# QUEEN OF SONG IN OMAHA

## First Performance of the Abbey-Grau Opera Company.

## IL TROVATORE THE ATTRACTION

### A Large and Well Pleased Audience Present at the Coliseum—Visitors From Abroad—Notes of the Opera.

**The Opera.**

Between three and four thousand people witnessed the production of "Il Trovatore" at the Coliseum last night by artists of the great organization under the management of Henry E. Abbey and Maurice Grau. A considerably larger audience would have been present had Tamagno sung, but the announcement that the celebrated tenor was indisposed and would not appear, and that money would be refunded to those who desired it, led to the return of about six hundred tickets. The capacious auditorium of the Coliseum nevertheless presented an animated scene, and rarely has there been so large and fine an audience at a musical entertainment in Omaha.

It was twenty minutes to nine o'clock when the opening notes of the opera score concentrated the attention of the audience upon the stage. The overture was omitted, because to have given it would have prolonged the performance until after midnight. The delay was caused by some uncompleted work on the stage. To make adequate preparations for the production of grand opera, where everything is to be provided, cannot be done in day. The fact that the stage and its appointments were so nearly ready at the hour for beginning last night's performance and that there were but two or three delays in the the progress of the opera is creditable to those who had the preparations in charge.

The cast of "Il Trovatore" had in the principal parts Mlle. Nordica as Leonora, Mme. Synnerberg as Azucena, Signor Vicini as Manrico, and Signor Del Puente as Count Di Luna. It was as a whole a pleasing entertainment, but it is not possible to justly say more than this of it. Nordica has a good stage presence and shows considerable dramatic merit, but her voice is not equal to the highest demands of the music of Leonora. She was successful last evening, however, in several times winning very hearty applause, notably in the scene before the tower in the fourth act, where her singing was marked by really excellent expression. The Azucena of Mme. Synnerberg was unquestionably the most meritorious, as a whole, in the cast. The lady has a full, rich contralto, a little hard at times, but capable of giving with good effect the strongly dramatic music of the role. She scored several decided successes with the audience, particularly in her opening number in the second act, "Stride la Vampa," in which she tells the fearful story of the burning of her mother, and in the very dramatic dialogue with Manrico that follows. In other portions of the exacting role Mme. Synnerberg acquitted herself most cordially, and her good work was duly acknowledged by the audience. Signor Vicini gave early evidence that he was not in perfect voice, but his Manrico was in the main very acceptable and won deserved applause at several points. At the close of the first act the enthusiasm of the audience was satisfied only when the curtain had been twice raised, and another call for the curtain rewarded the effort of Vicini at the close of the second scene of the second act. His most conspicuous success, however, was the rendering of the aria at the close of the third act, "Di quella pira l'Orendo," which he repeated in response to the hearty applause that rewarded his meritorious rendering of that famous and exacting number. In the familiar "Miserere" of the fourth act, "Ah, che la morte," he was somewhat disappointing, though this also elicited the approval of his listeners. Signor Del Puente was in fine voice, and sang and acted the role of Count di Luna most acceptably, winning frequent and hearty commendation that was fully deserved. The choruses were smoothly rendered, though the familiar anvil chorus was not given its fullest possible effect, and the orchestra was, with one or two unimportant exceptions, excellent. The stage arrangements were as complete as could reasonably have been expected for the brief time that was allowed for preparation, and although the non-appearance of Tamagno caused very general disappointment and regret, last night's performance of "Il Travatore" will long remain an agreeable memory to all who witnessed it.

The performance was a very satifactory test of the acoustics of the Coliseum and removed all doubt regarding the availability of that building for any class of musical entertainment.

## THE ARRIVAL.

### Large Crowds Visit the Italian Opera Company's Train.

Mme. Adelina Patti arrived in Omaha at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The special train bearing the diva and Manager Abbey's Grand Italian opera company left Denver shortly before noon Sunday, made a much quicker run than was anticipated and reached here three hours earlier than the time first arranged for it.

The diva and her private car, "Adelina Patti," a very richly furnished palace on wheels, traveled next to the baggage coaches. She retired early and had been fortunate enough to get a good night's rest. She informed Manager Grau that it was her desire to be in good condition to sing in Omaha; also that it was her wish while here, providing the weather did not interfere, to take drives about the city and to see her friends.

"Omaha seems to be Mme. Patti's favorite American town," said Mr. Grau, "and you may inform the public that she will certainly sing Tuesday afternoon. She has recovered from the cold and hoarseness experienced at at Denver and is feeling very well."

The Pullman sleeper next to Mme. Patti's was occupied by Albani; the third by Tomagno, Nordica, Fabri and others of the leading artists, after which came Mr. Grau's coach, he having the principal orchestral musicians with him. A day coach and two emigrant sleepers accommodated the chorus and ballet.

Only at the Millard were apartments engaged in advance for any members of the company. Those occupying apartments there are Mme. Patti and her husband Signor Nicolini; Mme. Albani and husband, Mr. Ernest Guy; Mme. Nordica, Mlle. Pettigiani and sister, Mme. Valda and Mrs. Leran, Mr. Grau, Signor Arditi the musical director, Signor Novara and Signor Navelli.

The diva and her husband have a sunny suite of seven very delightful rooms on the parlor floor, and facing Douglas street. The suite includes reception parlors, drawing room, sitting and dining rooms, two sleeping apartments, bath and toilet rooms. All, but particularly the drawing room and boudoir occupied by Mme. Patti herself, are of superb appointment, even to the most minute detail.

Mme. Albani and husband have a suite of five rooms directly adjoining Mme. Patti's and a duplicate of hers.

Upon the same floor Mme. Nordica found a suite of three handsome rooms awaiting her. On the floor above, or the second, Mme. Valda occupies four apartments, Signor Arditi two, Signor Novara two, and Mr. Grau a like number. Upon the third floor Mlle. Pettigiana and sister have a suite of three rooms, and Signor Navelli one apartment.

Sig. Aghera, Sig. Zardo, Hortense Synneberg, Mathilda Hauermeister, Del Puente and wife, A. Marescalchi and wife, A. Morini and R. Maple, are quartered at the Paxton.

Speaking of their tour, Manager Grau declared yesterday that it has, up to date, been the most successful of the kind ever known. "For twenty-two performances at Chicago we took in $360,000," he said; "from twenty-one performances in Mexico the sum of $225,000 in gold was realized; sixteen in San Francisco brought $80,000, and the four at Denver, $20,000. Our season contemplates 195 performances. We have given sixty-two already. With the two here, four at Louisville, six more in Chicago, eight in Boston and four weeks in New York will end the tour. We hope to make our books show an income of $1,000,000. If they do, it will be the largest sum of money ever paid by any people for amusement.

"Yes, our expenses are enormous, but the firm of Abbey & Grau hope to divide a handsome profit out of the venture. To organize and take upon the road such a company of high-priced artists was a big risk, but we were determined to ascertain whether or not the public would patronize the largest, finest and most thoroughly equipped operatic troup the world has ever seen."

## AT THE DOORS.

### Scenes and Incidents on the Arrival of the Throng.

Pictures and poems have been painted and penned in description of exciting scenes at attractive points where people are drawn by a determination to gratify their wishes, but occasions such as that offered last night seldom occur outside the largest cities. A great benefit in Boston, a fashionable ball in New York, or a state reception at the national capital might furnish material for descriptive writing, but one would hardly imagine Omaha to be right in line with these marts of fashion and near the head of the procession. However, she is there, and by a large social majority.

Four thousand people listened to the gifted Mlle Nordica, Mlle Synnenberg, Sig. Vicini and Sig. Del Puente and rapturously applauded their wonderful efforts; yet none of them witnessed the scenes and incidents full of amusing interest that passed in review for nearly two hours at the front of the coliseum.

As early as 7 o'clock ticket holders commenced to arrive, and from that time on the stream of humanity seemed to flow like a living, breathing, bustling, noisy tide. They came in cable cars, one horse coupes, two horse hacks, private conveyances and on foot. The solid old capitalists with their wives and daughters took things easy by riding out leisurely in the family carriage, while stylish young business men enjoyed the luxury of closed carriages. But the crowd found the cable cars convenient and swift enough to get them there in style not entirely unfashionable.

For a time the crush of vehicles coming from all directions promised to create confusion and trouble, though for once all seemed to keep their tempers under control, and through a system whereby carriages were quickly unloaded of their precious freight, serious blockades were avoided. T. W. Eck had charge of this feature, and he deserves credit for handling it well.

By keeping the people moving lively from the time they landed until seated, everything passed off nicely. The ticket takers were not pushed, and the large force of ushers did their work without making mistakes.

But this is getting away from the real subject, which has particular reference to what was seen, heard and done by the crowds as they arrived. Outside of the contrasts between heavy fur capes, seal skin sacques and light opera costumes, which certainly presented something of a variety, there is not room for much elaboration. Columns might be written about the belles and beaux, how handsome they looked in full dress; about rare diamonds flashing rays of fire in the pale glare of an electric light; about the fashion and beauty, because all these were there, but necessarily brief accounts can hardly do the topic full justice.

"This way to the reserved seats; that way holders of general admissions!" shouted a man detailed for that purpose, and without conflict or collision the people passed quietly into the great hall.

Omaha is characterized for fashionable audiences. This fact was shown abundantly in the splendid order that prevailed. There was no boisterous language or loud talking to be heard.

For once the ticket speculator was an unknown quantity; consequently there is absolutely nothing for anybody to complain of. Not more than three or four people demanded their money back because of the fact that Sig Tamagno failed to sing.

A lovely little symphony in blue, whose pouting red lips and rosy cheeks were given a charming freshness by two big black eyes that snapped determinedly as she spoke, was heard to remark that the young man of expansive shirt front on whose arm she leaned most lovingly had tried to persuade her that the show would not be worth seeing without Tamagno, but she overruled his argument, and doubtless the same was true in many similar instances.

**Visitors from Abroad.**

Lincoln—T. E. Saunders and wife, George J. McArthur, Mrs. A. Wilbur, Miss Florence Brown, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Keefer, H. P. Knight, G. H. Henderson, P. V. M. Raymond and wife, A. S. Raymond and wife, E. J. Fitzgerald, T. E. Sanders and wife, Mrs. and Miss Lau, James J. Condon, Mrs. John Fitzgerald, E. J. Fitzgerald, E. P. Cagney, R. K. Cooper, J. R. Gemist.

Beatrice—Frank Homers and wife, H. N. Blake, Miss Reid, R. J. Kilpatrick and wife, C. G. Hoyt, H. L. Ewing, W. D. Hill, George R. Scott.

Sioux City—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Healey, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Booge, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Peavey, Miss Laura Hooge, Miss Grace White, Miss Hattie Drew, Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Miss Jane White, Mrs. William Cody.

Kearney—R. A. Julian and wife, George H. Downing and wife.

Holdrege—H. W. Scott and wife, Mrs. S. E. Langworthy, H. W. Scott, wife and mother.

Herman—S. Barrett and wife.

Arrapahoe—F. C. Condon and wife.

Plattsmouth—Mrs. Captain H. E. Palmer, Miss Clara Palmer, Mr. George H. Palmer.

O'Neill—Mrs. E. S. Kelly, Mrs. E. P. Gallagher, Mrs. Hazelitt, Miss Meals, J. P. Mann.

Nebraska City—W. A. Cotton and wife, A. F. Stunn and wife, Miss Minnie Hawke, Bloomy Goldberg, Miss Bargett.

Fremont—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schurman, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Toncray, Mr. Horace Tompkins, E. Sherwin and wife, E. C. Getzinger, R. B. Schneider, T. B. Harrison, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison.

David City—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leonard and son Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Hall, Mrs. S. H. Steele, Mrs. Matt Miller and daughter Maggie, Miss Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myatt, W. E. Bauer.

Clarks—M. S. Foss.

Denison, Ia.—Miss Angie Marshall, Miss Mattie Maloney, Mrs. J. B. Romaine, John M. Foss.

Ashland—Mrs. W. G. Bentley, Mrs. I. H. Kaister, Mrs. J. A. Best.

Pender—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peebles, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leese, Miss Gertie Graves, Mrs. R. A. Racely.

Crete—George D. Stevens and wife, Dr. Arthur Conrad and wife, John R. Johnston and wife, E. O. Stebbins and wife, George A. Hastings and wife, C. E. Waterman, Miss Lena Dillon, Miss Mary E. Latimer.

Arlington—Mrs. Squares, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chapman, Miss Louie Lewis, Mrs. L. H. Shephard and daughter.

Tekamah—Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hopewell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson, Mrs. D. C. Wallace, Mrs. C. Hinsdale, Miss Lyda Clark, Miss Lotta Wallridge, Carles K. Ott.

Harvard—E. G. Titus, P. H. Updike.

**After the Opera.**

After the opera was over, and as the crowds poured out through the ample exits and upon the streets, they found some fifteen motor trains, about 150 carriages, and nearly seventy-five coupes, cabs and hacks awaiting ing their pleasure. The 150 previously engaged carriages were under the supervision of Mr. Tom Eck, of bicycle fame, who, with a corps of well trained lieutenants, handled this important part of the evening's arrangements in quite a satisfactory manner. Prior to the performance, as the patrons arrived, they were given a number, the duplicate of which was given to the driver of their carriage. As the people came out they notified one of Mr. Eck's assistants of the number of their carriage, and the assistant would have it called out down the long line of vehicles, when the driver holding the corresponding coupon would drive up with the carriage called for. The people exercised whatever patience was necessary in a manner really commendable, so that this great portion of the after-the-opera feature proved very satisfactory.

The motor trains were almost instantly filled to overflowing and as they trailed away proved a striking reminder of baseball days.

No serious accidents occurred and very few even slight cuss, such as now and then a social queen being brought to a very abrupt standstill by some one stepping on an unskillfully or thoughtlessly handled skirt.

The motor car men are to be credited with exercising a most commendable amount of caution for once in their lives, and at a time when a heedless start of ever so small a distance might have cost a score of people their lives and a hundred others broken limbs.

A pretty little lady from out of town had tears brought to her eyes by discovering that her pocketbook, containing $10 in money and two railroad tickets, had been stolen. Her mortification was so great over the circumstances of her loss that she fairly begged that her name be withheld from print. If there was any more pocket picking perpetrated it had not been reported to the police up to a late hour.

The great building was emptied in less than twelve minutes, and the throng was all accommodated with means of conveyance and was away in much less than half an hour after the opera was over.

## THE QUEEN'S COURT.

### Madame Patti Finds a Realm in the Bee Building.

Yesterday afternoon Mme. Patti realized a long cherished idea of visiting THE BEE building. She had heard of the structure both through personal friends and the columns of the press, and she had resolved that the first opportunity which presented itself would be improved to verify what she had heard concerning the structure.

The last forms of the evening paper were about being rolled to the stereotyping room when the incomparable and amiable warbler alighted from her carriage at the main entrance to the building.

Signor Nicholini preceded her. He had also hurriedly visited the more remarkable parts of the structure and was so impressed by their beauty and magnificence that he met the diva with a look half of astonishment and half of gratification, for which the madame, at first, was unable to account.

M. Nicolini had never seen so fine a structure devoted to journalism in his life. Europe furnished no counterpart, neither could its equal be found in this country.

The impression which the building had made upon M. Nicolini was duplicated in that received by the madame as she examined the structure. The diva first visited the court, through the plate glass roof of which the sun was sending floods of golden rays. Upward to the skylight, its walls ascended bright and clear like purest marble. The effect was imposing. It overcame the diva, who readily gave expression to the amazement which she felt over the unexpected beauty and stability of the structure, which she had not expected to see in Omaha.

The party, comprising also Secretary Morini, ascended in the elevator to the editorial floor, visiting all the rooms of the staff in succession.

It then entered the news room which was alive with compositors and foremen, all engaged in the labors made necessary at the last moment before going to press. It was the first scene of the kind which the madame had witnessed, and its various features were viewed with the greatest interest.

In the stereotyping room, one of the last pages was stereotyped in the presence of the great songstress. This was another new process for the madame. The room is generally warm and the windows are generally open. But the foreman and Mr. Rosewater readily adapted the temperature so that the madame in nowise suffered from the heat required in stereotyping apartments. The forms were hurriedly stereotyped, the diva, the while looking into and making minute inquiries as to the meaning of the work.

The party then walked to the floor beneath on which the army headquarters of the department of the Platte are situated. It then walked a couple of floors lower and took a promenade about the beautiful balcony which was there found. As the diva leaned over the balustrade and looked at the skylight above and the tessellated pavement beneath she ejaculated, "What a nice place to give a concert in."

Madame Patti was strongly impressed with the beauty of all the appointments and seemed highly pleased with the court, and the unique and beautiful chandeliers in the various halls.

The lady and her escort then paid a visit to the counting room where the marble walls and rich mosaic floor in some respects were novelties upon which she had never gazed before.

The press room was next visited. Both the massive perfect and perfecting presses were in motion. They rolled out hundreds of copies with the ease peculiar to the best presses in the country, which Mme. Patti considered remarkable.

The lady said she had visited a number of newspaper offices but not one of them compared with THE BEE building. She spoke about the London Telegraph, the rooms of which were so filled with cobwebs that the diva was compelled to return after she had little more than passed the threshold. She had also visited in Paris the celebrated Figaro, but it could not be compared with THE BEE.

Patti's visit attracted a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, who in some strange manner had learned of the diva's intending call.

**Her Lucky Star.**

Mr. E. Rosewater yesterday received an astrological chart, which, at the diva's request, was directed to her in his care. It showed the star under which the madame was born, and had been expressly made for her by admirers in San Francisco.

Mr. Rosewater presented the chart to Madame Patti, who was greatly pleased with it. On examination, as also by a perusal of the explanation, it was ascertained that the diva had been born under a lucky star.

Patti was asked if she believed in astrology, and replied with much earnestness that she was a firm believer in it.

As everybody admits that the lady is herself perhaps the most successful of stars, Mr. Rosewater remarked that the chart might be considered as another proof after the fact.

**Notes, General and Personal.**

The glorious Patti today!

Kelley Harding and lady attended.

There was a paucity of decorations.

Nordica was at once a great favorite.

There was not the jam that was expected.

There was the usual cohort of late comers.

N. B. Falconer and lady were in the front row.

Judge Hopewell and lady were in attendance.

C. S. Raymond and wife had conspicuous seats.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cudahy couldn't stay away.

Charlie Green forgot his briefs for the nonce.

The anvil chorus struck the popular chord.

Some sarcastic croakers suggested ear muffs.

There were symptoms of ice-water and fans.

The general admission area was well patronized.

Ed Fairchild acted as escort for Mrs. Preston.

The genial Robert Patrick was there with his mother.

Will Wyman and lady were among the early arrivals.

Henry Wyman and Miss Carrie Brown were there.

Tamagno's failure to appear was a sore disappointment.

The dudes with the boutonniers were in high feather.

C. H. Bostwick took care of a triumvirate of fair ones.

Bareheaded ladies and corsage bouquets were plentiful.

W. V. Morse and daughter had prominent seats in section H.

Ticket Agent Nash and lady were in the van of box one.

Henry W. Yates and wife were among the delighted auditors.

W. H. Alexander, wife and daughter Lila, were in attendance.

Will Crary acted as escort for Mrs. Charles Shiverick.

Colonel Terrell and wife were among the distinguished guests.

The fumes of pop corn were more decided than those of pachouli.

G. W. Loomis and Miss Lizzie Nichols never missed a note.

Allly Kierstead, bigger than the mayor of New York, and all sigles and graces, with M. S. Lindsay, were ubiquitous. These two gentlemen deserved much commendation for their enterprise in getting the matchless Patti here.

The prompter was boxed and sat immediately in front of Arditi.

There were sixty coupes and carriages in line just before the close.

Clementine Chase and wife were absorbed with the beatific strains.

Indigenous supernumeraries played their parts to the manor born.

Doc Haynes was there, full of business and chrysthenmum buds.

The orchestra was a grand adjunct and numbered thirty-three pieces.

Mr. Charlie Johnson and Miss Helen Smith were among the young people.

Many of the swells smiled and shivered in their diaphanous dress suits.

W. J. Pickering with a bevy of the fair ones was early in the field.

The Barber of Seville this afternoon, and at 2 o'clock, don't you forget.

A. H. Bishop and Miss Emma Hoagland were among the fashionables.

Billy Morris and Minnie Richardson applauded and criticised by turns.

Dr. Somers and lady and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye formed a little party.

Will McGague and Miss Nellie Burns applauded Nordica in all her entres.

John Patrick and Miss Yost enjoyed the grand performance from box No. 6.

Will Wood, Mrs. Dr. Coffman and a number of other ladies occupied a box.

Miss Baumeister carried the house by storm in the touching "Miserere."

D. J. Gifford, Mrs. Ezra Millard and Mrs. Hunt appeared particularly pleased.

The full force of society buds buzzed and hummed over Nordica, and Vicini, too.

Alphonso Brunswick Hudson, English overcoat, silver headed cane, bunch of hollyhocks and all.

Some said the building was cold as a refrigerator, while others would have sworn it was hot.

Mrs. J. W. Cotter and Mrs. Kate Ball were delighted with the lovely soprano.

Tom Boyd was there without dinner or supper. Poor Tom, he's been so busy.

Luther Drake and Miss Yates were enthusiastic over both Nordica and Baumeister.

The idiot who undertook to re-weatherboard the west side of the building in the midst of Vinci's most impressive solo should have been taken out and burned at the stake.

Mrs. General Brooke, with Miss Balcombe and a number of other ladies, constituted a select coterie.

The doors this afternoon will be open at 12:30 and the performance begin at 2 sharp. Bear this in mind, everybody.

Milt G. Barlow, not he of the burnt cork fame, but our own, and lady were there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darrow were on hand, and from their rapt attention, certainly enjoyed the affair.

The front seats, in either wing of the stage, should be moved back today without fail. As they were last night, they were no good at all, commanding no view whatever of the stage.

For a change, Manager Jack Prince made no announcements, nor offered any gold or silver medals.

Mr. Silloway of the Murray, accompanied by wife and daughter, looked on with keenest interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Remington and Brigadier General George Mills applauded all the good features.

## A Looting General.

OTTAWA, March 3.—General Sir Frederick Middleton, commander of the Canadian militia, and his conduct in the northwest rebellion were the topics of a warm discussion in parliament tonight. The general is charged with looting $1,000 worth of furs and property of Charles Brenner, a half-breed hunter. Thompson, the minister of justice, and Sir John McDonald said it would be best for the government to wait until it saw how the civil action came out.

Laurier, the leader of the opposition, demanded an immediate investigation. No punishment was too great.

Sir John McDonald being pushed into a corner by a number of other members, all of whom strongly urged immediate action, adjourned the house.

## Takes a Hand.

DENVER, Colo., March 3.—The Rock Island has taken the first step in the passenger rate war by announcing a rate from Denver to Chicago of $26.15, a reduction of $4.50, to take effect tomorrow. The Missouri Pacific and the Alton will meet the cut. The Rock Island has also announced another reduction in passenger rates to Council Bluffs and Kansas City, bringing them down to $8 and $5 for first and second class. All other lines have made cuts. This new rate is the same both ways.

## Another Cut.

KANSAS CITY, March 3.—The San Francisco agency of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul announced today a reduction from $72.50 to $68 on first-class tickets from this city to San Francisco and from $47.50 to $40 on second-class tickets.

## A Monster Petition.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3.—The New York league ballot reform petition was brought to Albany today, and tonight was carried on the shoulders of fourteen men into the assembly chamber amid storms of applause. The book is twenty-six inches wide, thirty-two inches long and eight feet thick, containing over fifty-one thousand signatures from New York city and over sixteen thousand from Brooklyn. The petition was referred to the committee on judiciary.

## A Non-Union Strike.

PITTSBURG, March 3.—Some sixty yard brakemen of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie have struck for an advance of 35 cents per day, and as a consequence have tied up this end of the line. The men chose the moment with excellent judgment, and miles of freight are waiting for brakemen who cannot be found. The strange thing about the strike is that the men are not in the union and are utterly without a head.

## Warmouth Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate spent most of its time in executive session today discussing the nomination of ex-Governor Warmouth to be collector of the port of New Orleans. The vote on confirmation stood: Yeas, 39; nays, 34. Warmouth received the votes of all the republican senators present except Sherman, Farwell and Wilson of Iowa. Seven democrats also voted for his confirmation.

## The Visible Supply.

CHICAGO, March 3.—The board of trade report of the visible supply for the week ending March 1, is as follows:

| | Bushels. | Increase. | Decrease. |
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| Wheat | 28,996,000 | ..... | 622,000 |
| Corn | 14,446,000 | 710,000 | ..... |
| Oats | 5,073,000 | ..... | 102,000 |
| Rye | 1,610,000 | 82,000 | ..... |
| Barley | 1,733,000 | ..... | 131,000 |

## Eight Miners Buried.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 3.—There was an explosion of gas at the South Wilkesbarre shaft this afternoon. Eight miners were closed in. A rescuing party could not get in through the shaft and have gone to the air shaft some distance away where they will try to break through. It is feared the gas must have killed the men.

## Oklahoma Indignant.

GUTHRIE, I. T., March 3.—There is great indignation here at the statements of telegrams sent from Topeka in regard to the alleged negro colonization of Oklahoma. The lands there are all taken and among the settlers only a handful are negroes.

## Over a Hundred Lives Saved.

LONDON, March 3.—It is now known that 158 of the passengers and crew of the British steamer Quetta, which was wrecked Friday night in Torres straits, Australia, while bound for London, were saved.

## Gathering at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 3.—The city is filled with strangers from all parts of the country to attend the national convention of the republican league clubs, beginning tomorrow. Many state delegations are already here

# MEN AND MACHINERY COMING

## Twenty-Seven Cars of the Latter for the Beet Sugar Factory.

## A BANK BURNED AT RED CLOUD.

### Beatrice Votes Paving and Street Railway Bonds—A Fremonter Sues Two Railway Companies for $50,000.

**All the Way From Paris.**

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Messrs. Vingoreaux, Colmant, Bourse and Vaillant, the French machinists, arrive here today from Paris. They will have charge of putting the machinery in Oxnard Brothers' beet sugar factory here. Twenty-seven cars of machinery left Antwerp on February 14 and will be here the last of this week. All the machinery used will be imported from France and Germany and is of the latest improved pattern, requiring experts who are acquainted with it to put it in place. The cost was over $250,000 including the tariff. These gentlemen say that it is the finest ever put into a factory and the Grand Island works will be the best equipped in the world. All the heads of departments will have to be foreigners for a few years until Americans have learned the business. Messrs. Despresse and Postel, the agriculturalists, have been here some time and the soil of every piece of land that has been purchased by the company has been examined by and passed on by them. The seed for the first crop will have to be imported, but they expect to raise the seed for next year. In all it will require twenty-seven chiefs, who will be from France.

**Fire at Red Cloud.**

RED CLOUD, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fire was discovered at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the building owned and occupied by the Farmers' and Merchants' bank. The building was gutted, the walls alone remaining. Business was continued this morning in the room adjoining the burned building, which will be occupied by the bank until a new structure can be built. This was considered one of the finest and most complete banking buildings in the state. It has only been finished a few months, and from the fact that it was heated by steam and fitted with electric lights the origin of the fire seems an absolute mystery. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

**Stole a March on Them.**

CRETE, Neb., March 3.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Missouri Pacific road stole a march on some of our people last Sunday. C. C. White has been desiring for a long time to have a side track to his lower mill, to give the mill better shipping facilities. Several years ago an ordinance was passed giving the B. & M. railroad the right of way for a switch through certain streets, but as usual there was a great outcry by some against the switch and the matter was dropped. Yesterday morning a construction train pulled into the Missouri Pacific yards and about fifty men went to work and by early afternoon the switch from the stock yards to the mill was laid and finished. Today the kickers wish to know how it was done and what they are going to do about it. The switch is there and Mr. White is pleased, and so are the majority of our people.

**A Twenty-Five Hundred Dollar Blaze.**

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Tonight about 8 o'clock a fire broke out in a large building recently used for the electrical exposition. The building was outside of the fire and water limits, but the department quickly responded to the alarm, but could not save it. The street car stables situated near it were also destroyed. Another building jointly occupied by the Plattsmouth street railway company, the Opperman electric light manufacturing company and the Ballou electric light company, caught fire several times, but was saved with difficulty. The burned building was unoccupied, and it is not known how the fire could have started. It is supposed some tramp had gotten in to sleep there and lit a match to see his way and threw the match in a pile of shavings. The building was valued at $2,500. The insurance $1,000.

**Supposed Incendiaries Arrested.**

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Great excitement prevails in Jewell county, Kansas, over the frequent fires that have taken place there the last few weeks, one of which was mentioned in Sunday's BEE. The fires are undoubtedly the work of incendiaries. Seven arrests have thus far been made. A woman and her son who live in Jewell county are among these arrests. It is claimed that the evidence is strong against them as being the parties who set fire to the Orr barn. Pieces of a woman's dress were found in the barb wire fence near Orr's barn which answered the description and filled the rent in a dress found in the possession of the woman. Harness, or parts of harness, belonging to Orr were also found in their possession. The boy had a flesh wound on his hand and blood was found on the fence near Orr's barn, and blood was also found on the boy's coat, which makes a strong case against them as being the perpetrators of the crime.

**Found Under the Ice.**

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After a search by a large number of our citizens, lasting all night, without any result, this morning search was again made to find the Edney children, and the search confined to the Republican river. About 9 o'clock this morning the body of the eldest child was found under the ice near where the hole had been cut, as described in yesterday's BEE, but no sign was seen of the other children. About four hundred people were busy cutting ice in their search for the other bodies. The search was continued last night and today. The children, when last seen alive, were on the banks of the river holding each other by the hands, and it is supposed they slipped off the bank, falling in the hole in the ice. The mother of the children is the daughter of Judge I. P. Coin of this city. The countenance of the child found indicate that he had been crying.

**Fairbury's Advocates.**

FAIRBURY, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—G. W. Hanson, C. B. Letton, S. M. Bailey, E. E. Eldridge and George Cross, representing the board of trade, left here this morning for Lincoln and Omaha to confer with representatives of those cities on the proposed Rock Island extension. An effort will be made to show that two main lines from Beatrice to Omaha are certainly enough to secure the trade of Beatrice, and that for want of direct connection the trade of Fairbury goes now to St. Joseph and Kansas City.

**Where is Jesse Hayes?**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Postmaster MacCuaig is in receipt of an appealing letter from a Mrs. Drella Hayes of Titusville, Pa., asking for information about her husband, Jesse Hayes, from whom she had not heard for two years. Hayes formerly lived here, and with a woman whom it is said he represented as his wife, left for South Omaha a year ago.

**Razors in the Air.**

HASTINGS, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The colored people of this city were stirred up today over a woman case, in which a prominent colored barber was concerned. Razors were in the air and the colored barber aforesaid is missing today. A divorce suit will be commenced at once.

**Big Damages Wanted.**

FREMONT, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A suit claiming the largest amount of damages of any ever brought in this county was begun in the office of the clerk of the district court of Dodge county this afternoon. David Canlan sues the Sioux City & Pacific and Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroads for damages in the sum of $50,000. The plaintiff's petition sets forth that on January 28 he was injured in the switch yards of the company at Arlington, the company, without his fault or negligence, running an engine upon him, causing the loss of his left leg. The company has until April 7 to file its answer.

**Progress of the Census Work.**

FREMONT, Neb., March 3.—[Special to THE BEE.]—B. F. Stouffer, supervisor of the census for the Third congressional district, has just forwarded to Washington his oath of office. He has also written for the instructions to open a local office at Fremont. He expects to receive them and open the office this week. His first duty will be to arrange the territory in his jurisdiction into enumerating districts. With this view he has written to the clerks of all the counties to send him a map of each county, together with an abstract of the vote of each township and municipality last fall. By these he will be able to properly divide the districts, consolidating or dividing townships as their area and population suggests. This done the appointment of enumerators will begin. Already there are three or four hundred applications on file. But to all these official blanks must be sent for them to make formal application, one of the provisions of the law being that they shall be made out by the applicant, in his own hand writing, in order that the supervisor may judge the quality of the applicant's penmanship. For convenience and accuracy the district will be numbered consecutively, beginning at the Missouri river, westward. Out of the applications thus far received only three or four are from democrats, these being old soldiers. It is not expected that the republican party will suffer any by Mr. Stouffer's appointments.

**Failure at Ponca.**

PONCA, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—T. J. Welly, a boot and shoe dealer of this city, has failed. He was foreclosed by the First National bank Saturday. His assets are estimated at $4,000 and his liabilities at $7,000. Mr. Welly's failure is a general surprise to Ponca people. He has for years been one of the foremost and most respected business men of the town, and but a few years ago was worth $20,000. Hard times and light sales in his line of business are the causes of his misfortunes.

**A Congregational Church Dedicated.**

BEATRICE, Neb., March 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Kilpatrick Congregational church, ten miles west of this city, was formally dedicated yesterday with interesting ceremonies. The church was built and presented to the church society by Mrs. Rachael Kilpatrick and cost about $3,500. After the dedication Mrs. Kilpatrick invited the congregation and visitors down to her residence on the Home farm where a sumptuous dinner was served them. The noble donor is the venerable mother of the well known Kilpatrick Brothers, railroad contractors.

**A Lucky New York Firm.**

BEATRICE, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The board of county supervisors met this afternoon to receive bids for the $100,000 worth of 5 per cent court house bonds. There were fourteen bidders present from all parts of the country. Quinsley, Harraman & Tuttle of New York were the successful bidders, the bonds selling to them for $107,020, or at a virtual premium of 7 per cent.

**A Tilden Firm Goes Under.**

NORFOLK, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A general merchandise firm under the name of Haney & Scott of Tilden, Neb., made an assignment today to the bank of Burnett. The amount of the liabilities and assets are as yet unknown, although quite large. The bank takes immediate possession.

**Alleged Burglars Bound Over.**

BEATRICE, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Charles Boyle and E. G. Farrell, arrested a few days ago for having a kit of burglars' tools in their possession and for other deviltment, have been bound over to the district court in the sum of $500 each.

**Voted the Bonds.**

BEATRICE, Neb., March 3.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Wittenberg street railway and Fourth and Fifth paving districts intersection bonds election Saturday resulted in the carrying of both propositions. The vote was quite light, and there was practically but little opposition to either proposition.

## IN THE COMMONS.

### Gladstone's Motion—American Cattle and British Laws.

LONDON, March 3.—Gladstone in the commons today referred to the suspension of Labouchere and asked permission to make the following motion:

The house deems it necessary to declare that when a member prefers charges against a minister which the minister denies such member ought not to be restrained from refusing to accept the denial and from persisting in the charge because the minister is a member of the house of lords.

The announcement of the motion was greeted with opposition cheers.

Smith said he would consider Gladstone's request and let him know during the evening if he could accept the motion tomorrow.

Long, member for Dundee, asked whether the condition of American cattle justified the regulation providing for slaughter at the port where landed.

Chaplin, head of the agricultural department, replied that the American government was not complying with the conditions of the act of 1878, and therefore the present restrictions could not be relaxed. In 1889 forty-seven head of cattle from America affected with pleuro-pneumonia arrived in England.

Tomlinson Smith moved the adoption of the report of the Parnell commission. He considered the cause proposed would do absolute justice to the members whose conduct had been impugned, and to all persons included in the allegations of the newspaper which published the charges. There were certain features of the publication he deeply deplored, but other accusations were justified by the report. It was a unique report [opposition laughter] but partiality had been shown to the accused members, whose acquittal from the personal charges he thought a subject for hearty congratulation. Regarding the commissioner's finding certain respondents guilty of conspiracy the government might be asked why it did not take action thereon. He held it was no part or intention of the government to constitute a commission with a view to inflicting punishment upon the Parnellites. [Groans and laughter from the opposite side.]

Gladstone moved an amendment, announced by Morely, "that the house reprobates the charges based upon calumny that were made against the members of the house, and while expressing satisfaction at the exposure made of evil doers regrets the wrong inflicted and the suffering and loss endured through those acts of iniquity."

Gladstone said the government's motion was utterly insufficient to do justice to the members impugned. It failed to present the sense of the opinion which the house and the country had formed upon the commissioner's report. "Was it," he asked, "ever before proposed in a deliberative body that they should accept in a lump a report of 160 folio pages bristling with controversial matter." In that respect had the judges of the commission more weight and authority than other experienced men in deciding how far cr