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## MRS. KELLY HELD THE REINS.

The Wounded Horse Marked the Way With His Blood.

BUT WAS URGED BRAVELY ON

By the Devoted Wife Till the Hospital Was Reached—Collision at Pawnee City—Cattle Thieves.

**The Preliminary Examination.**

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Several hundred people were ready to enter the city hall at the time set for the preliminary examination of Michael Soudier, as principal, and Albert Born and George Oliver as accessories in the shooting of Dr. Kelly. Judge Allen, of Madison, will conduct the case for the defense. By agreement of the attorneys it is to be tried at Madison, and the prisoners were taken there this afternoon.

Much admiration is expressed for Mrs. Kelly, who in that terrible race for life took the reins from her disabled husband and kept her nerve until they reached the hospital. It was fortunate for them that the horse, marking every step with his blood, held out to the end.

There is still a good deal of excitement here, fanned by inflammatory talk, and doubtless the prisoners thought they would be sustained in their dastardly deed by the general sentiment of the community.

Dr. Kelly rested quietly a part of the night. He was suffering considerable pain this morning, but is at this time resting quietly. It is now found that five bullets took effect upon him, one only grazing his neck and another his side. The one which passed through his shoulder, shattering the bones, was a 32-calibre. The first shot took effect when the parties were opposite Westervelt's.

George Oliver, the discharged cook, who is thought by some to be at the bottom of the affair, was found last night hid in a cellar between here and the junction.

**Cattle Thieves.**

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—George Thrush, a farmer living at Rogers, six miles west of Schuyler, missed to-day sixteen fat steers from his herd of ninety-seven cattle that he was feeding for market. About two weeks ago the mail carrier from North Bend met three men with about that number of cattle near Dodge, and it is supposed that the cattle were stolen two weeks ago and not missed until to-day. The aid of the Dodge county vigilance committee has been secured, and an armed body of men have started north to-day, and if the thieves are caught Colfax county will see another lynching.

**With Flowers In Its Hands.**

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A small box containing a dead male baby a few days old was found in the suburbs of the city last night by boys playing in the vicinity. On examination made by the coroner's jury this afternoon, a verdict was returned that the death resulted from natural causes, but no clue was found leading to the identity of the child's parents. The infant was neatly dressed, and flowers had been placed in its tiny hands.

**A Tough Killed**

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 12.—About 4 p. m., February 10, Fred Pierce shot and killed Samuel Ankney. Ankney was partly intoxicated, and had abused several people and had made a brutal attack on his brother George. At the request of George's wife, Pierce pulled Samuel off his victim. The furious man then struck Pierce, who pulled a revolver and fired. Samuel Ankney had a hard name, and was an ex-convict and a violent man.

**A Subject for the Insane Hospital.**

REYNOLDS, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Upon affidavit of J. T. Jones, constable of Buckley precinct, William Hixson was taken before the county board of examiners and adjudged insane and unsafe to run at large. Years ago Hixson killed his brother-in-law, James Gowall, was sentenced to prison, but later adjudged insane and sent to an asylum. He has, however, been at large for ten years.

**An Inquest Unnecessary.**

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Coroner Long came up from Madison to-day to hold an inquest over the body of W. B. Stout, who died this morning, as the result of injuries received from a falling timber on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley bridge. After inquiring into the circumstances he thought an inquest unnecessary.

**Passenger and Freight Collide.**

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—The eastbound vestibule Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska passenger train ran into the regular freight while the latter was on the main track in front of the depot. The passenger engine was disabled and the caboose and one freight car telescoped. The freight engine took the passenger train on.

**A Prominent Citizen Dead.**

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James A. Wallace, a prominent business man here, was stricken with an appoplectic stroke, followed by paralysis, this afternoon, and taken home in a dying condition. The latest reports say that he is dead.

**Horse Thief! $50 Reward.**

ALMA, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Lloyd H. Rude, five feet seven inches high, sandy complexion, smooth face and about twenty five years old, left this place February 10, and took with him one brown and one bay horse, a new spring wagon and a chest of tools. Fifty dollars reward will be given for his arrest.

**White Caps Still Threatening.**

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The white caps still continue sending notices to parties here threatening them with death if they don't discontinue their investigation into the Hagerman lynching.

**Soliciting Funds for the Reunion.**

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—For several days members of the G. A. R. have been soliciting funds to secure the next annual reunion. They report this evening that enough has been raised to insure this special attraction.

### ADONIS IN THE HOLE.

**Rice and Dixey Fleeced by the Tiger in New Orleans.**

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Rice and Dixey party left here Sunday night after a week's engagement in which they cleared $6,000. Notwithstanding their success here, however, Dixey and Rice left here $2,000 in debt and with a record of playing the biggest game of hearts ever known here. The game continued for three nights at the Merchant's club and was participated in by Bud Renaud, a well known sporting man, Levy, a bookmaker and the actors. Rice and Dixey left the theater each night and continued to play till 5 a. m. When their engagement was over they discovered they had not only lost their entire week's receipts, but owed Renaud and Levy $2,000.

### THE LONG LOST WILLIE.

**Millionaire Snell's Murderer Believed to Be in Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The interest in Tascott, the alleged murderer of A. J. Snell, has been revived to an intense degree by a burglary which was committed at the house of J. W. McLean, 224 Belden avenue, and in which it is supposed that the burglar was none other than the long lost Willie. The house was entered about 2 o'clock in the morning. The burglar proceeded to the bed-room of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, but the latter awoke, sat up in bed and shrieked. The burglar covered her with a revolver, eyed her steadily and slowly retired from the room. Mr. McLean was awakened by his wife's shriek and started to follow the burglar, but his wife threw her arms around him, and before he broke loose from her the burglar had vanished.

Mrs. McLean describes him as young and well dressed, wearing a round stiff hat and frock coat. His eyes were large and brilliant. She says she would surely know the man if ever she saw him again. It is said by those who know that Mrs. McLean's description tallies with Tascott, and that there is no doubt that the burglar was he.

When Mr. A. J. Stone was told of the affair this morning and asked what he thought about it, he replied: "I had not heard anything of the affair, and know none of the particulars. It has always been my opinion, however, that when Tascott is caught it will be in that sort of way. I would not be at all surprised if this was the fellow, because he is such an inveterate thief that he could not stop stealing if he tried."

"What do you think of the alleged statement of some of the officers that they have information that he is in Chicago?"

"Oh, I have been of the opinion for a long time that he is in Chicago. Of course, as a matter of policy and prudence, we have thought it our duty to run down every clue and reports we have received concerning him, though we did not take much stock in them at the outset. I have been of the opinion that he is in Chicago for a long time, and I have been confirmed in that opinion ever since I came back from the mountains last April. His presence here would not be nearly so likely to create suspicion as would the presence of a stranger in a small place. There is no place where he would have so many friends and acquaintances to take care of him as here."

### CUBAN ANNEXATION.

**Blaine Thinks We Ought to Have the Island.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Herald's Washington special says: Recently Congressman Milliken of Maine and his cousin, Seth Milliken of New York, who is a large manufacturer and has investments in the south, called on Blaine on private business. During the conversation the merchant, who has known Blaine for years, asked him if he was in favor of the annexation of Canada. Milliken says Blaine replied that he was, but that he did not think it would be brought about by agitation. In the course of time he thought the Dominion would naturally gravitate into the American union. If we were reaching after territory to increase our wealth and strength, he thought Cuba should be the place for us to secure first. "In its relation to health," said Mr. Blaine, "Cuba is the natural home of pestilential diseases, especially yellow fever. Under the direction of our eminent sanitarians I have not the slightest doubt that the existing cause of this dreaded disease could be exterminated from every part of the territory of Cuba. In point of economy it would be cheaper for the United States to buy the island from Spain at almost any cost rather than it should be a constant menace to the health and prosperity of the southern states. The cost, directly and indirectly, to the business of the country during the last yellow fever was greater than the value of Cuba, even if you put it on a mere money basis. But when you consider the peril to life which the fever constantly brings, its purchase would not be dear at any price. The next object which makes it valuable is its relation to the United States as a strategic point. It practically controls the Gulf of Mexico. It actually commands positions which we ought, in the natural order of things, to possess and control. In regard to its contributing to our wealth, Cuba in the hands of Yankee people—and by that I mean the thrifty, energetic, inventive American race—would add immensely to our prosperity. Under the control of skilled labor its productive resources would be increased a hundred fold."

**The Tariff Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The democratic members of the ways and means committee have practically completed their report on the senate amendment to the tariff bill. The republican members of the committee will be supplied with a copy of the report for their assistance in preparing a minority report if they should decide to make one.

The computations made by the treasury department as to the probable effect on the revenues of the tariff bill and senate amendments have been made public. They show that the house bill would reduce collections from customs $59,350,045, and from internal revenue $17,619,234, or a total reduction in the revenue of $67,969,579. The bill as amended by the senate would reduce the customs collections $13,976,887, and the internal revenue receipts $33,905,780, or $47,882,667 in the aggregate. The average ad valorem rates under the existing law is $46.91; under the house bill it would be $42.48, and under the senate bill $46. In his letter transmitting the computations the secretary says that to avoid extra delay and labor the department may use the estimates formerly prepared, based on the importations for 1887. "Although made according to the plan and theory usually adopted," says he, "I recognize that these estimates are largely conjectural and more or less unreliable and misleading."

**An International Conference.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Townshend of Illinois, to-day introduced a bill amending the act authorizing the president to arrange a conference between the United States and the republics of Mexico, Central and South America, Hayti, San Domingo and the empire of Brazil, so as to include the Dominion of Canada. The president is authorized to invite representatives of the several governments of the countries named to join the United States in a conference to be held in this city for the purpose of recommending for adoption to their respective governments, of some plan of arbitration for settlements of disagreements or disputes that may hereafter arise among them. One of the questions for the conference to consider, besides those already provided for in the act of last year, is the establishment of regular and frequent communication between the ports of the said said several countries.

Mr. Townshend says he was impelled to offer his amendment because he received information from Canada that a large number of the people of the Dominion are anxious to join the other American nations in the conference.

**Tired of Prohibition.**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12.—In the house of representatives to-day a petition with 602 signatures was presented stating that the petitioners, tax paying and business men of the state, feeling that the prohibitory amendment is injurious to the best interests of the state, as well as incapable of enforcement, and that it has placed the liquor business beyond control and supervision, and has depreciated the price of real estate, petition for an amendment or abrogation of the prohibitory amendment.

**Another Cabinet Possibility.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Politicians to-day discovered that General Noble, of St. Louis, one of the leading attorneys of that city, was among the cabinet possibilities. He is named for attorney general. What particularly recommends and renders possible, if not probable, the selection of General Noble is the fact that he is not identified with any party faction in his state. It is said that the withdrawal of Hon. John B. Henderson's name from the list of cabinet possibilities was necessitated largely upon these grounds.

General Harrison had, perhaps, as many as three hundred callers this afternoon, chiefly delegates in attendance at the third annual meeting of the Lincoln league of Indiana. Among the out-of-town visitors at the Harrison residence was J. C. Stewart, of Webb City, Mo., Carter B. Harrison, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., brother of the president-elect, arrived in this city to-day and is a guest of his relative.

### THE BEHRING SEA FISHERIES.

**Correspondence on the Subject Transmitted to the Senate.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—In response to a recent senate resolution, the president to-day sent to that body a mass of correspondence relating to the Behring sea fisheries and sealing grounds. Secretary Bayard, in a note to the president accompanying the correspondence, says that negotiations are pending with a view to the protection of seal life in Behring sea by international arrangements. Some correspondence of a confidential character, and as yet incomplete, is withheld, but none of it has relation to the orders given for the regulation of the seizure of vessels engaged in sealing in Behring sea.

The correspondence tells the well-known story of the seizure of British vessels by the Corwin and Rush, and their sale after protest by the owners, which was received too late. The correspondence relative to the conclusion of treaties for the protection of fur seals in Behring sea includes the instructions sent by Bayard to our ministers to France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Sweden and Norway. To this the governments of France, Great Britain, Russia and Norway declined to take part, because its people were not engaged or interested in seal fishing.

**The Mormons Knocked Out.**

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—In the municipal election yesterday the liberals elected their full ticket by majorities averaging about four hundred and twenty-five. The mayor-elect is F. J. Kiesel, a wholesale grocer, who has been a citizen of Utah for twenty-five years. The defeated candidate, John A. Boyle, is also an old-time resident and staunch Mormon. Ogden is the first town in Utah to elect a gentile mayor, and the event is looked upon as a great victory, not only for this city, but for the whole territory, as it will encourage the liberals in other towns, and more speedily bring about the end being sought, that of inducing immigration to Utah. Heretofore the people of the east have looked upon this territory as being completely under Mormon rule, and they have been slow to undertake investments or even residence here. The gentiles of Ogden are particularly proud of their success, in that they feel that they are now in the lead, and that by diligent effort they can hold it.

**The Nominations Laid Over.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—In executive session of the senate this afternoon Senator Plumb, from the committee on agriculture, favorably reported the nomination of Norman J. Coleman, of Missouri, to be secretary of agriculture. Under the rule in went over until the next executive session.

The nominations of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Thompson to be civil service commissioner in place of Edgerton, removed, and of First Assistant Postmaster Stevenson to be judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, will be subject to the general rule adopted by the majority at the senate respecting political relations. The objection to Stevenson is said to be in the fact that his nomination is in violation of the republican platform concerning territorial offices, that they shall be filled by residents. Thompson is objected to on the score of extreme offensive partisanship in the South Carolina elections.

**Nebraska and Iowa Patents.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Patents were granted to the following Nebraska and Iowa inventors to-day: Harry F. Arnold, Manchester, Ia., blotter pad; William J. Harris and W. H. Byer, Steel City, Neb., bucket for storing and burning trash; Charles H. Harshall, Wood River, Neb., flour holder and sifter; James McKivatt, Garrison, Ia., corn harvester; Fred V. Medynski, Des Moines, Ia., feed water purifier; Jesse Morris, Sioux Rapids, Ia., haystacker; James W. Terman, Newsharon, assignor to Deere, Wells & Co., Council Bluffs, Ia., portable corn thresher and separator; Walter C. Westaway, Decorah, Ia., plunger rod for pumps.

**The Last of the Homestake Robbers.**

RAPID CITY, Dak., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Daugherty, the last of the four men concerned in the attempt to rob the Homestake pay car in October, passed through here to-day in custody of officers, bound for Deadwood, where he will be tried. He says he was betrayed to the sheriff at Douglas, Wyo., by a man in whom he trusted. He was wounded in the face by a buckshot in the attempt at robbery, and the bullet is still lodged against his jawbone. The $1,000 reward for his capture will be shared by the sheriff of Converse county, Wyoming, and two deputies. Of his pals, Nickerson and Telford, are in the Sioux Falls penitentiary, under fifteen year's sentences, and Wilson is in Deadwood jail.

**Conformed to the Kansas Law.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Western Railway Weighing association met to-day to decide what should be done with the question of live stock transportation from the Missouri river. The system of billing live stock by weight instead of charging by the car load was inaugurated January 1. The Kansas railroad commissioners have ordered a restoration of the carload rate in that state, causing a good deal of confusion. It was agreed that carload rates be carged only on shipments in Kansas, and that the weighine system be continued on all inter-state traffic and on all points east of the river.

**Passenger Train Derailed.**

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—Rumor of a dreadful accident on the Cheyenne & Northern reached this city this morning and caused much excitement until the extent of the accident was learned. A north-bound passenger train was thrown from the track near Horse Creek station by a broken flange. Although the engine, mail car and two passenger coaches turned over no one was hurt.

**O'Brien's Case Adjourned.**

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—William O'Brien was taken from Tralee to Killarney to-day, where he was arraigned on the last summons issued against him for violating the crimes act. The case was adjourned until Monday, to enable him to consult counsel. The government had posted a proclamation along the route from Tralee to Killarney forbidding the gathering of crowds. O'Brien was escorted by a force of military.

**A War on Oleomargarine.**

PITTSBURG, Feb. 12.—War has been declared upon dealers in oleomargarine here, and wholesale prosecutions will be made in a few days. Four arrests were made to-day and nearly a hundred dealers will be arrested before the end of the week. The penalty in this state for selling oleomargarine for butter is a fine of $500 or two years imprisonment.

**A Bank Suspends Payment.**

LYNCHBURG, Va., Feb. 12.—The Bank of Redford, located at Liberty, Va., suspended payment this morning.

## MRS. BROWN IS ACQUITTED.

Last Act in the Notorious Mason City Case.

KENNEDY IS NOT SO FORTUNATE.

His Brutal Career Will Be Abruptly Ended on March 1—Turney's Splendid Prospects For a Term in the Pen.

**Not Guilty.**

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—"Not guilty," was the verdict returned in the Brown poisoning case, and when the announcement was made the defendant betrayed no emotion whatever, not even a sign of joy could be depicted on her countenance. Her husband rushed frantically forward and throwing his arms about his wife kissed her several times. They received the congratulations of her father, relations, counsel and a number of the jurymen. On the first ballot the jury stood two for conviction. The verdict was long anticipated and gave general satisfaction. It is now probable that the defendant will apply for a divorce and the custody of the remaining child, Henry.

**Kennedy Must Hang.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court this evening filed a decision in the Kennedy murder case, refusing a new trial or to interfere to stop his execution. The crime for which Bernard Kennedy was sentenced at Dubuque to be hung was one of the most brutal and revolting kind. He was convicted of having murdered his wife on April 25, 1887. Her body, horribly mutilated, was found about half a mile from the house the next morning. The evidence on which he was convicted, was chiefly circumstantial, the principal witness against him being his own child, a little boy. The boy testified that his father came home late on the evening of the 25th and asked him to get him a towel. He said that the father's hands and face were bloody, and that the father wiped off the blood in his presence and then asked him if he thought he could get along without his mother. Every effort in court to break down the testimony of the little boy failed, and it had much to do with Kennedy's conviction.

Kennedy and his wife were both accustomed to drinking. He was sentenced to be hung on Friday, March 1, next. The appeal to the supreme court sets aside and requires, in case the sentence is confirmed, that the governor shall name either that or some other day for the execution. It is thought that Governor Larrabee will name the same day—March 1—that was named by the judge of the lower court.

**The Graveyard Ghoul.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—No clue has yet been found to the robbery of the grave of Mrs. Groves. Suspicion still rests upon one of the medical colleges of this city. The friends of the woman requested Physician Dradams to make an investigation of the bodies and see if the stolen one could not be found. It was hoped that they could identify it by a broken collar bone and finger, but when the investigation began it was found that the arms had been removed and the shoulder so badly mutilated that identification was impossible. There has been some talk of compelling the college authorities to produce the missing members so that the friends can know for sure whether the body of their relative is used for experimental purposes or not. The dean of the medical college says it is not, but some regard his denial as no more than the usual reply, and still suspect that the stolen body is there. The case has been laid before the county attorney, but he has given no advice regarding it yet.

**The Chester Turney Case.**

DES MOINES Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court heard oral argument to-day in the celebrated Chester Turney case. His counsel asked the court to grant a new trial, claiming that he had not been fairly tried in the lower courts. The principal speaker for Turney was a young lawyer named Deman, of this city, and after wearying the court for some time by a good deal of general assertion, the court sat down upon him by telling him that he must confine his remarks to matters of record and facts, not opinion. Judge Cole, of this city, said a few words in favor of having the court reduce the boy's sentence to three years and a half, which would about expire at this time. Attorney Bishop spoke for the state, saying that nothing had been shown to prove that Turney had not had a fair trial or was entitled to any special mercy from the court. The case was taken under advisement.

**The G. A. R. Encampment.**

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The annual encampment of the Iowa department, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in this city beginning April 8, and lasting four days. The department has, during the last quarter, increased by over two thousand members, and now numbers over twenty thousand members. The state department of the Women's Relief Corps will hold their annual meeting here at the same time and in conjunction with the encampment. A beautifully decorated special train will cross the state from Council Bluffs to Burlington for the especial use of these organizations.

**A Union Depot For Sioux City.**

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Deeds were filed to-day for a large number of lots in the lower part of town for a site for a union depot. C. J. Brackebush, as trustee, has been buying this property for months. The building is to front 500 feet on Wall street and to be 150 feet deep, to be made of brick faced with stone, and to cost $500,000. It will be built by the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, the Illinois Central and the Union Pacific.

**A "Blind Pig" Raided.**

WATERLOO, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A seizure of liquors belonging to L. Nass was made to-day at this place. Nass has been running a "blind pig" for some months. He waved examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. This case will be prosecuted vigorously. The selling of intoxicants is becoming more open this season every day. This case may be looked upon as preliminary to something of greater importance.

**The Loyal A. O. U. W.**

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Nearly two hundred delegates to the grand lodge of the loyal A. O. U. W., which convened this morning, are present. The session is likely to continue through to-morrow. Considerable interest attaches to the probable action of the lodge, owing to the recent supreme court decision. The state assembly of Knights of Labor also convened this morning with about one hundred delegates present.

**A Boy Killed By the Cars.**

FORT MADISON, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William Zut, a boy residing here, was run over by a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train yesterday, his left leg being run over. He died at 5 p. m.

**The Farnsworth Failure.**

PRINGHAR, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The failure of E. P. Farnsworth, of Sutherland, is creating much stir in this vicinity. He had executed mortgages to the extent of $5,700 on his stock of general merchandise. Creditors are now in possession under attachments. The largest mortgage is to Farnsworth's father-in-law, and will be attached as fraudulent. The assets are estimated at $8,000.

**It Makes No Difference.**

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 12.—The receipt of the news of the passage of the Des Moines river land bill caused very little interest here. Snell, a heavy owner of the lands, says he regards it of no consequence and cares not whether it is signed by the president or not, as previous decisions of the United States supreme court have confirmed the title. Nearly all the settlers consider the matter in the same light.

**Fire at Corydon.**

CORYDON, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A disastrous fire broke out here to-day about noon, destroying all the wooden buildings and the opera house on the south side of the square. The burned buildings included the book store and postoffice, the grocery store of J. H. Clark, the eating house of J. S. Whittaker, Frazer's jewelry store, meat market, millinery store, etc. The loss on the opera house is about $15,000; insurance $4,000. The other losses will amount to as much more.

**A Lincoln Memorial Banquet.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by a banquet to-night, given by the Young Men's Republican club. Among the speakers were Lieutenant Governor Hull, Senator Lafe Young, of Atlantic; Raymond Lorenz, of Clarinda, and local orators. This club has decided to adopt Lincoln's birthday as its anniversary day, and will observe it annually.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

**Fitting Celebrations in Commemoration of His Birth.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Five hundred guests were present at a banquet given by the La Salle club to-night, in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Ex-Vice President Hannibal Hamlin was an honored guest of the evening. Among the other notables present were Stephen A. Douglas, jr., Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa; Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, and Hon. George S. Boutwell. The chief toasts responded to were "Abraham Lincoln," by Mr. Hamlin; "The Republican Party," by ex-Governor Boutwell, and "American Citizenship," by John A. Kasson. The burden of all the speeches was that Lincoln's birthday should be made a national holiday. Resolutions were adopted petitioning the Illinois legislature to make the day a public holiday.

A telegram of greeting was received from the La Salle club, of Springfield, which was engaged in a like celebration. Letters of regret were read from ex-Governor Oglesby and Governor Fifer.

Three other celebrations of the anniversary were held in Chicago this afternoon and evening. At the Chicago opera house in the afternoon Hon. J. A. Kasson delivered a magnificent tribute to Lincoln.

**At New York.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birth was commemorated in this city and Newark by banquets. The republican club of this city made it the occasion of their third annual dinner, and among those present were Hon. Benjamin Butterworth of Ohio; Hon. C. A. Boutell, of Maine; General Horace Porter, Colonel John C. New, of Indiana, and Stephen B. Elkins. Letters of regret were received from Senators Hiscock and Sherman, James G. Blaine and General Harrison.

**The White Cap Trials.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—In the White Cap trial to-day, at Bloomington, Ind., of the eleven Monroe county citizens, William Murphy testified that he was awakened by Norma's child, who had come to his house in his night clothes and bare feet and had told the witness what was going on at the boy's home. Murphy went with the boy, and from his hiding place heard the cries of the father and the voices of the men. He saw Norman's daughter crawling under the house, called to her, and took her home with him. Other witnesses gave equally damaging testimony. The defense introduced evidence tending to show that Norman and his wife had a bad character. The most of the time, however, was occupied in attempting to prove an alibi to persons charged with the offense. The case will close to-morrow.

**The Mikado's Constitution.**

TOKIA, Feb. 12.—The new constitution was promulgated from the throne by the mikado on Monday. The constitution establishes a house of peers, the members of which are to be partly hereditary, partly elective and partly nominated by the mikado, and a house of commons of 300 members. The right of suffrage is given all men of the age of twenty-five years and over who pay taxes to the amount of $25 a year. Liberty of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of public meeting are established. The parliament shall possess legislative functions and control of the finances under limitations. Judges can not be removed except by special legislation.

**A Preacher Robbed.**

PITTSBURG, Feb. 12.—A Lima, O., special says that a gang of white masked thieves visited the residence of Rev. James Smith, near Arlington, last night and robbed him of $400. Smith lives on a farm near that of Wesley Oman, who, with his son, was bound and robbed last week. Smith was at home with his family when the marauders came. Four of the party presented revolvers to the heads of the family, while the others went through the house. Nathan Essingod, of the same locality, has received notice that he may expect a similar visit, and the community is wildly excited.

**Readjusting Freight Rates.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The western freight association met to-day to consider how best to readjust and equalize through rates from Iowa points to the seaboard, these rates having become disarranged by the enforcement of the commissioners' schedule in Iowa. A committee of seven was appointed to formulate a plan and report to-morrow afternoon. The object is to remove the discrimination against Chicago caused by the reduction in Iowa rates.

**Policy Holders Mean Business.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—At a meeting of the policy holders of the Connecticut Mutual Insurance company to-day, a resolution was adopted demanding that the auditor of Indiana examine all the business of the company at Hartford, and investigate the affairs and conditions of the same and publish the result.

**Carver's Challenge Accepted.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The American Field tomorrow will publish communications from Albandie, of Cincinnati, and J. R. Stice and C. W. Budd, of Davenport, each accepting Dr. Carver's challenge to meet him in a pigeon-shooting contest, each of the three matches to be for $250 a side. A $50 a piece forfeit has been deposited by each of Carver's antagonist.

**To Succeed Burnes.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 12.—Captain Francis M. Postgate, of St. Joseph, was nominated without balloting by the republicans of the Fourth district, to fill the vacancy in the Fifteth and Fifty-first congress, caused by the death of the late James N. Burnes.

**An Art Sale.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Seventy-six pictures, the private collection of James H. Stebbins, brought the sum of $15,395 at auction to-night at Chickering hall.

### ECCENTRIC MISS PEARSON.

**She Leaves a Curious Collection of Bric-a-Brac to Worry Appraisers.**

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The inventory of the estate of Miss Catharine Pearson, of Richmond, lately deceased at an advanced age, is a great surprise to her relatives, notwithstanding she was known to possess considerable wealth. The inventory just filed shows a personal estate of $450,000, nearly all in government bonds and bank and first-class railroad stocks. Miss Pearson was a noted character in the county for years. She always attended the annual cattle show, bedecked to the extreme with diamonds sparkling in old fashioned settings, and created much curiosity. The appraisers had a difficult task to inventory her apparel and household goods. They found a collection of fifty bonnets of jail styles, dating back over half a century, and seventy shawls, including many rare and valuable ones. Among other curious articles discovered were 300 small vials, which had some time or other contained medicine, all carefully emptied, washed, wrapped in white tissue paper and packed away in drawers. In dresses there was a most surprising array of old silks and satins, many having been made just in style, although the material was over fifty years old. There were gloves and parasols to match.

### BLAINE'S SOUTHERN POLICY.

**The Promotion and Development of Its Interests and Resources.**

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—Colonel Julian Allen, of Statesville, N. C., who has been in this city for several days in the interest of the southern exposition that will be held during the coming fall in some northern city, to-day told a reporter of the American that while in Washington recently he had an extended interview with James G. Blaine. He explained to Blaine the exposition project, and Blaine at once expressed in most cordial terms his interest in it and his willingness to do anything in his power to help it forward. He also took occasion to express his deep interest in the development of the south and his earnest hope for a settlement of the race problem in a way that will inure to the best interests of the whole people.

In the selection of federal officials for southern states, Blaine led Colonel Allen to think that he would favor the appointment of conservative republicans—men who had laid aside the hatred and bitterness of war time, and who were aiming at the development of the country, and the happiness and welfare of the people. In many ways Blaine expressed his concern for the welfare of the south and his interest in its future. Blaine also spoke with freedom about his acceptance of the position of secretary of state in General Harrison's cabinet, and said that Harrison tendered him the position a very few days after the election, and did it in such a cordial way that he at once accepted it in the same spirit.

**The Meyers-McAuliffe Fight.**

NORTH JUDSON, Ind., Feb. 12.—A train bearing a crowd of people from Chicago who intend to witness the prize fight between Jack McAuliffe and Billy Meyers for $5,000 a side and the lightweight championship of the world arrived in North Judson half an hour before midnight. At 12:15 a. m. it was reported that the fight had been stopped by order of the government. Pending a confirmation or denial, the crowd impatiently awaited developments. Opinion was quite general that there would be no fight to-night.

**National Convention of Builders.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—The third annual convention of the National Association of Builders opened here this morning with over one hundred and fifty delegates present, representing thirty-six cities.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted. The former shows that 425 associations for the various affiliating trades in the United States and twenty in Canada are represented in the National Association of builders.

**In the Interest of Plumb.**

TOPEKA, Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A delegation of the leading republicans, headed by State Treasurer Hamilton, leaves to-night for Washington in the interest of Senator Plumb for a cabinet position. Governor Humphrey to-day telegraphed Congressman Morrill to urge the Kansas delegation in congress to push the matter, as there was but little time to spare.

**Ex-Governor Glick Testifies.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Ex-Governor Glick testified to-day before the special senate committee to investigate the dressed beef combine and the packing houses. He was positive that such a combine existed, and that it was responsible for the present low prices for cattle, and said that it had almost ruined the cattle business in Kansas.

**Protection to Southern Voters.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator Plumb to-day presented a resolution of the lower house of the Kansas legislature requesting congress to adopt such measures as will secure to every citizen of the southern states protection in the exercise of all political rights, even though it be necessary to place such states under military authority.

**To Fight For $500.**

HURLEY, Wis., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Articles of agreement have been signed here for a fight to a finish between Frank Tebo, of Ashland, Wis., and Joe Sheehy, champion heavy weight, of Michigan, for $500 a side. The mill to take place at Hurley, March 9. Sporting men here are willing to back Sheehy for $1,000 a side against any paglist in the northwest, Killen, Conley or Cardiff preferred.

**American Shooting Association.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The American Shooting association has been organized here, by the election of C. W. Dimick, of Boston, president; J. A. H. Dressell, vice president; Eliot Smith, secretary, and Solomon Turck, treasurer; also a board of directors and advisory boards.

**Brakeman Kier Gets $5,000.**

TOLEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court today rendered a decision by which Thomas Kier, a brakeman who received injuries while employed by the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf railway, recovers $5,000 for the injuries sustained.

**The Weather Indications.**

For Nebraska: Rain or snow, slightly warmer, followed by colder, northwesterly winds.

For Iowa: Rain or snow, warmer, variable winds.

For Dakota: Snow, warmer, followed by colder, westerly winds.

**Riotous Students at Pesth.**

PESTH, Feb. 12.—The students made another riotous demonstration against the army bill this evening. A number of arrests were made.

**No Freight on Sunday.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Orders have been issued on the Pennsylvania road that no freight except perishable shall run on Sunday.

**To Reorganize the Corps.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The house committee on military affairs have authorized Mr. Cutcheon to report favorably his bill for a reoganization of the signal corps.

**DeLesseps Ill.**

PARIS, Feb. 12.—M. DeLessers is ill. His daily levees have ceased, and his family will not allow visitors to refer to the Panama canal.

## THOMPSON'S CHANCES SLIM.

His South Carolina Record is Against Him.

POINTS TO AN EXTRA SESSION.

The Almost Unanimous Opinion of Republicans in the House—Coleman Nominated For Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.

The nominations of Thompson, of South Carolina, to be civil service commissioner vice Edgerton, removed, and Stephens, of Illinois, to be justice of the supreme court of this district, will not be confirmed. Objection is made to Thompson on personal as well as general grounds. In the first place he is not considered a fit man for the position to which he has been nominated. He was elected governor of South Carolina at a time when there was wholesale intimidation of colored and white republican voters, and high handed frauds at the ballot boxes. He is not regarded in any sense as a civil service reformer, and those who have studied his political career are amused that the president, who pretends to be a civil service reformer, should appoint him to a position of this kind. South Carolina republicans have asked the senate to withhold action till they can be heard. They propose to discuss the part Thompson and his friends have taken in South Carolina politics, and the senate will not only wait to hear of the political charges which may be brought against Thompson, but they will wait till President Harrison makes a nomination before they confirm any man to the position of civil service commissioner. Smalls, the colored man from South Carolina, whose contest for the seat of Elliott is now pending in the house, will lay before the senate committee having Thompson's nomination in charge, some testimony bearing upon the part Thompson has taken in the elections in his state, which Smalls says will be highly interesting and very important. He thinks it would be an outrage upon the southern republicans and an affront to decent politicians in all sections of the country to confirm the nomination of Thompson.

EXTRA SESSION TALK.

It is the almost unanimous belief of the republicans in the house that President Harrison will call an extra session of the Fifty-first congress for tariff legislation and the admission of new states. A majority believe that the extra session will convene in April. The others think it will come together about the 1st of November. The latter date is regarded as the most probable one by Major McKinley, of Ohio, who appears to be in the lead for the speakership. Representative Posey, of Indiana, who has just come from his home to succeed Governor Hovey, and is supposed to know something of General Harrison's feelings on the subject, said to-day that he almost knew that there would be an extra session called. He is not the only one recently from Indiana, however, who is impressed with the idea that a called session is certain. The only argument that has been made against