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GERMANS SEEK RECIPROCITY

When Cuban Treaty is Ratified Kaiser Will Ask Some Privileges.

FEARS AMERICAN MONOPOLY IN WEST

Berlin Government Thinks It Likely United States May Corral All New World Markets by Similar Protocols.

BERLIN, March 14.—Germany wishes to secure a reciprocity treaty with Cuba and the United State similar to that now pending between the two republics. The request will be made as soon as the pending treaty is ratified. It is also intimated that other governments intend to request the same reatment.

While annoyed at the lower tariffs granted United States trade, no one suposes that even a collective protest on the part of the continental countries would cause either the United States or Cuba to recede. But Germany's position is to be defined clearly, so that the United States may not complain when Germany gives other nations preferential treatment.

The chief fear is that should the Cuban treaty be accepted and work well, similar treaties may be arranged by the United States with Mexico, Brazil and Argentine, ultimately resulting in America obtaining a monopoly of all the new world markets.

HIGH PRAISE FOR AMERICA

French Commissioner Has Great Idea of the Future of This Country.

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PARIS, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—"The time is not far distant when America will fulfill Gladstone's prophesy and play a part in human affairs which will make her the queen of the twentieth century without effort, for, by the logical development of their faculties, the Americans are destined to guide the human race. Therefore, there is an immediate and pressing interest for Old France to make the acquaintance of Young America."

So says Lazare Weiller, who lately visited the United States officially at the request of the French government to study our institutions and note the causes of America's progress and prosperity. Mr. Weiller has come back enthusiastic over what he saw and will soon print his impressions in a book entitled "Great Ideas and a Great People."

In his preface Mr. Weiller scores Paul Bourget for an unjust analysis of the American people, charging him with being affected, cruel and caricaturing.

Mr. Weiller says Mr. Bourget was received by American society with "charming cordiality and the sumptuous delicacy which transforms the social centers in the United States into veritable paradises, where enchanting surprises vie with wealth and beauty," yet on his return to Europe he "criticised his hosts in a manner which justly offended them."

WEDDING DID NOT PAY DEBT

Queer Combination of Love and Finance in Which French Merchant is Involved.

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PARIS, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A merchant in Rue Royale, embarrassed in his affairs, went to a money lender, who advanced him $6,000. But his affairs went no better and he found that he could not pay. Then the money lender said to him:

"I could prosecute you and make you declare yourself bankrupt, but will not. You will marry my daughter. She loves you. I will give your debt as a dot."

The merchant wedded the daughter, but did not live with her. There were vexatious scenes followed by a divorce. Then the money lender put some of the notes he held against his son-in-law in the hands of a collector. Driven to the wall, the merchant has now taken the affair into the courts.

DEFIES THE SOCIAL LEADER

Mrs. Keppel Comes Out Winner in Contest with Duchess of Devonshire.

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LONDON, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Special Telegram.)—Mr. and Mrs. George Cornwallis West, the latter better known as Lady Randolph Churchill, are going to New York at the end of March on a business trip. Young West has a good position in the Electro-Mobile company here, about which he wishes to see the principals.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keppel are going on the same steamer. They were originally to have stopped with W. C. Whitney, but it is said that he cabled that, owing to a change in his arrangements, he could not accommodate them.

Mrs. Keppel and the duchess of Devonshire had words at Newmarket a few weeks ago, it has leaked out, over a game of bridge, and Mrs. Keppel stood up to the domineering duchess in a way to which the latter was unaccustomed. Mrs. Keppel got the king on her side, and there was a distinct coolness between him and the duchess. At the Sandowne races last Saturday the king did not speak to the duchess nor invite her to luncheon at his table, and she left early. But at his wedding anniversary ball he made up with the duchess, brought her and Mrs. Keppel together, and spent the evening playing bridge with the duchess and Mrs. Keppel and one of his equerries.

TOWER BECOMING POPULAR

Ambassador to Berlin Proposes to Set Up Extensive Establishment.

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BERLIN, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram — Special Telegram.) — United States Ambassador Charlemagne Tower contemplates, it is said, not only renting one of the finest palaces in Berlin, but rivaling the Russian ambassador, Count Osten-Sacken, in gorgeousness of equipages and number of liveried attendants.

Mr. Tower promises to become the most popular American representative ever accredited to Berlin, the German press asserts. He speaks German fluently, but what has most impressed the Germans is the promptness and readiness with which he took his children away from a Swiss school to place them in a German establishment. The ambassador received part of his education in a South German town and is fond of comparing notes with the German on school affairs.

LOOKING UP THE PROPHESIES

If They Come True Cardinal Gotti Will Be the Successor of Pope Leo.

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ROME, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—Although the pope's health is now normal, his recent illness is causing keen speculation as to who will be his successor in the papal chair.

St. Malachi's prophesies are being discussed, and it is found that he foretold that the next pope would wear the device, "burning fire." A blazing torch occurs conspicuously in the arms of Cardinal Gotti, the saintly Capuchin monk, whom Pope Leo is said to have designated as his successor. It is further foretold that the next pope will have a specially peaceful and prosperous reign.

MAKES AMENDS FOR AFFRONT

William Waldorf Astor Praises Man He Ordered Out of His House.

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LONDON, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram — Special Telegram.) — William Waldorf Astor's paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, has seized the promoting of Sir Archibald Berkeley Milne (whom Mr. Astor ordered out of his house two seasons ago because he came uninvited with the countess of Oxford) as the occasion for printing a series of special articles praising Milne, speaking of him as one of the very few naval officers who enjoy the personal friendship of the king. This attempt to make amends to Milne for the affront shows how keenly Mr. Astor has been made to feel the effects of his brusqueness.

CLUB FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB

Queer Social Organization Which Exists in Latin Quarter of Paris.

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PARIS, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—There is a club in the Latin quarter of Paris composed entirely of deaf mutes. Among the members is a veteran of an Indian war in America, whose tongue was cut out by savages and whose deafness resulted from wounds inflicted about the head during an encounter with the redskins. Not only are the members of the club unable to speak or hear, but everybody about the place is in like condition. Instead of summoning servants with a bell, the members call them by electric contrivance, which gives them a slight shock.

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GOLDEN STATE IS PILED

Omaha Man is Maimed in Santa Fe Railway Smash.

FIVE WRECKED TRAINS SLAY TEN

Many Causes Lead to Fatal Crashes on Railway Lines in Different Parts of the United States.

KANSAS CITY, March 14.—The Golden State limited, eastbound, on the Rock Island system, due in Kansas City last night, collided head-on just outside of Dwight, sixty miles west of Topeka, at 3 o'clock this morning with westbound passenger No. 3, which left Kansas City last night.

Both engines were badly damaged, and the baggage and mail cars and the smoker on the westbound train were telescoped. None of the other cars on the westbound train left the track. None of the cars on the limited were derailed or damaged, and that train continued on its trip east after a few hours' delay.

Engineer Love of the westbound train was killed. Three other members of the westbound crew and fifteen passengers in the westbound smoker and the engineer and fireman of the limited were injured.

Dead and Injured.

The dead:

W. H. LOVE, engineer, Kansas City.

Dangerously injured:

O. W. Blood, express guard No. 3, Topeka; both legs broken and body bruised.

O. B. Thompson, baggageman No. 3, Kansas City, Mo., hip and back badly bruised.

Walter Barkley, mail clerk No. 3, Kansas City, Mo., head and side bruised.

Slightly injured:

George Scott, limited engineer, Kansas City, Kan., neck and back sprained.

W. P. Henry, Los Angeles, Cal., neck sprained.

N. A. Weeks, Stevens Point, Wis., neck wrenched.

D. B. Ingram, Omaha, neck and back sprained.

W. J. Ford, fireman, Kansas City, Kan., ribs broken.

C. H. Kennedy, mail clerk, Kansas City, Kan., body bruised.

John Stubbs, Miami, Okl., head cut.

F. M. Johnson, Junction City, Okl., badly bruised.

Mrs. N. Ennen, Rapso, Okl., leg bruised.

Wesley Myers, Oregon, Mo., neck sprained.

A. T. Bower, Oregon, Mo., neck sprained.

H. A. Garsenfeld, Geary, Okl., forehead bruised.

Collision on a Texas Road.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—A passenger and freight train on the Galveston & San Antonio railroad collided today west of Sierra Blanca. Both engines were demolished and the mail car and two freight cars were damaged.

Lee Holmes, fireman on the passenger train, and a negro tramp were killed.

Injured:

George W. Daly, passenger conductor.

G. M. Malloy, freight fireman.

Mail Clerk Kibbe.

Kibbe was injured about the head. The extent of the others' injuries is not known.

Four Die on Chesapeake & Ohio.

A local engine collided with a freight train in the Chesapeake & Ohio yards this morning and four men lost their lives. The accident happened about daybreak, a heavy fog prevailing at the time.

The dead:

FIREMAN PURVIS.

BRAKEMAN MOONE.

CONDUCTOR GLASS.

WILLIAM M'SHERRY.

Engineer Muhroe was severely injured, but will recover.

Switchman Killed at Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., March 14.—In a wreck during a heavy fog today Switchman Julius Wall of Columbus, was instantly killed and Abraham Cook of East Toledo and an unknown man seriously injured. The Hocking Valley freight engines were demolished.

Split Switch Causes a Wreck.

CORBIN, Ky., March 14.—The Louisville & Nashville's Jellico and Corbin train was wrecked by the splitting of a switch while entering the Corbin yards today. Walter Graves, a merchant of Woodbine, Ky., was injured and Mrs. Tom Hudson and her 12-year-old daughter of Jellico were fatally injured.

Lonnie L. Dennis, the colored evangelist, Monday night.

PLANS WESTERN TRIP

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president to place him at the head of the census office. Nebraskans in congress have not opposed the selection of Mr. Mercer, but, they are decidedly unwilling to have his appointment charged to that state. If it can be prevented they will have no fault to find with his selection to succeed Mr. Merriam."

Preparing Morton Monument.

Rudolph Evans, the sculptor, is in Washington engaged in preparation of a memorial monument to be erected in Morton park of Nebraska City in memory of the late J. Sterling Morton, former secretary of the Department of Agriculture. The monument is to be placed by the Arbor Day Memorial association as a tribute to the founder of Arbor day.

Humphrey is Slated.

It is regarded as practically certain that the president has determined to nominate Colonel Charles F. Humphrey of the quartermaster's department of the army as quartermaster general, with the rank of brigadier. The president has given some thought to the successor to General M. I. Ludington, retiring quartermaster, and from a vast amount of good material has about decided on General Humphrey.

M. F. Stanley, an attorney of Aurora, Neb., is in Washington enroute to his boyhood home in Virginia.

The president today nominated William T. Adams to be register and John A. Swenson receiver at Landock, Wyo. This is a reappointment for Mr. Adams and Mr. Swenson succeeds Mrs. Williams, who has held office four and a half years and declined a renomination. Senator Warren said both appointments were excellent ones.

Routine of Departments.

A postoffice has been established at Bushnell, Kimball county, Neb., with Charles F. Snyder as postmaster.

The postoffice at Leando, Van Buren county, Ia., has been discontinued.

These rural free delivery letter carriers were appointed today:

Nebraska—Norfolk, William G. Oxnam, regular; Charles Pillger, substitute. Wayne, Fred Lovitt, regular; W. T. Lovitt, substitute.

Iowa—North English, Jesse F. McCalla, regular; Ernest T. Graham, substitute. Radcliffe, Oliver S. Wildman, regular; Jennie S. Wildman, substitute. Stratford, Leroy A. Larson, regular; Charles E. Larson, substitute.

The comptroller of the currency has declared Cedar Rapids, Ia., a reserve city.

The First National bank of Omaha has been approved as reserve agent for the Custer National of Broken Bow, Neb., and the Western National bank of the United States of New York for the Citizens' National of Cedar Falls, Ia.

RATHBONE ATTACKS WOOD

Claims Military Governor Acted Unfairly in Famous Corruption Trial.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Estes G. Rathbone, formerly director of posts at Havana, who was convicted of misuse of funds, but pardoned under the general amnesty proclaimed by President Palma when he assumed office, has made public a statement of his case. This statement was addressed to Senator Platt (Conn.).

Mr. Rathbone has been earnestly urging that action be taken upon his case, and now that congress has adjourned, he has decided to make public his statement. In it he says:

I acted as a citizen of the United States under the direction of the Postoffice department at Washington in pursuance of a treaty which was and is part of the law of the United States, and in the course of the performance of my official duties I was charged with high crimes and misdemeanors and was tried in that foreign country, by a tribunal appointed by and acting under the authority and direction of the military governor of Cuba.

I contend that it was the duty of the government of the United States to secure for me a fair and impartial trial under usual and regular rules of judicial procedure, for the official acts performed under its appointment, direction and authority.

I was subjected to trial by arbitrary and unusual modes of trial contrary alike to original laws of Cuba and the fundamental principles of justice.

The proceeding which led to my conviction was not a judicial proceeding, but a special proceeding directed by the military governor of Cuba, who issued orders, instructions and communications to the courts from time to time according to the exigencies of the case.

I did not have a fair and impartial trial.

By letters of instruction communicated to the trial court, I authorized the use as evidence in the case of exparte depositions taken in the United States on behalf of the government.

Illegal evidence was used against me, notably hearsay and exparte affidavits.

Witnesses were not summoned in my behalf, in violation of article vi, amendments to the constitution.

The military governor had full authority to appoint and remove members of the judiciary at will.

Items of expenditure in my accounts which he held to be improper he admitted as proper items in the accounts of military and other officials, including his own.

I was convicted of conspiracy upon the uncorroborated testimony of an alleged co-conspirator, W. H. Reeves, who was a defendant on trial upon the same charge.

DAY MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

Attending Doctor Considers Judge's Condition Satisfactory and Encouraging.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Dr. Hardin, Justice Day's physician, this morning issued the following bulletin:

Justice Day had a fairly good night. His condition continues encouraging this morning.

At 2:30 this afternoon there was no change in Justice Day's condition. He is reported to be comfortable and no unfavorable symptoms have developed.

Shortly after 11 p. m. Dr. Hardin issued the following bulletin:

Mr. Justice Day has spent an encouraging day and his symptoms continue favorable this evening.

LOSES LIFE SAVING OTHERS

Minneapolis Man Rescues Wife and Baby, but Dies Succoring Little Boy.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14.—After heroically rescuing his invalid wife and two days' old child from his burning house, John McLaughlin risked his life again to save his 6-year-old son and both met death in the fire.

Mr. McLaughlin was awakened early this morning by smoke and found his house in flames. Wrapping his wife and infant daughter in a blanket he rushed from the house and carried them in safety to a neighbor's. He returned to the burning dwelling, where his son was imprisoned, but had barely reached the boy when the roof fell. Father and son managed to crawl to the door among the burning embers, where they were found and carried to the hospital, but both died this afternoon.

To Investigate the Horse Disease.

STURGIS, S. D., March 14.—(Special.)—State Veterinarian J. P. Foster expects to visit the Black Hills this spring to look into the horse disease now prevalent. At the suggestion of H. E. Perkins of this city who saw him at Pierre, he will be here in time to attend the stock meetings at Bellefourche and Rapid. State Veterinarian Dr. S. D. Brimhall of Minnesota will accompany him, and both will probably address the meetings. An expert from Washington, Dr. Mohler, from the bureau of animal industry, will also be present and the state veterinarian of Nebraska has been invited.

South Dakota Cattle Losses.

STURGIS, S. D., March 14.—(Special.)—Thomas O'Brien of Pedro is in the city. He confirms the reports of too much crusted snow all winter out there, and thinks the big cattle outfits who have stock between where he lives and the Missouri will lose a great many head.

Vanderbilt Buys More Land.

MINEOLA, Long Island, March 14.—William K. Vanderbilt, jr., has added another large tract to his great holdings of real estate about Success lake, in North Hamstead. His agents have filed in the county clerk's office transfers of about 110 acres. The land adjoins his present estate and, it is said, was included in the plans for improvements originally made.

SHE MADE A CHANGE.

A Charleston Mother Did So with Advantage to Herself and Children.

A mother living in Charleston, Mass., the happy possessor of four children, writes: "Every fall and winter I have laid in a stock of cough remedies, croup mixtures and throat medicines for my children, for somehow or other they never seem to be free from colds, coughs or sore throat.

This fall I made a change in the usual program. I had myself been cured of an obstinate catarrh, from which I had suffered for years, by Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and as they were pleasant to take, I determined to try them with my children. Our family physician told me he knew them to be perfectly safe and nothing better could be used for catarrh, coughs and colds.

So I gave them to the children and have continued to do so ever since, whenever there is the least sign of croup or sore throat, and I no longer dread the approach of cold weather as I once did.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets not only cured me of chronic nasal and throat catarrh, but they have saved me many an anxious night with my little ones. The children like the taste of them and it is really wonderful how quickly they will break up a croupy cold or an obstinate, deep-seated cough."

People who have used sprays, inhalers, salves or washes for catarrh and have found how useless they are will be agreeably surprised at the results following the use of a pleasant, convenient internal remedy in tablet form. Druggists everywhere admit that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, which sell for 50 cents for full sized package, is the safest, most effective and popular of catarrh medicines.

SPOONER DEFENDS TITLE

Claims New Panama Company Amply Able to Sell Concession.

SAYS COLOMBIA HAS RECOGNIZED CHANGE

Franchise Has Been Sold Twice and is Now About to Be Bought in Similar Fashion by United States.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Without transacting any business the senate today went into executive session.

Previous to the closing of the doors the official stenographers and all the employes of the official offices were sworn to secrecy and one of the newspaper representatives was invited into the chamber to make a detailed report of the proceedings, with the understanding that it should be published after the vote.

Spooner Replies to Morgan.

Senator Spooner occupied five hours in reply to Senator Morgan's opposition to the canal treaty.

Much of his speech was legal in its character, designed to sustain the validity of the canal title. He said there could be no doubt that the company came legitimately into possession of the canal concession and having so acquired the property had an undoubted right to transfer it to the United States or any other purchaser. Passing to Senator Morgan's religious fear, he said under that treaty there would be no pretext for the interference by Colombian authorities with the religious conduct or affiliations of Americans in the canal zone. He ridiculed the idea that by making a treaty with the government the United States could be accused of taking a position against the minority party in the country with which the agreement was made.

Traces Canal History.

Returning to the validity to the title, Senator Spooner traced the history of the liquidation concerning the concession through the French courts. Beginning with the transfer of the original concession to M. De Lesseps in 1879, he said in 1888, when the company organized by De Lesseps became involved, the courts intervened and after appointing a liquidator authorized the organization of a new company, which is the company from which the United States secures its title; that the new company was recognized by a law passed by the Colombian government in 1890, which confirmed the original concession and made provision for payments of stock and money to Colombia. Other subsequent acts of the Colombian government were such as to leave no doubt of a perfect understanding between it and the new canal company.

Towards the close of his address Senator Spooner was questioned by a number of democratic senators particularly Senator Morgan.

In reply he said there were some features of the treaty he would prefer to have otherwise, but the terms were the best it had been possible to secure, and he believed expediency demanded that the treaty be accepted.

Senator Depew referred to the criticism that the canal would be injurious to railroad interests and said that as a railroad man he was thoroughly convinced that such would not be the case. On the contrary, the construction of the canal would stimulate all lines of business and the railroads would share in that prosperity.

Senator Bacon and Senator Morgan offered a number of amendments which will be voted on on Monday.

COLOMBIANS OPPOSE TREATY

Vice President Reyes Thinks American Interpretation Has Aroused Hostility.

COLON, March 14.—General Rafael Reyes, vice president of Colombia, who reached the isthmus two days ago from Mexico, was interviewed here today.

Questioned concerning the canal treaty, he spoke guardedly and did not appear disposed to discuss its terms or the probability of its ratification by the Colombian congress. He seemed to believe, however, that the interpretation the United States put on obligatory rights to maintain free transit across the isthmus and its proposed manner of enforcing these rights had created an unfavorable impression throughout Colombia.

The politicians who would be called upon to decide the fate of the treaty would not be likely to forget, he said, the humiliating incidents which occurred during the recent insurgent hostilities.

General Reyes in no way expressed himself as opposed to the construction of the canal by the United States.

FIGHT FATAL DUEL FOR LOVE

Indians Men Slay Each Other to Decide Their Claims to Girl.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 14.—Information was received here today of a fatal duel between James King and John Gibbons, natives of Brazil.

Both young men were in love with Miss Zora Cornell. They had joined a surveyor's corps in Mississippi and while in camp began to talk about Miss Cornell. King drew a weapon and challenged Gibbons to a duel. Gibbons accepted, and, stepping a few paces from the camp, both opened fire. After several shots had been exchanged both fell mortally wounded.

LOSES BROOCH AT A DINNER

Detectives of San Francisco Puzzled to Account for Disappearance of Valuable Jewel.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—The detectives of this city are puzzled to account for the disappearance of a diamond brooch valued at $5,100, the property of Mrs. Franklin of Chicago, a guest of the Palace hotel.

The brooch was lost at a private dinner party at an uptown hotel and no clue to its whereabouts has yet been obtained.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

John Barrett, hostler at the police patrol barn, is one of the proudest sons of Erin in Omaha. He has received a consignment of shamrocks gathered in the bogs of the Emerald isle. He has distributed them among his Hibernian friends on the force that they may make the proper display Tuesday morning.

George S. Wright is a man who won't take a dare. Wright accepted the challenge of William Caries Saturday afternoon in knocking a chip from the latter's shoulder. Caries then landed on Wright with telling effect, compelling the use of the patrol wagon in getting him to the station for repairs. Both men are boarders at the Elkhorn Valley house and are charged with fighting.

William Dunn, the bartender of the Arcade saloon, who was charged with the larceny of $180 from a guest named Griffin, which had been placed in his care the evening the hotel was discovered on fire, was released from custody Saturday. During the afternoon Deputy County Attorney Magney appeared before Police Judge Berka and moved that the proceedings be dismissed. The court sustained the motion and issued an order for Dunn's discharge, providing he return the cash belonging to Griffin.

CONVENTION OF MILKMAIDS

Ruth Rebekah Lodge Entertains Its Friends at a Unique Reception.

In Odd Fellows' hall yesterday evening Ruth Rebekah lodge No. 1 gave one of its frequent and enjoyable parties. The nearly 300 guests present were treated to a comedy sketch in place of the usual program which precedes the dancing. This skit, which was of about an hour's duration, was called "The Interstate Milkmaid's Convention," and the characters all wore pink and white costumes of the pattern ascribed to milkmaids and carried milking stools and pails. The chairmaid of the convention was Mrs. F. B. Nichols, the secretary, Miss Anna Nelson, and the treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Hamlin. Mesdames Thompson, F. Swanson, H. Miller, H. LaBlanche, King, Liddell, C. A. Wagner, Schnellenbocker, Jones, Bright and C. L. Hamlin and Misses Hanson, Helmrod, Jensen, Nichols, Alwine, Dillon, Pruitt, Myer and little Miss Jones were the delegates. Besides there there were reporters, scenery and other accessories and a remarkable property cow said to be that of Mrs. O'Leary of Chicago. For refreshments milk and crackers were served. The dancing which followed the sketch was kept up until midnight.

VAL BLATZ COMPANY BUILDS

Will Erect Large Cold Storage House and Stables on Douglas Street.

Three lots on the northeast corner of Eighth and Douglas streets were bought by the Val. Blatz Brewing company, through their western agent, T. J. Foley, on Saturday for $10,000. It is the intention of the company to build a two-story cold storage house and stables for the use of the company on this ground.

Plans calling for an expenditure of $40,000 have been drawn up by W. T. Meisner and ground will be broken early next week. The building, which will be 132x99 feet, is to be strictly modern in every detail. The local offices will be located in the building.

At present the company is using the Omaha Cold Storage company's storage rooms, but owing to its increased business it decided to handle its own storage business. This is a distributing point for the company's business throughout Iowa and Nebraska and a portion of Wyoming.

OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The second of the delightful senior socials was given Saturday afternoon. The first floor of the new high school building was fixed up magnificently. The stairs were hidden from view by heaps of pillows, and the parents, as well as the seniors, had a most enjoyable afternoon. Nearly all the societies of the school were represented in attractive little cozy corners. The A. C. S. had a beautifully decorated corner in orange and white, the society's colors. Miss Patterson and Miss Mayall represented the society. The Elaine had an attractive booth, representing King Arthur's round table. Miss Moorhead impersonated Elaine and Miss Robinson, Lancelot. The Browning society's corner represented a Greek temple, Miss Clarkson and Miss Kreider being the priestesses. The Natural History society had a very pretty little corner, represented by Miss Fleming and Mr. Hayward. The P. G. S., Clio and Cadet Officers' club were also represented by attractive corners.

The A. C. S. held an important business meeting on Wednesday. The election of officers took up a great deal of the time and resulted as follows: Madge Mayall was re-elected president; Winifred Perkins, vice president; Florence Hiller, secretary; Bessie Murdock, treasurer. Edith Patterson and Madge Mayall were chosen to represent the society at the senior social. A very fine original poetical program will be given by the society on Friday next.

Something new at the high school is the "noon program," given during lunch period in one of the study halls. The numbers are rendered voluntarily and all have been most enjoyable. This week's program consisted of a chorus of ten girls, who sang "Molly Shannon" and "Under the Bamboo Tree," a selection by the violin quartet, a violin solo by Bronson Shaddock, a vocal solo by Marian Hught and a vocal solo by Claire Gratton.

A Spanish class is being formed at the high school for the benefit of boys who wish to study the language. This class will meet once a week at the close of school, under the instruction of Mr. Peltie.

The Hawthorne society gave the third program in their study of American authors on Friday, March 6. The afternoon was devoted to Whittier, and the following numbers were given before the members of the society: Roll call, with response of members by quotations from Whittier; "Life of Whittier," Jessie Knee; "Whittier's Religion as Seen by His Poems," Marion Cochran; recitation, Florence Power; "Whittier as a Poet of Nature," Janet White; recitation, Rachel Klein; "Whittier as a War Poet," Genevier Glover; recitation, Lucy Dietrich; Whittier's "Songs of Labor," Mabel White; "Whittier's Ballads," Ethel Berrka.

The P. G. S. held their regular public meeting on Friday and the following enjoyable program was rendered: Instrumental, Cora Evans; recitation, Edna Sweeley; violin solo, Olive Carpenter; essay, Eva Murphy; vocal solo, Mrs. Ryan; flute solo, Louis Meyer; parody on "Psalm of Life," May Hall; vocal solo, Janet Marriot.

Two second junior basket ball teams have been formed, under the names of the "Blacks" and the "Whites." The former consists of Misses Kiewit, Wallace, Petheram, Tillotson, Johnson and Buckley, captain. The members of the latter team are: Misses Eldridge, Brutn, Rogers, McIntosh, McMannus and Wilson, captain.

Room Rent Causes a Row.

There was a time at the intersection of Twelfth street and Capitol avenue last night. First there were wild cries of thief and murder and appeals for help. Officer Shepherd ran from a block away and saw a negro flying across the street and fired his revolver into the air as a warning to the miscreant to stop. He did not. When the Jewish families living in the house at 1204 were asked to explain they said that the negro had hired a room in the afternoon, paying $2.25. He returned in the evening with a female companion, who was drunk. She, seeing the room, conceived that it was not such as she had been accustomed to and demanded the money back. The householders seemed to have been afraid to refuse and gave her the money, which she went away with. Hence the outcry.

Secures Opponent's Arrest.

John Chmler, living at the Prague hotel, was arrested Thursday evening and charged with fighting. Since his release from jail he has sworn out a warrant charging William Krebs of 1408 South Thirteenth street, who was the other party to the fight, with assault and battery. Krebs was arrested yesterday evening.

For Disturbing the Peace.

Alice Parris of 109 South Ninth street disturbed the peace of Saturday evening by loud and unusual noises on the street. She was arrested. Harry Burke of 205 North Eleventh street and Mrs. Mamie Riley of Eleventh street and Capitol avenue, who were also arrested, are suspected of using loud and profane language.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

State Oil Inspector J. E. Hays of Lincoln is in the city.

E. Schembrek of Beatrice is an Omaha visitor.

C. H. Mitchell of Colorado Springs is visiting in Omaha.

Phil Aarons of the Boston store left for New York last night.

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