SAYS HE WAS NOT DIVORCED.

A Connecticut Woman's Letter Creates a Sensation at Oakland.

A CROOKED COUNTY TREASURER.

John Lapache, of Schuyler, Absconds, Leaving a Deficit of Nearly \$8,000 -A Railroad Canard-Other State News.

A Sensation at Oakland. OARLAND, Neb., Feb. 24.- Special Telegram to the BRE]—Quite a little sensation has been created here by one Jane O. Stead-man, of Hartford, Conn., writing to one of Oakland's magistrates claiming to be the lawful wife of the Steadman who was mur-

dered two years ago north of Lyons. It will be remembered that Steadman had in his complex a Modican with whom he involved in some difficulty, which resulted in the Mexicall shooting him. The Mexican was after-ward-burst together with stock and grain in a barn southwest of Oakland.

Mrs. Jone O. Steadman, of Hartford, Conn., seeing the full name of Steadman and also a full description of him decided he was her husband. Steadman had accumu-lated quite a little property, all of which has been sold; also left a wife who is highly re-spected, and ten children, who near ward recan shootfur him. The Mexican was after

been sold; also left a wife who is highly re-spected, and ten children, who now reside in Kansas City. The Mrs. Steadman of Hart-ford claims that her husband left her about ten years ago for the west and she never heard anything of him and that he was never divorced from her.

Short in His Accounts. SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 24.-John Lapache ex-county treasurer of Colfax county, has left for parts unknown, and he is now discovered to be \$7,445.37 short on state funds. On returning from his office a few weeks ago he mortgaged his private property in order to settle with the county commissioners. His bondsmen, forty-two in all, will have to make good the deficiency.

The St. Joseph & Grand Island. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 24 .- [Special to the BEE. |-The resignation of General Manager McCool, of the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad, together with the report that the road would pass into the hands of another corporation has naturally excited considerable interest among the people of Hastings and other towns and cities along the road. A few days ago a somewhat remarkable statement appeared in the columns of several papers to the effect that "the negotiations which have been pending between the Union Pacific, the Santa Fe and the Diagonal for the purchase of the St. Joseph & Western have been consummated and the road has been purchased by the Union Pacific." This

been purchased by the Union Pacific." This statement was telegraphed from Hastings and John M. Hagan, the attorney of the road, quoted as authority. As Mr. Hagan was in Boston the attempt to fasten so ridiculous a report upon him was a failure.

In conversation with a prominent official of the St. Joseph & Grand Island the Bez representative learns the following facts concerning the reported sale of the road: Some time ago Charles Francis Adams, jr., made an announcement—cutirely unofficial however—to the effect that under certain circumstances the St. Joseph & Grand Island railstrands announcement—entirely undirectal now-ever—to the effect that under certain circum-stances the St. Joseph & Grand Island rail-foad might be sold. But it was made known that the road would only be sold to the com-pany that would be willing to assume the inbtedness of \$35,600 per mile. The report, wever, that the Union Pacific had bought -carries its own contradiction when known that the Union P stock, and has always practically controlled the road. The minority stockholders are represented by Mr. James H. Benedict, who secured his appointment through an order of

The rumor that the road will be sold is not credited by the attorneys and officials of the company in Hastings. It is hardly probable that the Union Pacific will put one of the most valuable feeders in the hands of a powerful competition.

The Lincoln Newspaper Union. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24 .- [Special Telegrain to the BEE. |-The Lincoln Newspaper union entered to-day filed articles of incor the company to be the printing, publishing and issuing of ready print sheets as well as sterreotyping and electrotyping. The capital stock is \$50,000 and business will com-mence March I. A. T. McCargar, of Chicago, J. N. Garver, of Sioux City, and J. M. Ray-mond, Patrick Egan, J. E. Utt and M. I. Atkin, of Lincoln, are the incorporators.

Serious Cutting Affray. Hannon, Neb., Feb. 25.—[Special Telegram to the Brg.]—News was received here this morning of a serious cutting affray at Gilead, the next station east of here. One Hopkins, colored, got into a quarrel with an-other negro named A. J. Marshall at a dance and cut the latter about the face and neck so that his recovery is doubtful. Hopkins is here under arrest and will have his prelimi-nary examination on Monday next.

Sale of Thayer County Lands. HEBRON, Neb., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bre.]—The county commissioners have advertised the sale of county lands to take place on March 6. The land to be sold consists of 100 acres adjoining Hebron which has been platted and is known as the county addition to Hebron, and also a number county addition to Hebron, and also a number of choice residence lots within the present city limits. Since the sale has been advertised the city has been visited by investors from many localities. The money from the sale is to be used in building a fine jail and sheriffs residence here. The commissioners are already considering plans for the structure.

The Rome of Minnie Freeman. STOPAUL, Neb., Feb. 34.-[Special to the MEE.] -The home of Miss Minnie Freeman is at St. Paul, Neb., and has been since her childhood, and not at Ord nor Myra Valley

shiddhood, and not at Ord nor Myra Valley as has frequently been stated by many of our state and local papers. She was only testelsing a term in the district school of Myra Valley district at the time of the famous bilizard of January 12.

The distance of St. Paul are making preparations to give Minnie a grand reception that week, and also to present her with a good medial, our one side of which will be stamped an indication of Minnie leading her best to the suchor of safety.

The low Gorge at Nebraska City. Namanka Girr, Neb., Peb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Hun.]—The ice in the river taken he dry front out last night, doing very little damage. It also broke up above the city, but the ice in the main channel at the city remained splid and the ice from above the island. Bears were entertained by the the the pile builders that it would result in an appear to the new bridge spanning a mud-hole a quarter of a mile from the river, which would almost certainly accessitate the building of asveral more spans of bridge. The cold wave as this areains, however, blocked the ice; The Ohleago, Burlington & Quincy is working hard to change the current of the river by building dyles and blasting the ice out of the main channel. Little damage has as yet stein done except to the pile bridge, which was destroyed by the ice gorge.

Recovered Fifty Dollars. Avison, Neb., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Ban.]—The much talked of ease of Fellows vs Stall was given a hearing to-day and judgment rendered against the de-fendant for \$50 and costs. In this case R. O. Fellows, editor of the Post, sued John S. Stall, the defeated republican nominec for district judge, for \$75 in payment for survices to dered during the late campaign. The case will probably be appealed to the district

The Missouri Pacific at Hastings. HARTINGS, Nob., Feb. M .- (Special to the fina |-A large force of men and feams are bushy engaged in threwing up the grade of

of this city and the work will be finished in a few days. The road is already to the city few days. The road is already to the city limits from the south, and from the west limit of the city to the north line of the county. The track layers are rapidly approaching the city from the south and are now but four miles south of the city limits. Chief Engineer Barrington informs the Brz correspondent that the construction train will be in the city sometime next week if good weather prevails. good weather prevails.

A Hard Character. HERRON, Neb., Feb. 24. [Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Sheriff Green returned from Indianola Thursday moraing with A Herr under arrest. Herr is quite a notorious character in Thayer and adjoining counties, having several times been in the hands of the law. He is now charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Young Kleiber's Body Found. OAKLAND, Neb., Feb. 33.-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The body of Rudolph Kleiber was found in Logan creek by a seaching party to-day. His only sister, of Macon, Ill.; has been notified.

Want Another Attorney.

AUBURN, Seb., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Hgg.]—The county commission ers have been in session at this place for two days past considering petitions from the citi zens of London precint in which they ask that John S. Stull be discharged from acting as their attorney in the famous Brownville & Fort Kearney railroad bond case. A pe-tition of four-fifths of the voters asks for his discharge while a petition of a few of the re-mainder ask that he be retained. As yet the commissioners have not decided which petition to grant.

Youthful Thieves. FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the BER.]—The boys who are charged with robbing the drug store of Dr. D. M. King, were arrested in Atchinson county to-day and brought to this city. Pheir names are Logan and Reaves, and boy by the name of Sears, both under eighteen years of age. It is believed they have been committing robberies for some time. They were bound over to the next term of the district court, bail being fixed at \$509.

The Alliance Excursion. BROKEN Bow, Feb. 24.- [Special Telegram to the BEB.]-This evening at 5:40 the great Alliance excursion passed through here. The train is the largest ever run up into this country.

A Conditional Loan to Russia. VIENNA, Feb. 24.—It is reported that a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bank ers has advanced to Russia \$30,000,000, re fusing to grant a larger loan, unless the Bul-garian question is settled peacefully.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

C. Penn, of Browning, Mo., is in looking over the market. C. C. Hartson, of Rising, Neb., is on the market with a load of cattle.

A. T. Goodell, of Western, brought in two cars of cattle and two of hogs. W. W. Pennington, of Salem, Kas., is in with a load of hogs from his feeding ranche in Nebraska, near Ravenna. Jerry Dee recovered \$31 from M. M. Parish n Justice Levy's court. Suit was brought

M. H. Ish once more appears as defendant in a carnishee suit brought by Francis Engel, and Justice Levy continued the case until

John Loighthauser at one time loaned A Stein \$11.15, and when he wanted it had to sue for it. He sued and recovered judgment John Quincy Adams did not appear when his suit against Daniel Franz was called by

Justice Levy, and it was dismissed. John Quincy will have to pay \$5 or \$6 costs John McNielta is still bearing up bravely, and shows some signs of improvement. He says he won't die—and it don't look as if he will, doctors to the contrary notwithstand-

Exchange hotel guests yesterday were: J.A. Crane, Risings, Neb.; C.C. Hartson, Risings, Neb.; James L. Paxton, Council Bluffs; George Boetel, Millard, Neb.; A. Gaveoty, Ashland, Neb.; J. B. Boylis, Crete, Neb.; C. Belsley, Bellwood, Neb., and J. A. Frazier, Silver City, Ia.

Eagle house had a dispute about the relative cost of living in Omaha and South Omaha, and for once the boarder came out ahead. At least Justice Wells thought so, and figured that Harry would have to pay \$1 and costs to make things balance. He did. Two-years ago Fritz Neidenfer had his

foot frozen while out chopping wood, and it has troubled him ever since. Yesterday he called in the services of Drs. Kirkpatrick and Ensor, and they decided that to save the limb, or possibly the life, they would have to amputate the foot. They did so, and Fritz is doing as well as a sixty-four-year-old man can be expected. He lives in the annex.

Real Estate Transfers. George H Boggs and wife to Lyman Sisley, lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, blk 32, in George H Boggs' add, w d\$ Lyman Sisley (single) to John J Mc-Cafferty, lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, blk 32, George H Boggs' add, w d... William S Myers and wife to W C Whitman, lot 5, blk 18, in village of Waterjoo, w d Waterloo, w d.

Fred H Waddingham to James K
Chambers, lot 19, Pelham place, w d
Matilda Carpenter to J J Cummings,
a 3/4 lot 11. blk 24, Wilcox' 2nd add, 1.875

wd.
Lizzie C. Graham and husband to
Mary Ellen Wilson, et al, lot 1 blk
23, Carthage add, wd.
Mrs. Geo. W. Gates and husband to Adels de Brandenburg, undivided 1-6 of part of blk 224, Florence, w d W. A. L. Gibbon and wife to Mary L. McKenzle, lot 20 blk 13, West End acres, widing a series of the first and series of the Brighton Beach, about 130 acres,

Lewis M. Poff and wife to George G. Seay, w. le lot 2 bik 8, Improvement Association add, w. d.
George F. Seay et al to Guatof Hammel w A lot 2, blk 8, Imp Ass'n add w d.

D J Hutchinson et al to John Hart bot 28 Cunningham's & Brennan's add w d.

Building Permits. The following permits were issued yester day by the superintendent of buildings: day by the superistendent of buildings:
Fred Behm, alterations to store 508
South Eighteesth.
Miss Apple Wilson, 2-slory and basement dwelling, Ninth seas Bodge.
Christian Wolf, cottage, Tweaty-lifth avenus super Misson.
Nels Carlaon, stable, Ninth and Oak.
S H Gordon, warehouse, 1908 South Thirteenth
Autoine Massion, two cottages, Fifteenth near Vinton.
H F Reel, two story frame residence,
Park near Morton avenus. 3,500 100

Seven permits, aggregating,.....\$10,120

Where is Masterb? Mrs. 12. H. Burchess, of Brownville, in this state, has written Droxel & Maul stating that she had heard that her brother John N. that she had heard that her brother John N. Masters had been shot in Omnha and died here. It seems that he left Tarkio, Mo., it september of 1886, was a blacksmith and an Odd Fellow. There are but two Masters in the directory of this year, acither of whom has the initials of the missing man. No man of that name has been shot or killed in this city within the recollection of the coronor, and Mrs. Burchess has been so informed. AN AMERICAN BLIZZARD.

It Makes a Very Cold Day For Victo ria's Drawing Room. [Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, Feb. 24 .- | New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—Minister Phelps took with him this afternoon to the queen's drawing room an American blizzard. Mr. and Mrs. John Bull and the calves of their teamer were amazed at the cold in and around Buckingham palace. "Such shocking weather has not been known, you know, in London; no, not for years," and the mercury had fallen to 18. The air was thick with frozen mist, which stung faces and blinded eyes, and the wind blew its preface to a Herald gale, due at midnight. Fancy, then, several hundred ladies in regulation Lord Chamberlain summer evening costume and gentlemen

in court dress shivering through wraps, some for hours, on bleak Constitution bill or wide St. James park. Many thought of Kents' line, "The owl for all his feathers." In the crowd awaiting turns everybody envied Lady Randolph Churchill's Russian cloak of slate colored velvet and white fur fresh from the dominions of the czar, to whose spouse, as the sister of the Princess of Wales, Lady Randolph had taken letters of commendation. But the approaches to the crush, the delays, the fight for precedence, the crush itself and drawingroom etiquette with incidents, have been too often described in the Herald for repetition. Never before in the memory of the oldest downger had a blizzard crossed the Atlantic, and consequently the attendance was measureably small. Sir Morell Macken zie may possibly soon bury the crown prince. but ne will be able on his return to care at enlarged fees for hundreds of aristocratic sore throats consequent on this drawing room. Minister Phelps and Madame Phelps had little to do. They had only one presentation on hand. Mrs. Phelps were a robe of black silk velvet, bodice and train of same material, trimming of gold brocade with pink roses embroidered between gold and velvet train lined, with pink satin to match the flower. She duly presented Miss Louie Bouvage, daughter of Charles W. Bon of California. She wore a vnge, robe of white corded silk. The corsage was of the same material, with garland daisies from each shoulder fastened at the left side, the skirt puffed and front trimmed with daisies, which also formed a garniture at the bottom of a long court train lined with white ostrich tips The coiffure was ornamented with aigrette of two white plumes, with a small cluster of daisies attached to a long vell of white tulle; bouquets of marguerites. Two ladies for merly of New York were presented outside the diplomatic circle-Mrs. Hutchinson Park inson Sharpe and her daughter, Miss Park inson Sharpe. The latter wore a pearl sating limperatrice robe and garniture skirt composed of tilies of the valley and the sam

flowers in her bair, with plumes. The queen wore a train and bodice of black brocaded with silk, trimmed with jet, over s black silk skirt, draped with tulle and trimmed with jet; white tulle veil, surmounted by a coronet of diamonds; necklace and earrings of large diamonds, and the Koh-i-noor as a brooch, with nine orders. The Princess of Wales were a train of a shade of mignonette and gold brocade, lined with golden satin, over a dress of a darker shade of Lyons velvet and brocade. with volante cyst point lace, looped with plumes, feathers and bows of gold ribbon, corsage to correspond; head dress a tiara of diamonds, feathers and steel ornaments pearls, emeraids and diamonds. Princes Beatrice wore a dress of pale amythist poulte de soir, with bodice and train of Oriental gold brocade; headdress of feathers, veil, and diamond tiars, with stars; her jewels were pearls and ameralds. The Princess Louise of Wales wore a train of a shade of pale rose-colored brocade, edged with tulle, pipe of tulle over faille, looped on one side with a large bunch of snow drops, tied with loops of rose-colored ribbons; corsage of the brocade trimmed to correspond; ornaments, pearls, diamonds and rubies and commemorationmedal

The duchess of Albany wore a Lyons black velvet and train, lined and trimmed with white satin, white feathers, veil; ornaments, diamonds and pearls. The queen remained through all the ceremony.

Death of Two of Stanley's Men. [Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] BRUSSELS, Feb. 24.—[New York Herald

Cable-Special to the BER.]-A painful impression was made here to-day by the arrival of news of the death of Captain Lieven Vandevelde and Lieutenant Warlomont, the latter a young officer in the grenudiers. engaged for three years in the Congo administration. Captain Vendevelde, who was one of Stanley's most trusted henchmen, was on his way to Stanley falls to help Tippoo Tib restore order.

Provisions of Parnell's Bill. LONDON, Feb. 24.-The text of Parnell's bill is published. It empowers the court to order the reduction of the arrears and costs of tenants to whom the land act of 1887 applies, where it is proved that such tenants are unable to pay owing to circumstances be yond their control; extends to nine months the period within which care-takers under the act of 1887 may apply for restitution of the act of 1887 may apply for restitution of their tenancy; empowers the court to reduce the amount of judgment and costs against such care-takers when it is proved they are unable to pay, and directs that upon payment of a reduced judgment and upon application to be restored to their holdings, they be dealt with the same as if they had paid the judgment in full. The bill will be supported by the Gladstonians.

A number of unionist members of parliamens approved the bill initiated by T. W. Russell amending the arrears clause of the land act by empowering the court to spread arrears over an extended period besides reducing the amounts. The government will probably assent to the measure in order to do away with the Parnelling and Gladstonian proposals.

The Procedure Debate. LONDON, Feb. 24.—In the commons this ovening the proceure debate resulted in a decision to meet at 3 p. m. and adjourn, at 1 p. m., closing opposed business at midnight.

Local Sporting Notes. P. J. Kirby received a telegram from Charlie Ashinger, the Omaha entree in the six-days' bicycle race, now in progress a Philadelphia, which stated that the score u to midnight Thursday night was Dingley, 650 Knapp, 640; Hollingsworth. 634; McDowell 618; Ashinger, 578; Rhodos, 487. The tele gram concludes, "I got duped. Ashinger."

At Kirby's Sixteenth street sporting ren-derrous last evening, Ed Kendall put up a five-pound dumb-bell 3,500 in twenty-one

The Omaha Amateur Athletic club's regular meeting will be held next Tuesday even Manager Selee has at last made up hi mind to reclaim Shannon, who it has been officially announced is to play with Kalamazoo next season. The case will be laid before the

Brevities.

Last evening the officers and deacons of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by their wives, held a reception in the church parlors, corner of Dodge and Seventeenth streets. The occasion was an enjoyable one. The programme, consisting of select musical and literary numbers, was an attractive feature.

Last evening at the Jewish synagogue the Rev. W. E. Copeland delivered an interesting talk on the mysteries of the Sphinx. Despite the blustering night a good audience was in attendance, who warmly appreciated the speaker's ef-

THE FIASCO OF THE YEAR.

We, Us & Co. Broken In Heart and Sad in Spirit.

FOILED BY THE JANITOR

He Came Not With Light and Warmth to a Snap Meeting Called By the Jefferson Square Clique. A Grand Failure. Spectre like, the Hon. Jim Creighton, Tom Swift and W. A. Kelley, of school director fame, stalked through the highways yesterday, whispered an inaudible whisper in the ears of prominent men as they hurried on in the pursuit of their business, buttouholed citizens in public places and haunted the county building in quest of those whom they could devoure. Beside this active and waylaying trio, Hascall, with the few tails to his kite in the council, were out in full apparel and in tones soft and low would say some thing and then point their index fingers in a northern direction. The mystic signs and subdued breathings of these principal mem bers of the firm of We. Us & Co. were kep up until the gathering of the shades of night Through the "nigger in the woodpile" that is an indispensible adjunct to all the acts of We, Us & Co. the BEE received a pointer as to the particular object in the wind for last night, and a few minutes before So'clock a reporter wended his way in the northern direction to which he had seen the index fingers point a few hours previous. Ar-riving at the northwest corner of Capitol av-cuue and Sixteenth street, he ran anuck of three men and quickly recognized Ed. Brennan's strawberry overcoat on one side, and the soft and wide-brimmed hat of a taxeater on the other. Betwix the two was the chumpy little form of Mike Lee, who, after digging the dust out of his eyes, solemnly and cautiously followed his two companions up the Capitol street entrance which admits access to the rooms of the board of education. BEE man followed in the wake of the leaders, who went clear to the top of the building, where they were confronted by a lot of men dressed in the regalia of a mystic organization. Mike's trained eye for quickly seeing and deciding told him that he was in the "wrong pew," and without giving the rest of his companions "the cue" he heartlessly deserted them to their fate, which shortly appeared in a man of John L. Sullivan proportions and a voice as cheerful as that of a fog horn. He informed the intruders that they were stepping on hallowed ground, and gave enders, who went clear to the top of the

horn. He informed the intruders that they were stepping on hallowed ground, and gave vent to his inquisitives. Upon being told that no harm or impropriety was intended, that the callers were seeking out the board of education rooms, the big man gruffly replied: "It's down on the next floor, and its funny that you fellows who have lived here for years don't know where it is." No exceptions were taken to these reproachful words, and Mr. Brennan, his friend with the big-brimmed hat and the Ber reporter waltzed down stairs to the board of education rooms. The interior was enveloped in darkness, and the large black painted doors stood grim sentinels to further progress. Mr. Brennan tried them, but they, failed to yield to his magic touch. "They're locked," he said. "That's so, they are," warbled the man with the big-brimmed hat.

Then, looking about, him, Mr. Brennan, in

with the big-brimmed hat.

Then, looking about him, Mr. Brennan, in querrilous tones, asked, "where's Mike."
There being no response to this, the contractor continued: "Why, they told me the meeting was to be here to-night," quickly adding in tones of some concern: "I wonder if they could have contracted as a second of the contracted was a second of the contracted was a second of the contracted of the con in tones of some concern: "I wonder if they could have changed their minds and are meeting somewhere else.

To lend suspicion to the proceedings and encourage Mr. Brennan in his evil forebodings, the Baz man volunteered to bet they ings, the Bre man volunteered to bet they were, and the trio again emerged into the cold, cold world. As they landed on the side-walk the reporter dropped the remark that "perhaps Captain O'Donahue could throw some light on the mysterious subject."

"He can, perhaps he can," Mr. Brennan repeated over several times with an evident degree of anxiety, amending these words, "but he may be gone, and then we would not know where to go."

Across the street to Captain Dona-

Across the street to Captain Dona hue's place, on Sixteenth street "be yant," the party went, and when the door was opened the interior presented hue at the head and Hascail at the tail. A cheerful "hello" went up from the crowd, and Hascall, after disappearing outside the contents of a "schnitz," settled down on chair. He was in a merry and talkative mood, and immediately pulled the stay strap from his bag of chestnuts, which he dispensed for the amusement and edification of those who would listen to him. When his audience, which numbered some nine people tired of his chestnuts he sailed off into abuses

of Mr. E. Rosewater, which too, was somewhat stale and of the obestnutty order.

Leaving Hascall to entertain his hearers, the reporter turned his attention to a well posted employe of the O'Donohue establishment, and was informed by him that the object of Hascall's presence and the other two ject of Hascall's presence and the others was to attend a meeting to be held in the room of the board of education just as soon as the jamitor would turn up, unlock the doors and light the gas It was intended at that meeting to boom Jef-ferson square as the proper place for the city hall, and cry down the present site in loud and windy terms. The reporter lounged in the saloon until long after 8 o'clock, and with others peered attentively in the direction of the board of education rooms for the prom-ised janitor and gas lights that failed, as the

minutes sped along, to materialize.

Heturning to the hall and leaving Hascall and his beer-sipping friends to their enjoyment, the reporter encountered Tom Swift, who stood dreamily at the head or the stairs and bewailing loudly the non-coming of the balance of the firm of We, Us & Co. Pres-ently footsteps were heard, and they turned out to be these of Hon. Jim Creighton. Jim out to be these of Hon. Jim Creighton. Jim looked at Tom and Tom gazed upon Jim, and they both broke the silence by asking, "Why is not the half open?" This was a thirteen puzzle to each of the statesmen from the north part of the city, and Tom, thinking he was going to propound something easy, let loose the interrogation, "Where is the janitor! Who is supposed to light up here I'd like to know?" Jim was again strangled for an answer, but put in the query, "Where is Kelley. He's engineering this thing, and he promised to have the hall opened and lighted."

"I know he did,", spoke up Tom, "and he

"I know he did," spoke up Tom, "and he worked up the boom until nightfall, and a great many promised to stay down town to attend the meeting." "The wind scared them out." sorrowfully ejauculated Jim, "and here's half past eight now and no one is here. There'll be no meeting to-night, lim, sure, and I'm going back home."

back home."
Good to his word Jim started off, leaving Tom to commune with a solitary citizen, followed by the reporter. Mr. Creighton said that the meeting, if held, would undoubtedly have something to do with moving the city hall from it's present site and planting it on Jefferson square. He insisted, however, that he did not know much about it "as Kelly was engineering the thing."
Back to the hall again went the reporter.

it "as Kelly was engineering the thing."

Back to the hall again went the reporter, and a look into the drug store disclosed the classical features of Louncilman Tom Lowry, sitting close by the door consoling himself, gnawing on the kapo of his walking stick. He was not allowed to enjoy this lethargy very long, as County, Commissioner Anderson's whiskers blew in upon him. The commissioner was very wroth over the Omaha, Yankton & Northwestern proposition, and he poured forth eloquence unrestrained into the ears of the unwilling listening "gentleman from the First." Finally relief came to him when Hascall, Brennan and the balance of the delegation emerged from O'Donahue's him when Hascall, Bronnan and the balance of the delegation emerged from O'Donahue's and strolled over to the landing in the hall, where they were joined by Anderson and Lowry. The big doors were still fastened, and after an informal exchange of words "over the grand flasco," the crowd returned to O'Donahue's and drowned their disappointment in copious draughts of lager beer. Here they talked city hall, boodiers, municipal extravagance, politics, etc., until a late hour when they retired, without having succeeded in accomplishing the greatest aims succeeded in accomplishing the greatest sims of their lives, "moving the city hall to Jefferson square." It is understood, however, that they will make another attempt to day, and We, Us & Co. will be out in full force drumming up recruits—and a janitor.

Yesterday's internal revenue collec-

THE ROLL OF HONOR. Those who Have Recognized Courage and Devotion. LOIR ROYCE PUND.

Previously reported \$4,045 56 Sunday school, McCool Junction, Neb 165 Abby and Stella Sherman, Sidney, Neb 50 Neb.
Dakota City Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O.F.
Public Schools, Ainsworth, Neb.... Total. \$4,072 26

LENA WOEBBECKE FUND.

Previously reported. \$1,269 18

Abby and Stella Sherman, Sidney, Abby and Stella Sherman, Sidney, Neb. MINNIE PRESMAN PUND. Previously reported. \$ 703 26 Abby and Stelia Sherman 25 ETTA SHATTUCK PUND. Total \$ 4,764 05 The "Bee" Fund. The present condition of the funds opened by the Ben is as follows:

Minnie Freeman . 703 51
Westphalen monument fund . 102 88
Etta Shattuck . 4,760 05 Grand total\$10,908.13 Loie Royce's Father. PLAINVIEW, Neb., Feb. 24 .- To the Editor of the Ber: My attention has just been called to an error in my letter in the daily BEE of the 10th inst in regard to Loie Royce. You make it read "Mr. Royce's father spen his best years in the service of his country, when it should have read "Miss (Loie)

Loie Royce 4,072 2 Lena Woebbecke fund 1,260 4

Royce's father."
Miss Loie Royce's father is an old soldier He served in the Seventy-sixth regiment of He served in the Seventy-sixth regiment of New York infantry, company E. He went out September, 1861, and was discharged July 21, 1865. He was a prisoner eight or nine months during this time. He was in Libby, Belle Isle and Andersonville. Three times he escaped, and twice was recaptured. The third time, while being transferred by rail, he and five others jumped from the train as it was running at full speed between Charleston and Florence, S. C. Four of the six were shot by the guards as they sprang Charleston and Florence, S. C. Four of the six were shot by the guards as they sprang from the train, and onlyafter six weeks of peril and hardships known only to escaping war prisoners, did they behold the union flag floating over union soil.

REV. F. C. BINGHAM.

Refuse Her Request. It is reported to the BER that a woman making a tour of the city soliciting subscriptions for the BEE heroine fund for the sole purpose of using the money. Yesterday the woman called at a well known wholesale house and presented her paper upon which appeared subscriptions to the amount of \$60, and requested a donation. She was pointed out by an attache of the house as an imposter and the contribution was not secured. The woman is described as about forty years of age, red hair, siender built and tall, protrud-ing teeth, wears long brown ulster cloak and has for the past week carried her left arm in a sling upon the pretence that it is broken
It is reported that the woman is using the
money collected for drink. All persons
visited by her will do well to refuse her re

AMERICA'S BANKING SYSTEM. A Norseman Who Thinks There I

Nothing Like It. Andrew Nelson is a recent importation from Norway, and his present home is on Twenty-fifth and Cuming. Since coming to America he has saved \$35. The handsome exterior of the United States National bank satisfied him that this was the best place to intrust his earnings and accordingly with his money he opened a bank account at that place. Yesterday on presenting his certificate of deposit the clerk through mistake gave him a draft for \$80. The Norwegian uncomplainingly took it and made a bee line for the Nebraska clothing store, where he bought a \$25 suit. He presented the draft on payment, which was accepted, and \$55 in money given as change. Still later the bank Clerk discovored his mistake, but when the Norwegian was hunted up he could not be made to understand that he had been overpaid. To his fellow-countrymen, how he expressed himself as highly pleased the system of American banking. We sequel will be yet remains to be seen.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

The Work of the Gangs of Railroad Thieves Still Goes On. Mrs. Mary Franklin, an aged widow lady whose home is near Lancaster, Ohio, arrived in this city vesterday over the Chicago Burlington & Quincy, enroute to visit her daughter in Denver. Mrs. Franklin is another victim to the gang of thieves that are working the suburban trains and depots Her story as told to a BEE reporter is as follows: Shortly after leaving Plattsmouth sho was approached by a well dressed elderly man who inquired if her name was not Berry, or something of the sort. She replied that her name was Franklin, and that her home was near Lancaster, Ohio. The gentleman begged her pardon and stated that he had relatives in that city, and named a prominent banker, whom he said was his own brother. The old that city, and named a prominent banker, whom he said was his own brother. The old lady was of course delighted to meet him, and invited him to be seated, which invitation he accepted. She told him her destination and asked him to examine her ticket to see if it was all correct. In doing so she exhibited a purse containing some \$60 or \$70. This she carried suspended at her side by a flat sliver chain. That is all she knows about the money, except that after the stranger hat silver chain. That is all she knows about the money, except that after the stranger had escorted her from the train to the B. & M. depot and bade her good byv, she found that she had been robbed. Fortunately the thief did not take her tickets, so she will reach her destination safely.

AMUSEMENTS. AT THE GRAND.

Last night at the Grand "Town Lots" was presented by Winslow & Windsor's company before a large and enthusiastic audience The piece is fushioned after the style of the farce-comedy which has been so successful of late years. It has a number of clever people, the most noticeable of whom is Miss Margurite Fish, a very clever soubrette. She is graceful, a pleasant singer, an excellent dancer and a very vivacious little body works hard and readily finds appreciation in the audience. Mr. E. L. Walton, as Culpepper Meek displayed considerable ability though of the quite order. Several of the other performers are good comedians.

Congregational Home Missions. The Woman's Home Missionary Union of Nebraska for the Congregational churches held a representative meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the First church Mrs. Rev. H. C. Crane, vice president of the Omaha association, presided, and Mrs. Rev. Willard Scott was elected secretary. Mrs T. H. Leavitt, of Lincoln, president of the state union, read a paper on "Plans and Methods of the work." Mrs. Rev. L. F. Methods of the work. Mrs. Rev. L. F.
Berry, of Fremont, corresponding secretary,
gave an interesting address on the same line.
Plans of work were adopted for the raising
by the ladies of \$1,000 to be expended on mission fields at Grand Island, Omaha and in the
counties of Franklin and Colfax.

Discussions and reports were presented as Discussions and reports were presented as follows: From Omaha First church, by Mrs.

Ruslir, Mrs. Sherrill, Mrs. Sherwood an Mrs. Bruner; from St. Mary's Avenu-church, by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Russell and Mrs church, by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Hussell and Mrs. Hall; from Plymouth church, by Mrs. Sampson, who has for forty-five years been a life member of the Home Missionary society; from the Hillside church, by Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Crane and Rev. H. C. Crane; from Springfield, by Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Dada; from Irvington, by Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Brewster and Rev. J. T. Otis; from Wahoo, by Rev. E. E. Crassman; from York, by Mrs. G. P. Chessman; from Lincoln, by Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Bell; from Fremont, by Mrs. Borry.

Rov. J. L. Maile, state superintendent of

home missions, participated in the discussions. Mrs. Squires favored the company with a solo, with a accompaniment by Mrs. Fleming. The meeting, having accomplished large results, adjourned with prayer and benediction by Hevs. Otis and Dada.

A PERFECT BUILDING.

Mr. McDonnell Gives His Ideas as to the Requirements. Mr. McDonell's lecture upon architecture at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening was very interesting and instructive. This was the third of a course of lectures to be given upon popular subjects by prominent men. A perfect building was defined by the speaker as follows:

1. As technic principles: Conveniences arrangement in plan, proper distribution of materials in construction.

2. As esthetic principles of design: Orna

mental arrangement combined with ornamental construction.

3 For phonetic adjuncts: Sculpture or painting employed to tall the story of the building and explain the purposes for which it was designed or those to which it is dedicated.

Somebody Made a Mistake.

Frank Vangeburg is an Omaha, bricklayer who has been trying his lack recently in To peka. During his absence he left his fur niture in charge of John Hauk, the night watchman at the gas works. Vandeburg returned to Omaha a day or two ago and sold his furniture to a second hand man on Tenth street. When the latter came to take the furniture from Hauk's residence through mistake he took a bedstead belonging to Mrs. Hauk. This lady was very indignant over the affair, and charged Vandeburg with steal-ing her furniture. She went to the city at-torney, swore out a warrant, and to Vande-burg's surprise last night it was served on him and he was taken to the central station. The charge against him is larceny.

Anxious For a Meeting. W. H. Lynchard, secretary of the Council Bluffs board of trade, has written to George M. Nattinger, secretary of the Omaha board of trade, requesting him to exert himself on behalf of a meeting of a committee from the Omaha board with that from the Bluffs t establish there an assembly similar to that at Lake Chautauqua. Mr. Lynchard intimates that it will be to the interests of Omaha to encourage the enterprise.

Last Evening'sFire.

About 7:30 last evening a fire alarm was turned in from box 21. The different fire companies responded when the blaze was discovered to be in a shanty near the corner of Sixth and Hickory streets. Fire company No. 4 had about extinguished the flames when the other companies arrived. Nearly all the furniture was rescued. The damage to the building will not exceed \$300.

The Black Flag Hoisted. The cutting winds which set in yesterday were only a forerunner to a cold wave which is on tha way, and will cause the people to turn up their coat collars and huddle around the stove. The following dispatch was re-ceived at the weather signal office last night: Sr. Paul, Minn., Feb. 27.—Hoist cold wave signal. Temperature will fall from 15 to 25 degrees by Sunday morning.
WOODRUFF, Lieutenant.

Scarcity of Brides and Groomsmen Only one marriage license was usued yes terday by Judge Shields, the contracting par. ties being Leon Sanders, of Davenport, Ia., aged twenty-nine years, and Martha M. Miles, of South Omaha, twenty-one years of

Seidenberg's Figaro is the only long Havana filled 10c eigar for 5c on sale everywhere.

Personal Paragraphs.

T. M. Osborn, of Fremont, Neb., is at the J. R. Hickox, of Lincoln, Neb., is at the W. H. Tuick, of Des Moines, Ia., is at the Paxton C. C. Crowell, of Blair, Neb., is at the Millard. A. N. Bliss, of Des Moines, Ia., is at the Millard. J. D. Hardin, of Chariton, Ia., is at the Millard.

A. A. Kearney, of Stratton, Neb., is at he Paxton. George Farrell, of St. Joseph, Mo., is the Millard. C. C. Morse and wife of Lincoln, Neb., are at the Paxton.

B. O. Williams and wife, of Missouri Valley, are at the Millard. James Bell and wife, of David City, Neb. are at the Millard.

Miss A. McGlashon, of Oakland, Neb., is registered at the Paxton. Judge J. H. Broady, of Beatrice, Neb., was

at the Paxton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Julien have resigned their respective positions as clerk and over-seer of the linen room at the Paxton, and started last night for Kansas City where

Mrs. Julien expects to be benefitted by change of climate. MORTUARY.

M. E. PHELAN.

The verdict returned in the inquest yester day afternoon over the remains of M. E. Phelan, the B. & M. brakoman who was in jured in the yards on last Saturday night, was that he had died from hemorrhage and gangrene occasioned by the injuries referred to. The remains lie in Drexel & Maul's ware room, and will be buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery The expense of the funeral will be defrayed by the 1s. & M. road. Pholan was a mem-ber of the Switchmans brotherhood and had been one of its endowment man. The latter was for \$2,000. The secretary of the union

was for \$2,000. The secretary of the union says that this ondowment was assigned to his mother near Poughkeepsie, New York, and now it seems a friend of the deceased from near Council, Bluffs steps in and says that Phelan's mother never came to this country and is still in Ireland.

Yesterday a letter adgressed to the deceased arrived by mail and was opened by Coroner Droxel. It proved to to be from the poor fellow's syestheart, a conder-hearted girl whose love was homely but warmly expressed. She spoke of the pleasure it would occasion her to meet, him, and that her expected meeting with him here would be the great event of her life. At the time she penued the amatery note, she little thought penned the amutery note, she little though it would reach for lover on his way to the tomb.

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THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Some of Thursday's Weakness Shows Itself in Wheat.

CORN RETAINS ITS STRENGTH. Provisions Fail to Make More Than

an Ordinary Showing A' Very Light Run of Cattle-General Quotations.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET. CHICAGO, Feb. 24 .- | Special Telegram to

the Bes. |- The wheat market opened weak

and lower this morning and during the first hour touched the lowest prices yet seen since last November. Some of the weekness of yesterday afternooh scopied to be left for this morning's use, and early cables quoting a "downward tendency" were the reverse of bracing. Considerable long wheat came out on stop loss orders: The decline at the outside only amounted to MOVE from the opening prices, and as there did not seem to be any great number of outside Buying orders on the floor, it was believed that the long wheat thrown over was chiefly taken by the larger shorts, who were said to be covering. There was some buying for St. Louis account and winter wheat sections, and because for New York, and this, together with quiet purchasing by shorts, fixed the market and put prices for the time as much as Mc above the opening. The advance was not maintained, however, as buyers were not eager enough to put prices up on themselves. The belief that a reaction is probable seems to be growing among professional traders, and one ground for it is the supposition that with the long wheat thrown over this morning the process of liquidation must be about finished. However, this is offset, partially at least, by the fact that much of this wheat was taken, by shorts and lessens by that much the demand which must come from them some time. Just which must come from them some time. Just before the 1 o'clock adjournment Ream came into the pit and began bidding for wheat, and the talk of fourteen beat loads taken for export in New York sent prices up to the highest point of the day. May wheat opened at 79½c, which was ½c under yesterday's close, and sold down to 79½c, 79½c. On the first up turn 80c was reached, and there was another decline to 79½c, followed by an advance to 80½c, the 1 o'clock close being at 80@80½c. June wheat opened at 80c, sold at 79½@80c and up to 80½@80½c, which was

70%@80c and up to 80%@80%c, which was the 1 o'clock close. Corn was strong and higher. The pit is full of local bears and the fact that so many of them are short, accounts for the occasof them are short, accounts for the occasional sharp advances which occur in that market now and then. Any fair amount of buying which makes the market rather firm sets the bears who have oversold themselves to covering. Large receipts mide the opening weak and lower, but the depression did not last. May corn opened at 50% and sold down early to 504 (etbodyc, then advanced to 50% (blc, declined to 50% and just before the close advanced again to 510 and closed at that price at 10 clock. June corn opened at 50% c, which was the price at the 1 o clock close.

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Onts opened easier, but advanced in sympa-Oats opened easier, but advanced in sympathy with corn and closed at the highest prices of the day. Trade was only moderate in volume and there was no special feature to the market. First sales of May oats were at 30%, and from that price this delivery advanced to 31c and closed there at 1 o'clock. June oats opened at 30%, sold at 30% and closed at the last named price. July oats sold at 30% and that price was bid for them at the close. August oats sold at 27%.

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In provisions the day's business failed to make more than an ordinary showing. Short ribs, which were sold freely by two prominent bears and bought by representatives, of finglish houses, received fair attention, but in pork and lard the trading was under an average. Still, all things considered, the feeling was quite strong. Prices averaged a little lower than yesterday, but the disposition exhibited to buy was sufficient to deter the party favoring a decline to make any determined effort to control the market. At 1

termined effort to control the market. At 1 o'clock the decline noted was limited to 31/3 Tyle on short ribs.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Wheat higher: May opened at 80/4c and sold at 80/4c, but not opened at 80%c and sold at 80%c, but not very freely at that, closing at 80%c. Corn opened at 51%c, May sold up to 51%c, closing at 51%c. Oats stronger. Pork was a shade stronger; May sold at \$13.97%(@14.02% and closed at \$14.00 bid; February and March closed at \$18.80. Lard was 2%c higher, closing at \$7.73% for February and March, \$7.83% for May and \$7.87% for June. Short ribs were 2%@5c higher; February and March closed at \$7.712%, May \$7.35 and June \$7.47%.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—CATTLE—The run was unex-pectedly light and certainly will not overrun the estimates. Last night the market closed strong, with about everything sold, shippers taking over 5,000, leaving only about 2,800 for the dressed beef trade, city butchers and canners. To-day, although buyers began to skirmish early and buy rather freely, there was little or no change in prices as compared with the close yesterday. It was about the only day that salesmen came nearer getting what they laid their property at than any day this week since Monday, and values yet remain 200030c lower than on Monday, Ordi-

main 20@30c lower than on Monday, Ordinary fat cattle, 1350 lbs, \$4.30@5.05; 1250; to 1350 lbs, \$3.65@5.30; 950 to 1200 lbs, \$3.00@3.70. Stockers and feeders, \$2.35@3.65; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.85@3.30; bulk, \$2.40@8.80. Texas fed steers, \$3.25@4.00.

Hogs—Trade steady and prices, about the same as yesterday. Shippers bought freely during the early morning, thereby keeping up a steady market while they were in Later, however, when the buying was lest to the packers only, there was less interest in the trade, the market closing rather casher than the average sales were made at the or two lots of fancy heavy sold at \$5.600.00. or two lots of fancy heavy sold, at \$5.20\%(e) or two lots of fancy heavy sold at \$5.50\%(e) 5.55. Nice assorted butcher's weights, averaging 240 lbs, largely barrows, sold at \$5.40. The bulk of best mixedy sold at \$5.30\%(e) 5.45 and light mixed at \$5.50\%(e) 5.25. Assorted light of 160 to 170 lbs sold at \$5.15\%(e) 5.25 and lighter averages at \$4.90\%(e) 5.10.

FINANCIAL NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Ber.]—Stocks—The railroad sittles on

remains in the same unsatisfactory condition. Rates have been cut so much throughout the west that it is difficult for shippers or treight agents to keep track of the tariff. The west developments to day were the out by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy of 5 cents on first-class to Des Moines, and on other classes in proportion, making the first class 20 cents. Rates to the Mississippi wore siso reduced 5 cents. The other roads will doubtless meet the reduction and this may lead to a further complication. Commissioner Fink has become alarmed at the condition of affairs, and has asked the presidents of all western, porthwestern and southwestern roads and the east-bound trunk lines to meet him in New York February 28, to try and devise a way of stopping the war. The various cliques all had supporting orders in the market and whenever the bears attempted to sell, their offerings were quickly absorbed, The fact that the market fails to decline, no matter how bad the news, has discouraged the bears, and some of the former dealers declare themselves as on the fence awaiting developments. They can see nothing in the market to warrant an advance, but so long as the market is supported by main strenth they do not want to trade. Some traders were bullishly inclined, as the market responded more readily to good than to bad influences, and the advances extended to 3% points, the latter being on Manhattan and St. Paul. The pool was encouraged by reports of an increase of \$138.606 in the earnings for the third week in February. They say the short interest in Wall'street in this stock is 85,000 shares and announce that prices will be advanced, but the gain of % per cent was followed by as