OMAHA WILL HAVE A TEAM

Result of Much Endeavor on the Part of Western League People.

WHAT IS ASKED OF THE CITIZENS

Dick Moore Redeems Himself by Handily Winning a Very Bloody Two-Round Fight—Outcome of the Horse Races—Other Sports.

THE base ball problem which has been perplexing Omaha for the past few weeks reached a felicitious solution last evening. After repeated trials in the way of public meetings, at which it was expected enough of the enthusiasm lying dormant here in the national pastime, would be reawakened sufficiently to once more put a club in here and carry it through the season proved utterly ineffective, the new Western league resolved upon heroic measures, and seizing the bull fearlessly by the horns, they have him in perfect mastery. The key to the situation is this:

The league proposes to maintain a team here on the same lines the other teams are operated in Kansas City, Columbus, Milwaukee, and, in fact, of all of the other cities in the circuit, and in deciding to do this the league asks of the business men of Omaha, who are interested in her advancement and welfare, to subscribe a purse, say in the neighborhood of $3,500, which will enable it to equip a new grounds, if necessary, and otherwise place the club on a basis commensurate in all details with the clubs in the other cities.

What the League Will Do.

To more than equalize this evidence of support upon the part of the public the league proposes to grant Omaha a franchise and maintain a club in every way equal and possessing all the advantages enjoyed by the other cities in the circuit. This does not signify, by any means, that Omaha will be furnished a team after the other teams are selected, or otherwise subjected to any neglect in any particular, but she will go in on equitable and even grounds with them all, and be in the race a free and unfettered competitor for the championship.

As a demonstration that the affairs of this new scheme will be conducted with the business skill indispensible to success, it is but necessary to mention that W. F. Bechel, auditor of the Pacific Express company, has expressed his willingness to accept the presidency and treasurership of Omaha's club; and in addition to a vigorous administration of the organization's business affairs, will exert himself in every way to make it a brilliant and popular success. Everybody knows W. F. Bechel, and it is inevitable that the army of enthusiasts yet remaining in this city, will hail with delight the announcement that he will identify himself with the city's one summer amusement. With such a popular and capable head as Mr. Bechel the possibility of anything smacking of failure is absolutely precluded. Mr. Bechel's name will give the national game such a boom as it has, in its whole career here, been a stranger to.

Omaha Will Have a Team.

Notwithstanding the signal failure of everything in the way of public meeting in the interests of a revival of the game here, it is an undeniable fact that there are hundreds of our best citizens who earnestly want base ball, who appreciate its efficacy as a factor in the city's material progress and prosperity, as there is possible nothing under the sun that advertises to the world the energies on a city so effectively as the great national game. Again these very men, who will, undoubtedly, under the conditions herein set forth, respond freely and liberally. The secret of the nonsuccess by previous efforts to organize the club, lies in the fact that no prominent man has come boldly forward to identify himself with it. Each one held back for the other and the consequence, as has been the case in thousands of public enterprises, was thus deprived of that incentive that the enterprise assures consummation and success.

While the league only asks a comparatively small sum as an evidence of the support of the citizens, THE BEE advocates that the citizens subscribe enough to put the club on a permanent and solid basis. These subscriptions, stock or otherwise, should be paid into the hands of the treasurer, Mr. Bechel, without necessitating a very general canvas by any committee he may see proper to hereafter appoint. A numer of prominent gentlemen, among whom might be conspicuously mentioned Ben Gallagher, John A. McShane, Doc Haynes, Robert Hunter, W. H. McCord, Joseph Garneau, Jeff Bedford, S. P. Morse, the Metz brothers and a large number of others, furnish ample material for a very hustling executive committee.

Where Will the Grounds Be?

A proposition is being considered for two distinct sites for new grounds, both across the river near the Council Bluffs bridge entrance. These sites will be inspected at once and prompt steps taken looking to a decision and the consequent equipment of new grounds.

D. E. Rowe, who is undoubtedly one of the most energetic and competent base ball managers in the country, has been selected by the league to take charge of Omaha's new team. Mr. Rowe has had extensive experience and his selection is one of wisdom. His management assures Omaha a well disciplined team, and of as good and live an article of the national sport as can be seen on any grounds in the country. Mr. Rowe will remove with his family to this city within the coming week, and thence to devote his entire attention to Omana's new base ball team.

John W. Speas, chairman of the finance committee and president of the Kansas City base ball club, who has been here looking over the ground, expresses himself as well satisfied with the outlook for base ball in the Gate City, and predicts that under the new conditions, which will govern the Western league, that the game here will awaken all the old-time enthusiasm, and prove a success financially as well as in an amusement affording sense. For the first time in the annals of base ball, the game will be conducted this year in the west strictly on economic and substantial business principles.

Results at Gloucester.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Feb. 5.—Slight snow, track fast:

First race, three-quarters of a mile, selling: Fast Time won, Passmore second, Twilight gelding third. Brown Charlie drawn; William Henry (the favorite) ran unplaced. Time: 1:20.

Second race, five-eighths of a mile, selling: Picidene (the favorite), won, Woodbury second, Morrisiana third. Time: 1:05¾.

Third race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Orspin won, Fernwood second, Samaritan third. Jack Murray and Jim Gates drawn. Goodly (the favorite), ran unplaced. Time: 1:26¾.

Fourth race, one mile, selling: Judge Nelson won, Vendetta (the favorite) second, Ed McGinnis third, Ebiis and Jacastaff drawn. Time: 1:47¾.

Fifth race, nine-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Hawkeye won, Bonnie Lass second, Red Elm (the favorite) third. California drawn. Time: 57¾.

Sixth race, five-eighths of a mile, selling: Torchlight won, Austral second, Defendant (the favorite) third. Jurist drawn. Time: 1:05¾.

Tips for Today.

These horses are looked upon with favor by the knowing ones:

GUTTENBERG.

1. Sade—Longing Gel.
2. Houston—Battle Cry.
3. Climax—Xenophone.
4. Rancocas—Inferno.
5. La Grippe—Adelina.
6. Justice—Azrael.

GLOUCESTER.

1. Harry Russell—Uproar Colt.
2. Bravo—Can't Tell.
3. Brown Charlie—Birthday.
4. Bellsarius—Cartoon.
5. Leo Brigel—Censor.
6. Little Addie—Tempiemore.

Yesterday's Horse Sales.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 5.—The fourth day of Berry & Co.'s Chicago combination sale drew a large crowd of horsemen, and while prices ruled lower than on the previous days, it was because the stock was of lower quality. Sixty-three head sold for $17,125. The bulk of the sales were road horses, carriage teams and outclassed speed. Dean Sage, 9-year-old, son of Hambletonian, brought $1,075, the best price of the day, being purchased by Crandall & Kean, Ellsworth, Minn.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 5.—Sixty head of horses at Brassfield & Co.'s sales today brought $21,180; forty-five of this number sold for $19,145, an average of $426.

MOORE WON IT.

Bloody Two-Round Fight Settled at South Omaha Last Night.

Right here it must be remarked that the man who told P. J. Griffin, alias Baker, alias Collins, alias Barker, alias Kelley, that he was a fighter was his worst enemy. Dick Moore, the manly St. Paul welterweight, gave him the advantage of twenty pounds last night and then deliberately proceeded to make a chopping block out of him.

The fight took place within Germania's classic walls, and the crowd, in point of numbers and respectability, far exceeded that of any other contest in this vicinity for years. Fully 500 men assembled around the ring and watched the St. Paul boy administer one of the most finished drubbings to a big brute that was ever seen in this particular section of the globe.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the men entered the ring, Moore with his esquires, Sam Stevenson and Dave Bloom, and the big wrestler with his handlers, George Meyers and Jimmy O'Donnell.

After some little preliminary skirmishing Ed Rothery was agreed upon as referee and at 10:15 the gladiators were ordered to shake hands.

Moore Was in Good Condition.

In striking their positions the disparity in the size of the two men was conspicuously noticeable, Griffin towering fully a foot above the handsome lad from Minnesota, and with legs and arms that resembled those of some of the big quadrumania we read of in tales of the African jungles more than those of a man.

But Dick was in great fighting fig, his eyes shone like gems, and his flesh had the rosy glow of an athlete who had been properly and carefully trained. His attitude was grace itself, his body braced on his sturdy legs, with the toe of the left foot poised jauntily before him. There was a serious but confident look in his phiz, and a moment later it was made evident that he was master of the situation.

There was but little sizing up indulged in. Moore took the initiative, and fiddling the husky sprinter over toward the south ropes, he feinted beautifully with his left, then smash, his auctioneer bumped up against Mr. Griffin's jaw. It was a bute, and Griffin was a licked man from that moment.

Kept Him Bouncing.

Before he could regather himself from this gentle salute, Dick sprang forward and poked his left into his wind with a smack that sounded above the din of the St. Paul boy's enthusiastic followers. This second attempt at familiarity enraged Griffin, and he closed with Moore and attempted to throw him, and finally succeeded in pushing him to the floor. Then to add to this foul, he delivered an upper cut as Dick was rising, that, landing on the mouth, looked as if it ought to have produced considerable effect. But it never phased Moore, and waving back his seconds who were clamoring for a decision on the foul, he went right at Griffin and smashed him right and left. A gash under the right eye brought the blood in a gush, and a smash over the left optic raised a promontory big enough for a chicken to roost upon.

From this on to the close it was a rough-and-tumble fight, Moore propping and lambasting the sprint runner until he must have thought that a freight train was running over him. The referee allowed the battle to go on, and after the contestants had at last been pulled apart they were sent to their corners for their minute's rest.

Fought Like Beasts.

It was soon over, and the men were at it again like tigers, Griffin clawing, gouging, wrestling and elbowing like a man in the delirium tremens, while Moore, fighting like a steam engine, kept up such another fusilade of smashes on the head, in the jaw, up and down the ribs, and in every conceivable portion of the runner's anatomy, until groggy and all but out he staggered about the ring like a drunken man. With desperate energy he made a final rally, and closing with Moore he again viciously and deliberately fouled his plucky little adversary, and slow as he was about it Referee Rothery was forced to give the victor his dues, and proclaimed that the fight belonged to Moore.

This suited the crowd, and amidst a pandemonium of riotous sound, Dick was taken possession of by his overjoyed followers and carried from the ring upon their shoulders.

Griffin, bloody, forlorn, homesick and broke, crawled quietly away under the protecting wing of Farmer Burns.

The fight was for a stake of $400 and the entire gate receipts, which amounted to fully $500 more.

Going at Guttenberg.

GUTTENBERG, N. J., Feb. 5.—The track was in fair condition today, but was far from being fast.

First race, five furlongs: Broadway won, Longing second, Vanquisher third. Time: 1:03.

Second race, six furlongs: Matazorda filly won, Maxim filly second, Crab Cider third. Time: 1:18¾.

Third race, six and one-half furlongs: Jay F. Dee won, Silver Mint second, Character third. Time: 1:25.

Fourth race, mile and one-sixteenth: Glenlochy won, Van second, Sir George third. Time: 1:51¾.

Fifth race, four furlongs: Miss Bess won, Forty second, Lady Lightfoot third. Time: 50½.

Sixth race, one mile: Jay Courtney won, Sandstone second, Longstride third. Time: 1:46½.

Tschigorin Wins Again.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—Tschigorin opened the fifteenth game of the championship games against Steinitz with the Evans gambit today and won after forty-eight moves. Score: Tschigorin, 6; Steinitz, 5; drawn, 4.

HIS AIM WAS BAD.

Thomas Thompson Narrowly Escapes Death from a Pistol Bullet.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A shooting affray occurred near the Burlington bridge this morning about 9 o'clock, in which Thomas Thompson came near being killed. It seems that a man and his wife named Morse were living with Thompson just across the river in Iowa. Morse came to the city this morning, got comfortably drunk and started home. In the meantime his wife and Thompson started out to find him. They met him on the approach to the bridge and Morse drew a revolver and was going to shoot his wife, but Thompson stepped in front of her just in time, as the next moment a bullet went through his hat, cutting an ugly wound in his head. Thompson will recover. Morse gave himself up.

Investigating a Shady Deal.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—What is commonly known as the "county warrant deal" continues to attract considerable attention. It is now ascertained that ex-County Clerk Partridge himself removed the old warrants which were straggling through the warrant books and placed them in the initialed envelopes in the vault in order to prevent them from being lost. He doesn't know, however, how an outside party could get an abstract of the warrants, which date many of them back a dozen years. Some one has been trying to make out that Benjamin J. Urquhart is connected with the "deal," but that gentleman vigorously denies any connection with the scheme. Many of those who discounted to an outside party their warrants for 50 per cent, are demanding an investigation, and it possibly may be granted them.

Verdict Against the B. & M.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The case of M. L. Grant against the B. & M. Railroad company, which has been on trial today, in which Grant sued for $5,000, claiming to have been put off a train while in motion and injured, was decided for the defendant.

Friend's Masquerade Ball.

FRIEND, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The volunteer fire company of this city held tonight one of the grandest masquerade balls in the history of Friend. The opera house was filled until standing room was at a premium.

Clay County Agriculturists.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The annual election of officers of the Clay County Agricultural society took place yesterday, with the largest attendance ever known here. The large court room was almost filled: Charles Hoevett, president; W. B. Smith, secretary; W. J. Gardner, treasurer. It is the third term for each of the 3 officers. Strong opposition to President Hoevett had been developed in some parts of the county on account of his action in incurring a large debt against the society in the construction last summer of a fine regulation track and otherwise improving the society's grounds, and his election is regarded as an endorsement of his actions. Byron H. Dunn was elected general superintendent and James Delahanty chief marshal.

Beatrice News Notes.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Prof. and Mrs. O. B. Howell of Lincoln were in the city during the current week and concluded arrangements for the establishment of a conservatory of music in this city.

Billy Duncan, the well known traveling man, has purchased the interest of Charles Caswell in the grocery firm of Watkins & Caswell, this city, and will retire from the road and become a merchant of Beatrice. The new firm is known as Watkins & Duncan. The new arrangement went into effect February 1. Mr. Duncan has removed his family to this city.

Eva R. Morrison has begun suit for divorce in the district court of this county from her husband, Jed S. Morrison, and to secure the custody of their two children, Maud and Mabel, minors. Failure to support is the cause for which separation is asked.

The Beatrice volunteer fire department is making elaborate preparations for a grand ball, reception and supper to be given at the Auditorium on the evening of February 22. The affair promises to be one of the most brilliant social events given in the city for many years.

The Beatrice Friendly club is a new literary organization just formed in this city. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, L. M. Pemberton; vice president, M. T. Cumings; secretary, Alice Root. The new club holds its meetings in the Unity church parlors.

The Gage County Central Teachers association will hold its regular monthly meeting at the office of the county superintendent at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, February 13. An interesting program of exercises has been prepared for the occasion.

The local live stock men are making elaborate preparations for the annual meeting of the Improved Live Stock Breeders association, which convenes in this city February 16-18.

New Fremont Loan Company.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Guarantee Loan company is the name of a new building and loan association with an authorized capital of $1,000,000, just organized by the leading capitalists of Fremont to do business in Nebraska and other states. The company was organized last night by the election of the following officers: E. H. Barnard, president; H. C. Mahanna, vice president; J. T. May, treasurer; T. L. Matthews, secretary. The board of directors is composed of L. D. Richards, H. C. Mahanna, E. H. Barnard, J. T. May, R. B. Schneider, T. L. Matthews, E. N. Morse, C. M. Williams and Fred Meyer. Board of control: L. M. Keene, S. B. Dolson, L. H. Rogers, J. D. McDonald and L. P. Larson.

Charges of Cruelty Sustained.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The case of the state against Cora Wheitner for assault and battery came up for trial this morning in Justice Brown's court. The prosecution dismissed the complaint and filed a new one, charging assault with intent to do great bodily injury. The preliminary examination lasted all day. The evidence adduced shows that the statements published in today's BEE were true. The court held the prisoner to await the next term of the district court. She has not succeeded in giving bond. Public sentiment is still strong against the prisoner. The little victim lies in a precarious condition.

Interested in Scientific Farming.

GIBBON, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Farmers institute that was held at this place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd was a complete success in every particular, and shows that the farmers of Buffalo county are taking an active interest in the subject of scientific farming. During the entire session a large number of farmers and dairymen of this and adjoining counties were present. Papers were read and discussed on the subjects of corn raising, wheat raising, stock raising, and numerous subjects. Among those from abroad who contributed to the success of the institute were Profs. Canfield Barber, Ingersoll and Wood from the state university.

Court at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—In the district court now in session here the damage suit brought by Herman Diers of Crowell against Frank Pulsifer, a farmer living near there, was dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Diers brought suit for $30,000, claiming that amount of damages for Pulsifer's connection with his imprisonment at the time of Carlos Pulsifer's murder.

The grand jury which has been in session all the week has brought in one indictment, against Sam Small for obtaining money under false pretenses. Small was recently arrested at Cheyenne and brought back here on a requisition for trial.

Nebraska Mortgages.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—During the month of January the mortgages on Adams county farm lands satisfied aggregated $52,088.08. The farm mortgages filed amounted to $45,815.84; city mortgages filed, $7,010.13; satisfied, $10,130; chattel mortgages filed, $35,475.77; satisfied, $36,633.87. Two sheriff's deeds of farm property were given in the month. For the past eight months the considerations of farm mortgages satisfied exceeded those filed by $71,005. One hundred and fifteen deeds were recorded last month.

Drank Up a Fortune.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Norfolk institute for the cure of the liquor, opium, tobacco and morphine habits received its first patient today in the person of Conrad Hansen of Battle Creek, who claims the distinction of destroying more bad whisky than any man in Nebraska. Mr. Hansen, in the last sixteen years, at Battle Creek, has drunk the value of $40,000 of hard earned money and now seeks a cure of the habit.

Trial of an Alleged Horse Thief.

MINDEN, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The preliminary hearing of Sherman Bromley, who was brought here from Kansas charged with horse stealing, was continued until February 15 to give the state time to collect evidence. Deputy Sheriff Robison was sent to find the horse, and today returned with it, having let the horse which Bromley was found with loose and followed it to the place where Bromley traded horses.

It Will Be a Handsome Structure.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Architect Harry G. Carter of Minneapolis was in the city yesterday looking over the site for the new opera house and conversing with the opera house company. Mr. Carter has the plans for the new building. It is to be a three-story brick structure and will be ready for occupancy by September 1. Harry Wales has the contract for building it.

Burlington Depot Burned.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The B. & M. passenger depot at Cedar Creek, a small station on the main line west of this point, was burned to the ground. The fire originated in the loft over the office, and a defective flue, it is presumed, was the cause. The night operator was the only person in the building at the time, and only a few record books were saved.

Columbian Commissioners to Meet.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The action taken looking to the postponement of the meeting of the Nebraska Columbian commission at Lincoln, February 9, has been recalled, and the meeting will be held as agreed upon in the resolution adopted at the time of the adjournment of the last meeting. Business important. All should attend.

Switchman Loses His Fingers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Stephen Gilmore, a switchman in the B. & M. yards at this point, had his hand caught while coupling cars, which necessitated the amputation of the thumb and index finger.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SPEECH

Subjects Touched Upon by Her Majesty in That Document.

ACCEPTED CHAMBERLAIN AS LEADER

Course of the Dissidents in Parliament Will Be Dictated by Him—Mrs. Osborne in Jail—Victoria Has the Rheumatism—English News Items.

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LONDON, Feb. 5.—The cabinet sat for nearly three hours yesterday shaping the speech from the throne, with which parliament will be opened on Tuesday. The unusual length of time spent over the document is attributed to a difference of opinion as to whether any reference should be made to the coming session as bringing the present parliament toward the close of its career. It was finally determined that nothing should be said on that subject. The queen, in privy council, at Osborne house tomorrow, will formally consider and approve the draft of the speech.

Victoria's Speech.

The speech opens with a reference to the sympathy of the nation for the royal family over its recent bereavement; alludes to the death of the khedive as not altering British relations with Egypt; refers to the continued prosperity of the country and says there is no reason to fear that England will be ultimately affected by foreign tariff legislation, and congratulates the country upon the prospect of an early settlement of the Bering sea dispute, and upon the pacific aspect of foreign affairs generally. The speech mentions the Irish local government and education bills as adding completeness to a series of measures for securing order in and the welfare of Ireland. Other measures announced are a small holdings bill, a district councils bill and bills to reform the Indian council, and Scottish private legislation. This last measure has importance beyond its application to Scotland, as affirming and extending the principle of local government. It is proposed to remove Scotish private bills from the consideration of the House of Commons committee to judicial committees, sitting in certain districts in Scotland. The archbishop of Canterbury has a clergy discipline bill which the government will support. This constitutes the business of the session. The leaders of the opposition do not intend to move any amendment to the address.

Will Make it a Party Fight.

Mr. Gladstone will not appear in the House of Commons on the first week of the session. He has delegated to Sir William Vernon Harcourt the task of questioning the government as to its intentions in regard to the dissolution of Parliament. If the reply is indefinite Mr. Gladstone will make the question the subject of a great party fight.

A meeting of dissidents will be held at the Devonshire house on Monday, at which Mr. Chamberlain will be formally accepted as leader in the House of Commons. In the evening the duke of Devonshire will give a dinner to a few adherents. No political section in the whole country is in a more dismal condition than are the dissidents. The prospect of their extinction in the coming elections is increasing. The local conservatives of Worcestershire, which is now represented by dissidents, have declared for purely conservative candidates, rejecting the claims of Austin Chamberlain, who wanted to stand for one of the constituencies. The conservatives in other constituencies are showing fight against dissidents nominated by the party managers.

Messrs. Sexton, Dillon, O'Brien, T. M. Healy, Sheely, Abraham, Arthur and T. P. O'Connor were today elected a committee to advise Mr. McCarthy. Yesterday evening a report, which was accepted as probable, gave to Mr. Sexton the right of succession to the chairmanship of the Irish party. There is not yet, however, anything like unanimity as to who should follow Mr. McCarthy. The reputation of Mr. Sexton as an able administrator was immensely enhanced during his tenure of the mayoralty of Dublin and the sagacity, tact and evenness of the temper he has displayed in recent feuds mark him as the coming leader.

Mrs. Osborne's Pursuit and Arrest.

Captain Osborne was given the privilege to remain with his wife in the Holloway jail until after the prison doctor certified that she was sick and fit for the infirmary. Then he was obliged to leave. She was terribly prostrated and requested constant medical attention. The officials of the prison promised to inform her friends if a state of danger arose during the night. The strain of her position has told most on her since her arrest. She appears to have borne well the life of a fugitive tracked by detectives. Friends state that she was shadowed from Amiens to Rouen, thence to Evreaux and thence to Gisors, where she rested a week under the name of Ogilvy. The officers, supposing that she was secreted in a convent invaded and searched the institution at midnight, alarming the whole town. The fugitive resumed her flight in the morning, going to Bordeaux, where she awaited her husband, with the intention of starting for Buenos Ayres. Captain Osborne, who was also watched, warned her to make her way to Cadiz. On crossing the frontier she became ill at Irun, and, taring of pursuit, decided to surrender. No plea of mental infirmity is put forth in her defense, and nothing is likely to lessen her sentence under two years, in view of her perjury and her blackening the reputation of intimate friends.

The prince of Wales, with Prince George, drove from Osborne house today to view the wreck of the steamer Elder. The sea was not rough and Prince George proposed to take a coast guard boat and board the wreck. The prince of Wales, however, declined to accompany his son and the proposal was dropped. Both listened with interest to the story of the disaster. The prince of Wales expressed equal admiration for the work of the rescuers and for the persistence of the captain in remaining on his vessel. The family circle at Osborne house includes only the prince of Wales and family and the duchess of Albany and her children.

Victoria Ill.

The queen is suffering from a more acute form of rheumatism than usual, and especially in her knees. A court report adds that she is subject to long spells of depression varied by attacks of irratibility. Her physicians deny that there is any cause for alarm.

Ex-Empress Frederick will come to Windsor castle in the spring with Princess Margaret, when it is expected the latter's marriage with Prince George will be settled. Although the public announcement of the betrothal is postponed, Emperor William looks with favor on the match. Princess Margaret has the reputation at court of being the most English of the ex-empress' daughters.

Viscount Cheisea, son of Earl Cadogan, who was for some time a suitor for the hand of Princess Maud, of Wales, has become engaged to Mildred, daughter of Lord Arlington. This marriage will unite the families of the two greatest ground landlords in London, whose wealth is enormous. The prince of Wales favored the viscount's suit, but Maud did not.

The deacons of the tabernacle who have in their power the choice of a successor to the late Mr. Spurgeon, are inclined to select Mr. Charles Spurgeon, now at Greenwich, a fluent preacher and sound theologian, but lacking in some of the qualities of popularity.

Salisbury's Bad Break.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt spoke today at Southampton. In the course of his address he took occasion to denounce in vehement terms what he characterized as Lord Salisbury's "unjust reference to the Catholic Irish" in his speech at Exeter on Tuesday last. He pronounced the premier's remarks under that head as disgraceful, and worthy of a violent, drunken orangeman. Sir William declared that if the premier had indulged in such remarks with regard to Canada or Australia those dependencies of the empire would not remain twenty-four hours in allegience to the queen, unless British claims to their fealty were supported by cannon and bayonets.

Tranby Croft Visited by Burglars.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Tranby Croft, the home of Arthur Wilson and the scene of the occurrences that led to the famous baccarat scandal which brought the prince of Wales into the witness box and led to the disgrace of Sir William Gordon Cumming, has again achieved notoriety in the newspapers. While the Wilson family were at dinner, burglars attempted to enter the house. They tried all the doors of the house and cut the telephone wire leading to Hull, so that should they be discovered in their attempt to rob the place it would not be possible for the family to summon any one to their aid before the thieves had a chance to escape. Their plans were well laid, but unfortunately for them they were discovered by some of the servants as they were cutting their way through Mr. Wilson's dressing room. The burglars fled immediately upon discovery, and though it was but a short time before the police were notified, they managed to make good their escape.

O'BRIEN, THE BUNCO MAN.

He Arrives Safely from England in Charge of a Detective.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Thomas O'Brien, the bunco man, charged with swindling James W. Peck, a real estate dealer of Albany, out of $10,000, arrived here yesterday from England on the Guion line steamer Arizona. He was in charge of Detective Thomas Reilly, jr., of Albany, who had been sent to bring O'Brien back. Detectives Meade, Dwyer, McCann and Nolan from Albany were waiting at the Guion line pier when the Arizona reached there at 4:15 p. m. As soon as the luggage of O'Brien and Reilly had been inspected, the party drove with the prisoner to police headquarters. A crowd of idlers followed the cab on the run for several blocks.

After a short stay at police headquarters, the detectives and their prisoner drove to the Grand Central station and boarded the train for Albany. Reilly, the detective, had evidently been celebrating the arrival of the Arizona in port. While on the voyage over O'Brien had the freedom of the ship. He and Reilly occupied the same stateroom. So favorable an impression did O'Brien make that when the cab in which he was about to drive away from the pier yesterday came up, several of the cabin passengers came forward and shook hands with him.

The only resistance to the law which O'Brien made was when he first went on board the Arizona at Liverpool. At that time an attempt was made to put handcuffs on him, but he grabbed the handcuffs and threw them overboard, saying: "I will go with you quietly, but will not wear those." The detectives from Scotland Yard went as far as Queenstown with O'Brien. When it was first noised about the ship that O'Brien was on board some of the passengers did not like it. It is said that an old lady sat down by the side of O'Brien one day, before he had become known about the ship, and said: "I understand there is a notorious criminal on board. Don't you think it a shame that we should be obliged to travel with such people?"

"I do indeed, madam," replied O'Brien, "and had it not been for circumstances beyond my control, I never would have come in this ship."

NOT READY FOR STATEHOOD.

Citizens of Utah Protest Against Some of the Proposed Admission Bills.

SALT LAKE, U. T., Feb. 5.—The liberal territorial convention has just been held in this city, comprised of upwards of 300 leading citizens from several counties of Utah. The convention adopted a memorial to congress against the passage of Teller's statehood bill or Faulkner's quasi-statehood bill, setting forth that the territory is settled by people who know nothing of politics and have never learned to appreciate or conduct free institutions, refers to the progress made under the liberal party, but says it is not yet sufficient to justify turning over complete control to those who so long have been hostile to the government and are yet imperfectly weaned from their old ways. It also calls attention to the reasonable doubts of the sincerity of the Mormons in their present professions of party divisions and rejection of polygamy; represents that the territory is prospering under the present statute, and asks time for the changes now going on to become crystalized and irrevocable before statehood, that once granted cannot be withdrawn, is conferred upon Utah.

A committee will go to Washington with the memorial.

ONLY A HARMLESS CRANK.

Ephraim Pine, Who Scared Gould's Clerks, Don't Know What Dynamite Is.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Feb. 5.—Ephraim Pine, the Millville crank who tried to borrow a million and a half of dollars from Jay Gould in New York, has arrived home. He lives about four miles out of this city on the road leading to Newport, and is looked upon around here as one of the most harmless men in the world. When questioned about his visit to Mr. Gould's office, he seemed much discouraged that he had been unsuccessful in getting the financier to boom his big enterprise and was much surprised when informed that the clerks were afraid his three satchels contained dynamite. But he does not know what dynamite is and never shot a gun off in his life. He says that while he would have liked to have secured a loan of a million and a half from Mr. Gould, he would not harm a hair of his head.

Pine is a farmer's son, and for several years worked on an oyster boat in Maurice river cove. He has always had big schemes on his brain.

Bequests to Educational Institutions.

NEW HAVEN, Conn, Feb. 5.—By the will of the late James Howard, Yale is to receive a new scholarship. After deducting numerous bequests to relatives, the residue of the estate is to accumulate until it shall reach $40,000, when $40,000 is given to Yale, Amherst, Dartmouth and the Minnesota state university, to found four scholarships, which are to bear the names respectively of Mr. Howard's father, mother and two brothers.

Cass County Mortgages.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 5.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The aggregate amounts of mortgages filed in Cass county during the month of January last past are as follows: Farm mortgages—filed, $20,130; released, $33,777.45; released over filed, $13,657.45. City mortgages—filed, $10,063; released, $3,227.75; filed over released, $6,835.25. Chattel mortgages—filed, $13,636.40; released, $20,315.18; released over filed, $6,678.78.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Domestic.

San Jose, Cal., has been visited by a slight shock of earthquake.

Simon Bush has been hanged at Clay City, Mo., for the murder of his wife.

The Pittsburg street car strike is at an end. The men have unconditionally surrendered.

The barb wire trust has been dissolved. The collapse of the trust is attributed to overproduction.

The Jones brothers, who fled from Paris, Tenn., because of crooked transactions, have been located in the City of Mexico.

The report of arrangements made for consolidating the Edison and Thomson-Houston companies was officially confirmed.

The report that Fitzsimmons, the Pittsburg murderer, who committed suicide in New Orleans, was Willie Tascott has been denied.

The Law and Order league has succeeded in convicting several Pittsburg newsdealers for selling papers on Sunday. Appeals have been taken in each case.

Boomers have commenced flocking to the Cherokee strip, and large numbers of them are already on the border awaiting the proclamation opening it to settlement.

The Boston Evening News declares that the Massachusetts democracy has for years been drawing on the Louisiana Lottery company for funds.

The committee of fifty appointed by President Smith of the New York Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for the relief of the Russian famine sufferers, have already raised $5,300.

H. Gloster Armstrong is in Chicago negotiating with the World's fair officials for five acres of space on which to reproduce the historic Tower of London. The proposition is favorably received by the officials.

Patrick Hurst, a laborer of Chicago, Ill., attacked his wife with a knife while she was sick in bed, stabbing her again and again, until he had slashed her thirty-eight times. Many of the cuts were inflicted after the woman had succumbed to the frightful hacking. Hurst has been arrested.

Lee S. Lynch, special commissioner of the World's fair for the south sea islands, has started for San Francisco and will sail by the first steamer for Yokohama. He will visit the Philippine islands, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, the Fiji islands, the Friendly islands, the Solomon islands, New Zealand and other members of the Malayan and Polynesian groups.

Foreign.

Emin Pasha, writing from Msua, confirms the story of cruelties practiced by the slave hunters. Emin says that he pursued one hunter for six days, during which he counted fifty-one bodies of slaves who had been recently killed. The bodies of all were worn to skeletons and the skulls of thirty-nine had been beaten in.

BRITISH CHIVALRY EXCITED

Treatment of Mrs. Osborne by the Treasury Department Causes Much Disgust.

MISS MITCHELL'S COMING WEDDING

Great Interest Shown in the Approaching Capture of a Duke by the Senator's Daughter—French Gossip and European News.

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LONDON, Feb. 5.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Much disgust and indignation is expressed at the shameful and cruel mismanagement of the government's prosecution of Mrs. Osborne, as shown in today's proceedings. In the first place the lord mayor's court and the wretched woman were kept waiting over an hour before any one representing the treasury condescended to put in an appearance at all. Then the solicitor coolly made his appearance, declaring he knew nothing about the matter, but asking leave to withdraw the warrant on which Mrs. Osborne was arrested. The fact is, the officers of the crown had at the eleventh hour come to the conclusion that the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses would not hold good. All their united wisdom could not discover that until the miserable prisoner had been made to suffer hours of horrible torture in court.

The warrant was dismissed, and then, by way of exhibiting its zeal, the treasury applied for another warrant on a charge of perjury. Upon this Mrs. Osborne will have to stand trial.

Hauled from one court to another, half mad with distress and fainting from exhaustion, this guilty but most unhappy and afflicted woman has been cast into prison on the court's remand, simply because the treasury grossly mismanaged the case altogether from a false position. Nobody demands her prosecution. Full reparation has been made to all injured persons and the treasury is not obliged to interfere. But if it has interfered in the name of justice, let it pursue the paths of justice and not inflict tortures upon a broken hearted woman, such as Judge Jeffries himself might well have been ashamed of.

I believe the subject will be brought up in parliament next week.

READY FOR THE WEDDING.

Great Preparations Being Made for the Rochefoucauld-Mitchell Nuptials.

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PARIS, Feb. 5.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The dowager duchess de la Rochefoucauld gave a dinner Thursday in honor of her son, the duke, and his fiancee, Mattie Mitchell, whose marriage takes place next Thursday at noon at the Church of St. Clothilde, the chapel of the nunciature, which was originally selected, being too small to contain the guests. The witnesses for the duke will be his cousin, the duke de la Rocheguyon, and the count de la Valette, who is a colonel of the duke's regiment. Miss Mitchell's witnesses will be Whitelaw Reid and Baron de Steuve, Russian minister to Washington. The civil marriage takes place on Wednesday at the mairie of the Seventh arrondissement at 3 p. m., followed by a dinner de contral at the residence of the dowager duchess in rue de Bellechasse.

Miss Mitchell's bridal dress is of ivory satin, perfectly plain, edged with orange blossoms around the bottom skirt. The corsage is made of narrow pleats, with an empire sash of white satin edged at the top with orange blossoms. The sleeves are close fitting to the elbows and bouffante from the elbows to the shoulder. The neck is covered with old point Alencon lace, which is an heirloom of the la Rochefoucald family, and which falls over the corsage to the waist. A long tulle veil covers the entire dress, fastened at the top of the head by a Henri IV coronet of orange blossoms.

Some of the Presents.

The wedding presents include fine sable furs from the Baron d'Hirsch; ivory card case, Miss McLane; gold handled parasol, marked with ducal coronet and motto, from Count Sala; lace fan, from Admiral Greer; large silver-mounted toilet mirror, with la Rochefoucauld arms and motto, "C'est Son Praiser," from Countess de Rohan Chabot, nee Heyward; Louis XIII clock and candelabra, from Duchess de Luyens, cousin of the duke; white ostrich feather fan, with shell mountings and diamond crest, from Duchess de Lignes; lovers' knot of diamonds, with spray of diamonds for the hair, from Count and Countess de la Rochefoucauld, brother and sister-in-law of the duke.

Although Miss Mattie Mitchell has not recovered from her recent illness, she is better and is able to drive out every day