolk Commercial club and G. L. Carlson, the well known horseman of that city. Both are splendid types, Belgian bred, and will prove most valuable additions to Mr. Jenkins' farm and will be the means of bringing about a still better type of horses in this community. Mr. Jenkins is to be commended for his enterprise.

"Elk League" is the name of a new baseball league which is being organized by towns from Hooper west to Norfolk. Delegates from Scribner, Snyder, Lindsay and Dodge held a meeting at Dodge last Wednesday and elected James Weaver of Dodge temporary chairman and John J. Mott of Dodge temporary secretary. Manager Rasley of the Norfolk ball team received a letter from Secretary Mott, who is anxious that Norfolk should join this league. Many features in the first proceedings of the league look very good to the Norfolk players and Manager Rasley is looking to the Commercial club for assistance. A meeting of the delegates will be held at Scribner on Wednesday, March 29, when permanent officers are to be elected.

Madison Post: G. L. Carlson of Norfolk is doing more good for the farmers of Nebraska and the world today than any man in existence. His years of tireless effort in ascertaining the ways and wherefores of the horse are just being appreciated and yet he has spent a large fortune in a desire that the world might know the true physical makeup of the horse and what may be done to improve conditions in its breeding. Such men as Carlson are few and far between in this world of "dollar rushing" and his presence among "money mad" men is really refreshing. The Post is greatly pleased to learn that Mr. Carlson's recent meeting at Norfolk was a big success and that men from more than twelve different states of the union were present to learn. May Carlson's future efforts be crowned with success.

Hotel Reporter: Frank A. Twiss, who for several years past has scored such a success as manager of the Locke hotel at Pierre, S. D., has resigned his position to take effect on March 15, when he transfers his services to the recently organized Mid-West hotel company as manager of the Widmann hotel at Mitchell, S. D. The Mid-West corporation owns and conducts the Widmann at Mitchell, the Harney at Rapid City, S. D., the St. Charles at Pierre and the Evans at Hot Springs. In securing the services of Frank A. Twiss the Mid-West company secures a thoroughly competent and successful hotel man as manager of the Widmann, and it is safe to predict that this excellent Mitchell hotel will be more prosperous and popular than ever under his able direction. His successor at the Locke in Pierre has not been named at this time.

Birth to Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer, a daughter.

After a several months' illness M.'Brien is again able to enjoy a walk.

Marcus Reynolds and the Bechenauer brothers are at Walthill putting up a brick building.

Fire Chief Millard Green, who has the contract for street sprinkling, was busy among the business men Monday with a subscription list for the sprinkling.

Dr. R. A. Mittelstadt has rented an office in the Bishop block and will go into the life insurance business.

Swan Johnson has accepted a position as fur buyer for the Norfolk Iron and Metal company. Mr. Johnson is now in the Black Hills.

The special communication of Masonic lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., called for tonight for work in F. C. degree, has been postponed until Saturday evening, March 25.

The Presbyterian Aid society will have a business meeting with Mrs. Hammond Thursday afternoon. A full attendance is desired and everyone is to bring their own work.

The first day of spring was wel-

comed to Norfolk with ideal weather. Although the sun was hidden behind a thin blanket of clouds the weather was warm and felt like rain.

J. P. Bailey, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be in Norfolk Wednesday noon to inspect the new building. He wants to meet as many Norfolk business men as possible at the building at noon and during the afternoon. The Gas Cakes confectionery store is being remodeled. The partition between the store and shoe parlors has been torn out and the shoe parlors is to be moved into the rear of the store, while the main room is to be converted into a modern ice cream parlor.

Windside Tribune: Oscar Ramsey was in Winside Sunday, coming up from Norfolk, near which place he has rented a farm. He arrived with his car from Philip, S. D., Saturday and Mrs. Ramsey will arrive today. The farm lies three and a half miles north-west of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Miller, who were married Monday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roseberry, have gone to Sioux City for a brief wedding trip. They will resume their positions at the insane hospital upon their return. Mr. Miller is an attendant and Mrs. Miller has charge of the ladies' infirmary.

At the recent banquet given by President Tindall was an own cousin of Dr. D. K. Tindall of this city, a millionaire and a recent district judge of St. Joe, Mo. He graduated in the same class from Yale college in which the president graduated. This Hon. Judge James and Dr. Tindall were school boys together in the state of Delaware and are very fond of each other and always have been, though James is a democrat while Dr. Tindall is a republican.

Russian Ambassador Not Murdered. Berlin, March 22.—The rumors current in St. Petersburg and elsewhere that M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister to China, had been murdered in this city are unfounded. Mr. Korostovetz is enjoying good health.

An Immigrant Suicides. Sioux Falls, S. D., March 22.—William Anderson, an immigrant ten months ago, hung himself with three feet of half-inch rope in a grove at Midale, a suburb of this city yesterday. His health was the cause.

Jack O'Keefe Outclassed. Denver, Colo., March 22.—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Jack (Johnny) O'Keefe of Denver in a bout scheduled for ten rounds at the auditorium here. Referee Pat Gallagher stopped the fight in the sixth round after O'Keefe had been knocked down twice. Under agreement no decision was given.

Inwood, Ia., March 22.—Jess Westergaard won two straight falls from Paul Demke here. He took the first in 47 minutes and the second in 25 minutes and 20 seconds.

New London, March 22.—Zbysko, the Polish wrestler, took two falls from Jack McGrath here, the first in 29 minutes and the second in 12 minutes.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

Farmers in the vicinity of Armour have commenced seeding. The acreage of tilled land will be greatly increased over any previous year.

Two large eagles were shot south of Geddes by Otto Lindskog. Each measured 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip of wings.

State Insurance Commissioner O. S. Basford has warned the business men of Aberdeen that unless the alleys are cleaned the insurance companies will be justified in raising the rates.

L. K. Harvey is the new head of the Oils at Huron.

Fire threatened the destruction of the theater building at Yankton.

South Dakota Elks will hold a state convention at Aberdeen on June 7 and 8.

Carl E. Smith was the winner of the annual oratorical contest at Huron college.

At Morristown twenty-two carloads of personal effects for new settlers arrived in one day.

Company A, South Dakota national guard, has been placed in readiness to go to Mexico.

Kadoka voters have decided to issue bonds for the installation of a new waterworks system.

Yankton is to hold a celebration in observance of the golden anniversary of Dakota territory.

The business men of Heward have started a movement for the holding of a Miner county fair.

Mrs. A. D. Tinsley of Sioux Falls, who for years has had charge of the women's department at the state fair, is seriously ill.

The basketball team of Aberdeen normal school claims the state championship.

Married twice in the same day by the same minister, but in two different states, is the somewhat novel distinction held by Earl Crawford of Spearfish and Miss Mary Finch of Buelar, Wyo. The first ceremony was performed at Spearfish and then it was learned that the law required that the rites should be performed in the county in which the license is granted.

Mrs. Crosby's Condition. Niobrara Tribune: A letter to the Tribune from J. C. Crosby, written from Lincoln under date of March 6, says: "I called on Mrs. Crosby at Fremont as I promised and found her in the best condition physically. They have removed the casts from her limbs and she is able to move them and expects to be able to get into her wheel chair within a couple of weeks. The head nurse is very hopeful about her case and says that there is no reason why she will not recover rapidly."

WHAT OTHER TOWNS ARE DOING

Even a heavy downpour of rain did not hold back the business men of

Creighton last week when they entertained the farmers of the vicinity at one of their regular commercial club meetings. E. R. Gurney of Fremont and H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln were the speakers of the evening. The ladies served a dinner at the close of the meeting.

"How to Test Seed Corn" seems to be the feature work of business men's organizations for the help of the farmer at the present time. Every town in this vicinity is furnishing farmers with simple instructions of testing the seed corn.

Valentine business men have organized a local organization of the state retailers' association and have elected E. C. Davenport as president.

At Bonesteel the Modern Woodmen have commenced operations on a new two-story artificial stone building.

The Creighton business men's organization is not stopping with the membership of their own town business men, but is soliciting business men from other towns as members. They seem to be meeting with good success.

The Wayne Commercial club is arranging to secure suitable rooms for the entertainment of visitors.

Verdigris business men have completed arrangements to entertain the farmers of that vicinity at a farmers' institute on March 18.

It took but three minutes to raise almost \$100 at Niobrara for the purpose of purchasing an elevated road grader for the improvement of roads. At Colome the business men have announced that "cleaning up time" has arrived. Streets and alleys are being put in tip-top shape.

Northwest Weddings.

H. J. Jones and Miss Claudae Lambrigger were married at Spencer.

Fred Meyer and Miss Bertha Bloedorn were married at Wisner.

Fred Spooring and Miss Margaret Krieger were married at Wayne.

Clara Hewitt and Miss Mary Grothe were married at West Point.

Abe Dolph and Miss Jennie Bushwick were married at Wisner.

Edward Drebert and Miss Estela Mattison were married at Osmond.

Richard Alberts and Miss Bertha Hrig were married at Alinsworth.

Rex Rouscher, Jr., and Miss Henrietta Brathauer were married at Alinsworth.

H. C. Cochran and Miss Matilda J. Alberts were married at Alinsworth.

Miss Dora Staack and George Kostmeyer were married at Herrick.

Floyd Long and Mary Hathaway were married at Butte.

Erastus Elliott and Henrietta Clay were married at Bassett.

Jacob Schamber and Matilda Kahler were married at Carlock.

H. C. Peppel and Carrie Determan were married at Butte.

H. R. Anderson and Mabel E. Robinson were married at Newport.

E. O. Griffin and Jessie Gillispie were married at Butte.

Berry Foreman of Grand Jury.

Madison, Neb., March 21.—Special to The News: George Berry, the well known Norfolk sheep ranchman, was elected foreman of the Madison county grand jury, which was organized here yesterday under instructions from District Judge Welch, to probe cases of alleged law violation that may be brought before it. There is still considerable mystery as to just exactly what crimes the grand jury has been called to investigate.

Judge Welch put the grand jurors under all sorts of restrictions as to secrecy and they went into secret session in the county commissioners' room at the court house. The blinds are drawn and nobody is permitted to enter. County Attorney Nichols is close at hand, where he can be called at any time, but he is silent.

It is expected that indictments are returned, they will be this week, as the regular spring term of court begins next Monday.

Divorce Day at Madison.

It was divorce day in the district court at Madison Monday when Judge Anson A. Welch undid the matrimonial bonds of several Norfolk people. Most of the jury cases were continued, leaving the assignment for the jury a very small one.

Peter J. Barnes' plea for a divorce from his wife was granted and the plaintiff was ordered to pay the defendant \$5,000 as alimony. The plaintiff also pays the costs of the suit and the attorneys' fees on both sides.

Mrs. Edith Crismore was granted a divorce from Charles Crismore. The custody of the children was given to the mother. Crismore is now under sentence to appear before the district court from Judge Lambert's court, for an assault case charged against him by his wife. It is reported the children are to be put in some christian home.

Pearl Naper was granted a divorce from Robert Naper. The mother gets the custody of the children.

In the case of R. B. Alexander versus Ethel B. Alexander, where application was made for suit money, the plaintiff will pay for costs of the suit and the attorneys' fees for the defendant. The divorce suit will follow later.

The appeals of the defendants in the Norfolk riot case, in which several young men were found guilty of rioting on Norfolk avenue, when they endeavored to drive Italian laborers from the city, were found defective and the judgment and fine of Judge Eiseley's court stands.

The case of John Wade versus Fred Smith, appealed to the district court from Judge Eiseley's court, was dismissed by the plaintiff without prejudice.

Kindall Fund Balance Sent.

Niobrara, Neb., March 18.—Editor News: I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of \$14 balance contributed to the News Publishing Co. for the "Kindall Fund," and wish to extend to The News Publishing Co. on behalf of the Kindall children their sincere

thanks for the interest taken by The News in their behalf, also to all those that have contributed so liberally to this fund. Again thanking you for your kindness, I wish to remain yours truly, Geo. G. Bayha.

French Stevedores Strike.

Fort De France, March 21.—The stevedores employed at the wharves here by the French Trans-Atlantic Steamship company, struck today for higher wages. Gardarmes are posted on the water front to prevent possible disorders.

Meadow Grove.

H. E. Mason made a business trip to Tilden Friday afternoon.

Joseph Palmer of Neligh visited here Sunday.

L. L. Frye shipped another car of heavy horses to the South Omaha market Sunday evening.

Attorney Barnhart of Norfolk was here Saturday night attending to some legal business.

Mrs. C. Hopkins came down from Tilden Friday to visit her son, Postmaster W. H. Hopkins.

Dr. Roy Crook of Winnetoon visited with relatives here Saturday.

A brother and sister of Miss Georgia Haggeman came down from Orchard Saturday and spent Sunday with her.

Mrs. Kilbourn, wife of W. E. Kilbourn, arrived here from Schuyler Sunday. They have taken rooms in the Funk building until they can procure a suitable house.

A. C. Christiansen, who formerly lived here but is now located at Holdrege, Mo., is in town looking up old friends.

Mrs. Robert Oehring started for Lamar, Mo., Monday noon, where she will join her husband, who has decided to locate at that place.

John, Jr., and Charles Crook, with their families, left Monday for Pasadena, Calif. Charles expects to remain a couple of months for his wife's health and John will locate there if he finds conditions suitable.

William Palmer, J. H. Harding and Thomas Evans left Tuesday morning for Crook, Colo., to look over the land in that section. Mr. Palmer owns forty acres there, which he expects to have broken up and sown to wheat. He will also look after G. E. Warwick's forty while there.

At the citizens' caucus held Thursday evening for the purpose of choosing candidates for the three vacancies on the village board, D. C. Hopkins was nominated for the one-year term, and C. E. Harlow and E. B. Woods for two years.

Saturday's combination sale brought out the largest crowd that has been in town for some time. Everything sold quickly and brought a good price.

Mr. Woods has withdrawn his name as a nominee for village trustee.

Denton C. Crowl gave the last number of our lecture course to a small but appreciative audience at the opera house Wednesday evening. The ladies who have undertaken to secure another course for next winter have enough pledges for season tickets to insure it.

Touched for \$200. Pierce, Neb., March 21.—Special to The News: "Prof." Leo, the fakir clairvoyant who held forth at Norfolk for several weeks, "touched" Hiram Pentico of Pierce for \$200 in cash.

Pentico has had trouble with his wife, who is at Randolph. He went to Leo in the hope that his domestic infelicity might be remedied. Leo instructed the victim to the \$200 in a bag and hang the bag to his neck by means of a string. Pentico obeyed.

Pentico made several visits. Each time Leo fingered the bag, to cast his magic spell upon it. Sunday Pentico went again and found that Leo had flown. He opened the bag and found it filled with brown paper.

Besides being able to confiscate his patrons' valuable jewelry and money, "Prof." Leo, according to the latest report of that fakir's wrongdoings, is a wrecker of homes.

To arouse the curiosity of the unsuspecting victim—a woman preferred—Leo tells of a beautiful woman who has stolen the husband's love. The woman immediately asks for more information, but Leo needs the coin and his mind cannot work properly unless more calls are made. While the monetary for these calls is paid in substantial amounts, the information is given out in small installments which grow smaller when the money is not forthcoming. It is reported a great injustice has been done a Norfolk man who is known to be as good a man as any in Norfolk. The wife called on Leo and he is said to have made her the victim of jealousy.

Pay Tribute to Bryan. Lincoln, March 21.—Between twelve and thirteen hundred ardent and near-followers of William J. Bryan attended the complimentary banquet tendered him by the Lincoln Bryan club. In point of attendance it brought together the largest crowd for a similar function held in Lincoln for many years, and the presence of such recognized democratic leaders as Champ Clark, the coming speaker of the national house of representatives; Governor Shafroth of Colorado, Senator Owen of Oklahoma, Senator Kern of Indiana and Senator-elect Hitchcock of Nebraska gave it an interest and political importance more than state-wide.

The promoters of the banquet, which took the form of a dollar dinner, made no attempt to conceal the fact that the function was in part intended as a denial of the statement made at times in Nebraska that Mr. Bryan had been repudiated as the leader of the party in his home state, and in the addresses a number of the speakers emphasized their belief that the guest of honor was still to them the champion of democracy both in state and nation.

The dinner was held in the Lincoln Auditorium, shortly after 7 o'clock,

and taxed the capacity of the building. The menu was unpretentious, served from a nearby hotel, with not a suspicion of anything stronger than coffee. It was remarked, in fact, that it had been correctly named a "dry democratic dinner."

Dr. P. L. Hall, vice chairman of the democratic national committee, was the toastmaster. The first speakers of the evening were Nebraska men, long devoted followers of Mr. Bryan. Two men on the program for addresses, former Governor Shallenberger and W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, at the last moment sent regrets.

"Bryan's Place Speech."

Senator Kern in his speech said: "The future of W. J. Bryan is secure. Whether he shall ever again be called upon to lead the democratic hosts is a question of little moment to him for by reason of his achievements in behalf of the people, he has so endeared himself to the great rank and file of the American democracy, that wherever Bryan sits, in the democratic councils of the future—there will be the head of the table. Favor other men may find even higher favor amongst men who work at politics as a trade, and amongst those who sit in seats of the mighty, Bryan's strength will be found in the fact that in millions of American homes, and by millions of the true and earnest men and women, by whose endeavors this country has been made great, he will always be regarded as champion and friend—the fearless foe of wrong and oppression everywhere. It is of little consequence to the great democratic party of America that there may be men in Nebraska who, because of his conscientious convictions on questions of religion and morality, may seek to discredit him."

"There are nearly six and a half million of men who so appreciate his unselfish work of the past fifteen years, that they will see to it that neither jealousy, prejudice, nor petty animosity shall ever a moment prevail against him."

Senator Owen in his speech eulogized Arizona and her constitution.

Bryan's Speech Colorless. The speech of Mr. Bryan, which was the last, was brief and without color. He thanked the previous speakers for their kindly expressions and bade the members of the party to be of good cheer and battle for what they thought right.

A speaker not on the program who was heartily applauded was Y. Bryan Yamachita, the Japanese protege of Mr. Bryan, who spent five years at the home of Mr. Bryan while receiving his education and has just returned from his native country after four years' absence. He said he brought a message of good will from Japan to the American people.

Champ Clark Praises Bryan. The address of Speaker-to-be Champ Clark was an appreciation of Mr. Bryan, whom he lauded as the originator of measures for which he said he had three times suffered defeat as a presidential candidate only to see them taken up and adopted in large part by the leaders of all parties. Mr. Clark dwelt at some length on the coming extra session of congress. He declared there was no difference between a regular and extraordinary session of congress, except as to the time of convening.

"Some republicans," said Mr. Clark, "have begun an effort to coerce congress into acting on reciprocity and that alone by asserting that the president has a right to adjourn congress if the two houses cannot agree on a date for adjournment. No president has ever adjourned congress, and the chances are ten to one that if President Taft adjourns congress to prevent our curing the outrages in the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot tariff bill, he will not be able to command one-third of the votes in the electoral college, and there will hardly be enough republicans in the house of the Sixty-third congress to call the ayes and nays."

For Initiative and Referendum. Governor Shafroth of Colorado made an earnest plea for the initiative and referendum measure now pending in the legislature of Nebraska, and Senator-elect Hitchcock of Nebraska defended the proposed plan of electing United States senators by the people.

Tom Johnson Improves. Cleveland, March 22.—The condition of former Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who is ill with cirrhosis of the liver, continues favorable.

Niobrara Lodge Circles. Niobrara, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: The M. W. A. lodge gave a St. Patrick's day ball in the Z. C. B. J. hall on last Friday night, which was a social success. The music was furnished by Messrs. P. C. Marshall, C. A. Nippell, E. Opocensky of Niobrara, and F. Kerkow of Bonesteel. Several out-of-town people were in attendance. Members of the Royal Neighbor lodge served refreshments in the basement. On Saturday night Hon. R. E. Evans of Dakota City, P. G. P. of the O. E. S., held a school of instruction for the local Eastern Star chapter. The session was very interesting. At the close of the meeting a fine lunch was served by a committee of lady members.

Gould Resigns Presidency. New York, March 21.—George J. Gould today tendered his resignation as president of the Missouri Pacific railway at a meeting of the directors of the railroad and was elected chairman of the board. The presidency was left vacant at Mr. Gould's request in hope of filling it in the near future.

A GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION. Four Persons Hurt at Port Clinton, O., as Result of Accident. Port Clinton, O., March 22.—Four persons were hurt, but none seriously, when 500 pounds of powder exploded at the plant of the American Gypsum

company at Gypsum, four miles east of here early today. A shift of workmen was leaving the place and it is supposed that a spark from a pipe or cigarette caused the explosion. The shock was felt for miles around. Every window in Gypsum is broken and telephone and telegraph wires are down.