THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

TWENTIETH YEAR. OMAHA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 22, 1891 NUMBER 303.

SCHOOL CHILDREN POISONED.

A Number of Them Ate Wild Turnips with Fatal Effects.

SUICIDE OF AN INSANE MAN IN JAIL.

Escape from a Pursuing Evil Spirit—Lightning's Work at Ayr—Indicted by the Grand Jury—Big Irrigation Project.

TORIAS, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A number of school children of the families of William Kassabum, Joseph Kral and Joseph Slidek, living six miles northeast of here, were poisoned today by eating wild turnips. One of the Kassabum children died before medical aid could be summoned and the others are in a critical condition.

Suicided in Jail.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Upon opening the door leading to the corridor of the city bastile this morning the jailer discovered the lifeless body of Peter Rasmussen in one of the cells. The unfortunate man had made a plain loop of his necktie, tied the same to the sewer box and deliberately placed his neck in the loop with his face down and strangled himself. Rasmussen was a sturdy young farmer living near Minden, Kearney county. He was found by a farmer near Blue Hill Monday and brought to Hastings. He had wandered aimlessly all day Sunday during the pouring rain storm. The man labored under the apprehension that an evil spirit was pursuing him and asked the protection of the police.

How They Do it at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Fremont city council is now struggling with a new occupation tax ordinance. This question was made the issue in the recent campaign and the work of the council now is to carry out the expressed wishes of the people, who gave an overwhelming majority for those who stood for raising the sum on the saloons, placing a large tax, also, on the corporations doing business in the city, and repealing it on other businesses. The council stands four and four on this issue and the tie is readily broken each time by Mayor Fried voting for the raise on the saloons and outside corporations. The ordinance, which is now on its second reading, fixes $400 a year on saloons, $150 each on the telegraph, telephone and express companies; $100 for circuses, $10 a day for peddlers, $25 a day for quack doctors and dentists.

Hunting for the Criminal.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The minister who was knocked off the railroad train between here and Crawford, an account of which appeared in THE BEE recently, visited the post in an endeavor to identify the party who attempted his robbery but failed.

Colonel Henry is very much exercised over the occurrence and is using all the means in his power to find the guilty party, and the officers and men of this garrison feel deeply aggrieved that such a thing should occur and will give the colonel their assistance in discovering the culprit. Little Bat, the Indian interpreter, while out hunting, found the valise about one-half mile from the scene in the bushes, near the railroad track. Some patent book backs and a bible prospectus were the only things missing.

Freaks of Lightning.

AYR, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One of the most curious freaks of lightning on record was witnessed at this place yesterday. The children of Mr. Kress, Lena, aged twelve, and Guy, aged eight years, were in the loft of the barn when it was struck by lightning. Guy was knocked down and rendered insensible, Lena was knocked down with great force and received some ugly bruises. Several wires that were stretched across the barn just over her head burned with great brilliancy and fell all around her in a shower of sparks. The building took fire on all sides while a horse that was directly beneath her was killed. The escape of the children without serious injury is almost miraculous.

The Central Chautauqua.

FREMONT, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—At a meeting of the officers of the Central Chautauqua association held in this city last night Frank E. Hartigan of Omaha, who was connected with the management of the Crete chautauqua for five years, was selected as traveling representative and assistant general manager of the Central association, which holds its first annual session during the ten days previous to July 4, on the Fremont grounds. It was also decided to build a good, two-story hotel on the grounds, and work on the structure will soon begin. The management of the new association is working with commendable energy and good results are promised.

Accused of Embezzlement.

STEELE CITY, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A. L. Button, a young merchant of this place, was arrested here today on a warrant sworn out by one E. D. Ayers of Ponca, Neb., charging Button with embezzling goods and money to the amount of $150. Button was clerking for Ayers in Ponca until last September. Button says the whole matter is spite and he will make things as interesting as possible for Ayers. An interview with the deputy sheriff of Dixon county, who made the arrest, shows that there is a grudge between the parties. Button commenced business here but a few weeks ago and was doing a good business and had made lots of friends.

An Irrigation Project.

MCCOOK, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At an adjourned meeting of the county commissioners of Red Willow county today a special election was called for the purpose of voting bonds in aid of an extended system of irrigating ditches in that territory south of the Republican river and tributary to McCook. The state engineer of Colorado has looked over the survey and pronounces the subject feasible. It will put about 35,000 acres under the ditch and will, together with the extension of the Frenchman ditch of the north side, put the most of the land in this county under water.

Waived Examination.

SUTTON, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The preliminary hearing of Johnny McKeague, charged with assault with intent to kill William Wieden yesterday, was held today. Justice McGill bound him over under $300 bonds to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of court, McKeague pleading not guilty and waiving examination. A commission of doctors appointed by the court made a thorough examination of Mr. Wieden's condition and report him conscious and with a fair chance for recovery.

Knows Nothing About It.

TALMAGE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Albert E. Ewan, a correspondent of the Kansas City Star, who has been stopping with relatives here during the past week, was arrested this morning by Chief of Police Whalen of Nebraska City charging him with criminal libel. The arrest grew out of an article that appeared in the Kansas City Sunday Sun charging L. W. Lloyd and a Mrs. Kidd of Nebraska City with being too intimate. Mr. Ewan says he knows nothing of the article whatever.

Officers Elected.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Beatrice canton, Patriarchs Militant, No. 5, elected the following officers for the ensuing year last night: Captain, W. W. Scott; lieutenant, W. R. Jones; ensign, F. W. Schwank; standard bearer, W. S. Locke; clerk, Thomas Liddicott; accountant, A. L. Snow. The canton will go to York, Neb., Saturday to participate in the celebration there.

The Nebraska City Sensation.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Watson house sensation is still the talk of the town. The citizens would like very much to know the author of a number of other sensational articles that have been sent from Nebraska City. Chief of Police Wheeling and L. W. Lloyd returned this morning from Talmage having in custody Al Ewan, the man who is charged with criminal libel by Lloyd. Mr. Ewan was at once taken before County Judge Eaton and notified of the charge that stands against him. He denied the accusation and filed an affidavit to the effect that he was innocent. His bond was placed at $300 and he furnished it. The case will be heard Thursday. He admits that of late he has been in the employ of the Sun, but not as a correspondent from Nebraska City. He merely wrote some political matter from Lincoln. He stated further that as soon as his hearing was disposed of he would begin action against L. Lloyd for false arrest. Ewan expects the Sun to send him a lawyer from Kansas City to look out for his side of the case.

This evening Marshal Wheeling went over to Lincoln to arrest Cotton, one of the proprietors of Vanity Fair. He will be brought here tonight for trial on the charge of libel.

The Governor Loves Music.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Tonight the United States marine band from Washington, D. C., after the concert at the opera house, tendered a serenade to Governor Boyd in the corridor of the Lincoln house. The playing was almost divine and the governor gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid. He said: "Music hath charms to soothe the savage, to make the lion cease its rage, the lynx forget his wrath to man. Are we, alas, less savage than these, else music sure would human ears dispease. The beauty of music is that it is everyland and in every tongue it is the same. We love music whether the sounds are produced by the shepherd boy of bonnie Scotland playing on his bagpipes, or from the lips of the beautiful Decca, or by the Irish peasant playing on the harp of Erin." The governor dwelt for about ten minutes in this happy strain and was loudly applauded at its closing.

Tried to Ran the Train.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A young man named Krouse living a few miles southwest of town and near Greenwood had been to Lincoln on a tear today, and coming home on the afternoon flyer wanted the train stopped at Greenwood to let him off. The conductor refusing to stop angered the fellow and he began firing out of the car window with a revolver, whereupon he was promptly arrested by a B. & M. detective, who happened to be on the train, and left in the hands of a constable here awaiting orders from the authorities.

The Bridge Went Out.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The wagon and the foot bridge which spans the North Table creek on Sixth street went down tonight with a crash. The stream is flowing swiftly but the water is not as high as it has been. This bridge was a rotten concern and should have been condemned long ago. Several persons had crossed the structure just before it went down at 7 o'clock. The creek separates a residence portion from the stores and the bridge is used almost continuously by pedestrians. The cost to replace it will be considerable.

A New Order at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A council of the National union was organized in Fremont last evening with twenty charter members. The officers elected were: Ross L. Hammond, president; H. T. King, vice president; C. L. Williams, speaker; J. A. Elliott, secretary; J. M. Shively, financial secretary; W. H. Teele, treasurer; J. W. Robinson, chaplain; Bela Baldwin, usher; S. W. Smith, sergeant-at-arms; C. T. Durkee, doorkeeper; P. D. Denney, N. H. Brown, C. W. Stevenson, trustees.

New Officers Installed.

CRETE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The new city officers were installed this evening. Mayor Morris in a very able address stated that the finances of the city are in a very healthy condition. The total receipts for the year were $15,952; expenditures, $10,746; cash in the city treasury, $5,206.

A new census of the city has been taken by order of the council, showing a population within the city limits of 2,431 inhabitants.

Grand Jury Indictment.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Russell Brothers of this place were arrested today, on an indictment by the grand jury, for allowing games of chance in their business place.

Dave Burnham for refusing to testify before the grand jury was given sixty days in jail by Judge Broady today.

Mike Donanoe, an old and respected citizen of this county, was taken to the insane asylum at Lincoln yesterday.

New Agent Appointed.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—R. R. Douglas was appointed station agent for the B. & M. at this point to succeed the late Michael Derum. Douglas has for a long time been in the employ of the company as traveling freight agent on the southern division. He arrived tonight and assumed the duties of his office.

Washed Out the Tracks.

MONROE, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The heaviest rain for three and a half years fell here yesterday and last night. Fully six inches of water fell in the twelve hours it rained. The railroad track is washed out both east and west of here, but the construction train is at work and trains will not be delayed more than a few hours.

Assaulted an Officer.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William McKinney was given a sixty day sentence in the county jail this morning for making a brutal assault last evening upon Officer Weatherstone, who was remonstrating against McKinney using violent and obscene language on the streets.

Burial of a Pioneer Preacher.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The remains of Rev. D. H. May, one of the pioneer Methodist ministers of Nebraska, were brought here today for interment. The deceased is the father-in-law of Acting Mayor G. P. Marvin. Rev. May was seventy-two years of age.

Ashland Trotting Association.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Ashland Trotting association met this evening at the city drug store and reorganized by electing J. A. Bowen secretary. Funds were subscribed to put the association track in order for the races this season.

Will Build School Houses.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The school board last evening adopted a resolution to build two additional new school houses in the city at a cost of $15,000. The special election therefor will be called in a few days.

A Light Docket.

PENDER, Neb., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—District court will be in session here next week. Judge Norris will preside. There are only fifteen cases on the docket.

DISCOVERED A MISSING LINK.

It May Give General Fremont's Heirs Property Worth Ten Millions.

THE BIGGEST LIAR ON EARTH INSANE.

Joe Mulhatton Becomes Demented in Chicago—No Trust in Patent Nostrums—Fitzsimmons and Hall to Fight.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE BEE, CHICAGO, April 21.

The missing link in the chain of title establishing General Fremont's claim to the island of Alcatras in San Francisco bay has been received by W. R. Covert of Findlay, O., who is one of the claimants under Fremont, he having furnished a part of the purchase money. This missing part of the title is in the form of a grant from the Mexican government to Pilnit Temple, the man from whom General Fremont made the purchase. The United States government now has possession of this island, and Fremont's heirs are suing for its value, which is estimated at $10,000,000.

JOE MULHATTON INSANE.

"Joe" Mulhatton, the traveling salesmen's nominee for president during the last presidential campaign, and famous throughout the country as a teller of tall stories, is locked up at the detention hospital, insane. Last January he was thrown from a street car in New Orleans, and the fall produced concussion of the brain, which produced insanity. Mr. Mulhatton has been in the city about four days and was stopping at 378 Wabash avenue. H. B. Mulvaney, a lodge brother, found him roaming about the street in a demented condition, and while caring for him at his room Mulhatton drew a revolver from his trunk and attempted to shoot Mr. Mulvaney. Mulhatton is a man of ample means and will probably be sent to a private hospital for treatment.

NO PATENT MEDICINE TRUST.

The proposed combination of manufacturers of proprietary medicines and wholesale druggists against department stores and other dealers who cut the prices of these medicines, as recently proposed in New York, has proved a failure. According to prominent delegates the promoters of the scheme discovered that they could not operate the coupon plan without coming in contact with the national anti-trust law and the plan was therefore dropped. They also found that several states have special statutes that would be violated by the operation of the system. Their legal advisers said that it would be impossible to maintain any scheme by which several manufacturers could combine for the mutual maintenance of the prices of their several commodities.

DIDN'T CONTRACT FOR CANADIANS.

In anticipation of the threatened strike of labor unions in Chicago May 1, a man named James was sent to Canada to engage men to take the place of the strikers in case the threatened movement took place. But a Toronto dispatch says James became frightened when warned by the American consul that if he carried out his plans he would be infringing on the American law and left.

TO MATCH FITZSIMMONS AND HALL.

Active negotiations have been begun by the managers and backers of Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Hall toward arranging a match between the pair. In a day or two "Parson" Davies, on behalf of Hall, will challenge Fitzsimmons to fight for the biggest purse to be had, and will deposit $1,000 as a forfeit to insure his man's appearance in the ring. It is thought the long delayed match will be arranged this week.

NEW "L" ROAD FOR CHICAGO.

Corporation Counsel Hutchinson has issued a permit for another elevated railroad on Halsted street between Thirty-ninth and Eighty-seventh streets. It will give to the west side the same rapid transit facilities which are promised on the south side by the new "alley L" road.

CORINNE'S MOTHER DIVORCED.

Mrs. Jennie Kimball, who manages her daughter Corinne, was granted a divorce from her husband, Thomas Flaherty, by Judge Tuley yesterday. She has not lived with Mr. Flaherty for five years and wanted a divorce because Mr. Flaherty was reckless in the expenditure of her money.

IMAGINES HE'S HER LOVER.

A parallel to the persecution of Miss Gabrielle Greeley by Alfred H. Banks, who imagines he is to marry her, is found at Milwaukee, where C. M. Orr, a young man who holds a responsible position in a large wholesale warehouse, yesterday approached Miss Lizzie Plankinton, daughter of the late millionaire, as she was about to leave for Chicago on her way to New Mexico with her mother, and insisted on accompanying her and referred in terms of undisguised satisfaction to their approaching nuptials. She remonstrated with him for a while, saying that herself and mother would much prefer to travel alone, but he became so persistent that she was finally obliged to call an officer to detain him until the departure of the train.

THE COMING GIGANTIC STRIKE.

"On the first day of May," said Colonel William P. Rend, the great coal operator to a reporter for the Evening Post today, "there will be inaugurated the most extensive and formidable strike that has ever occured in the coal mining industry of the country. Ten days from now over two hundred thousand miners, employed in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa and other coal producing states, will almost to a man throw down their picks and unitedly demand an eight-hour day. Behind the miners the federation of labor stands pledged to their support. The order to suspend work to enforce this demand has already gone forth from the officers of the miners' national union. The mine owners avow their determination to resist this demand and fight it to the bitter end. The lines are already tightly drawn, and a conflict, determined in its character and of the gravest consequence, not only to the mining interests but to the general interests of a large portion of the country, is now about to take place. If this strike assumes the magnitude now threatened, and should continue for a period of even thirty days, it will do injury more widespread and more serious than any strike that has ever occurred in the United States. The hope of averting this disaster alone lies in the briefness of the struggle. It is a question whether such a vast army of idle men can be sustained and held together for even a brief period of two or three weeks by the support of outside and promised by the federated unions."

ANOTHER RAILROAD COMPLICATION.

Through the Alton boycott the Western Passenger association got its first black eye today. At a special meeting called to advance St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City rates, which have been off since early in January the Alton gave notice that under the present condition of things it couldn't agree to any such proceedings. It is asserted that the policy adopted in its fight against the trunk lines, if successful, will in time restore these rates, but if not it will be compelled to take a course which will further reduce all rates on the Alton system west of Chicago between terminal points. This purpose, if carried out, will precipitate a savage rate war and disrupt the Western Passenger association.

IT WAS A FAKE INTERVIEW.

A New York special to the Evening Post says: Wall street has enjoyed a quiet laugh over the reported interview with Jay Gould in which he is made to express himself with a good deal of the bravado of a bowery tough. He is quoted as saying: "I deny emphatically that I am trying to disrupt the Western Traffic association. While I do not deny such a thought has entered my mind more than once, it would not be policy for me to do so. Do not think for a moment that I am afraid to attempt such a thing. I dare do anything. The Atchison and Rock Island are often in print as very great rivals. It is all bosh. For reasons which both Manvel and Cable can explain, neither of these roads dare make a move without consulting me." There are other remarks in the same bombastic style which are so different from the usual language of Mr. Gould that it was at once recognized as a fake.

Edwin Gould said he was certain his father had never given expression to any such statements and looked upon it as a joke. Russell Sage said that in all the years of his acquaintance with Mr. Gould he had never heard him talk in that manner. He had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Gould never uttered a word of it.

"Mr. Gould will be back this week," Mr. Sage continued, "and he will attend the forthcoming meeting of the Western Traffic association. And not only that, he is not in favor of disrupting the association."

A NEW DAILY FOR OMAHA.

Omaha is to have a new afternoon daily, thoroughly democratic and full of western ozone. It will make its first appearance in about thirty days, and the indications are that it will make its presence felt in democratic ranks. Hon. W. R. Vaughan and Hon. George C. Christopherson are here in the interest of the new venture, and are making arrangements for a telegraphic service. Several democrats with means have expressed an interest in the enterprise, and it promises to have plenty of money behind it.

WESTERN PEOPLE IN CHICAGO.

Among the western people in Chicago today were the following:

At the Palmer—Sam Schwab, Helena, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dyer, Salt Lake City, Utah; William T. Coad, Rapid City, S. D.; William J. Leavitt, Mason City, Ia.; R. A. Harbors, Sioux City, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Nissley, Lincoln, Neb.; Frank H. Scott, Fremont, Neb.; C. W. Hubbard, Sioux Falls, S. D.

At the Wellington—Mrs. E. C. Babcock, Helena, Mont.

At the Leland—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henderson, Omaha; C. S. Varian, Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the Auditorium—John H. Green, Elmer S. Firestone, Des Moines, Ia.; C. D. Ives, A. M. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; A. D. Churchill, Helena, Mont.; K. C. Morehouse, Omaha.

At the Grand Pacific—William Lannon, E. L. Lomax, Frank J. Burkley, W. J. Broatch, Omaha; Charles W. O'Neill, Wallace, Idaho; E. C. Schuyler, Fargo, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wright, Des Moines, Ia.; James V. Mahoney, Sioux City, Ia.; Hon. Gilbert A. Pierce, Bismarck, N. D.

At the Windsor—S. E. Gleason, Council Bluffs.

At the Clifton—U. P. Degraff, Omaha.

At the Gault—C. H. Foster, F. E. Latourett, Omaha. ATKINSON.

PRESIDENT AT EL PASO.

Mexicans Join with Americans in Doing Him Honor.

EL PASO, Tex., April 21.—The presidential party arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. The reception here was a perfect ovation, Americans and the Mexican representatives of President Diaz vying with each other in their efforts to honor President Harrison. The city was elaborately decorated with the American and Mexican colors, and troops of both countries were drawn up at the station to receive the distinguished visitors. The party was escorted in carriages to the court house, where the visitors were accorded a welcome. The procession was composed of Mexican and American troops, Grand Army posts, confederate veterans and civic organizations. The Mexican artillery fired a salute.

The court house, Mexican consulate and other places were literally covered with brilliant decorations. As the president mounted the platform the Mexican military band played "Hail to the Chief," while a Mexican battery stationed on the Mexican bank of the Rio Grande fired a salute of twenty-one guns. An address of welcome was delivered by General Malloy, after which Governor Carillo of Chihuahua, Colonel Villanueva, representing President Diaz, and General Banjet of the Mexican army also spoke.

President Harrison in his address said he received with great satisfaction the tributes of respect which had been brought by the governor of Chihuahua and the representatives of the army of Mexico. He desired to return to them, and through them to the people of Mexico and to that illustrious and progressive statesman who presides over her destinies, not only his sincere personal regard, but assurances of the friendliness and respect of the American government and the people. "I look forward," said he, "with interest to a larger development of our trade, to the opening of new lines of commerce and new avenues of friendship. We have passed that year in our history, I hope, when we were aggressive and unpleasant neighbors. We do not covet the territory of any other people, but we do covet their friendship and those trade exchanges which are mutually profitable."

General Stanley and his aides, who had escorted the presidential party from Galveston, left them here, being relieved by General McCook and aides of the department of Arizona, who will accompany them to Los Angeles. Governor Prince of New Mexico joined the party at this point.

Arrival at Tucson.

TUCSON, Ariz., April 21.—The presidential party arrived here this evening at 8:20. Brief stops were made at Deming, Bowie, Wilcox and Benson. At Deming the president made a brief speech, in which he referred to the disadvantages under which the people of the territories had long labored in regard to land titles and said it had been a pleasure to him to urge upon congress the establishment of a special land court to settle the question once for all. He was glad to say that the law had been enacted, and immediately upon his return to Washington he expected to announce the judges of that court and set them to work so that the citizens shall certainly within two years have all these questions settled. He hoped they would then see an increase of population that had not yet been possible and which will tend to develop great resources, open up lands to settlement and make them a prosperous people. The speech was greeted with great applause.

The party met with a royal reception at Tuscon, the city being brilliantly illuminated. A salute was fired and the hills rung. After a brief reception the train left for Los Angeles.

Wholesale Grocers in Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 21.—A convention of the wholesale grocers of smaller cities throughout the northwest is in session here to consider the old quarrel between the large and small jobbers of tobacco, the decisions reached by the large jobbers' convention in Chicago in March not being satisfactory to the small jobbers, who fear the rules would freeze them out.

Train Wreckers' Deadly Work.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.—Somebody removed the fish-plates and caused the rails to spread, wrecking a passenger train on the Alabama & Great Southern railroad early this morning near Springville. The engineer and fireman were scalded to death, but none of the passengers were injured. It is not known who the miscreants are.

Family Poisoned by a Centipede.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 21.—A family moving from Tennessee to Texas was poisoned while in camp in Boone county by a centipede being accidentally boiled in their coffee. The mother and two small children are dead and the father and two children are seriously ill.

Hanged for Murdering a Policeman.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 21.—William Muscoe, alias Jerdan, the man who murdered a policeman three years ago, was hanged this morning.

Half a Million for Europe.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Five hundred thousand dollars in gold was ordered for shipment to Europe today.

RUSSIA AND THE BEHRING SEA

Nothing on Record at St. Petersburg to Prove the United States' Claims.

HOW THE CZAR REGARDS THE DISPUTE.

Possible Effect of a Decision on Future Commercial Probabilities—How the Great Controversy May Be Settled.

[Copyrighted 1891 by James Gordon Bennett.]

ST. PETERSBURG, April 21.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Blaine should make no mistake about the position of Russia on the coming arbitration of the Behring sea question. I know the views of the government, although it would not be fair to hold it responsible for my words.

In the first place there is nothing on record here to show that Russia intended to convey to the United States any special rights in the open waters of Behring sea. The sale of Alaska was the result of private negotiations between Edward Stoeckl and Secretary of State Seward. Russia purposely left the question of special jurisdiction or special privileges in the sea out of the bargain. The whole matter, so far as I can ascertain, was intentionally put aside. Any attempt to draw Russia out of this vague and reserved position would have been evaded or resisted. The Russian government had met with little success in its efforts to establish either exclusive or partial control over the Behring sea. The question had become embarrassing and the ministry was not anxious to incorporate or fix such a troublesome issue in a treaty of sale. The more Blaine searches for evidence on this point the more he will be convinced that when Alaska was sold to the United States the late czar and his advisers ceased to regard the claim to control the sea as an important one. At this moment Russia believes that it is impossible to maintain a closed sea.

Mr. Blaine has of course already abandoned that claim in most explicit language, but now comes the most delicate point, the right of the United States to protect seals while they are passing through the high sea from one feeding ground to another. Russia has the same rights as the United States on her own side of the sea. The moral effect of a decision in the controversy between the United States and Great Britain will be to some extent binding on Russia. The Russian view of the matter is therefore extremely important. I may say that while Russia regards the right of protecting seals even on the high seas as inherent in a nation to which the rookeries belong, this right is so modified by the internationality of all high seas and by the contiguity of British jurisdiction, that the only way to close the great controversy is to acknowledge a limited consultation right on the part of Great Britain and then provide for the protection of seals and the seal industry by an agreement between the United States, Russia and Great Britain. This is the Russian view. All other propositions are regarded as untrustworthy, besides it must not be forgotten that the great Siberian railway which is to reach Vladivostek, will within a generation lead to a union of Alaska and Siberia by rail at Behring straits. Russians are not blind to the fact that there will be important commercial routes across the disputed waters in the future and it is necessary to settle all questions of jurisdiction now. As for the present arbitration, I have reason to believe Russia would be satisfied with either the king of Sweden, or better still, the president of the Swiss confederation.

Byrnes' Italian Decoration.

ROME, April 21.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Replying to Signor Imbriani's interpolation in the chamber of deputies today in regard to the decoration recently conferred by the king of Italy upon Chief Inspector Byrnes of New York, and which was declined by the latter, the Marquis di Rudinì, the prime minister, said that the decoration referred to had been conferred with the usual forms, adding that it was a trivial incident which did not merit being discussed in parliament.

Signor Imbriani, after the Marquis di Rudinì had made the above statement, said in reply that he interpolated the government upon the subject at the request of the Italian citizens of New York city, who were desirous that a decoration should not be offered to a person who was prevented by the laws of his country from receiving such an honor. Rudinì said that the Italian government had assured itself before hand that the decoration of Inspector Byrnes would be permitted by the police authorities and consequently the refusal of the inspector to accept it was not worthy of attention.

Lord Salisbury on Ireland.

LONDON, April 21.—At a largely attended annual meeting of the Primrose league this afternoon Lord Salisbury in a speech said this generation must solve the Irish question. The coming election, however, would not solve it, as, whichever way the election went, the other party would have no rest as far as the Irish question was concerned. Parnell's success would be one of the greatest blows the empire could receive and the success of the anti-Parnellites no less dangerous. Parnell had the sympathy and money of American conspirators, while McCarthy represented the secular efforts of people of high spiritual rank in the Romish church. He had not the slightest intention of speaking indignantly of Roman Catholics, but desired to warn them of the dangers which arose from ministers of any religion using their positions as religious teachers as a means of figuring as political leaders. Yet English electorate was asked to place Ireland under this hybrid, secular, ecclesiastical power.

Insubordinate English Soldiers.

LONDON, April 21.—The men of the Third battalion, Grenadier guards, quartered at Chelsea barracks, this city, refused to parade this morning in full marching orders, declaring there was no cause or reason for it. A number of them were put under arrest and an investigation was started.

In addition the grenadiers say that, owing to the absence of their Second battalion in Bermuda, all the recruits of the grenadier guards are sent to the First and to the Second battalions, thus necessitating continued extra drills and consequent hard work for large numbers of well trained, experienced soldiers, who might be spared this extra trouble and annoyance if their officers exercised a little more judgment and had more feeling for the men under their command. Ever since the Second battalion of the grenadier guards was ordered to Bermuda, and especially since the reports of the guards' good conduct in their place of exile have reached England, popular favor has been almost entirely on the side of the guards.

Conferences Prove Satisfactory.

LONDON, April 21.—It is currently reported that the conferences between the Newfoundland delegates and Lords Salisbury and Knutsford have been of a satisfactory character and promise a practical and definite agreement, both sides making concessions.

Proper Policy for Germany.

BERLIN, April 21.—An anonymous pamphlet, of which Bismarck is supposed to be the author, is published. It is entitled "Ruin of Austria," and among other things suggests that Germany's true policy is an alliance with Russia and Italy. Prince Bismarck, the publication adds, would unhesitatingly allow Russia to pursue her historically mapped out route to Constantinople through Bulgaria if that would avert a crisis.

Riotous Newfoundland Fishermen.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., April 21.—On Saturday some Newfoundland schools assembled in the bay D'Este, determined to sell herring to the fishermen of St. Pierre. A bait cruiser interfered and the fishermen resisted, some of the crew of the cruiser being injured. The fishermen are rioting and threatening, evidently instigated by St. Pierre influence. The government has dispatched more steamers.

Presented Their Credentials.

[Copyright 1891 by James Gordon Bennett.]

PORT AU PRINCE, April 21.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Admiral Gerhardt and Minister Douglas have presented to President Hippolyte the credentials which empower them to treat for the cessation of Mole St. Nicholas to the United States for a naval coaling station.

IOWA UNITARIANS.

Proceedings of the State Conference in Session at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The state Unitarian conference was opened this morning by Rev Thomas P. Byrnes of Humboldt, who considered the topic of character and spirituality. The resolution passed at the last annual conference in favor of opening the world's fair on Sunday for religious services on the grounds and for the study of the art and educational exhibits was read and heartily endorsed. Rev. J. H. Palmer of Cedar Rapids read a paper on the "Objects and Methods of a Liberal Sunday School," which was discussed at length by others. Prof. R. E. Call of Des Moines read a paper this afternoon on "Religious Aspect of Evolution," and Rev. A. M. Judy of Davenport preached this evening on the subject "On What Grounds Church Union is Possible."

A Scandinavian Petition.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Scandinavian residents of Sioux City and vicinity are preparing a petition to be presented to the Swedish minister at Washington for the removal of the vice consul's office from Des Moines to Sioux City. This is the renewal on a larger scale of an effort which has been several times made heretofore without success. Under a rule of the Swedish office in Washington only one vice consul is allowed for each state. The petitioners for removal of the office to Sioux City represent that 75 per cent of the Scandinavian population of Iowa is massed in the northwestern quarter of the state, near Sioux City, and that it is a severe inconvenience to them to have to transact business through an office in Des Moines. The petition will be carried directly to King Oscar if necessary.

A Leon Banker Sued.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John L. Young, an old resident and for many years a prominent attorney and property owner of Leon, Ia., but now a resident of Denver, Colo., has begun two suits in the United States circuit court in Des Moines against Lyman P. Siegler, the well known banker at Leon. One case recites that Young placed a large amount of property in Siegler's hands as trustee; that Siegler sold over $10,000 worth of the property and has given Young no part of that sum. Another petition charges that Siegler conspired with one William Lee to get a judgment by default for $4,000 against Young in a damage suit, and then Siegler bought the judgment and has since wrongfully sold Young's property, ostensibly to satisfy said judgment. Young acts as his own attorney, and is in the city.

The Color Line in Church.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John McCracken, the colored barber who has been stirring up the First Methodist church at Mount Pleasant, today received notification from Bishop Joyce that the proceedings against him are illegal and that his membership cannot be severed by pastors merely handing back his letter. This is a victory for McCracken and will no doubt drive a large number of the congregation away. Last winter McCracken joined the church by letter, and in a few months, when certain members declared their intention of leaving, Rev. Thorn, the pastor, returned his letter. He appealed to Bishop Joyce, with the above result, Bishop Joyce holding that the color line in the case would not debar him.

Crusade Against Cedar Blocks.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., April 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Sioux City taxpayers, as well as the traveling public, are forcibly reminded by the condition of the streets that reform is necessary in paving. An anti-cedar block agitation is growing. Four years ago the city began paving with blocks, and miles upon miles of them were laid in the business heart of the city, and directly in the way of heavy hauling. On the main streets at irregular intervals, large portions of the pavement have sunk below the level. Both the blocks and the plankage on which they rest have rotted. Chuck-holes begin to annoy passing vehicles. The whole pavement will have to be renewed by next season.

A Bold Burglary.

MISSOURI VALLEY, April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A very bold burglary was committed here at an early hour this morning at the residence of F. Miles, foreman of the railroad shops. The burglar took two towels from the clothesline, put them under the window to leave no tracks, pried up the window and, going through a room with a lighted lamp, secured the clothing of Mr. and Mrs. Miles. He took about $10 in money and a valuable gold watch. He was discovered by Mr. Miles, whose child awoke and gave the alarm, but before he could be detained he made good his escape.

A Queerly Matched Couple.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A queerly matched couple were married at the Dingman house in Webster township. The groom, A. L. Daniels, weighs exactly 408 pounds. The bride, Miss Mary Dingman, is a featherweight of only eighty-five pounds avoirdupois. No one disputes Mr. Daniel's claim, he being the champion fat man in the state of Iowa.

Senator Shea Improving.

COLFAX, Ia., April 21.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Senator Shea's condition is greatly improved. He rested well last night for the first time since his arrival at the Grand hotel in this place, and is taking nourishment with a relish. His physician is greatly encouraged. Mrs. Shea joined him here last Friday and Mr. Donovan, his partner, is also with him.

A Masonic Banquet.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Tribune chapter No. 81, Royal Arch Masons, conferred the Royal Arch degree on three members this evening. After the work a grand banquet was given. A large delegation of Masons from all points were in attendance, nearly all being accompanied by their wives.

Jumped His Board Bill.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A man who has been boarding at the Valley hotel for some time skipped last night, leaving his board bill for some one else to settle. He was captured at Mondamin and brought back by Constable Eanes, who rarely lets a man get out of the county.

Forged His Mother's Name.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—E. F. Smith, a tenant farmer living west of this place, has been arrested on a charge of forging his mother's name to a note for $300. He waived examination today and was released on bail.

REPUBLICAN HEADS FALL.

The Governor's Guillotine Gets in Its Work On Several Officials.

MALLON MADE WARDEN OF THE PEN.

Drs. Johnson and Summers Given Insane Asylum Positions—A New Soldiers' Home Commandant—Prof. Rakestraw's Plum.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The official cleaver in the hands of Governor Boyd has been falling today and the heads of some of the most prominent officers in the various institutions in the state have fallen into the basket.

First and foremost, Dan Hopkins, warden of the penitentiary, is beheaded and James P. Mallon, sheriff of Dodge county, is named as his successor. Sheriff Mallon is a man of long experience in handling criminals, and Governor Boyd speaks in warm terms concerning his ability and fitness for the position.

The next victim was Dr. Fred G. Test, superintendent of the asylum for the incurable insane at Hastings. He is to be succeeded by Dr. G. W. Johnson, a physician of long experience and splendid executive ability. It is believed that Dr. Johnson will be in his proper sphere in his new position.

Dr. Wilkinson, superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Norfolk, must go, and will give way to Dr. Henry S. Summers, a physician reputed to be not only a man of well-balanced mind and good business ability, but is also well versed in the treatment of diseases of the brain.

The tenure of office of W. C. Henry, commandant of the soldiers' and sailors' home, is also to end soon. Miles Warren, a war veteran and democrat who has displayed good powers in political organization, is to have the position. It is rumored that Governor Boyd had intended to proffer the position to ex-Governor Thayer had that gentleman not made the fight against the governor.

Prof. Rakestraw