PLAYED TO PACKED HOUSES.

A Prohibition Debate Cast to the Full Strength of the Iowa Senate.

ORATORY FLOWS LIKE WATER.

The Man the Des Moines Mob Was After-Professor Hunt's Resignation-Farmer Members Anxious to Get Home.

The Debate on Prohibition.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 21.- [Special.]visitor at the state house on Thursday or Friday could almost have fancled himself in the capitol at Washington. The building itself, though not as large, is quite as grand and elegant, and more luxurious in many of its appointments. The tide of travel turned steadily toward the senate chamber, where floor and galleries were packed with visitors, all intent on hearing the great prohibition debate. That's one of the peculiarities of Iowa people. They take the same old solid comfort in a lively prohibition discussion that the people of Meixco do in an animated bull fight. It is the popular diversion in each case. So when it was known that their favorite amusement was on the boards for Thursday and Friday there was no difficulty in packing the house at the usual d. h. rates with the choicest of Iowa people. The debate itself was worthy of a national legislative body. There were speeches made that would be a credit to either house of congress, and far more interesting than the average remarks printed in the Record. The polished Enight of Dubuque, who speaks with a grace and finish surpassed by none and hardly equaled by any member of either house, presented the democratic view of prohibition in a strong and masterful speech. He entertained all even if he didn't convert any of his hearers. In fact, none of the speakers expected to make any changes of heart on this question, for the whole range of discussion has been travelled so many times that the convictions of the audience were pretty firmly 'set." But the speeches were made with just as much unction and earnestness as if a popular verdict was soon to

SETTLE THE WHOLE PROHIBITION QUESTION. The venerable Casev of Keokuk, who looks like a statesman of the old school, contributed his quota of strong and forcible reasoning against prohibition. Senator Sutton of Marshalltown, whose investigations into the workings of prohibition in the southern states last summer have attracted national attention, fired some hot shot in the anti-prohibition camp that made the democrats squirm most uneasily. About everybody who wanted to talk on the subject had a chance. and then Senator Clark of Clarinda, the Patrick Henry of the senate, and the apostle of prohibition, closed the debate with a speech of remarkable eloquence and power. He spoke for nearly two hours, and held the audience spellbound. With the tenderest touch of pathos, he would draw the tears from many eyes, and the next moment, with a flash of wit, he would chase the tears away with smiles. But the most of his speech was of the "TERRIBLY IN EARNEST"

style. His words flow like a mountain torrent, and with a vehement, impassioned manner he sweeps along with a natural eloquence that nothing ever resists. Time after time the galleries burst into applause, despite the president's gavel. Keen as a rapier and heavy as a broad-sword, he cut and pierced at every stroke, and the democrats writhed beneath the assaults. When he sat down there was nothing to be said. In fact, there was nothing more to say. No opponent cared to try conclusions with him further; no supporter needed to add a word. The tournament was over and the lists were empty. Slowly the vast audience, a larger part of shom had been standing for hours, left the chamber, and the great prohibition debate

was ended. THE CONSTABLE SHAFER, who had occasion to whack a man who resisted the search for liquors two weeks ago, and thus stirred up the mob that tried to break into the jail, was brought to this city vesterday from Indianola. He had been 1eposing there quietly for several days, until the incendiary spirit that was aroused had died out. When arraigned before the police court there was no charge of murder presented, and hardly a charge of assault, and yet this is the man whom a crazy mob, mad dened with liquor, would have lynched had he not been fortunately absent, when the fail was assaulted. It is probable that when the man's case is heard he will be dismissed without any punishment, as it appears that he was only discharging his duty in serving the warrant placed in his hands. But mobs never discriminate. They never deliberate. They kill and then investigate afterwards. Des Moines came pretty near to a tragedy

and it wasn't the fault of a drunken mot

that it failed. LEIGH HUNT'S RESIGNATION. It is reported that Professor Leigh Hunt who resigned the presidency of the agricultural college a few days ago, will go to southern California to live. He has had a singu larly unfortunate experience in some respects. Elected to the presidency but a year ago, the care and mental strain and worry of the position have undermined his health and compelled him to give up the work. There have been so many factional controversies in the faculty of that institution in the past that it has become a difficult matter to fill the presidency with a man who is great enough to rise above the strife, and bring into harmony the discordant elements. The board of trustees will take several weeks in looking up a suc cessor to Mr. Hunt, and will try very hard to get a man who will give the school the pressige and success which its magnificent endowment and liberal appointments so richly

"HOW LONG, OH LCRD, HOW LONG," is what some of the farmer members of the legislature are beginning to ask. It is impossible to keep them from believing that the "flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la," hadn't something to do with the case. Every shirp of the early robin is a summons home Every sign of an early spring makes them restless and uneasy and in a hurry to start for their farmers, which they think need their attention more than state affairs do. But the session drags wearily along, and even threatens to run a month longer. There are so many investigating committees to report, and so many ambitious statesmen to be heard on pet projects that the session may be protracted much longer than usual. But very little has been accomplished so far, however, though the country is to be congratulated on the fact that very little harm has been done. If the mem bers will only spend the rest of the time as they have most of the session so far. in talk there is some hope yet that the country will

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. Saturday the house passed the bill prowiding for the election of a state dairy commissioner and appropriating \$20,000 for the expenses of his department, to be used to prevent the adulteration of dairy products. Also, the bill exempting from taxation property to the amount of \$500 belonging to unmarried widows and orphans of oldiers. Also, the bill allowing cities acting under a general charter to fund their in lebtedness. The committee on appropria tions reported in favor of granting the following appropriations: To the Mount Pleasant hospital for the insane, \$100,000 for nstructing an additional wing, and \$6,000 or a contingent fund; to the Clarinda asylum, for the protection of the walls and unsuished portion of the new buildings, \$10,-

000; to the Independence hospital, \$40,000 for building an additional cottage and \$19,-000 for other repairs and a contingent fund

When the senate convened Mr. Chesebro asked leave to change his vote on the bill locating the supreme court at Des Momes, claiming that he had voted yea when he meant noe. His right to do this was questioned, as the bill had been declared passed and gone to the house. He then moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and this was allowed by the senate, with the understanding that no further action would be taken till next Tuesday afternoon, A motion to reconsider Donnan's bill, allow ing judges to send children to the orphans' home, prevailed, and this bill, which was lost yesterday, will be the special order next Tuesday. The senate voted to fix the date of permanent adjournment on April 3. motion to reconsider this will be filed Monday, and the date will probably be changed to April 9, though many think it will be several days later. The senate passed, on its final reading, the Clark bill, for a more effectual enforcement of the prohibitory law -yeas 20, noes 16,

JESSIE CARTER DEAD.

The Victim of the Des Moines Bagnio Tragedy Passes Away, Des Moines, Iowa, March 21.—[Special

Telegram.]-Jessie Carter, who was shot Thursday by her room mate, died yesterday. It has since been learned that her real name was Theresa Scarry, and her home was in Cascade, Dubuque county, where her widowed mother now resides. Her companion, who is probably her murderer, has passed under the name of May Foster while living in Des Motnes, but her right name is understood to be Gussie Toogood, nee Allen, the wife of James Toogood, of Manchester, Delaware county. It is believed she led the dead girl astray and has had an unaccountable influence over her for evil ever since. The greatest affection existed between them, and it was only when death was approaching that the wounded girl told the police the name of her murderer.

May Foster, as she is called, is now in jail and refuses to make any statement of the sad affair. It is understood that she has means and will employ counsel and make a fight for her life or liberty. The coroner has taken charge of the premises where the tragedy occurred, and after the verdict of his jury Miss Foster will be arraigned in court. The tragedy has made quite a stir in town, as both girls were handsome, well dressed, and acquainted with many citizens who do not care for any unnecessary notoriety.

GOD IN THE CONGO COUNTRY. A Party of Methodist Missionaries

Sail For the Interior of Africa. JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 21.-About twenty missionaries sailed yesterday afternoon on the Inman steamer City of Chester to join Bishop Taylor, of the Methodist Episoopal church, in Africa. About a year suc Bishop Taylor, with a volunteer company of missionaries, went to the west coast of Africa to commence the work of christianizing the natives. The party will remain on the coast near the mouth of the Congo river, gradually becoming acclimated before they commence their march into the interior, which is their ultimate destination. Several weeks ago Bishop Taylor made a call for more volunteers. It was in response to this call that the teers. It was in response to this call that the party on the City of Chester sailed Saturday afternoon.

Prominent among the number were Rev. Mr. Shoreland of Oregon, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cooper of Wisconsin, Dr. and Mrs. Clark Smith and four children of Oregon, Dr. Har-Smith and four children of Oregon, Dr. Harrison of Ohio, Surveyor Burr of Oregon, Missionaries Cameron, Steele and Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Elkin of Ohio, Mr. Baker of Brooklyn and Mr. Sarteer of Missouri. Among the party are to be found farmers, mechanics and teachers. The company will be divided into two or three parties, and will establish a line of stations across the continent. Besides the work of evangelization, the missionaries will teach the natives to read the missionaries will teach the natives to read and write. The women will be taught to sew and the men instructed in some trade. The party carried with them scaled instructions from Bishop Taylor. They will probably travel 500 miles into the interior of Africa. They took with them a large amount of sup-plies, including canned goods of every de-scription, and agricultural implements. Large rafts, packed in sections, and to be used in conveying their provisions down the river during their journey into the interior, were among the outfit. There was a large gathering of clergymen and laymen, prominent in the Methodist church, at the dock to missionaries off and to wish them God speed.

FORCAST OF CONGRESS. Probable Work of Both Bodies Dur-

ing the Present Week. WASHINGTON, March 21.-The Edmunds resolution is likely to brought to a final vote in the senate about the middle of the present week. The present question s upon the Van Wyck amendment to consider the nominations to which the resolution relates in open session. It is possible lowever, that this amendment may be drawn. That course has been suggested by senators who are heartily in favor of the principle but do not think it best to mix the matter with the issue raised by the resolution, or to dispose of it as a party question. Should it be withdrawn the subject of secret ses-sions will be brought up soon after the Ed-munds resolution is disposed of. No less than a dozen senators are in earnest accord with the movement to consider the nomina-

tions in open session, and as many more are of those rules which force them so often to keep their mouths closed when the subject should be discussed freely. An effort will be made—and will probably succeed—to get up the Washington territory bill as soon as the pending resolutions are out of the way. The unfinished business of the morning hour is Mr. Logan's bill to increase the efficiency of the army. Mr. Frye hopes to find an opportunity during the week to begin a discussion of his resolution adverse to the creation of a lishing commission, and Mr. reation of a fishing commission, and Mr. Wilson will look for a chance to push the De Moines settlers' relief bill over the president's

In the house to-morrow the bill to grant ; pension to the widow of General Hancock and several other private pension measures. will be brought up as unfinished business of Friday evening's session. The Indian appropriation bill, which was extensively discussed last week, is likely to be passed to morrow afternoon or Tuesday. The postoffice appropriation bill will then have right of way, and is expected to run through the week. It is understood that the consideration of this measure will be enlivened by a political debate concerning the postmaster general's policy in regard to last year's appropriation for carrying occan mails. The business for the morning hours this week will come from the committees on war claims District of the committees on war claims, District of Columbia, civil service reform, American shipping and naval affairs, or so many of them as may be reached under the call. Measures of general interest that may thus be brought up for action and the bill relating to pulotage and the bill to increase the pavy. aturday will be devoted to a continuation

of the silver discussion. Tom Potter and Labor Troubles. CHICAGO, March 20 .- Vice President Pot er of the Burlington road has returned to this city and an interview was had with him at his office this morning. He said in response to inquiries of the reporter that it was not true, as stated, that he had returned ex-pressly to confer with a committee from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. "I have nothing whatever to say regarding this labor difficulty. We have no grievances on our line and it has not troubled them at all. should the engineers wish to talk with me they can do so, but I do not believe in settling this thing by arbitration. We arbitrate our-

The Germans Must Go. Beelin. March 21.-The newspapers in

eastern Prussia assert that the emperor of eastern Prussia assert that the emperor of Russia has signed a decree expelling non-naturalized Germans from Poland. Laborers without contracts must leave within three days, and those having contracts within a month. Mechanics are given three months, landholders six months, and manufacturers nine months within which to leave the country. The statement is believed in this city, despite Herr von Puttkamer's statement in the lower house of the diet yesterday to the contrary.

Selecting a Suitable Site for the Erection of Ouin Bohanon's Gallows.

BEASTLY OTOE COUNTY RAPIST.

Gathering of Women Temperance Workers at Exeter-The Loup Leaps Madly Over Its Banks-Brief Bits.

Where Quinn Will Be Choked. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 21 .-Special. -With the law commanding the ecution of the criminal to be made private and within the confines of the jail. Sheriff McCallam, in view of the possibility of having to carry out the full extent of the law, in the case of Quinn Bohanon, has been more or less perplexed in figuring upon a place within the meaning of the statutes. With the rememberance of the howling mob at Minden and its expressive actions in the people's desire to witness the exeof Richards, linked together tho bolsterous demonstrations with which took place at Seward when Castelar paid the death penalty for his crime on the scaffold, it is not to be wondered at that the sheriff of Otoe county, who desires to do his duty, has given the matter ample study.

"In case I have to perform the solemn duty attached to my office, as regards the execution of Quin Bohanon," remarked Sheriff Mc-Callam to a BEE reporter this afternoon, "you may rest assured I will go in strict ac cordance to the law. Besides my four deputies, and others whom the law requires, only six others will be allowed to be present. As regards the place I have selected, one that will both be secure and come fully within the wording of the statutes. You have noticed," continued the sheriff, "the large alcove to your left as you entered the east front door of the court house, and immediately under the winding stairway to the court room. That is the place I have selected. The trap will be cut and placed on a level with the floor, leaving no more than enough room on which to erect the gallows, and giving a drop of eight feet into the basement below which fronts the cell rooms. You may safely say that, in case Bohanon is hanged, it will be done as the law directs."

In this connection it might be appropriate to add that Bohanon still entertains a hope for life, and rarely converses as regards the sentence he is under, yet there are times when he approaches the subject himself in conversation with his keeper, and in one of these talks with the sheriff, he said if he had to be hanged be wished the sheriff would bring his coffin to the cell before the execution took place, as he would like to see it. He also requests that a heavy plank be laid at the head and foot of his grave. He is at present busily engaged in writing his life, and which, when completed, will cover over 850 sheets of legal cap. In speaking of his past life, he says there is one thing that he regrets more than any other, and that is he should ever have been guilty of horse stealing, that act having occurred in this county some eleven or twelve years ago. The general impression here is that the United States supreme court will throw the case out for want of jurisdiction, but the governor will commute the sentence to imprisonment for life.

A Good Subject for Hemp. NEBRASKA CITY, March 20 .- [Special Telegram.]-Our city was thrown into a state of

excitement this morning on the receipt of

the news that a man by the name of Butler, living some three miles south of this city. had been guilty of raping his daughter, a girl 15 years of age. Her statement is that her father, on three different occasions, forced her to succumb to his brutal passion, and on each occasion she has gone to her mother with her sad story; but the mother, if she can be called such, persuaded her to keep her mouth closed, saying she (the mother) would see that it did not occur again. Frantic and driven to desperation by the brutal treatment of her father and the cruel sympathy and inhuman part played by mother, the yesterday went to a neighbor and stated her wrongs and that lady informed her husband, and two hours afterwards a band of men, resolute and determined, and as they thought, with such secrecy as would enhance their efforts in the capture of the villain they sought, started for his home, but he got wind of their move ments and had flown. The country around was at once searched but no trace of him up to this hour has been found. Butler is the

father of five children and has lived in this

neighborhood several years, working on dif-

ferent farms. If caught it will go hard with him and jail bars would be at a discount. Temperance Work at Exeter. EXETER. Neb., March 20,-(Special.)-The W. C. T. U. convention for the Fifth district of Nebraska was in session here the past three days. The Fifth district of Nebraska comprises seven counties-Saline Fillmore, Adams, Clay, Nuckols, Jefferson and Thaver. Of these as yet but nine towns have organized societies, namely Hastings with a membership of 100, Edgar 77, Juniata 50, Exeter 49, Fairbury 40, Dorchester 39, Kennesaw 20, with Friend and Superior not heard from, giving the district a membership of about 400. There are also 800 children enrolled in the Band of Hope in this district. A number of energetic temper ance workers from abroad were present, in cluding Mrs. A. G. Fitch, Mrs. C. J. Todd and Mrs. C. L. Jones of Hastings, Mrs. C. M. Woodward of Seward, and Mrs. Holmes of Tecumseh. Many very nice speeches were made, and taken as a whole the meeting was a grand success. The noted temperance lecturer, Jos. Critchfield, the "Rough Dia mond," is to give a lecture here on the 26th.

The Loup River on a Tear. FULLERTON, Neb., March 10 .- [Specia relegram.]—The ice in the Loup river near this city broke up yesterday, and soon after formed a gorge twenty feet high a few miles below. The water soon overflowed the lower lands and covered a stretch of country fully a mile wide. The roar of the rushing torrent as it strikes the gorge is terrific, and can be heard for miles. The Loup bridge, just above the city, has not been injured yet, and it is believed it will stand the strain.

The ice in Cedar River also broke up an ook out two bridges and severely strained the piling of the railroad bridge. The bridge at the mouth of Timber Creek was also taken out. The damage thus far is estimated

Verdict Against Peter Schwenck Nonfolk, Neb., March 21.- [Special Tele gram. 1—In the libel suit for \$10,000 damages brought by Dr. P. Schwenck against three citizens who connected his name, by publication, with the running of a beer garden in Norfolk last summer contrary to law, the jury last evening returned a verdict for defend auts after being out fifteen minutes. The case was ably managed for the defense by Messrs. Wigton of Norfolk, and Robertson

Back to Mother Earth. COLUMBUS, Neb., March 21,-[Special Tel egram. |-- Mr. F. Scheck was interred to-day with honors in the Columbus cometery, witnessed by a multitude of friends.

A Rapist Gets Five Years. ARAPAHOE, Neb., March 21 .- [Special.]-The district court convened at Beaver City on Fuesday, the 16th inst., with Judge Morris occupying the bench, in place of Judge Gasthis district. But five important cases were tried. In the case of the state vs.

ALL THE NEWS OF NEBRASKA Tridle, complaint for rape, the defendant was found guilty of assault with intent to commit rape, and received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

THE BURNING GAS WELL.

A Contrivance Being Made That Will Quench the Flames. PITTSBURG, March 21.-The gas well at Murraysville, which caught fire Friday, is still burning fiercely, the main being burnt off at the ground. The company has not yet found means to quench the flames. Other pipes having burnt, the atmosphere of th vicinity is stifling from escaping gas. Two hundred men of one company are digging a ditch for the purpose of putting the pipes under ground. It is estimated that 9,00,000 cubic feet of gas is escaping every hour, of which about 3,000,000 reet is burning. Three deaths have resulted from Friday's explosion No person in town has gone to bed owing to the great anxiety felt as to further develop

PITTSBURG, March 21. - After forty-eight Pittsburg, March 21.—After forty-eight hours' hard work the men in the employ of the Philadelphia and Chartiers Gas companies succeeded in getting the burning well at Murraysville in such shape that the fre will be conquered. An arrangement on the principle of the ole-rashioned candle snuffer is now being made. The arms will extend each side a sufficient length to allow the men to work in safety. This contrivance can be pushed up to the well and the cap forced over the pipe and held there until the flames are extinguished by the cutting off of the fuel

Byrnes Declines to Testify. NEW YORK, March 21,-Inspector Byrnes under advice of the district attorney, de clined to testify in the Broadway investiga tion as to his recent talks with Alderman Jachne, as it would interfere with public justice. The investigation will be continued

Jachne, as it would interfere with public justice. The investigation will be continued on Friday.

New York, March 21.—Joseph O'Donnell, who was bondsmen for Alderman Jachne, this evening withdrew his bond and surrendered the alderman for custody. O'Donnell had his suspicion aroused that Jachne was about to take a trip to Canada. Jachne is locked up at police headquarters to-night.

Street Car Strike at Dayton. DAYTON, Ohio, March 20.-The strike among the drivers of the Third street car line, which took place at 12 noon to-day, continues. When the company learned that the strike was on they run their cars into the shed as they came in, discharging each driver, and when all were in locked up the car sheds and stables. The officers of the road held a meeting in the afternoon, but the result is not definitely known, except that for the present the road will not be operated.

The Defence Union Protests. London, March 21.-The Irish Defence union has written a long letter to Gladstone, giving its views on the Irish question. The union declares-first, that social order does not exist in Ireland; second, that the farmers here have been encouraged to repudiate the land acts of 1870 and 1881; and third, that the desire for self government is really a desire for complete independence. Sir R. G. Hamilton, under secretary for Ireland, has been summoned to London by Gladstone for consultation in regard to home sule. consultation in regard to home rule.

They Must Pay Their Board. CHICAGO, March 21.- Inter Ocean's Joliet, Ill., special: The Illinois state penitentiary commissioners have forwarded to the department at Washington notice that owing to the labor troubles in the state and probable legislation of congress against convict contract labor, the penlientiary will re-fuse to receive any more federal prisoners unless the government agrees to defray the cost of keeping them.

Mexican Horse Thieves Killed. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 .- The Chronicle's Lordsburg (New Mexico) special says: Four notorious Mexican horse thieves, with seven stolen horses in their possession, were overtaken by the same number of Americans near here yesterday, and in the fight which ensued three of the Mexicans were killed. The other escaped. Six stolen horses were

Heaviest Snow in Five Years. CHICAGO, March 21.- Inter Ocean's Dubuque, Iowa, special: The heaviest snow storm experienced here in five years has been raging for twenty four hours, and is now

abating. The telegraph wires, which have been rendered useless, are beginning to work again, and it is thought there is no further danger of delay in railroad traffic. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 21 .- A fire of curred this morning at Helena, Ark., destroy ing three blocks, including the opera house. It originated in O. K. Roberts' wholesale gro-cery storc. Total loss, \$200,000; insurance \$175,090,

The Clearance Score. BOSTON, March 21.—The leading clearing louses in the United States report the total bank exchanges for the week ending March 20 were 89,200,433,809, an increase of 40 per cent compared with the corresponding week

MISSOURI VALLEY.-Northerly winds shifting to warmer southerly; fair weather; Mississippi river will rise from Keokuk to

A Free Fight.

John Huff and his wife and Frank Brown, while returning from a dance at Kessler's hall last night, were attacked by three Italians near Thirteenth and lones street, just as they were entering their own door. Mrs. Huff was struck with a rock, when a general free fight ensued. Police assistance was called for and the patrol wagon responded. The entire party was captured after trouble and taken to the central police station, where the Italians gave the names of C. Eliodo, Lorenzo Eliodo and

Mary Anderson and her company will rrive in the city this morning from St General Agent Whitney of the St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha left last evening

for St Paul. Lew Farrington, an old locomotive en gineer, brought in the overland via "My on-in-law's route' vesterday. H. A. Johnson, assistant general freigh

agent of the Union Pacific, has returned

from Denver and is again at his desk. The ice in the river is reported broken as far north as Sioux City. The river is assuming a spring like appearance and the ice gorge is rapidly disappearing.

Detective E. M. Goodlet went to Kear ney last night to testify in the case against the gamblers and saloon keepers which have been worked up under the diection of the Law and Order League of that city. The Young Men's Hebrew Social club

gave a very pleasant dancing party at Lytle's hall last evening. About seventy-five couples were in attendance, and a out with delightful spirit.

John Hamlin, of the firm of Hamlin & Brown, returned Saturday from a three months' trip in Europe. Mr. Hamlin had a very pleasant trip and is feeling well and hearty and will be glad to see his friends. He visited in his travels France, England, Wales and Italy.

Sheriff Richmond, of Grinnell, Iowa leaves this morning with H. F. Koontz, who is wanted at that place for defrauding a coal dealer. Koontz has been under arrest in Omaha for several days, await ing the necessary papers for his transfer from this state to Iowa.

To those in need of good shirts the special sale inaugurated by J. L. Brandeis & Son, of this city, comes as a ray of sunlight on a dark day. The shirts they offer are worth three or four times the price they ask for them, and will go fast. They are making a specialty of mail orders.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R's freight and ticket office removed to Farnam street. Telephone No. 783.

STRIKERS CAPTURE TRAINS.

An Attempted Movement by the Missouri Pacific Frustrated by the Knights.

HELD AT OMAHA AND FALLS CITY

A Grand Musical Festival Arranged for in June at the Exposition Building - Death in the Flood-Local News.

Two Trains Stopped by Knights. An attempt to take out a Missouri Pacific freight train from Omaha was frustrated by the Knights of Labor yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. So quickly was it accomplished and so guarded were the movements of the men that everything was over before the news had spread to any extent. About 2:30 o'clock two men entered the

Knights of Labor hall on Douglas street, where an assembly was in session, and announced that a movement was being made to take a Missouri Pacific engine out of the round house and to get out a train. The messengers who brought the news were the men who had been delegated to watch the movements of the Missouri Pacific engines, and their an-nouncement was responded to by a number of Knights, who proceeded at once to the scene of action. By the time they reached the Union Pacific tracks the engine had been attached to the train, and was pulling out the upper yard as rapidly s possible. The men did not delay an instant, and as the train was crossing the Thirteenth street bridge one of their number mounted the front platform of the caboose and drew the coubling pin. The engineer of the Missouri Pacific engine saw the action and made an effort

to pull the train out without the caboose but two men boarded the engine and compelled him to shut her off By this time at least 100 Knights of Labor had gathered around and boarded the train, and engine and cars were run back into the yard. The engine was then killed and abandoned, the men scattering Saturday night an attempt to run a Missouri Pacific train out of Omaha proved successful, the Knights being enirely unaware of the movement until too late to hinder it. The officials congratulated themselves on their strategy in out-

that their joy was premature. When the train reached Falls City, this state, it was seized by Knights of Labor and prevented from leaving. The cars were sidetracked, the engine killed, and the crew ordered not to attempt to take the train out. The order was complied with, and the train still remains at Falls City.

A delegation of Missouri Pacific
Knights from Kansas City and Atchison

witting the men, but later events proved

are in Omaha directing the action of the Knights here in regard to the movement of Missouri Pacific stock, and it is evident from what has already been done that they mean business.

A JUNE FESTIVAL.

Preparations Being Made for a Grand Event at the Exposition Building. Prof. Simon G. Pratt, of Chicago, the famous musical director, is in Omaha making arrangements for a grand opera festival here in June. The Exposition building was the attraction which brought Prof. Pratt to the city, its superior qualities for an immense musical festival being presented to him by friends who have visited it. Saturday afternoon the board of managers of the building held a meeting champions, now let them come on. They and made the preliminary arrangements with Prof. Pratt for the event. He agrees to furnish the music, the singers, a part of the orchestra and drill the chorus, and the board guarantees him \$8,000. They also obligate themselves to put 6,000 seats in the building and prepare it with all the necessary apparatus required to give the festival. It is proposed to secure the \$8,000 guarantee fund by subscription, and a committee appointed for that purpose will call on the business men

this week Among those whom Prof. Pratt intends to bring to Omaha to make the festival grand success are Miss Fursch-Madi and Miss Emily Wynant. He will also bring thirty-live musicians from Chicago which, with about the same number belonging to Omaha, will constitute the orchestra. Forty picked voices which have been under his directorship in Chieago will also be brought out to strengthen a chorus of 300 selected from best musical talent which Omaha possesses.

Four performances will be given, in cluding a matinee. On the first night will be given the "Messiah," the greatest and most glorious work of Handel; on the second night Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and on the third night such selections as "Lohengrin," "Aide" and "Zenovia," the latter Mr. Pratt's own composition. For the matinee, selections will be given that seem to most generally suit the popular taste. Admission tickets are fixed at popular prices, 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00, so that all classes of people can find it within their means to attend and enjoy the entertainment.

DROWNED IN THE PLATTE. The High Water Reaches Farn Houses-Children Lost.

Roy Kimball, a young lad tiving at La Platte, was drowned in the Platte river at that point Friday. It appears that the boy, says the Plattsmouth Journal, who was about 12 years of age, was running across the bridge with an older companion, and that in trying to keep up with the latter Roy became dizzy or lost his balance and fell into the water, which was very near the level of the bridge and was tearing past with terrific force. boy's companion saw him and made an effort to save him, but the clothing by which he caught gave way and allowed him to be swept down stream. It is also related that Roy, who could swim, made an effort to reach the shore, but was un-able to do so. His body, of course, was not recovered

Near Waterloo the Platte reached such a height as to flood the valley for over a mile. While a Mr. Hall, a farmer, was attempting to reach a place of safety with his three children in his arms, the current overcame his grasp and two of them were carried away and drowned. He climbed a tree with the third, and was taken off after the water had chased him to the topmost branch. Walt Evans also lost all of his live stock, and came near losing his life in trying to save his prop People of the vicinity say floods this year were worse than ever be fore, and the property destroyed was simply enormous.

SECURED THEIR CONFIDENCE. An Omaha Detective Breaks Up Gang of Thieves at Calhoun.

For a number of months past the pec ple of the little village of Calhoun, about twenty miles north of this city, have been annoyed by the depredations of thieves, and so frequent and so bold had they be come that scarcely a week passed without some store or house being broken into and burglarized. These robberies were for a long time attributed to tramp thieves and the citizens of Calhoun began to seriously contemplate an organization for the extermination of these nuisances.

About three weeks ago the premises of ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BLUFFS LOCAL Mr. John Nichols, who keeps a temperance billiard hall, and also carries a stock of cigars, tobacco, confectionery and fancy articles, were ransacked in the night time and almost the entire stock

Mr. Nichols came to Omaha the following day and obtained the services of Detective Emery who at once detailed one of his operatives on the work. The detective, making up as a tramp himself, proceeded to Calhoun and worked himself into the companionship of the tough element of the town, whom he suspected of having a hand in the recent robberies Their confidence once gained, they per mitted him to accompany them on their nocturnal rounds and on last Tuesday night they laid before him their plans to rob an apiary or honey house there. The raid was successful and a large amount of honey was secured and secreted in the house of one John Texter. Following this was a raid on the store of Tanner Bros., who were apprised beforehand by the detective of the contemplated visit and kindly assisted him in preparing the trap. The plunder in this instance was also hidden in Texter's house. Friday the detective deeming sufficient evidence at hand for a case quietly went to Blair where he procured warrants for the arrest of three of the parties and also a search warrant for Texter's house. The officer recovered a large amount of plunder in the house, some of it showing that these same parties are the ones who have done all the pilfering during the past The good citizens of Calhoun are jubilant over this haul and the riddance of their little town of these characters.

AN ATTEMPTED KILLING. A Hard Citizen from Lincoln Tries

to Shoot a Man. Harry Stout, a tough young man from Lincoln, attempted to shoot Tom O'Brien, a hack driver, at the corner of Twelfth and Douglas streets Saturday night. In pulling the revolver from his pocket it was accidentally discharged, and before the young man could make another move he was captured by Captain Cormick, who conveyed him to central police station. Later O'Brien was also taken to police headquarters and locked up as a witness against Stout. The latter individual is a son of W. H. B. Stout, a con tractor at the state penitentiary. He has been in several disgraceful Omaha, having been present at the Buck-ingham when Jim Nugent was killed, and received a bullet in the leg at that time. He is said to be the man who began the disturbance which ended in the tragedy.

They Can Be Accommodated. Manager Jerome Pentzel of the Thurs ton Hose team was questioned by a reporter as to whether he would accept the challenge of the Fitzgerald team of Lincoln. The bold "defi" issued by that organization last week was published in the BEE of Saturday.

Mr. Pentzel said that he would gladly

accept the challenge in behalf of his team with certain modifications. He said: "The race must not take place either in Lincoln or Omaha. We agree to let the Lincoln State Journal act as preliminary, but not final stake-holder. The refered must be mutually agreed upon and must be a competent authority upon such matters. The ground of the contest may be in any part of the state except the two cities before mentioned. The stakes can be any amount from \$1 to \$1,000. They must also equalize the weight of their hose They can afford to bluster and bluff as their service hose weighs only 774 pounds. while the weight of ours is 3881 pounds a difference of 311 pounds." If the Fitz gerald team is still anxious to try conclusions with the great and only Nebraska can be accommodated.

A Grand Meeting. The Omaha Reform club met Saturday night, President Sprague presiding. After singing, Judge Edmund Bartlett of this city, made a stirring address, and was heartily applauded. At its close a number of new names were added to the club roll, among them being the speaker of the evening, and some drinking men A number of the members made pointed and a general feeling of good will and gladness prevailed. It is expected that next Saturday night will see a still better attendance and that a number of prominent citizens will join the fast grow ng ranks of the club.

There will be a business meeting or Thursday evening, which every member should attend.

Paving Contracts Approved. A special meeting of the city council

was held Saturday evening to approve paving contracts. Murphy, Creighton & Co. submitted bonds for paying districts blocks, also in paving districts Nos. 49 50, 52, 53, 54 with Colorado sandstone which were approved, as were also the bonds of the Barber Asphalt company for paving districts Nos. 56, 55, 43, 52, and a part of 44, with Trinidad street as

Captured a Lodging House. Jack Ryan and Hugh Burns, two in oxicated toughs, took possession of a lodging house an Harney street last evening and proposed to run it to suit them selves. The lady propreitors were drigout, and the lodgers corralled up-stars when the police arrived and took the in

truders in charge. Personal Paragraphs M. L. Elsmore, of Hastings, was in Omaha yesterday. J. M. Bennett and wife, of Hebron, are guests at the Paxton.

Messrs. Daniel and J. Schram, of Columbus, are at the Paxton. Mr. Isaac B. Snow, of St. Louis, is in the city, stopping at the Paxton. E. A. Brown of the Nebraska

C. H. Cornell, of Valentine and L. W. Gilchrist, of Wahoo, spent Sunday in Omaha. Senors James T. Civd eand Francisco Motta, of the Mexican Typical orchestra,

are at the Paxton.

S. R. Donohue, Chadron, Neb.; James L. Winer, Toledo, Ohio, and A. B. More, Oakland, are Canfield guests. Thomas Neashan, chairman of the ex ecutive committee of the Knights of Labor, Denver, Col., is in the city, stop-

ping at the Canfield house.

Cuba was abandoned

Mr. C. E. Russell, formerly editorial writer on the BEE, and now managing editor of the Detroit Tribune, is city on a brief visit, accompanied by his Hon. E. K. Valentine, of West Point

arrived in Omaha last night from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for the past few months with his wife. He leaves or home to-day. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Falconer returned Saturday from the east, after a pleasant our weeks' visit in the princip In account of the sickness of Mrs. F New York, their contemplated trip to

Our minister could not have preached last Sunday but for Red Star Cough Cure.

Street children at Hoboken, N. J., have their own method of making money. They buy a bunch of ten ferry tickets for 5 cents and retail them at 3 cents each thus realizing a cent profit on each ticket. One bright little fellow said that one day he sold over 400 tickets, thus making \$2. The average day's sales, however, are 100. I tions to list the stock have been rejected

Missouri Valley Items. The funeral of Mrs. Donzella B. Carlton occurred on Wednesday afternoon, which was attended by a large number of our citizens. She died from catarrhal

Allen Kendall, aged about 14, died of lung fever on Friday of this week. He

had been sick about two weeks. Luke Rithison was arraigned before Squire Hosbrook on Friday, on a warrant issued by L. Harker, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily injury, and was bound over in the sum of \$1,500 to the next term of the district court. He furnished the bonds. There has been bad feeling between the two families for a long time, and on Thursday Rithison shot at Harker five times, but without hitting him.

The tie which occurred in the Third ward was decided by casting lots on Wednesday evening at the office of the city clerk, and resulted in A. Edgecomb drawing the lucky number. The other two parties, Mr. Middleton and Mr. Smith, refused to draw and were not present at the drawing, and the clerk drew for the ab-

Several "soiled doves" who have been hanging round town for some time skipped pretty lively Wednesday when they heard there was a warrant out for their arrest.

There is a good deal of speculation as to what will be the policy of the new administration with regard to the prohibition question, and all wait with considerable curiosity and some with anxiety to see what ground the mayor will take in

"Rory O'Moore."

There was a large audience at the opera house Saturday evening to witness the play of above title, presented by local talent, it being a benefit for the Parnell fund The audience were delighted, and the presentation exceeded the expectations of all. George Hughes, in the title roll, showed more than ordinary ability as a comedian. His Irish brogue was far better than that given by many who lay high claims to rank among professional comedians. The other characters were well given, and as a whole the performance was far above the average amateur entertainment. As a pleasing incidental feature of the entertainment, Mr. M. J. O'Donnell gave an address, a tribute to "The Two Fings," Irish and American. It was warmly applanded, and deservedly

Personal Paragraphs.

E. S. Miller, general agent of the Con-necticut Mutual Life, who, with his wife, has spent some weeks here, has gone east on a visit to friends in Springfield, Mass., and other points in New England, ac-companied by Mrs. Miller.

Miss Tillie Perry of Logan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cy Parker. A. P. Cramer of Avoca was in the city vesterday.

O. M. Bruce, the well-known Walnut merchant, was in the city yesterday en route for Nebraska to look after his interests there. He expects to return the latter part of the week.

THOMAS A. EDISON'S WEALTH How He Was Enabled to Buy a House for Half a Million-The Story of a Monopoly.

The most curious rumors in circles of financial investment and manipulation Thomas A. Edison and his electrical light company, says a recent New York special dispatch. His clear expenditure of nigh \$500,000 for a home, to take his bride to, indicates an amount of wealth not hitherto accorded to the inventor, and out of that fact, together with fluctuations in the stock from \$40 to \$4,500 a share, wild stories of extraordinary financiering have grown. The unvarnished truth concerning Edson's income and the company's money is interesting. The history of Edison el-ectric stock shows that a good many in he town, and perhaps in others, have had occasion to look upon it as a sort of South Sea bubble. Among its original stockholders, in 1879, were such well-known men as J. H. Banker, T. R. Ed-ison, R. L. Cutting, Jr., Dr. Norvin Green and G. P. Lowery. Mr. Banker is since dead, his end naving been hastened, according to Wall street history, by losses in Wabash. Dr. Green still beams as the president of the Western Union telegraph ompany, and the other original stock olders are not pleasant parties to interview on the subject of Edison stock. The company started in 1879, with a cash capital of \$50,000. This was a sort of a preliminary fund, to be devoted to experimental purposes. As the trials progressed the capital was from time to time increased. It is emphatically depied that this chrysalis period the stock was water-ed a drop, but that the cash was planked down in every instance, except where Mr. Edison was concerned. To him

amounts wese issued from time to time for patents, in accordance with compacts made with him. At last the cash capital of the company got up to \$1,080,000, of which \$400,000 was paid to Edison, \$85,000 remaining in the treasury of the company and the balance has been issued in stock, the par value of which is \$100. During the early elecric light excitement the stock sold at the abulous price of \$1,500 a share. This was followed by a violent reaction and many who bought at those figures afterward saw it drop to \$40 a share. It is claimed that the "balloon" price of \$4,500 was not warranted by the facts, and subsequently it was demonstrated, what the early enthusiasts neglected to discover, that the development of the business would require more than they thought. Electric companies became as free as fresh air on a March morning; the Edison folks got involved in lawsuits in order to protect their patents, and the stock gradually drifted below par. During the last three years a new set of stockholders have taken hold. They have Press, is in Omaha, stopping at the Paxstruggled with the litigation, and have succeeded in raising the price of stock from \$40 to \$200 a bare. It is now a monopoly. Its plan is to develop electrical lighting companies throughout the country. It encourages local men to establish companies, and takes stock in the consideration of a heense to use its patents. In this way the Edison Company has formed between thirty and forty companies, including a large one in the lower part of New York City. It holds of these local concerns about \$1,000,000 of dividends paying stock, and has re-cently invested heavily in New York Central bonds as a reserve fund. It is claimed that the Edison system is the only one that can supply incandescent light on a small scale and in a practical way from central stations. Eugene Crowell is president and these are directors: Erastus Wiman, Edward A. Adams. Charles Bacchelor, C. H. Coster, A. F. Higgins, T. A. Edison, F. S. Hastings, E. H. Johnson, Spencer Trask, F. R. Upton and J. Hood Bright, most of them sound and wealthy bankers and business men of this city. The stock is only deart in on the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum exchange. The company

is continuously prosecuting suits for in fringement on its patents, and, as men

tioned above, constitutes a virtual monopoly; but whether this will continue, or

some rival enterprise will beat the Edison interest in this rich field, is a question so

frightening to capitalists, in view of tre mendous fluctuations in Edison stock

that they hesitate to buy at \$200, though

the worth may become \$2,000 within a year. The chances are too blind ever for the stock exchange, and all proposi