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A STARTLING STORY.

W. L. Beason Arrested in Meridian, Miss., and Said to be the Gainesville Murderer.

He Jumps From the Train at Milhelm While it is Going Forly Miles

What Officer Ben Evans and Marshal Far mer Have to hay-The Chain of Evidence.

From Wednesday's (Feb. 29) Daily. On Monday Marshal Farmer called to a GAZETTE reporter on Main street, who stopped and waited until the Marshal crossed to where he was standing.

"I will have something big for you by to-morrow night or next day, and I promise you THE GAZETTE shall have the the morning south bound Santa Fe train the window and entered news first."

"With your injunction of secrecy on me, tell me the nature of the item." "Do you remember a man who lived

here once named Beason? W. L., I think, that W. L. Beason was the man. are his initials. He worked at one time for Ben Evans?" "I have heard of him, but never saw

him that I know of."

"Well, Ben Evans has him under arrest in Meridian, Miss., for the murder of Miss Genie Watkins and the brutal attempt to murder Miss Bostick at Gaines-

"Can it be possible?" "Yes; and we have pretty strong evidence, too."

"Did you get a requisition?" "Yes; Governor Rossgranted it readily

and I have a telegram from Ben Evans that he leaves there this evening or to-"Will Beason be brought to Fort Worth?

"Yes, and I go to Gainesville to-night to see what there is to certain informa-tion we have received." "Tell me all about it."

"The information that we have came brough a sister-in-law of Beason in Southern Texas. Beason was at her house and there told his story. He says he did not enter the house to outrage the girls or to commit murder, but for the purpose of robbery. The girls woke up, Miss Watkins first, and he used a hatchet with terrible effect. The noise awoke hatchet into play a second time. At the time of this terrible crime, Besson, it is said, was living with a sister at Gaines-ville, and it is to establish this fact and find out all I can about that part of it that I go to Gainesville."

With a distinct promise that the matter should not be used until communi return, Mr. Farmer left. That night be

MORE INFORMATION.

Monday night while standing the office of the Ellis hotel, a salesman of the B. C. Evans Company took the reporter aside and told him that Ben Evans had gone to Mississippi after the murderer of Miss Watkins. He stated how the information had been received. Thanking the gentleman and urging him to say nothing about the matter, the reporter waited.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Rushing imparted the information that Beason had been arrested and that Ben Evans had worked hard on the case. He stated that Beason's object in entering the house was to steal the girl's jewelry, and that awaking, the murder had followed. The information obtained was that Miss Watkins was lying on the side of the bed next to the wall and the coveted jewelry was reached for, the poor girl awoke and UTTERED A SCREAM.

The hatchet which had been used to open the window was in the burglar's hands, and impelled by detection, of fear at he struck his victim blow after blow. Miss Bostick was of course roused, and the frightened man silenced her by a blow or two and then fled.

Last night THE GAZETTE received the FROM MESIDIAN.

Epecial to the Gazette

MERIDIAN, MISS., Feb. 28 .- W. L. Beason, a young man raised in this county, was arrested in this city on Friday last by telegraphic authority from Fort Worth, Tex, by Marshal W. H. Wilson. Ben Evans of Texas arrived here on Monday with a warrant for the removal of Beason, who is in jail here, to Gardner of Belleville was telegraphed to Fort Worth, Tex. Beason was raised in this county and says he has been away from Texas or cleven months. He married his second wife in this county about two weeks since. His reputation was not good here, but he is reputably connected. He submitted to arrest quietly, and was not expecting it. Special Dep uty Evans left this city this morning with his prisoner for Fort Worth.

When this telegram was received it was no longer necessary to maintain ZETTE secrecy, the promise made was dissolved by its terms and THE GAZETTE was at liberty to make public the facts.

It will be noticed that Beason is credited with saving that he has been away from Texas for eleven months. The murder occurred on July 13 at 2 o'clock in morning, and if Beason can establish the fact that he not Texas been since March be of course is not gullty of which lead to the epinion that he was in Texas, but he may not have been in

Gainesville.

A brief history of the crime is as follows: About midnight July 12, 1887, Miss Mamie Bostick of Gainesville and her friend, Miss Genie Watkins of Dallas was awakened by the noise of a struggle in the young ladies' room. pon entering the room she found Miss over the right eye with some sharp instruboth frontal bones, the gash extending almost entirely across the forehead, the right eve was driven from its socket and was lying on her cheek, one arm was lacerated. There was evidence of a terrible struggle. Miss Bostick was wounded by the same instrument, receiving one blow on the right temple, an- | been

other under the right eye, and a third day completely cutting the upper lip in two.

Miss Watkins died on the 15th, and never

THE DISCOVERY. spoke after being hit. Miss Bostick finally recovered, but could throw no light on the crime. A number of arrests were made but in each case it was found innocent parties had been apprehended. Heavy rewards were offered, and the fofficers of the entire state were on the alert. The crime shocked the people of America. The men of Gainesville did all in their power

to bring the guilty one to jus-tice, but all efforts were futile. The arrival of Officer Evans with his prisoner will be awaited with anxiety. A indicial examination will determine whether the officers bave correct informstion, whether Beason is really the guilty

From Thursday's (March 1) Daily

morning's Gazette in regard to the ar- hang himself. Finally he told them he rest at Meridian, Miss., of Willian L. had Besson, and his connection with the fearful tragedy enacted in Gainesville in July of last year created a sensation in this city. City Marshal Farmer returned on his hands on. With a hatchet he opened from Gainesville, and expressed himself room. as confident that the murderer of Miss bed Genie Watkins and the man who had attempted to murder Miss Mamie Bostick During the day Marshal Farmer re-

ceived the following telegram: McGREGOR, TEX., Feb. 29, 1888, . M. Farmer

BEN C. EVANS. s badly hurt. Marshal Farmer at once telegraphed to fully that he was guilty of the crime. Officer Evans inquiring as to the nature of Beasen's injuries and how they had come about and late in the evening received the following: MORGAN, TBX., Feb. 29, 1888.

Sam Farmer: Beason tried to escape by jumping off train and is seriously injured.

B. C. EVANS. When this became known there was general speculation as to whether the attempt at escape was a confession of guilt or not. As early as 7 o'clock Marshal Farmer, with seven or eight of the police force and several deputy sheriffs, had as sembled at the depot to meet the northbound Santa Fe, due at 7:40, on which Evans and his prisoner were. Near the platform an express wagon was in waiting to carry the wounded man to jail. Reporters and a number of people interested in the developments of the case

stood near. THE TRAIN COMES Promptly on time the train pulled in and the first man seen was Officer Evans standing on the steps of the baggage car. As the train stopped Evans jumped off and in a second was surrounded by offi-Miss Bostick and Beason brought his cers and bystanders. The whereabouts of the prisoner were made known and then a dozen officers and reporters went into the baggage car to see Beason.

"He is nearly dead," said Evans and this was found to be the case. LYING ON A MATTRESS . dropped, and the sound of labored breath- rather

cated by some one else or until Evans ing coming from his throat lay the man went to Gainesville and is still in that crime against property, but who was also recorded in Texas. discolored on the right side by the bruises received in coming in contact with the ground, bore no expression of any kind. Neither pain or remorse were recorded there, no expression of fear or anger, the face was a blank.

Officers and reporters lifted the mattress bearing the man to the wagon and with five or six men on either side the party were driven slowly to the jail. Carefully the men bore their burden up the iron stairs and through the doors to the jail. The gates were closed, the mattress was laid on the floor, a step-ladder was placed under the head end of the mattress to raise it, and the requisition of Governor Ross, granted on February 9, 1888, to Ben C. Evans, as agent of the state of Texas, was fulfilled to the letter. Dr. J. B. McLean had been sent for to administer to Beason and soon came in.

THE ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE The first questions put to Officer Evans were in regard to the attempted escape of Beason. Picking up the low crowned soft black hat worn by Beason, the officer showed where the head of the prisoner had struck the ground; the brim was bent and bore evidence of the fearful fall. Beason's right eye was black and the right side of the face was considerably discolored. The left leg about the knee was severely lacerated. Said Officer Evans: 'It was about 10 o'clock this morning when the train was near Milheim going at the rate of about forty miles an hour that Beason rushed out the back door of the car to the platform and without ajsecond's hesitation sprang to the ground. The train was stopped and backed and Beason was taken on board. Dr. A. B. and when the train reached there got on board and dressed Beasen's wounds. All this time the prisoner was unconscious and so remained at the hour he was placed in jail. It was a fearful jump he made for freedom and we all expected to find him dead when the train was backed up."

"Let me get the story in detall and if you have the requisition papers let me from the north-bound passenger this see them, please," said THE GA- morning, between Belleville and Sealy. The attempt proved frui less, he being so badly injured that he could not move, repocket and banded them over for inspection. Governor Basel resulting an ugly cut just above the left took that William L. Beason had

UTTERED FORGED PAPER, was a fugitive from justice and asked the was a fugitive from justice and asked the murder of Miss Watkins at Gainesville, Governor of Mississippi to deliver said but the officers only had tickets to Fort Beason to Ben C. Evans, appointed an agent of the state of Texas, to convey him to the jail of Tarrant county. The Special to the Gazette. the offense, but there are collateral facts order granting the requisition was under date of February 25 and was signed by Robert Lowry, Governor of Mississippi.

THE FORGERY CASE. On December 26, 1887, Beason passed be all bosh. He claims to know Beason a check on a jeweler in Luling whose well. He declares the arrest to be for name is Nance. This check was on the another misdeed and he gives the circum-Fort Worth National Bank for \$600, and stances as follows: Some ten or twelve retired. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Bostick was signed "J. H. Brown." It soon became known that it was a forgery and Luling and pretended to have a railroad due complaint was made and warrant contract near that place. While at Lulissued for the arrest of Beason. Before tng he purchased a gold watch and chain Watk'ns and her daughter weltering in this, about a year ago, Beason from W. H. Nance & Co, jewelers, for their blood. Miss Watkins was struck had embezzled twenty odd dollars \$116. In payment for this Beason handfrom Ben Evans while collecting for ed them a check for \$100 drawn on the ment, generally believed to have been a him and Evans had made complaint in First National Bank of Fort Worth and hatchet. The instrument penetrated Justice Nance's court for the crime, but signed by Joseph H. Brown. The jeweler Beason had left before the trial. Evans would not pay the difference in cash, but wanted him and he was also wanted for agreed to take the check as security for the \$600 for tery, but no clue as to his the watch. Beason agreed to tals and whereabouts was found. In addition to soon thereafter disappeared. Nance & Co.

THE DISCOVERY. While in Southern Texas Beason had written to a young lady in this city who never answered his letters. Officer Evans learned of these letters, and thus located his man. He went to Dale in Caldwell county, where the letters were mailed, and there learned that for six months Beason had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Burris, excellent people. Beason and Burris had married sisters. Beason had made confidents of the couple, and told them of much of his wrong-doing. The last time he came down Beason seemed to be in

great trouble. He was B'RDERING ON MADNESS. At night he walked the floor of his room for hours at a time. He seemed to be pursued by some demon of imagination. He told his sister-in-law that if he could Naturally the publication in yesterday do it he would go into the woods and

> MURDERED MISS WATKINS and detailed the crims. He had determined to enter the house and steal what jewelry or valuables he could lay approached He

ed and Miss Watkins awoke He used his hatchet. Miss Bostick awoke and again he used the hatchet was in the hands of Officer Evans and After some time Evans learned that Bea son was in Mississippi and was living at or near Meridian. Armed with the requisition he went there, found Besson arrested on the telegrams Marshal Far mer had sent, and started back with him Meet me at the train to-night. Beason On the way o Texas Beason talked about the Gainesville murder and confessed

WHAT HE SAID. No onethad been connected with him in the crime in any way. He could not tell why he had selected the Bostick house above others. When he went into the in New Jersey, was born in Connecticut room through the window and got and does business in New York. near the bed, Miss Watkins, or the young the hatchet. He would have given his

THE THEORY OF HIS MOVEMENTS. It was the intention of the officers to have questioned him more closely after his arrival here, but his terrible injuries made that impossible. The officers say that there is hardly a question but that Beason, after his murderous work, went out by way of the window and the bloody finger marks on the window sill show that he must have had his hands covered with blood. The south bound Santa Fe train on July 13, arrived in Fort Worth at 8:30 in the morning and left Gainesville about 5 o'clock. Beason was probably a passenger on that train to Fort Worth, or he may have come down on a freight train. The officers say there July 18.

The prisoner is about thirty years o'd, with his head hanging back, his lower jaw about five feet ten inches in height dropped, and the sound of labored oreathing coming from his throat lay the man
who had been arrested on a charge of
have been black when full grown,
have been black when full grown,
have been black when full grown,
have been black when full grown, accused of the most terrible crime ever drank. At the request of THE GAZETTE His hands were Dr. J. B. McLean, who had been called to crossed on his breast and the face, badly attend Beason, telephoned his condition at diff rent hours. His information was to the following effect:

11 o'clock p m - "Besson will proba bly die by morning. He is suffering from concussion of the brain and severe internal injuries. He has comited blood since his injury."

1 o'clock s. m .- "Besson is gradually growing worse, he breathes only ten or twelve times a minute. His pulse very feeble. He may live until 8 or 9 o'clock." 2 o'clock s. m .- "Still weaker, rapidly sinking, but probably has vitality enough to carry him through several hours. He has never for an instant regained consciousness."

The doctor remained with him, doing all he could, but from the first had no hopes of his recovery. THE QUESTION OF REWARD.

Marshal Farmer and Officer Evans were somewhat blue over the condition of Beason. Both had worked hard and intelligently to unravel the Gainesville murder mystery, and had succeeded. There was a reward of about \$9000 offered for the capture of the murderer, but it was the opinion that the delivery of the dead body of Beason in the Cooke county jail did not entitle the officers to the reward. As far as can be learned, however, there was no proviso that the murderer must be taken alive, ane the officers say establish beyond the shadow CAR of a doubt that W. L. Beason, the man now in Tarrant county jail and captured through their endeavors, man who murdered Miss Watkins, and attempte to murder Miss Bostick, and this they think entitles them to all rewards. Whether the officers receive the rewards or not, they are entitled to all credit for the able manner in which they have worked up the case. A BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

Special to the Gazette. BELLEVILLE, TEX., Feb. 29 .- A prisoner in charge of two officers made a desperate attempt to escape from them by jumping tion. Governor Ross' requisition was knee and many other bodily bruises. A under date of February 2 and set forth physician was summoned from here, who took the train and attended him on board It is stated the prisoner is held for the

FROM DALLAS.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 29.-A gentleman who arrived here from Luling, Texas, this morning, having heard of Beason's arrest for the Gainerville horror, declares it to months ago Beason circulated around the reasons cited above why Evans wanted the graphed to Joseph H. Brows, inquired the reason, the young officer had received positive information that Beason had been in Fort Worth the bushes and his whereabouts Baltimere, Jersey City and Philadelphia.

after) the Gainesville killing could not be learned until the arrest at Meridian, Miss.

FROM GAINESVILLE.

Special to the Gazette GAINESVILLE, TEX., Feb. 29. - The news in to-day's GAZETTE of the arrest Burlington Officials Declare Vacated of W. L. Beason, supposed to be the murderer of Miss Genie Watkins, created considerable excitement here. A number of the sporting fraternity here claim that Beason was in this city last summer about the time the tragedy occurred. The sister mentioned in to-day's Ga-ZETTE as residing here last summer, is Mrs. C. F. Letellier who is still in the city, but she denies having lived here at time of the murder and claims to have been nere but four months. City Marshal Farmer, it is stated, expressed kimself to-day as being confident of baving the right man, and says he is in possession of proof that will fix the crime upon Beason without a doubt. Should the people become satisfied that Beason is the guilty man there is no doubt but the law will be permitted to take its

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS.

How Would His Bangs and Red Necktie Look in the White House,

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 19 .- Since the what had been done they became furious publication of Mr. Blaine's letter announc- and promptly boycotted their own coming his withdrawal from the race for the pany by pulling every engine into the presidential nomination some Republicans have frequently called attention to the track. The firemen joined in the the fact that New Jersey has an eligible movement and the result is a total had a contract with the company and to candidate for the honor in the person of the up of Rock Island freight traffic at this weep out of the strike. If a contract william Walter Phelps, who is now the point for the time being. The Burling-means anything at all then we pursued representative in Congress of the Fifth district.

These friends are now busily employed in explaining why Mr. Phelps would make time. They are selling tickets with an a strong candidate. They claim that a agreement to refund the money or provide more eligible man cannot be found in the United States, and in support of this lines. Freight traffic is in a worse constatement point to the fact that he resides dition than the passenger, and no perish-

They say that Mr. Phelps would expelady nearest the wall, raised herself in the bed and looked at him. He said he would of these states. He is a warm personal never forget that look. For a second he friend of Mr. Blaine, and was his confident didn't know what to do, and then a feeling and one of his managers in the disastrous rushed over him to kill her and he used campaign of 1884, and they say that while he would be sure to receive the united head the next minute if he had not done support of Mr. Blaine's friends, he is s man to whom the mugwumps could raise no objections.

He is not allied to any particular clique or faction in the party, and would be acceptable alike to stalwarts and half-

breeds A gentleman recently returned from the west is responsible for the st-tement that there is quite a well-developed Phelps boom among leading Republicans in In diana, and another in Colorado, wher-Mr Paelpa has a son who is engaged in the newspaper business.

He says that the party leaders in Indiana are in favor of the nomination of that no freight would be received to-day. Harrison as their first choice, but if there is no chance of he being the man they would like to see Mr. Phelps get the is no question of his being in this city on nomination. They would prefer, however, to see Mr. Phelps in second place on the ticket with Harrison.

> In Colorado the Phelps boom is mainly for second place. The leaders are said to four hours the public press has been men." be strongly in favor of Senator Allison labored down with reports of the strike "Very well," responded Mr. Howland. for the head of the ticket, but declined to of the Brotherhood of Engineers and "I had understood and I think Mr. Stone favor Phelps in case Allison would not be Firemen on the Chicago, Burlington and understood from Mr. Hogue of the grievacceptable to the rest of the country. Quincy Railroad and in connection with suce committee, that the mail service They reason on the chances for the electric, many rumors have been set affoat, would be handled and if that were so tion of Allisen and Phelps in the same that this monopoly of corporate power wanted to avail myself of that advantage manner that the Indiana Republicans do. and Connecticut being sufficient to secure

> Republican majorities in those states, and the possibility then of allowing New bad conduct the brotherhood is claimed York to go by the board. Democrats say they can now see why it was that Mr. Phelps made such a strong Without going into an examination as to fight last fall to secure the election of a whether this charge against the brotherwas that Mr. Paelps made such a strong Republican Lerislature. They attribute it, not to the fact that he desired attribute it, not to the fact that he desired of District Assembly 24, Knights of to establish a precedent for the election Labor, unqualifiedly protests against any of a similar Legislature this be elected, for the purpose of showing the Republi- under any and all circumstances to becans throughout the country how much come tools of this corporation in their bound train pulled into Stein's pass, two power William Walter Phelps wields in hour of trouble. If the members of ordinary looking men were seen to board visable it would be to put "Willy Wally,"

GAMBLING IN WASHINGTON.

national ticket for 1888.

Demoralizing Scenes at the National Capital-"Cappers" in the Lebbles. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Recently the

special wires were ordered out of the lobby by Speaker Carli-le. They had become a nuisance. Brokers and their cappers annoyed and disgusted members who had not succumbed to the gambling mania. Congressmen complained, however, that it was difficult for them-they had to climb two flights of stairs-to send off telegraphic messages. Pressure was being that the wires be not henceforth used as Wail street's connecting links. But the old order of things has not come back. One of the telegraph comters and screens as to hoist a screen containing a pane of glass and a window over which were the words, "stock indicator." For the first two or three days the manager of one of the telegraph companies kept a large card hung over the words "stock indicator," and brokers were not allowed to lean against the counfor patronage in an open way. Now, wever, the corridor is as full of broker life as usual, and the signs are up for business, the same as they were before the attention of the country was called to

the fact that the members of the House are largely speculators. At present all kinds of beverages are sold openly across the restaurant counters at either end of the capitol. approach the bar and drink with the same nonchalance that characterizes the habitues of the schooner dens and allnight places. One of these days, it is if any in the Burington strike. expected, some one will raise a row about this matter in Congress, and then the

To Fight the Sugar Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 24 .- Authe eastern trust, has been finally completed and, it is stated, will commence

STRUGGLING LABOR.

Situations are Being Filled, but Strikers Deny It.

How Powderly and the Knights of Labor are Disposed to View the Brotherhoed's Difficulty.

triking Engineers Will Not Take Out the Mail Trains-Recruting Old Reading Employes-First Accident.

THE ROCK ISLAND TIED UP.

some loaded freight cars from the Burlington road to be switched into the Rock Island yard and attached to the latter's freight trains with the apparent intention of helping the Burlington in its fight with the Brotherhood of Engineers. When place of the Reading strikers." the Rock Island engineers discovered roundhouse and abandoning them, leaving scores of freight trains on point for the time being. The Burling-ton officials are working like Trojans to keep their passenger trains moving, but they do not claim to adhere to schedule the purchaser with tickets over other able freight is received. The sentiment here is that the strike will eventually spread to other roads, and the action of

ATTEMPT TO DISSBLE AN ENGINE. CHICAGO, ILL, Feb. 28 -An attempt was made to disable the engine drawing the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy fast mail which left the Union depot at 3:10 this morning. When the train stopped at the Burlington crossing a coupling-pin was placed on the plates that guide the piston-rod in the cylinder. When an attempt was made to start the engine sgain

the Rock Island men is cited in support

of this prediction.

it would not move. The difficulty was soon discovered and the obstacle was removed. Had the piston-rod been drawn out at full length the coupling-pin would have been driven through the cylinderhead and the engine disabled. The big freight house at Polk street was deserted this morning, and notice

HIGHER AND NOBLER MANHOOD. CHIC GO, ILL., Feb. 28 —The following has been adopted by District Assem-

bly 24 Knights of Labor:

To the Members of District Assembly 24 of the Knights of Labor. GREETING-During the last twentyas being anxious to take their places, ac- Arthur has said." tuated by feelings of retaliation and the to have been guilty of toward our order during a similar contest in the past hood is false or true, the executive board year, of its members taking the places of those

> Barlington and Quincy." The executive posts of District Assembly 24, Kights of Labor.

GEORGE A SCHILLING, Chairman. WILLIAM TURNBULL, Secretary. RECRUITING BRADING MEN. POTTSVILLE, PA, Feb. 28 .- About seventy-five displaced engineers and firemen of the Reading Railroad, belonging in this scon as the engine stopped, the two men city and Palo Alto were recruited here and Quincy Railroad. Half a dezen of brought to bear on the Speaker and he the men left here this afternoon but the surrendered conditionally—the condition wain body are awaiting transportation to Chicago. They are in communication the other stood out in the dark on guard. with Manager Stone of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Road, and are in momentary expectation of orders from him panies went so far in replacing their coun- to start, whereupon they will take the next train for Chicago.

WANTS UNITED ACTION. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 28 —General Mas-ter Workman Powderly remains at his robbery, and that although none but the ome in this city and will not go to Chicago. He was seen this afternoon Stein's Pass, there were confederates at and said the Kni hts as a body would not t e point where the engineer was comorder the taking of the places of the ter and importune members and strangers siriking engineers on the Burlington Ruad by Kuights in retaliation for the Brotherhood taking their places on the R:ading system. He wants the Brother good to win the fight and wants the Knights to help them so that the two organizations will be more strongly united hereafter in the struggles that either may be forced to make.

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR. DETROIT, MICH, Feb. 28 -Samuel Gomphers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was asked last evening what action his order would take

"We will take some action, but what it will be I cannot discuss. It will not be thing will be shut down so closely that antagonistic to the brotherhood, you may policemen may be stationed at the doors be sure. I do not uphold the action of to examine everybody who enters for the the Reading Knights in taking the places purpose of seeing that no intoxicating of the Barlington strikers out of reverge.

It is a bad policy, and will only help the railroads. The Brotherhood of Locomo tive Engineers is an excellent organization, although it has done wrong in isolating itself on labor matters.

WHAT ARTHUR SAYS.

were s solid body, and would hold to-gether to the end of the fight. "The pubnotation by General Manager Stone. said, "of all the propositions offered by the men might mislead the public. We were willing to discuss these propositions one by one, and in case we falled to convice Mr. Stone that they were just and fair we would have made concessions. The strike did not occur because the schedule we offered was not adopted, but because when the question of wages was reached Mr. Stone refused to do anything at all. The light is purely a question of wages. We receded from our first proposition and mared to accept 34 cents, which Mr. Stone refused in a most positive manner. He made no proposition to us at all and the fight now is purely on the question of

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pay." Arthur was asked what attitude he ex-Kansas Ciry, Mo., Feb. 28.—Last pected the Knights of Labor to assume evening the Rock Island road allowed toward the engineers during the strike. "I don't see," he said, "why the knights would be hostile to the brotherhood engineers, and I have no information that they will try to assist the com-

pany in any way." "It is claimed you sent men to take the

"That is a lie. I don't know what individual members of the brotherhood may have done, but I never interfered in any way with any strike of the Knights of Labor. I would not do it. At the time of the Missouri Pacific strike I simply told the brotherhood engineers that we the right course."

THE FIRST ACCIDENT to occur following the commencement of the strike took place last evening at Naperville, Ill. No one was killed, but the results could hardly be called trifling, Six men were more or less injured.

ABOUT CARRYING THE MAILS. CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 28 -Last evening Assistant Superintendent Howland of the Burlington route, and Superintendent of Mails Troy from the postoffice, called on Chief Engineer Arthur at his hotel.

"I have come for information," said Mr. Howland, addressing Mr. Arthur. "I have understood from Mr. Stone that no objection would be raised by your men to taking out the fast mail train, which leaves at 3 a. m., to-morprovided it contained noth-TOW but mail. I am new told by the men that they will not take the train out without orders from you or a United States marshal. What are the facts?"

"Our position is this," replied Mr. Ar-thur. "We will offer no obstruction to the carrying of mails, and any mail en route to the city we should bring it in, provided the passenger coaches were cut off. But we are under no obligations to start mail from the center of distribution. The 'Q.' Company has a contract with was posted on every door to the effect the government for carrying mail. Let them carry it or forfeit their contract. We", turning to the posteffice officials, "stand ready to settle the trouble on a fair and equitable basis. You should bring such influence to bear on the company as to bring about its settlement. We cannot take out a mail train, gentie-

"Very well," responded Mr. Howland.

would be sided in their contest against "I may not have made myself entirely They also point hopefully to the prospect their employes by the members of clear to Mr. Stone," said Mr. Hogue, "but of Mr. Phelps' popularity in New Jersey the Knights of Labor, who are reported what I meant to say is just what Mr.

NEW MEXICO TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Clean Sweep Made in the Express-Two Men Do the Work.

Special to the Garette.

EL Paso, Tex., Feb. 28.—Captain Thacker, a Wells-Fargo detective, arrived when a United States Senator striking workers. We call on the mem- here to-day and gave the following acbut bers of our order everywhere to refuse count of the train robbery to New Mexico: Last night at 8 o'clock as the westdoubtful New Jersey, and making it pos- the brotherhood have ever been guilty the train. They were taken for tramps, sible to suggest to the Republican nation- of any wrong toward our order this as they stole on the car, and nothing al convention at the proper time how ad- wrong cannot be rec'affed by committing more was thought of them till another, but by the exhibition on our the train suddenly stopped a mile bargs and red necktle included, on the part of higher and nobler manhood in the and a half out cause of struggling labor we may prove pass, when the astonishing discovery to them our worth as Kulghts, thereby was made that the train was minus sowing the seed of that higher fraternity locomotive, baggage, mail and express that should exist among all bodies of organized workers. Let no Knight fire an gers that the train had been held up. One engine or pull a throttle on the Chicago, of the two men who had boarded the car appeared on the tender of the engine, when three miles out of Stein's Pass, and with cocked revolvers compelled the engineer to stop the train, his confederate having already coupled the passenger part of the train and notified a brakeman to break up the train, which he immediately did. As at once went to Wells, Fargo & Co.'s car yesterday for the Chicago, Burlington and demanded the messenger to open the door or they would blow him and the car into atoms. The car door was opened when one of the robbers entered while the other stood out in the dark on guard. going through the express car. After he had secured everything of value that the car contained he and his partner

left, going southward. Thacher is of the opinion that more than two men were concerned in the two were seen to board the train at relled to stop the train. He says the robbas made a clean sweep, and made no attempt to rob the mail or baggage car.

Annual Meeting of Locomotive Engineers. PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 27 .- Ten divis-

ions of the Brotherhood of Engineers held a representative meeting in the city last night, and took preliminary steps toward holding a meeting in this city in May. Representatives of the Brotherhood throughout the United States will be present. It is customary for the order to hold a meeting of this nature every year. The Pittsburg representatives will make extensive for the accommodation of all who may attend. It will be an open meeting and a number of speakers among them Andrew Carpagie, Chauncey

DePaw and emers. Texas Pensions.

Special to the Gazette, WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The following thentic statement is made here to-day their present strike the trades unions are Texas pensions were issued to-day: that a sugar syndicate, formed to fight with them." Longview; Mexican widows, Harriet A. CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 28 —Chief Arthur widow of James C. Larry, Centre; Sarof the Brotherhood of Locomotive En. C, widow of William F. Monday, Dex