QUIET ON THE RESERVATION

Reports that the Sheriff Was a Prisoner Created Much Excitement.

HAD MADE ARRANGMENTS TO RESCUE HIM

Return of the Officer from the Agency Suddenly Puts an End to Conflicting Rumors—Does Not Think Trouble Will Result.

PENDER, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The trouble on the Winnebago reservation over the Flournoy Cattle company leases for a time today assumed a bloody aspect. Sheriff Mullin went out on the reservation last night and returned this morning with a white man under arrest, who assisted the Indian police in ejecting a settler, and at once returned to the agency to arrest the Indian police, for whom he has warrants.

A report reached here at 5 o'clock that the sheriff and his deputy were locked up at the agency jail, and that a large company of Indians was guarding them. The report created intense excitement here, and talk of getting up a company to go to their rescue was heard throughout the town.

At 7:30 p. m. the sheriff returned from the reservation, without the Indians he went after, but says they were secreted and could not be found. He says that the deputy United States marshal, reported to have gone there to swear in more men, did not show up at Winnebago today, but is somewhere on the reservation serving notices on lessees to vacate. He says, however, that Captain Beck advised him not to attempt to arrest any of the Indians, and also that Beck threatened to arrest him, but did not do so.

The Indians were receiving their weekly issue of beef and flour, and almost the whole tribe of Winnebago were at the agency today, but he claims that there were no signs of any trouble, and seems to be of the impression that all the talk of Beck intending to eject lessees by force is gammon, and that had he found the men he was in search of he would have arrested them without any resistance from Captain Beck. Everything is quiet here now since the sheriff's return.

NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The officials of the Indian office do not anticipate any trouble as a result of the probable enforcement of the order of Judge Sanborn for the eviction of the 275 settlers from the Winnebago reservation by United States Marshal White of Omaha. They all agree that the action of the Flournoy Land company in leasing the land from the Indians and in subleasing it to the settlers is illegal, and the ousting of the settlers will be only the logical result of the legal proceedings which have been had in the courts. The office has for some time been endeavoring to get the settlers off the reservation, not because the officials desire to oppose the settlers, but for the reason that they deem all of the acts of the land company in taking the land and again leasing it have been in violation of the law. The department's intention is to have it so arranged that the settlers can lease the land direct from the Indians, thereby giving the latter an opportunity to receive the profits of the transaction.

A call has been made upon the Indian bureau for additional police protection. Acting Commissioner Smith received the following from Captain Beck, the agent, yesterday:

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., March 29.—I request authority to employ temporarily one captain of police and sixteen policemen additional, at usual rates, to eject illegal residents of Flournoy company, under advice of United States district attorney. This is not to interfere with previous request for troops.

Captain Beck was immediately wired to use his own judgment in the matter and employ all the additional force necessary. He has had considerable difficulty since he assumed charge of the reservation, but it is believed he will settle the controversy without resort to arms.

ST. PAUL, March 30.—Judge Sanborn of the United States circuit court was asked as to the telegram from Omaha to the effect that he ordered an eviction of the settlers on the Winnebago Indian reservation, and answered: "I have made no such order. The telegram from Omaha is a mistake. I have, however, made an order to show cause upon the petition of the government for a mandatory injunction forbidding white men who have intruded in the reservation under leases from the Indians from longer occupying the reservation. This order requires these white men to appear at Omaha on April 22, in the United States circuit court, and show cause why a mandatory injunction should not issue. Those in possession of tracts of land on the reservation are not disturbed in their possession or in their farming operations by the order."

United States Marshal White said that if he was instructed to enforce the orders of the United States court at any time in the future with relation to the Winnebago reservation trouble he would do so at any cost and that there would only be one sequel to resistance and that was trouble. If it is definitely settled that the injunction is permanent and the settlers must go, then he proposed to serve the papers and do his duty. If necessary, troops would be called upon to put them off if his men could not do it. It is generally anticipated at the federal building that a great deal of trouble is brewing over the affair.

EXETER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

Pleasing Exercises by the First and Second Primary Departments.

EXETER, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The first and second primary departments of the Exeter High school gave one of the best exhibitions, entirely by little folks, ever witnessed in this place. Every recitation, dialogue or other exercise went off like clock work. Especial praise is due the class in gymnastics from Mrs. McKinnon's room for the fine display of drill work in that line, and Miss Morgan's boys in the Little Lord Fauntleroy drill deserve much credit. The exercise, however, that called down the house was the nightcap drill, by eight little girls from Miss Morgan's room.

W. W. Parish came in from Iowa yesterday to attend to some business matters and look up old friends.

James Dolan of Indianola was in town this week looking after business interests and visiting his friend, W. H. Taylor.

Mrs. F. I. Russell and children of Norfolk are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bickel, this week.

Mrs. C. H. Huestis has her mother, Mrs. E. Hollingsworth of De Witt, visiting with her this week.

Mrs. Warren Woods and daughter of Denver are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church held their regular monthly and annual business meetings at the parsonage Friday evening. Reports were made by the chairmen of the several committees. The officers elected for the years 1895-96 were: President, C. C. Smith; vice president, William McGhie; secretary, Miss Mary Lewis; treasurer, T. S. Blouch; chairman look out committee, Mrs. C. C. Smith; prayer meeting committee, Miss Mary Borland; missionary, Miss Olive Wallace; flower, Miss Ida Taylor; Sunday school, Miss Lin Lusk; music, C. C. Smith; social, Miss Katie Knox, and sunshine, Miss Ruth Rogers. The business meeting was followed by an exceedingly pleasant social.

Richard Cosgrove of Lincoln is spending a few days with his brother, Michael, at this place.

Mrs. J. W. Haney went to Lincoln this week to receive treatment for her eyes.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union will serve dinner and supper at their hall Tuesday.

Sold Mortgaged Property.

OXFORD, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward Marco of Brady Island was arrested here today upon the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. He will be taken back to Lincoln county for trial.

Big Acreage of Oats.

JUNIATA, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Farmers have been busy the past week seeding. There will be but little wheat sown, but the largest acreage of oats will be sown for years, several farmers putting out as much as 200 acres each. The crop will consist mostly of oats and corn this year. The ground never worked nicer. It is just like a garden. All needed is rain and a big crop is assured.

LIVELY WEEK AT PAWNEE CITY.

Many Social Functions Have Marked the Last Six Days.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The coming city election is not causing much excitement in Pawnee. There is only one ticket in the field, that being the one nominated by the citizens' meeting last Friday night. Another ticket was placed in the field, but all the nominees have refused to run for office.

The excavation for Dave Hazel's new brick building is finished and the stone work has been commenced. The building will be a fine two-story one and will add greatly to the appearance of the street north of the public square. The frame building which was taken from the lot has been placed on a splendid location in East Pawnee and is being turned into a beautiful cottage.

This has been a week of festivity in Pawnee City. Monday night Rev. H. N. Dunning and wife of the First Presbyterian church were "pounded" in a royal manner at the parsonage. Also, on the same night, a pleasant surprise was given in honor of Mayor A. J. Rhodes, the occasion being his fifty-fifth birthday anniversary. On Tuesday night the Siddons-Murray combination held the boards at the opera house. One of the largest audiences of the season greeted the rise of the curtain. The entertainment was quite a dissapointment to those present, Mrs. Scott Siddons not giving the satisfaction that was expected. The entertainment bureau has one more date, which will complete their engagements.

Wednesday night Miss Bernice Belding entertained a number of her young friends at her home in a delightful manner, the event being in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

Friday night Elba Wright, the female impersonator, appeared at the First Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The students of the public school and academy have been enjoying a week's vacation this week, preparatory to taking up the spring studies.

The military band is making preparations for giving one of its splendid concerts next Saturday night, April 6.

District court convenes in this city Monday, April 1. Quite a number of cases are on the docket.

The High school will give its annual declamatory contest at the opera house Tuesday night.

The Harry Nichols block will soon be a building of beauty. New plate glass fronts have been placed and Mr. Nichols intends having one of the finest store blocks in southeastern Nebraska. The building will be ready for occupancy about April 9.

Editors F. S. and J. N. Hassler, and County Treasurer C. F. Nye are at Lake Bigelow, Mo., catching the finny tribe. They will return home Tuesday, provided they succeed in capturing to their hearts' content.

John Harder, who died on the 12th inst., was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of this city and carried insurance in that order for $2,000. Mrs. Harder received a draft Wednesday of this week for that amount.

Mr. Ellsworth L. McClaughry and Miss Cora M. Weider were married on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father, six miles northwest of the city, Rev. J. H. Presson of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating. Both bride and groom are well and favorably known here.

Superintendent H. M. Brayton of the public schools spent a few days hunting and fishing in Iowa.

A. K. Goudy, ex-state superintendent, was visiting numerous friends here a few days this week.

HORSE THIEF GETS SEVEN YEARS

Frank Jones, Who Stole a Farmer's Team Sent to the Penitentiary.

LINCOLN, March 30.—(Special.)—Seven years in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced today by Judge Holmes against Frank Jones, convicted of stealing Farmer Dunn's team. The stiff sentence grew out of the action of Jones in perjuring himself on the witness stand and in causing Christ McCliff, his pal, to do the same. Jones, who is an ex-convict, is also wanted in Franklin county for horse stealing. He took his sentence stoically.

It is quite likely that George Washington Davis, the alleged wrecker of the Rock Island train, will be retried at the May term of the district court.

Philip Manger has filed a motion asking that Mrs. Olive A. Harrington give security for costs. Mrs. Harrington, as the next friend of her handsome daughter, is suing Manger for breach of promise, and asks heavy damages. Manger says the plaintiff has removed to Gage county, and has no property liable to execution.

The Millington divorce case has been decided by Judge Tibbetts. A decree has been granted Mrs. Kate Millington, and she has been given the custody of the children. It is provided, however, that the father, Charles Millington, shall visit the children at his pleasure, and shall have the right to direct their education. This order of the court may ter of alimony asked for by Mrs. Millington be modified upon a proper showing. The matwill not be passed upon until Monday.

Miss Grace Huntington of the Marie Jansen company had stolen from her trunk in a dressing room of the Lansing theater last night a handsome green silk costume, valued at $125. The gown belonged to her stage wardrobe. The police are on the trail of the thief.

Robert Vorse, while returning from Raymond last night, was thrown from his horse and his neck broken. Coroner Winnett was summoned, but did not deem an inquest necessary.

Last evening Judge Dundy left for Deadwood. He was accompanied by United States Marshal Peemler of South Dakota and Clerk Pender of the circuit court.

Dr. Finney, who recently suffered amputation of a foot from the effects of an accidental shot, has so far recovered as to be able to attend a consultation of physicians at York.

Bud Clark, convicted of horse stealing, was taken to the penitentiary today to serve out his sentence.

Seed Grain for Hamilton County Farmers.

AURORA, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The county commissioners have appropriated out of the general fund about $6,000 to be used for seed and feed for destitute farmers in this county. Sheriff McConaughy was made the county agent in the matter, and will furnish supplies under order of the county central relief committee, taking notes payable after the harvest. This will probably pull Hamilton county through all right, as there is not a large number who will need help.

The district declamatory contest comes off at the opera house here April 5. Nearly 1,000 tickets have been sold outside the city, at Hastings, York, Grand Island and other points in the district.

Mrs. Harry Dodd returned from California Thursday.

Dr. Elbert O'Hull of McCook has located in Aurora. He is a physician and oculist of some note.

J. F. Dietz was down to Omaha yesterday to visit the headquarters of the Dietz Lumber company.

Warren Dunn and wife of Omaha were in the city yesterday, on their way home from Custer City.

Found Dead in a Field.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas M. White, a prominent farmer living south of this city, in Denver township, was found dead in a field near Wallace, some distance from his home this morning. The coroner's inquest disclosed the fact that death resulted from apoplexy. White left home to attend prayer meeting last evening and was stricken when near his destination. He leaves a wife and several children.

Plainview School Exercises.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the class of 1895 of the Plainview High school took place at the opera house here tonight. The class consisted of five girls and three boys. The orations and essays were well rendered and a large crowd, probably the largest ever assembled in the opera house, witnessed the exercises.

ELEVEN BROUGHT TO THE BAR

Alleged Slayers of Frank Phillips Arraigned at Tekamah.

ALL WAIVED A PRELIMINARY HEARING

Bail Promptly Furnished for All of the Accused—Killing Grew Out of Disputed Title to Accretion Lands—History of the Crime.

TEKAMAH, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—James P. Blan, Robert Light, David Deaver and James Bothwell, as principals, and John Gill, Peter Kessler, R. E. Johnson, R. T. Pound, L. J. Pound, D. K. Johnson and W. G. Snodgrass, as accessories, were this afternoon arraigned before County Judge Dickinson, charged with the murder of Robert Phillips on February 8, 1895. Preliminary examination was waived by the defendants and the principals were held in the sum of $1,500 each and the accessories in the sum of $500 each, to appear at district court.

County Attorney Sears will be assisted in the prosecution of the case by H. H. Bowes of Oakland, Neb., and Mell C. Jay of Dakota City. Deaver will be defended by Judge Davis of Blair, S. H. Cochran of Logan and H. Wade Gillis of Tekamah, and the other ten defendants will be defended by Gillis alone. Many people were in town and were considerably excited. Bail was promptly furnished by the accused. It is thought these cases will be brought to trial week after next.

QUARRELED OVER LAND.

The crime with which the men are charged was commited on the night of February 8, 1895. There had been a long feud over the possession of accretion lands along the Missouri, which had been the occasion of shooting scrapes before, but this was the first killing. Five miles east of Tekamah is a tract of accretion land, the title for which is now in contest in court. While the litigants were legally settling the dispute a young German by the name of Fred Lass and companions placed an 8x10 hut on skids and drew it onto the disputed land, aiming thereby to hold the land by right of possession. On the night in question J. P. Blann and four associates went to the cabin to chase the land jumper off, and found him surrounded by a trio of pals at card playing. A quarrel ensued, and the outsiders began firing into the building. Robert Phillips, an inmate, sought to escape, and was shot in the breast, from the effects of which he died the following day. He lived to say Blann shot him.

Both factions are hard citizens, and while Phillips was not implicated in the trouble over the land his reputation was none of the best.

About three years ago a man was sent to the penitentiary for shooting another almost on the same spot. Phillips left a wife and several small children.

Phillips was buried in Oakland the following Sunday, and his alleged murderer, James P. Blann, was promptly arrested and lodged in the Burt county jail at this place. It was the prevailing opinion that Blann was an instrument of more prominent characters in the background, and that many are implicated indirectly in the shooting. At the time of the shooting the four squatters entrenched in the cabin were armed with revolvers and shotguns awaiting the midnight assault of which they had been forewarned. The assailants were ambushed at long range with Wirchesters, and had secured the surrender of the squatters, who had come out of the hut with hands up, when Phillips was shot down.

BLANN GOT OFF EASY.

Blann, the accused murderer, was released because it was thought the state had no jurisdiction in the matter. The point of jurisdiction is the result of a survey of the grounds, which was alleged to have been within the Iowa boundary at the time of the government survey. None of this river accretion land pays tax, and the court decisions on conflicting points at issue have added but little light on the question.

On another tract of accretion land twelve miles northeast of Tekamah a dispute arose over the ownership, when one Wils Wilson struck an antagonist with a heavy club and beat him into insensibility the following Monday evening.

On Holman's island, a tract of several hundred acres, cut off from Iowa and owned by I. N. Holman, about fifteen miles north, or near Decatur, on the east, a free fist fight and slugging match took place a week or so previous, in which a young man by the name of Stevens was so hammered up that he has since died, and no efforts have been made toward prosecution. The island is regularly surveyed Iowa lands, under the jurisdiction of Iowa, and pays taxes into Monona county's treasury, yet it lies on this side of the present river channel.

BOYD COUNTY PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT

Reports that They Are Mixed Up in the Holton Case a Mistake.

BUTTE, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Comment upon the means used to compel one Hunt to disclose his connection with the lynching of Mrs. Holton does Boyd county people and its officers an injustice. The murder or lynching was not committed in this county, but the first reports sent to the daily press were from Butte. Boyd county citizens would hardly degrade themselves under any provocation by committing so foul a crime, and the aspersion cast upon its officials is resented by every fair-minded person in the county.

The methods employed by the farmers of Keya Paha county in the neighborhood of where the crime was committed are justified by the fact that the county officers of that county whose duty it is to attend to such matters have as yet taken no steps to secure the arrest of the parties suspected of the crime, although circumstantial evidence enough has been presented to convict them twice over. The trouble with Keya Paha county is that they are fearful that the conviction of the murderers would be too costly for the county, and they prefer to let the matter drop until the people in the vicinity of the murderers take the law into their own hands and hang the men without judge or jury.

The Bee correspondent visited a number of ranches in the neighborhood, and all were outspoken in condemnation of the action of County Attorney Lear in advising Justice Rhodes not to issue a warrant on the evidence produced. Rhodes said that the matter would likely drag along until the old vigilant committee, which a Springview sensationalist in an interview with a World-Herald reporter said no longer existed, but which is known to have been actively engaged recently, would come down some night and put the men beyond reach of dilatory justice.

The statement of this gentleman that the vigilant and anti-vigilant issue was dead in that county shows that he knows no more about the matter than he does of the Holton case. The enmity between the two factions has not been so open as it was some years ago, but the vigilantes still maintain their organization, because of the numerous depredations committed by the cattle thieves, who are seldom convicted if they are brought to the bar of justice.

Orleans Druggist Arrested.

ORLEANS, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Dow today arrested H. T. Ferguson, Orleans, druggist, for selling liquor without a license. Over a wagonload of liquors was found in Ferguson's possession. Ferguson pleaded not guilty, and will be bound over till district court. He is out on bail.

Death of Mrs. H. C. Wood.

AURORA, March 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. H. C. Wood, wife of Rev. Mr. Wood, an old-time resident of this county, was buried yesterday. She died suddenly of pneumonia. Her age was 76 years. She leaves an aged husband and a large family of grown-up children.

Jefferson County's Relief Commission.

FAIRBURY, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—A meeting was held in the county commissioners' room yesterday, at which the following relief committee was appointed, under the provisions of the law recently enacted by the legislature: Sid Mackey, Chester Andrews and John Nider, county commissioners, and L. H. Burke, Joseph Sarbuck, G. H. Turner, H. H. Todt, C. C. Boyle and S. M. Baily. A few applications were filed for seed and feed.

STRONG PLEA FOR THE GOLDEN ROD.

Ida Brockman of Stella Urges that it Be Made the State Flower.

From the earliest history mankind has made use of flowers and foliage as emblems. The Greek athlete was prouder of his wreath of olive or laurel than he would have been of a circlet of gold. Many of the gods and goddesses had their sacred flowers. Modern cities and nations have often, formally, or merely by popular sentiment, adopted certain flowers or plants to represent the peculiar traits of their people. So we have England, the queen of nations, choosing the rose, the queen of flowers. The Emerald isle is known everywhere by "the little green shamrock." The sturdy Scotch love their hearty thistle, wearing above its rough coat the regal color. France has her royal lilies and her modest violet, which stirs yet the hard heart of the admirer of Napoleon. And so the list grows.

This is but natural. As flowers are the poetry of nature, so the poetic instincts of all mankind turn to them for sympathy and expression.

A national flower for this country has been much discussed of late years. But so far no formal action has been taken by congress. In the meantime why should not each state adopt its peculiar emblem? There is not much of poetry or sentiment in a ribbon badge with the label "Nebraska." How much more satisfactory to pin on your lapel a bright blossom and so be recognized everywhere as the son of one of the grandest states in this grand union of ours.

Our legislature is now considering a resolution favoring the golden rod as our state flower, and, I believe, in passing it they would make a wise choice. The violet is well known over the state, but that is already interwoven with the history of older countries. The sunflower is brave, bright and handsome, even if plebeian and somewhat over-bold, but that belongs to our sister state, Kansas. Probably there is only one rival to the golden rod, its close associate, the purple aster. But for many reasons, notably uniformity of color, the golden rod is preferable. There is probably not a nook or corner of the state where one or more of the numerous species are not found. It is a native, and only a true native should be our representative.

It has a long season, though poets have always associated it with late autumn. The finest of specimens are found in August, and the latest flowers brighten sheltered places late in October. Its courage under hardship is admirable, and nothing could better represent the hardy endurance of Nebraska's pioneers.

It is both beautiful and graceful, so much so that if it grew only in green houses the rich would be ready to spend their gold for it. But now it is free to the poorest, blooming in every dooryard and orchard, along every village and suburban street.

The golden rod is admirably adapted to decorative purposes, both indoors and out. It keeps its freshness for days after cutting, and even dries well, which is a rare good quality among flowers.

Its color is the most beautiful in nature—the color of the sunshine, the color of our King Corn, the color of gold, most precious of metals. Yet no one can accuse golden rod of being a monometallist, for much of the foliage shows decidedly a silvery cast, for surely the gold and the green are kept on a parity.

Another good point is that rarely does it become a troublesome weed, so Nebraska ladies need not be shocked by hearing their Josiahs growl about "havin' trouble enough pullin' the durn things out of their own medders."

In appearance the many species so closely resemble one another that all may recognize it readily after seeing one specimen. Probably the species most worthy of adoption is the Solidago Serotina, recommended by Prof. Bessey.

It may be objected that the flower has no history. But neither have we—comparatively. Let the new flower and the new state link names and fates, and in another twenty-five years both will be looked upon with more respect than now.

It would be easy to find 5,000 Nebraskans sufficiently interested in this matter to sign a request to the "powers that be" that henceforth the state be represented by Lady Golden Rod.

IDA BROCKMAN.

Stella, Neb.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE CLOSES.

List of Ministers and Their Locations for the Ensuing Year.

SUTTON, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The third and last day's session of the Evangelical conference opened this morning, Bishop Bowman presiding. The following is a list of the pastors and the stations to which they were assigned for the ensuing year: Fremont district, H. Zohl, presiding elder; Louisville, A. Fischer; Elmwood, F. E. Martin; Stanton, G. Streicher; Fremont, A. Strauss; Wahoo, W. H. Althouse; Washington, F. Backemeyer; Swanton, E. Marks; Omaha, Marcy street, F. H. Beckman; Omaha, Sprague street, H. Piper; Madison, C. Stock; Knox, Fuehrer; Oakdale, L. M. Mehl; Atkinson, A. Kersten; Hastings district, A. Brenschle, presiding elder; Hastings, F. H. Doescher; Grand Island, F. W. Schullzky; Sutton, A. Wichman; Clay Center, F. Reutlinger; Melford, A. Laipply; North Loup, C. W. Boelter; South Loup, F. C. Yenny; Orleans, H. G. Goetz; Culbertson, H. Jockens; Southwest, A. Hanke; Leroy, F. Ostertag; Denver, S. L. Weigert.

The next annual conference will be held at Talbata, Washington county.

TEACHERS' MEETING ADJOURNS.

Southeastern Educational Association Completes Its Business at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Southeast Nebraska Educational association adjourned its annual meeting in this city at noon today. The forenoon was taken up with the presentation of papers upon subjects appropriate to the occasion and a spirited discussion thereof. The committee on awards reported that Pawnee county had the largest percentage of attendance and was entitled to the $30 banner. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. W. Dinsmore of Humboldt; vice president, W. Sterbach; secretary, Anna Leger, Beatrice; executive committee, S. P. Arnst, Sterling; E. H. Morgan, Nebraska City. A motion was made during the session to omit the next annual meeting, but it was promptly voted down.

One interesting feature of the meeting was the superior solo work done by Prof. Heritage of Fremont. The meeting is looked upon as one of the most interesting and profitable ones ever held by the association.

Burglars Rob a Fairfield Store.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Arnold Bros.' clothing store was burglarized Thursday night. The thieves effected an entrance through the basement, tumbled a lot of clothing down the cellar, and apparently sorted it over at their leisure and selected what was wanted. They also took a lot of jewelry, such as collar and cuff buttons, the value of all amounting to probably $100.

Building Boom at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—A building boom is on in Syracuse. A new grist mill is to be built to cost $20,000, an elevator to cost $5,000, one or two brick store buildings to cost from $2,000 to $3,000, with a fair chance of an entire brick block, two stories; besides this there is to be one or two $5,000 residences built, and several cheaper ones.

Narrow Escape of a Boy.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—As the Union Pacific freight train was coming south last evening, Fred, the 14-year-old son of J. M. Chalfon, living two miles north of this city, was struck by the engine, causing a dislocation of his left elbow.

Arrested on Omaha Fugitive.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 30.—(Special.)—The police last evening arrested a negro known as the "Ace of Diamonds," who is wanted at Omaha for grand larceny. He resisted arrest. Omaha officers will arrive this evening for the prisoner.

BIG IRRIGATION ENTERPRISE

Wheeler County's Long Ditch that Will Insure Bountiful Crops.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND ACRES UNDER IT

Buffalo and Valley Counties Also Coming Forward With Extensive Works—Farmers Will Be Independent of Rainfall in the Future.

ORD, March 29.—(Special.)—By the first of June next a big irrigating ditch is to be in working order which will furnish water to a large number of farmers in the Erickson, Clear Creek and Cedar valleys. About 16,000 acres of rich soil is accessible to easy overflow from this ditch, of which more than fifteen miles is already completed. The head works of the canal are at Erickson, in Wheeler county, and it is being built by the Nebraska Irrigation Power company, of which H. E. Babcock is president; A. S. Rowan, secretary, and A. Rowan general land agent, backed by some eastern capitalists. These men secured the right of way in a southeasterly direction for twenty-seven miles, passing through Greeley county to the Boone county line.

The land to be penetrated by the canal is as prolific as any in the entire state. The enterprise will necessarily enhance the value of land. One year ago the projectors of this company began to quietly talk over the prospects of putting in a ditch from Ericson, a few miles down the Cedar river, but the "scheme" promised to be such a decided success it was soon agreed by the few stockholders that a survey to the Boone county line be run. This was done with much happy satisfaction.

Ericson is situated at the terminus of the North Loup branch of the B. & M., five miles from the west and three miles from the south line of Wheeler county, on the Cedar river, a couple of miles below the confluence of the Big and Little Cedar rivers. Just above the town a half mile the river, in its sinuosity, is surrounded with perpendicular banks on one side and high land on the other, so as to form a natural lake of 220 acres, which will be filled with water averaging eight feet in depth as soon as the dam is closed up and the water can fill this great basin. The dam is 300 feet long, 120 feet wide at the bottom and eighteen feet wide on top, and is made from clay that is as adhesive as cement. The headgate is twenty feet in width, waste gate thirty feet wide, and the "slide drop" of fourteen feet is also thirty feet wide, with a small flume attached to supply forty-horse power for a mill which will soon be erected, the machinery having been purchased some time ago. This immense lake could supply motive power for all the factories there will ever be demand for in Central Nebraska. From Ericson to the end of the ditch there is a fall of seven and one-half feet to the mile. Eleven miles from Ericson, near Clear creek, there are three natural basins covering twenty acres each, which will be filled with storage water, to be used in the event that something occurs to keep the flow of water from reaching this point. The civil engineering work is under the supervision of W. J. McEathron, assisted by R. H. Lawrence, both of Omaha.

As soon as the water begins to fill the ditch it is within reach of soil that can be easily overflowed. There will not be one foot of fluming along this ditch. The citizens at Ericson and between Spaulding and beyond the latter town feel jubilant over the outlook for a profitable return on their future labor.

HAVE MANY IRRIGATING DITCHES.

Farmers in the Vicinity of Kearney Will Not Depend Upon Rains this Year.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The State Irrigation association convention, which met here last December, is beginning to show results already. The Farmers' Mutual Irrigation company is digging a ditch from the long bridge over the Platte river, south of town, east through Center and into Gibbon townships, and have seven miles already completed. The positive irrigating capacity of the ditch is sufficient for at least 12,000 acres of land. They struck the "underflow," and in some places there is an abundance of water in the ditch now. During the summer months, when irrigation is most needed, there will be four feet of water in the canal, and it is believed that the farmers along the route can have all the water they need.

O. C. Frank, who lives southwest of town a few miles, has been filling a large reservoir this winter by using a windmill. His reservoir is 200 feet across, and was made by scraping out the dirt about eighteen inches and making a bank four feet high. He thinks he will have no trouble to irrigate thirty-five acres from it this summer. His well is twenty feet deep, although he struck water at six feet, and he is using a twelve-foot wheel. Smith, who lives eight miles east of town, and A. Freeze are also irrigating with pumps and so far have met with very good success.

The public schools closed yesterday for a week's vacation.

It is rumored that the Iroquois club, a club composed entirely of young men, has challenged the Buffalo club to a game of base ball, to be played on Decoration day.

Company A, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, has received an invitation to attend the interstate drill and encampment to be held at Memphis, but owing to the hard times it will be impossible for them to accept.

Chief of Police Anderson has filed a complaint in county court against Ira D. Marston, president, and James Galloway, porter of the Buffalo club, for selling liquor without a license. The club has a government license permitting it to dispense liquors from the original packages to its own members, but the chief takes the ground that this is not sufficient for them to do as he understands they have been doing. The case is set for next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow, who leave for Norfolk next week, were tendered a farewell reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Finch last Wednesday evening by the members of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor local union, Mr. Gow having been president of the society.

NORTH LOUP IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

Farmers Making Contracts by Which They Will Have Plenty of Water.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Ex-Auditor H. A. Babcock of Lincoln is in the city today making arrangements with the North Loup Irrigation and Improvement company to have water supplied to certain lands in the valley of which he is the owner. He expressed himself as being highly pleased to see the actual operation of irrigation on land in the locality where he had been a pioneer and a homesteader in the days of grasshoppers and Indian scares, and is of the opinion that a new era is dawning for the farmers of the Loup valley.

Engineer Rohrbough of Omaha, engineer of the North Loup Irrigation and Improvement company, who has been in the employ of the Union Stock Yards company during the cold season, arrived yesterday and will resume his duties in the field at once. Some of the more important laterals have not yet been permanently surveyed, and the company contemplate a considerable extension, running into Greeley county, as soon as arrangements can be made for that purpose.

No seed grain of any kind has yet been distributed for the destitute of this locality and the question of how and where it is to be obtained is one of growing importance. Though the subsoil is not moist in any considerable depth, the surface is in excellent condition, and if it should prove that any fail to obtain seed to utilize land so promising and fertile it will be a proper cause for deep and general regret.

Sued the Teacher for Slander.

WILBER, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Henry A. Kepler, a well known citizen of Dorchester, in this county, as next friend of his 10-year-old son, Jay, has commenced an action against Prof. Simon H. Sell, principal of the schools at that place, and Miss Lizzie DeBord, one of the lady teachers, for slander, laying the damages at $5,000. The slander complained of is that on February 28, in the presence of witnesses, they accused the boy Jay of writing an obscene note to one of the girl pupils and affixing thereto the name of another boy. The incident happened at the Dorchester schools, and the school board is standing by the teachers.

Pierce Paragraphs.

PIERCE, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—C. E. Black of Omaha was shaking hands with old-time friends here on Friday and Saturday.

The contract for the construction of the $5,000 opera house will be awarded Monday, and work will be commenced as soon as possible.

There promises to be considerable strife on Tuesday in the election. Only one ticket is in the field, but several candidates are on by petition.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church are arranging to give a bonnet and apron sale Friday evening for the benefit of the church.

F. Woodal, who has resided in this city for some time, will leave shortly for Boyd county, where he expects to make his future home, having purchased several tracts of land in that county.

Sheriff Little took Henry M. Davidson to the penitentiary at Lincoln Tuesday. Davidson was sentenced at the recent term of court for stealing hogs.

The charity ball at the Hammond house Friday night was not very largely attended, the receipts being barely enough to pay expenses.

One of the leading social events of the season was the reception at Keiper's hall Friday night in honor of Miss Lena Zahn. Cards, dancing and other amusements furnished enjoyment for the evening.

Mrs. H. W. Herman returned to her home in Nickerson Friday, after a week's visit with relatives in the city.

Murder Trial Interrupted.

FAIRBURY, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—This is the second day of the trial of the Williams murder case, and it was brought to a sudden stop by the illness of the prisoner, Williams. He was removed from the court room, and upon the statement of an attending physician that he was too ill to be in court an adjournment was had until Monday morning. Williams is suffering from heart complaint, and the excitement of the trial was too much for him. The jury is in charge of the baliff pending adjournment. One of the jurors was to have been married tomorrow.

Polk County Litigation.

OSCEOLA, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—District court has been grinding out cases for the whole of the week. The most notable was one against the Omaha Elevator company, by Peterson & Co. of this city, a suit for damages on the sale of grain. Peterson & Co. sued the elevator company for $1,500 damages and recovered $372.

It took about half an hour for the judge to hear the evidence and grant a divorce to Dr. H. M. Mills from his wife Jennie on the ground of adultery, and one to Mary McPeak from her husband Perley A., on the ground of desertion and extreme cruelty.

WILL RUN ON THE SAME BASIS.

Library Board Decides to Make No Reduction in Its Expenditures.

At the meeting of the public library board last evening the committee appointed to inquire into the finances of the library and to devise ways and means of keeping the expenditures for the ensuing year within the resources of the library fund presented majority and minority reports. The majority report, signed by Mr. Wallace and Mr. Perine, was adopted, recommending that no change be made in the present conduct of the library, and that the money available be drawn upon as needed until February of next year, when a new levy would be made. The rejected minority report, signed by Mr. Rosewater, protested against the proposed change of the library fiscal year as in reality contemplating using a year's levy in seven months. It suggested economies in the salary roll and book purchases that would enable the library to meet all demands until June, 1896, with the resources at hand, but his proposal of retrenchment failed to secure support from the other members of the board.

The board was notified by Miss Poppleton that she had yesterday transmitted to the mayor her resignation as a director of the Omaha public library and no longer considered herself competent to act in an official capacity.

The bond of Mary L. Hibbard as custodian of the Byron Reed collection was referred to the city council for approval. The Reed collection of coins is now in the library building, but it will take some weeks yet before the specimens will be properly arranged for public inspection.

The second part of the general catalogue, subtitled "Finding List of Juvenile Fiction in the Omaha Public Library," is in press, and will be ready for distribution the coming week. It is a pamphlet of some seventy pages, and will be placed on sale at the price of 10 cents. It contains a classified list of books for children's reading.

The librarian, Miss Allen, is still at Tucson, Ariz., and will take advantage of the extended leave of absence granted her by the board a week ago. She is expected to resume control of the library about May 1.

Bill for an Interstate Park.

ST. PAUL, March 30.—A matter of considerable interest came up in the house today in a unanimous favorable report on the bill establishing an interstate park at the dalles of the St. Croix, a similar measure being before the Wisconsin legislature. The proposed park consists of 360 acres on both sides of the St. Croix river, at what is considered one of the most beautiful spots of natural scenery in America.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

L. P. Judd of Cedar Rapids is at the Millard.

R. B. Schneider of Fremont is at the Millard.

Matt Daugherty of Ogalalla is at the Merchants.

C. A. Dana and wife of Detroit are at the Dellone.

Mrs. Ida M. Perrine of Chicago is at the Dellone.

C. A. Irish of Aberdeen, S. D., is at the Dellone.

E. R. Carpenter and wife of Fremont are at the Arcade.

C. G. Eakin of Crawfordsville, Ind., is a Barker guest.

F. C. Cowden of Riverton, Ia., has registered at the Millard.

J. G. Sharpe, proprietor of the Ord hotel, Ord, is at the Dellone.

J. H. Rothwell, a stockman of Norfolk, is stopping at the Paxton.

C. D. Harrington is registered at the Barker from Beatrice.

J. C. Tetts and wife of Carroll, Ia., have registered at the Paxton.

N. C. Barnes and J. M. Jillict, railroad solicitors, are at the Millard.

C. L. Hover and wife of Papillion have registered at the Merchants.

George A. Kellogg of Missouri Valley is registered at the Merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hungerford of Chicago have registered at the Paxton.

L. B. Hughes of Hebron has placed his signature on the Paxton blotter.

J. H. Edmiston of Lincoln, the state oil inspector, has registered at the Paxton.

W. H. Terry of St. Louis is at the Merchants, and proposes to locate in Omaha.

Julius Meyer returned last night from an extended trip through the southern states.

Among the commercial men at the Barker over Sunday are: W. F. Green, Council Bluffs; M. Greenbaum, J. W. Ellis,