

GOV. STUBBS SENDS MESSAGE.

Charges Federal Patronage Abuse. Anthony Accuses the Governor.

Topeka, Kan., March 14.—Charging that Taft appointees are using "thoroughly disreputable" methods to defeat a presidential primary in Kansas and that federal patronage is being dangled in the eyes of the committee-men for the same purpose, Gov. W. R. Stubbs sent a lengthy telegram to President Taft asking him if he approved such methods.

The governor's telegram says in part: "Your political managers in Kansas are using every means in their power to prevent presidential primaries in this state. The caucus and convention plan that they propose to use will disfranchise 90 percent of the republicans of Kansas."

"Federal patronage is being dangled before the eyes of committeemen. Do you not know that federal offices represent the same value as money as an influence on delegates to a convention?"

"W. R. Stubbs, governor."

In reply to Gov. Stubbs' telegram to President Taft, Congressman D. R. Anthony sent the following message to the president:

"I trust you will pay no attention to the telegram of Gov. Stubbs charging participation of postmasters in First district meeting today. No postmaster participated, except that the resignation of William L. Biddle as chairman of the committee was read, and his successor elected because he was a federal officeholder. The only officeholders in Kansas that I know of who are guilty of pernicious political activity are state officeholders appointed by Gov. Stubbs, who has been waging war for many months."

Clearwater.

Clearwater, Neb., March 15.—Special to The News: You might say that Mrs. Thomas Marwood, who underwent a very serious operation Thursday evening, is getting along very nicely, and unless complications set in, her recovery, is looked for.

Everything is under snow here and the outlook for crops this year is the best for several years.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America had as their guest last evening, District Deputy Hartman, who talked in favor of the new schedule of high rates. By a unanimous vote, the camp elected a delegate to attend the state meeting at Hastings, March 20.

SENATOR PERCEY CONDEMNED

Mississippi Man Refuses to Resign, as He Had Promised.

Jackson, Miss., March 14.—The Mississippi senate yesterday heard United States Senator Percy's negative answer to the demand that he resign and in retort adopted a resolution condemning the senator. The resolution, which came as the report of the committee on rules, avowed that Senator Percy in his reply "has seen fit to offer gross and gratuitous insult to the legislature a majority of said legislature, both senators and representatives, being elected at the close of the same campaign and in the same primary in which he, himself, was so emphatically condemned and repudiated, thus making his vituperative language addressed to the legislature applicable also to the people of the state he so fittingly misrepresents."

And charges that the senator "has now forewarned himself by a plea of confession and evidence of repudiation of his own promises to resign, in defiance of the will of the people."

AMERICANS ARE IN DANGER.

Are Ghastly Scenes in Streets of City of Canton, China.

Hong Kong, March 15.—American residents in Canton have been in serious danger during the fighting in the streets of Canton. The house occupied by Mrs. Wilson, an American medical missionary, was riddled with bullets. Mrs. Hooper, wife of an employee of an American oil company, was a visitor at Mrs. Wilson's. The women attempted to leave the city in a motor boat, but the boat was compelled to return. A launch from the United States gunboat Wilmington tried to rescue them, but was unable to proceed any distance because of the hail of bullets. Later the two women were joined by another American, Dr. Thompson J. Brett, manager of an international business concern, and with H. Butler of the American consulate manager to reach a place of safety.

Mrs. Hooper was prostrated and had to be carried.

It is reported that a French priest and five converts have been killed at Canton. Scenes in the streets are ghastly. Hundreds of bodies are lying about, mutilated.

Odell at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., March 15.—Special to The News: A meeting was held in the parlors of the National bank Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the proposition of securing Hon. Frank G. Odell, secretary of the Nebraska Rural Life Commission to have him give an address in this city in the near future. A fair representation of the business men and members of the Commercial club was present, who decided to hold a community booster meeting and secure Mr. Odell for Thursday, March 21. It is planned to have him make his address during the noon hour at the Auditorium.

He will outline the co-operative feeling that should exist between the farmer and business man. He will discuss the good road proposition and other topics of vital interest that will not only be beneficial to the farmers, but the business men as well.

Local speakers, which will consist of farmers, are being arranged on

the program. A general invitation is extended for all to attend this meeting. Several committees on arrangements have been appointed. A free lunch will be served in the Auditorium.

TAUGHT SCHOOL 75 YEARS.

Oldest Teacher in Wisconsin, in Point of Service, is Dead.

La Crosse, Wis., March 15.—Frank Gallup, oldest teacher in Wisconsin in point of service, died at Galeville, Wis., yesterday. He was teaching his seventy-fifth term when stricken.

VIENNA'S GAY NIGHTS OVER.

Cafe Closes Do Home Early and Glasses Do Not Tinkle.

Vienna, March 14.—"Gay Vienna" of tinkling glasses, beautiful women and "Merry Widow" fame, is rapidly disappearing. Only here and there is still a trace of the life that has made the city world famous. "Gay Vienna" has become a misnomer. Its gayety is dead when compared to that of Berlin and Paris and only the beautiful operettas and sensuous dreamy music of Franz Lehár is keeping this fame alive. The streets at night, formerly presenting a lively animated picture of cosmopolitan life, are almost deserted by 10 o'clock in sharp contrast with those of Berlin.

To one who has not been in Vienna for some years, the change is surprising. There still are the beautiful cafes where people enjoy themselves as only the Viennese can, but there is a lack of the former zest, bubbling vivacity, spontaneity and enthusiasm. Pleasure is at a low ebb when compared with years gone by. The cafe frequenters and the Viennese are still fond of spending the evenings in the cafes, depart early and few of them keep open all night.

Personally it may be attributed in part to the fact that Gayety in Vienna is not staged for the particular benefit of the tourists, as is the case in some of the other continental cities. Although one of the most interesting of European cities, it is a little off the beaten tourist path.

Two reasons are given by the Viennese for the dying out of "Gay Vienna." First, the fact that there has been no court life to speak of since the death of Empress Elizabeth by assassination in 1897, and second, that Vienna has not been touched by the whirlpool of sudden wealth and prosperity that hit Berlin several years ago. In a capital, brilliant court life has much to do with prosperity and social life and activity. Franz Joseph is a lonely old man.

Ferdinand, heir to the crown, is not very fond of society and functions. He married beneath his rank and consequently his wife is not regarded as his equal. They have lived quietly. She cannot be and has not attempted to be, first lady of the land. There has been little need of new gowns and jewels for court functions. This has had a dampening effect upon the various grades and degrees of social order.

"The Berliners have lost their heads as a result of their tremendous prosperity in the last few years," the Viennese say. "We keep on in our own more quiet and more natural way."

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, has had a remarkable growth in the last few years and much of Vienna's former gayety has transformed itself to Budapest. Building operations in Vienna have virtually been at a standstill for some time and as a consequence rents are tremendous and the need of dwelling in this city of two million has become so urgent that the city authorities are taking measures to help erect buildings for the poorer classes. This, together with the general rise in the cost of living, keenly felt in this country of low wages, and a "dead court life," has been the wet blanket that is extinguishing the gayety of Vienna. For, after all, it takes money to pay the fiddler.

Vienna is still, and long will remain, the city of magnificent theaters; of wonderful acting and of sweet, dreamy musical productions. It is an advance post near the occidental-oriental frontier—the capital of twenty-six nationalities—with a very interesting and charming cosmopolitan life. It still has its quarters where life is by no means dull. But Vienna's fame rests upon its gayety in the higher circles of society and the Viennese have the hope that when Ferdinand mounts the throne, the merry days will return.

Big Sale Near Long Pine.

Long Pine, Neb., March 14.—Special to The News: One of the largest and most successful exclusive stock sales which has been held in this vicinity was held at the ranch of the Culbertson-Engle Co., four miles southeast of Long Pine. About 100 head each of fancy cattle and hogs were sold, besides a number of good horses, and the prices were very satisfactory to the company.

There has been in the last five days, sixteen families moved onto farms in the immediate vicinity of Long Pine, and mostly from Iowa and eastern Nebraska. They are all highly pleased with the condition of the country, and are greatly enthused at the flattering prospects for a bumper crop on account of the splendid condition of the ground.

No Basketball Match.

Lincoln, March 14.—There will be no series of basketball games between Nebraska and Kansas for the championship of the Missouri Valley, according to the announcement made by athletic Director E. O. Stiehm of Nebraska. A tentative agreement had been reached in which Omaha had been selected as neutral grounds for the series of three games, but Director Stiehm received word from Kansas that the only condition under which the team would play was the

guaranteeing by Nebraska of all expenses, an innovation, according to Stiehm, which he would not concede, and the series was cancelled.

ENGINEERS DEMAND RAISE.

Eastern Locomotive Drivers Want Same Pay as Western Men.

New York, March 14.—Argument supporting the demand for increased wages were prepared by a committee of fifty locomotive engineers headed by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for submission today at a joint conference with a committee of eastern railroads.

The engineers desire increase in order that their wages may be brought to a level of those paid on roads west of the Mississippi river. Following arguments several days will be taken to permit the railroads to formulate a reply.

WALLOP FOR MRS. BOB.

"Will Hand You One Later," His Promise to Actress Wife.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons, now playing a vaudeville engagement here, is billed for Chicago next week, but she is thinking of dodging the town. Following Robert's handing a beating to a young man in Chicago, Mrs. Fitzsimmons received this telegram here: "I met your lover and handed him a wallop. Will hand you one later."

The telegram was signed "Bob Fitzsimmons," and came from Chicago.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons today said the affinity story told by her husband connecting her with young Frank Taylor, a Chicago University student, and occasional vaudeville actor, is untrue. Taylor is merely a boy, Mrs. Fitzsimmons said, and they were merely friends.

Young Taylor is the son of an Indianapolis physician. He is about 23 years old.

CUDAHY PURSUER IS HELD.

Pasadena, Cal., March 14.—M. J. Condory, accused by Mrs. Jack Cudahy of entering her home to persecute or intimidate her, was held to answer before the superior court to a charge of burglary. He went to jail in default of \$500 bail.

Condory is accused of entering the home of Mrs. Cudahy in the evening of Feb. 28 and was identified by her. He denies that he was employed by anyone to harm Mrs. Cudahy. As a result of the day's hearing Mrs. Cudahy will be unable to follow her children to where they are believed to have been taken by their guardian. She must stay here to testify when the Condory case is called.

New Nebraska Court Ruling.

Lincoln, March 14.—The Nebraska supreme court reversed its ruling of a year ago when it held that insurance is not trade and commerce and therefore not subject to the anti-trust laws of the state. The court yesterday in an opinion by Justice Lottan declared surety companies subject to prosecution for violation of what is known as the Junkin anti-trust law. The case is that of an eastern bonding company, alleged to be in a combine with other bonding companies.

CANTON SITUATION TERRIBLE.

1,000 People Have Been Killed—Four Gunboats Are Sent.

Hong Kong, March 14.—Four gunboats have been dispatched to Canton from Hong Kong. An eye witness describes the scenes at Canton as terrible. One thousand persons have been killed.

The British gunboat Kins has been damaged by shells and has been compelled to shift her anchor. A wireless dispatch has been received from the Hamburg-American liner Cleveland which sailed from New York on a round-the-world voyage on Oct. 21, saying the contemplated visit to Canton has been abandoned, as the officials have prohibited the landing of American visitors.

CUMING COUNTY CANDIDATES.

Charles Graff, Con McCarthy and Adam Pilger in the Field.

West Point, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: Charles Graff, Con McCarthy and Adam Pilger have filed on the democratic side for senator, representative and float representative, respectively, for this district. No republican filings whatever have been made. James Molgard, democrat, has filed for county assessor.

HERE WAS SOME JOKE.

Chicago, March 16.—Being visited at night in his room at the university of Chicago by a white-shrouded figure which represented a man whose head came off and rolled on the floor, was so terrifying an experience for L. D. Dunlap, a student, that he suffered a nervous breakdown and had to be sent to his home at Bath, Ill., according to an announcement made at the university. It was said the hoax was arranged by other students and members of the faculty met tonight to consider whether the perpetrators should be expelled. It was said the students explained it was only intended as a joke, that one of them entered Dunlap's room wrapped in sheets stained with red paint and a cabbage to which was attached a mask used to represent a detachable head.

Schwedhelm-Thompson.

West Point, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: Louis Schwedhelm and Miss Ruth Thompson were united in marriage at West Point this week. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwedhelm and the bride the daughter of Dr. T. D. Thompson, a pioneer physician of Cuming county.

Mr. Schwedhelm recently graduated from the Creighton College of Pharmacy and has accepted a position at Boise City, Ida., where the young couple will make their future home.

Registered Short Horn Sale.

W. H. Tiedgen's big Short Horn Dispersion Sale will be held at Battle Creek, Monday, March 18th. 45 head of Pure Bred Scotch Top Short Horns to be sold at auction. 15 cows, 10 heifers, 10 calves, 10 bulls, all registered. This sale will be held rain or shine.

FOR INJURY BEFORE BIRTH.

Mother in Street Car Accident, Slight of Man Affects Child.

St. Louis, Mo., March 16.—Helen C. Bertram, 3 months old, filed suit here against the local street railway company, asking for damages for injuries received before her birth. A car in which her mother was riding struck a wagon and the driver held up a hand from which the three fingers were missing. The sight of the deformed hand came into the mother's vision at the same time she experienced the fright of the shock. The child was born without fingers on its right hand.

He Was Born 100 Years Ago.

Norfolk's oldest resident is celebrating his 100th birthday anniversary today. This centenarian is Levi D. Smith, living with his son H. C. Smith at 1210 Omaha avenue. Mr. Smith reads The News daily and up to a few days ago he has been able to read the fine print in the paper without the aid of glasses. Notwithstanding the fact that his son is in the midst of moving to a farm south of town, Mr. Smith is as jovial as ever and declares the troubles of house moving do not bother him.

One hundred years ago today Levi D. Smith was born in a New Jersey town. When he came west he accumulated sufficient capital to start business and later in years he became a prominent grocer in Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo. His wife died in December 1868. Tired of business life Mr. Smith farmed for about fifteen years and seven years ago he left St. Joseph and went to Elk Point, S. D., where he joined his son. Later he moved to Norfolk with his son and is spending his days telling his son and grandchildren what he heard Abraham Lincoln say once upon a time.

Heard Abe Lincoln Speak.

Mr. Smith recollects well attending the entertainments at which Abraham Lincoln was a speaker. He heard Lincoln talk quite often. He recollects the days of his first thirty years of life much better than he does the years after 80.

Mr. Smith is a jolly centenarian. He is a trifle hard of hearing but his jovial disposition makes him happy all those about him. He is short in stature and has a grey beard. He often jokingly remarks that he still has a few hairs remaining on his head. Mr. Smith is well read and rarely misses reading his daily paper.

"Father remembers more about himself during the time when he was a boy than he does about occurrences thirty years ago," says his son, H. C. Smith, a local dairyman. Mr. Smith has remarkably strong eyes. About fifty years ago he could not see without the aid of an optical assistant. He purchased a pair of spectacles a few days ago and finds that he can see much better with their assistance.

Madison Declaratory.

Madison, Neb., March 15.—The Madison high school declaratory contest took place at the opera house. The following contestants appeared and acquitted themselves creditably: Gotthelf Long, representing "The Boy in Blue"; Roy Carson, "The Southern Soldier"; LeRoy Lovell, "The Call to Arms"; Charles Skala, "A Dutchman's Dog"; Willard Reeves, "Liberty and Union"; James Robertson, "Mob and Law"; Lloyd C. Blackman, "John Brown"; Jesse G. Faes, "Swore Off"; Clinton Sherlock, "The Old South and the New"; Arthur C. Schmidt, "America's Destiny"; Ar. M. Smith "The House Divided Against Itself."

Jesse G. Faes in "Swore Off" was awarded the decision of the judges and he will represent the Madison high school in the declaratory contest for northeast Nebraska at Norfolk early in April.

O'Neill to Have New Hotel.

O'Neill, Neb., March 15.—Special to The News: A few weeks ago the business men of O'Neill, realizing the necessity of a suitable hotel, organized a Commercial club to look the matter up and report as soon as they found the sentiment of the people on the proposition. T. V. Golden offered to build a \$20,000 hotel if the people would subscribe \$5,000 of that amount. A committee of the club made a tour of the city and secured pledges for \$6,100. At a meeting of the club and subscribers at the Hotel Evans the matter was practically settled and the hotel will be built. The work will commence as soon as the weather permits.

Some few days ago at a meeting of the taxpayers of O'Neill and the township of Grattan, in which O'Neill is located, a levy of 3 mills was voted to build a Carnegie library. The building of the library and the negotiations were delegated to a committee chosen for that particular purpose.

The new Commercial club are working together for a bigger and better O'Neill and at the banquet which Mr. Evans tendered to the club and subscribers. All members pledged themselves to keep the good work up until O'Neill has a reputation for good

roads, good hotels and everything that goes to make a model city.

Almost every man approached to donate for the new hotel subscribed liberally. A note to Congressman Kindland brought a telegram subscribing \$500. Others subscribed equally large amounts.

The good roads matter was talked upon, and also the cleaning of streets and alleys. Stringent measures will be insisted on to keep the city free from accumulations of rubbish and waste matter.

Declaratory Contest.

West Point, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: The high school declaratory contest resulted in a victory for LeRoy Krause after a close contest. The title of his declamation was "How Of Folks Won the Oaks."

Oakdale, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: The high school declaratory contest took place at the Methodist church here. There were eleven contestants and all acquitted themselves creditably. Following are the names: Hazel Hopkins, Lee Hopkins, Helen Parker, Mildred Torpin, Opal Norwood, Edythe Bickford, Ella Moore, Helen Bon, Katie Ryan, Muri Beer and Ethyl Bickford.

The judges—Miss Dicky of the Ne-lish school, Prof. Newhall of Elgin, and Prof. Price of Tilden—awarded the first prize to Mildred Torpin on the piece, "Naughty Zell."

The second prize went to Muri Beer, her selection being "The Day of Judgment."

A violin trio rendered by Miss Myrtice Brainard, Claude Warner and Roger Brown was thoroughly enjoyed as were several songs rendered by the school.

To Miss Lella Admire, who trained all the contestants, is due a great deal of credit for her efforts.

"Naughty Zell" is the selection Miss Blanche Putney of this place spoke in 1908, winning the school, district, and state prizes.

There was a large attendance, filling the church, and including several from Tilden, Neligh and Elgin.

Verdigris Girl Wins Prize.

Verdigris, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: The Commercial club of this place offered a prize of \$5 in cash to the person who would suggest an acceptable name under which the club could unitedly grasp the wheel of progress and push it along.

Miss Elva Rungla, the assistant cashier of the Knox County bank, was the lucky contestant. The name she suggested was "Up And Do Its."

To have a letter directed to the secretary of the "Up And Do Its" will reach the proper channel.

David Brenner, one of the pioneers of this community, passed away at his home Tuesday, March 12, of old age. Mr. Brenner was highly respected by all who knew him for he was the soul of honor and honesty. He leaves to mourn their loss two sons, Will and Gus and a daughter, Mrs. N. P. Nelson.

At a recent meeting of the Commercial club it was suggested that ways and means should be found for increasing the valuation of real estate. The suggestion was made by one of the members that it would also be a good idea to publish the personal tax list of the township but this suggestion was voted down, and voted down so hard, that it will hardly ever be resurrected, for it is a well known fact that there are more tax shirkers in Verdigris township than in any other township in Knox county, if not in the state of Nebraska. The real estate shows for itself best.

Mr. Johnson, the perjurer's committee, is something appalling. We take the stand that a man who will swear falsely to the assessor, would do the same in a court of justice and his evidence should not be accepted. We hope that the Commercial club will not be one sided in this matter but that they will go to the bottom of this shirking, and make the rich dig up as well as the poor.

It is being agitated that another \$5,000 bonds be floated for the purpose of extending the water mains. This is a splendid idea, and one which should have the first call on the "Up And Do Its."

Verdigris has organized a fire company and it is safe to say that no better material could be found in the state. We have a brand new hose cart and 500 feet of a No. 1 hose. We will be looking for hose cart races next summer and then; well, just catch our smoke. The officers of the fire department are: J. J. Schmidt, chief; Frank Drassal, ass't. chief; W. A. Bruce, sec'y.; Louis Bartak, treas.

Relatives of Heilman Here.

The death of Usher E. G. Heilman in the state penitentiary at the hands of three escaping convicts, is being discussed by many Norfolk people today. Mr. Heilman, who was 60 years old, was popular in Norfolk and his untimely death came as a sad shock to his many friends. Many Norfolk people remember with pleasure the courtesies shown to them by Usher Heilman, while they were visitors at the state penitentiary.

Heilman's two sons were employed in a shoe store in Lincoln, and Mrs. Heilman lived in Lincoln.

Mr. Heilman's sister, Mrs. Luecke, a widow lives near Battle Creek. His brother-in-law, Louis Heckendorf, lives in Norfolk. Mrs. Heckendorf and Mr. Heilman being brother and sister.

Mr. Heilman came to Norfolk about thirty-five years ago and lived here until about twelve years ago.

Judge C. F. Elsey of the Norfolk police court recollects distinctly the outbreak in the state penitentiary twenty years ago when the prisoners overpowered the guards and took possession of the entire prison holding at bay hundreds of Lincoln citizens. Judge Elsey was at that time a member of the state legislature.

The warden of the penitentiary was among those held off by the convicts. The warden's wife was given liberty by the convict and it was through her that a peace conference was held between the victorious convicts and the posesses outside the prison walls, resulting in a peaceable settlement.

Six children survive Mr. Heilman—Arnold, John, Josephine, Alta and two twin girls, aged about 14. Mr. Heilman came to Norfolk in 1869 with Louis Hartman, August Doering and William Wagner from near Watertown, Wis. He had five sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. Dean Passes Away.

Mrs. Silas G. Dean, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at 2:30 last Sunday afternoon, died at her home 601 South Eighth street at 10:45 Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dean returned from an extended visit in California recently and Mrs. Dean was thought to be in the best of health until she suffered the stroke Sunday. She did not regain consciousness and died peacefully.

Two sons, Leland and Willis, died six and nine years ago respectively. There only remains the husband to mourn her loss. Mrs. Spaulding, a sister-in-law, and Mrs. Kierstead, a sister of Mr. Dean were among those at the bedside when the end came. Mrs. Dean was one of Norfolk's pioneers, having lived here about twenty-five years. Funeral services will be held Sunday or Monday.

Hitchcock for Delegate.

Lincoln, March 16.—A petition bearing 7,000 signatures, 2,000 more than required by law, asking that the name of Senator G. M. Hitchcock be placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for delegate at large to the democratic national convention, was filed with the secretary of state. Mr. Hitchcock's presidential preference is not indicated.

Fatal Alabama Tornado.

Montgomery, Ala., March 16.—An appeal for aid came to Montgomery today from storm stricken Headland, where yesterday two scores of homes were demolished and several lives lost in a tornado that swept over the town. Five persons were killed outright in Headland and a score or more hurt. Several of these cannot survive, doctors say.

REMEMBERING THE MAINE.

New York, March 16.—Flags were half masted on public and many private buildings today in commemoration of the burial of the battleship Maine at sea which will be towed from Havana harbor out into the Atlantic and sunk in a final resting place in the sea. Bells on Trinity church and its nine chapels will be tolled and the St. Patrick's day parade of 20,000 has planned to halt and stand at attention for five minutes with colors trailing at the time set for the burial of the Maine.

South Norfolk.

Frank House, who has been dangerously ill for the past two weeks, is slowly improving.

Miss Marie Randley of Anoka was here yesterday on business.

Jake Christensen returned from Randolph, Kans., yesterday, where he purchased a carload of horses and farm machinery which he intends taking to Canada with him. He was obliged to leave them here, on account of the heavy snow, which prevented his getting a car.

An engine went through here yesterday from the Missouri Valley shops, where it had been equipped for burning oil. There will be fifteen more equipped for oil burning immediately.

Mrs. S. S. Miller of Wisconsin is here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roseberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conley are moving from Snyder to Stanton, where Mr. Conley has charge of a cream house. Mrs. Conley is now at the Ed Mullen home.

Teddy Crowe, C. & N. boiler inspector, was here yesterday on business.

Jack Welsh, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is now able to sit up.

John Johnson is home from Wynot, where he has been working, for a visit with his parents.

Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ostendorf, who has been ill, is just able to be about his play again.

Mrs. Minnie Farley, of Inman, is an out-of-town visitor for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. B. L. Finley and daughter Lillian, of Scribner, were here yesterday.

BOATS FOR STREET CARS.

Augusta, Ga., March 16.—Regular boat service today was installed in place of street cars on some of Augusta's flood-filled streets. The Savannah river, ordinarily not more than 150 yards wide, today stretched a mile from the Georgia to the Carolina shore, while a 45.5-foot depth was shown by the gauge in the channel.

While property and livestock loss is expected to be considerable in the lowlands, there has been no loss of life reported so far. Many families have been forced to abandon their homes.

Warn Americans to Leave.

Washington, March 16.—American Consul Miller at Tampico, Mex., informed the state department today that he had received an anonymous letter warning all Americans to leave that vicinity before 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SHOTS FIRED IN STRIKE.

Half a Dozen Civil Officers at Barre, Mass., Slightly Wounded.

Barre, Mass., March 16.—Several shots were exchanged between a band of strikers at the plant of the

Barre Wool company and a detachment of civil officers today. Half a dozen officers were slightly injured and five men, all Americans, were arrested. The clash followed the removal of some cars from the plant of the company.

O'Neill Debaters Win Championship.

O'Neill, Neb., March 16.—Special to The News: The O'Neill high school debaters won the championship of the northern district of Nebraska over Atkinson in a debate here last night. Roger Ryan was selected to represent O'Neill at the state debate in Lincoln.

The following O'Neill team won last night: Frances O'Donnell, Lawrence Chapman, Roger Ryan.

These were Atkinson's team: William Humpel, Edwin Stratton, Darley Ramer.

Judges were: M. E. Crosier, Norfolk; W. E. Scott, Atkinson; G. H. Whelan, O'Neill. The decision was 2 to 1.

Ice is Four-Six Inches Thick.

There is grave apprehension as to the probability of floods from the forthcoming thaw of snow and ice in north Nebraska.

The Elkhorn river is frozen to a depth of forty-six inches at West Point, and about the same thickness in Norfolk. Union Pacific railroad officials, who recently inspected the ice here, are apprehensive for their bridges.

Pat Stevens Found Guilty.

Fairfax, S. D., March 16.—Special to The News: Pat Stevens was today found guilty of robbery at Gregory