

JAPAN IN HURRY

Will Not Press Russia's Reply to Its Note.

CZAR VOICES HIS DESIRE FOR PEACE

Some of the Russian Papers Are Again Becoming Belligerent.

DECLARE THE PARTING OF WAYS REACHED

Say the Government Must Choose Its Position and Maintain It.

RUSSIA NOT TO BE INTIMIDATED BY JAPAN

Bearse Gazette Contents It to Be the Duty of the Powers to Intervene as They Did Once Before.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 27.—The exchanges regarding the Russian response to the Japanese note are still progressing and the Foreign office here announces today that there is no change in the situation. The Japanese legation does not credit the report from Tokyo that Japan has requested Russia to hasten its reply. M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, has received no instructions on the subject. On the contrary, he apparently realizes that the delay is consequent upon exchanges between St. Petersburg, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokyo. M. Kurino's contention is that Japan will not press Russia for a reply.

The admiralty insists that the movements of Russian ships in the neighborhood of Port Arthur are entirely without significance, saying in explanation that they are probably routine changes of station and certainly made without the expectation of a collision. A prominent admiral said in an interview today: "The admiralty believes in the peaceful termination of the negotiations. Some of our ships in the far east are still in service. The steps now being taken should be considered as provisional, rather than warlike preparations."

Inspecting New Railroad.
Prince Khilkoff, minister of railroads, will leave here in a few days for Irkutsk to inspect the nearly completed railroad line around Lake Baikal, which connects the two ends of the Siberian railroad. This connection, which will permit the movement of through trains in the winter, of great value, especially in winter. The czar, when voicing his approval of Prince Khilkoff's mission, said to substance that he desired peace, which he believed would not be broken, but believed it proper to be prepared for all emergencies.

Some of the Russian newspapers are again becoming belligerent. The Bourse Gazette declares that Russia has reached the parting of the ways and must now choose its position and maintain it. It discusses seriously "the yellow peril," contending to be the duty of the powers to intervene as they did after the Sino-Japanese war. The Gazette concludes its article with saying that if Japan persists in its warlike attitude Russia is not going to be intimidated.

The Novoe Vremya says the conversion of the reserve battalions into regiments, which was not carried out several months ago, for financial reasons, is now executed because more military units are needed in the east and because Germany's military increase of recent years demands a second line of defense.

Today was diplomatic day in St. Petersburg, but Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister, did not receive.

Consults Japanese Minister.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Official advice received here from St. Petersburg show that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, has called on the Japanese Minister, M. Kurino. The two ministers are now conferred with the view of so shaping the response as to avoid a conflict. This is considered to be an explanation of the dispatch from Tokyo saying Japan has requested Russia to hasten its reply.

As Count Lamsdorff and M. Kurino are having conferences prior to the submission of the reply it is regarded as evidence of Japan's insistence of an early answer and of Russia's desire to avoid a response which might precipitate hostilities. Count Lamsdorff's course in conferring with M. Kurino before answering is cited as showing Russia's willingness to go to the limit in order to avoid a war. But, it is added, if the efforts of Russia fail he will be prepared to strike hard blows from the outset.

All information reaching the highest quarters here tends to show that the crisis continues acute. It appears to be the accepted conviction in governmental circles that the final determination between peace and war cannot long be deferred. The officials continue to hope for peace, but they make the reservation that the discouraging aspect which the case has assumed during the last few days has not been alleviated. A categorical denial is given, so far as France is concerned, to the Peking report that the French minister is taking part in negotiations with the view of the mediation of France, Great Britain and the United States.

Financial Program Complete.

TOKIO, Jan. 27.—It is understood that the cabinet, assisted by the elder statesmen, has completed a financial program which it is anticipated will be published shortly. It is said to include the issuance of exchange bonds to the amount of 100,000,000 yen, increasing taxes to the extent of 20,000,000 yen.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening:

"There is no block in the negotiations, at least so far as Japan is concerned. Much that has been published regarding the contents of the Japanese note is quite imaginary and there is also in the note a great deal of which the public knows nothing."

SAYS NATIVES KILL SIXTEEN

Seventy Others Missing in District as Result of South African War.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The Seneca Nachrichten of Brunswick has received a dispatch from Karth, German Southwest Africa, yesterday, saying that Okavango was then holding out against the besieging rebel natives.

Official advice from Swakopmund reports yesterday says that Okavango reported that sixteen persons have been murdered in that district and that seventy people are missing.

Louise Goes in April.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—President Louvet will start on his Italian tour April 4.

OBSERVE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY

Ruler of Germany Receives Congratulations from Royal Family and Chief Dignitaries.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—A great crowd gathered in front of the palace early today, both to salute Emperor William on his birthday and get good places from which to see the members of the royal family and court and other officials offer their congratulations to the emperor.

The latter, surrounded by generals, appeared before a window overlooking the square and acknowledged the acclamations. From that time onward carriages filled the courtyard, containing those of rank sufficient to permit them to offer their good wishes, beginning with the members of the royal family and their suites, the cabinet ministers, the heads of the army and navy, visiting kings and princes and the ambassadors, among them United States Ambassador Tower. The emperor received the callers in the pillar hall until midday.

Subsequently the emperor attended a service in the castle chapel and later held a reception in the White hall, where he received the felicitations of the officials and general public.

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has appointed Emperor William first cavalier of the new Order of the Lion of Norway, in commemoration of the emperor's birthday and in recognition of German generosity to the sufferers by the fire which destroyed the town of Alesund, Norway, on Saturday last.

GIVES UNITED STATES POWER

Panama Convention Adds Important Clause to Its Constitution and Ratifies the Canal Treaty.

PANAMA, Jan. 27.—At this afternoon's session of the constitutional convention Dr. Amador proposed that the following article be included in the constitution of the republic:

"Should public peace or constitutional order be disturbed in any part of the Republic of Panama the government of the United States may intervene to restore peace or order in the event that the United States by treaty or by convention, shall have assumed the obligation of guaranteeing the independence of this republic."

Dr. Amador spoke eloquently on this matter, and the proposal to incorporate the article was adopted by a large majority. Another proposal by which the convention ratified all the actions of the provisional junta, including the ratification of the canal treaty, was also approved this afternoon. This is considered to show the perfect understanding between the legislative and executive authorities.

WILL CONTINUE EXPERIMENTS

German Says Practicability of Electricity as Motive Power Is Not Proven.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Before the budget committee of the Prussian Diet, Minister of Public Works Budge, discussing the recent electrical rapid transit experiments, said yesterday: "The studies are still in progress. We cannot undertake the transportation of the general passenger public electrically. It is still uncertain that such roads can be economically profitable. The experiments will be continued with necessary precautions."

"The operation of the suburban road from Berlin to Grossschmiede gives the most favorable results and we shall soon see the practical introduction of electricity on the Hamburg elevated railroad. The Prussian railroad administration will utilize the results of all these experiments."

RUSSIAN WHEAT IS DIRTY

California's Object to Condition in Which Grain Reaches Pacific Ports.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 27.—The complaint of the Russian consul general at San Francisco in regard to the foulness of Russian grain sent to California, is attracting the attention both of the press and of the exporters here, and a better inspection by the local corn exchange and a revision of its methods are demanded.

The Novoe Vremya warns the exporters that they will ruin their business with the United States, as did Odessa, unless they alter their present ways. The exporters blame the foul holds and vermin of the ships.

TO KEEP CHECK ON GAS BILL

German Invents Device Which Will Render Disputes on Measured Service Impossible.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—A patent has been taken out here for a combination meter which, it is predicted, will render disputes between the consumers of gas, water and electricity and the companies or municipalities supplying them quite unnecessary and perhaps impossible.

By the use of this machine a consumer can ascertain the amount of his bill at any time, for by simply turning a lever he receives a card upon which is printed the amount he owes.

CRUZEN WANTS MILLARD'S JOB

Former Collector of Porto Rico Starts for Nebraska to Run for Senate.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 27.—Alonso Cruzen, formerly collector of customs at Porto Rico and his family sailed today for the United States. He says he will return direct to Nebraska where, his conversation indicated, he will open a covered wagon business, succeeding Joseph H. Millard in the United States senate.

PLOT TO BLOW UP PALACE

Police Discover Infernal Machine Under a Bench During Love Given by King Alfonso.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says it has been learned that on last Sunday during King Alfonso's levee at the palace the police discovered an infernal machine underneath a bench near the doorway of the palace, which was crowded at the time with persons of distinction.

Philippine Currency Act Passed.

MANILA, Jan. 27.—The act for maintaining the parity of the currency has been passed. It provides for the purchase of Mexican silver coin as bullion and imposes a tax on all contracts made in debased currency after October 1, 1904.

MAYOR HARRISON IS FREE

Judge Holds Head of City Government Not Responsible for Accident.

SAYS JURY PLACED UNJUST STIGMA

Declares that Mayor Has Fallen in No Particular in Duties in Connection with the Inquests Disaster.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—It was decided today by Mayor Harrison's court today for a writ of habeas corpus for Sherman Parker, a leader of the miners at Cripple Creek, who has been repeatedly re-arrested by the military after furnishing bonds for his appearance in court and who is now held a prisoner in the bull pen at Camp Cold Field. Attorney General Miller informed the court that the military officers purposed to turn Parker over to the civil authorities next Monday, with the understanding that the case went over until that day.

When Attorney General Miller assured the supreme court that Parker would be delivered to the civil authorities next Monday Attorney Horace N. Hawkins, representing the Western Federation of Miners and Parker, said:

"The words of the executive of this state are as varying as the wind, and I ask this court if you are going to permit this damnable course to be pursued further."

Mr. Hawkins branded the acts of the governor as anarchy in its worst form, and he added that the fault of the courts, to give fair play would amount to the breeding of anarchy and anarchy. Mr. Hawkins said that Parker was the brains of the Western Federation of Miners; that the military authorities desired to prevent him from managing the strike in Cripple Creek and so kept him locked up on false charges preferred by attorneys for the mine owners' association.

VICTOR, Colo., Jan. 27.—Deputy Sheriff Underwood, armed with a habeas corpus writ, issued from the district court today, made a demand on Colonel Verdeckberg for John M. Glover, a former Minecroft congressman, who is incarcerated in the bull pen at Camp Cold Field. Colonel Verdeckberg refused to surrender Glover, saying that he had good reasons for keeping him in confinement. A few days ago an information was filed in the district court by John M. Glover, charging Verdeckberg with assault with intent to commit murder.

ARREST MAN ON SUSPICION

One with Scratches on Face Believed to Be Murderer of School Teacher.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 27.—The white man giving his name as Harry Behr was arrested today at the home of Roger White, colored. He is suspected of the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer of Bedford, Ind.

The detectives claim the evidence is strong. His collar, vest and hat had blood stains on them and there are fresh scratches on his face. Behr claims to be from Memphis and said he received the scratches in election fight. Detectives say this statement could not be true, as the scratches have been made within the last few days. Behr manifested an intense interest in the Schaefer murder and it was his conduct that caused the negro to suspect him and inform the officers. Behr told the negro and his wife that the blood got on his clothes from beating a woman. In his pocket papers, containing an account of Miss Sarah Schaefer's murder, were found. Yesterday he awoke from a sleep as though in terror and when asked what the matter was he said he murdered a woman. Behr is now being watched by the police.

NEW BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 27.—The court of inquiry that is investigating the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer began work today. The examining witnesses on the theory that the murder had criminal assault for the motive. Belief is growing among the members of the court of inquiry that a black man is the murderer.

Prosecutor Miller says there will be no let up in the search for the murderer, but he has little confidence that he will ever be found.

FAILS TO PRODUCE LETTERS

Coachman Arrested at Chicago for Blackmail Says Mrs. Thurston Wanted to Marry Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—James Gordon Tibberty, former coachman for Mrs. Hollis M. Thurston, a prominent society woman, was placed on trial today for attempting to blackmail his employer.

Tibberty claimed he had received letters from Mrs. Thurston threatening to expose his past unless he paid her \$500. Mrs. Thurston arranged to give him the money and officers placed him under arrest at the very moment he was receiving it. Mrs. Thurston declared that she had never written any letters to Tibberty and that the entire matter was a blackmailing scheme.

Tibberty when placed on the stand this afternoon swore that he had received the letters and that Mrs. Thurston had offered him \$1250 for them and had promised to marry him after securing a divorce from Mr. Thurston. Although he claimed that he had received \$200 from Mrs. Thurston he failed to produce them when called upon to do so by the state.

After being pressed on the matter Tibberty said the letters were in a box in the barn at the Thurston residence. Officers were at once sent to search, but at late hour the box could not be found. Tibberty said that he came to this country in 1901 while on furlough from the British army, and had never returned. It is said that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

BURTON IS OUT ON BOND

Kansas Senator Fails to Appear for Trial in March.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was this afternoon admitted to \$5000 bail to answer in the United States circuit court March 7 for trial on the indictment charging him with accepting money for the alleged use of his influence with the postal authorities to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities company.

When arraigned before Judge Adams he pleaded "Not guilty" to the charge. His sureties are Ernest E. Kaster, George W. Adams and Herbert A. Vrooman.

Senator Burton asked the court for an early trial. United States District Attorney Dyer stated that as early trial was satisfactory to the government, Judge Adams said that the next term of court would begin in May, but later qualified this by adding that he may be able to try the case early in March. Senator Burton was then ordered to appear in court Monday, March 7.

A telegram was received by Senator Burton from David R. Mulvane, republican national committeeman from Kansas, asking him to address the annual Kansas day banquet in Topeka Friday night. Senator Burton immediately wired his acceptance.

LAWYER CALLS IT ANARCHY

Attorney Hawkins Denounces Governor Penabaz in Strong Terms for His Attitude.

DENVER, Jan. 27.—Application was made to the state supreme court today for a writ of habeas corpus for Sherman Parker, a leader of the miners at Cripple Creek, who has been repeatedly re-arrested by the military after furnishing bonds for his appearance in court and who is now held a prisoner in the bull pen at Camp Cold Field. Attorney General Miller informed the court that the military officers purposed to turn Parker over to the civil authorities next Monday, with the understanding that the case went over until that day.

When Attorney General Miller assured the supreme court that Parker would be delivered to the civil authorities next Monday Attorney Horace N. Hawkins, representing the Western Federation of Miners and Parker, said:

"The words of the executive of this state are as varying as the wind, and I ask this court if you are going to permit this damnable course to be pursued further."

Mr. Hawkins branded the acts of the governor as anarchy in its worst form, and he added that the fault of the courts, to give fair play would amount to the breeding of anarchy and anarchy. Mr. Hawkins said that Parker was the brains of the Western Federation of Miners; that the military authorities desired to prevent him from managing the strike in Cripple Creek and so kept him locked up on false charges preferred by attorneys for the mine owners' association.

VICTOR, Colo., Jan. 27.—Deputy Sheriff Underwood, armed with a habeas corpus writ, issued from the district court today, made a demand on Colonel Verdeckberg for John M. Glover, a former Minecroft congressman, who is incarcerated in the bull pen at Camp Cold Field. Colonel Verdeckberg refused to surrender Glover, saying that he had good reasons for keeping him in confinement. A few days ago an information was filed in the district court by John M. Glover, charging Verdeckberg with assault with intent to commit murder.

ARREST MAN ON SUSPICION

One with Scratches on Face Believed to Be Murderer of School Teacher.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 27.—The white man giving his name as Harry Behr was arrested today at the home of Roger White, colored. He is suspected of the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer of Bedford, Ind.

The detectives claim the evidence is strong. His collar, vest and hat had blood stains on them and there are fresh scratches on his face. Behr claims to be from Memphis and said he received the scratches in election fight. Detectives say this statement could not be true, as the scratches have been made within the last few days. Behr manifested an intense interest in the Schaefer murder and it was his conduct that caused the negro to suspect him and inform the officers. Behr told the negro and his wife that the blood got on his clothes from beating a woman. In his pocket papers, containing an account of Miss Sarah Schaefer's murder, were found. Yesterday he awoke from a sleep as though in terror and when asked what the matter was he said he murdered a woman. Behr is now being watched by the police.

NEW BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 27.—The court of inquiry that is investigating the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer began work today. The examining witnesses on the theory that the murder had criminal assault for the motive. Belief is growing among the members of the court of inquiry that a black man is the murderer.

Prosecutor Miller says there will be no let up in the search for the murderer, but he has little confidence that he will ever be found.

FAILS TO PRODUCE LETTERS

Coachman Arrested at Chicago for Blackmail Says Mrs. Thurston Wanted to Marry Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—James Gordon Tibberty, former coachman for Mrs. Hollis M. Thurston, a prominent society woman, was placed on trial today for attempting to blackmail his employer.

Tibberty claimed he had received letters from Mrs. Thurston threatening to expose his past unless he paid her \$500. Mrs. Thurston arranged to give him the money and officers placed him under arrest at the very moment he was receiving it. Mrs. Thurston declared that she had never written any letters to Tibberty and that the entire matter was a blackmailing scheme.

Tibberty when placed on the stand this afternoon swore that he had received the letters and that Mrs. Thurston had offered him \$1250 for them and had promised to marry him after securing a divorce from Mr. Thurston. Although he claimed that he had received \$200 from Mrs. Thurston he failed to produce them when called upon to do so by the state.

After being pressed on the matter Tibberty said the letters were in a box in the barn at the Thurston residence. Officers were at once sent to search, but at late hour the box could not be found. Tibberty said that he came to this country in 1901 while on furlough from the British army, and had never returned. It is said that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

BURTON IS OUT ON BOND

Kansas Senator Fails to Appear for Trial in March.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was this afternoon admitted to \$5000 bail to answer in the United States circuit court March 7 for trial on the indictment charging him with accepting money for the alleged use of his influence with the postal authorities to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities company.

When arraigned before Judge Adams he pleaded "Not guilty" to the charge. His sureties are Ernest E. Kaster, George W. Adams and Herbert A. Vrooman.

Senator Burton asked the court for an early trial. United States District Attorney Dyer stated that as early trial was satisfactory to the government, Judge Adams said that the next term of court would begin in May, but later qualified this by adding that he may be able to try the case early in March. Senator Burton was then ordered to appear in court Monday, March 7.

A telegram was received by Senator Burton from David R. Mulvane, republican national committeeman from Kansas, asking him to address the annual Kansas day banquet in Topeka Friday night. Senator Burton immediately wired his acceptance.

NEBRASKANS TO THE FORE

Two Members from This State Prominent in the House Proceedings.

BURKETT ANSWERS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Member from Omaha District Delivers a Little Dissertation on the Question of Flying Machines, Et Cetera.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—In a day of political today Nebraska played a prominent part. In the early morning session Mr. Hitchcock talked about flying machines and other aerial bodies, while later in the day, when the lower branch of the national legislature had a large republican session, the galleries were crowded. Mr. Burkett talked of political machines and what the republican party had done for the nation.

Mr. Burkett spoke for an hour and a half on the achievements of the republican party. He was listened to most attentively by a compact republican side with but few seats vacant on the democratic side. During the course of his speech the congressman from the First Nebraska district was frequently interrupted by the opposition. In some cases two or three of the democratic leaders were heard to break in upon the speaker's address, but without showing the least irritation, he singled out those whom he desired to answer. Mr. Burkett's speech was largely in reply to that made by the leader of the minority, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, who at the last moment prior to adjournment on the day previous had taken occasion to severely arraign the republican party for its position on trusts and incidentally on the gold standard.

Hardly had the Lincoln representative got fairly started on his speech when he was interrupted by a question from the republican party where it was going to stand on the gold question in 1905, until it was told where it was to stand by Senator "Tom" Platt. To this Mr. Burkett replied that he did not know what Senator Platt's knowledge was, but he did know that the republican party of Nebraska would stand for many months before the convention of 1904. The republican party of Nebraska had crossed that bridge ahead of the suggested direction of "Tom" Platt. Mr. Burkett told of the laws which had been placed on the statute books since 1898, and incidentally the laws enacted by a republican congress before that year. He said the republican party was the first party which dared to advocate the gold standard. It was the first party that ever dared to say that 4,000,000 of black men should no longer be slaves, and that they were to be free. He said that the republican party was the first party which dared to advocate cheap postage in this country, and that it was the first party to curtail the power of trusts.

Recalls Some History.

During his speech, which will probably look as if a harrow had gone over it when it appears in the Record, Mr. Burkett traced the disastrous years between 1892 and 1896. He told of the armies of Kelly and Connelley moving on the national capital. He said the men who constituted their armies were called "bobos," but they were not. They were loyal American citizens, who with all their brains and brawn and muscle could not find work enough to do in this country to employ their hands to provide them with money for the national capital. He said that the republican party was the first party which dared to advocate the gold standard. It was the first party that ever dared to say that 4,000,000 of black men should no longer be slaves, and that they were to be free. He said that the republican party was the first party which dared to advocate cheap postage in this country, and that it was the first party to curtail the power of trusts.

Then turning to the utterances of Mr. Williams regarding Mr. Bryan he said that it would take more than one man to tell his distinguished constituent where his place was in the democratic party; that a black coat and suit and a few dollars' worth of tenacity of Mr. Bryan probably more than the leader of the democratic forces.

Mr. Burkett was given a splendid ovation by his colleagues not only of the Nebraska delegation, but of the entire house. He was cheered by the Nebraska delegation, and by General Grosvenor, Colonel Hays, Representative Hitt and Speaker Cannon.

Iowa Men Are Stayers.

The Iowa delegation interested in naming a successor to Judge Shiras had an hour's session today and after taking ten ballots, which showed no change in conditions over former ballots, adjourned to meet Saturday at 10:30.

Personal Mention.

W. F. McLaughlin of Grand Island has been appointed to a position in the government exhibit at the St. Louis exposition through Washington influences.

John Longstaff, editor of the Daily Huronite, has been nominated for postmaster at Huron, S. D., thereby terminating a bitter contest. The nomination was made by the president today after an agreement had been reached by the South Dakota delegation.

F. S. Emerson of Sioux Falls, S. D., accompanied by his wife and daughter, are in Washington on a short visit. From here they will go to Annapolis to visit a son of Mr. Emerson, who is a midshipman in the naval academy.

C. F. Hackett, editor of the New Era at Parker, S. D., is in the city.

Acts on Land Bills.

The public lands committee of the senate today ordered a favorable report on Mr. Gamble's bill to regulate the use by the public of reservoir sites located on public lands of the United States.

The same committee had also under consideration Senator Gamble's so-called "5 per cent" bill growing out of the sale of public lands within the state and it is expected a favorable report will be ordered at the next meeting of the committee.

Center on Rosebud Bill.

Representatives Burke and Martin of South Dakota, together with Mr. Lucas of Bonestell, S. D., today had an extended conference with Speaker Cannon lasting something over an hour, regarding the school land features of the Rosebud bill. The South Dakota members filed a brief and also orally presented the question. The speaker stated he would recognize Mr. Burke under the unanimous consent rule to fix a time to consider the bill.

The South Dakotans are now feeling so certain that their Rosebud bill will be passed that they are making efforts to locate at least a temporary land office at Rosebud to accommodate the business which will naturally result through the opening of the reservation. Representative Burke, with Mr. Lucas, this afternoon

(Continued on Second Page.)

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Snow Thursday and Colder in West Portion; Friday Fair.

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
8 a. m.	0	1 p. m.	18
9 a. m.	1	2 p. m.	20
10 a. m.	2	3 p. m.	22
11 a. m.	3	4 p. m.	24
12 m.	4	5 p. m.	26
1 p. m.	5	6 p. m.	28
2 p. m.	6	7 p. m.	30
3 p. m.	7	8 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	8	9 p. m.	34

RANGE CATTLE LOOKING WELL

Men in from the Up Country Report Conditions Good and Prospects Bright.

C. D. Day of Arthur, Custer county, Neb., was in the city yesterday, having come down from that section with a load of cattle for the South Omaha markets. He said:

"I have scarcely ever known a winter in Nebraska, and certainly not in Custer county, where cattle have done better than this season. There has been very little snow with us up to this winter and the cattle have not shown any signs of winter suffering. The ranges have been good and about the only trouble we have had is with the cornstalk disease. A considerable number of cattle have been lost from that cause this winter. There has been a scarcity of cars for cattle shipping purposes, but now we can get all the cars needed. Winter wheat looks bad with us on account of the dry winter. Much of it has been killed outright from winter freezing and looks dry and dead in the fields, so heavy snows would do us very little good in that respect now."

F. A. Lewis, a leading cattlemen of Enterprise, K. T. county, Neb., was a guest at the Merchants last night. In reference to cattle matters in that section he said:

"I have never seen cattle come through the winter better than this season. We have had no snow in our part of the country to speak of, and the cattle have been out on the range the entire winter. The grazing in the best winter grazing I have ever seen up there. We had a little storm about the middle of December, but the cattle did not suffer at all from it. There has been no drifting of cattle at all in our section, and they have shown no signs of suffering even during the cold snap of the last few days. The ranges are practically clear of snow. I marked a bunch today at South Omaha right off the range and got good prices for them. There is some cattle feeding done up in our section, but very little, as the winter range is all that could be desired. The cattle are in fine shape for the rest of the winter. A good many buyers have been up with us to buy feeders and are paying stiff prices for them. I have seen some feeders on the Omaha markets that do not look near as well as cattle that have been on the range all winter. There are lots of cattle ranging through K. T. county and I have heard of no losses either among weaklings or calves."

BINGHAM TWO VOTES AHEAD

Quits Day with Narrow Margin, but Trump Card Still Up His Sleeve.

Last night, when the day's count was finished in the contest between Bingham and Broadwell for clerk of the district court, Bingham had two votes majority. Bingham lost in the Fifth and Sixth precincts of the Ninth ward and at that hour neither Bingham nor Broadwell had a single vote on the right side of the ledger. Then when the last precinct was counted—the Fourth of the Eighth—Bingham gained two votes, and that was his margin when the count was finished last night. As a result of the afternoon count Judge Vinson's haire has three Bingham votes which are protested by Broadwell, but it is considered settled that the Bingham votes are correct. These must be counted, as the few irregularities noted on the ballots are not deemed sufficient to constitute distinctive or identifying markings.

There remains to be counted two precincts in the city of Omaha, thirteen country precinct