THE DEMOCRATS YIELDING.

Indications of a Break in the Iowa Deadlock.

THE REAL FIGHT YET TO COME.

Republicans Determined to Secure the Permanent Speakership if it Takes All Summer—Yesterday's Proceedings.

Reaching an Agreement.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The conference committees have been working hard tonight to reach a basis of agreement, and it can be said that they have about succeeded. The republicans thought they might concede the temporary speakership to the democrats if they protected themselves against an abuse of its power. So they have been making some stipulations to keep the democrats from jumping over the ropes. At first the democrats didn't take kindly to the idea, but they saw that they must come to time if anything was done, and so they have been yielding by inches.

Both sides at a late hour this evening were very near together, and it is probable that on Monday the plan will be agreed to. Then the temporary organization will follow and the real fight will begin.

The deadlock so far has been only for a shadow. The next one will be for a substance. Republican members are receiving letters by the dozen from constituents telling them to fight it out when the real struggle begins, and stand for the speakership if it takes all summer.

The Republican Proposition.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—The house met this morning at 10:30 and adjourned till 3 this afternoon to give the conference committees time to work.

When the house was called to order at 3 it at once took a recess till 4 to consider the republican proposition in conference committees and caucuses. A proposition had been made this morning as follows:

The democrats agree that at no time from the acceptance of this proposition to the final adjournment of the house of the Twenty-third general assembly and at no time during the session of said house will the said democrats prevent from voting, unseat or offer to consider any proposition to unseat anyone whose name appears on the list prepared by the secretary of state of Iowa and which now is in use in the roll calls of this body, on account of objection to the apportionment act of the Twenty-second general assembly creating this districts from which the members were elected.

2. Henry S. Wilcox shall be elected temporary clerk, L. D. Hotchkiss temporary speaker; the republicans to have the temporary speaker pro tem, also the doorkeeper, sergeant-at-arms and the assistant postmistress; the democrats to have the two assistant doorkeepers and all necessary pages, to be equally divided between the parties, said officers to hold until a permanent organization is reached.

3. Said temporary clerk to be instructed to receive the certificates of election of all persons claiming to be members of the Twenty-third general assembly and to make a roll of the members by placing on the said list the names prepared by the secretary of state and now in use in the roll call of this body.

4. A committee on credentials, consisting of Dobson, Hobbs and Coyle (reps.) and Hamilton and Estes (dems.), shall be appointed, and the committee shall be instructed to report the names of the persons entered on the roll by said clerk as contemplated in the previous section as members of the Twenty-third general assembly, each of whom shall be entitled to act and vote on all questions until a permanent organization shall be reached and a permanent speaker elected, and that each person whose name appears on said list shall be sworn in as a member of the twenty-third general assembly and be a member of the house thereof until final adjournment unless unseated by the house in a regular contest for cause other than objection to the apportionment act of the twenty-second general assembly creating the districts from which the members are lected.

5. No objection or protest shall be made by the other party to any one whose name appears on said list of members voting on any question until after said house is organized and a permanent speaker elected.

6. All cases of contested seats pending or that may hereafter arise shall hereafter be referred to the proper committee, and none of said contests shall be taken up and acted upon by the house until reported upon by said committee.

7. After the temporary organization as hereinbefore provided has been reached no other business shall be in order except the election of a permanent speaker and the business properly incident thereto, and at the proper time the election of a United States senator, until the permanent speaker shall be elected.

The Conference committees were at work up to 3:25, when the party caucuses were called. The democrats wanted to strike out section 1 and substitute the following:

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the republican members of the house and the opposition members thereto that neither under the temporary organization nor during the effecting of a permanent organization shall any question be raised as to the right of any person whose name appears on the list of members as prepared by the secretary of state and now in use in the roll call of this body, to his seat and to vote, and that immediately upon perfecting a permanent organization a committee on elections shall be appointed composed of an equal number of republicans and of the opposition thereto and that no case of contested eleigibility or election of a member shall be taken up excepting on the recommendation of the majority of all the members of said committee. It is further stipulated and agreed that the republicans and the opposition thereto shall be represented upon said committee by members selected by themselves respectively.

The also insisted that section 7 of the republican proposition should be stricken out.

The house was called to order again at 4 o'clock and a half hour recess was taken to let the conference committees work. Nothing was done however, in the time specified, so the house adjourned till Monday.

IOWA NEWS.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following decisions were rendered by the supreme court today:

W. J. Ladd vs D. S. Osborne et al, appellants, Green district; affirmed.

The district township of Carroll, appellant, vs the district township of Pleasant Valley, Carroll district; affirmed.

The district township of Carroll, appellant, vs the district township of Arcadia, Carroll district; affirmed.

A. Carrier, Hixon Brothers, B. W. Blackwood, J. H. Lounsbury and I. J. Vaughn vs Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company, appellant, Jasper district; affirmed.

State of Iowa vs J. H. Benadom, appellant, Jones district; affirmed.

Russell Compas, appellant, vs J. H. Murdock, Humboldt district; modified and affirmed.

Mrs. Rosier Acquitted.

WEST UNION, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The jury in the Rosier murder case, after being out forty-eight hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. The plea was self-defense. On account of the bad character of the murdered man much sympathy has been expressed for the defendant, and the verdict gives satisfaction. On the announcement of the verdict Mrs. Rosier, the defendant, was visibly affected and broke down in sobs.

The Pet Stock Association.

BOONE, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Iowa State poultry and pet stock association, in its ninth annual session here, elected the following officers: President, J. M. Gilcrest of Marshalltown; first vice-president, J. T. Kegley of Ames; second vice-president, C. M. Soper of Ames; third vice-president, Joseph Bancroft of Cedar Falls; secretary, O. H. Wallen of Marshalltown; treasurer, E. Lee of Marshalltown. The next meeting will be held at Marshalltown, January 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1891.

Death of Justice Brewer's Brother.

GRINNELL, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Prof. Fiske B. Brewer died this afternoon. He had been suffering from consumption, but the influenza caused his death. He was formerly for four years professor of Greek in Iowa college at this place. He was a brother of Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court. At one time he was a professor in the South Carolina state university for black and white, and remained there until frozen out by the democratic authorities.

Followers of Tom Paine.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Northern Iowa admirers of Tom Paine are preparing for an immense public celebration in this city on the anniversary of his birth, January 29. Efforts are being made to secure prominent orators from various parts of the United States. A movement will be inaugurated for the formation of clubs for the study of Paine's doctrines all over the county.

A Residence Burned.

KIRKVILLE, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Two miles north of this place the house of Samuel Gilmore burned to the ground about noon yesterday. It is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. Everything in the upper story was lost. The building is supposed to have cost between $5,000 and $6,000. It was fully covered by insurance.

Private Secretary to Boies.

WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Hon. S. L. Bestow, the defeated candidate for democratic lieutenant governor, was in the city today to see about the appointment of private secretary to the governor. The governor said this evening that he had offered the place to Mr. Bestow some time ago, and now he had decided to accept it.

An Accidental Shooting.

PERCIVAL, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—This afternoon two lads, Joe Reynolds and Charles Cadie, were hunting, when Reynolds threw up his gun to shoot some birds and it was accidentally discharged, the charge of shot entering Cadie's thigh, inflicting a serious but not dangerous wound.

Took Considerably Less.

FT. DODGE, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The suit of Mrs. Martha Koll against this city for $10,000 for injuries sustained by defective sidewalk was adjusted this afternoon for $125 and costs. The case has been in the courts for years.

Death of a Mexican Veteran.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Jan. 25.—Colonel John C. Abercrombie, an old and prominent citizen, died today. He was well known by veterans of the war with Mexico and the south.

Elevator Destroyed.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night at 10 o'clock J. W. Arlington's elevator burned to the ground. Loss fully covered by insurance.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Customs Administrative Bill Again Taken Up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Immediately after the reading of the journal the house went into committee of the whole on the customs administrative bill. Mr. Bland of Missouri offered an amendment providing that articles purchased abroad by exchange of products of agriculture exported from the United States shall be admitted free of duty in cartons, crates, boxes, cases, sacks or covering of any kind. Lost—133 to 113.

Acting under instructions from the committee on ways and means Mr. McKinley offered the following as an additional section: Merchandise deposited in public or private bonded warehouses may be withdrawn within three years from the date of original importation on the payment of the duties and charges to which it might be subject by law at the time of such withdrawal; provided, that nothing herein shall effect or impair the existing provisions of the law in regard to the disposal of perishable or explosive articles, and provided further that this action shall not apply to any article which has been exported from the United States and re-imported. Adopted. The committee finally completed the consideration of the bill.

Breckinridge of Kentucky moved that the bill be reported back to the house with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on ways and means; lost by a vote of 108 to 128. The committee then rose and reported the bill to the house favorably. The first vote was taken on the amendment to the "carton" section adopted yesterday on motion of Breckinridge of Kentucky, providing that the section shall not apply to merchandise imported in cartons, etc. which is subject to a duty equal to or exceeding 60 per cent. The action of the committee was reversed and the amendment rejected. The bill then passed; yeas 138, nays 121.

Mr. Hill offered a resolution increasing the membership of the world's fair committee from 9 to thirteen and providing that the committee shall have jurisdiction over all questions relating to the fair, except that as to location. The location is to be selected as follows: On one day the representatives of the competing cities shall present their claims and on the following day the members shall vote on their choice for the location. Referred to the committee on rules.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Illinois, February 15 was assigned as the day for the delivery of addresses in respect to the memory of the late Mr. Richard W. Townshend of Illinois.

Mr. Clements offered a resolution calling on the secretary of war for information as to whether the contractors for lining the Washington aqueduct tunnel are not liable individually and on their bond for any loss to the government incident to defective work done thereon, and if so whether any legal proceedings have been or will be instituted against them. Referred.

The house then adjourned and a republican caucus was announced to be held Monday evening.

South Dakota Legislature.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—In the house today seven new bills were introduced, making 219 in all this session. One hundred and forty habe been thus far introduced in the senate. Four of them were handed in today. In both houses today the principal matter of discussion was a measure to lease all school lands instead of selling them, as provided in the constitution. A hot debate ensued, engaged in by the best orators in either body, over the proposition to submit the amendment to the voters at the next general election, making the desired change in the constitution. The matter was finally referred to the committee on judiciary, with instructions to give it careful consideration and report. As South Dakota's grants of school lands are most valuable, the property the state owns being two sections in every township, the importance of the proposed change in this disposal is one far-reaching in scope, but it is doubtful if it will carry the necessary strength to make it a law.

A Seven-story Pile Destroyed.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25.—A seven-story building on the corner of Fifth and Sycamore streets, belonging to the Glenn estate, burned tonight. The loss will probably approximate $300,000. The building was occupied by lithographing, printing and paper box establishments and stores. The heaviest losers is the Henderson-Achert lithographing company, $100,000.

Down with the "Dengue."

LISBON, Jan. 25.—The king of Portugal has the "dengue," an inflammatory fever which so nearly resembles influenza that it is difficult to distinguish the difference.

ALMOST PARALYZED TRADE.

Effect of the Snow Blockade on San Francisco Merchants.

SOME INCIDENTS OF THE STORM.

Base Ball Matters Lively on the Coast—The Chinese New Year—A Nellie Bly Imitator in Trouble.

Beyond the Snow-Capped Range.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—[Special Correspondence of THE BEE.]—The great snow blockade has caused the business men on the coast a great deal of annoyance and trouble on account of the delay to their mail. Many large deals in sugars, coffees and dry goods, in which the profits and losses are enormous, have been a matter of uncertainty, details of the deals being en route by mail. Consequently the wires have been more freely used than ever known in business.

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The capture of two of the youthful jail breakers, McNulty, a murderer, and Edwards, a forger, was effected at Pleasanton by Constable Jones and a strapping granger. McNulty, who is a desperado, if there ever was one, says he never would have been caught had it not been that he did not want to shake the kid, as he termed Edwards, and that the roads were almost impassable the late heavy rains converting the roads into masses of thick, deep sticky mud. Three of the jail breakers are still at liberty. John Sullivan, the "Ghost," Eric Erickson and Joseph Reardon, but the officers say they will soon have them and end the history of the boldest jail delivery on record.

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Nearly all the coast base ball men are suffering with la grippe, which has taken hold of people generally, from the haughty resident on Nob Hill to the tough and lowly denizen of Tar Flat.

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Harry McCormick, one of the directors of the Omaha base ball club has been snowbound in the Sierras, but is expected here soon as the blockade will no doubt be broken in a short time. Mr. McCormick is on his way here to sign Knell for next season. The club will have six pitchers and five catchers. base ball matters are very brisk here.

A league organized by society men will play to open gates at the Haight street grounds every Saturday afternoon until the regular season opens. The clubs, are, the Blythedales, Pacific Unions, Fair Oaks and San Rafaels.

President Mone last night stated that he is negotiating with four eastern umpires who have first class reputations. He says he has named the salary the league will pay Sheridan, and the matter is settled on his part so far as finances are concerned, and the California umpire must soon come to terms, or other men will be appointed instead. Sheridan says he has not yet signed with the brotherhood.

When Harris was refused admission to the league with the San Jose nine he said he would be identified with baseball outside of this state. It has been learned that he has been tendered the management of a National league team, and two minor league clubs are also anxious to secure his services. He has not yet decided to accept any of the offers, being loth to leave his relatives in this city. Should he resolve to go east he will take away a number of California players with him.

Secretary Frank Brunell, in his capacity of correspondent, throws cold water on the California brotherhood. He says: "The new movement is formidable, but not likely to succeed." So says one of the league writers. But as a matter of fact Mr. Brunell has not been doing anything of the kind. He was given credit recently of having written against the admission of St. Louis to the brotherhood, but Pfeffer says Brunell did nothing but try to assist St. Louis and all statements to the contrary libel him. California will see lots of new faces next season. The rebellion will start a tribe of easterners to the coast.

Southern California is not a healthy locality for the professional ball player. Two eastern men recently received $7.50 each for two months' work with a Los Angeles nine.

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At midnight the Chinese New Year was inaugurated with the usual rattle of firecrackers and firing of pistols. The streets in Chinatown presented a curious spectacle. Lamps were hung from every portal and crowds thronged the highways.

The ceremonies will last for a week, and during that period all business will be suspended and the whole time given up to hospitality and recreation. Hostilities between the clans are suspended and all debts paid.

Should the weather permit the promised exhibition will be on a more liberal scale than ever before.

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During the battle with the snow in the mountains a gang of six Western Union linemen, in charge of Foreman C. H. Coop, left Gibson yesterday morning and came up the road on foot as far as the snow plow had cleared, when, finding further progress impossible, they cut down a telegraph pole and split it up and made it into snow shoes, and thus crossed the gap of five miles between the two snow plow gangs and came into town at dark tired and hungry—a daring deed considering the chances they took of being overtaken by dark and freezing to death or getting lost.

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The experience of Annie Laurie, a young lady employed on the Examiner, in the hands of the police and the attendants in the city receiving hospital is exciting a great deal of indignation.

An examination into the treatment of patients of the receiving hospital was suggested and Annie Laurie was assigned the work. The plot was that she was to fall to the sidewalk and be taken to the hospital and describe her experience on its merits.

When Annie Laurie fell on crowded Kearny street on Friday afternoon several men ran to her assistance. These men were as kind and considerate as it was possible to be. The first ill-treatment came with the arrival of the policemen, who, although they could easily have carried her to the prison van, preferred to drag her by the arms over the muddy sidewalk. She was then in the hands of the people paid to protect the public. Instead of this the policemen ill-treated her when she was being jolted over the cobbles to the hospital. When she reached the place where injured people are supposed to be cared for the question was at once asked:

"Is she drunk?"

As she was not drunk they immediately divined that she had taken poison. Instead of putting her to bed they plied her with questions. Had she really taken poison she would probably have died while they talked to her. They brewed an emetic and Dr. Holmes forced her to take it.

While she was struggling against taking the emetic, Dr. Harrison, who has temporary charge of the hospital, entered.

In reply to his question of whether the patient had taken poison, the younger physician answered:

"We don't know, doctor: we're just giving her an emetic on general principles."

Whereat Dr. Harrison laughed and answered:

"Give her a good thrashing and she'll take it." And then when he was told that the patient complained that her head hurt, Dr. Harrison wantonly and needlessly gripped his patient by the throat and dug his thumbs into her flesh until the girl screamed and pushed him aside.

Then he lost his temper and caught her by the shoulders so savagely that he broke the skin and threw her upon a cot.

"Let her lie there," he snarled, and if she makes any fuss strap her down."

This constitutes all the treatment that Annie Laurie received from the physician in charge of the receiving hospital. He left her then.

After having given her an emetic for poisoning the young doctor named her complaint on the register as "hysteria."

When she told Holmes and Matron Karr the addresses of her friends she was told that there was no messenger who could be sent for them and it was only through the personal kindness of Mrs. Karr that she was able to reach them.

It seemed incredible to the citizens of San Francisco that such inhumanity and ignorance could exist in her public institutions. Yesterday the city talked of the exposure. A public opinion has been aroused which the board of health and the supervisors cannot ignore. The receiving hospital must be reformed and an ambulance service must be created.

ROGER.

A NOVELTY IN ICE CUTTING.

Thirteen Hundred Men Working By Electric Light near Atchison.

ATCHISON, Kan., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A novel sight is presented on Sugar and Bean lakes, opposite this city, in Missouri, tonight, where thirteen hundred men are at work cutting ice beneath the glare of two or three hundred electric lights. It is a struggle to get the ice harvested before the south wind destroys it. Operations have been going on all week, but yesterday when the weather moderated and it set in thawing the force of men was increased and today every tramp in the form of a man that came along was given work. Four ice companies are at work. They are filling their houses on the ground and also shipping large quantities to Kansas City. The railroad company has three engines at the lakes and the freight earnings from the ice shipments are about $1300 a day. The ice early in the week was ten inches, today it is nine inches and the surface covered with melted snow, but the men get good pay and work courageously. They work in eight hour shifts. Although it is still thawing tonight, it is proposed to continue the work tomorrow and longer if the ice is strong enough to bear the men. Last night several horses were lost by plunging into the open water, being blinded by the glare of the electric light, but the companies bear all such losses by a system of insurance contracts with the men.

THE BIG BLOCKADE BROKEN.

A Passenger Train Succeeds in Escaping From the Snow.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—The west-bound overland passenger train on the Central Pacific route, which has been in the blockade on the Sierras between Emigrant Gap and Sacramento since January 15, has been released at last. It passed through here from Colfax at 2:05 this morning en route to San Francisco.

Advices last night received by the Associated press from thirty or more points in northern California, state that heavy warm rains have been falling, and that the snow is melting rapidly, and that the creeks and rivers are now raging almost to the tops of their banks. The downpour still continues and a flood greater than that of a week since is threatened. The danger is the greatest in the Sacramento, Napa and Sonoma valleys.

WHITE CAPS CONVICTED.

Five of Them Found Guilty on Four Separate Charges.

HOLYOKE, Col., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The white cap case which has been on trial here for the past eight weeks was concluded today and resulted in the conviction of five of the defendants upon four separate charges. The jury went out at 10:30 last night and rendered a verdict at 4 p. m. today. Those convicted are Lou Witherue, sheriff, Lee Witheruee, George Payne, Swan Nelson and Oswald Herzig. Sentence will not be passed until Monday morning. They will all appeal to the supreme court.

The Negros' Complaint.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The committee appointed by the convention of colored people held in Richmond, Va., December 17 last, was before the house committee on the election of the president and vice-president today to talk about the operation of the election laws in Virginia. A written statement was submitted showing at length the manner in which it was alleged the registration laws of Virginia have been evaded and manipulated in various federal elections. The address says that on the Saturday before the last election, registration day, 30,000 legal voters were disfranchised in Virginia. The address earnestly appeals to the law makers of the nation so to change the existing national election law that it shall no longer be in the power of any registrar or any officer to disfranchise arbitrarily any voter to whom is given the right of the ballot by the constitution of this country and to remedy the wrongs and evils from which they claim to suffer.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

	Increase.
Reserve	$7,250,525
Specie	7,235,600
Legal Tenders	944,900
Deposits	3,719,900
	Decrease
Loans	3,277,700
Circulation	234,600

The banks now hold $15,431,650 in excess of the 25 per cent rule. The exports of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to $321,021, of which $ 8,021 was gold and $283,000 silver. Of the total gold exports $15,752 went to Europe and $26,269 to South America. All the silver went to Europe. The imports of specie at the port of New York amounted to $502,978, which $489,976 was gold and $13,002 silver.

An Extensive Fire.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Jan. 25.—Fire broke out here this morning in the building occupied by S. Twose, furniture manufacturer, and in the National bank building in which were the offices of the Bell telephone company and the store of H. A. Odell, general dealer. They have been destroyed and the indications are that adjoining buildings, including the Grand Central hotel, cannot be saved. All the books of the National bank were saved as also were the switchboards of the telephone company. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss will be heavy.

The Death Record.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—C. W. M. Ruggles, clerk of the Park hotel, died this evening of pneumonia, induced by an attack of la grippe. The deceased was one of the best hotel men in the west, and intimately acquainted in the Black Hills, where he has operated hotels for many years. The Black Hills delegation here will take charge of the remains until the wife and children of the deceased, who are in Milwaukee, can be sent for.

Killed Two Sheep Herders.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 25.—Information was received today from Springer, a village in the northern part of the territory, to the effect that Ira Gale, foreman for the Red River cattle company, killed two Mexican sheep herders on the grounds that they were trespassing with their flocks. Gale has left the country, fearing violence.

The Jacksonville Asylum Again.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The Evening Journal this afternoon contains an interview with another former inmate of the Jacksonville blind asylum, fully sustaining the charges of Leyroy Drake against the management of the institution—cruelty to the inmates, the imposition of needless hardships, lack of food and heat—all alleged by the Journal.

Schedule Meeting Next Week.

President McCormick has decided to call the Western association, schedule meeting for this city on some day not yet definitely decided upon during the first week in February. In addition to the adoption of a playing schedule there will be a considerable amount of important business come up before the association on this occasion.

Burglars Blow a Safe.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Burglars broke open the front door of Palmer & Loomis' store last night, drilled the safe, blew the door off, and got away with about $800. The job seems to have been done by professionals.

Struck By an Engine.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—C. J. Ayre, a boiler maker, while going home through the B. & M. yards this evening, was struck by an engine and knocked into a ditch beside the track and badly hurt.

'TWAS A TRIBUTE TO GENIUS

The Gathering at the Rooms of the Union Club Last Night.

PROF. GRAHAM BELL BANQUETED

Many Prominent Citizens of Omaha and the State Present in Honor of the Distinguished Inventor.

Omaha's Tribute.

The officers and directors of the Nebraska Telephone company gave a banquet to Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and one of the foremost and most enthusiastic instructors of deaf mutes in this country, at the Union club last night. Prof. Bell has been in the city for several days on a tour of investigation of the deaf mute institutes in this section, particularly the Nebraska institute. On the eve of his departure for his home in Washington the members of the telephone company availed themselves of the opportunity to show their appreciation of the ability and genius of Prof. Bell by tendering him a banquet.

The guests and members of the club began arriving about 8 o'clock and assembled in the parlors. At 9 o'clock supper was announced and the guests repaired to the banquet chamber, where a gorgeous sight met their view. Two long tables, arranged in the form of the letter "T" (for telephone), were handsomely decorated with an elegant handpainted dinner set, flanked with wine glasses of various colors and shapes. In the center of the "T" was a large Majolica vase filled with full bloom roses and surrounded by garlands of the same lovely perfumed beauties. Large cut glass dishes containing fruits and confections were placed at stated intervals along the table. Every detail which could contribute to the ensemble of the decorations or the pleasure of the guests had been carefully looked after by the efficient steward of the club.

The guest of the evening was assigned to the post of honor at the middle of the "T." The following gentlemen were seated at the table:

Governor Thayer, Mayor Cushing, Colonel M. V. Sheridan, E. W. Nash, D. H. Wheeler, sr., J. L. McCague, C. V. Gallagher, W. H. Alexander, H. D. Estabrook, Dr. Geo. L. Miller, C. L. Chaffee, E. P. Davis, Clement Chase, J. W. Rodefer, J. J. Dickey, Frank Warren, S. L. Wiley, G. W. Lisinger, Joseph Barker, W. W. Morsman, R. B. Howell of Detroit, A. Shillinglaw of Chicago, L. H. Korty, L. M. Rheem, W. F. Bechel, E. M. Morsman, Judge J. W. Savage, B. B. Wood, H. Kountze, Jno. A. McShane, C. Hartman, L. H. Tower, E. Rosewater, Judge E. Wakely, Judge G. W. Doane, D. H. Goodrich, F. Crake, Mr. Rothert of Council Bluffs, J. A. Gillespie, M. E. Taylor, T. F. Mosely, Adolph Meyes, Dr. E. W. Lee, J. J. Everingham.

The menu was as follows:

Huitre.
Saddle Rock.
Chateau Blanche.
Potage.
Puree Duchesse.
Queen's.
Hors d' Hoeuvres.
Celery. Rades. Olives.
Poisson.
Fillet de Truite, a la Joinville.
Pomme de Terre Parisienne.
Meirsteiner.
Entree.
Cateiett de Volaille, a la Perigeux.
Petits Pois a la Francaise.
Chateau Lafitte.
Sorbeot au Kirsch.
Rotes.
Caille Farcie.
Asporges en Salade.
Dry Monopole.
Entremets.
Creme Glace. Gateaux Varies. Cafe Noir.
Chartreuse.

After the menu had been discussed Mr. J. J. Dickey, general manager of the local office of the Western Union telegraph company, rapped the company to order, and in a few remarks, explanatory of the occasion, presented Mayor Cushing, who expressed great pleasure at being in the company of a man whose fame is as widespread as that of Prof. Bell. He said that all were greatly pleased to meet with the professor and extended to him the welcome of the city.

Governor Thayer was introduced and said that he had come with the understanding that he would not be called on for a speech. He expressed great pleasure at meeting with such a noted man, and enumerated the many advantages of the telephone in business as well as social life. The men who invent these most useful instruments are indeed benefactors. The invention of the telegraph, telephone and steam engine have revolutionized the affairs of nations. When the great generals of the world are lost to recollection the names of the inventors of the steam engine, the telegraph and the telephone will stand out on the pages of history in letters of fire. In concluding, Governor Thayer said: "I am glad to meet with Prof. Bell and take him by the hand and thank him for his presence."

Prof. Bell was then introduced, and spoke briefly upon the telephone and the annoyances incidental to its use caused by induced currents, etc.

Prof. Bell was listened to very intently and at the close of his address was loudly applauded.

Toastmaster Dickey then introduced Mr. Rosewater, who said the speech of Prof. Bell had recalled the time when he was employed in the telegrpph business, when he had occasion to employ stove pipe and crow bars to complete circuits. When he first came out in this country he said he and two subordinates did all the overland business. The speaker said he had always been interested in the study of the science of electricity, and had written to Prof. Morse for advice as to the best books to read to perfect himself in the study of electricity, and received the advice that practical experience was the best teacher. He was afterwards transplanted into what is sometimes called the third estate. The press used all the great inventions of steam and electricity. Since the invention of the telephone the facilities of the press are increased. The telephone and the telegraph have placed us in close communication with our neighbors and with foreign countries. The speaker also referred to the experiment in which he took part when a continuous line 1,000 miles in length, from Chicago to Salt Lake, was worked without the intervention of repeaters or intermediate batteries. Mr. Rosewater then tendered his regards to Prof. Bell and welcomed to what was known on the map as few years ago as the Great American desert.

Mr. Dickey then introduced Judge Wakeley, who made a few humorous remarks in introduction. He then made an eloquent address on the many improvements wrought during the past half century in the way of inventions in the science of electricity, and paid a glowing tribute to the inventor of the telephone. The judge said he had never been able to master the telephone himself and had thus missed the pleasure of talking with the "telephone girl" at the other end of the line.

The toastmaster then called on Mr. Henry Estabrook for a few remarks on behalf of the telephone company. Mr. Estabrook expressed himself as very glad to be able to extend his portion of the welcome to the distinguished guest of the evening. He said that Prof. Bell deserved the hearty thanks of all mankind for his invention of an instrument which has increased the facility of the race, but thought he would deserve still greater thanks if he would reduce the price of his instrument from $5 per month to $1. This rally called forth great applause, and Mr. Dickey remarked that he didn't know how that object could be accomplished except by reducing the attorney's salary.

Prof. Gillespie was then called on for a few remarks. The professor described the first experiment with the telephone at Prof. Bell's house, where two English gentlemen were present. He said that the professor first showed them a telephone without telling them what it was. He then went up stairs, and in accordance instructions, one of the gentlemen placed the telephone to his ears, and was startled to hear Prof. Bell breathing up stairs. Shortly after a young lady came into the room and conversed with the gentlemen, who noticed a peculiarity in her speech. When she had retired they spoke of this peculiarity and were informed that the young lady was totally deaf. This, Prof. Gillespie remarked, was the real beginning of the invention of the telephone which had been intended to teach the deaf to speak.

At the close of Professor Bell's remarks there were loud calls of "Go on, go on!" but he declared that he could go on all night, but as the hour was late he would close.

Mr. Morsman was called for and responded by moving that the thanks of those present be tendered to Professor Bell. for his presence and remarks. Mr. Rathman amended by proposing the health of the distinguished guest, in which all joined.

At the conclusion of the banquet the guests assembled at the parlors to say good-night to Prof. Bell, after which the professor and several of the other gentlemen were escorted to THE BEE building and shown through the building, seeing the entire process of making a great daily. Prof. Bell expressed himself as greatly pleased at all he saw.

Today the professor will visit the Liniger art gallery, and will leave this evening for Washington, D. C.

FAREWELL TO THOMAS MILLER

A Banquet in His Honor by the Omaha Commercial Club.

It was a very handsome affair, that complimentary banquet tendered by the Omaha Commercial association last night at the Omaha club to Mr. Thomas Miller, the retiring general freight agent of the B. & M.'s Nebraska system, who goes to Chicago to become the general freight agent of the entire Burlington system, succeeding Paul Morton, who goes into the mining business. There were about eighty guests present, as follows:

Thomas Miller, E. A. Cudahy, Edgar H. Allen, F. D. Morrison, L. E. Bruce, Louis Bradford, M. C. Peters, W. J. Broatch, W. E. Clark, E. V. Lewis, H. T. Laily, John C. Collins, Charles A. Coe, A. H. Bishop, Frank Colpetzer, A. P. Hopkins, F. N. Clarke, G. W. Logan, D. P. Benedict, C. W. Keith, Daniel Farrell, Jr., W. H. Megquier, Henry Gibson, J. G. Gilmore, Fred W. Gray, Joseph Garneau, Jr., W. F. McMillan, H. H. Meday, H. N. Jewett, G. B. Havens, P. E. Iler, Thomas Kilpatrick, F. P. Kirkandall, George O. Risdon, J. M. Metcalf, E. M. Andreeson, John L. Brady, W. V. Morse, S. P. Morse, W. J. Cartan, H. Whiting, J. W. Croy, Luther Drake, Max Meyer, H. W. Yates, E. P. Peck, D. S. Barriger, W. H. Holshizer, E. W. Nash, J. W. Thompson, James Viles, jr., E. E. Balch, Benjamin Gallagher, Robert Easson, W. L. Parrotte, M. S. VanDusen, E. Martin, Churchill Parker, A. S. Rector, Charles F. Weller, G. E. Stokes, Phil Stimmel, J. P. Johnson, C. M. Schneider, Charles Shiverick, A. C. Smith, Dudley Smith, C. J. Loomis, M. T. Barlow, John F. Harris, J. A. W. Cartan, W. F. Eahs, O. B. Williams, J. S. Tebbetts, J. O. Phillippi, Allen A. Smith, James Hodges, Henry Cassady, Thomas L. Kimball, J. A. Munroe, and George W. Holdrege.

The charm of the notably cozy, sumptuous banqueting hall had been heightened by brilliant touches of the floral decorator, and never seemed more perfect, while a richer setting and general appointing of banqueting boards has seldom been viewed in the city. Swinging from the two main pillars of the room was the monogram of the chief guest of the evening, worked in rare flowers. The most prominent decorations of the tables consisted of banks of cut flowers and flowering plants in bloom. The position of every guest was indicated by cards bearing the name in raised letters of gold.

As the guests took their seats strains of wonderfully sweet music floated in from an orchestra of musicians under the very superior direction of Mr. Len H. Salisbury, who has charge of the Boyd opera house music.

The following is the menu:

Blue Points. Celery.
Santerones.
Consomme a la Regence.
Atoontiffado.
Broiled Shad, a la Maitre d'Hotel.
Pommes Parisiene. Haut Sauternes.
Filets Mignons of Beef, a la Hussarde.
Chatian Lafite.
Supremes of Quail, a la Tallegrand.
Chatia Larose Asparagus.
Punch au Rhum.
Partridge, a la Anglaise.
Ruinart.
Diplomat Pudding, au Sabayon.
Tutti Frutti.
Coffee. Cheese. Crackers.
Fruit. Cognac.

It was midnight when Mr. C. F. Miller, president of the association, arose, announced a somewhat lengthy programme of toasts, and proceeded to open it with an address. He said that the Omaha Commercial club would never have accomplished what it had were it not for the hearty support accorded it by the railway officials of Omaha, Mr. Thomas Miller in particular. He said that the members of the association had gathered not to pay honor to Mr. Miller for his railway connections, but by reason of his having been a splendid and most highly esteemed citizen of Omaha. The speaker dwelt long on the glory of Omaha and closed by saying that she was bound to become the greatest commercial city on the Missouri river.

"Our Guest" was then responded to by Mr. W. V. Morse, who began by saying that Mr. Miller came to this city unknown, and now his leaving it was deeply regretted by all. By his kindness, courtesy and good nature to all he had endeared himself to every guest present and to many gentlemen who were absent. The guest of the evening was a genuinely western man, and as such was all the more greatly admired. All regretted that he was to leave them, but all were confident that he would always be a friend to Omaha and her interests. Here he would always find a joyous welcome—find friends who would always be true to him. The speaker closed by proposing three cheers for the guest of the evening. The cheers were given with sincerity and great gusto.

Regrets were then read from Marvin Hughitt, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad; J. M. Whitman, general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern; E. Rosewater, editor of THE BEE; Henry B. Stone, second vice president of the Burlington system; E. P. Ripley, general manager of the Burlington; Paul Morton, ex-general freight agent of the Burlington, and Frank Colpetzer.

"Omaha, Nebraska, and the Great Northwest" was responded to by Mr. John S. Brady. The gentleman said that he had considered it simply a joke when notified by telephone that he was expected to speak at the banquet. However, he desired to notice that he saw before him the gentlemen who were to great help Omaha to have 500,000 inhabitants ten years hence.

Mr. H. W. Yates was the next gentleman called upon. He responded to the toast, "The Banking Interests." He emphasized that he had been too busy with the hosts of bankers who had just left the city to permit of his preparing a speech. Mr. Yates proceeded to give some figures regarding banking in this country and its relations to the country's commerce. It showed, among other things, that Omaha had nearly $3,000,000 more deposits than all the rest of the state. The speaker closed by paying a warm tribute to Mr. Miller, the guest of the evening.

"The Mercantile Interests" was coupled with the name of Mr. Herbert N. Jewett. "Our guest of the evening," said the speaker, "is the protege of Omaha. I have never gone to Mr. Miller with a business scheme and had him give me his word on any matter but that he has carried out that word to the letter. I have not the slightest doubt that after Mr. Miller gets to Chicago, but what he will still remain a firm friend of Omaha." The speaker closed with a review of the rate conflict.

Mr. T. L. Kimball was the next gentleman announced. He was greeted with three rousing cheers and cries of "Grand pa! Grand pa!" When quiet came, Mr. Kimball responded to the toast, "Railroads."

Mr. Kimball was followed by Mr. G. M. Hitchcock who told of "The Press;" Mr. Joseph Garneau, jr., who said some bright things of "The Ladies," and Mr. Robert Easson, who closed the toast programme by speaking on "Standard Time."

Shot for a Pair of Shoes.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Jan. 25.—A. N. Nelson was shot by his wife who then attempted suicide. He He is still alive, but in a critical condition. Nelson bought his wife a pair of shoes and lost them while under the influence of liquor. His wife sent him back to hunt them and upon his return unsuccessful she shot him.

Death of Mrs. Iddings.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—Katie, wife of Hon. C. F. Iddings and daughter of the late Hon. John Taffe, died last night after a short illness, aged twenty-six years.

A BAD NEIGHBORHOOD FEUD.

One in Progress in a Saunders County Community.

ALL ABOUT STOLEN CATTLE

Several Persons Waylaid, the Last Victim Being Beaten Almost to Death—Toughs Terrorize the Town of Bennett.

A Feud Among Farmers.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A deadly feud is in evolution among the farmers of an Irish neighborhood in Saunders county, seven miles southeast of Fremont. For a long time the neighbors of Pat McDonald have suspected and have become morally certain that he has been guilty of indiscriminately appropriating other people's cattle to his own benefit. They had him arrested and tried at Wahoo. He went into court with a cloud of witnesses of his own nationality and of what may be styled his "gang," who swore to Pat's undoubted integrity. On this showing he won the case in which he was defendant. But he swore revenge upon those who testified against him. He gave notice that he would make it dangerous for them. McDonald, his son and a burly Irishman in his employ have waylaid three victims, and the neighborhood is terrorized. The third victim met his fate today at their hands. His name is Sam Nelson, who was overtaken on the highway by this trio of avenging demons and beaten almost to death, the report being that he is now lying in a critical condition. When this feud will end cannot be predicted. Some of those opposed to McDonald are known to have armed themselves and swear they will welcome McDonald and his gang to hospitable graves.

A Tough Man With His Mouth.

BENNETT, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Gus Hensley, a young desperado of this village, came near capturing the whole town and terrorizing its inhabitants at a charity ball held here last night. He and several other drunken toughs created a disturbance which broke up the dance and ended in several fights. Today the marshal attempted to arrest the gang on complaints of various citizens and Hensley resisted. It took three or four men to take him into custody. On reaching the court room he defied the officers, calling them vile names and threatening the entire town. After being fined and ordered to be committed to the county jail until it was paid he was allowed to get away from the officers, and, arming himself with a loaded shotgun, paraded the streets with an admiring and sympathizing gang surrounding him and giving vent to encouraging remarks for Hensley and slurs on the village authorities. Finally, with the assistance of outsiders, this bad man with his mouth was induced to give up his gun and started for Lincoln with the marshal without having been searched or handcuffed or treated to any official discourtesy whatever. Whether they will get him safely to Lincoln or not is a question. The better class of citizens are expressing indignation at the indifference of the local officers, who allowed this tough to run the town several hours without any trouble, and many say the end is not yet.

Gage County Agricultural Society.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Gage county agricultural society met this afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: H. W. Parker, president; W. G. Washburn, first vice president; Mrs. W. H. Thrift, second vice president; C. M. Rigg, secretary; J. W. Ebersole, treasurer; P. J. Myers, general superintendent. The board of directors consists of the president and secretary and Messrs. T. B. Essex, F. H. Holt and E. F. Davis. The affairs of the society were shown to be in a prosperous state and arrangements will at once be begun for the annual fair this year.

A Saloonkeeper on Trial.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The trial of Frank Pethoud, a leading saloonist, for keeping a disorderly house, has engaged the attention of the police court all day, and the testimony and arguments were only concluded this evening. Judge Callison, before whom the trial was had, has reserved his decision until next Tuesday. Pethoud was released on his own recognizance. Pethoud's friends freely claim that he was being prosecuted in the interest of other saloons of the city, and considerable feeling has grown out of the trial.

Attorneys Sue for Fees.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Suit was brought in the district court this evening by Rickards & Prout, attorneys, for $1,500 fees against the Kansas City & Beatrice railroad company and A. J. Conlee and J. C. Emery. The plaintiffs were the attorneys for Conlee and Emery in their suit to enjoin the issue of the $50,000 bonds voted by the city of Beatrice in aid of that road December last, and which case, it is alleged, has since been compromised between the road and Conlee and Emery.

An Insane Youth Captured.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An insane youth from Waverly, Neb., named Post, was captured at the residence of Mike Kennedy, three miles north of here, last night. He rode a horse that was about worn out and asked to remain and rest until night, when he wanted to go on, he said. Kennedy judged he was not right in his mind and sent to town for an officer. Constable McNurlin brought him in and S. S. Reed took him to Lincoln this morning.

Grand Island Real Estate Deal.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Hurford property, 66 feet on Third street by 132 on Spruce street was sold today on a mortgage. The bidders were Grand Island capitalists and was very spirited. It was purchased by George Mohrenstaicher, cashier of the Citizens national bank, for $23,000. It is one of the best corners in the city and a block commensurate with its location will undoubtedly be erected on it.

Manufacturing Pressed Brick.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Beatrice sewer pipe company have recently put in an extensive dry press machine for manufacturing pressed brick. The first product of the machine, on exhibition today, shows the brick to be equal to the best Philadelphia samples. The clay is procured from the company's banks near Salem, this state.

New Passenger Depot for Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has leaked out here today from almost indisputable sources that the Union Pacific people will, about March 1, begin the erection of a magnificent new passenger depot to cost not less than $15,000. The building is to be of stone and will be supplied with all modern improvements applicable to such a structure.

Secured a Judgment on a Mortgage.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—In the district court today the American Loan and Trust company secured judgment on a mortgage against the Nebraska City Water and Light company for $1,628.10, and the court appointed Fred H. Smith, special master, a commissioner to sell the mortgaged property.

A Residence Burned.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The new residence of Mont Lloyd, living northwest of the city, burned to the ground last night. Loss $7,000, insured for $4,000.

Died From His Injuries.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Thomas Waples, an old gentleman of this city, fell on the icy sidewalk last week and broke his thigh. This afternoon he died from the effects of his injury.