## AFTER THE TIMBER THIEVES.

The Administration Finally Takes ... Notice of Their Depredations.

CRAWFORD GETS OFF EASY.

The Judge Decides That the Anti-Polygamy Law Does Not Apply to the District-Organizing Against Boycotters.

WASHINGTON BURBAU THE OMAHA BEE, 1

513 FOURTHENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13. When the late amenument was made to the anti-polygamy law, which has special refererence to Utah and which was made to apply to the territories and the District of Columbia, there was not a little consternation among the people in Washington. It was feared by the free and easy element that they would get themselves into deep trouble and for a year they have made journeys outside the district when they engaged in some species of law breaking. Some weeks ago a man named Crawford was arrested charged with fornication and was indicted under the Utah law, which imposes a punishment of three years in the penitentiary or a heavy fine or both, at the discretion of the court. The case was watched with great anxiety, and many people expected to see Crawford given adequate punishment. There was a good deal of surprise when the court an nounced, in making its decision, that the anti-polygamy law did not actually apply to the District of Columbia, but was intended only for Utah. People in the territories may now rest easy, unless this decision is set aside. There is more easy breathing about Washington to-night than there has been for ORGANIZING AGAINST THE BOYCOTT.

The merchants of Washington are organizing against boycotting by the trade assembles. They are circulating a petition which declares that "being opposed to the unlawful system of the boycott, we hereby agree to join an organization to resist its being practiced in this district." To-day it was reported that 580 signatures had been obtained, and that an organization would be effected among the merchants embracing practically all of them within a few days to resist with every force possible any boycott that may hereafter be instituted. THE TIMBER THIEVES.

It is believed in congress that the letter of chairman Chandler, of the senate committee on Indian affairs, to the secretary of the interior, asking that orders be given by tele graph to stop cutting timber belonging to Chippewa and other Indians in the northwest, will lead to an important investigation. It is stated that there have been enormous steals of timber on lands occupied by Indians during the past two years and that there are government officials connected with them. An investigation is spoken of, to be conducted by a special committee of the senate, and to be conducted during the vacation of congres this summer, and from what I have hear hinted during the past month, if such investigation is ordered, it will result in a great deal of discomfiture to some special agents and officers connected with the interior dertment. If they have not been parties to e stealing of timber they are culpable for neglect of duty.

MICELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Mr. Dorsey introduced a bill in the house to-day to pension Elvira E. Foncher, widow of Edward Foncher, of Ainsworth, Brown county, Nebraska. Hon. Beach Hinman, of North Platte, gives

Hon. Beach Himman, of North Platte, gives a complimentary dinner at Willard's to the Rebraska delegates in congress. He wants North Platte included as a place for holding terms of the United States court under the provisions of the Dorsey bill. PERRY S. HEATH.

Ex-Representative Cobb's Ambition. WASHINGTON, March 13.—[Special to the Bes.] — Ex-Representative Cobb, of Vincennes, Ind., has paid several visits to and remained in Washington some days each time during the past three or four months. He has been about here almost, constantly for a month now. As soon as Sparks, commissioner of the general land office, was dumped out of his position, Mr. Cobb turned up here. and it was reported that he was seeking the vacancy. He made frequent pilgrimages to the white house and did not dony that he was trying to get the position which his old and true friend Stockslager had earned by faithfulness and the rights of promotion. To-day the Journal correspondent asked an Indiana democrat whether Mr. Cobb was still trying

get the commissionership, and he said: Mr. Cobb has about three strings to his Washington bow, and they are in importance to him in this order: The land commission-ership, the nomination for governor, legal business before the interior department. I have no idea he can get the first place, and I have been told that he recognizes the fact. His business here as an attorney has un-His business here as an attorney has un-doubtedly been completed. He remains here, I am told by democrats with whom he asso clates, for the purpose of working up a com-bination to bring about his nomination for governor. He relies upon the six democratic congressmen, the two senators, and the army of Indiana democrats in office to stand by him. He has democrats in office to stand by him. He has been conferring with them and soliciting their support if not directly by indirection. There is no secret about this. Mr. Cobb. I understand, does not consider Colonel Mat-son in the race for the governorship, but re-gards ex-Secretary of State Myers, of Ander-son, as being in the lead and as the man who is to be distanced. For some reason Mr. Cobb thinks the democrats here ought to combine against Captain Myers, but they have refused to do so, and if I were to tell you the plain truth I do not think Mr. Cobb will find enough encouragement to warrant

are Myers and Matson." It Was Another Steadman.

him to become a candidate before the conven

tion. I think the only names that will be found prominent in the race a month hence

Lyons, Neb., March 19 .- [Correspondence of the BEE. ]-It will be remembered by many BEE readers that about two years ago Mr. H. C. Steadman, a farmer living about four miles northwest of Lyons, was murdered, and that in order to capture the murderer it was found necessary to set fire to a barn in which the murderer had taken refuge. The many accounts of this occurrence which were sent in by your Oakland correspondent at the time were truly of a sensational charnoter and were equaled only by the report to the Police Gazette, where the picture of the man was given, representing him to be quite a large man with full, shaggy beard, and beavily laden with implements of warfare, including a couple of Winchester rifles and a good supply of army revolvers of the 44-cali-bre pattern. The Oakiand correspondent, however, took a much-needed rest, and the

however, took a much-needed rest, and the people of this section had begun to think that Oaktand's fame as a tragedy resort was on the wane; but not so. In the Ber of February 24 appeared the following:

A SENSATION AT OAKLAND.

OAKLAND, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram to the Ber.)—Quite a little sensation has been created by one Jane O. Steadman, of Hartford Conn. writing to one of Oakhas been created by one Jane O. Steadman, of Hartford, Conn., writing to one of Oakland's magistrates claiming to be the lawful wife of Steadman. who was murdered two years ago, north of Lyons. It will be remembered that Steadman had in his employ a Mexican, with whom he became involved in some difficulty, which resulted in the Mexican shooting him. The Mexican was afterward burned, together with the stock and grain in a barn southwest of Oakland.

Mrs. Jane O. Steadman, of Hartford, Conn., seeing the full name of Steadman, and also a

seeing the full name of Steadman, and also a full description of him, decided he was her husband. Steadman had accumulated quite little property, all of which has been sold; also left a wife, who is highly respected, and ten children, who now reside in Kansas City. The Mrs. Steadman of Hartford claims that her husband left her about ten years ago for the west, and she never heard anything of n, and that he was never divorced from

This sensational correspondence from Oak-Inis sensational correspondence from Oak-iand appears to be for the purpose of show-that Mr. Steadman, the murdered man, had been a very hard customer, and this is given publicity, without any attempt on the part of your correspondent to ascertain the facts. Not feeling thoroughly well satisfied to have such misleading statements go unchallenged,

I have taken some trouble to consult with parties who have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Steadman ever since he was a boy, and they claim that the above letter from Mrs. Jane O. Steadman is either a misty fabrication of fact, or that she is badly mistaken in her man.

out I can't say sure for I don't know certain.

I wish I had his picture to send, but I never had it; but if he ever lived at Kensington, in

the town of Berlin, Conn., he must be the one. This is all I can say about him. He

nything about it. J. O. S. ow, as Mr. H. C. Steadman—the mur-

Jane O. Steadman. I write thus at length in justice to Mrs. Ella M. Steadman, the wife of

he murdered man, who resides here and has

enough for her to bear without having to se these utterly false and absurd sensational

stories in print; and it is sincerely hoped

that what I have written will forever set at

Capital City Items.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 13 .- [Special Tele-

much mooted question of a city hospital.

Bishop Bonacum made a very liberal offer to

the city in which Sisters from St. Louis

offered to come to Lincoln and conduct one

and help provide for it with the help of a

small guarantee from the city itself. Dr.

Marine, of St. Paul's Methodist church, has

attacked the proposition with a display of

bigotry more befitting the days of the tenth

entury than the present time.

Profs. Hegenow and Aschmann are at work

upon the formation of a grand military band for the city, to be large in numbers and effi

cient in character. The projectors think that with a cash assistance amounting to \$2,000 that the band can be formed, and one of its

proposed missions is to be a series of pub-

The trustees of the new Weslevan Metho

dist university held a meeting at St. Paul's church to-day, with Bishop Warren presiding.

The work of the committee was confined largely to ways and means for pushing the

work of construction with all the speed pos

sible. The building now is well under way and will be a handsome addition to the public

Grand Chanceller O'Neill and Colonel Harry Downs, of the first regiment, K. of P.,

and Lieutenant Sizer, of the A. D. Marshall division, recently appointed on the governor's

staff, go to Omaha to-morrow, to attend the

reception tendered by the second regiment of

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cies in the city continue to make propositions to get business after the plan introduced by the New York Life company. A joint proposition was submitted to the last council meeting by a number of companies offering in ex-

change for \$1,000,000 of insurance to donate

Found on the Ice.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 13.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—An unknown man,

about twenty-five years of age, was found

last night sitting on the ice near the paper

mill, in an almost naked condition. He was

taken to the city jail and cared for, but as yet

all efforts to discover his identity have

proven fruitless. There are many conjectures as to his identity, the most probable being that he has escaped from the Norfolk

Not the Person Accused.

the BEE.]-Your correspondent was misin-

formed in the cattle poisoning case printed in

the issue of March 9. Further investigation

shows that Rev. S. W. Koontz was not the

person accused of administering the poison.

The meeting alluded to was not a meeting to

investigate the case but a regular quarterly conference of the United Brethren church

No charges whatever were brought against

the Rev. and his character passed, morally

Sullivan Sick.

who is staying at the house of his friend,

Magnus, in this city, is too unwell to be in-

terviewed to-day. Magnus said: In the

fifth round Sullivan made a tremendous

lunge at Mitchell's face with his right.

Mitchell throw up his arm, and Sullivan's

muscle came in contact with Mitchell's clow. Sullivan's arm began to swell and it was useless from that time out. Sullivan would have doubtless won the encounter but for the accident

Will Take the Oath Saturday.

Bentin, March 13 .- The emperor passed

good day at Charlottenberg. His voice is

audible, but very hoarse. The physicians are satisfied with his condition. The emperor will take the oath according to the

No Reception Will Be Held.

Paris, March 18 .- As a mark of respect for

the late Emperor William, no reception will

Started For Berlin.

LONDON, March 13 .- The Prince of Wales.

his son, Prince Albert Victor, the Duke of

Cambridge, and Prince Christian, of Den-

mark, start for Berlin to-night, accompanied

Siddons Challenged.

gram to the BEE. ]-Tommy Burke, cham-

pion lightweight of Colorado and Wyoming,

has challenged George Siddons, of Illinois,

for a ten or twenty round fight, either here or at Tower, for \$100 a side and the entire re-

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When abe was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Custoria,

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

DULUTH, Minn., March 13 .- Special Tele-

be held Thursday by President Carnot.

Prossian constitution on Saturday.

LIVERPOOL, March 13 .- John L. Sullivan,

Johnstown, Neb., March 13 .- [Special to

ifices in the city.

\$12,000 for a city hospital.

concerts in the city through the summer

rest the claims of Mrs. Jane O. Steadman.

me anything about it.

JANE O. STEADMAN.

in her man,

The real wife of H. C. Steadman—the mother of his children—not wishing to have her dead husband placed in a faise—light before your numerous readers, wrote a letter to this Mrs. Jane O. Steadman, asking for a full this Mrs. Jane O. Steadman, asking for a full discription of her missing husband, and on the 7th inst received the following reply:

Harfford, Conn., March 3.—Mrs. E. M. Steadman, Lyons, Neb.: I will give you all the information I can about Mr. Steadman, but cannot tell about his age, for I never knew his age. I asked him several times and he would not tell me. I should taink he was thirty-eight or forty years old at the time we were married. We were married at Hartford, the 21st day of May, 1877, by Richard Moredith, a clergyman, Mr. Steadman had one son by his first wife, who is a young man now. He was out somewhere buying Efforts Made to Defeat Ret Clarkson Decisions of the Supreme Court -Legislative Proceedings-Other Iowa News.

A Coroner's Jury to Be Summoned. Mason Ciry, Ia., March 13 .- [Special Tele gram to the Ber.]-The mysterious deaths in the Brown family, residents of the north had one son by his first wife, who is a young man now. He was out somewhere buying cattle. His name was Willie Everett. That is all the children he had. His heighth I could not tell, but he was a small man, poor in flesh. His hair was dark, but not very black. He had a dark, and rather sallow complexion, and his eyes were rather dark and small. When he looked at any one he held up his head and looked days. He said part of this county, have been the absorbing topic of conversation to-day. The particulars, as near as we are able to learn, are that on Friday evening as the family, consisting of Hiram E. Brown, wife, two children, and H. L. Brown, father of H. E., were seated at the supper table, they were all taken with held up his head and looked down. He said that when he melted brass the heat hurt his cyes, so he got used to helding up his head. This story is true—what I have written to you. It seems to me that he must be the one, violent pains accompanied by nausea, all being deathly sick. No assistance could be summoned, and the sufferers pulled through the night as best they could. In the morning one of the neighbors found the family in this terrible plight. During the night the aged father died and about noon Saturday the youngest son succumbed to the inevitable. The remaining three are still very low used to drink sometimes. He was rather queer in his way—rather odd. I hope you will find out soon and let me know all. Yours and it is thought that they cannot long survive. The exact cause of the death still remains a mystery. It is evident that the family partock of poisoned food, but in what manner cannot be ascertained. The two that died have been buried without an autopsy, but the feeling is such now that their remains, will be exhumed, and specific the mysterics of the mysterics. P. S. All I have written you is the truth. He was mad when he went away and has never written to me since. He didn't want me to know where he was. He never got a divorce that I knew of. He never notified and some of the mysteries connected with the deaths cleared away. The attending physicians say nothing as to the cause. The Now, as Mr. H. C. Steadman—the murdered man—was only thirty-two years old at the time or his death, in 1886; as he was light complexioned instead of "dark and sallow;" as he was a tall man and not particularly "poor in flesh;" as he did not "hold his head up and look down;" as he was never "at Kensington, in the town of Berlin, Conn.," and for various other reasons, it must be conceded that he was not the husband of Mrs. Jane O. Steadman, I write thus at length in family ate some molasses candy during the meal, and the poison might have been in the extract used as flavoring. Some think that trichina in the pork was the probable cause, while others suspicion foul play somewhere. A hired man left the employ of Mr. Brown about a week ago, but nothing can be learned of the feeling between the two prior to the departure. The deceased was a resident of Cerro Gordo county since 1856, and has held many official positions in the county. He leaves an aged wife, who has been living with another son for the past few years. the respect of every one. The sudden and unexpected taking-off of her husband is

THE BODIES TO BE EXHUMED.

Family Will Be Investigated.

A WARM PRIMARY ELECTION.

Supreme Court Decisions. DES MOINES, In., March 13 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The supreme court filed the following decisions: George B. Bothwell et al vs S. Farwell et al, appellants Jones county, James D. Griffin, judge. Affirmed.

gram to the BEE. |-As an evidence of the L. W. Names, appellant, vs S. M. Weaver. growth of the city the water commissioner's work is a fair index. The receipts have Case dismissed. W. G. Reed vs L R. Douglas, appellant, doubled in the last year, the February re-

Madison county, John H. Henderson, judge. port of the commissioner showing the receipts to be \$618. Applications for extension Aftirmed. William Arts et al vs R. M. Guthrie et al of the service came from all parts of the appellant, Carroll county, J. P. Connor, judge. There is a small war in progress over the Affirmed.

State of Iowa vs John J. Quincy, appellant, Jones county, J. D. Griffin, judge. Reversed. First National bank of Storm Lake, appelant, vs Q. J. Hartwick, garnishee, Sac county. Affirmed. Opinion by Reed. Robinson having been an attorney in the case, took no action in the decision. Parker & Childs vs H. O. Michaels, appel-

lant, Marshall county, D. D. Miracle, judge. Appeal dismissed.
S. R. Shaw, appellant, vs A. A. Bollinger and others, Chickasaw county. Reversed.
Phineas Cadwell vs Joseph Dullaghan, appellant, Harrison county, G. W. Wakefield, Reversed.

W. H. Wait vs Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, appellant, Keokuk county, D. Ryan, judge. Affirmed.

H. B. Neison, appellant, vs Samuel D. Hays and others, Monroe county, D. W. Stuart, judge. Affirmed.

E. S. Meloy vs Chicago & Northwestern railroad company appellant superior court. railroad company, appellant, superior court Cedar Rapids. Affirmed. Benedict H. Deberman et al, appellants, vs Gerhardt H. Suchersman et al, Ciinton county. Affirmed. C. J. & D. M. Wayland vs H. Mendel

al, appellants, Shelby county, A. B. Thor neil, judge. Affirmed. E. K. Goodnow vs Roswell S. Burrows, appellants on rohearing, Webster county The former opinion is adhered to. Elizabeth S. Litchfield, appellant, vs Iowa Homestead company et al, Webster county.

Reversed. State of Iowa vs Alphonso Bennett, appel ant, Black Hawk county. Affirmed.
State vs J. B. Mullenhoff, appellant, Mont omery county, Loofbourow, judge.

Fred Kaltz, appellant, vs Louis Messen brink, Crawford county. Affirmed.
Wayne and J. P. Stennett, administrators
etc., appellants, vs E. L. Hall, et al; E. L. Hall et al, appellant vs J. P. Stennett et al, Montgomery county, Geo. Carson, judge.

Clarkson Wins.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 13.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-The hottest primary ever known in this city was held in the Third ward to-day to elect delegates to the county convention which would elect to the state and national convention. It was the begin ning of the presidential campaign, and additional interest was given to it by the at tempt of a few ambitious local politicians to supplant Mr. J. S. Clarkson, as a member of the national committee. Mr. James G. Berryhill, member of the legislature from this county, lives in that ward, and he was put up to "bury the Register," as one of his supporters said. All of the local opposition to Mr. Clarkson that could be gathered was stirred up and the issue was sifted so as to excite the jobbers and manufacturers, on the plea that Mr. Clarkson was opposed to the railroad regulation and better freight rates, as if that had anything to do with the selection of dele-

gates to the national convention. The Clark-son forces had carriages labeled "Allison for president," and the Berryhill men were suspected of frying to ring in a delegate for John Shermen, as his nephew was on their ticket. Thousands of spectators came out to see the fight, which lasted from 2 till 7 p. m. The result was a sweeping victory for Mr. Clarkson, he carrying the ward, although living in another by 125 majority.

The Iowa Legislature. DES MOINES, Ia., March 13 .- In the senate this morning the Leeds' resolution providing for the investigation of certain charges against the state university and placing the time of report on March 24 was adopted, The vote by which the McCoy amendmen

was adopted last evening .was reconsidered and the motion laid on the table. On motion of Mr. Brewer the railroad com missioner bill which passed the house some time ago was substituted for the Sweney bill, after striking out certain portions. The sec

tions stricken out were the application section and several others which are covered by or are in conflict with the Sweney bill. At the afterneon session further consider-ation of the railroad bill was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The vote by which the Des Moines river land bill was passed was reconsidered. The discussion on the bill occupied all the afternoon Mr. Gatch having the floor most of the time His objections were principally to what he claims are untrue "whoreases" in the pre-amble. No vote was taken when the senate

In the house this morning a bill was intro-duced by Mr. Schleicher to quiet the title of settlers on Des Moines river lands and for By Mr. Robb a joint resolution was offered

instructing county recorders to report the number of chattel mortgages and that report to be included in next bichulal report of the labor statistician.
The bill was ordered engrossed to deter mine liability in suits for personal injury.

A hill was introduced by Mr. Craig relating to the challenge of jurors.

At the afternoon session the consideration compulsory education bill was re-An amendment by Mr. Hyers was adopted releasing children over twelve years who are needed to ald in the support of the family or themselves. By an amendment

that part of the bill which required teachers both in public and private schools to be qualified as provided by law, was stricken out so as not to be against parochial schools. By an amendment by Mc, Lewis of Wayne, all of the bill was stricken but which provided that constables and utility officers shall assist Mysterious Deaths in the Brown of the bill was stricken out which provided that constables and police officers shall assist in the enforcement of the net. The vote by which this amendment was adopted was reconsidered and a substitute therefor offered by Mr. Wilhur was adopted, providing that the board of firectors "may" designate constables and polici officers, etc. An amendment by Mr. Foley was adopted providing that pupils may be instructed under the direction of Feligious societies. An amendment by Mr. Jolly was adopted to change the time for attending schools from sixteen to twelve weeks in a year. The ages were from five to fifteen years. The bill as amended was passed on a vote of—Yeas 51, pays 29.

Mr. Seed's resolution relating to an investigation of the affairs of the state university as adopted by the senate, was also adopted by the house.

The bill was ordered engrossed to preven fraud in the sale of cattle, horses and other

domestic animals.

The bill passed for the protection of railroad employes and other persons at frogs, switches, guard rails and other places. The bill provides that these places be protected to prevent the feet of persons from being

The bill passed relating to reports from state institutions.

The bill was ordered engressed to authorize cities and towns to vote a special tax for prospecting for gas, mineral, oil and artesian

The bill was ordered engressed to prevent the collection of any greater rate of interest on a stay bond than is provided for in the judgment.
The bill passed to amend section 834 of the code relating to the state board of equaliza-

tion.

The Robb bill to protect wage workers in their right to organize for mutual protection and benefit was under consideration but no decisive vote was reached when the house

Would Not Release the Liquor. CLINTON, Ia., March 13.—[Special Tele-gram to the Bes.]—The hearing of the case growing out of the sheriff seizing about \$2,500 worth of beer on a search warrant in Lauer's prewery was closed in the justice's court, but judgment against defendant being entered an appeal was taken to the district court The liquor is still in the hands of the sheriff The defendant wanted the liquor released, promising to remove it from the state within five days, but the justice would not agree to

Safe Blowers. CENTERVILLE, Ia., March 13 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The safe of Lewis & Son, wholesale and retail lumber dealers. was blown open last night and the contents taken. There was no cash in the vaults, but there were a large number of notes and checks and city warrants to the amount of \$4,000, which are of no value except to the The thieves broke into a carpenter shop first and secured tools with which to assist them in making the robbery. They then placed powder in the door of the safe

A Permanent Corn Palace. Sloux City, Ia., March 13 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE.]-A citizens' meeting tonight took steps for repeating next fall the corn palace celebration which was such a marked success last fall. It was decided to erect a permanent corn palace building which will be double the size of the old building, and also to hold the exposition for six weeks vhereas it was held only one week last year The meeting to-night-selected a committee to incorporate the enterprise and to open books for subscriptions and to organize the work of preparation.

Bound to Be Married. Stoux City, Ia., March 13-|Special Telegram to the BEE. |-A young man and woman understood to be runaways from Missouri Valley, arrived by the 2 o'clock Pacific train to-day, and hurrying to the county clerk's office, applied for a marriage license. They were refused on account of their sus picious conduct. They then hired a hack and were driven to McCook, Dak., where they were married. They returned and are registered to-night at a hotel as Mr. and Mrs.

Grew Despondent and Suicided. Квокик, la., March 13. - (Special Telegram to the Ber. ]-John Wedel, a young unmarried man living at Hillsdale, near this city committed suicide by shooting at an early hour this morning. It is supposed that de-pression of spirits owing to illness which his physician had pronounced incurable led to the act of self-destruction.

Shot in a Drunken Brawl. CLINTON, 1a., March 13.—[Special Telegram to the Bes.]—The result of a drunken brawl in Lyons Monday night was the shooting of William McDonough through the left ung by Miles Laughlin. Both are saloon keepers and have quarrelled before. The wound is a bad one, but the injured man is still alive and the shooter is under arrest.

A Rag Picker Finds \$3,000. Sloux City, Ia., March 13 .- Special Telegram to the BEE ]-A rag picker, in examining his collection, found a letter which, when opened, proved to contain drafts for \$3,000. The drafts were drawn on the First National bank of New York and were turned over to the Security National bank of Sioux City.

Sioux City's Fire Alarm. Stoux Cirv, Ia., March 13 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The Gamwell fire alarm system is now complete in the city, the boxes all being in. Last evening an alarm was sent over the new system and it was found to work all right. Seven alarm boxes have been distributed at seven of the most accessible localities in the city.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS. Meeting of the State Central Commit-

tee in Chicago. CHICAGO, Ill., March 18 .- At a meeting of he democratic state central committee to-day Springfield was chosen for the place of hold ing the state convention, and May 23 the date. The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate for every 400 votes, elections to be made by counties in the country and by congressional districts in Cook county,

In the afternoon the visiting statesmen were given a chance to air their views in a public meeting over which George M. Haynes presided. Mr. Haynes read a speech, in the course of which he assured the brethren that the party was entering upon the impending campaign under more favorable circum-stances than ever before in the history of the party in the state. The republican party had maintained the plurality in the state by the use of federal patronage, the loss of which justified the confidence of the committee that state is well as national ticket would be elected this fall. J. C. Campbell of Streator, A. J. Bell of Peoria, Delos P. Phelps, Scott Wilkes, Alfred Orendorff P. Phelps, Scott Wilkes, Alfred Orendorff and others spoke cheerfully of the prospects. On Cleveland's policy all would cheerfully unite. Tariff reform must be had. Charles Kern said everything possible to end the war between the factions in Cook county would be done. The mention of General Black's name in one of the speeches as a running mate for Cleveland was the signal for demonstrative applicate by what seemed to be a

strative applause by what seemed to be majority of the meeting. Illinois Coal Rates.

one seaman was saved.

Chicago, March 13.—An informal meeting of representatives of the Illinois coal roads was held here to-day, at which coal rates were discussed, but the officials were so wide part in their views that no agreement was

Billing in Transit. CHICAGO, March 13 .- Eastbound roads have

agreed to a continuance of the billing in transit system. The condition is imposed that the rate shall not be less than 3 cents per 100 over the through tariff rate from the

original point of shipment to destination. Steamer Sunk. LONDON, March 13 .- The steamer City of Exeter sunk in the Bristol channel and only They Are Run in at Nebraska City

THE FIRST REPUBLICAN CLUB.

For Burglary.

Paxton Disputes With Madrid the Honor of Organizing It-The Identity of H. O. Stendman-An Absconder Captured.

Omaha Toughs Arrested.

NEBRASES CITY, Neb., March 13.-[Special Telegram to the Bes. |-Three men, named Ryan, Grace and Miller, recognized as a trio of Omaha toughs, were run in to-day for rob-bing H. H. Fass' clothing house.

Complaints the Commission Will Hear. Lincoln, Neb., March 13 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-On Wednesday, the 21st, the inter-state commerce commission visits this city to hear the complaints of the Lincoln wholesalers and the Lincoln freight bureau that have been filed with the commission the last six months. The sessions of the commission will be held in the United States court room in the government building, and it is expected that two days at least will be required to hear the arguments. The cases to be heard are seven in number. They are: I. Friend & Co., dry goods mer chants, of this city, against the Southern Pacific railroad and the B. & M. road; the complaint citing that on certain shipments of goods the rate from San Francisco to Omaha was \$1.70 per hundred, and that the change from San Francisco to Lincoln was \$3.50 per hundred. As Lincoln was located on the B. & M. line within the limits of the Omaha-San Francisco haul, the charge is brought on the grounds of discrimination in

carriage.

Raymond Bros. & Co., wholesale grocers furnish a complaint against the B. & M., al leging that on a car of canned goods the same was hauled from the Pacific coast through Lincoln to Omaha and then back over the line to Lincoln, making the rate 90 cents a hundred, while the rate to Omaha at the time was 75 cents.

Plummer, Perry & Co., wholesale grocers, have two cases against the Union Pacific, almost identical with the previous case, their complaints being that on a carload of sugar the Union Pacific hauled them to Omaha and then back to Lincoln, making the rate to them 75 cents, while the rate to Omaha ex-

isting at the time was 60 cents.

The Lincoln freight bureau has filed the other two complaints, one being against the Union Pacific and one jointly against the B. & M. and the Missouri Pacific. The charges are for great discrimination, the one against the Union Pacific absorber. the Union Pacific charging that company with discriminating against Lincoln on western business, and the one against the B. & M. and the Missouri Pacific, charging those roads with discriminating against Lincoln on eastern business. The cases will be closely contested before the inter-state commission, and aside from the local attorneys, the three and aside from the local attorneys, the three roads whose interests are in question will be represented by their solicitors. Mr. Dexter, of Chicago, for the Burlington, and Mr. Cochran, of St. Louis, for the Missouri Pacific, it is stated will be in attendance. The cases are regarded by citizens here as of a great deal of importance respecting the wholesale business of the after and beautic indirectly. of importance respecting the wholesale business of the city, and bearing indirectly upon the progress of the city itself. The

fact of the commission making a special point of coming to the city to hear the cases is re-garded by many as an idea of the importance of which the commission hold the questions A Methodist Church Dedicated. CRETE, Neb., March 13 .- | Special to the BEE.]-The Methodist people of Crete dedicated their new church on Sunday. It was built last summer, at an expense of over \$10,000. Bishop H. W. Warren, of Denver, preached the sermon, and was assisted in the exercises by Chancellor Creighton, of Lincoln, Rev. W. K. Beans, of York, Rev. A. C. Calkins, of Beatrice, and Mr. Marquette. The debt had all been provided for except about \$4,000, which amount was raised during the day, and the house dedicated free of debt. The Methodist people feel greatly rejoiced at the completion of the building. Bishop Warren will spend a week at the assembly this summer. He will lecture and

speak on recognition day, and will preach on

the Sunday following. Republican Clubs in Wahoo. Wanno, Neb., March 13.—[Special Telegram to the Bes.]—The republicans of Wahoo held two enthusiastic meetings last night. One of the young republicans, the other of the veterans, and formed two republican clubs. Each starts out under favorable auspices, with a large membership. The young men's republican club elected V. L. Hawthorne, president; L. E. Gruver, vice president; H. H. Saunders, secretary; J. R. Kenney, treasurer, and chose H. O. Beatty, E. E. Good and Hans Brodbolt as delegates and J. S. Wilde, O. C. Tarpenning and F McCuthon as alternates to the Omaha con vention of republican clubs. The other club is known as the Wahoo republican club, and elected G. I. Wright, president: Chas. Perky vice president; E. E. Lyle, second vice pres vice president; E. E. Lyle, second vice president; H. H. Dorsey, secretary; J. A. Smith, treasurer, and chose Chas. Perky John Steen and J. B. Davis as delegates to the Omaha

The Central City Revival. CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 13 .- | Corres pondence of the Ber.]-Rev. H. W. Brown and Prof. Avis have closed a twelve days union evangelistic meeting here. The business houses were all closed every night by 8 o'clock during the meetings and the Grand opera house filled with eager and attentive listeners to the soul-stirring music and words of these men of God. The last night's service more than filled the house and many were obliged to go away unable to find even standing room. Just before service closed last night Rev. Brown invited "all those who were christians, and all those who desired to be, and were determined by the help of God, from this on to live a true christian life, to stand." Almost every one in the Almost every one in the house rose promptly to their feet ings will be continued a few days yet by the pastors of the city. Rev. Brown and Prof. Avis left yesterday morning for Blair.

Paxton's Republican Club. PAXTON, Neb., March 13 .- [Special to the BEE ]-In the Sunday BEE appeared a dispatch from Madrid claiming the honor of having the first republican club organized in western Nebraska. The Paxton Republican club was organized March 7, three days be fore that at Madrid, with the following offi-cers: R. D. Harris, president; L. K. Hatten, vice president; G. F. Coates, secretary; J. J. Cortright, treasurer. We started with a membership of forty-five, and will have by

at least eighty. Holdrege Items. HOLDREGE, Neb., March 13 .- [Special to the BER ]-The strike continues but all is quiet. Trains are running now thick and fast. The Pinkerton men are still here but they have nothing to do, as the people are

next meeting night, when we elect delegates

peaceable. The weather is very fine and farmers will begin sowing small gram this week. New comers are plenty and both city and country property is changing hands at a lively rate. Holdrege will put in a telephone exchange this spring. The city water works are unde way.

Will Have a New Court House. TECHMSER, Neb., March 13. - Special Tele gram to the BEE. ]-This city gave 640 for and 6 against the court house bonds. The returns are not all in, but enough are in to show that the bonds carried by 50 majority over the three-fifths required by law. Everybody is rejoicing.

Supreme Court Decisions. Lincoln, Neb., March 13. - Special Tele gram to the BEE | -- In the supreme court today: The following named persons were admuted to practice: John M. Gondring, of

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answer instanter and cause submitted.

The following causes were argued and submitted: Ponca vs Crawford, Dixon county vs Halstead, Britton vs Larson, Milligan vs Butcher, Aultman vs Lahry.

Court adjourned until to-morrow morning. Finally Captured Him.

NELSON, Neb., March 13 .- [Special to the Ber.]-Lars Wadum, who disappeared with four mortgaged horses and two wagons on the night of December 23, from his home near Ruskin, in this county, has been captured and is now here in custody. He was school treasurer at the time of his disappear-ance, and some of the funds which were in his charge were unaccounted for.

Condition of Horace Rounds. CHICAGO, March 13 .- [Special Telegram to he Bre. |-Horace W. Rounds has improved somewhat in his mental condition since beng confined in the detention hospital, and talks more rationally. Physicians think his mental balance may be restored, but his physical health is badly shattered and will delay recovery.

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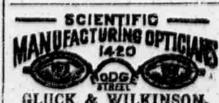
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