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SOME INTERESTING SECRETS.

The Rotten Rings and Debauched Lobby at Lincoln.

GLIMPSES AT CROOKS AND BOODLERS.

Confidential Correspondence of an Observant and Persevering Bee Reporter at the State Capitol.

A representative of THE BEE, who has been at the state capital for the last six weeks under instructions to report confidentially what was going on there, has favored us with some information that cannot fail to prove interesting both to members of the legislature and their constituents.

VANDERVOORT SHOWS UP.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 25.—Paul Vandervoort is working in the interest of the Nebraska telephone company. Three bills have been introduced cutting down the rental upon phones.

Vandervoort has quartered himself at the Lindell hotel where about twenty of the independents are stopping. He has been raising heaven and hell to knock out the bills which propose to reduce the toll on telephones. He has wormed himself into the good graces of several of the more impressionable of the independents by working the temperance and Grand Army rackets. He has followed up his advantage by professed opposition to Boyd and in this manner finally succeeded in getting before the independent caucus, after it had transacted its secret business. He then represented himself as a member of the Twenty-eight club of Omaha, an organization composed of both democrats and republicans, and that that organization was hostile to the seating of Boyd.

EXTENT OF HIS SPLEEN.

Not satisfied with his work with the independents, he has been arousing or rather reviving the partisanship of certain republicans who were disposed to give Boyd a fair show, but a vote must be taken on some Boyd question before the extent of his work may be determined.

Yest, who was in consultation with him night before last, has returned to Omaha. He had unquestionably given Vandervoort carte blanche before leaving to do as he pleased, provided only the obnoxious telephone bills should be knocked out.

This afternoon Boyd discovered Vandervoort's game and hunted up Drake of the telephone company, who remains here. He informed the latter of what Vandervoort was doing, and that if the sneak was not called off a bill would be introduced which would set the telephone heads a ringing for many a day.

COULD NOT GET AN INJUNCTION.

Mr. Drake said he could do nothing without calling Mr. Yost back to this place. Yost has accordingly been asked to return. Boyd is satisfied that Vandervoort must vamoose the ranch.

I noted in last night's letter that Judge Mason, one of Thayer's attorneys, did not warrant me in believing that the ex-governor's proposed injunction would be filed in the supreme court today. The document has not been filed and I am now reliably informed by one of the Journal reporters that the reason for the failure was the certainty that no injunction could be obtained. The reporter in question said he had talked with Judge Cobb on the subject, and, strange to relate, the judge had told him that the proposed injunctionists knew that they could get no injunction.

WARNED AGAINST MAJORS.

There are rumors that Vandervoort and Majors are working together in the interest of the latter. I have seen them together but once, however, though I do not doubt that there is something in the suspicion. Boyd has been notified that he may have placed too much confidence in the hickory shirt and has about concluded that if Majors proposes to knife him, to force the fight and have it take place during the pendency of the legislature.

It is known that some of Majors' friends, Carnes et al. have been in close conference with Judge Norval, who, it is thought, might be in some manner utilized.

REPORTED ON THE FLOOR.

January 27.—Sternsdorff has charged on the floor of the house that he knows that members have been unduly influenced regarding the telephone business. He tells me privately that he has the proof in his pocket. I asked what he would if a resolution should be introduced in the house calling for an investigation of his charges. He said nothing would please him better, though for the sake of a certain party he would not like to make a splurge over it. I am satisfied he refers to Huse. The latter is connected with Queasley's soap factory. I think the facts in the case are that the factory or Huse's house or both have been fixed up with electric bells, etc., and that there has been a rebate on the telephone rate on the side as an inducement for his attempted withholding of his bill in the committee. It may be interesting to know if Queasley's factory or Huse's residence has been fixed up in this style. It is possible, if either of them was, to have had the fixtures removed since the bill was replaced upon the general file. Marks of the accommodations, however, would still remain.

A PROMISE OF SHEOL.

Huse, I know, has proved a weak man in the hands of Drake et al. If a resolution of inquiry is introduced, I think the independents will raise ——.

There is no clause in the Newberry bill prohibiting the roads from bringing their case into the supreme court until six months have elapsed after the passage of the bill.

Moan is receiving opinions from Judge Brewer et al to the effect that an inflexible railroad law is unconstitutional. Whether these opinions refer to interstate charges or not, I don't know. The Stevens bill will pass the senate. A conference committee will be appointed. Moan says he will not let the Stevens bill pass the house if he can help it for the reasons mentioned. If the conference committee frame a bill it will be a beauty for constitutionality! And then, I don't see how it can pass both houses.

If Moan is working against the railroads as a blind he's doing it admirably.

FIXING UP THE PLACE.

February 6.—This afternoon before the adjournment of the senate a constituent of Senator Koontz asked Senator Switzler to favor an adjournment until Tuesday. He promised as an inducement that if Koontz returned home he would be able to satisfy his constituents that the contest should be knocked out and that when he should return he would vote so as to knock it out. This is one of the reasons which is assigned for the adjournment this afternoon, which prevented the introduction again of a vote upon the contest resolution.

The story is still in circulation that the independents propose to abandon the contest so far as all the contestees are concerned, with the exception of Boyd.

DESERTIONS WERE NUMEROUS.

It has also been stated that a petition to that effect has been in circulation and has received some signatures. There is no more in the story than there has been for weeks past. So far as I am able to ascertain there is even less than there was a week ago. Day by day witnesses desertions, on the quiet, from the independent ranks. These deserters admit that they have been driven; that they had heard only one side of the question before coming here, and that they were not elected to act like machines, and that they now propose to act after having heard both sides of the question.

If it should be proposed to confine the contest to Boyd, independent senators tell me they will favor an amendment to the amendment striking Boyd's name out also. If the resolution should fail to pass under those circumstances, they will encourage Boyd to veto it. They hold that nothing has arisen which would justify the fight to be made on Boyd alone after the contest had been commenced against all the state officers—except the desire to submit to Burrows' dictation and seat Powers, something which the republicans do not feel they would be upheld in doing.

BIGGER ABOUT BY BOODLE.

It is claimed, on the other hand, that if the contest resolution is thrown out it will be because of boodle and that several lobyists are suspected of working in this direction. Some of these, it is said, are ex-members of the legislature. The Dorgan brothers are also suspected, as is also Charley Mosher, whom the independents have sought to force to their assistance through the proposed investigation of his prison contract.

Majors this morning professed to be a Boyd man as much as a man in his position could be, but I know that he knows who the senators are upon whom the Boyd people depend to postpone indefinitely the contest resolution.

Vandervoort is still working among the independents, though he rarely makes his appearance at the capitol. He is poisoning the republicans' minds, and making the most of all he hears to satisfy his alliance dupes that they must hang together or else they will lose everything.

WHO PAYS THE PIPER?

February 25.—Ex-Governor Thayer is still confident, but it looks very much as if he was merely being used as a cat's paw. Who is paying the money to Thayer's lawyers is something that puzzles everybody. Judge Mason is a high-priced man and so is John L. Webster. Dick Norvall's brother, who has also been retained and claims to exert a great influence on the junior member of the court, is not in it for his health. A moderate estimate of these lawyers' fees is $2,500. Thayer hasn't got a dollar that anybody knows of and couldn't borrow $2,500 if he wanted to. The prevailing opinion is that the defunct Richards and the Elkhorn Valley road, for which he is a tin can, have raised the spondulix. But I have it way down deep that a purse has been raised by a combine made up by Richards, Brad Slaughter and District Attorney Baker. This clique pretends that they are going to save the republican party from a democratic governor, and under that pretense they have secured contributions not only from federal officials but from some of Thayer's old guard, including the oil inspectors and officials of state institutions whose heads are dangling loosely on their shoulders.

ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON.

February 27.—Quite a stir has been created here by the report that orders have come from Washington to the Richards-Vandervoort clique to bring all possible pressure on Maxwell and Cobb to push Boyd to the wall. Paddock's intimates tell me that he has no use for Thayer and that he wants Majors, and Paddock's wish is law to Brad Slaughter and the federal contingent. Thayer does not appear to smell a mice. Even Dick Norval is pulling the wool over his eyes.

LITTLE VANDERVOORT'S SUPPER.

March 3.—The last men in the Lincoln rotunda at midnight last night were Richards and Tom Majors. Both were hobnobbing in a corner.

Everybody at the Lindell hotel seems to have sworn secrecy regarding the Vandervoort champagne supper at that place. I learn, however, that two senators were present.

SETTLED TOM MAJORS.

March 4.—There was a consultation this afternoon between Howe and Watson, and the three moguls (railroad managers) when it was decided that if Boyd goes, Majors will not get in.

MR. MURFIN'S ENGAGEMENTS.

March 5.—Here is one of the complications: Ed Murfin is deputy attorney general. He is working in with some people who have axes to grind. There is some romance in what he has to say, but there are also some facts.

He claims that Vandervoort and himself controlled the appointment of the committee on sifting in the house. If this be true it shows that Watson is looking out for his own interest and that of his roads.

Modie some days ago asked for a committee to investigate the penitentiary committee, which did not report in time to suit him.

Murfin, I feel, is in sympathy with this move. Personally, he doesn't care as to the outcome, but from what he drops I think those for whom he is working want the penitentiary contract knocked out.

WHERE ELDER COMES IN.

He is an Elder man from away back. He has provided rooms for Elder's nightly recreations and has offered me a side room to witness the speaker's antics.

If an attempt is made to investigate Elder he claims sufficient will be shown in the dirty-linen style to make Taylor blush, also Shrader, who are backing Elder.

Murfin is also working in cahoots with Drake of the telephone company and some of the liberality which he displays I feel is supported by them.

CAPTURE OF THE SPEAKER.

March 8.—Speaker Elder is playing into the hands of Watson, Howe and others among the democrats and republicans. He knows that the independents do not like him. Watson and Howe knows this also, and have captured him by the promises that they will stand by him. It was in recognition of this promise, principally that Elder allowed the sifting committee to be dictated to him.

The object of the appointment of this committee is really to knock out the legislation which the independents hoped to enact. The names of this sifting committee were handed to Elder by Murfin, now attached to the attorney's office. I am reliably informed that he and Vandervoort made up the slate. I expect Watson and Howe also had a finger in the business.

WANTS IT ALL.

The combine is not satisfied with having appointed the sifting committee. It is now endeavoring to control the conference committee which will be demanded if the Stevens bill passes the senate.

Some days ago Elder agreed to appoint Shrader, Stevens, Moan and two others. Now, however, he says that he does not think he can name them, and intimates that he must put on the committee people of an entirely different stripe.

The men who want to get a railroad bill through, even if it be only the work of a conference committee, propose to have the committee appointed by the house. This they claim they can do unless the outside combine brings the matter up and succeeds in getting through a motion that the chair appoint the committee. If they do, that means Vandervoort again.

STORIES WELL FOUNDED.

There is no doubt that the stories of immorality against Elder are well founded. His conduct has been notorious. He is making the most of his chances here and the combine outside are pampering him.

EXPLOSION OF NATURAL GAS.

It Causes a Fire in Pittsburg and Half a Million Loss.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 11.—Tonight a heavy explosion of natural gas blew out the rear of J. R. Weldon & Co.'s building, Diamond and Wood streets. In a few moments the entire five story building was in flames. The board of trade building, just opposite, containing the Germania bank, customs house and other offices, soon caught fire, and it was three hours before the Pittsburg and Allegheny fire departments got the flames under control. The losses will aggregate $500,000. The cause of the explosion is not known.

HAPPINESS THROUGH DEATH.

A Peculiar Circumstance Connected With a Marriage.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Rev. James G. Campbell, pastor of the Methodist church at West Lafayette, and Miss Flora Darter of this city, were married this afternoon. What makes the marriage of particular interest is that it has been delayed for some time owing to the fact that the late A. P. Luce, the type founder of Chicago, was Miss Darter's divorced husband. The discipline of the Methodist church says most positively that a minister shall not marry a divorced woman while her husband lives, and this caused the delay. The wedding was a quiet affair. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Switzer in the same house where six years before President L. T. Tuttle had married the same bride to A. P. Luce.

NOW IT IS A HAT TRUST.

The Latest Organization in That Line in New York.

NEW YORK, March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has just leaked out that a corporation, with $1,500,000 paid up capital, has been formed by the wool hat manufacturers of the country. Its title is the "National hat company." Officers were elected after a three week's conference at the Windsor hotel of this city, which terminated last Saturday night. Those interested in the organization deny that it is a trust in the ordinary sense of the term. For some time, they say, there has been an over-production in the trade, and the company was formed for the mutual benefit of jobbers and manufacturers. It will lease factories for five years, with the privilege of renewal for a like period. The corporation, it is declared, will be able to economize in the cost of manufacturing, and at the same time limit the production to the demand, and producing better goods at no material advance in prices.

BLOODSHED IS THREATENED.

Further Trouble Anticipated Between the Fort Pierre Boomers.

PIERRE, S. D., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Excitement on "mile square" on the reservation opposite Pierre again promises to result in bloodshed. A year ago the townsite boomers from Pierre undertook to locate land on the "mile square," but were driven off by cowboys and halfbreeds. Today 100 men with guns are awaiting an attack by the boomers who expect to erect houses on South Fort Pierre. According to a recent law passed by congress "mile square" was thrown open to townsite settlers, and the squatters now on the land propose to hold it.

Last night a house was hauled on to the South Fort Pierre land, and was hauled back again, and the owner threatened with vengeance if he returned. Fort Pierre is in tumult and the people's blood is up. Threats have been made of personal violence to the leaders of the boomers. Tonight South Fort Pierre is under military rule, and guards are thrown out. Today the present officers built twenty-three shacks, and no more will follow this week. If an attempt is made tonight blood will be spilt, as the present owners have spent considerable money and propose to hold the land. An attack is expected tonight or early in the morning.

Indian Murderers Indicted.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The United States district court, having been in session here for ten days, adjourned at noon today to meet again at Sioux Falls on March 20. Just before adjournment the grand jury reported a number of indictments, among which were one against Tasunka-Ota, alias Plenty Horse, for the murder of Lieutenant Casey on the reservation during the late Indian uprising, and one against Wi-Eapeyn, alias Leaves-His-Woman, for the murder of Isaac Miller, a ranchman, killed about the same time that Casey was. The two murderers are at present in the Fort Meade guard house and will not be turned over to the civil authorities without an order from the secretary of war. Their offense being capital they will be tried before the United States circuit court convening at Sioux Falls April 10. The grand jury closed its report by a recommendation that the United States attorney general take action by which the United States attorney for this district will be instructed and enabled to ferret out the parties guilty of the murder of Few Tails, a government ward in Meade county, and to prosecute them if possible to conviction. The report urges that no expense be spared to this end.

Funeral Services at Pierre

PIERRE, S. D., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Services were held this morning over the remains of Hon. George S. Hand at the Locke hotel by the Masons. A procession was then formed and escorted the remains to a special train at 8:30 o'clock. Governor and Mrs. Mellette and some state officers accompanied the remains, and twenty-five Masons also acted as escort.

Preferred to Be a Tough.

NEW YORK, March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A young, good looking boy, who had thrown away all the advantages of home with opportunities for an education and the enjoyment that money and friends could provide and had taken up life on the Bowery in preference, is locked up in the tombs, charged with burglary and with fair prospects of life in a prison. He is Alfred Paraf, grandson of C. Bainbridge Smith, the aged lawyer of Temple court. Mr. Smith has a country home at Bergen Point. It is for robbing the Bergen house of from $6,000 to $8,000 worth of jewelry that young Paraf, who is but sixteen years old, has been arrested.

Feat of a Texas Woman.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Mrs. John Dunn today shot and killed a Mexican three miles from here. She claims that he burglarized her family residence last night, and after she had tracked him half a mile she came upon his camp. The man made for her with an axe, when she shot and killed him instantly with a Winchester.

A School Girl's Rash Act.

VIRGINIA, Nev., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bella Preusch, a fifteen-year-old girl, was suspended from school for thirty days for misbehavior today. She went home and shot and fatally wounded herself with a revolver. She says she is innocent of the charge and could not stand the disgrace.

THE OFFICIAL AXE OF FOSTER.

Rumors Prevalent That the Weapon is Being Sharpened for Action.

CHIEF CLERK BRACKETT ON THE LIST.

Estimates on the Probable Strength of Candidates for the Next Speakership—The Omaha Public Building.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.

There are a number of rumors afloat around the treasury department during the last few days to the effect that Secretary Foster intends to drop the official axe upon the heads of a number of the employes. Among those who are mentioned as likely to go is Chief Clerk Brackett of Minnesota, who was appointed principally because of his geographical relation to the late secretary of the treasury. It is reported too, that Colonel Swords of Iowa, who is at present known as superintendent of furniture, is slated for the place now occupied by Captain Brackett. The colonel is a very popular man here, not only with the people with whom he comes into direct contact, but with all those who knew him during his incumbency of the position of sergeant-at-arms of the republican committee during the late campaign.

THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP.

The first estimate as to the probable outcome of the speakership contest is furnished by a friend of Congressman Mills, who asserts that the gentleman is assured of 75 votes on the first ballot, while Crisp will have 45, McMillan 27, Springer 23, and Bynum 13. These figures are of course made up by Mills' particular admirers, but the advocates of Crisp's election assert that if his and Mills places were transposed in the list it would be very much nearer the real probabilities. There can be no doubt but that the contest will be between Crisp and Mills in the outset, with Wilson and McMillan making very strong leads for the first place.

OMAHA'S PUBLIC BUILDING.

The officials of the supervising architect's office said today that it will be several weeks before they will be ready to begin any work whatever upon the plans for the Omaha postoffice building. They could give no idea as to whether or not any work will be done during the coming summer, but it is probable that the plans will progress far enough to insure the digging of the excavations before next winter in any event.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Senator Paddock, who framed the meat inspection bills and got them through the senate, called on Secretary Rusk today to see what progress was being made in getting out the labels, certificates, etc., which are to be used by the packing houses in Chicago and elsewhere when the ante-mortem inspection results favorably and the product is to receive the government brand of purity. The secretary said he had put the matter in the hands of Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau on animal industry, who would have the details of executing the law perfected in a short time. Senator Paddock added: "These inspection laws are among the most valuable which have been placed on the statute book in recent years. They are not alone of value to the producers and consumers of meats, but they will have a marked influence in breaking down the restrictions which France, Germany and other European countries have put upon American hogs, cattle, etc. These restrictions have always been maintained on the pretense that they were necessary to keep out impure meat. Now, there can be no longer any possible pretense that American meat, slaughtered or unslaughtered, is impure, for it is guaranteed in every possible manner as pure by the United States government. From this time on, if our cattle or hogs are kept out of these countries, they will have to acknowledge that it is done simply as a tariff restriction. They have never yet conceded this, but they had the excuse of impurity. Now they are brought face to face with the question of excluding our meat products, not on their merits, but because they enter into competition with their local products. I hardly think they are ready yet to make any such discrimination against us."

ENOUGH TO HAVE SOME FUN.

The republicans in the next house will number just about enough to order the yeas and nays. To do this requires one-fifth of the entire vote. If the democrats should not adopt Speaker Reed's "outrageous czarish code of rules" the minority in the Fifty-second congress can have a great deal of fun. With such a sledge hammer hitter as Mr. Reed the minority can make a splendid fight against the inroads of an unwieldy, reckless and venturesome majority. The republicans are confident, however, that the democrats will adopt permanently the code of rules which has for the last congress been used. If this is done no complaint will be heard. The republicans with much less than democratic complaint can take their own medicine.

Already there have been democratic boasts made that, beside no recognition for speech making, Mr. Reed is to be relegated to the rear in the next house. It is expected that he will be placed upon the most insignificant committee to be found. The democrats want to hear from him as infrequently as possible. They may conclude, however, that maltreatment will only emphasize his prominence. He can speak in others' time and will be the republican leader on the floor, despite niggardly treatment.

GROWING WEARY OF IMPOSITIONS.

Sockless Jerry Simpson, the new congressman from Kansas, who has achieved a reputation for verdancy which he appears to not deserve, is out in an interview, in which he says that he is growing very weary of the impositions which are being heaped upon the alliance congressmen by departmental duties. He says that it is wrong to expect a man to originate new legislation of an important character, and while attending to his congressional duties have as much work to do in looking after pensions and claims and appointments as four men can do. He proposes to stop this in some way. It appears that the granger members made lavish promises during their campaigns far beyond their power to fulfill. Many of them promised appointments to workers, when their constituents should have known that this is a republican administration, and only straight republicans are accorded the distribution of offices. Others promised to get private bills through congress, although in general principles they were in platforms pledged to stop that sort of business. The inconsistent position of many of these men will bring about a termination of their congressional careers at the end of a single term. There is nothing like experience for schooling.

THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE.

Although the bill to construct a home for the president beside the white house came to the very verge of becoming a law, Chairman Milliken of the house committee on public buildings and grounds, who had it in charge, says it cannot be successful under such a rule as congress is about to enter upon. It looks as though the house of the president would continue to be a public place for many years yet, and strangers will continue to demand admission and receive it at all hours of the day and night in the interest of common curiosity. About forty persons ask to be shown through the kitchen and bedchambers every day, and if they are reminded that a portion of the executive mansion is a private household they turn away with a threat to vote the other ticket next time.

THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET.

Secretary and Mrs. Noble expect to visit the Yellowstone park the coming summer and ride upon the first steamboat that ever plied the waters in that secluded place. The boat has just been put together. It was built in the east and taken to the end of the railroad in sections, then carted overland by 120 horses.

President and Mrs. Harrison will enter their cottage at Cape May, N. J., immediately after their return from the Pacific slope, whither they start in early April.

Attorney General Miller and Postmaster General Wanamaker and their families will be in Washington quite all the summer.

Secretary and Mrs. Rusk will spend the heated term at their home in Wisconsin.

IOWA MAIL WEIGHERS APPOINTED.

Upon the recommendation of Congressman Struble the following have been appointed mail weighers from the Eleventh congressional district of Iowa: Sioux City and Hawarden, M. Hilbert, LeMars; Wall Lake and Moville, W. E. Cooper, Sac City; Carroll and Sioux City, Walter Burgess, Onawa; Manilla and Sioux City, J. A. Hazlett, Mapleton; Sanborn and Marion Junction, W. J. Francis, Sanborn; Esterville and Worthington, D. J. Edmondson, Spirit Lake; Ellsworth and Sioux Falls, George Meuleux, Rock Rapids.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The commissioner of Indian affairs today awarded the contract to Bossch Brothers & Rees of Norfolk, Neb., for the delivery of 210,000 pounds of corn at Valentine, Neb.; for the Rosebud agency at $1.10½ per 100 weight. The commissioner also awarded the contract to Waller Brothers of Charles City, Ia., to supply 2,500,000 pounds of beef, to be delivered at Pine Ridge and Rosebud at $4 per 100 weight.

Collector Alexander of Omaha has been spending two or three days in the treasury department looking after custom matters. He will leave for New York in the morning.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Democratic Presidential Material.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The New York World correspondent sends the following to his paper: "The belief here is that Colonel Watterson is covertly booming William R. Morrison for the presidency. Colonel Watterson and Colonel Morrison have long been intimate friends, and they have many friends in common. Mr. Carlisle is one of these. There is a Morrison circle here which the interpretation of Mr. Watterson's present activity, greatly elates. Colonel Morrison, as a member of the board of interstate commerce commissioners, makes Washington his home. He lives at Willard's and is as accessible as he would be in the little town in Illinois from which he comes. There are no frills about him. Southern men here are not disposed to speculate much about the situation. Democratic success means a great deal to them, and they are inclined to deprecate any agitation that might even in the slightest degree becloud its prospects. Congressman Breckinridge of Arkansas said yesterday: "The national convention is too far off to make a discussion as to candidates profitable. The subject is interesting, but the conditions may all be changed six months hence. One thing of supreme importance to us all is that the issue of tariff reform shall not be subordinated to any other issue."

The Death of Minister Swift.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The sudden death of John F. Swift, minister to Japan, will tend to cut short the President's outing. He and Mr. Swift were close personal friends, and the latter's death will be a great shock to Mr. Harrison. Just where their friendship was formed is not known, for Mr. Swift had been a resident of California for many years, and had spent very little time in the east. His appointment to Japan was one of the president's first acts. Mr. Swift was not a strong party man. He was constantly kicking over the traces, both in state and national politics. It was because of that that he could never be elected to an important office in his state. The death of Mr. Swift will put another choice appointment at the disposal of the president, and the retired contingent of the last congress are today taking a fresh heart of hope. Already a number of names are being canvassed and many think that the position would just suit ex-Senator Ingalls, if the president could be induced to give it to him, which, because of his attitude on the force bill, is doubtful. Uncle Joseph Cannon would also take the place if it were offered him, but the position is more than likely to go to the Pacific states. If M. M. Estee does not get the California senatorship he will probably be the man.

Wisconsin Public Lands.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Land offices in Wisconsin will be instructed to give notice that surplus lands left after the adjustment of the land grant of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway will not be opened to settlement until April, 1891, but entry applications will be received and filed in order on April 15. No claims of priority are to be recognized because of settlements made while said lands were under withdrawal for railway purposes or before April 18, when those tracts for which applications have not been filed will be open to both settlement and entry. The object of these instructions is to prevent squatters who have illegally occupied lands while in a state of reservation from obtaining undue advantages.

THE DRIVING MATCH IS OFF.

Lord Lonsdale's Record Over a Five-Mile Course.

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LONDON, March 11.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Owing to a misunderstanding the driving match between Lords Lonsdale and Shrewsbury has been declared off. Lord Lonsdale, however, had the course cleared of snow today and went over the distance by himself, with the following satisfactory result for a course of five miles, between Reigata and Crawley, single harness, for the course, 13 minutes and 39 1-5 seconds, the change occupied 3 seconds. Double harness, for one course, 12 minutes and 51 2-5 seconds, change occupied 36 3-5 seconds. Four in hand, for one course, 15 minutes and 9 2-5 seconds, change occupied 40 2-5 seconds. Postillion, for one course, 13 minutes and 55 4-5 seconds. The full time for driving and riding was 55 minutes and 35 4-5 seconds, the changes occupying 1 minute and 30 seconds, or a total time for the twenty miles of 56 minutes and 55 4-5 seconds.

An Insurrection Feared.

LONDON, March 11.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—A Brussels dispatch says that the decision of the cabinet in favor of household suffrage instead of allaying has aggravated the discontent, especially in Brussels, where comparatively few workingmen occupy a single house, a large majority being crowded in buildings that hold several families each in the lower quarter of the city. There are signs of dangerous discontent, and the socialists are speaking out more boldly than ever before. The government is aware of the danger and troops are kept on the alert to deal with an insurrection should one break out. Owing to the dullness of trade, a large number of people are idle and in the opinion of the English correspondent, there are all the elements, on a smaller scale, for a Parisian revolution.

A Berlin Sensation.

BERLIN, March 11.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Revelations are published of Prince Bismarck's administration of affairs during the latter part of his chancellorship which cause no little sensation. It has transpired that he used to assist Dr. Von Boetticher, now minister of the interior, with sums of money taken from the secret service fund, and when Boetticher began to turn against him he set the secret police to worrying him, causing him much annoyance and distress. This persecution continued until the retirement of the Iron Chancellor.

Too Small to Force an Apology.

LONDON, March 11.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—A Berlin dispatch says that the German frontier office is not prepared to address any apology to Switzerland for the arrest of Hangartner, the Swiss engineer who used disrespectful language on Swiss territory regarding Emperor William. When Hangartner uttered the language he was at the end of the bridge that was in German territory. When his work took him to the other end he was arrested and afterward released. The Swiss government asked to ask no explanation, but at first demanded this determination and address a strance to Germany. It is claimed that Hangartner's words were clearly and on the German side and amounted to no offense on German territory.

To Build New Gunboats.

BERLIN, March 11.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—The budget committee of the reichstag today adopted Baron Manteuffel's motion granting the sum asked for in order to build two additional gunboats. The committee also approved Herr Rickert's motion cutting off from the naval appropriations the sum asked for to construct a new cruiser.

Children Buried in the Ruins.

BERLIN, March 11.—The gables of the synagogue at Menzel, Westphalia, which have been in an unsafe condition for some time, collapsed today under a strain of heavy snow and a number of children were buried in the ruins. So far four bodies have been recovered and the search is still proceeding.

Dr. Windthorst Seriously Ill.

BERLIN, March 11.—Dr. Windthorst, the famous leader of the center or Catholic party in the reichstag, is in a critical condition from congestion of the lungs.

Fourteen Drowned.

LONDON, March 11.—The British ship Bay of Panama was wrecked off Falmouth and the captain, wife and twelve of the crew drowned.

BIG BATCH OF ROBBERIES.

Burglars Abroad in a Number of Towns in the State.

SEWARD, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night the Langworthy Manford canning factory was broken into by thieves, who carried off a large brass kettle and several bars of solder, and in fact all the metal they could find, even taking off the brass fixtures on the engine and boiler. The original cost of the stolen stuff was over $300. The thieves loaded their booty into a wagon, which was easily tracked this morning in the light snow that fell during the night, through town, going east towards Lincoln. The canning company offers a reward of $100 for the persons who committed the theft.

Thieves Bound Over.

FREMONT, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Eleven of the thirteen men arrested this week and charged with stealing coal and merchandise from Elkhorn cars, were heard today. Two of them, the ringleader Beck, and Greenslip, were bound over to the district court in the sum of $1,000 each. Four pleaded guilty to misdemeanors, two not guilty, and will be tried tomorrow, and three were discharged. Other arrests will follow as soon as the jail is cleaned out a little, there being so many prisoners that room is limited.

A Postoffice Burglarized.

BURNSIDE, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Burglars raided the postoffice of this quiet village last night and escaped with about $80 worth of stamps and stamped envelopes. An attempted raid was also made on J. F. Lutz, the hardware dealer of this place, but it was unsuccessful, as Mr. Lutz heard them and proceeded to investigate, when the burglars made good their escape without being identified. No positive clue.

Robbed a Saloon.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Eph Longtin's saloon near the corner of Fifth and Court streets was broken into by burglars last night and several dollars in money and about $50 in goods taken. There is no clue to the robbers.

An Hotel Scorched.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An incipient blaze was started in three of the rear rooms of the Windsor hotel this morning at 3:30 o'clock. The night porter discovered the fire and awoke the sleeping occupants of the building. The firemen were promptly on hand and put out the flames. The loss to the building and furniture amounts to about $500, fully insured. It is the opinion of the proprietor that it was of incendiary origin. The building was undergoing repairs from a mysterious fire which took place last week.

Wants a Normal School.

CHADRON, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The people of Chadron held a large and representative meeting this evening to take action toward securing the passage of Senator Wilson's Chadron normal school bill, which passed the senate last week, and is now pending before the house. The sentiment of the meeting was unanimous in favor of vigorously presenting the claims of this section for higher education, and a committee, composed of A. W. Crites, F. M. Derrington, D. B. Jencks and A. G. Shears, was appointed to urge the cause before the lower house.

Snow in Hayes County.

HAYES CENTER, Neb., March 11. (via Culbertson, Neb.)—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A heavy snow, unaccompanied by wind, fell last night, about eight inches on a level, all over Hayes county. Stock of all kinds has had free range throughout the county during the winter, and will come out in the spring in fairly good condition.

The abundant fall of snow during February and later gives promise of an abundant crop this season, provided the farmers can procure the necessary seed for sowing and planting.

Threatens a Damage Suit.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—W. W. Buchanan has filed notice with the city authorities commanding them to vacate the lot on which the waterworks plant is located within thirty days or he will begin suit for ejectment and damages. The nature of his title is not shown in the summons. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

A Small Collision.

PAWNEE, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The high wind last night blew a box car across the B. & M. railroad track just west of the depot and the east bound cannon ball ran into it, badly smashing the car and also slightly damaging the engine and shaking up the passengers. No one was hurt but trains were delayed several hours.

Looking for the Young Man.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The police are looking for David Groff of Wyoming precinct. He is wanted on a serious charge. Minnie Kront, aged thirteen, is the complainant, and charges Groff with being the father of her unborn child. A warrant was issued, but the police have so far failed to locate their man.

Will Test the Wells.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The city council has directed the water commissioner and water committee to advertise for proposals for a thorough test of the experimental wells in Paddock's pasture north of the city in order to determine their capacity as a source of city water supply.

An Engine's Good Work.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 11.—Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A Missouri Pacific freight engine finished the mad dog which bit several people in this city Monday. The dog got under the locks and was ground to a pulp.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York—The Wisconsin, from Liverpool.

SEAL FISHERS NOT ALARMED.

They Regard the Manifesto of Secretary Blaine with Defiance.

THE BRITISH FLEET TO PROTECT THEM.

Remarks of a Sealing Captain Buffalo Bill's Wild West Plans—Wedding of an Omaha Man—Personals.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE BEE, 1044 CHICAGO, March 11.

According to Frank Hansbrough, a gentleman from Victoria, the seal fishers are not at all alarmed by Secretary Blaine's manifesto on the Behring sea question. "The sealers are fitting out for the coming season," Mr. Hansbrough said, in the Palmer house this morning, "and such a thing as being seriously molested in pursuing the trade by which they have for so long made their living does not enter into their calculations. Shortly before leaving there I was chatting with a sealing captain on board his craft, and I asked him about this subject. He said he did not fear any trouble, and neither did his mates. He had sealed all his life in Behring sea, he said, and calculated to continue doing so. He said he recognized that he had no right to catch seals inside the limits of the islands belonging to the United States, but outside that limit he reckoned he had as much right as he had to fish along the coast of Maine's country outside the limit. I told him that it was generally thought that this government would stop Canadian sealing in the Behring sea, whereupon he jerked his thumb over his shoulder in the direction of four British men-of-war and said he guessed he wouldn't be interfered with so long as they remained, and he understood they would remain until the question is settled, and his opinion," Mr. Hansbrough concluded, "is held by all sealers in the fleet."

BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST.

If it hadn't been for the snow storm today, the heaviest of the season, "Buffalo Bill," otherwise Hon. W. F. Cody, who is at the Leland, would have gone out to Fort Sheridan, where the braves who were brought from Dakota recently are now quartered. He is making arrangements to take them to Europe with him for next season's run of the wild west show. He will leave for Omaha on Friday and from there will go to Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies, where he expects to get about a hundred more red men, making a total of about one hundred and fifty to be conveyed across the Atlantic. He expects to sail on April 1 from Philadelphia on the Red Star line for Antwerp. The first exhibition will be given April 20 at Strasburg. From there he will visit successively Frankfort-on-the-Main, Cologne, Dusseldorf, Amsterdam, Brussels and other cities, opening in Paris on July 14, the anniversary of the fall of the bastile. The show will remain in the French capital for three months and will then go to London for the winter. Mr. Sherman Canfield, who is in Omaha, will again accompany him.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

The wedding of Aaron Zunder of Omaha and Kalamazoo, Mich., to Miss Minnie Desenberg of that city tonight was the most brilliant affair which has taken place there for years. Rabbi Rosenau of Omaha performed the ceremony. The bride's father's gift was a check for $10,000.

WESTERN PEOPLE IN CHICAGO.

Among the western people in Chicago today were the following:

At the Saratoga—J. Moss, Omaha.

At the Brevoort—L. C. Hill, W. N. Nason, Omaha; J. Pendergast, Hastings.

At the Gore—H. A. Kinney, Omaha.

At the McCoy—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans, Omaha; C. C. Risley, Beatrice.

At the Briggs—C. B. Adams, Omaha.

At the Auditorium—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fisk, Helena, Mont.; Lee W. Spratten, Omaha.

At the Leland—Mrs. C. A. Shattuan, Fort Robinson, Ia.; G. R. Metten, Helena, Mont.; Brad D. Slaughter, F. J. McNamara, Robert Douglas, Omaha.

At the Wellington—Robert Williams, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

At the Palmer—Thomas Dillon, K. O. Morehouse