HORROR OF HANGING.

Hauenstine's Execution Exhibits the Brutality That May Result from the Law.

TWICE DROPPED BEFORE HE DIED.

Calculations Based on a Beg of Sand Proved Eadly Incorrect.

HIS NECK WAS NOT ELASTIC A LITTLE.

Choked by the Noose While the Rope Was

Being Spliced.

THOUSANDS GAZED UPON THE SCENE.

Etockade About the Gallows Pulled Down by the Crowd, Eager to See the Murderer Die The Death.

BROKEN Bow, Neb., May 22 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Albert E. Hauenstine was hung this afternoon for the murder of Hiram Roten and William Ashley. The drop fell at one minute past I o'clock, The rope broke and Hauenstine fell to the ground. He was taken again to the scaffold by Sheriff Jones and Janitor Blair. At 1:04 o'clock the drop fell the second time, and the neck of the murderer was broken.

Hauenstine was shaved early and donned a suit of dark blue clothes. He was attended by his spiritual adviser, Rev. T. Haley, who was assisted by Rev. F. Wolf of Grand Island. These afforded him the consolation of religion, after which he received com-

His brother called and conversed with him for a time. He then wrote letters to his sisters, Mrs. Redhead and Mrs. Byler, and pened autographic verses for his brother and the ciergyman in attendance, which he wrote from memory.

The remainder of the forenoon was passed In spiritual meditation with the clergyman. Coming of the Crowd.

At 10 o'clock Sheriff Jones ordered a wire fence erected twenty-five feet outside the wooden shell which enclosed the scaffold on the south side of the jail. By this time thousands of people from town and country had assembled around the building. As fast as the stakes were driven they were pulled up by people in the crowd. A deputy was flually placed at each post.

A move was made to connect the post with barbed wire, but was discontinued, because It was shown to be a violation of the law to string such wire in the city. A round wire was substituted. The sheriff caught one man in the act of pulling up a post and flung him over the wire. For a time it was thought a fight would result, be the fellow who was flung out slunk away.

At 12:30 young Ashley, a son of one of the murdered men, and a brother of Roten, the other victim, with several more were ad mitted to the scaffold. As soon as Roten reached the platform he threw over the frame enclosure which hid the instrument of death from the crowd, a small pine block. This, by previous arrangement, was a signal that Hauenstine was coming and for an attack to be made on the inclosing walls. A young fellow named Stackley ran to the south wall and despite the presence of the deputies was followed by others. They pulled and the wall fell to the ground, catching as it dropped an old man who received some bruises about the shoulders. Roten from the scaffold started the west wall with a kick and hands outside tore it to the ground.

The crowd, however, remained about ter yards from the scaffold. At the request of the sheriff the hundreds of people promised to advance no nearer.

Commencing the Hanging.

At 12:45 p. m. the sheriff read the death warrant to Hauenstine in his cell. The condemned was removed and a few migutes later the procession to the gallows took place, the sheriff leading accompanied by several deputies, the murderer walking between Fathers Haley and Wolf. As the party ap proached, Roten, in a spirit of levity shouted to a man in the crowd: "Dock, I am a judge of the foot race." The vells which greated this wit sub

sided as Hauenstine appeared on the scaffold. He was pale and excited. He glanced at the crowd beyond. The sun beat down warmly upon his bare head and Pather Haley kept off the rays with his hands. Hauenstine was asked if he desired to say

anything, and being urged to do so by his spiritual advisor, said:

"What I have to say is that for the wrong I have done I am heartily sorry. I am very sorry for all the trouble I have given the public, and if I have offend lyou I ask your pardon. Here on the gallows I ask you to take warning from me; little things grow into big things. Don't wait until you have come where I have come to. Seek salvation."

He then stepped back upon the trap, his head bout down, showing a rosary around his neck. Father Haley pressed a crucifix to his lips. Father Wolf, in an undertone, recited the litany and Hauenstine joined in The murderer's timbs were then strapped at the ankles and knees, the arms pinioned and the wrists firmly bound by stout straps. In this work Sheriff Wilson of Buffalo county assisted.

Hauenstine was then turned toward the west and his eyes sought the floor. Beneath his feet some enemy had written in pencil; "When Hauenstine is hung, hell eternity. Hauenstine hell." These words doubtless failed to attract the eyes of the condemned man, because he was engaged in prayer.

Broke the Rope.

His devotions were not interfered with as the sheriff placed the noose about his neck and adjusted the knot beside the left car. Over his head dropped the black cap, which the sheriff tied behind. That officer then stepped to the east side of the scuffold and with a razor cut the cord which supported

The door fell, and Hauenstine dropped like a log to the ground. 'The rope which extended from the cross-beam to the ring above snapped like twine.

The unfortunate man was borne again to the scaffold. He was able to speak and asked the sheriff to loosen the knot to enable him to breathe. The noose, however, had clasped the man so tightly that it could not be loosened. Meanwhile the ropes were reunited, the trap was raised, and he was again dropped through it. This time, however, the

rope stood the strain. Haueustine remained suspended in air, his bead best almost on his right shoulder. The body swung in the breeze, the breast heaved,

the lower limbs were lowered and raised for a time with regularity. The bands labored to relieve the muscles, while the fingers worked convulsively.

The crowd looked on without a murmur and one of the dead man's enemies spat upon

Dead in a Dozen Minutes. Dr. Morris felt the pulse, which at 8 min-

utes after the fall was at 120. Eleven minutes and a half after the drop life was pronounced extinct and the body was cut down. The remains were taken to the sheriff's office and turned over to the prother of the deceased. The brother proposes to bury the remains on his farm forty-five miles from

The crowd surged toward the scaffold, but was kept back by the deputies. The rope which was broken had twice stood a drop test of 200 poun is. It was rumored that it had been cut by some of the friends of the murdered men, Hauenstine having killed two men, and they held it was but just that he should hang twice himself. It was rumored that the dead man's enemies proposed to take the body on the way to the grave and quarter it on the prairie, but this is denied.

Would Have Lynched Him. If Hauenstine did not hang today no person in Custer county could have saved him from the mob. His enemies came provided with ropes, crowbars, sledges and chisels and

would have had his blood at any cost. It leaked out this afternoon after the execution, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, that a last attempt was made on Wednesday to save Hauenstine, H. M. Sullivan, who has been associated with G. P. Humphrey and C. L. Gutterson in the murderer's defense, asked a reprieve from Governor Thayer until a transcript of the testimony of the sanity inquiry could be submitted to him for the purpose of securing a commutation of sentence.

Early in the evening the crowd dispersed. The Crime.

The crime for which Albert E. Hauenstine was executed was the killing of Herman Roten, and William Ashley, in Roten Valley, Custer Co., Friday, Nov. 9, 1888, between one and two o'clock in the afternoon.

The murder was the result of an attempt of Roten and Ashley to regain possession of a clock and other property which were stolen from the school house in Roten Valley, in which A. W. Griffith was teacher and of the board of which the murdered men were members.

Hauenstine had been arrested several times on the charge of petty larceny. On the occasion of the last trial, he defended himself and was acquitted. He then stated that the first man or men who should again come to his house to search for stolen proper-

ty would never leave the place alive. When the property was found missing from the school Hauenstine was suspected. Roten and Ashley obtained a search war-rant and proceeded to Hauenstine's house. It was about the noon hour. Mrs. Hauenstine was preparing dinner. Hauenstine himself told her he saw some men coming from the southwest and went out to meet them. The visitors entered his premises and were met by the owner outside the door. The party talked together for some time. Mrs. Hauen-tine then went to the door and asked them to come in to dinner. The husband re-en-tered the house and was followed by Roten and Ashley. The two latter declined an invitation to cat by Haueustine, and his wife did justice to their meal. After dinner, all the men repaired to the premises without and again talked, but Mrs. Hauenstire did not know what formed the subject of conversation. She claimed, however, that no angry words had been used between them. Later, her husband came back to the house, got the clock which was being sought, brought it out and gave it to Roten, that gentleman putting it in his pocket. A few minutes the wife heard the reports of pistol shots in rapid succession vo pistol shots in rapid succession. The next moment Hauenstine re-entered

the house and said:
"Come and go along. If we have to die we will die together.

He then went out to the barn, hitched up : team and returning to the bodies, covered them with hay. His wife and he got into the wagon and drove off. It was known that Roten and Ashley had

gone to Figure stine's house and a number of their friends waited in anxiety as to what yould be the result of the visit. It was known also that the suspect has

come desperate, and it was feared that blood would be saed on one side or the other. The two board members did not put in an appearance at their homes for a couple of days after they had started for the Hauer ne premises, and, accordingly, a numbe of their friends started out to make an in uiry as to the cause of their detention

Sheriff Penn was informed and a search was instituted for the murderer. At this time, Hauenstine and his wife had had three days' lead of the officers of the law, sufficient to have placed them far beyond the limits of the state. But they did not appreciate the advantage.

They headed directly for Arnold, where hey exchanged their outfit for a livery team. making the representation that they were on heir way to Broken Bow. Thence they to South Loup, passing Callaway and Ra-venna, and finally reaching Madison. About three miles outside the town they stopped at a farmhouse and Hauenstine hired out to husk corn. He worked there about three day and sold his fivery team and buggy in Madi son, in Madison county, for \$75. His hiring out to a farmer would seem to argue that he had no fear of arrest, but it was that delay which brought him within the hands of the

After the sale of the outfit Hauenstine' wife took the morning train on the Unior Pacific for Columbus and her husband 'effor the same place on the train in the after A clue was first obtained to the murderer

by G. W. Davis of O'Noill. He had received a photograph and description of the murderer and the latter's wife, and, about the time the Haueustines were in the vicinity of Madi-son, Davis was there on the trail of an O'Neill horsethief. He made inquiries regarding the horses he was in search of and received from an old man a description of the Hauenstine outfit, which, he claimed bad passed that way a few days before.
Davis immediately concluded the party was
the one wanted in Broken Bow. He immediately drove to Madison. The afternoon
train was pulling out of the city as Davis entered. The latter accordingly telegraphed the conductor of the train at the first of Hauenstine's description was on of Hauenstine's description was on board.
A reply was received to the effect
that such a person was on board. He accordingly telegraphed the facts to the sheriff of Platte county as also did the conductor. In response the sheriff and marshal met, flagged and boarded the train half a mile from lumbus. They advanced from the rear to the half-smoking car, half-baggage car. Hau-enstine sat with his Winchester across his knees ready for immediate use, with his left

hand upon his revolver.

The sheriff walked through the car as if he bad not noticed Hauenstine and passed him as if to make his exit from the other end of car. The marshal followed. After the former had passed Hauenstine, he turned suddenly caughed him by the arms while the marshal, in an instant had the murderer

Hauenstine had not expected arrest from any one except Custer county people. He was therefore, keeping a close watch for Sheriff Penn. If that official had put in an appearance, he would either have been killed or Hauenstine would have died in the attempt to kill him, because the latter preferred death to being taken alive. Hauenstine was taken to Broken Bow. Custer county, where he was imprisoned. He had no excuse to offer for killing Roten and Ashley, claiming that the former was one of his best friends.

He was placed on trial March 27, the following jury being impaneled: E. A. Woodward, W. Y. Phillips, R. L. Duncanson, A. [CONTINUED ON SECOND PAGE.]

M'FARLAND'S MOUTH SEALED.

He Will Not Be Allowed to Tell His Story to the Jury.

ALL EVIDENCE IN THE SHEEDY CASE IN

Testimony Offered in Rebuttal-State Witnesses Contradicted by the Defense-Ready for the Attor-

neys' Arguments.

Lincoln, Neb., May 22 .- | Special to Tim BEE. |-At noon today J. E. Philpot, attorney for Monday McFarland, stated that a con suitation was to be held as to whether or not Monday McFarland was to go on the witness stand. It was decided, however, not to put him on the stand. It is now believed that the negro's doom is sealed, and that Mrs. Sheedy will escape. Colonel Philpot has not yet answered the prosecution as to whether or not he would put his client on the stand in

case immunity was granted. The trial has been an expensive luxury to the county, as it has entailed the expenditure of over \$10,000.

When court reconvened this morning L. C. Burr, an attorney, was put on the witness stand to disprove the testimony of Pawnbroker Goldwater, who claimed to have sold the cane to Monday McFarland. In his testimony Goldwater declared that he had made no arrangements concerning a reward. Burr claimed that Goldwater had come to him at one time and wanted to know what he could do to force the payment of the reward. Ex-Captain Carder was then called. He

proved a very irrascible witness. Once he positively refused to answer a question and came very near being sent to jail for contempt of court. Carder identified the cane as the one formerly owned by him. On crossexamination he declared that the came was identical in every way with the one he owned. He was asked if he had not in the Capital hotel informed Henry Hongland that he was not sure the cane was his. The wit-ness grew evasive and first replied: "I don't remember even meeting Hoagland at the

Didn't you then say something of that kind to Mr. Hoagland somewhere else?"
"I've answered that question once before,"
said the witness testily. "If you had any orains you would know that."
"We want to know, Mr. Carder," said Mr.

Hall, "whether or not you made such a re-The witness said nothing and the court be came aroused and told the witness to answer the questions put by Mr. Hall. Carder then

replied:
"I don't remember ever saying any thing of the kind to Mr. Hoagland. Carder was asked if he had not said some thing of the kind to Messrs. Dorgan and Hyers of the penitentiary.

The witness again commenced evasions but finally declared that he did not remember saying anything of the kind to those gentle-men. The witness was asked if he identified the cane from the brass tacks in the nead of it. This was the time that Carder refused to reply. The court finally had to bring him to time by the threat of a fine or imprisonment.

Carder then replied:
"Yes, sir; I identified the cane from the brass tacks in the head."

Jailer Barnes of the police station testified that he identified the cane just after it was found as one that formerly belonged to Carder. He recognized it from two indentations, or "scallops," as he termed them. The ane was then handed to Barnes and h

punted out four indentations. He was not are which were the two he saw originally Mr. Strode, counsel for Mrs. Sheedy, re

"It is probable that those extra scallop vere put in by the attorneys on the part of the prosecution. "You mean that they were put there by Monday McFarland," retorted Mr. Hall.

"Shorthand reporter, take that down?" houted Strode "Yes, shorthand reporter, do it," said Lambertson, "and also put down what Mr. Strode said concerning the attorney's for the prosecution mutilating the cane."

Miss Fannie Warner testified that she had given Mr. and Mrs. Sheedy four dancing essons about a year and a half ago. At tha time Mr. and Mrs. Sheedy appeared ver attentive and devoted to each other. Wit ness was at the Sheedy residence after Mr. Sheedy was hurt. Saw Mrs. Sheedy kneel-ing at the beside of her husband. Her face was buried on the pillow. She exhibited signs of sorrow. Her sobs shook the bad. Mrs. Kittie Melick, wife of the ex-mar

shal, was put on the stand. As she had been in constant attendance at the trial for five days, contrary to the rule of the court con days, contrary to the rule of the court con-cerning witnesses being excluded, Mr. Hall objected to the witness testify-ing. Mr. Strode, attorney for Mts. Sheedy, said that he did not know until yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Meinck would be a good witness for them. The judge then overruled Mr. Hall's objection and the witness went on the stand objection and the witness went on the stand

Mrs. Melick merely testified, however, that she bad been at the Sheedy residence nearly every day between the time that Sheedy wa arrested on the charge of murder and Mrs Sneedy evinced evidences of grief whenever Mr. Sheedy's name was mentioned. Court then adjourned until 2 p. m.

E. H. Andrus was the first witness in the afternoon. He testified that he had seen Mr. and Mrs. Sheedy often at Cushman park and the conduct of Mrs. Sheedy was xemplary. W. J. Marshall testified virtually to the

same effect.
Captain W. W. Carder was recalled and was asked if he remembered telling Officers Miller and Sipe that the cane found at the Sheedy residence was his, but afterwards told them that it was not. Carder denied

making such statements. T. B. Baker, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Sheedy, was called. He testified that he was at the Sheedy residence from the Tuesday to the Friday of the week that died and was buried. He testified was at the Sheedy residence on Wednesday the day that Mr. Oppenheimer came there with the power of attorney, but positively denied that Walstrom was there, the testi-mony of Oppenheimer to the contrary notwithstanding. He further declared that Oppenheimer was mistaken about the piano being open and that Mrs. Sheedy touched it gaily as she passed it. Witness was positive that the piano was shut. On being asked where the piano stood declared that it stood on the west side of the room, but later said that it stood on the south side of the room. Witness was in the parlor

five minutes Saturday when Walstrom was Mrs. Dean, a sister of Mrs. Sheedy, was called. She declared that the plane was closed the entire week following the death of John Sheedy. The the testimony of this witness was for the purpose of impeaching Attorney Oppenheimer's statement. declared that the only time Harry Walstrom was at the house was on the Saturday fol lowing the burial when Oppenheimer stated that Walstrom was there. Witness thought that Dennis Sheedy sent for Walstrom. Was not sure whether or not it was Mrs. Sheedy

who sent for Walstrom. Hyman Goldwater, the pawnbroker, was then called. Colonel Philipot, attorney for Monday McFarland, arose and deciared that he proposed to impeach this witness, who had been put on the stand on behalf of the state. Mr. Hall objected to the witness being put on the stand, declaring that the state had rested once and that the state witnesses could not be called back. Objection overruled. Strode asked: "Didn't you say to Mr. L. C. Burr that you fixed the head of the cane, or you told your boy to fix the head of the cane;"
"No, sir; not such a word. I didn't say

"Did you not on the same day at the office of L. C. Burr ask him if you couldn't sue for the money, and didn't you tell Burr that he needn't sue for the money for they bad fixed will turn to next."

it all or paid you; and didn't Burr then say to you, 'Mr. Goldwater you didn't have that cane in your store at all,' and didn't you say 'that makes no difference, I am entitled to my money, all of it?'" "This is a great lie; all of it," replied

Goldwater.

L. C. Burr, the attorney, was put on the stand and asked if when Mr. Goldwater came to him he had not asked him whether or not he had fixed the head of the came or his boy had fixed the cane. The witness answered:
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The question was then asked: "On the same day did Mr. Goldwater tell you that you needn't sue for the reward because it had all been fixed, and further, didn't you say to him 'you didn't nave that came in your store,' or words to that effect; and didn't he say, 'that makes no difference, I'm after my reward,' or words to that effect!"

"Yes six he told me that in substance." "Yes, sir, he told me that in substance,"

was the reply.

The other statements of Mr. Goldwater The other statements of Mr. Goldwater were also discredited by Mr. Burr.
Colonel Philipot then went on the witness stand. He put his own questions and then answered them. He testified that on the night following the arrest of McFarland Malone said concerning the negro:
"He is in a desperate condition and may

commit suicide before meraing."

Marshai Melick was put on the stand and asked what reward was offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderers. Witness testified that a reward of \$1,000 had been offered by Dennis Sheedy and Mrs. Sheedy for the arrest of the murderers. Later Mrs. Sheedy withdrew ner offer. Witness continued: "Mr. Dennis Sheedy then offered \$1,900 reward. I told Jim Malone of this. Tuls reward was offered to me privately. I offered James Malone one-half of this in case of conviction. The second offer of reward was made after Mrs. offered second offer of reward was made after Mrs.

second offer of reward was made after Mrs. Sheedy's arrest,"
Mr. Strode, attorney for Mrs. Sheedy, then went on the witness stand and declared that on the night following McFarland's arrest Malone said to witness: "We kept him in the sweat box all night and we got the con-

fession out of him this morning."
P. J. Stepney, a cousin of McFarland, was put on the witness stand. A cane mutilated to imitate the appearance of the cane found on the porch of the Sheedy residence was handed to the witness and he was asked meanwhile if that was not the same cane which he loaned to Monday McFarland last summer. Before he looked at the cane the witness answered;

"Yes sir." The witness was asked by Mr. Hall if the overcoat he had on was not the one he loaned to Monday McFarland the night of the mur-der of John Sheedy. Objected to and objec-

tion sustained. Coroner Holyoke was put on the witness stand and produced the cheek bone of John Sheedy. He testified that at the time of the autopsy the cheek bone was broken only at autopsy the cheek bone was broken only at its point of articulation with the forehead. The bone had to be pried out. He testified further that he took charge of the stomach and later sent it to Prof. Vaughn of Chicago. Dennis Sheedy offered \$200 to pay toward the expense of the analysis of the stomach. Dennis Sheedy said that the county offered only \$30. The stomach was put in a scaled lar in the back part of Brown's drug store. jar in the back part of Brown's drug store. Almost anybody could have gotten at the jar. Mr. Strode then announced that all the testimony on the part of the defense was in.
The prosecution then declared that there was some evidence to be given in rebuttal. The first witness was William Bradeen.
Mr. Bradeen testified that on the evening Sheedy was assaulted William Gleason, the gambler whom the defense has endeavoyed to

gambler whom the defense has endeavored to implicate in the murder, was in the club rooms over the Ivy Leaf saloen from 7 until

rooms over the Ivy Leaf saloon from 7 until 8:30 o'clock.
Charles E. Alexander, police reporter on the State Journal, testified that Captain Carder stated to him that a was unable to identify the cane. (This vs directly opposite the testimony of Carde).
Strode then asked: "Haren't you taken a deep interest in this trial!"
"I have taken a deep interest in this case only as a newspaper reporter." was Alexandre. only as a newspaper reporter," was Alex-

In reply to another question Alexander testified: "Carder asked me not to say anything the paper about his not being able to identify

Deputy Sheriff Hoagland was recalled, and testified positively that Captain Carder told him at the Capitai hotel in the presence of ludge J. D. Wright that he was not sure that the cane was his. Anson Fullington testified that he was in the club rooms over the lyy Leaf saloon the

night that Sneedy was assaulted. Mr. Glea-son was there from 6 to 8 o'clock Sergeant Fred Miller testified that on the day following the time that the cane was found on the porch of the Sheely residence Captain Carder informed witness that he ouldn't identify the cane as his own.

Mr. Lambertson, attorney for the state, then offered an almanue a evidence to show that there was no meon on the night that Monday McFarland shot at John Sheedy, but in the face of which Mr. and Mrs. Hoswho were thirty-five feet away, claimed that it was a white man who did the shoot

Stearns objected to the almanac being presented. He said: "There is no evidence that this almanac is scientific work." This remark caused a laugh and even the court had to smile. His honor paid no atten-

tion to the objection and the almanac went in

Court then adjourned. More Irrigation Schemes. LOUP CITY, Neb., May 22 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -The people of Loup City and Sherman county are feeling jubilant over the prospects of securing the construction of a canal thirteen miles long, with a carrying capacity of 150 cubic feet per second, which will irrigate 15,000 acres of land. The canal terminates near the school house at Loup City and a dam is to be constructed across Dead Horse creek some nine hundred feet in length and it will be of such dimensions as to form a lake, extending up Dead Horse creek about a mile. The estimate for building the dam alone is about \$14,000. The appraisers have been at work this week adjusting the damages where it has been necessary to condemn the land for right of way. The damages are only \$350 and will have to be raised to pay the amount of damages allowed by the appraisers, and as one of the strongest companies in the United States have fully completed areascenests with our have fully completed arrangements with our local company to build it there is but little doubt but that dirt will be flying soon.

Superior High School Graduates. Superior, Neb., May 32 - [Special to The BRE. |-Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the opera house was crowded to suffocation last evening to witness the fourth annual commencement of the Superior high school. In honor of the occasion the ladies of the city handsomely decorated the stage with flowers and forns in profusion. These, with choice oil paintings, elegant curtains and mirrors, made the stage a palace of beauty. The graduating class comprised ten persons and all acquitted themselves excellentiv. The class was plentifully remembered with flowers. The diplomas were presented by Rev. C. M. Shepherd. The Superior high school has attained a high standard under the able direction of Prof. I. E. Wilson and the people of Superior are more than proud of the excellency attained by the graduating class of 1891; graduating class of 1891;

General Van Wyck's Opinion.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 22.-[Special Telegram to THE BELL-General C. W. Van Wyck returned today from the Ciuciunati convention saffering from hoarseness and a bad cold. He said it was a great meet ing and the attendance was unusually large, there being some ninety persons in attendance from Nebraska alone. Everything was harmonious and the platform adopted seemed to meet with the hearty approval of all. "I consider it the coming purty," said the general. "I cannot tell who is the most favorable candidate for president; the time is too far away. Peffer might be the choice now and perhaps not be is it two years from now. The prohibitionists tried to get a plank in the platform, but they did not succeed. It is hard to tell now what party they will turn to next."

Sensational and Overdrawa Report Concerning Secretary Blaine's Health.

ITS PUBLICATION CRUEL AND UNJUST.

His M ntal Vigor Never Brighter or Stronger Than Today - Effect of the Unfortunate Stories Abroad.

WASHINGTON BUREAU TOR BEE,) 513 FOURTERNET STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22. Unusual interest in the health of Secretary

Blaine was aroused today by the publicatio n

of a lengthy and somewhat sensational dispatch from this city in the New York Herald representing the secretary as being in a rapid decline of not only physical, but mental vigor, and predicting that he would not resume his official duties. The publication was greatly regretted and sincerely deplored n official circles, as it did Mr. Blaine injustice and was inclined to be misleading. Secretary Blaine has overworked himself. He has had upon his hands more vexatious problems than have come before the department of state for very many years, and he has given too many hours and too much of his strength to his work. He not only not neglected his duties, but has been wenderfully prompt in disposing of them. He has as brilliant, tenacious, vigorous and flexible a mind as was probably ever found in an overworked physical composition. He is not very vigorous in body, but it is believed by those who know his condition best, that with a few weeks of complete rest he will be himself again. It is cruelly unjust to even intimate that Blaine is incapacitated from the performance of his official duties by reason of a depresssion of physical strength which effects his mind, as is intimated in the New York Herald, or to intimate as it does that his mental condition is, or has been such as to attract the atten-tion of his co-laborers, for that is untrue. To get at the real facts your correspondent called upon several gentlemen who are com-monly accepted as Mr. Blaine's most in-timate friends, and who for this reason know the real condition of his mental faculties. They were emphatic in stating that Mr. Blaine's mental vigor was never stronger or brighter than it is today and that there is not the slightest weakening in his intellectual grasp. General John W. Foster, one of Mr. Blaine's closest associates, who recently went on a special mission to Spain in company with James G. Blaine, jr., spid. "The friends of Mr. Blaine's bare bare beauty and the spid." said: 'The friends of Mr. Blaine bave known for a long time that he suffered occasionally from indigestion and gout, but these attack have been wholly physical and were no more than many men have. There was never the remotest clouding of his mental strength. I had been with him very frequently up to the time he went to New York. I never saw his mind stronger or more active. These sensa tional stories are very unfortunate for they dis credit the head of our state department before the powers of the world. Representatives of foreign nations who are here will at once send these published statements to their respective governments as a proof emanating from ourselves that the officer of our state affairs and foreign relations has become in-cepacitated."

Mr. William E. Curtis, director of the bureau of American republics, and others who have been much with Mr. Blaine of late, while recognizing him as overworked, said he would regain his physical strength with rest and that his mind was as strong as ever.

LAND DECISIONS. Assistant Secretary Chandler today decided the petition for certiorari in the case of Robert Reed vs. Richard Dowling et al, from the Chadron land office involving east entry for the southwest quarter of section 11, township 31 north, range 46 west, in which the Nebraska land and investment company are interested, having filed a motion for the reinstatement of the entry, that a hearing be ordered and that it be allowed to interver as a party defend out. The land was deeded to Edward T. Cook for \$1,400 March 14, 1886, by Dowling, and on February 9, 1888, Cook conveyed it to the Nebraska land and investment company for \$8,000. The assistant secretary grants the petition of the appellant and directs evidence to be taken on the points in question affecting the priority of rights to the property.

rights to the property.

The assistant secretary affirms the decision below helding for cancellation the home-stead entry of Angeline Vandergrift for the northeast quarter of section 2, township 14 north, range 15 west. Grand Island district, contested by David W. John.

MISCELLANEOUS. William Gray of Iowa, a \$1,000 clerk at the geological survey, has resigned.

By direction of the secretary of war a leave of absence for six months on a surgeon's certificate of disability is granted First Lieutenant Alexander Ogie, Seventeenth infantry. Leave of absence for three months, to take effect on or about July 15, if his services can then be spared by his post commander, is granted Captain Stephen W. Groesbeck. Sixth infantry. PERRY S. HEATIL

BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED.

Valparaiso Imit tors of Jesse James Sent to the Penitentiary. WAHOO, Neb., May 22 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Judge Miller has been presiding over a session of the district court in this county since last Monday. The important case disposed of were those against "Hank" Vallery for libelling Eliza King and the ones against Frank Tobin, Elmer Nelson and Jesse Ruby for attempting to rob the Valparaiso bank a few weeks ago. Vallery plead not guilty and was tried and the case submitted to the jury, and after being out about thirty minutes they returned a verdict of

guilty. A motion for a new trial has been

made and will be passed on in a few

days, when he will receive his sentence if a

new trial is not granted. There were three charges against Tobin. Nelson and Ruby, viz: Assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to kill and murder, and assault with intent to wound. To the last charge they all plead guilty. The plea was accepted by the prosecuting attorney and he then put the parties on trial for assault with intent to rob and they filed a plea in bar setting up former conviction for the same offense. To this the attorneys for the state demurred. The court overruled the demurrer and sustained the plea, holding that they would not be twice convicted for the same criminal act. Affidavits were read showing former excellent character fo Ruby. Tobin was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, Nelson five years, and Ruby three years. Tobin was given one year more than Nelson on account of the fact that he did the shooting.

Guilty of Manslaughter. PIERCE, Neb., May 22 .- Special Telegram to Tas Ban.]-After being out all night the jury in the case of the state of Ne-

braska vs William Tibbs, charged with murder in the first degree, found him guilty of manslaughter. The vertict is generally approved. Tibbs killed a man named Britton at Wayne last October. Britton was of a quarrelsome disposition and on several occasions had threatened to kil. Tibbs, who did all he avoid him and keep out of his way On the day that the killing took place Brit ton was following Tibbs, who, fearing an assault from Britton, raised a rock and struck him a blow on the head, from the effects of which he died.

Of for Fort Meyer. FORT ROBINSON, Neb., May 22 .- (Special Telegram to Tue Ben. |-Colonel Heny, Captain Hughes, Lieutenants Taylor and

Perry, and Troop K, Ninth cavalry leave here tonight for Fort Meyer, Va., taking the B. & M. at Crawford, Neb., to Chicago, thence by the Baltimore & Ohio to Washing-ton, D. C.

Horrible Crime Unearthed. KEARNET, Neb., May 22.—|Special Tele-gram to THE BEE.]—A highly sensational affair was unearthed here this afternoon in the discovery of a three months old child in the channel leading from the lake to the river. A. D. Shreve, who was trolling for fish, caught the body and drew it out, and was startled at finding the corpse of a baby. The news was spread rapidly about the city and the coroner with a number of citizens was soon at the place to view the remains. The been thrown into the water alive, perhaps a week a.o. A string was tied around its neck to which an empty bottle was attached. It is supposed that the bottle had been illed with shot or some heavy material.

terial to serve as a sinker. There was also a coil of wire wrapped around the body with a loop at the end which had the appearance of a clasp about some neavy object.

A coroner's jury was summoned and the work of ferretting out a clue to the murderer was begin. was begun. A woman of questionable character was at once suspected and up to a late hour tonight she has cluded the police, but deputy sheriffs are scouring all parts of the city to find her. The authorities are determined to run the guilty one down. The coroner's jury has adjourned until Monday. Fears are entertained that the woman will drown herself during the night as she was considerably agitated when last seen.

A Wandering Boy. Kearner, Neb., May 22.—[Special Telegram to The Bre.]—Today little Claude Burcham, whose mother and step-father. William Lewis, reside one mile south of Chapman, was found wandering about the city barefooted and without an escort. At the station he related a sad tale, saying that owing to his step-father's constant abuse he ran away from home about two weeks ago. A band of gypsies captured him and promised flattering inducements if he would be content to rove about with them. They came here i few days ago and the boy was detailed by them to steal boards for fuel and on his fusal was unmercifully horsewhipped. the first opportunity the lad escaped from his would be benefactors, and he will be restored to his mother by the authorities of the city.

End of the Session. KEARNEY, Neb., May 22.- | Special to The BEE. |- The State Dental association closed its session last night. The election of officers resulted: A. W. Nason, Omaha, president: F. Skede, Seward, vice president; Dr. Mc-Cleary, Beatrice, recording secretary; H. J. Cole, Norfolk, corresponding secretary; Dr. King, Fremont, treasurer. Dr. Milier of Grand Island and Dr. Funck of Beatrice were elected on the board of censors. The president and secretary were instructed to issue credentials to any member of the association who wished to attend the American Dental association in Saratoga in August. Fremont was selected as the place for holding the meeting next year.

Lexington Notes. LEXINGTON, Neb., May 22.-[Special to THE BEE.]-A heavy rain fell the past twenty-four hours throughout western Nebraska. Prospects were never brighter for

an immense crop. Corn is being contracted at 35 cents for fall delivery here. Several irrigating companies are making a rush to push through Dawson county. The Kearney company will probably hold the field, building from Willow Island to connect

with the Kearney canal nor h of Elm creek. Nearly forty miles of new work will be con-Work has commenced on the Second ward

school building, which will be completed at a cost of \$15,000, Insanity will B the Defense. LINCOLN, Neb., May 22 .- | Special to THE BEE.]-The preliminary trial of E. W. Hutchinson, the old man who shot Cella (alias Jennie) Green, will be had before Police Juage Houston tomorrow afternoon. Witnesses at the coroner's inquest testified that they saw no difference in Hutchinson's manner when he called on the fatai night from what it had been on other visits, but his attorney will

conduct the case on the theory of insanity. The old man is feeble and his actions are likely to give color to that theory.

His Back Broken. BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 22.- | Special Telegram to Tun Ben.] - Yesterday S. Gestwite left Berwyn to go to Westerville. He was riding a stallion, and when about two miles northeast of Berwyn was thrown from the horse, it is supposed by the saddle turning. He was found lying in the road and the horse standing by his side. Gestwite was re-moved to a house near by. His back was found to be broken and his breast crushed. Medical aid was summoned, but he about 1 o'clock. He was about fifty years of

Gone to Atrica. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 22. - (Special to THE BEE. |-Mr. and Mrs. Leger left here yesterday bound for Africa. Mr. Leger was married to Miss Walters of this city early married to Miss Waiters of this city carry in the spring. Shortly after the marriage he was appointed by the Baptist board as treasurer of the Congo mission. Mrs. Leger will accompany her husband as far as Lon-don, and will remain there while Mr. Leger is getting settled in his new field of labor.

A Burgiar Sentenced.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 22.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. j-Peter Crounse was arraigned in the district court this afternoon, charged with burglarizing the German National bank some months ago and stealing therefrom a case of valuable rare coins be-longing to Frank Harper. Crounse pleaded guilty to grand lavcenv and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary,

Nelson's Sch pots Close.

Nilson, Neb., May 2.—[Special to The
Ben.]—The public schools closed today and an entertainment was given this evening. It has been a very successful school year, and hereafter its course of study will be so ar-

ranged that the graduates can enter the state

university without examination. The con-tract for the new school building is to be let in a few days. Not Identified. HARTINGTON, Neb., May 22. - Special Telegram to Tue Bes. |-- The floater found in the Missouri river was interred without identification. The body was in an advanced stage of decay. The only articles found in his clothing was a pocket knife and an almanac

bearing the advertisement of a Yankton drug store. For Illegal Lequer Selling. HARTINGTON, Neb., May 22-|Special to Fug Bee|, --William B. Carey of Belden, has been bound over to the district court to answer to the charge of selling liquor without a incease. A quantity of liquors selzed or his premises were ordered destroyed by the

county court.

Informal Reception. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 22 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Mr. and Mrs. Horaco A. Sibley, mission workers, were given a farewell reception at the Young Men's Christian nformal but was much enjoyed by these who attended.

Grain Looking Well. Chawfono, Neb., May 22.- [Special to The

Fears of Drouth Disnelled. NEWSIAN GROVE, Neb., May 22.- [Special to THE BEE. |-The first rainstorm of any extent feil here yesterdry, and all fears of drouth are dispelled. The crop prospect is RICHARD MELODY'S DEATH,

Singular Haste with Which an Old Farmer Was Laid Away.

HISTORY OF A RATHER QUEER CASE.

Operation at a Surgical Institute Followed by Death and a Coroner's Investigation -- " hat the Records : how.

Richard Melody, a farmer sixty years of age and a resident of Stuart, Neb., died at the Omaha medical institute at 7 o'clock Thursday evening. At 11 o'clock the same night his oody was taken from the institute to Gring's undertaking establishment. At 9 o'clock vesterday morning the remains

of the aged farmer were placed in a \$3 county coffin and buried in the potters' field. The body was placed in the rough pine box just as it had been taken from the bed, without a stitch of clothing or even a sheet placed over the naked form. The history of the case is: On May 5 Richard Melody was induced by

Agent J. F. Tucker of the institute to come to Omaha for treatment for a sore foot. A part of the foot had been amputated some years ago. Melody was suffering from necrosis of the oscalsis and astraggulus, two

necrosts of the oscalsis and astraggulus, two bones in the arch of the foot.

A contract was drawn up by Tucker, agreeing that the institute surgeons were to perform an operation on the foot and to give Melody two weeks' board at their hospital. For all of this Melody was to pay \$419. The records at the institute office show that this money was paid according to the contract, and the payment is admitted by the managers.

An operation was performed on May 8 by An operation was performed on May 8 by Dr. Isaac Sinclair, and it is said that J. Hughson and Dr. J. P. Williams assisted at

this operation, though Drs. McLaughlin and Williams contradicted each other on this point when seen separately. But they all agree that Dr. Sinclair was the principal at the operation.
Gangrene set in almost immediately afterward. A second operation was performed a day or so age. No relief followed this second

operation, and the old man died.

Before dying Melody signed a will which had been drawn up for him. He left all his real and personal property to his brother. Christopher Melody. The property consists of 160 acres of land in section 24, township 33, range 15, in Holt county this state. The farm is well stocked with horses. A note for \$115, which is deposited in the Stuart State bank, a certificate of deposit for \$35 on the same bank and \$7.67 in cash was also willed to the brother. The will is witnessed by Dr. Isaac Sinclair, Henry Ropenn, a nurse at the institute, and Rev. Father Bruen. The priest had been called in to administer the last rites of the order of the control of the contr of the church to the dying man and conse-

quently was a witness to the signing of the In the face of the fact that Melody had on his person the \$115 note, the \$35 certificate of deposit and \$7.67 in cash thicate of deposit and \$1.97 in cash his body was not even given a decent burial. In a satchel belonging to the dead man was a good suit or clothes, but this was not placed upon him before his burial. No effort had been made to notify the friends of the deceased at Stuart of his death, though there were letters in the old man's pocketbook giving the address of friends.

A gentleman who was aware of the peopliar

A gentleman who was aware of the peculiar circumstances connected with the death and hasty, secret buriat of Melody, notified Coroner Harrigan and requested an investiga-tion. The coroner in company with a deective called upon the medical institute officers and made a demand for the property left by the deceased. This was turned over, Then the coroner demanded a sight of the records. On the books of the institute was the record of Melody having paid \$419 for the operation and two weeks' board

After considerable questioning the coroner carned the facts as stated. A visit was paid to the potter's field, and under the direction of the coroner, the body was exhumed and taken to Gring's undertak examination last night to determine the exact cause of death Dr. Harrigan said that if the ordinary pre-

cautions had been taken there would have been no necessity for blood poisoning or gan-grene, as the operation was a simple one. Dr. Williams at first denied that Tucker employed by the institute, but McLaughlin admitted it and stated that Tucker was at Boone, Ia. He has been telegraphed for and instructed to come at

The corporer also wired William Kirdendal of Stuart, a friend of the deceased, and requested him to be here today. afternoon at Gring's, when a thorough investigation will be made into all the transactions in the case.

GAS EXPLOSION IN A MINE. Fen Negro Convicts and One Free

Miner Killed. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 22 .- At the Pratt mines today an explosion of gas in a shaft where convicts were working killed ten negro convicts and one free miner named.
Tom Moore, it is believed that
the men had in some way knocked
off a plank from a door which stood
across an old chamber and on which the word "Dangerous" was written. The gas rushed out and caught fire from the lamps. Officers of the company went to the rescue and worked to save the men, but were them-selves aimost suffocated and narrowly es-caped, being dragged out unconscious. The bodies of the dead have all been recovered.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

For Omaha and Vicinity-Fair; Slightly warmer. WASHINGTON, May 23.-Forecast till 8 p. m., Saturday: For the Dakotas-Warmer;

fair; south winds.
For Missouri -Fair Saturday: warmer by Saturday night; north winds. For Iowa-Fair Saturday; warmer; winds becoming southeast. For Kansas - Warmer; fair; winds becom-

For Nebraska and Colorado-Fair Saturday; warmer; south winds. Reception to the Pastor. KEARNEY, Neb., May 23. - Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Rev. Dr. John Askin

and family were given a public reception tonight by their friends. The reverend gentleman and his family will leave in a few days. their old home in England, where they will spend the summer. The occasion was a very pleasant affair, and scores of friends bade their pastor a kindly good bye, to which he responded in one of his characteristic * teamship Arrivals.

At New York--The Werra, from Bremen; the Holland, from Liverpool. At Hamburg-The Columbia, from New York; the Rugia, from New York. At Queenstown-The Bothnia, from New York for Liverpool. At Southampton-The Elbe, from New York for Bremen.

Illinois Crops in Good Shape. SPHINGPORLD, Ill., May 22. - The state board of agriculture reports that never before since 1884 has the condition of wheat been so promising. Corn averages 6 per cent above the normal. Rye is in excellent condition at 108 and oats at 10. The fruit crop promises to be

Reported Disabled at Sea. New Yone, May 22.—The Dutch steamer Veendam is reported disabled at sea. She is bound for this port with 620 passengers. Agents say there are no apprehensions for her safety, and that she will arrive all light.

right.

Bee. |-Rain is falling abundantly today. The prospects for crops were never better. Small grain is looking well. Corn is nearly all planted. All range stock is doing excepthe largest ever known.

very encouraging and the farmers are happy.