

MATAMORAS TAKEN BY CARRANCISTAS AFTER HARD FIGHT

Mexican City at Mouth of Rio Grande Taken by Constitution- alists Under Gen. Blanco.

PLACE STOUTLY DEFENDED

Many Rebels Killed by Electrical Current on Fence.

BATTLE FOR POWER HOUSE

Federals Finally Driven Out After Seven Men Are Killed.

MANY SWIM ACROSS THE RIVER

Defeated Troops Are Taking Refuge in Brownsville, Texas—Three Fires Are Visible in the City.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., June 3.—After four hours' fighting it is reported Matamoras, Mex., has been captured by the constitutionalists. Many federal soldiers swim the Rio Grande to the American side. Fighting was heavy at 3:30 p. m. It was learned that besides the loss of Major Ramos, Captain Vales and two lieutenants, a score of federal soldiers were killed in defending the Matamoros light plant. A federal deserter said that the federals were pushed back to the main plaza with heavy losses.

The attack of the forces of General Lucio Blanco, the constitutionalist commander, on the city of Matamoros began at 10:30 o'clock today, the attack being made in skirmish line order. The shooting was started by a small line of constitutionalists visible from the American bank of the Rio Grande, who were attempting to gain the Matamoros electric light plant, a mile out of the city.

At 1 o'clock the first official report from Matamoros stated that the attacking lines had been repulsed and that four federals of a small force fighting in the neighborhood of the light plant had been wounded during the skirmishing there. The shooting was brisk from the start and continued for three-quarters of an hour. Then the firing was carried on by both sides in a desultory way.

General Assault Begins. The entire forces of General Blanco, numbering about 1,800, are being brought into the attack. The lines are approaching the city from the west with apparently the heaviest firing to the south of the city. The federals are entrenched in the outskirts of Matamoros, and in addition to the embankments behind which they are firing they are protected to some extent by barbed wires charged with electricity.

Major Estaban Ramos, commander of the federal forces, was seriously wounded in the charge of the revolutionists on the Matamoros electric light plant, which they succeeded in taking at 2:30 o'clock today. The federals are entrenched in the outskirts of Matamoros, and in addition to the embankments behind which they are firing they are protected to some extent by barbed wires charged with electricity.

One federal cannon was brought into action at the very start of the fight, but was given up after one shot had been fired from it into several small houses in which it was thought rebels were hiding. The houses were blown to kindling wood, but no men were in them.

Ammunition Taken to Matamoros. Ten thousand rounds of ammunition were taken to Matamoros shortly before noon today and just after the load was carried over the international bridge a protest was made by Dr. Antonio Garza Gonzalez, Carranza consul here. He was referred by the military authorities in charge to the president of the United States. A formal protest of dynamite mines planted near the light plant. One mine was fired without any injury so far as can be learned.

Two Mexicans watching the fighting from the American side were hurt by stray bullets. Both wounded men are in a serious condition.

THIRTY THOUSAND ALIENS WILL LAND THIS WEEK NEW YORK, June 3.—The estimate of the number of immigrants expected on thirty different liners arriving in New York this week, makes a total of 30,000 aliens to be landed at Ellis Island before Saturday night. This is the greatest influx for one week in the history of the port, with the exception of one week in 1907.

Bryan Gives Luncheon for Quadra. WASHINGTON, June 3.—Secretary Bryan gave a luncheon today in honor of Pedro Rafael Quadra, Nicaraguan minister of finance. The other guests were General Chamorro, Nicaraguan minister; Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, members of the senate foreign relations committee and State department officials.

The Weather

Table with weather forecast for Omaha, including temperature and precipitation.

NEBRASKAN AS CIVIL HEAD OF CANAL ZONE.



RICHARD L. METCALFE.

BIG PLUM GIVEN METCALFE

Editor of Bryan's Commoner Named Governor of Canal Zone.

SALARY IS FOURTEEN THOUSAND

Appointment Made at Request of Secretaries Bryan, Daniels and Garrison—Hitchcock Will Not Oppose It.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, June 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The appointment of Richard L. Metcalfe of Lincoln, Neb., to be civil governor of the canal zone was announced this morning by Secretary of War Garrison after a conference with President Wilson, in which Secretaries Bryan and Daniels participated. The arrival of Mr. Metcalfe about a week ago gave rise to rumors that he was slated for a good position, and one was sent out that he was to become a member of the Philippine commission. These rumors were incorrect, for Mr. Metcalfe has never been considered for anything but governor of the zone. He was recommended for the place about three weeks ago by Secretary of War Garrison, and came to Washington to confer with the president and other officials previous to having the appointment made.

Much-Mixed Tale of Marital Woes Comes From Two Cities

LOS ANGELES, June 3.—Edward Nicholson, a blacksmith, accused of having eloped with his stepdaughter and of kidnapping two of his own children, was sought by the police today at the request of his wife, Mrs. Ruella Nicholson, who came to find him, and, having spent her money, appealed for aid. Mrs. Nicholson said her daughter by her first husband fell in love with Nicholson, her second husband. After their elopement, she said, they forced her to pretend to be Nicholson's mother-in-law and finally deserted her, taking with them two young children.

Mrs. Nicholson claimed the abduction was perpetrated to obtain possession of property recently inherited by the children. DENVER, Colo., June 3.—The detention of Edward Nicholson, a blacksmith, in Los Angeles at the request of Mrs. Ruella Nicholson, who claims to be his wife and who charges him with having married her daughter by her first husband, marks the end of a chase that has extended from Topeka, Kan., to the Pacific coast. At La Junta, Trinidad, Pueblo and Grand Junction, Colo., Mrs. Nicholson recently sought information concerning the whereabouts of her son-in-law, but in no instance did she claim that Nicholson was her husband. She appeared anxious only to secure custody of her grandchildren. Nicholson and the woman who caused his arrest formerly lived here and also at Albuquerque.

Demos Want Minor Capitol Jobs at Once

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Employees in the capitol today are on the anxious "see" for their jobs in jeopardy as a result of the action of the democratic caucus yesterday. Representative Cox of Indiana started the trouble by presenting a resolution proposing to open up all the patronage, comprising approximately 250 places and affecting doorkeepers, messengers, policemen, pages and a score of others and to have immediately a distribution of these places equally among all the democratic members of the house. In the discussion that followed Representative Murray of Oklahoma presented a resolution, which was adopted, referring the matter to a committee of three with direction to report a plan of distributing patronage that would be fair and equal to all, but consistent with efficiency of service.

NO SUCH THING AS A LOBBY, SAYS PENROSE

Never Knew of Any Attempt to Influence Congressmen in Sixteen Years at Capital.

INTERESTS HAVE AGENTS

Tells of Presence of Representatives of Cotton and Pottery People.

THEIR WORK LEGITIMATE

Pennsylvanian Sees Nothing Wrong About Such Activity.

MANY MEN CALL UPON HIM

He Gives List of 175 Who Made Requests or Asked Information About the Pending Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Senator Penrose today told the special senate committee hunting for the "lobby" that in his sixteen years experience in Washington he never had known of any attempts to improperly influence members of congress. He gave the names of 175 persons who had called on him since January 1, on the tariff bill, declaring none was "lobbyists" in the general acceptance of the term. "It is well known that certain interests have agents here," said the senator, "and I suppose they are paid salaries. They evidently get information for their organizations. Their work is perfectly legitimate. I have seen Mr. Burgess for the pottery interests here for four years, and Mr. Brown for the cotton people. Their work is perfectly legitimate as far as I know. My own opinion is that the lobbyist is a thing of the past. Congressional committees pay little attention to them now."

Marvin Represents Wool. Senator Penrose thought that probably Winthrop L. Garvin of Boston represented the "wool people" in Washington and Senator Reed was insistent to learn if Marvin ever had anything to do with fixing the tariff on wool, or Brown with the cotton tariff. Senator Penrose insisted the men did nothing more than present arguments to senators and representatives and that neither had anything to do with making the rates of the Payne law.

Senator Reed did develop on cross-examination, however, that Mr. Marvin at one time was secretary of a joint congressional committee to investigate the merchant marine. Senator Penrose was the liveliest witness of the morning session. Other senators testified they knew of no undue influence and told of their personal interests. The list of 175 names which Mr. Penrose gave the committee was made up of manufacturers, labor leaders, attorneys, importers and others who feared they would be affected by tariff changes.

Steel Combine Off Job. The steel industry and coal interests of Pennsylvania had no representative in Washington for many years, Senator Penrose said. Their custom of keeping representatives in Washington had "died out ten or twelve years ago." He stated that not more than 10 per cent as many persons had come to Washington on tariff business this year as compared with four years ago, but reiterated that the persons here now were here at previous tariff revisions.

Gronna Never Approached. Senator Gronna testified he was interested in farming and knew of no lobbying. He never had been approached improperly regarding any legislation. "I don't believe there is any such thing as corrupt action going on at either end of the capitol," he declared. Senator Gronna gave the names of John Crosby and Charles C. Bovey of Minneapolis, representing Minneapolis flour milling companies, who presented arguments to him in support of a duty on flour. Senator Lippitt, first witness at the afternoon session, testified that he owned about one quarter of a cotton cloth mill capitalized at \$5,000,000 and located at Providence, R. I. He had talked with other senators about the cotton tariff. He furnished a list of twenty-five tariff visitors.

Many White Radishes Are Sent to Bryan

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Already five packages of white radishes have been received by Secretary Bryan as a result of the announcement that he had sought in vain in the markets for that appetizing vegetable. The secretary today protested he had not been to market in search of white radishes, but admitted that during a recent absence of Mrs. Bryan from the city he had bought some of the vegetable at a grocery. Now he wishes it known that he is in no need of contributions of this kind and that he does not do the family marketing.

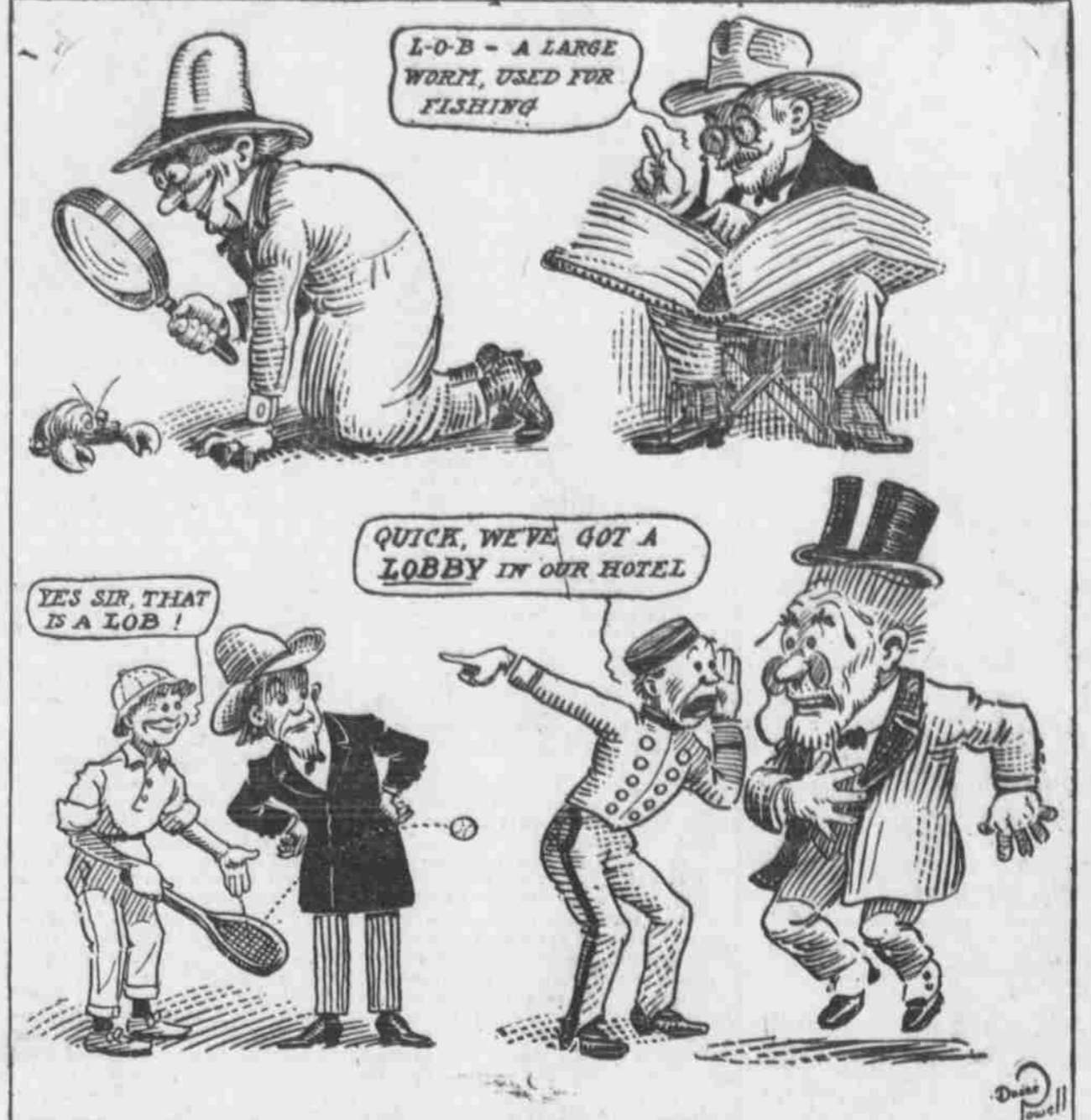
CARRIES PASSENGER TO HEIGHT OF THREE MILES

BUC. France, June 3.—The world's altitude record for an aeroplane carrying pilot and a passenger, was broken today by Edmond Perreyon, the French aviator, who rose to a height of 15,938 feet or three and one-tenth miles. Perreyon also holds the world's altitude record for an aeroplane carrying only a pilot, having risen to a height of 15,660 feet at Bouc, March 12, this year.

The National Capital

Tuesday, June 3, 1913. The Senate. Not in session; meets 2 p. m. Thursday. Territories committee members announced agreement on government Alaskan railway. Lobby investigating committee continued hearings. West Virginia coal mine strike investigating committee began gathering documentary evidence. Immigration committee voted to report favorably nomination of Anthony Cammett as commissioner general of immigration. The House. Met at noon.

The Hunt for the Insidious Lobby



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

NEBRASKA MASONS CONVENE

Grand Lodge Draws a Record-Breaking Attendance.

REPORTS SHOW HEALTHY GAIN

Membership in State Now Amounts to Over Twenty Thousand, with Increase of Hundred Seventy-Five During Year.

Nebraska Masons are in Omaha by the hundreds, attending the grand lodge that convened at Masonic temple and the attendance is a record breaker, over 800 having registered yesterday and with the exception of six, all of the past grand masters now living are present. Those here are: Harry P. Deuel, Omaha; Martin Dunham, Omaha; George H. Thumel, Omaha; James R. Cain, sr., Falls City; Hanoah B. Reese, Lincoln; John J. Mercer, Omaha; Robert E. French, Kearney; Samuel R. Davidson, Tecumseh; James P. A. Black, Hastings; Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler; Frank H. Young, Broken Bow; Albert W. Crises, Chadron; Robert E. Evans, Dakota City; Nathaniel M. Ayers, Fairmont; Frank E. Bullard, North Platte; Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk; William A. DeFord, Omaha; Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.

A Mark of Interest.

Another thing that shows the interest being taken in the present meeting is the fact that when the gavel of Grand Master Cain fell yesterday every one of the officers of the grand lodge were in their seats. The roster of grand lodge officers follows:

- James R. Cain, jr., grand master, Stella, Alpha Morgan, deputy grand master, Broken Bow. Thomas M. Davis, grand senior warden, Beatrice. Samuel S. Whiting, grand junior warden, Lincoln. Francis E. White, grand secretary, Plattsmouth. George A. Beecher, grand chaplain, Hastings. Harvey H. Harmon, grand orator, Lincoln. Robert E. French, grand custodian, Kearney. Andrew H. Viese, grand marshal, Norfolk. Frederic L. Temple, grand senior deacon, Lexington. Ambrose C. Epperson, grand junior deacon, Clay Center. Rudolph Forbes, grand tyler, Omaha. The entire morning was devoted to the annual address of the grand master, the presentation of reports of officers and

Lee is Re-Elected Head of Trainmen

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—W. G. Lee of Cleveland, was re-elected grand president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today by a vote of 466 against 24 for A. F. Whitney of Chicago, third vice president of the order, the only candidate opposed to him. Other officers elected were: Assistant president, T. D. Dodge of Cleveland. Vice Presidents: First, Val Fitzpatrick, Columbus, O. (re-elected); second, James Murdoch, Toronto, Canada (re-elected); third, A. F. Whitney, 93 votes against Martin Dekman, Schenectady, N. Y., 39 votes. Whitney was a candidate both for grand president and for re-election as third vice president.

BRYAN WILL ATTEND BANQUET AT PITTSBURGH

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Secretary Bryan will go to Pittsburgh Friday to attend a dinner in honor of George W. Guthrie, the new American ambassador to Japan. Ambassador Chinda and members of the embassy staff will be present.

Ninety-Nine Million Oil Penalty Suit is Called at Corsicana

CORSICANA, Texas, June 3.—Attorneys here representing oil companies involved in the state of Texas' \$99,000,000 penalty and ouster suit, said today they admit the bulk of stock of the Magnolia Petroleum company of Texas was owned by John D. Archbold and H. C. Folger, jr. of New York as the state's petition asserted. They said Mr. Archbold and Mr. Folger held this stock merely as individuals and that the defense would try to prove that these and other stockholders had neither violated any anti-trust laws, nor attempted to monopolize the oil business in Texas.

The first meeting of counsel to take testimony preparatory to a trial of the suit next fall was called here today by Special Commissioner Charles C. Robey. The Magnolia Petroleum company and the Corsicana Petroleum company, the two Texas firms involved, were represented by their Texas counsel. No special counsel is here to represent the Standard Oil company of New York, which are included in the penalty section of this suit. Neither was there special counsel here for Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Archbold nor any of the men prominently connected with Standard Oil companies and against whom, as individuals, almost exactly half of the \$99,000,000 penalties are sought.

House Rule Blocks General Legislation for Extra Session

WASHINGTON, June 3.—After completing the details of organization the house today again lapsed into a state of inactivity that promised to continue until June 23 and probably until after July 4. Majority Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock agreed that no important business was to be transacted until June 23, and that the house was to adjourn three days at a time until that date. Carrying out the democratic caucus plan to prevent all legislation except tariff, currency and appropriation bills at the extra session, the rules committee brought in a resolution suspending operation of rules which would allow the calling up of bills from committee by individual members. That was accepted by the republicans and all general legislation was thus blocked for the season.

Demand for Beef Exceeds the Supply

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The demand for beef far exceeds the supply and high prices are the result, says a bulletin issued today by the Department of Agriculture. The shortage in the supply of meat-producing animals, too, is steadily becoming greater, and the country is warned that it is facing a period of short production of meat. In the last six years there has been a decline of more than 20 per cent in the number of beef cattle in the United States, according to the department, and already during the first three months of this year there has been a decrease of 15 per cent in the number of meat animals killed under government supervision when compared with the same three months of 1912. Estimates of the department give the number of beef cattle in the United States on January 1, 1907, as 53,560,000, and at the beginning of the present year as 36,000,000. Prices paid for cattle, sheep, lambs and hogs last year were much higher than the preceding year. "The year 1912" says the department, "was a year of high prices for all classes of food animals." With the diminished production in the home market, the department declares, there is no longer a surplus for export. "The time has come," it says, "when we must conserve our meat supply."

AUTO AND MOTOR CYCLE MEET

Several Injured in Collision that Occurs on Leavenworth Street.

MRS. ROSS HAMMOND IN WRECK

Lieutenant Governor McKelvie Considerably Shaken Up and Chris Peterson Sustains Badly Wrenched Leg.

Chris Peterson, 3511 Center street, riding a motorcycle, suffered a badly wrenched leg, Mrs. Ross L. Hammond, wife of the editor of the Fremont Tribune, was thrown from an automobile to the sidewalk and painfully bruised and Lieutenant Governor S. R. McKelvie and A. T. Klopp were considerably shaken up shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, when the machine driven by Klopp struck Peterson's motorcycle at Thirty-fifth and Leavenworth streets. Both machines were wrecked. Peterson, the worst hurt of any, was taken to his home in the police patrol and given medical attention by Police Surgeons Lloyd Pochman and C. B. Voita. The autoists, by street car, were able to make their way to the Hotel Rome, where they are stopping. Peterson was riding his motorcycle at slow speed, south of Thirty-fifth street. When he came to Leavenworth, the Klopp machine, speeding cityward, crashed into him. The motorcycle fell on top of Peterson, crushing his left leg near the ankle. It could not at once be ascertained whether the bone was fractured. Mrs. Hammond was hurled over the side of the tonneau to the pavement where she lay inert for a moment. Her husband and Lieutenant Governor McKelvie hurried to her rescue and lifted her back into the machine. She suffered only several bruises, but it is feared that the shock may produce serious results. Klopp picked up the injured motorcyclist and offered to do everything in his power for him.

WIFE OF SEATTLE MAYOR ACCEPTS JURY SERVICE

SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—Mrs. Cora R. Cottrell, wife of the mayor of Seattle, has accepted service as a juror in the superior court for June, though she would have been excused had she asked exemption. Mrs. Cottrell said today she did not wish to evade any duty of citizenship. The first case on the calendar was a damage suit against the city and she was relieved from sitting in it.

NEBRASKA EDITORS SPEND MOST OF DAY IN SOUTH OMAHA

Business is Dropped and Time is Given Over to Real Enjoyment for All.

GUESTS OF THE STOCK YARDS

Noon Luncheon is Served at the Exchange Building.

MANY SPEECHES ON PROGRAM

Time Passes Pleasantly and Business is Dropped.

OUT ON SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Whitely Away in Automobiles, Newspaper Men and Their Wives Driven Through Omaha Tornado Zone.

Little business and much pleasure characterized the afternoon program of the Nebraska Press association in Omaha yesterday. Shortly before noon the editorial crowd, some 250, went to the stock yards in South Omaha, where they were divided into four groups and were shown through the packing houses. At noon they were the guests of the Union Stock Yards company at luncheon in the Exchange building dining room. John M. Tanner presided as toastmaster. The visitors were treated to vocal solos by Miss Laura Peterson and Miss Georgia Davis of South Omaha. Brief talks were made by Thomas Hoctor and Bruce McCulloch, South Omaha; C. C. Johns, Grand Island; F. O. Edgcombe, Geneva; J. H. Bulla of the Trades' exchange, and General Manager Everett Buchanan of the Union Stock Yards company. Governor John H. Morehead, who was scheduled for an address, did not appear as their was a misunderstanding as to the date.

As to Future Education. Herbert Quick of Omaha made the principal address of the occasion. "The Relation of the Country Editor to Country Life" was his subject. "I believe the day is coming," he said, "when the fashionable education will be not law, not medicine, not literature, but agriculture. If a boy intends to go into the mercantile business I would advise him to study agriculture. "If a man desires to become an editor I would advise him to study agriculture. Years ago men spent 75 per cent of their time studying in the colleges, studying the dead languages. It was not so bad then, for there was no such thing as scientific agriculture. But to require such study now is a crime against the intelligence of mankind. Study live stock and the crops, and learn something about the principles that govern the production of the things that are needed in every day life. I say to the country editors, study agriculture." The speaker called attention to what the country editors may do to help dispel the gloom on the farms, to help drive away the loneliness and reduce the drudgery of the farm, so that country life might come to be what it ought to be.

"Do you know," he said, "that 10,000 country churches annually are going out of business? Why? Because they have ceased to perform their proper function for the country people. You can help restore these."

Mr. Quick said the country school was not what it should be because it was merely modeled after what the city school was when it was not much good some years ago. He hoped to see the

MEN DO READ Advertisements

There has been some lively discussion on this subject lately and at a dinner of advertising men in one of the larger cities recently a prominent advertiser rose and asserted that "after all, very few men read advertisements."

DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM A NEW YORK DEALER

NEW YORK, June 3.—Isaac Theise, a Maiden Lane diamond dealer, reported to the police this afternoon that gems worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000 had been stolen from his place of business while he was absent during the lunch hour. The thief made a clean getaway, leaving no clue. The jewels, according to Theise, were all in one satchel. The thief had to force the door, which is on the eleventh floor of 14 Maiden Lane, seize the satchel and slip out of the building.