ETHER THE FUTURE FORCE

Edison Talks of a Great Power Yet Undiscovered.

FAR SUPERIOR TO ELECTRICITY

Traveling in the Air to Become Safe When the Changes Are Made in the Aeroplane.

NEW YORK, June 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A force exists in the surrounding ether as far in advance of electricity as electricity is of steam. This is the belief of Thomas A. Edison, and Mr. Edison is after it. In an interview the famous inventor said:

"I cannot guess what this power will be. It will be discovered, but its discovery will be an accident. There are any number of undulations of ether right here in this room, but what they are we don't know.

"And so there is yet to be a discovery in the domain of motion in the ether, something that we shall be able to carry on wires to great distances, and that, perhaps, will afford us power, but I cannot guess what it will be."

In the meantime, while this hypothetical force remains undiscovered, what may we expect electricity to accomplish in the immediate future?

"Lots of things. It is the power of today and nearly everything which requires motion will soon be in the form of electricity. It will entirely displace gasoline in automobiles. In vehicular transportation in the cities it will bring about a complete revolution. There will be a vast improvement in the telephone, especially as to volume of sound and clearness of articulation.

To Better Telephones.

"Today you cannot send over the telephone a message which contains, say, a lot of Hungarian names. The articulation ought to be better than on the phonograph, and it must be made. I believe the telephones will eventually displace the telegraph on railroads.

"Another big advance in the electrical field will most likely be along in the line of high efficiency of the wind motor, which will produce power for isolated communities, and there is also hope for the sun motor in the arid regions.

"The motor solved the aeroplane problem, but the problem of making the aeroplane safe and commercial is another matter, and this will be solved by chance in the aeroplane.

"Progress in electricity will continue during the next twenty-five years. The demand for everything is unlimited. The more light you have, the more light you want. And in its possibilities electricity seems unlike almost anything else—unlimited."

A question was put to Mr. Edison as to the possibility of the use of electricity in warfare, with the suggestion that a European is said to have completed an invention for projecting a ray that will kill within a radius of many miles, but the inventor was not apparently inclined to discuss that phase of it.

"The war matter will be settled by all the governments going broke equipping for it," he declared. "There will be popular uprisings one of these days against this military business."

Recently Edison took a trip through the western country, where he was deeply interested in the irrigation systems which he saw, but he is seemingly disgusted with what seems to him a waste of effort in that line.

Can't Understand This.

"I don't understand why they go to the trouble and expense of digging those long costly ditches when they could make their water power manufacture electricity right up in the hills and then take it down on slender wires to the land to be irrigated," he said.

"The system of digging ditches is the brute way. I don't believe in exercise aside from that entailed by a man's or woman's occupation. Considering the human body as a dynamo, it takes in enough fuel to supply its needs in the ordinary discharge of its occupations.

"People don't know how to feed the human dynamo; they are killing themselves by overeating. They eat because it gives them pleasure. Considering the human body in the light of a dynamo again; if they were to eat just enough to feed it properly and keep it going right, they would be beter off.

"I don't believe there is any such thing as brain food. I eat everything. I don't restrict my diet, except in point of quantity. I eat very little—four to five ounces to a meal—and I eat any time I feel hungry. I go to my meals regularly, but if I don't feel hungry I leave the table without eating. I sleep six hours and sleep at any time and any place—I could sleep in a boiler factory if I were sleepy."

"What will you go into next, Mr. Edison?" he was asked.

"Ah," he said slowly, "I am an old man. I don't know."

PRESIDENT LAUDS HIS PARTY

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struments by which the future was worked out, and the rebellion was suppressed."

Mr. Taft dined tonight with Representative Charles E. Townsend. Senators Burrows and Smith also were there. Mr. Townsend is an announced candidate for Senator Burrows' seat, but during the two days of the president's visit to Michigan there has been a sort of armed truce between them.

CASE WITHOUT PRECEDENT

Jefferson Candidate Dies After Primary Ballots Are Printed.

JEFFERSON, Ia., June 5.—(Special.)—Just when he was about to realize his desire for re-election to the office of supervisor, George W. Jackson, one of the most popular men of the county, passed to his eternal reward. The official primary ballots are already printed bearing his name. The primary law makes no provision for this kind of an emergency and County Auditor Gose is very uncertain as to what to do in the matter. County Attorney Howard has gone to Des Moines to consult Attorney General Byers regarding the matter. The political effect of his death will be to make the nomination of E. H. Riley and A. E. Cole unanimous. The unexpired term of the late Mr. Jackson will be filled by appointment, the county auditor, county clerk and county recorder having it in charge.

Manufacturers at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 5.—(Special.)—The eighth annual convention of the Iowa State Manufacturers' association opens here Wednesday morning, and continues through Thursday, ending with a banquet on the latter evening. At this social function Chief Justice Horace E. Deemer of the state supreme court and Attorney General H. W. Byers will be principal speakers. Much of the time of the convention will be devoted to the preparation of legislative bills, which the association is fathering, and which if they successfully pass the convention will be sent to the general assembly next winter.

SMITH SPEAKS AT THE BLUFFS

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before him, those who got the ballots would comprise a better congress than the present one. "For in that case," said the judge, "there would be no Cummins, Dolliver or LaFollette."

Upward of 1,500 men and women packed the theater to hear Congressman Smith. The audience gave vent to a hearty reception to him and applauded frequently his sentiments.

John Y. Stone, former attorney general of Iowa, introduced Congressman Smith. He preluded what the congressman was to say with a hearty eulogy of the latter.

Mr. Stone said in part:

"Congressman Smith entered political life ten years ago during the presidency of William McKinley and he supported the policies of that lamented chief. He aided to the full extent of his abilities the policies of the world-renowned Roosevelt. It is a point worthy of notice that these two positive and aggressive men, agreed in everything save one, and that was a mere matter of detail on a minor matter of expediency as to a subordinate question in one of the departments.

Supporter of Taft.

"He is a supporter of President Taft and of his policies and administration. He does not conceal it; he proclaims it. If he, like President Taft, cannot get for the people all he thinks they ought to have he takes for them what he can get and bides his time to get more.

"He voted for the new tariff law, not because it contained all he thought it ought to contain, for it did not, nor because it omitted all he thought it ought to omit, for it did not, bue because, on the whole, meeting with nearly 500 other minds, possessing equal power in making law, it was the best he could get, and he believed it a better one than that which preceded it.

"Thus it was his duty to vote for it. Because of this, he has, in some quarters, been condemned.

"This is not an ordinary man we have in the Ninth district of Iowa. Two United States senators have recently made two 1,500-mile trips, mainly or in part, to defeat him in his own party and theirs. What hopes and fears must lie burning and active, though concealed in their ambitious breasts. Hopes, if they can defeat him; fears, if they shall fail?

"This is no ordinary man that the president of the republic, elected by the republican party, hopes to see returned, in order that the country may have the aid of his services in behalf of the great policies which that president is trying to carry out."

AVERY AND M'LEAN COMING

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to the Sarpy County Pioneers' association. Assurance was received at a meeting of the general committee on Saturday evening that all arrangements for the celebration would be taken care of. A big tent is to be erected for the benefit of those who will hear the speaking program. A meeting in regard to the grounds is to be held at Papillion on Monday. J. J. Breen of South Omaha is to outline the day's work at that meeting.

A special invitation is to be issued to the residents of Pottawatomie and Mills counties? Ia., to attend the celebration. Notification has been received by the officials that special delegations will attend from Gage, Lincoln and Lancaster counties in Nebraska.

FATHER WINS SUIT FOR CHILD

H. W. Burdick of Custer County Gets Judgment After Long Trial.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—Because a father wished to gain possession of his three-year-old daughter, and a couple of neighbors thought they had a better right to her, there has been an interesting case before Judge Holcomb in probate court that only terminated last night after a week of bitter fighting. Harry W. Burdick, of Ansley township, instituted habeas corpus proceedings to recover the child from the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Burk Kaelin, who had taken her when she was five days old, at the death of the mother. Burdick testified that he gave the baby to Mrs. Kaelin with the understanding that she and her husband should keep it until he wanted her and that they were to be given reasonable compensation for their services. A contract was drawn up ti this effect; but it did not specify how long the child should remain in the keeping of its foster father and mother. He also claimed to have demanded the child when it was only nine months old, but was put off until 1909, when Mr. and Mrs. Kaelin refused him point blank. Both sides had a host of witnesses and several days were consumed in taking testimony that was both complimentary and otherwise to the parties involved. Some of the testimony was intended to show that Burdick was not the proper person to bring up his daughter; but Judge Holcomb thought differently, and in his fuling declared the contract to be against public policy. He accordingly gave the child to its father.

Marking Oregon Trail.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—The Daughters of the American Revolution have arranged elaborate exercises for the unveiling of a monument which will mark the place where the old Oregon trail crossed Central avenue in this city. The service will take place on June 9 and is the first monument in the state of Nebraska to commemorate the old trail that was beaten in the sod of the prairies by the gold hungry men who crossed the continent in the forties. The stone will set within a few feet of the Union Pacific railroad track in the pary adjoining the depot, and is a huge piece of dark red granite.

Judgment for Kearney Church.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 4.—In district court Saturday afternoon Judge Hostetler gave judgment for $4,269.25 in the suit of St. Luke's Episcopal church vs. Francis G. Keens, this being the full amount prayed for. The suit was brought to recover on a note givxen by defendant, or contract to pay one-fourth of the cost of erecting the east eighty-two feet of the new St. Luke's church. Mr. Keens had paid one-fourth of the cost of the foundation, but set up a claim for relief from paymen of one-fourth of the superstructure, for the reason, as alleged, that changes had been made from the original plans, and that an edifice had been built at an excessive cost with considerable indebtedness upon it.

The West Side Are Business Boosters.

GETS AUTHORITY TO MARRY

License is Issued to Young Roosevelt and Miss Alexander.

NUMBER REGARDED A LUCKY ONE

Wedding Does Not Occur for Some Days, but the Groom Wants to Be Ready When Called.

NEW YORK, June 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Theodore Roosevelt, jr., and his fiancee, Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander yesterday secured a marriage license to wed and tonight Mr. Roosevelt gave a bachelor dinner for twenty of his cronies at Delmonico's. It was a gay affair and young Roosevelt was toasted and acclaimed and congratulated on all sides. He said he was the happiest young man in the United States.

While the marriage will not take place until June 20, practically all the arrangements have already been made for it.

Mr. Roosevelt said this afternoon he didn't care a rap for the publicity which attended his private affairs, although he was trying to spare the feelings of Miss Alexander, who did not like it.

"I'm getting used to seeing the Roosevelt name in the newspapers," said the son of Colonel Roosevelt, with a smile.

Speaking seriously, the young man declared he believed it the duty of every man to marry, no matter whether his father had urged such a course or not.

"I think about those things about the same way that father does," said Theodore, jr.

"Every young man ought to marry. It will make him more stable and a better citizen. The responsibilities of citizenship and those that attend the state of being a husband and perhaps a father, ought to go hand in hand. Of course I do not believe in indiscriminate marriage. I like the old fashioned ideals the best.

"I know just what father's counsel will be after he arrives home. In his letters to me he has congratulated me and told me he believed I had chosen a wise course in life. He knows Miss Alexander and knows she is a mighty fine girl. My mother knows her, too.

"I know I shall be the most contented husband alive. Why, I am just so happy now I don't know what to do,"—and here the scion of the house of Roosevelt cast about for a fitting simile to show just how joyous he really is. Continuing, he said that while he is only 22 years old, he did not believe for a minute that 22 years is too young for marriage.

"A chap of 22 is aged several years by the responsibilities of being a husband," he added, "I don't mean that he loses any of the joys of life in this aging process, for the views of married men are more tolerant and sane than those of a bachelor. The bachelor is not to be condemned so much as he is to be pitied. He is getting only half of the happiness in life.

"I used to think I would lead a happy, careful life absolutely devoid of the responsibilities of domesticity, but that's when I was younger than I am now."

Young Mr. Roosevelt wore a natty grey sack suit when he visited the marriage license bureau this afternoon and toyed with a rattan cane. He was accompanied by Miss Alexander. Chief Scully of the marriage bureau knew of their coming in advance, and had everything ready for them.

Fred A. Collins, private secretary to Collector Loeb of the port of New York acted as the guide of the couple.

"I'm afraid I could never have dodged the reporters alone," said Mr. Roosevelt as Mr. Collins led him through the portals of the bureau.

Mr. Roosevelt described himself as "single, aged 22, a resident of Oyster Bay, and a manufacturer." According to the license he is the son of Theodore Roosevelt and Edith Carew Roosevelt.

Miss Alexander was smartly attired. She wrote her name and gave her address as, 42 West Forty-seventh street. She is one year younger than Mr. Roosevelt. The number of the license is 13,727, which, among policy players, is known as "The happy gig." It is supposed to be a very lucky set of numbers.

Evans Says Bryan Signers Are Many

Representative from Hamilton County Reports that Democrats Are Taking to the Plan.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 5. — (Special.)—Representative Evans of Hamilton county, here to attend the populist state committee meeting, is feeling very good over the reception accorded his Bryan petitions.

"So far, only two democrats have failed to sign the petitions," said Mr. Evans. "One of these said he did not believe Mr. Bryan should mix in state politicss. We are now circulating the petitions in about eight counties that I know of and possibly in many more, as I have written to all my intimate friends in the legislature and asked them to send them on to their friends, so they are probably all over the state.

"I favor Bryan because I believe he can do more good for the state than any other and not because our people have it in for Mr. Hitchcock. I would like to see Roosevelt elected in New York; I favor La Follette in Wisconsin and Cummins in Iowa. They are the class of men I favor and to get men of that class I think the democrats should nominate Bryan. I have no idea how many signers we have. Just as soon as a petition is filled out it is sent to Bryan. It is addressed to W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, and I suppose his secretary takes charge of them and will turn them over to him. The petitions are to Mr. Bryan and urge him to consent to be a candidate. I do not see how he can refuse in the face of the petitions which will be signed by thousands."

Mr. Evans is in favor of the extra session, but he expressed a doubt as to the advisability of putting county option in the democratic platform. He is for county option, but thinks it better to settle the matter in the various districts.

ALDERSON TO FILE FOR CONGRESS

Urged by His Friends, Madison Man May Consent to Use of His Name.

MADISON, Neb., June 5. — (Special.) — Friends of T. E. Alderson, a member of the legislature of 1907 from Madison county, are urging him to file as a candidate for representative on the republican ticket, and it is probable that he will consent to do so, having been assured of united party support.

Gopher Poison is Fatal.

UTICA, Neb., June 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Vernon Tewell, a farmer living four miles west of Waco, died very suddenly yesterday. He was poisoning some gophers in his corn field when, it is supposed, he placed some of the poisoned corn in the same pocket with his tobacco. Soon after he was seized with convulsions and died.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2 p. m. at the home. Interment will be in York cemetery. He leaves a wife and three small children.

GOVERNOR'S DREAM MAY FAIL

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ing the state platform as he will go to the convention with 104 Douglas county delegates at his disposal. Adding the 16 from Adams, 11 from Cuming, 18 from Dodge, 21 from Gage, 15 from Hall, 16 from Otoe, 15 from Saline, as a nucleus, it can be figured that Mr. Bryan will have some fight on his hands to put county option in the state platform. One member of the committee from York county said Mr. Bryan would not be able to get a single delegate from that county in favor of county option while Representative Evans of Hamilton county, who is circulating petitions for Bryan, is opposed to putting county option in the platform, though himself an ardent county option advocate.

It was common talk around the committee last night that Mr. Bryan had served notice on the governor just what he had to do to prevent a second man standing for county option being brought out against him. How the news got out of course cannot be learned absolutely, for both C. W. Bryan and the governor were on the ground. Either may have tried it. To prevent Mr. Bryan from carrying out this threat friends of the executive are saying: "Go ahead, bring out your county option candidate. Such a move may nominate Dahlman, who is opposed to county option. If Dahlman is elected governor, who will be to blame for the back set to county option? If you, Mr. Bryan, are a temperance advocate, why will you jeopardize the chances of the executive who signed the 8 o'clock closing law? If you want to help Dahlman sail in and bring out your candidate. Let your candidate take the blame for the nomination of the Omaha candidate." A talk like the above has been made to Mr. Bryan and it is being talked among the prohibitionists by friends of the governor. The executive does not want a three-cornered fight.

Board of Censors Obey.

The Board of Censors of the New Jerusalem placed the ban on the publication of illustrated stories of prize fights in the official organ of the kingdom and that paper this morning appeared without its usual illustrated prize fight page. The story of the prize fight of course is still there, but as one would have to read the headlines before he knew what the story is about, the board has won a great victory against the minions of Satan. Heretofore, just a casual glance at the page would indicate that the story was about two men fighting and others looking on, because a quarter of a page picture was there to do the indicating.

Some there were who looked for a great battle between these powers for good over the order of the censors, and they believed the official organ would at least attempt to church some members of the board for looking at a Sunday newspaper, but the official organ decided to follow instructions and the story appears without the picture.

The paper still carries some advertising matter on Sunday and this space could well be filled with letters from the elect, so it is the general impression that the first order from the board was merely to test its strength and later will come orders to remove from the papers all advertising of Monday sales which is liable to detract the mind from things "New Jerusalem," to be followed by an order of removal from the street cars of the placards announcing free band concerts on Sunday. Then maybe there will be a fight.

City Gets a Shock.

The citizens of Lincoln were rudely shocked this morning that there had grown up in their midst a rooming house at 1220 M street which needed the attention of the police. Mr. Malone sent his sleuths down there at 11 o'clock last night and to the surprise of the next door neighbors and others in the vicinity five arrests were made and any quantity of beer and whiskey confiscated, together with a couple of barrels of empty bottles. How long these bottles had been in getting empty, of course there is no way to tell until the capacity of those arrested is tested, but it was the opinion of the police that they had not gone dry in a night. The landlady was discovered in the kitchen drinking a bottle of beer with a man. She said the man had simply rented a room for the night and had brought a bottle of beer with him and had "split" it with her. But the police thought they knew better and the more they searched the more they found, and the four or five men and the one landlady were carted off to jail, and for the time are free from temptation.

To Make Fraternals Permanent.

State Auditor Barton went to Sterling last night, where this afternoon he delivered the Memorial day address for the Modern Woodmen of America, of which order he is a member.

Regarding the article by Isidore P. Mantz on making fraternal companies permanent, Mr. Barton, in a statement given out, said in chief, the argument is unanswerable and that true believers in fraternal insurance will join in the issue to make these organizations absolutely and positively permanent institutions. Throughout other lines of insurance, such as fire, bonding, hail, accident, etc., there is a possibility of companies emerging from critical conditions in the way of unexpected happenings, by not having losses, but they are not positive propositions, while in life insurance the basis and foundation is the death of man, and the death of man is not a guess and something that might not happen, but a certainty, and when positive promises are made, that provision in keeping with the time of a man's life will have to be made to perpetuate these organizations. He said he is certainly in sympathy with fraternal insurance and he believes the responsibility of making these organizations permanent rests upon the membership and the officers, and should not be met by coercive legislation. He firmly believes that eventually they will all be on a firm and solvent basis.

Burglars at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—Burglars broke into four business houses on the north side of Silver street early Sunday morning. Rudolph Chrischilles' Racket store, S. Block's meat market, Clarke Hardware company's store and M. L. Sears' general store were entered through back doors. Less than $10 was secured at all four places, the robbers taking nothing but cash and cracking the safes at two places. Night Watch Acker states that the job was done after 4 o'clock as everything was all right prior to that time.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

Money Snatcher Jumps Off Train and Will Die

Excitement Caused on a Burlington Train Near Seward When Robbery is Attempted.

SEWARD, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—When the Burlington train from the west was approaching Seward between 12 and 1 today, two men snatched $135 from a passenger with whom they had been playing cards. The man who was robbed notified the conductor, and one of the money snatchers was caught. The other jumped from the train at a point where the track runs on a high embankment.

The train was backed up and the man who had jumped off was found unconscious at the bottom of the embankment. One of his legs was broken in two places, and he is so badly injured internally that he cannot live, it is said. The money was recovered in his possession. The two prisoners, who refused to give their names, are now in jail, and the man from whom the money was taken is held as a witness.

Scientist Tries to Buy Pictured Window Pane

Dr. L. B. Capron of Central City Offered $250 for Glass with Woman's Photograph on It.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—Dr. L. D. Capron, who owns the large window pane on which is imprinted the electrical picture of which there is but one other known to exist in the whole country, has been offered $250 for the glass, but refuses to accept the offer. This bid was made by a Lincoln scientist connected with the State university and who did not wish to have his name made public. The picture can only be seen on the window when the light is strong on that side of the house, and at such times it shows very plainly. The picture shows the bust and head of a woman, with apparently dark and hair and eyes, wearing a white waist, with red jacket, and hat trimmed in blue and red. The peculiar thing about the glass is that when it is examined closely it appears as clear as crystal, and the picture can only be seen when the spectator stands at a distance of three or four rods from the window. This natural curiosity has attracted a great deal of interest and hundreds have viewed it this week, many coming from a considerable distance to view it. It is the theory of Dr. Capron that the picture was stamped on the window by a brilliant flash of lightning. He believes that some woman had called in to visit his wife, and that a storm had come up and that she was standing close to the window looking out when the flash of lightning stamped her image on the pane.

Nebraska Friends Elect Officers

Yearly Meeting at Central City Also Decides to Send Missionary to Cuba.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—The Nebraska yearly meeting of Friends in session here, including representatives of all of the Quaker churches in Nebraska, Colorado and South Dakota, concluded their sessions today, with the exception of a brief business session which will be held Monday morning. The head of the church organization in a yearly meeting jurisdiction, corresponding to a bishop in other denominations, is the superintendent of evangelistic work. Rev. F. W. Dell, pastor at Central City, was the unanimous choice of the meeting for this position, and hence will be taken from the pastorate of the church here. The following is the complete list of officers elected: Superintendent, F. W. Dell; treasurer, Phil Stein of Plainview; chairman evangelistic committee, Edward Hadley of Central City; chief clerk, L. E. Kenworthy of Denver; recording clerk, Clyde Roberts of Hay Springs; reading clerk, Alice Coleman of Central City; announcing clerk, Ellis Wells of North Loup. Sixty $5 pledges, yearly, for a period of five years, were made for the extension of evangelistic work in the yearly meeting, and it is expected that as much more will be raised at the business meeting Monday. A pledge of $500 per year for a period of five years was made to send Rev. Clyde Roberts to Cuba as a missionary when he should be called by the mission board, and $100 was donated to send President S. J. McCracken of Nebraska Central college to the educational convention to be held at Haverford, Pa.

Sunday School Workers to Meet

State Sunday School Convention Begins Three Days' Session at Beatrice Tuesday.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 5.—The biggest and best state sunday school convention we have ever had." Such is the prediction of State Secretary Charles H. B. Lewis, who arrived in the city Friday evening and will remain here until the convention's close. There has never been such an array of speakers at the state meeting. And the exhibit features will be an eduction in themselves; many of the publishing houses are sending special representatives with their exhibits. The convention opens Tuesday morning and lasts three days.

Four banners are to be given. One banner goes to the county whose delegates travel the largest aggregate number of miles to the meeting. A second banner is for the county whose delegates from the adult classes travel the largest aggregate mileage. Another goes to the adult class having the largest number in the parade of Thursday afternoon, and the fourth goes to that adult class whose delegates report the largest aggregate mileage.

The registration fee of $1 for each delegates purchases the convention song book, program and badge for the delegate.

Beatrice is preparing for all who come and challenges the state to send more than can be cared for.

Mrs. Wilbur Tries Suicide.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. E. E. Wilbur, wife of a prominent dentist, was found unconscious in the kitchen of her home this evening and gas was pouring from two burners of the gas range. It is supposed she turned on the gas with suicidal intentions. Her condition is serious. Mrs. Wilbur had been despondent over sickness and domestic difficulties.

Second Trial of Dixon County "Calf Case"

Animal Worth $25 Has Eight Times Its Value Charged Against it in Costs.

PONCA, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—The county court of Dixon county has just been trying a calf case.

Lee Lowe and Will Lowe, brothers, living near Ponca, claimed a steer owned by Jacob Bartleson, a neighbor. They declared the calf was lost a year and a half ago, when they discovered it in Bartleson's pasture. They were sure it was the lost calf and at once instituted repliven proceedings to recover the calf.

On May 18, the case was called in court and for three days, testimony and argument raised the price of beef. The jurymen, after being out about nine hours were equally divided and declared to the judge that they would never agree, so were dismissed.

The justices agreed on June 3 for the second trial. Last night the second jury, after being out about eight hours, returned the verdict confirming Mr. Bartleson's ownership of the calf.

The calf at present weighs 750 pounds and is valued at $25. The court fees now amount to about $300.

The lawyers will each claim about twice the price of the calf making the case cost not less than $300. The Lowe brothers may take an appeal.

Insanity Plea For Heddendorf

Mental Experts Give Testimony in Trial at Holdrege for Dillon Murder.

HOLDREGE, Neb., June 5.—(Special.)—The defense in the Heddendorf murder trial yesterday begun laying the foundation for proving that mental inability was the cause for the young man committing the deed with which he is charged. Dr. Damroll of Red Cloud was on the stand in the role of insanity expert, and the Webster county physician, who recently made an examination of the accused man, was closely questioned by Judge Adams of Minden. George Kiser, an uncle of George Critser, who until freed by technicalities was implicated with Heddendorf in the Dillon murder, was on the stand, both his testimony and that of his brother, Charles Kiser, bearing mainly on the events which happened at Stamford following the arrest of their nephew and the Heddendorf youth.

Cemar Thomas, county prosecuter of Harlan county was put on the stand, and every question asked him by the defense was objected to by —udge Adams for the prosecution. All the objections were unutained by Judge Dungan. The questions were largely in regard to the promises and inducements that he Harlan county attorney is alleged to have held out to the boys, and especially Heddendorf, if they would confess their guilt in the affair. During yesterday's session the accused youth's parents were put on the stand, and the evidence given by them consisted of a recital of their son's pecularities and queer actions previous to the time the murder was committed. Court adjourned until Monday, when it is expected that most of the evidence will be finished and the arguments will be commenced.

Nebraska News Notes.

STROMSBURG—Prof. Emil Boostrom of the university has been elected by the school board as principal of the school for the coming year.

STROMSBURG—A call has been made for a special election for June 6 to vote $18,000 bonds for the building of a high school building and purchasing grounds for the same. The general feeling seems to be that the bonds will carry without any noticeable opposition.

STROMSBURG—The Swedish Lutheran orphanage is to be established in this city. Officers of the association have been elected and are now arranging for the erection of a building.

STROMSBURG—The Moore & Hunsaker Lumber company has just completed the erection of a large lumber shed with which addition and other buildings will put all the lumber under roof.

STROMSBURG — On account of cold weather farmers complain as to the growth of the corn. In many cases they are now replanting.

KEARNEY—The dates for the holding of the Kearney chautauqua have been set for July 16 to 21, inclusive. This is the first year that the assembly will be held in its own grounds, which have been acquired since the last session.

CULBERTSON—An election was held here Friday by school district, No. 1, at which the proposition of voting bonds for an $8,000 addition to the public school building was carried by a vote of 118 to 12. This will give Culbertson schools a ten-room building. It is expected that the addition will be completed in time for the opening of school in September.

CULBERTSON—The county commissioners of Red Willow and Hitchcock counties let the contract to the Standard Bridge company of Omaha this week for a new wooden bridge across the Republican river on the county line between McCook and Culbertson.