## BLACKBURN REFUSES TO ACT

Says He Will Not Call Congressional Committee With n a Week.

OF FRICTION BY HIS FACTION

Chairman Cowell of Republican County Committee Issues Call to Arrange for Primary Election Next Friday.

More or less of a conflict between the county and congressional republican committees seems imminent because of the refusal of Chairman Blackburn of the latter to call his committee together for the purpose of arranging for a convention to select two delegates to the national convention and name a nominee for congress from the Becond district. Blackburn intimates he will assume the attitude taken two years congressional committee is supreme in the district and that the county organizations are powerless to carry on the ordinary mechanism of convention preparations wishes to co-operate with Chairman Cowell of the county committee, yet he has carefully refrained from calling his own com-4 bruesquely demanding that Cowell indicate when he would confer with Blackburn regarding "co-operation," which the professed to be very anxious to have with respect to the primaries.

### Blackburn is Aroused.

Blackburn appears to be somewhat aroused over what references Edward Rosewater made to the matter before the

You may say for me," he said, "that shall not call the convention within a week after April 14, the day this speech was made. Mr. Rosewater said that if steps were not taken within a week some one else would call the convention. Well, I should like to know how and by whom while the statutes remain the same as they

Mr. Blackburn would not say whether o not he would bring the matter of joint primaries before the county committee meeting, called for Friday. He is a member of the county committee and expects to attend in that capacity, but remarked that he did not see how he could take the congressions! matter up until he had received a reply from Chairman Cowell.

The latter has issued the following call for a committee meeting: To the Members of the Dovelas County Republican Central Countities: A meeting of the members of the above committee is hereby called for Fylday. April 12, 1994, at 2 p. m., in Fraternity hall, on the seventh floor of the Bee building, in this city, for the purpose of makirs, suitable provision for a primary election to select delegates to the republican state and congressional conventions, and for the transaction of such other and further business as may come before such committee.

ROBERT COWELL, Chairman.

Busy Making Discord.

Meanwhile the Blackburn factionalists are planning to foment what discord and fric-tion they can in order to relieve the monotony. Politicians take little stock in the Blackburn boom for W. F. Gurley, because, they say, Gurley is a staunch advocate of E. J. Cornish for the congressional nomination. Cornish tried hard to assist Gurley in getting the district attorneyship and friends of both men believe that Gurley will not enter the list against Cornish. On the other hand, A. W. Jefferis, who was reported as some time ago withdrawing from active interest in the congressional

ally receptive Byron G. Burbank is still trying hard to pose as the candidate of the "anti-machine" people, but has not had the meed of encouragement that his aspiration seeks. John L. Kennedy's candidacy is persistent and regarded as more formidable

## FAIR RATES FOR ROOMERS Prospective Cost of Shelter for Vis-

itors to the St. Louis Exposition. Omaha householders and landlords, who

in 1898 boosted rents from 10 to 25 per cent, may take to themselves a chunk of belated credit for modesty. The differences between them and their tribe in St. Louis is the difference between laudable genrosity and undifutd avarice. St. Louis householders are not in the business for their health-not this year. They intend to do business with pilgrims on so lavish s scale as to relieve them of the burden of carrying home any portion of the money set aside for the trip. Rates are fixed and precious few pilgrims can get away

The St. Louis Real Estate Bulletin publishes a comparative table of rents in peace times and rate which is obtained at the threshold of the exposition season. A few samples will show what is coming to



hide their diminished heads. St. Louis knows a good thing and intends to work it

#### HOT TEXTS ON GRAIN ELEVATOR Kansas Zealot Quotes the Hible on His Bins, Whereat Trainmen

Hoot.

The right of a man to paint anything he on his own house will probably be tested in the Kansas courts in the near future. The question arises through the religious seal of E. D. Heyde of Greenville, owner of what is known locally as the "Bible Elevator," a structure at Lebanor Kan., which adjoins the tracks of the Rock Island railroad. Mr. Heyde thought it would be well for the passengers on the Rock Island raffroad if they were con fronted with a few scorching Bible texts as they rode by on the trains. So he engaged a sign painter to cover the walls of his elevator with texts such as "Where will

ters of the railroad that trouble had followed the painting of the signs. Passengers waiting for trains would stroll over to ing the murder. the elevator to get a closer view and would be so impressed with the texts that they would stand spellbound until their train had gone by. Then, with the perversity of human nature they would blame the railroad employes for allowing them to miss the train. Passengers on the trains would gly the trains would gly the trainmen with questions concerning the men employed by about 150 companies in St. Louis.

1 Lieutenant Parshall was a native of Wissian Companies in St. Louis.

his eyes, being in torment." The signs were

so large that they could easily be read from

the trains, and even from the nearby sta-

Why were the texts there?" "To what debelong?" "Why den't they make him take the signs down?" The "Bible Elevator" occame as much of a nuisance to the train- Omaha Wholesale Men Ask Remival men as to the station employes. A request was made to Mr. Heyde to remove the signs in the interest of the machinery of the railroad. So far from complying with MUST CARRY CASE TO HIGHER OFFICIALS this request. Mr. Heyde says he is willing to pay for the decorating of any man's use with similar warnings to the wicked As the elevator with the scriptural ques doning stands on the Rock Island's rightof-way, it is probable that Mr. Hoyde will have to eliminate the signs or remove his building entirely.-New York Tribune.

#### WHEN THE WEST WAS YOUNG Stories of Border Life Observed and Sketched by Henry Villard.

In his reminiscences Henry Villard tells

of Horace Greeley's visit to Colorado. He and a companion went in one of the exago when he laid down the flat that the press stages and had met with a singular and perilous accident. In driving through a herd of buffaloes the animals, probably maddened at the sight of the red color of the coach, had attacked and upset it. Greewithout the consent of the congressional ley had received a severe cut below his committee. While he declares that he right knee, crippling him for several weeks. Being confined to his room in the hotel by his wounds Greeley was greatly disturbed by the sound of revelry by night that rose unceasingly from the barroom. Villard this point in favor of Kansas City. he wrote a letter to Chairman Cowell April writes: "His wrath culminated on the third night of his tortures. I was fortunate enough to be with him and thus became un eye and ear witness of what happened. About 10 o'clock he got up and insisted on limping to the barroom. His appearance, hough his presence in the building was generally known, created surprise and instant silence. He begged for a chair, and, 'Friends,' said he, 'I have been in pain and without sleep for almost a week and I am well-nigh wors out. Now I am a guest of this hotel, I pay a high price for my board and lodging and I am entitled to rest during the night. But how can I get it with all this noise going on in this place?' Then he addressed one of the most pathetic appeals I ever heard to those around him to abandon their vicious ways and become sober and industrious. He spoke for nearly an hour and was listened to with rapt in-

> stopped and the bar was closed every night at 11 o'clock as long as he remained," During this period of his life Villard got glimpse of western judicial machinery and gives this vivid picture of a term of court being held during a very hot spell in June: "The judge presided without his coat and with unbuttoned shirt thrown wide open. He sat thus disarrayed, tipped back in his armchair, with his legs on the desk before him. The attorneys naturally followed his example and made themselves as cool as possible. One marked incident has remained fixed in my mind. While one of the most loquacious attorneys was making flery argument he was interrupted by the judge, who called out to him: 'Jim, you had better keep cool in this hot weather and give me a bite of your tobacco.' The pleader stopped, pulled out his plug and carried it to the judge, who took a hasty bite, whereupon the proceedings were re

terest and the most perfect respect. He

succeeded, too, in his object. The gambling

sumed. Of his arrival in Colorado Villard writes: We brought a mail of reveral hundred letters and newspapers, the announcement of which fact drew three cheers for the express company. It was a great boon, the last news from the Missouri river being nearly five weeks old. Of course, I was the center of attraction and overwhelmed with questions. Some one proposed that I should tell the news from the 'states' to them all race, is said to have again developed an and I was made to mount a log and entertain the audience for half an hour with what had happened during the four weeks before my departure, for which I got a vote of thanks and which secured me at once the good will of all the settlers.'

#### FRAU ROTTGER OF BRESLAU Introduces the Injunction Habit Among the Staid Judiciary of Germany.

Herr Rotiger, a resident of Breslau, Germany, has one of the finest mustaches on the continent of Europe. It is full, silken and blond and curis naturally at either end. Herr Rottger is a very charitable man. For years he has taken a deep interest in all forms of benevolence and has sacrificed the greater part of a handsome private fortune to benefit the poor.

Herr Rottger has many friends. all admire him and they all admire his mustache. Yet they are only friends as friends go. They would deprive him of his crowning beauty. A few of them proposed not long since that if he would cut off his mustache they would subscribe the amount he needed for the carrying out of one of his pet philanthropies. He gladly agreed. He even signed a contract to the effect that upon the payment of the stipulated sum the mustache that has been a source of pride to the people of Breslau for several years

would be removed. Herr Rottger has a wife, a pretty, highspirited, determined little woman, who will not stand for any kind of nonsense. Moreover, she is justly proud of Herr Rottger's mustache. It may mean much to him, but it means everything to her. When heard about the contract, what did she do? Herr Rottger's little wife is a newspaper reader. She has learned from the newspapers, among other things, what people in the United States do when they don't want other people to do something injurious, disagreeable or obnoxious to them. She might have quarreled with Herr Rottger, if she had not read the newspapers. One word might have led to another until Herr Rottger might have said that his mustache was his own and he would do as he pleased with it, and there would have come the

end of Frau Rottger's happiness. What Frau Rottger did was to get an in unction preventing the carrying out of the In her petition she declared that she married Herr Rottger partly on account of his mustache, and the court has sustained her claim to a wife's interest in it and made the injunction permanent. Now, Frau Rottger's friends, who are better friends than Herr Rottger's friends.

have agreed to raise the funds Herr Rottger needs to help along his philanthropic enterprise, and Frau Rottger is the most popular little woman in Breslau. And the applest, because Herr Rottger is prouder of her than she has ever been of his mus tache.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

### WANT MONEY FOR TICKET BACK Heirs of Woman Killed Before Taking

Trip Ask Union Pacific to

Refund. The passenger department of the Union Pacific has received a letter from the heirs you spend eternity?" "In hell he lifted up of Mrs. Sarah Cohen asking that the price of a ticket bought by the woman be refunded. The ticket was bought at Bogue, Kan., March 31, and the letter states the woman was murdered before she left the depot. The ticket was bought for the trip from Bogue to Oakley, Kan. Nothing is known here of the circumstances surround-

Truck Drivers May Strike.

Discriminating Sugar Bates-

Believe Railroads Can Be Convinced of Injustice of Tariffs to Omaha and Favorable to Kanses City.

A committee of Omaha jobbers composed of C. H. Pickens, John Brady and Arthur Allen, Friday afternoon made a canvass of the freight offices of the city to see if omething could not be done to prevent diserimination in sugar rates against this city when the adjustment is made by the freight association now meeting in Chi-

ago for the purpose of restoring rates. What the jobbers desire is that the differential of 3 cents which has heretofore governed in favor of Kansas City on shipments of sugar from the south, be abolished when the new schedule of rates is agreed upon at the Chicago meeting. This is an old question which has been up with Omaha jobbers many times, but all fights hus far have been unsuccessful. It is be lieved, however, matters are in such condition that the railroads can be brought to see the fullacy of discriminating against

#### Based on Southern Rate.

The real difficulty in the matter arises ot entirely from the fact that the 3-cent differential has to be paid on all shipments of southern sugar into Omaha, but from the fact that the price of all sugar which comes here is based upon the southern rate. This rate being 3 cents higher than to the markets south, the jobbing interests here have to stand the difference if they sell goods in territory which is tributary to both Omaha and Kansas City, and they believe it too great a load to carry,

Even on beet sugar raised within a fer miles of Omaha the jobber here has to pay price equal to the price fixed by the New Orleans market and the rate added so be Nebraska product.

It seems none of the local freight mer all of them seemed to think it would be Chicago meeting. It is more than probable that a committee will be appointed to go to Chicago the first of the week and appear before the association meeting. The committee probably will be the same as that which waited upon the freight men here.

### Discredit the Reports.

The press reports from Chicago concern ng a hitch in the grain rate settlement are not believed by local freight men. Some of the best posted freight officials in the city state that in their opinion there is very little truth in the reports.

An official of the Burlington, in speaking of that part of the dispatch which refers to his line, said he did not believe his company would object to the Northwestern having lower rates through to Chicago, as the lower rates did not extend into the territory of the Burlington. So far as the objection of the Missouri Pacific and other southern lines to the proposed differential of 3 cents per hundred as between Chicago and St. Louis is concerned, he said he knew nothing of the stand which the southern lines may take in the matter, but he did not believe that objection to this differential would be strong enough to overthrow the results of the work already done in attempting to secure an adjust-

"The Northwestern," said he, "is entitled to lower rates east from the northern part of the state than we are south, for the reason that competition up there is such that an adjustment cannot be made which can be arranged in the territory south of the Platte. The Willmar & Sloux Fails line is in direct competition with the Northwestern into Sloux City and, as that road is a feeder of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it objects to every attempt to make the Chicago market. I believe that all these matters are minor details, which will be easily adjusted at the meeting to be held in Chicago next Tuesday."

# Dickinson for Illinois Central.

Edward Dickinson, vice president and Kansas City, formerly of the Union Pacific, is prominently mentioned in upper railroad circles as a strong candidate for second vice president of the Illinois Cen- to state anything concerning his plans for tral, of course not necessitating any change in his present connection with the Stilwell The election of officers for the Illinote Central comes off April 27. B. I. Winchell, recently elected president of the Rock Island and H. U. Mudge, general manager of the Santa Fe, are named as rival candidates to Mr. Dickinson.

President Stuyvesant Fish's re-election is regarded as a foregone conclusion and he has signified his willingness to accept the office again. The nominating con mittee has finished its work and reports there is no opposition to Mr. Fish, which practically insures his re-election.

Candidates for places on the executive committee, two members of which are to be elected, are: W. H. Baldwin, president of the Long Island railroad; Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific; Daniel Willard, second vice president of the Burlington; W. C. Brown, vice president of the New York Central and Lake Shore railroads; E. F. Potter, general superintendent of the Wisconsin Central; R. H. 'Hommedieu, general manager of the Michigan Central.

# Rice Planters' Bats.

Gerrit Fort, assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, has received from his friend, T. J. Anderson, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific at Houston, Tex., a box containing two dozen rice planters' hats. The hats are curiosities in this part of the country. They are made of rice straw and are worn by the planters while working in the rice fields of the south. The rim is twenty inches across, and they are fastened to the head of the wearer by a string which passes under the chin. Mr. Fort is passing them out to his friends and the demand has been found greater than the supply.

LEAVES BRIDE IN NEBRASKA Lieutenant Parshall, Killed in Philippines, One of Grooms Who Sniled

Last October.

Second Lieutenant Harry R. Parshall. Twenty-second United States infantry, who is reported to have died of heart disease on the 9th inst. at Maahul, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, was well known in Omaha. He was a member of the Twenty-second infantry, while it was stationed at Fort Crook, though his post was at Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark.

Lieutenant Parshall was one of the twelve bridegrooms of the regiment that left for the Philippines in October last. He was married July 28, 1902, to Miss Jessie Webb of Fremont, but later of Valentine. It was while Lieutenant Parshall was stationed at Fort Niobrara, near Valentine, Mrs. Parshall did not accompany her husbant to the Philippines, but has just com-

counts, and was appointed from the ranks to his lieutenancy in 1901.

#### STRANGE CASE OF MRS. ARNOLD Her Children Auxiously Awatting a Decision Whether She is In-

dian or Negro, The hardest fought and most interesting of all the suits for recognition as citizens of the Choctaw nation is that of Martha Arnold et al. It is the only case where there is an element of sentiment in the notive. In all other cases the frank declaration is made that a participation in the tribal lands and moneys is the only desire. But in the Arnold case social status s involved. The defense of the nation is that the plaintiff is a negress instead of a halfbreed Choctaw. The four sons of the plaintiff are men of property and education. They have white wives and their children are in white schools and universities. Hence they have hired some of the most able lawyers in Indian Territory, Texas, Arkansas and Georgia to represent them. They have spent more money than their share of the tribal estate would amount to because of

the social question. The decision in favor of the Arnolds was endered in 1897 by Judge William Springer, former democratic floor leader in the house of representatives. He wrote an able and elaborate opinion of the case. Expert ethnologists had testified on racial peculiarities. A lock of Mrs. Arnold's hair had been sent to the Smithsonian Institution and the experts had declared that it was not the hair of a mulatto. Mrs. Arnold has long, straight black hair, a Roman nose, thin line and high cheek bones. But her voice and dialect are those of the typical black mammy.

Her story is stranger than romance. She claims to have been a granddaughter of John Lucas, a fullblood Choctaw Indian of Mississippi. She says she was taken, when a young girl to Georgia, by a schoolteacher named Miss Amy Waddley. She was left for a while at the plantation of Washington Arnold, a wealthy Georgia planter. She later went to live with his brother, James Arnold, another wealthy planter. She acted as his housekeeper. The econd Arnold was a widower and Martha cannot escape the dilemma by buying the became his common law wife. At the close of the war he took her and her children by him to Arkaneas, leaving his Georgia could give the committee any assurance plantation in charge of his sons by his that the discrimination would cease, but first wife. It is claimed that the family first wife. It is claimed that the family had started for Indian Territory to join necessary to bring the matter before the the Indians, but they stopped in Arkansas FRIDAY ENTRIES STAND UNCHANGED and bought a place.

Upon the death of James Arnold there was litigation between the two sets of children as to the possession of his property. This was compromised by the first children retaining the Georgia property and the second children the Arkansas ac cumulation. The second children and their mother came to the Indian Territory and have since resided here.

Sons of Washington Arnold and James Arnold, prominent men of the south, testified in behalf of the plaintiffs. They upheld the story of the Waddley woman and swore that Martha Arnold had never been regarded as a slave on either plantation. Owing to the remoteness of the time, the evidence on both sides often destroys itself with contradictions. How much of this is due to age-clouded memories and how much to self-interest is a problem for the

simpler cases are out of the way. It is understood that instead of the case being assigned to one of the three leges, as is the rule, the entire bench will try to ravel its complications.-Kansas City Journal.

# BURTON IS IN RETIREMENT Seclusion at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, April 16.-It was learned today that United States Senator J. Rt. Burton of Kansas, recently convicted in the United States district court of accepting money for the use of his influence to prevent the issuance of a fraud order rates from northern Nebraska favorable to against the Rialto Grain and Security company, has been in St. Louis in strict seclusion at the Terminal hotel since Wednesday. He did not register upon arrival and his only visitors have been his at His presence was learned today torneys. when he went to the ticket window and made inquiries regarding the time of leavgeneral manager of the Orient, Mexico & ing for his home at Abilene, Kan. He said he would depart for his home tonight Senator Burton refused to discuss his case in any manner whatever and declined the future.

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In The Bee's Fifth Contest for Ten Free Tripe to St. Louis Exposition.

a Single Vote Added, but Five New Candidates Enter the Lists and Promise Soon to Make it Interesting.

A strange feature of the voting Saturday in The Bee's Fifth Contest for ten free trips to the St. Louis exposition is the complete standstill of the first day's voters, not one of whom have increased their scores by a single vote, but 'possum is an old game and those who have watched the contests heretofore realize how it works. Meanwhile five new candidates have stepped into the arena and promise to make it lively ere the new week is many days older. The vote at 5 p. m. Saturday was:

Ed Smith, Omaha
Cora Reed, Omaha
Charles L. Gow, South Omsha
Linnie Pierson, Omaha
Thomas J. Fitzgeraid, South Omaha
L. B. Todd, Plattsmouth
W. C. Noyes, Omaha
Mae Tronson, South Omaha
J. L. Wright, Omaha

> SUGAR FOUND IN MAN'S HOUSE Colored Restaurant Keeper's

Assistant County Attorney George A. Magney has filed a complaint of burglary against Cyrus Terrell, colored, proprietor Illinois Central car at Eleventh and Chi- that lie all about. cago streets. Terrell pleaded not guilty said the defendant's place of business was found. The prisoner was released on a bond of \$700 signed by J. H. Huton.

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Episcopal Clergyman in New Jersey Has Only One Parishoner, His Wife.

In the wooded solitudes of northern New Jersey, far from the busy haunts of men, a drama is being played. Whether it is a comedy or a tragedy depends upon the point of view. No blare of boisterous trumpets accompanies it. Its only orchestra is the twittering of birds on bare branches, its only scenery the snow-clad hills and icy walks of that pastoral region. Norwood, a little village on the banks of

the Hudson, is the place, and the chief actor is one Arthur Whittaker, an Episcopal clergyman. Actually he is a clergyman with a church, but without a congregation, and even the church is so remote from every activity of the hamlet that it is not readily found except by those who know the way. Two persons only, perhaps, know not alone how to find it but how to love it. They are the clergyman and his wife.

The other day there came from some vague source the story that Rev. Whittaker was at war with his flock because of firm and the result was that of his conhis ritualistic practices and that nearly all the members of the congregation had seceded and joined the Presbyterian church, which is represented there by a simple structure of frame on the border of the After much search the church and the

home of its flockless paster were found. Norwood itself is one of those towns that to it than he and his wife. They found lie concealed behind the little house that their consolations. does duty as a railroad station. It has not even the dignity of a town. Back in the wife, despite her age, has hills lie a few houses, the country resi- seprano voice. dences of New Yorkers for the most part, regularly as it rolls around, they step, more than 300.

Questioned as to the report, Rev. Whitcourt Thursday morning. March 21. It is deny that there had been any dissension in silently until the song is ended. his congregation and said that the stories searched and nearly two sacks of the sugar of "ritualistic practices," as it had been found. The prisoner was released on a phrased, were absurd. "They must have been started by some evil designed person."

POSSUM UP TO OLD CAME PREACHES TO ONE PERSON | that Mr. Whiteless and accounted the that Mr. Whittaker had accepted the

charge there about ten years ago. He is now a man of about 50, tall, spare and ascetic looking. With him came his wife, who is about ten years his senior She was a Miss Sanders of Albany and was very wealthy. Even now, it is said. she owns blocks of buildings in the capital city. For a time the rector had the support of some wealthy New Yorkers who made their country homes at Norwood. Among these were N. E. Oakley, who was president of the National Citizens' bank of this city; a man named Wood, another named Bloodgood and a Mrs. Starr. They maintained the church until, as the years passed, death took them one by one and left no one to fill their places.

Meantime the younger element of the small poulation of the vilinge learned that the church was the best place to meet one another and to enjoy those few diversions that life in such a restricted community offers. Harmless as these trifling pleasures were, so the story goes, the rector objected to them as frivolities unbecoming a house of divine worship.

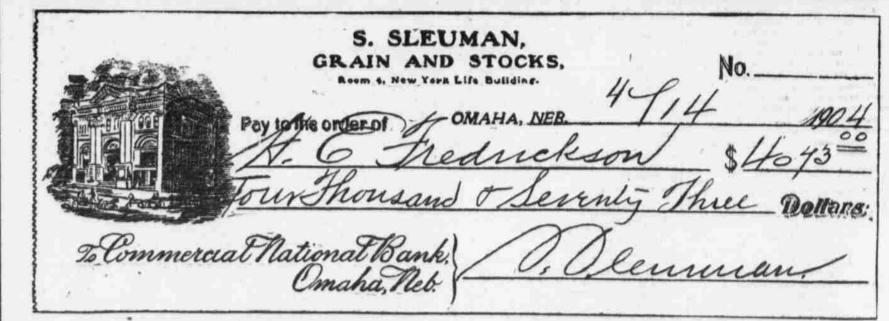
For a while the situation remained as it was, his protests unheeded, but he was gregation those who had not died quietly dropped away, until, as he himself admitted yesterday, only six were left and these do not often ocme to the church. Afflicted as he was by the secession, the clergyman was true to his convictions. He would not compromise. He still had his caurch and no one could be more devoted

Mr. Whittaker is an organist and his Sunday after Sunday, an and the whole population of the place is not arm in arm, from the veranda of their house, cross the field which lies between it The church and the rectory stand almost and the chuch and hold their services alone side by side, fringed by woods all around. | Sometimes she will sing hymns as he The first is a neat little building of the plays and the resonance, made the greater Norman Gothic architecture and the house by the surrounding emptiness, rolls out on of the Little Missouri restaurant, 1122 is more handsome in exterior, while within the wintry winds and carries far across the Dodge street, charging the defendant with it is furnished with luxury and taste. Both hills. Often there are none else to hear, so the theft of 700 pounds of sugar from an are most incongruous to the bleak wastes secluded is the place, but should any one happen to pass as the strains arisewhether it be one of the few loya or one of and the case was set for hearing in police taker looked distressed. He took pains to the rebels-he or she will pause and listen

# Lawyer Goes to Prison.

LLEGAN, Mich., April 16 -Thomas F he said, and would say no more.

As a man of the cloth perhaps he did not feel himself privileged to speak. But in the village the gossip was plentiful and so unanimous that it seemed as though it



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