

PLOWS WILL BE HIGHER PRICED

Owing to the Advanced Price of Iron and Steel.

CHICAGO, May 15.—As a result of a meeting of manufacturers held at the Great Northern hotel...

J. Harley Bradley, of the David Bradley Manufacturing company of Springfield, Ill., was secretary.

The proposition to make their product more of a luxury was taken up by the manufacturers after several of their number had told detailed tales of reduced profits incident to the boom in the steel and iron market.

It was asserted that self-protection not only warranted but demanded radical revision of the low price list. Much discussion ensued as to how heavy an increase should be, resulting in a recommendation of 15 per cent., with a tacit understanding to make figures higher if conditions suggest.

The officers of the meeting deny that the plow men had been summoned to Chicago to talk trust or that the subject of the proposed combination had ever been broached. Two leading figures in the day's affairs, however, were J. Harley Bradley and C. H. Deere, of Moline, who attended the New York conference last week, at which details of the new organization are said to have been outlined.

That they failed to take advantage of the low price list, with such a representative gathering of kindred interests is not thought probable.

TOOK SHERIFF'S HORSE

Prisoner Had the Bartender Untie the Horse.

DERBY, Conn., May 15.—While driving from here to the county jail at Bridgeport with Michael Gillis, a prisoner, yesterday afternoon, the chief of police, Gideon Tomlinson, stopped in front of a saloon to get a cigar.

Gillis was tied securely to the seat of Gillis' rumbout, and after hitching his horse the officer entered the saloon, and while lighting his cigar sent the bartender out with a glass of beer to Gillis.

The latter, who was tied around the waist to the back of the seat, had his arms free, and the ropes to which he was secured were covered by the laprobe. Handing the glass back to the bartender, he requested him to untie the horse, and the man complied with the request. Instantly Gillis drove off with the rig and has not been seen since.

The horse is a valuable one and the rig is now and belonged to Chief Tomlinson, who is now mourning their loss more than the escape of Gillis.

The police of the whole state are now on the lookout for the escaping prisoner and Chief Tomlinson's rig.

PERSONAL POINTS.

W. B. Stratton, of gold mine fame, started with a capital of less than \$100.

Emperor William has denied that he will visit this country and Mexico next autumn.

Gov. Powers, of Maine, intends soon to visit Cuba and Porto Rico, taking his staff with him.

It is said that Stephen Crane has bought a place in Surrey, England, and may run for Parliament.

Gen. Fred Funston has declined a flattering offer for a lecture tour on his return from the Philippines.

Stephen Crane has decided to give up newspaper work entirely and to devote himself to the production of books.

Dr. Solf, the new president of the municipal council of Samoa, is a typical German, tall, robust and florid. He speaks English perfectly.

Collis P. Huntington is interested in the collection of butterflies, and, it is said, will contribute a large sum to the University of California for that purpose.

Lloyd Osborne, R. L. Stevenson's stepson and former American consul at Apia, says that religious troubles are the essential cause of the Samoan difficulty.

General Manager Holdredge of the Burlington railroad, is the "father of the Harvard stroke," having originated it when a member of the Harvard crew in 1868.

President Pierce, of Kenyon college, Gambier, O., has secured from President McKinley a promise to be at Kenyon some time during the commencement week.

General Wesley Merritt brought back with him from the Pacific a large parrot which had been the property of a Spanish sailor, but as yet has learned only a few words of English.

It is probable that the French government will purchase the home of the late Baroness Hirsch in Paris, to use it as a place of residence for guests of the nation during the exposition.

The ex-Empress Eugenie has, by her will, bequeathed a souvenir to every survivor of the nearly 5000 Frenchmen who were born on the same day as her own son, the late Prince Imperial.

Senator Carter, of Montana, says that in ten years Montana will be producing annually more wheat and flour than any two states in the union. It will be shipped, he adds, to Asiatic markets.

Governor Poynter, of Nebraska, has always been a splendid horseman and until recently entertained

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