JUDGE GROFF STEPS DOWN.

He Tenders His Resignation as Commissioner of the Land Office.

HIS DELICATE HEALTH THE CAUSE.

The President Concludes Not to Commission Any of the New Judges Until Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C., March 14.

Land Commissioner Groff has resigned.

He was found at his home by your correspondent this afternoon and stated that delicate health had led him to take this step.

Judge Groff has contemplated resigning for some months, but has postponed it in the hope that his health and that of his family would improve with the approach of spring. His oldest and youngest daughters have both been ill with malaria for some weeks, and when he left his office yesterday it was to take a fifteen days leave and then to retire from the office.

Judge Groff may return to his home in Omaha. He may be tendered another position where the climate will be better for him and his family.

He has made the best officer the land office has ever had. He was paid a special compliment by congress in having his salary raised from $4,000 to $6,000 a year for unusual efficiency. Now he stands in very high esteem at the white house and his departure will be regretted by everyone here and on the public domain who knows of his official work or his personal popularity.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE DEFERRED.

As has been intimated in these dispatches, the president has concluded not to commission any of the circuit or district judges to be appointed under the newly enacted supreme court reorganization law till the nominations have been confirmed by the senate. He will not, therefore, appoint them till the senate convenes next December unless there is a serious question whether, under the constitutional and statutory provisions of the United States, it would be proper to commission these officers before they are confirmed by the senate, and since the appointments are for life and there is no special necessity for speedy action, the president has concluded that it will be advisable to await the convening of the congress. The president will leave on his California trip probably during the first six or eight days in April, and before his departure it is his purpose to commission the land court officers, a fourth assistant postmaster general, superintendent of immigration, ministers to Central America and Japan and probably some other officers, but he will not even consider candidates for any of the supreme court places till he returns in May or June.

LAND DECISIONS.

The assistant secretary of the interior today rendered the following land decisions:

Appeal of Thomas A. Coffey from the decision of the general land office, rejecting his application to make a timber culture entry for the northeast quarter of section 29, township 33 north, range 48 west, Chadron, Neb.; decision affirmed.

Ellis M. Thomas vs Sobrin A. Rathbun, homestead entry for the northwest quarter of section 19, township 111 north, range 60 west, Huron, S. D. Both entries of Rathbun were ordered cancelled and the contest of Thomas dismissed and his application to enter, made June 25, 1889, admitted to record.

In re William G. Tidwell, appeal from the commissioner of the general land office, holding for cancellation his soldier's additional homestead entry for the northeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ and the southeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of section 10, township 31, range 52, Chadron, Neb.; record returned to Chadron office for reopening.

Eugene Pratt vs George S. Bidwell, involving a homestead entry made by the latter for the southeast ¼ of section 5, township 101, range 61, Mitchell, S. D., district; decision of land commissioner affirmed against Bidwell.

MRS. OWEN CRITICALLY ILL.

Mrs. Owen, wife of the ex-congressman from Logansport, Ind., is in a critical condition tonight. She has been quite ill for three weeks with what appears to be nervous prostration. She has during the last three days developed the severest type of la grippe and the physicians report her condition alarming tonight. Mrs. Owen was formerly Mrs. Lucy Luce of Iowa, where she is well known and universally beloved. She has a large circle of relatives in Iowa, one son, Fred Luce, being a well known banker, with many friends in Omaha.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. James P. Flick, representative from the Eighth Iowa district, and Mrs. Mary A. Griffin, widow of J. F. Griffin of Wooster, O., formerly in the government printing office, were married Thursday evening at 1610 Fourteenth street. There were but half a dozen friends at the marriage, and the bride and groom left at 8:30 over the Baltimore & Ohio for the latter's home in Bedford, Ia.

Senator and Mrs. Manderson, who went with a pleasure party to Chattanooga and Chicamauga, Tenn., on Monday, have taken a private car and extended their trip to the battle fields about Atlanta and in Alabama. They will return here the latter part of next week.

Application has been made to the comptroller of the currency by G. H. Jewett and his associates of Arlington, Neb., for authority to organize the First National bank of Arlington.

It is reported from Pine Ridge that there is some friction and difference of opinion between Colonel Henry, commanding the troops, and Captain Penney, the military agent. The former says no troops are needed. The latter says that they will be needed for several months, and he wants more. It is of course natural that the military agent should want all the troops he can get, though Captain Pierce, the late agent, did not want any. If the Indians are quiet it would seem best policy to take troops away, for as long as they are there they keep the Indians in a constant state of uncertainty and uneasiness and as well keep settlers from going to Nebraska owing to threatened danger.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Weather Crop Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The weekly weather crop bulletin says: Generally throughout the Rocky mountains the season is retarded, notwithstanding the fact that the thermal conditions over this region are generally in excess. The recent storms which have passed over the central valleys have been attended by freezing weather in that region, but as the growing season has not opened it is probable that the low temperature reported caused no marked injury to growing crops except fruit trees in the Gulf region.

To Establish Banking Relations.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Sem Doo, an attache of the Chinese legation in Washington, who has been in the city several days conferring, it is said, with capitalists, to whom he brought letters from New York bankers, leaves for China tonight. It is understood that there is a plan on foot looking to the establishment of banking relations between the United States, Russia and China. Count Mitckweitz, whose name will be remembered in connection with the previous negotiations, accompanies the Chinese delegate. It is said that owing to the large floods China has been compelled to borrow of England great sums of money and pay a high rate of interest. The emperor, it is asserted, is incensed at this, hence the present developments.

Negroes Growing Desperate.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Many negroes who emigrated from Texas and Arkansas to Oklahoma are returning to Texas in large numbers. They are very indignant at the manner in which they have been imposed upon by the agents of a company which prevailed upon them to go to Oklahoma. Those who have returned report that negroes who are unable to leave the territory will call upon the company for assistance and if refused aid mob violence is feared.

MAFIA'S DEATH BLOW.

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tempted to take charge of the polls. A riot followed, and ten or twelve were either shot or driven into the river. The event had a wholesome effect; it kept them quiet until the last few years.

Action of the Avengers Endorsed.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—The meeting of the cotton exchange this afternoon was called to order by President Chaffee, who stated that he had been called upon by a large committee of members with the request that he convene a general meeting for the purpose of adopting suitable resolutions endorsing the action of citizens in the deplorable event of the morning. Chaffee said that inasmuch as all were familiar with the events it was not necessary to dilate upon them. They knew the facts and the necessity of the situation. The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The deplorable administration of criminal justice in this city and the frightful extent to which the bribery of juries has been carried on rendered it necessary for the citizens of New Orleans to vindicate outraged justice; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deplore at all times a resort to violence, we consider the action taken by the citizens this morning to be proper and justifiable.

Resolutions of similar purport were also adopted by the produce exchange, sugar exchange and stock exchange.

Causes Which Led to the Tragedy.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—The following is given as a clear statement of the actuating causes which led to the tragedy enacted this morning: On October, 1890, about 11 o'clock at night, D. C. Hennessey, chief of police of the city of New Orleans, while going from his office to his home, was waylaid and shot to pieces by a band of Italian assassins armed with such blunderbusses as could only have been made and used for the purpose of assassination. The indignation and excitement was such that mob law and lynching were about to be resorted to. The entire community felt that in an endeavor to reach the guilty parties innocent Italians might be sacrificed. To allay the excitement and assist the constituted authorities the mayor of the city appointed a committee of fifty representative citizens to take charge of the investigations and to aid in the trial and conviction of the assassins. These measures arrested violence. The committee entered upon its work and at a mass meeting subsequently held in front of the city hall the actions of the committee were ratified and they were encouraged to continue their labors to secure prosecution and trial by the court. After months of preparation and trial, which continued three weeks, and in which distinguished counsel assisted the district attorney, the jury, charged to have been bribed and corrupted in the face of established guilt, rendered a verdict of mistrial as to three of the assassins—Scaffedi, Monastrio and Pollitz—and acquitted three of the assassins—Macheca, Marchesi and Bagnetto. Three more were on trial and were acquitted because of insufficient evidence, these being Matranga, Incornona and the boy Marchesi. The acquittal of Macheca, the chief conspirator, and of Marchesi and Bagnetto and the verdict of mistrial as to Pollitz, Scaffedi and Monastrio, fell like a thunderbolt upon the law-abiding citizens. With the conviction that the laws had been violated, that the verdict invited assassination and the engrafting of the Italian Mafia upon American institutions. The feeling grew strong that for self-preservation the people must assume the authority which they had delegated to the courts and which the courts were powerless to enforce. This feeling increased until it found vent in the mass meeting this morning at 10 o'clock. This uprising of the people to secure the punishment of the assassins who struck down their chief officer of police in night time with premeditated assassination was orderly and the people dispersed quietly as soon as their work of vindication was done.

Editorial Comment.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—States will say tomorrow, editorially: "Yesterday the cancer which for years has been gnawing at our social system—the hideous Mafia—was once for all amid torrents of blood fiercely rooted out by the people's strong arm and with the people's instruments. The evils which remain to inflict our community—the vicious jury system and suborners living among us—are not of the deadly character which demands heroic treatment. Let the constituted authorities move against the jury which has outraged justice and insulted common sense."

The Times-Democrat will say: "Paralysis of justice the past two years was due to the settlement in New Orleans of lawless bands of men, hailing mostly from southern Italy, who brought with them to this country pernicious ideas and murderous methods, which have planted conspiracy and assassination societies in their quondam home. The short, sharp and decisive drama of yesterday had in it, moreover, a warning for another class which they will do well not to disregard. We refer to jury fixers, who are expert at getting at talesmen and jurymen and filling the jury box partly or wholly with men pledged to consult above all things the interests of criminals.

Thinks it a Shame.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Signor Durante, editor of L'Italia of this city, regards the lynching of the Italians at New Orleans as a great shame for the American people. He thinks the Italian government will take prompt action and ask reparation from the United States.

The banquet of the Italians of this city in honor of the forty-seventh birthday of King Humbert has been indefinitely postponed because of today's tragedy at New Orleans. The society has sent a telegram to Premier Rudini, at Rome, demanding energetic intervention and protection from the government of the fatherland.

Foreman Seligman in Disgrace.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—At a meeting of the stock exchange the action of Foreman Seligman of the Hennessey jury, who is a member of the exchange, was discussed. The following resolutions were quickly adopted:

Whereas, J. M. Seligman, a visiting member of this exchange, has by his action in the Hennessey case evidently contributed to defy justice, ignore the laws and scandalize the community; therefore be it

Resolved, That he is hereby expelled from this exchange.

Seligman has also been expelled from the young men's gymnastic club.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Iowa's Milionaire Judge.

DAVENPORT, Ia., March 14.—Word has been received of the death at Oakland, Cal., this morning of Judge James Grant, one of the oldest and best known attorneys of Iowa.

Death of the Fat Contributor.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A. Minor Griswold, widely known as the "Fat Contributor," editor of Texas Siftings, died suddenly of apoplexy at Sheboygan Falls, Wis., this morning.

Death of an Actress.

NEW YORK, March 14.—May Girdon, an actress formerly with the Margaret Mather company, died today.

The Corvette Galena Ashore.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., March 14.—The United States corvette Galena and the United States tug Nina went ashore last night south of Gayhead lighthouse during strong southerly winds. There was a dense fog at the time. The Galena was being towed to the Portsmouth navy yards for repairs. The officers and the crews of both vessels were taken off by the Galena's boats and the life saving crew. A steam tug which visited the scene today reports the sea making a clean breach over both vessels. The officers and crews saved nothing from the wreck. The Galena has three new boilers on deck which were to be put in her.

A Prominent Politician Disappears.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 14.—The sudden and mysterious disappearance of Colonel L. L. Thompson one of the leading democratic politicians of Arkansas, has created a sensation in Little Rock, says a dispatch from that city. It is rumored that he has gone to Galveston. His friends fear that he has become insane from reverses in business affairs and from the death of his wife.

RECEIVED IN FULL STATE.

Deputation from the Alsace-Lorraine Parliament Calls Upon Emperor William.

DECLINES TO RELAX THE PASSPORT ORDER.

A Renewal of Friendly Relations Between the Emperor and Bismarck Looked Upon as a Certainty.

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BERLIN, March 14.—A deputation consisting of members of the Alsace-Lorraine parliament, was given an audience by Emperor William today. His majesty received the deputation in full state. The leader of the deputation read a petition and the document was then deposited at the foot of the throne. Addressing the deputation the emperor said: "It is a source of satisfaction that the provincial committee has applied directly to me on a question of the first importance and interest to Alsace-Lorraine. I perceive in this fact valuable evidence of increasing approbation of favor and sympathy shown to me in the progress of our country. I also willingly accept your assurances that the people of Alsace-Lorraine will continue to take their stand on the ground of legal order of things and that they will reject any interference on the part of a foreign element and only look to the empire to protect their interests. In tendering you my thanks for this expression of your loyalty I regret to be unable for the present to comply with your wishes in regard to a relaxation of the passport system in Alsace-Lorraine. I must confine myself to an expression of the hope that the date is not far distant when it will be permissible to again grant facilities for intercourse on the western frontier of your province. The hope will be earlier realized the more the people of Alsace-Lorraine become convinced of the indissolubility of the ties uniting them with Germany and the more strongly they prove by their deeds and their resolutions to at all times stand faithfully and unflinchingly by me and the empire." The emperor afterwards gave a private audience to Herr Schlumberger, president of the deputation. He made keen inquiries as to his views regarding the progress of the attempt to Germanize the province.

In an interview with a representative of the Associated press Dr. Otto, secretary of the deputation, said that since 1888 Alsace-Lorraine had been rapidly becoming more friendly with Germany. The people believed the province should cease to be treated as a conquered country. Their expectations had been partly realized, but a renewal of the stringent passport regulations had fallen like a thunderbolt. Nevertheless the emperor was extremely popular and had won the complete confidence of the Alsatians, who, being Germans, would soon be reconciled with Germany. The people of Lorraine still remain hostile. They were Celts and still in sympathy with the French.

A renewal of friendly relations between the emperor and Prince Bismarck approaches a certainty. The emperor will visit Kiel at the end of the month and proceeds thence to Altona, where he will review the Ninth army corps. Waldersee, on his recent visit to Friederichsruhe, conveyed a request from the emperor to meet Bismarck at Altona. Bismarck has not yet given assent to a resumption of direct communications with the emperor.

His delay in responding appears to be due to a determination to assure himself as to how the emperor is likely soon to stand towards the leading statesmen who are the probable successors of the present ministry. The cabinet is in a state of dissolution. What may be the final composition when the emperor finally resolves upon it his majesty himself does not know. After Dr. Von Gessler, Herr Herrfurth, minister of the interior, will be the next to go. Chancellor Von Caprivi denies the rumor that he has offered to resign, but he tells his friends that he awaits his majesty's pleasure upon reforming the ministry, and slants towards the conservatives and old cartellers, who have never ceased in their admiring allegiance to the prince. The emperor has failed to find Caprivi the ductible tool he expected him to be. Beneath the chancellor's affability of manner lies a firm disposition not to yield on great matters, though he is submissive on minor ones. The emperor now appears to be making Herr Miguel, the Prussian minister to France, his bosom confidant.

The papers last evening, in view of the constant consultations between the emperor and Herr Miguel, announced that the latter had actually been appointed to succeed Chancellor Von Caprivi. The announcement is not true, however. The appointment of Herr Miguel as chancellor would imply the emperor's full adhesion to labor reforms and the liberal measures for the relief of the burdens of workingmen.

Prince Bismarck is awaiting developments. He is waiting to see the tendency of the imperial mind. If the emperor selects Herr Miguel as chancellor the chance of a renewal of confidential relations with the ex-chancellor will be very remote. The people of Berlin now call the emperor "Der Plotzlicher." They are becoming habituated to sudden surprises from him. In the meantime, in view of a possible reconciliation, the Bismarckian organs are observing an armistice and refrain from attacking the imperial policy.

Bismarck, replying to the electors of Geestemunde as to his candidacy for the reichstag, states that he will accept, but reserves the right to refuse if the majority returning him was not sufficient. The socialists will oppose him.

President Herr Lewetzow of the reichstag, in announcing the death of Dr. Windthorst, pronounced a eulogy upon the dead statesman, extolling his acumen, unceasing activity and personal influence on all sides of the house. He declared that scarcely any one would be so missed in the reichstag as Dr. Windhorst.

The commission of the reichstag on the government bill, providing for the restitution to the clergy of the funds seized by the government during the Kulturkamf, has rejected the leading clauses as too favorable to the clericals. The decision implies the practical rejection of the measure. The center or clerical party will fight the hardest for the restoration of the bill as proposed.

A meeting of the agricultural society discussed the projected universal exhibition in Berlin. A majority of the speakers were not in favor of the idea. In commercial circles generally the scheme finds small support.

The emperor has ordered that work on the new cathedral in Berlin be expedited. The old dome cathedral will be closed in the autumn.

The delegation of miners who are going to the congress which is to be held in Paris on March 31 have been charged to propose a plan for an international strike, to include the miners in England, France, Belgium and Germany. The scheme includes the controlling of the strike by a central committee.

DEATH OF DR. WINDTHORST.

The Leader of the Catholic Party in Prussia Passes Away.

BERLIN, March 14.—Dr. Windthorst, parliamentary leader of the Catholic party in Prussia, died this morning after several days' illness.

Dr. Windthorst at midnight was merely able to whisper replies to inquiries as to his condition. Suddenly, however, his voice returned, and, evidently imagining he was in the reichstag, Dr. Windthorst delivered an impassioned address in favor of the abolition of the law expelling the Jesuits from Germany. The veteran leader's voice, while he delivered the address, could be clearly heard through three rooms. He never spoke after having concluded his remarks upon the bill.

In the reichstag today President Levetzow delivered a most affecting eulogy upon the death of Dr. Windthorst.

Advised to Harmonize.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 14.—The Union, whose editor was the first president of the first land league formed in this country, and who has led here in all movements to raise money for the home rule cause, means Parnell's appeal with "Not a dollar," and Parnell's delegation with "Go home and get together."

An Illinois Murderer Hanged.

DECATUR, Ill., March 14.—At 11:55 today William H. Crawford was executed in the corridor of the Macon county jail in the presence of 200 persons. The crime for which he suffered death was the murder of Mrs. Colonel Mathias last August. The woman was the mother of three attractive girls, one of whom Crawford had been forcing his attentions upon. Because the mother would not listen to his suit he killed her.

OUR SENATORS IN DENVER.

The Nebraska Legislators Given a Whirl by the Coloradons.

DENVER, Col., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The Nebraska senate and friends, forty-eight in number, arrived here this morning over the B. & M. road. They were met at the depot by a committee of Colorado senators, consisting of Messrs. Israel, Golder, Weiset and Smith, and escorted to the several hotels. They attended a session of the senate after breakfast and were presented to the officers and members of both houses. At 11:30 o'clock the Colorado senate adjourned and escorted the Nebraska people to the mining exchange, where an interesting meeting was in progress. Dinner followed, after which the visitors were driven through the principal streets of the city. Tonight they will visit the Tabor grand, where Emma Juch sings in "The Flying Dutchman."

This afternoon the senators were banqueted at the Windsor hotel. Speeches were made by Governor Routt of Colorado, president of the senate; Lieutenant Governor Majors of Nebraska, Senators Tabor, Barilla and Whitely and Rev. J. G. Tate of Hastings. At the close of the festivity the party was driven through the business and residence district of the city. In the evening it attended the performance at the Tabor Grand. Tomorrow it will take a ride to Georgetown and Silver Plume, returning to this city in time to take the 5 o'clock afternoon train for Lincoln, which place they will reach at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

A HORRIBLE DISCOVERY.

Badly Decomposed Remains Found in an Hotel Bed.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A horrible discovery was made at the Dunlap house today, a man being found dead after having laid for some days.

On February 26 a man called at the hotel and registered as Robert Davis of Karners, paid for a room and was assigned to one on the third floor. He went to his room and from that time on the hotel people lost all interest in his movements. He was not seen again, nor was any inquiry made as to whether his room was tenanted or not until today, when a horrible stench penetrating through the hallway attracted attention and indicated that something was wrong in the room. The door was found to be locked and on being burst open Davis' body was discovered on the bed badly decomposed. He evidently had been dead from the night he took the room. The deceased was fifty years old and, from letters found in his pocket, it was inferred that he came down from Karners to meet a daughter who lives in Oneida county. It is probable that he blew out the gas and was asphyxiated.

A SPANISH OPINION.

The Queen Regent Speaks Favorably of Reciprocity.

NEW YORK, March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A Spanish organ in America, "Las Novedades" of New York, is the first to publish the text of the message delivered by the queen regent on the opening of the newly elected cortes in Madrid on March 2. The following paragraph from that message is of direct interest to the United States, as relating to the pending negotiations for a reciprocity treaty and is translated verbatim. The Spanish regent said:

"The first portion of the financial operation authorized by the law on the Cuban budget having been accomplished with great success there has not occurred in the colonial provinces anything else worth mentioning to you (the members of the cortes). The natural uneasiness which has been produced in them by the latest tariff law in the United States is disappearing and if, as I hope, the negotiations already begun lead in the near future to a convention with that nation confidence will be revived and our Antilles will continue to add to their wealth with increasing energy."

A FORGER'S STORY.

Hunger Drives a Young Man to Commit a Crime.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—About a month ago a man giving his name as A. C. Snyder was arrested here charged with forgery. When brought into court he said that he had no counsel and an attorney was given him. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year. After this had been done he told his attorney who he was. His real name is Kipley, and he hails from Burlington, Ia. He is a brother-in-law of Thomas Potter, late president of the Union Pacific. The check was for $3 and he forged it to get something to eat. When these facts were brought to the notice of the governor he pardoned him, after an imprisonment of two weeks.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

A Young Herder Attacked and Shot by a Stranger.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Details have been received of a recent attempt to assassinate a boy named Jarod Smith on Shell creek. Smith was riding the range near his father's ranche when he was attacked by a stranger who fired twice at him, the second shot wounding him slightly. Young Smith returned the fire and finally succeeded in making his assailant ride away. There is intense excitement in the vicinity of the assault and a force of cowboy friends of Smith are hunting the country for the man who did the shooting.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The governor of Idaho has approved the bill appropriating $20,000 for the world's fair exhibits.

The engineer and fireman were killed in a wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading road last night near Beaver Valley.

Charles Kellogg, well known throughout the country as a civil engineer and inventor, died at Findlay, O., last night.

Representative Spinola of New York is seriously ill of nervous prostration at the Arlington hotel. His friends are alarmed.

The through mail train from the south on the Atlantic coast line was derailed near Richmond, Va., yesterday. A number of passengers were badly bruised and shaken up.

The bark Umberto Prince, from Rosario, went ashore last night on Romers shoals in a terrible gale. Revenue cutters did not succeed in rescuing the crew until late yesterday afternoon.

The new iron steamer Masina, the first of the kind ever built in Chicago, was successfully launched yesterday at the yards of the Chicago ship building company. She is of 4,000 tons displacement and is in length 308 feet over all.

Acting Secretary Grant has detailed Lieutenants Powhatan and Clark of the Tenth cavalry to special duty with the Second Westphalian hussars, No. 11, of the imperial German army, for the purpose of studying the German cavalry service.

Yesterday the presence of the joint assembly of the West Virginia legislature Lieutenant R. M. G. Brown of the United States navy, one of the heroes of Samoa, was presented with a beautiful and suitably inscribed sword, voted him by the legislature as a testimonial of the honor in which his native state held him.

In a bill filed in the circuit court at Chicago yesterday William M. Hahn and Edward Mansfield represent that they were appointed by the supreme court of Ohio to proceed against the Buckeye Mutual fire insurance company to annul its charter and collect liability from policy holders. William W. Brown was the agent for the company for Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois up to the time of his death, February 1, since when H. H. Vater has had charge. The books show that Brown owed the company $20,000, and that he only had $800 on deposit to his credit. The court is asked to compel Vater to turn over all the papers and books.

PRECIPITATING A RATE WAR.

That is the Way the Alton's Action is Regarded.

LIABLE TO PRODUCE SERIOUS RESULTS.

The Dismemberment of the Western Passenger Association Predicted—A Decision Affecting the Iowa Central.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The difficulty between the Jacksonville Southeastern line and the Western Passenger association, precipitated by the action of the Chicago & Alton, is liable to produce serious results. President Hook is very positive and outspoken in the matter.

"We have done all we can to set matters right and supposed we had things arranged satisfactorily," he said. "We offered to join the association in good faith, and had it not been for the action of the Alton there would have been no trouble. The fact is they are simply demanding impossibilities of us. They insist on our getting in all the 2 cent mileage tickets we have out and that is something no one can do. We have furnished a list of all of them and before long they will be used up and that will be the end of the matter. But Mr. Charlton doesn't seem satisfied with this. After doing all that we were asked to do he comes in with further demands beyond the reach of human power to grant, and we are compelled to decline. We have made our last concession and have all we can do and if war has to come let it come. We expect the Santa Fe to stand by us in the fight, if one has to come, and that may mean the dismemberment of the association, but if so we can't help it."

The Decision Modified.

CHICAGO, March 14.—The Iowa Central road has been trying very hard to secure a reversal of the recent decision of the board of commissioners of the Western Traffic association, in which it was required to advance its rate on certain commodities 17 to 20 cents per 100 from Chicago to Iowa points, and also to advance its rates from the east bank of the Mississippi to Oskaloosa and Marshalltown on traffic from the east. Chairman Walker rendered a decision today modifying his finding of February 20 in the matter of rates on commodities from Chicago, but relaxing the decision as to the proportional rates from the Mississippi river. The figures established are simply experimental and subject to change, if they fail to produce the object in view.

Negotiating For a New Line.

DENVER, Colo., March 14.—It is rumored on good authority that the Rio Grande & Western road, in order to secure a shorter line to the Pacific coast, is negotiating for the purchase of the Oregon Pacific road, projected from Yaquina bay, on the Oregon coast, to Boise, Idaho, and will build a railroad from Ogden, Utah, to connect with it, which would give it a first class transcontinental route.

An Important Alliance.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The New York Central road has assumed control of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg road under a long lease. The alliance is a very important one.

NEW YORK FRAMERS.

They Make a Demand for Shorter Hours and More Pay.

NEW YORK, March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The united framers of this city have made a demand for shorter hours and more wages, and threaten to strike on May 1 unless the bosses accede to it. They want eight hours to constitute a day's work the first five days of the week and seven hours for Saturday. They ask that wages be increased from 40 to 45 cents an hour and that the bosses' books and contracts be open for examination at any time the union desires. The bosses will refuse to sign any contract. They say that they will agree to shorten hours and increase wages to those deserving, but they protest the demand that contracts be open for examination at any time.

A PROBABLE MURDER.

Louis Bryant Makes a Vicious Assault on a Cripple.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A probable murder, which was committed on March 2 in the north part of the county, has just been made public in Kearney, and the officers of the law are searching diligently for the guilty one.

J. W. Lalone, a well-known painter and paper hanger of this city, is lying in a very critical condition from the effects of an assault made on him by Louis D. Bryant, who was in Lalone's employ on his ranch, taking care of his stock. On the day of the altercation Lalone reprimanded Bryant for neglecting his work, when he turned upon his employer, knocked him down with a slungshot and trampled his face and body, crushing his skull and breaking three ribs. Mr. Lalone is a cripple and could not have defended himself ordinarily. Bryant sought refuge at the residence of S. S. Cool and bid defiance to the officer who attempted to arrest him. Sheriff Wilson is now in pursuit of Bryant.

Left With the Proceeds.

CHAPMAN, Neb., March 14.—(Special to THE BEE.)—C. M. Thomas, pohibitionist, church member, alliance worker and stock dealer, is gone. With him went $1,200 belonging to friends and neighbors. He bought hogs enough to load two cars, giving checks in payment, which he promised would be cashed on Wednesday. These checks ranged in amounts from $10 to $200. On Tuesday Thomas left for Omaha with the hogs, taking along his little boy, Eddie. Nothing was heard from him till last night, when his wife received a letter mailed at Council Bluffs. This stated that Thomas had made up his mind not to return. He had bade his son goodbye at the Omaha union depot and started him home. Some of Thomas' victims hope he will return and set things right, but these are few.

Accused of Stealing a Watch.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—This afternoon William Carroll, a resident of Billingstown, a suburb of this city, was arrested on the charge of stealing a watch belonging to William Hull. Carroll was digging a well at Hull's place and went into the house to change his clothes and it is charged stole the watch during Mrs. Hull's temporary absence. Carroll was searched, but it is believed he had in the meantime hidden the watch in the barn, as it was not found upon his person. He was brought into town and lodged in jail.

Sold by the Bank.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 14.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The Charles A. Wiebe dry goods stock was sold today by the Grand Island Banking company to G. M. McIntire of Topeka, Kan., for $23,700. Parties were present from various points in the west and the bidding was quite lively. The amount paid was much less than the original cost of the goods. It is stated that Mr. McIntire will continue the business in this city and will be ready to open up in a few days.

A Citizens' Ticket.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A citizens' convention was held here today, resulting in the nomination of Stanley Thompson for mayor, and for councilmen J. H. Murphy, G. P. Cadwell, L. M. Brigham and Nathan Campbell. This ticket is supposed to represent the principles of the Knights of Labor and their allies.

Accidentally Shot.

BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., March 14.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Word has just been brought in that a farmer named Wolf, living about four miles east of Odell, shot himself yesterday and will die. It is supposed to have been an accident.

MAY END IN DEATH.

Frank Deitz Seriously Hurt in a Runaway Accident.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A runaway accident occurred on Cottage Grove avenue this forenoon that will probably prove fatal to Frank Deitz of West Twenty-second street. Mr. Deitz was driving along the street with a load of household goods, when his horses suddenly became frightened and started to run, going down the street at breakneck speed, until nearing an approaching team, they made a sudden turn, running the vehicle against the curb-stone, demolishing the wagon and precipitating Mr. Deitz to the pavement, his head striking on a sharp rock, inflicting a frightful wound. The force of the fall rendered him unconscious. At last reports he was in a critical condition.

Hon. John Weare Buried.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 14.—The funeral of Hon. John Weare, a pioneer Iowan and Chicago capitalist, father of Hettie Weare, Mrs. Marc Morton and Mrs. W. H. Hubbard of Chicago, occurred here this afternoon. Deceased was thirty-five years ago with John I. Blaire, instrumental in organizing a movement for the building of the first railroad from the Mississippi river into the interior of Iowa.

Short on Water.

CRESTON, Ia., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The second engine on a double-header freight train going west dropped its crown sheet at Prescott this morning. Engineer Joe Diffenbaugh and Fireman Osborne were badly burned and bruised, though not dangerously. Several cars were derailed.

An Iowa Town Scorched.

STOUX, Ia., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Fire this morning destroyed the store of W. D. Utter & Son, hardware, furniture, boots and shoes, Pyle & Chandler's harness shop, Allen's harness shop, J. R. Dobb's butcher shop and Miss Johnson's residence. The loss is estimated at from $7,000 to $10,000.

Prize Fighting in Indiana.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The three men arrested several weeks ago for prize fighting were discharged from custody today on the ground that while the statutes provided a heavy penalty for fighting they did not define what constituted a prize fight. Judge Snyder of the circuit court rendered this opinion. Under the decision the prize fight may take place in Indiana with immunity.

HAD NO CHANCE TO

Chicago's Firemen Kept Busy During day Night's Uncertain Watches.

BIG BONDED DEBT OF THE WINDY CITY.

Over Eighteen Million Dollars Owed—World's Fair Matters—Wedding of Another Miss Fuller Announced.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE BEE, 1111 CHICAGO, March 14.

The Chicago fire department had the liveliest night last night that it has known in a long time. There were two general alarms, two "Two-elevens" and several small fires within the space of two or three hours. Thirty-seven engines, a fire boat and other apparatus were working on the two big fires at the same time, and Chief Marshall Swenie at one time felt considerable anxiety lest another large fire should break out in another locality.

Several firemen received painful injuries and Chief Swenie himself may lose an eye. He was struck on the head and severely cut by a piece of falling cornice.

CHICAGO'S DEBT.

Comptroller Onahan's annual report shows the bonded debt of Chicago to be $18,545,000, exclusive of the $5,000,000 world's fair bonds. The total receipts of the past year were $35,050,000.

WORLD'S FAIR MATTERS.

Director General Davis of the world's fair is preparing for another tilt with the local directory. Some time ago the committee on foreign affairs adopted a resolution making him the head of that department. Today he notified the committee that he would ignore the resolution and himself appoint a chief on April 1.

MISS FULLER TO BE MARRIED.

It is announced that Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Grace, to Mr. Archibald Brown of Chicago. After the ceremony a reception will be given at the chief justice's home. This wedding will be the event of the season in Washington society.

THEY DIDN'T EVICT.

There should have been some wholesale evictions at Pullman today, but there wasn't. Today was the last day of grace granted to the defeated strikers who now occupy Mr. Pullman's houses, but who have been told to get out. It was expected that there would be a general exodus of the thirty-four families, but no one stirred. The strikers still hold the fort in the handsome little brick cottages on Pullman avenue. Furthermore they claim that they will continue to do so—that no power on earth can make them move their wives and little ones into the street. The company's officials, on the other hand, say that the men will move; that they will have to get out Monday—peaceably if they will, forcibly if necessary. So that it is not unlikely that next week will witness some scenes of exciting interest.

WESTERN PEOPLE IN CHICAGO.

Among the western people in Chicago today were the following:

At the Grand Pacific—F. P. Sawyer, C. C. Gilman, Muscatine, Ia.; C. B. Southern, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

At the Wellington—E. P. Eastman, Burlington, Ia.

At the Leland—Colonel W. F. Cody, Major J. M. Burke, Omaha; G. C. Crager, New York.

At the Auditorium—G. L. Shoup, Idaho; F. A. Hancock, Dubuque, Ia.; R. M. Dugan, Marshalltown, Ia.; F. M. Hubbell, Des Moines; W. A. Lyons, W. B. Richards, Montana; E. P. Sheir, Des Moines, J. W. Trumnell and wife, Lincoln.

At the Palmer—W. C. Spencer, W. B. Dowell, Salt Lake City; J. M. Sudden and wife, Omaha, W. L. Hayes and wife, Clinton, Ia.; J. R. Gamble, Yankton, S. D.; G. Blossom, Deadwood, S. D.

At the Tremont—E. S. Crane, Dubuque, Ia.

At the Grand Pacific—T. J. Dagle, L. C. Hill, F. J. Sutcliffe, Omaha.

At the Palmer—G. C. Barton and family, Omaha.

At the Auditorium—H. J. Calkins, F. J. Pearson, Omaha.

Westinghouse Again in Control.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 14.—The Union Switch and Signal company reorganized today as announced last night, the Westinghouse interests assuming control. Secretary Rowand, who engineered the other deal, was stricken with apoplexy this afternoon. Westinghouse has issued a statement, in which he said the business affairs of the company will be reorganized at once.

Taken to Wyoming.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—John White, the man who obtained a judgment against the Union Pacific for $1,500 damages for attempted lynching by train hands, was today taken to Wyoming to be tried for the murder of Brakeman Pat Taggart.

The California Contest.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 14.—Another ballot for United States senator was taken today, resulting: Estee, 34; De Young, 23; Felton, 13; Blanchard, 22; Johnson, 4; Wetmore, 1. The democrats cast a complimentary vote for William D. English.

This is the Season

Almost Everyone Knows That it is Important

To Purify The Blood

In the Spring Months, and

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Is Generally Recognized As the Standard

Spring Medicine

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