stairway and crowded around Mr. and Mrs

Manderson to pay their respects and extend an Omaha welcome. After the reception dancing was the diversion. Carriages were

CRAIG'S GAS WELL STILL IN EVIBENCE.

Force of the Current Rapidly Forcing the

CRAIG, Neb., March 28.—(Special Tele-

gram.)-The gas well reported yesterday is

still roaring, and hist night it threw mud

twenty feet above the level of the ground.

the ground away from around the pipe rap-

idly. All work has been stopped and Owner A. Whitney is in a quandary what to do. What is wanted is an expert, but no one

seems to know where to send for a man. To-day a live chicken was let down fifteen feet

and left for one minute, and when drawn up

vas dead. The gas, without doubt, is car-onic acid gas, and the flow is immense. There

is some talk of telegraphing for the state

LINCOLN, March 28.—(Special Telegram.

well yesterday discovered at Craig.

Prof. Barbour said: "There is an apparent

discrepancy somewhere concerning the natu-

county, March 27. It is pronounced car-bonic acid gas, and yet it burns. It must

se borne in mind that carbonic acid gas no

only refuses to burn, but it actually puts fire out. Natural gas does contain a little

carbonic acid gas, but it scarcely amounts to one-half of 1 per cent. Natural gas con-

with small amounts of other natural gases.

Marsh gas develops wherever there is de-caying vegetation. If the Craig well actually burns, then it is probably a local reservoir

of marsh gas that was struck. Marsh gas

can be seen bubbling to the surface in all swampy places. It has no commercial value.

"It is not to be expetced that this Burt county gas well will have any economic im-

portance. Though natural gas occurs even in

he drift, yet in general it is associated with

lder strata. The Pennsylvania gas wells are

petroleum bearing rocks, which occur in the

in the upper carboniferous, those of Ohio in the lower silurious. Craig lies in the Dakota

group of the cretaceous, entirely outside of the carboniferous. The rocks of the Dakota

cretaceous are very sandy and porous, and

without folds or impervious strata to encase

be stored up in natural resorts, but would

"Of course, a reliable judgment cannot be

passed without a knowledge of all the facts, but on general principles natural gas in pay-ing quantities is not to be expected in Burt

county. However, it does occur in nearly all

the states and territories. Possibly this is

a blowing well, similar to that near Scranton

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Seventh Session of the Nebraska Conference

Transacting Business at Sutton.

SUTTON, Neb., March 28 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-The seventh session of the Nebraska

conference of the Evangelical Association of

North America convened at Sutton this morn

After devotional exercises the bishop ap-

pointed Rev. W. H. Althouse as secretary, who selected Rev. F. H. Descher and Rev. F.

The examination of the preachers as to morals was conducted without any charges preferred and in the spirit of brotherly love.

oted them. H. G. Goose had elders' orders

The conference is composed of two presid-

lebraska and Colorado as far west as Denver

Rev. H. Sohl has charge of Fremont district and A. Braenchlo of the Hastings district. Rev. H. Mattill and Rev. J. C. Hornberger.

both of Cleveland, and Rev. A. H. Seilliner of Friend, Neb., were received as advisory mem-

Settled a Sensational Case.

ST. PAUL, Neb., March 28 .- (Special.)-

The sensational case of Peter Klein against

Jacob Stoltenberg and Fred Stoltenberg has

occupied County Judge Hannibal's attention

for the last two days. Peter Klein brought suit against defendants for \$1,000 for allen-

ating his wife's love. A number of lawyers

from Hall and Howard counties were in at-tendance. Judge Hannibal decided the case

Verdict Against an Ex-County Treasurer.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 28 .- (Special.)-

The case of George W. Cunningham

against Charles H. Paul, in the district court, was decided yesterday, the jury returning a verdict for \$1,022 in favor of plaintiff, after

being out thirty minutes. The plaintiff sued to recover money paid to Paul for taxes while the latter was county treasurer. The ver-dict stands against nearly all of Paul's bonds-

Married at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Neb., March 28 .- (Special.)-

John Armstrong and Miss Alta Ashton were

married at the residence of the bride's par-ents at 6 o'clock this morning. The bride is a daughter of one of this county's best farmers

and the groom a son of a prominent citizen.

Greeley Center Merchant Closed Out.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., March 28 .-

(Special Telegram.)—The stock of general merchandise owned by R. J. Dwyer of this place is being closed out at cost under the name of the Sullivan Mercantile company.

prices. Leave orders at

in favor of the defendants.

g elders' districts and takes in the state of

A. Panke and E. Mehl had deacons'

ng, Bishop Bowman, of Chicago presiding.

and hold gas, which would accordingly

escape to the outside air.

in Saline county.

sists almost wholly of marsh gas,

Man Who Tipped Off the Raid Lying Low

Until All Are Apprehended.

RALLY SEASON COMES ON IN MAY

Work After that Date by Persons Not Ac climated Will Be Impossible-No Danger of British Interference in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, March 28 .- Messrs. Warer Miller, Smith Weed, Hitchcock and Bartlett of New York called on the president, Secretary Gresham and Secretary Lamont today in connection with the appointment of the commission to examine the Nicaragua canal route, as provided for by a clause in the last sundry civil appropriation bill. This clause makes an appropriation of \$20,000 for ne purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of permanence and cost of construction and apletion of the canal on the present route, and provides for the appointment of a commission, to be composed of one army englneer, one naval engineer and one civilian expert, to visit and inspect the canal. The work is to be done under the regulations prescribed by the secretary of state and the president is to appoint the commission. The latter is also authorized to suggest any deviation from the present line that they may deem desirable. The callers disclosed a general desire to appoint the commissioners and equip an expedition to Nicaragua at the ear-liest day practicable. No names were men-tioned for the places as commissioners, but it was definitely understood that the appointments would be made soon. At the conclusion of the conference Bartlett, of the committee which has recently reorganized the company, outlined the projected work. "I sald he, "that the expe dition start at the earliest day practicable. The rainy season begins in May, lasts until November, and this and the climate make it hard for men untried to the lo-cality. The desire is to complete the work

Mr. Bartlett was asked if the pending troubles between Great Britain and Nicar-agua would embarrass the work or threaten United States interests in the canal,

"Not in the slightest," said he. "There is sure to be an amicable adjustment of that controversy. At one time there was some talk that Great Britain would intervene and build the cases. build the canal if we did not, but that time Mr. Bartlett said the new officers and

plan of organization of the reorganized company would be announced at an early day. The reorganization company, he added, had succeeded in freeing the company from debt and putting it on a stable basis. ABOUT A MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Question of the Standing of the Nominated Commissioners Considered.

WASHINGTON, March 28.-In regard to the point that delegates from the United States to an international bimetallic conference could not be commissioned under the Wolcott amendment unless the call, as made, provided for a conference for the establishment of free coinage, it is recalled that in outlining the purpose of the proposed conference, the language of the present law is the same as that under which the Brussels conference of 1892 was held, and that while the first instructions of this government to its delegates in that conference were to secure free coinage if possible they were authorized to use their own judgment in the measure, and in failing to secure international bimetallism, they were advised by the then secretary of state, Hon. John Foster "the next important duty will be to secure if possible some action upon the part of pean countries, looking to a larger us of eliver as currency in order to put an end to the further depreciation of that

The fact is not overlooked, however, that the Brussels conference was held upon the call of the United States, while it is not contemplated that the one now proposed shall be called at the instance of this country.

There are some public men here who do not believe that any conference will be called. Judge Holman is among those who hold this opinion. He said today that the movement would amount to nothing and expressed the opinion that there would be no call for a meeting and therefore no apere was a story current today that in casthe president should decide not to complete the commission provided for in the sundry civil bill, the delegates appointed by the senate and house could attend the conference regardless of his action, but this appears to be head upon the market surface. pears to be based upon the merest surmise, as none of the senate or house appointees, who alone could be adequate authority for such a statement, are in the city. Judge Culbertson, one of the house delegates, remained in the city until today, but his friends may that he has never contemplated attendance. ance upon any conference that might be called independently of the action of the president. They also say for him that the impression which has gone abroad that he was the mouthpiece of the president's views in recent interviews given out by him, in which he expressed belief in the invalidity of the congressional enactment is entire unfounded and that Mr. Culbertson has exssed deep regret that such an interview pressed deep regret that such an interview had been based upon his utterances. It is pointed out by those who do not believe that the congressional delegates will undertake the congressional delegates will undertake to represent the United States independently of the president's action that the law is based upon the president's determination and that without action on his part the delegates would have no official standing at conference of the kind contemplated.

WILSON LEARNING HIS JOB.

Taking Lessons from Big Biss on How

WASHINGTON, March 28.-Postmaster the counsel for ex-Consul John L. Waller of General Bissell and Mr. Wilson, the exe- Kansas, was at the State department today cutive who succeeds Mr. Bissell, had another to ascertain if any news had been received long conference at the department today. They went over the routine of the department and discussed generally the duties of the office and the methods of work. The change does not take place until next Thursday, when Mr. Wilson takes the oath of office, but he has manifested his intention to become thoroughly acquainted with his duties before assuming charge. They went over the routine of the departoffice, but he has manifested his intention to become thoroughly acquainted with his duties before assuming charge.

Mr. Bissell's plans immediately following his retirement have not been finally deter-

mined, but it is probable that he will re main in the city until the latter part o April. There are now about forty presidential postoffice appointments pending and it is probable that considerable more than a score of these will be left for Mr. Wilson to

The principal offices to be filled are Cincinnati and Cleveland, O., where there are bitter contests. Ex-Governor Campbell and other political leaders from the Buckeye state are now in the city, presumably in connec-tion with these offices and the marshalship tion with these offices and the marshaiship and district attorncyship in the two cities. Other cities in the list are Seattle, Wash, the home of Senator Squire: Providence, R. I., the home of Senator Aldrich, where appointment has been long pending, and Eliaworth, Me., the home of Senator Frye. The appointment of an assistant general superintendent of the mail service will also fall within the patronage of Mr. Wilson. The office pays \$3,000 a year and traveling expenses, and has been vacant since the promotion of Charles Nielson of Maryland, now second assistant postmaster general. The office almost invariably has been filled by promotion from within the service and the promotion from within the service and the postmaster general has refrained from filling the place until he could find some one whom onsiders especially fitted for the position.

Want Letter Carrier Jenkens Reinstated WASHINGTON, March 28 .- A strong fight is being made at the Postoffice department over the reinstatement of Letter Carrier John L. Jenkins of Youngstown, O. who was recently dismissed. Jenkins was charged with being "too frivolous" in delivering a letter to Miss Mary R. Whitestone, who lived on his route, and with failure to report the damaged condition of a letter delivered by him, and which he was at first accused of opening. The matter was investigated by

CANAL MEN ARE IN A HURRY a postoffice inspector, and his recommendation of removal adopted. The carrier denies the charges, and Congressman Taylor and the carrier's counsel appeared at the Post-Office department to day with representatives of the National Association of Letter Carriers, armed with Jenkins statement of the case, supported by affidavits and urged his restoration to the force.

OPENING OF THE YANKTON RESERVE. Secretary Smith Forwards a Draft of the

Proclamation to the President. WASHINGTON, March 28.-Secretary Smith oday forwarded to the president the drafts of two proclamations opening to settlement the lands ceded by the Yankton Sioux Indians in South Dakota and the Alsea and other Indians on the Sulotz reservation in Oregon. The president is expected to act immediately on these and issue the formal

proclamations within a few days.

The Yankton reservation embodies some of he best land in the state and there are 168. 000 acres of the ceded lands. The proclamaas forwarded, provides that the lands shall be subject to entry within thirty days of publication. Land officials do not expect a rush for the lands such as occurred at the Oklahoma opening, and will adopt measures tending to secure equal treatment for all ers. The agreement with the Yank-provides for the payment for surplus settlers. lands of \$600,000, together with \$20 for each male adult of the tribe.

The agreement with the Indians on the Sulotz reservation provided for the cession of itory covering 178,000 acres. The compensation paid by the government was \$100,000. There are several other reservations for which negotiations for opening to settlement are being made, and the Nez Perces lands in Idaho will probably be among the first made subject to entry.

SETTLERS NOTSO BAD OFF AFTER ALL. Can Lease Their Lands Directly from the

Winnebago Indians. WASHINGTON, March 28.-The question of the regular leases of the Winnebago Indians has been before the Interior department for several years, and the eviction proceedings begun through a representative of the Department of Justice, at the request of the Interior department, are taken under the decision of the circuit court of appeals of St. Louis last December, declaring that the conwith the Flournoy Live Stock and Real Estate company are void. Indians, it is understood, have been deluded by the neighboring whites into the belief that they have full rights and that the contracts would not require official approvals. In this matter they have been generally worsted in their transactions with the whites, and their leases ave been made for very little compensation. No trouble is anticipated from the evictions as the farmers to whom the company has sublet the lands can set aside their tracts and lease directly from the Indians with the approval of the department. It is probable that the company will appeal to the United States supreme court to have the

RESCRIPT ON THE CHANG SHOOTING.

contracts for lands declared binding, but

steps have been taken to secure an injunction

to restrain the company from interfering

with the evictions.

Official Manifesto of the Mikado Concerning the Unfortunate Affair. WASHINGTON, March 28 .- The Japanese legation has received the following rescript, issued by the emperor of Japan on the occasion of the shooting of Li Hung Chang. It contains several statements not given in the copy first cabled to this country: "Although China is actually at war with us, she sent an envoy, observing the due forms and ceremonies of nations, to negotiate peace, and we also appointed our plenipotentiarie to negotiate peace, and we also appointed our plenipotentiaries to meet and confe with him at Shimonoseki. It being proper hat we should, in accordance with established international usage and with due re-gard to the honor of the state, extend to the Chinese envoy suitable treatment and protection, we especially directed the competent authorities to neglect nothing to that end. We deeply regret that a miscreant has un-fortunately appeared who has inflicted injury upon the envoy. The offender will, of course, be punished by the competent author-ities according to law, without the least extenuation. We command the officials and the people to endeavor, by more strongly bearing our will in mind, to strictly guard against the recurrence of such outrages, so as not to impair the honor and glory of the

WOKE UP THE HONDUREAN OFFICIALS

of a Warship Has a Wholesome Effeet on the Southern Republic. WASHINGTON, March 28 .- The report of Captain Davis of the United States steamship

Montgomery upon his investigations in Honduras surrounding the killing of the American, Renton, at Brewer's lagoon, has just been received at the Navy department. The report is voluminous, and is being carefully sifted by the officials. Captain Davis made a most careful inquiry into all of the facts. The conculsion is that the Hondurean government is properly chargeable with re-sponsibility for the affair, and has been dereict in failing to take any steps whatever to ascertain and punish the perpetrators of the crime. Captain Davis' visit awakened the Hondurean officials, and there is now a fair prospect that tardy justice will be secured at last. Captain Davis found that the injury sustained by the Renton estate amounts to about \$38,000, and the Hondurean government will be requested to reimburse the widow in this amount. It has already signified a disposition to do what is right in the matter. The report of the naval captain will be transmitted to the State department, at whose request the investigation was under-

LOOKING AFTER WALLER'S INTERESTS

Ex-Congressman Langston Files Some Papers in the State Department. WASHINGTON, March 28.-Hon. John M. Langston, who for some years past has been officially of the reported sentence of his cli-As the result of his visit to the State department Mr. Langston expressed the con-viction that the officials will act promptly in investigating the matter, and they will by all means refuse to submit to the disposition of his case by a court martial and insist upon a civil trial.

Raising All Pensions to Six Dollars. WASHINGTON, March 28.—All necessary steps for putting into effect the recent legisiation raising all pensions below \$6 to that rating have been taken by the pension bureau. Low rate pensioners whose names are borne on the rolls of the Buffalo, Chicago, Concord, Des Moines, Milwaukee and Pittsburg agencies will receive the \$6 rating on April 4, and all like pensions in other jurisdictions will be advanced at the next payment in their district. The change will add about \$1,506,000 to the pension expenditures, and the cases of about 40,000 pensioners will be affected. islation raising all pensions below \$6 to that

Disease Due to Poor Food. WASHINGTON, March 28.—A telegram respecting the reported case of pluero-pnuenomia in Kansas was received at the Agricultural department from Inspector W. S. Devoe, who investigated the matter. He now says that Prof. N. S. Mayo of the State Agricultural college asserts that he (Mayo) did not report the disease to be one of pleuro-pneumonia. The telegram added that the disease was due to poor food.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The work of urveying Indian territory and marking off the townships and sections will be begun by the United States geological survey in a few days. The object is to aid the In-dians in taking lands in severalty. The Chickasaw nation lands are the only area in the territory so far surveyed.

Postoffices Raised to the chird Class. WASHINGTON, March 28.—A number of postoffices will be raised to the presidential class on April 1. Among them are: Clarence, Mo.; Hamilton, Mont.; Gallup, N. M.; Blackwell and Pawnee, Oki.

Many people participated in the reception who did not attend the dinner party. A number of new arrivals thronged the colonial Dinner Party and Reception to Senator and Mrs. Manderson Last Evening.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR AT OMAHA CLUB ROOMS

Pride in the Record of Nebraska's Retiring Senator Well Voiced by Dr. Miller, with Cordial Response-The Reception Following.

Notwithstanding the frowns of a Lenten season the palatial new quarters of the Omaha club were formally dedicated last evening with a social event of unusual brilliance

A dinner party and reception was tendered to Senator and Mrs. Manderson, who returned from Washington a few days ago. The affair was given under the auspices of a number of prominent members of the club, intimate friends of Senator Manderson, Messrs, H. W. Yates, Herman Kountze, General Brooke and Euclid Martin constituted the committee, which believed that the best was none too good for an esteemed associate who has just laid down the cares of twelve years' continuous service in political life to resume the plain, every day toga of private citizenship, The result of its efforts was in every respect triumphant.

The interior of the club building was an enchanting picture of magnificence, dotted with the conventional garb of gentlemen, and he pretty gowns of beautiful women. he city and who lived here before it donned the dignified robes of a metropolis, were there accompanied by their wives and daughters. To them the career of Senator Manderson, came among them as a stranger twenty five years ago, was a pleasant memory, with last night's affair as a happy testimonial of the acquaintance. They heartily welcomed him back again to the rank and file, and Mrs. Manderson shared the cordial greeting. WAS A SCENE OF BRILLIANCY.

The dinner party was limited to 100. The and lilies of the valley. Rose bowls here and there, filled with fragrant flowers, added a pleasant effect to the scene in the dining halls. Glendoliers overhead blended harmoniously with cream colored walls bird's eye maple finishings. It was a pretty page from high life.
The Second Infantry band and an orchestra

was an indispensable acquisition to the social dreamland. The service under the supervision of Manager Andrews and Colonel Pryor was excellent. During the evening the Mozart quartet gave several vocal numbers. The guests assembled at the appointed hour of 7. Long before that time there was a jam of carriages near the Douglas street

in an adjacent room discoursed music, which

The main entrance, resplendent with electric lights, was guarded by four policemen. Dinner was served at 7:15 in the large dining hall on the third floor, Senator and Mrs. Manderson occupying the seats of honor. H. W. Yates presided at the head table. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Senator Manderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolworth, Mr. and Mrs John L. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. General Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Miller, Mr and Mrs. Guy C. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Her-

man Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offut. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs J. H. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bradford Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weller, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Kim-Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mr. and W. Switzler, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Coutant, Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tukey, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Estabrook, Mrs. M. Patrick. Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Mrs. Prichett. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Cornish, Mr Mrs. Judge Ogden, Miss Yates, Miss Hamilton, Miss Clarke, Miss Wallace, Miss Briggs, Miss Hanscom, Miss Kountze, Miss Clarkson, Miss Blaney, Miss Dandy, General Stanton, General Dandy, Major Clarkson, Colonel Bates, Colonel Patrick, Major Humphrey, Colonel Cornish, Mr.

Murphy, H. W. Yates, L. M. Bennett, F. A. Nash, William Wallace and Max Meyer.
After the menu had been served President Yates announced that the speeches would be limited. He said it was more of a dinner party than a banquet. It was simply a formal expression of the esteem in which Senator and Mrs. Manderson were held by those who knew them best. He read a letter of regret from Congressman Mercer, who had left for China and could not be present. Mr. Yates called upon Dr. Miller to act as spokesman of the occasion to extend greeting to the senator and his wife.

Cudahy, H. T. Clarke, A. J. Hanscom, Frank

DR. MILLER'S WELCOME.

Dr. George L. Miller, in behalf of the hosts, delivered a ten-minute speech, in which he expressed a cordial welcome to Senator and Mrs. Manderson. The speaker reviewed the life of the senator, from the first day he met him in Omaha, twenty-five years ago, up to the present date.

up to the present date.

The record of Senator Manderson as a pioneer, citizen, soldier and statesman was dwelt upon. Dr. Miller particularly complimented Senator Manderson upon his ability, energy and integrity. He said that the distinguished guest of the evening, to whom the higher citizenship of Omaha now paid tribute and welcomed home, was a son of whom Omaha was proud, because he had deservedly won eminence in senatorial halls and above all was an example of individual purity in all was an example of individual purity in politics, and a man with punctilious devotion to personal honor. The career of Senator Manderson in the civil war won the crown-ing glory of a brigadier generalship, and the subsequent achievement of that old soldier subsequent achievement of that old soldier on the battlefield of politics and his elevation to the position of presidency of the American senate were portrayed. The ex-soldier and ex-statesman now returned to Omaha to once more tread the pithway of private ct'zinshp. strewn with the plaudits of a grateful and appreciating multitude. In conclusion, the speaker complimented Mrs. Manderson as a paragon of true American womanhood, and extended a hearty greeting to the senator and his wife, with many wishes of happiness and health for years to come.

SENATOR MANDERSON'S RESPONSE. Senator Manderson briefly responded. He voiced his gratitude at the magnificent reception that greeted him upon his return to private citizenship after twelve years' work at the nation's capital. He thanked his old friends and generous associates from the bot-tom of his heart. Twenty-five years ago he was a stranger in the community, and at that time he never anticipated that within a quar-ter of a century Omaha would be the metropolia of a great western empire, and that he would be honored as the representative of this glorious commonwealth. He had simply done his duty, and it was a source of deep gratification that he now stood among the men who knew him as a pioneer, and who, by their words and deeds, placed the seal of approval upon his record as a public servant. The senator howed with reverence in referring to his wife as a helpmate who had always to his wife as a helpmate who had always faithfully stood by him in life, and whom he brought as a happy bride to Omaha twenty-five years ago. She had shared his troubles and had been an equal partner in his joys, and it was a proud night indeed for both of them to now receive the hearty handshakes and listen to words of cheer from fellow towns-After all, there was no place like They were glad to be among their old friends once more, and to settle down in a community which had such glorious pos-sibilities of an increased commercial and insibilities of an increased commercial and industrial magnitude. Friendship was, after
all, the keystone of happiness, home ties
were preferable to the clatter of political
life. He had noticed that his old Omaha
friends were growing old gracefully. They
were "ageing" in a refined manner, and it
would be a pleasure to step into the ranks
of private life—a plain citizen, and grow old
with those whom one loved and respected as
friends and citizens. In concluding his remarks the senator once more thanked his
hosts profusely and sat down amid a popular
demonstration.

CLOSED WITH A HANDSHAKE

CLOSED WITH A HANDSHAKE. At the conclusion of the speaking Senator Manderson and his vife led the way from the dining rooms to the pariors on the first floor of the building, where they were kept busy shaking hands with friends for some

Mrs. Manderson was gowned in a pompa

WELCOMED BACK TO OMAHA dour brocade, with small vines of pink and yellow flowers, trimpped elaborately with point lace, with a touch here and there of yellow satin ribbons with pink flowers. Dis-

Southern Could Not Be Opened.

Two Men Pulled the Bell Rope, but Fled In Fear Before They Had Got

BISMARCK, Mo., March 28.-Train No 54, which left Poplar Bluff at 10:35 The hole around the pipe has increased from last night, was held up at Williamsville, a two inches to fourteen inches and is forcing station about twenty miles north of that place at 11:30 o'clock. The train is the fast night express from Texas on the Iron Mountain & Southern and was in charge of Con-

As the train neared a lonely spot a short distance north of Williamsville, some one pulled the bell rope and the train came to a halt. Two men, one of whom had a red handkerchief over his face and the other -Prof. E. H. Barbour, state geologist at the iniversity, was seen this evening by a representative of The Bee in relation to the gas a mask of some black material, forced the porter, at the point of a revolver, to un couple the engine, mail and express cars from the train and compelled the engineer to run a short distance up the track with ral gas well reported from Craig. Burt them. The robbers then proceeded to the

open the safe.
"We are desperate, you d-----," said the leader, a tall man about six feet in height. The messenger informed the desperado that he could not open the nation. He opened the local safe, but there Meantime the alarm had been given and the citizens were arming themselves. The robbers becoming frightened, jumped from the train and ran through the woods. Before leaving, howthey secured Conductor Webb's gold

It is thought that the work was done by local toughs. The sheriff is scouring the country for the robbers and they will probacaptured.

The train is known as the California express and is due in St. Louis at 6 a. m. I consists of a baggage, mail and express cars one coach and three sleepers. which the attempt was made is known as Houck Road crossing, and the mail and express cars were run to the woods of the Black river bottoms. TERRIFIED EVERY ONE.

here this forenoon, several hours late. Acording to the trainmen, the holdup was one of the most daring that has occurred since the time of the Jesse James gang. The two men took complete possession of the train and held its crew and the passengers at their mercy. Their arms consisted of Winchesters and Colt's revolvers. Conductor Webb of this city, who was in charge of the train, was seen at his residence this morning soon after the train arrived in St. Louis. He said: "At Williamsville, where the Iron Mountain crosses the Houck road, we stopped for a crossing and at a point about 200 yards from the station the two men got onto the front end of the mail car. About a half mile further on, when the train was under good headway, they pulled the rope. Then they crawled over the tank and into the cab of the locomotive, one on the engineer's side and one on the fireman's side. They covered them with their pistols and commanded the C. Young as assistants. Rev. I. Laply was selected to report to the Sutton, and F. C. Young to the Omaha papers. C. Schwab of the Platte river conference was received as engineer to stop the train, which he did.
"As soon as the train stopped I got off

and walked ahead to see what was the mat-ter. By the time I reached the forward end of the smoker one of the robbers had compelled the fireman and porter to uncouple the coaches from the express and baggage cars As I came up the flash of my lantern at tracted the attention of one of the highway man. He covered me with his gun and or dered me to throw up my hands. He say my heavy gold watch chain and grabbed it from me with my watch. Then he told me to hand him all the money I had. I started to put my hands into my pockets, and he said, 'Oh, no, you don't; I'll get the cash myself!' Then he ran his hands down my pockets and got about \$7 I had collected in fares. All the time he held his pistol close to my head, cursing and swearing all the

bers. Rev. H. Sohl and Rev. A. Braenchlo were elected deacons to the next general con-vention. Bishop Bowman will preach in En-lish at the Sutton Methodist Episcopal church GOT LITTLE FOR THEIR PAINS. 'At that moment the porter finished cut ting out the cars and the robber yelled to the engineer to pull out. The cars started and the robber got on, and as he did so yelled back at us to 'Stand there and don't you

move, or I'll kill every one of you.'
"They forced the engineer to run up the track about half a mile and then brought the engine to a stop. Mattes was ordered off the locomotive, as a precautionary measure, and then the door of the express car was opened in response to their command. The messenger was compelled to open the small safe at the point of a pistol and when he said he could not open the larger safe they threatened to kill him. They ransacked the local packages, but Messenger Farley thinks they got nothing of value, as all the money was locked in the larger safe at Poplar Bluff. The messenger did not know the The messenger did not know the con bination, which is only in possession of agents at the principal stations along the road. Finding they could get no money they abused the messenger and left the car. He was ordered to close the door and keep it closed until they were out of sight. Engineer Mat tes climbed back into the cab, with a pisto pointed at him. Their work done, the high waymen got over the fence on the west side of the track and made for the woods. Both

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time, and threatening to kill every one of us.

men wore masks c nsisting of a piece of black cloth, with eyeholes cut in, and were dressed rather shabbily. They made no attempt to get at the passengers.

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BEATRICE, March 28. (Special Tele-SOMERSET, Ky., March 28 .- As all the gram.)-The annual session of the Southeast train robbers lived near Greenwood there is Nebraska Educational association began in much interest taken in the question of who this city today and will continue until Satis now away from home. At least three escaped, and they are believed to be hiding at urday noon. Many prominent educators are caped, and they are their homes. John Underwood, who was thought to be one of the bandits, is said to be wounded, and if this be true he was the present. One hundred and fifty teachers are enrolled, which is considered a very flattering first day's attendance. The indications one who was shot as he was going up the bank. The fact that Mose Morrow, another are that there will be at least 250 by tobank. The fact that Mose Morrow, another son of Jerry, did not come for the remains of his father and brother, is held as proof that he was in the gang. It is generally believed the officials know the names of those who escaped. Sam Frazier, who tipped off the raid, was here today, but soon disappeared. He is in danger until the other robbers are morrow evening. The program today consisted of round table conferences at the High school building, followed by a concert at the Paddock opera house this evening under the auspices of the State university Conservatory of Music. The concert was fairly well received, the plane selections of Prof. Sieveking being especially meritorious, Another pleasing feature was the numbers dead robber, Jesse Morrow, were brother and sister. The man who signalled the train The program for tomorrow includes a numper of papers upon important topics by gen-

Beatrice with Many Present

Weeping Water Declamatory Contest.

contest for southeastern Nebraska at Platts-

the humorous class Lena Barry received the medal and Dalsy Davis in the craterical.

Stephen Franse, a teacher attending the institute from Cedar Creek, while coasting on his bicycle today, was thrown off and

rendered by the banjo club.

centage of teachers.

sustained a broken leg.

dead robber, Jesse Morrow, were brother and sister. The man who signalled the train and climbed into the cab, covering the engineer, remained on the engine after the others escaped. He might have been killed or captured had the guards been aware of this fact. He stole away in the dark.

The jury impaneled by Coroner Patton viewed the remains yesterday, but no inquest has been held, and it may not be until next week. It is hoped that Martin, the tramp of state reputation and will doubtless be a day of benefit to those in attendance A banner valued at \$30 will be awarded the ounty having in attendance the largest perweek. It is hoped that Martin, the tramp who was so severely wounded, will be able then to give his statement. He is very low. WEEPING WATER, Neb., March 28 .-Special Telegram.)-The annual declamators

It is said that his mother and the

contest to select a delegate to attend the Beatrice Hardware House Burglarized. BEATRICE, Neb., March 28.-(Special mouth. April 5, took place this evening. Eight contested, resulting in the selection of Miss Dot Girardet, subject, "The Actor's Story," and Miss Lena Barnes, alternate. In Telegram.)—The hardware house of Bailer & Myers was burglarized last night and cuttery valued at \$50 taken. An entrance was effected by means of a second-story window at the rear of the building.

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