

A MILLION INVOLVED.

Duluth Reports a Contest for Title to Iron Lands Worth a Mint of Money.

Iowa's Legislature and Executive Send Greetings to the English and the Irish Leaders.

Government Advice Upon an Unsurveyed Island—The Department of Dakota.

News From Various Points of the Northwest Gleaned by Globe Correspondents.

An Important Land Suit.

Special to the Globe.
DULUTH, April 9.—The hearing of an important contest is now progressing in the Duluth land office, which involves the location of lands by means of Sioux half-breed certificates. In a fresh difficulty three years ago and explorer named Edward Byrne, while exploring for the Minnesota Iron company, discovered an extensive deposit of hematite ore in township 63 north, range 11 west. He and his partner kept the matter to themselves until they left Minnesota company's employ, and then they agreed with Eaton & Merritt of this city to show them the ore. The latter agreed to scrip the land and give the discoverer one-third interest. Byrne and his partner, fearing that they might be followed and have trouble associated with them, by the knowledge and with the consent of Eaton & Merritt, made a secret survey of the land, and these three went on the land, pretended to take up three homesteads, and went to work making improvements as if for themselves. Eaton & Merritt in the meantime employed a United States surveyor, Thomas Ross, to make a survey sufficient to definitely locate the land on which the ore is, and then Byrne, Powers and all hands left their claims, and Eaton placed Sioux scrip thereon. In the meantime Lonsford of Milwaukee made strenuous efforts to obtain possession of the find, and finally bought out Powers & Byrne's pocket shares of one-third each. After Powers had decided to Lonsford it was found that the description of the land was incorrect, and this led to a good deal of work.

In the course of which it is alleged Powers made and subscribed to two different affidavits, the one stating that he made improvements on the lands in question for the purpose of securing a home for himself, and the other that he made some improvements for the benefit of the party who scripped the land. He was arrested last Tuesday upon a complaint made by Lonsford, who was released last night on bail furnished by Emil Hartmann and August Bobolz. About a year ago Powers returned to the land with Tom Hyde, and Angus McDonald and the last two proceeded to make homesteads and to contest the location of the ore. The improvements on the land in question were not made for the benefit of the scrip. The original grantee of the scrip was found, one Mrs. Rilla Moura, and she was induced to sign an affidavit stating that she never gave the power of attorney to Frank W. Eaton to locate said scrip lands whatever, and upon this affidavit the commissioner ordered a hearing of the case in the Duluth land office. The hearing was commenced this morning. The lands involved are supposed to be worth about \$1,000,000, and the case is creating considerable interest. Messrs. White and Reynolds, assisted by Mr. Shannon, are attorneys for contestants, and Mr. Thomas Eaton, assisted by Hon. W. W. Billson, for Eaton & Merritt.

Iowa's Greeting to Gladstone.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—The Iowa legislature to-day passed a joint resolution sympathizing with the people of Great Britain in their efforts to secure self-government and extend congratulations over the prospect of home rule in Ireland, and that their course has been championed by a friend so great as Gladstone. The following dispatch was also sent Parnell:

The Iowa legislature, in session, sends greetings to Messrs. Parnell and Gladstone on the hopeful outlook for legislative independence for Ireland.

A. T. HILL, President Senate.

ALBERT HEAD, Speaker House of Representatives.

WILLIAM LARRABEE, Governor.

A large meeting of prominent Irishmen was held here to-day in the Hibernal hall, endorsing Gladstone's bill for home rule, as amended by Parnell. Speeches were made by Revs. Father Flavin, Nugent, Messrs. Laughlin, Kavanaugh and Knight. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

Frowned on by the Government.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Congressman Straits has received the following letter from the assistant commissioner of public lands: "I am in receipt of your reference to a letter from David M. Bryant relative to island in the Minnesota river near the village of Mendota, Minn., which I believe has never been surveyed by the government. Bryant has requested advice how he can obtain title to said island. In reply I have the honor to state that under existing relations survey and disposal of public lands, including rivers, lakes, harbors, or points, which are omitted, at the time of original survey to township embracing the same or have been omitted, are deemed disadvantageous to public interest. For this reason formal applications for survey of islands are not advised, and when received are not approved. No title to unsurveyed islands can be acquired by any party in any manner until the same shall have been surveyed under direction and supervision of this office, and returns of said survey shall have been plotted, approved and filed in the local land office."

S. M. STOCKS, Assistant Commissioner.

Spring Lake's Scheme.

Special to the Globe.

SPRING LAKE, Minn., April 8.—There is some talk just now that Minneapolis capitalists will build a railroad from the post office to a point on the shore of Spring Lake, a southeasterly direction until it connects with the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, thereby making a short route from the southern part of the state and Iowa to Minneapolis. The village of Spring Lake is nearly the geographical center of Scott county and distant about twenty-five miles from St. Paul and twenty-eight from Minneapolis. The town stands between two beautiful lakes, namely, Spring lake and Pigeon lake, and is a summer resort for travelers and invalids who are equal to any in the state of their size. Their combined length is ten miles. Pigeon comes from the French word, "pigeon," these lakes every summer. If the road is built between the two lakes, it will have a large and fertile territory tributary to it. It will carry thousands of people annually to and from the lakes, and the vast products of this famous agricultural belt will go direct to St. Paul and will in itself make a big traffic. The towns of Glendale, Eagle Creek, Spring Lake, Cedar Lake and Newmark are thickly settled with well-to-do farmers.

The Department of Dakota.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The quarterly roster of troops of the department of Dakota for April 1 was received here this morning. Lieut. Corwin Sage, Seventeenth infantry, is still reported on the post records at Ft. Lincoln, Dak., as absent without leave since Nov. 14, 1885. First Lieut. Charles Varnum, Seventh cavalry, who is under arrest at Ft. Meade, Dak., is to be tried before the general court-martial, which will convene at that post April 30, and of which Col. Richard Irvine Dodge, Eleventh infantry, will be president.

His Request Granted.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—At the Maryland annual conference of the United Presbyterian church yesterday in Baltimore the request of Rev. David Wilson, a post chaplain of the United States army stationed at Ft. Meade, Dak., that his relations with the conference be continued, was granted.

CUMBERLAND CITY.

Sketch of a Typical, Thriving Town and its Resources.

Special to the Globe.

CUMBERLAND, April 9.—This enterprising little city is midway between St. Paul and

Ashtand, on the North Wisconsin division of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. It is the most important station on the line between Hudson and Ashtand. The extensive lumber mills of the Beaver Lake Lumber company are here, and make an annual product of over 20,000,000 feet of pine lumber. Griggs, Foster & Miller have a large wood business here, handling from \$100,000 to \$200,000 of wood products. This is a branch of the extensive and well known firm of Griggs & Foster of St. Paul. The firm of Griggs, Foster & Miller are also extensive dealers in general merchandise and lumbermen's supplies. They have one of the largest stores on the line. Their store building is commodious, and covers an area of 100 feet by 100 feet. Near and overlooking the city is the residence and fine stock farm of Hon. P. A. Stone, the mayor of the city, consisting of several hundred acres of beautiful rolling land. Mr. Stone has gone to great expense to bring imported and thoroughbred stock into the city. The schools are in a thriving condition under the efficient management of Prof. W. F. Lee, assisted by a score of excellent teachers. The city is picturesquely situated on an elevated plateau and surrounded by a system of lakes, linked together by narrow straits, making the site of the city an island. The lakes are not excelled for delightful scenery in the Northwest. On these lakes several pleasure steamers, owned by citizens, give amusement and pleasure to the public during the summer. Trout fishing in this vicinity is excellent. The country is beautifully diversified by gently rolling swells and hard wood timber about some with pine. There is a large amount of pine yet uncut within easy distance. The lumber produced here is the best in the state, much of it being of first and second-class. There was much good-natured enthusiasm manifested here to-day over the election for mayor, as two of the strongest candidates were in the city. The candidates are Hon. T. P. Stone was elected by a very small majority. He is a Democrat, but party lines were not drawn.

RED WING.

Court Matters and General Local News.

Special to the Globe.

RED WING, April 9.—The lee in Lake Pepin is now very unsafe and has commenced to move out of the lower part of the lake. Navigation will probably be closed to the Gulf in less than a week. Gladstone hall is being rebuilt. In the district court: Densmore Bros. vs. R. McKinnon, verdict for \$475 for plaintiff; John Woodcock vs. Henry Tipton and Mr. Achenbach, former found not guilty but verdict against the latter; the last case on the calendar is now on trial and all the business will probably be finished up this week. Saylor & Stoltenberg of Lake City, have opened up a new drug store in the Friedrich block on Plum street. The sink hole at Malden Rock bluff is becoming a serious danger to the Northern Railroad company, it having swallowed everything clean again last Thursday. For over four months it has been treated with doses of lime, and gravel, and about as fast as the grade reaches from two to six feet above the water it sinks out of sight. If the engineers or contractors could gain an introspective knowledge of the locality, they could perhaps remedy the trouble in a short time. There are now more than 100 men at work filling in at the rate of 1.5 cubic yards a day and it is said that the expense of filling at that place has already exceeded \$50,000. The hole is at the crossing of a small angle of the lake. The Red Wing Manufacturing company has commenced laying the foundation for another warehouse adjacent to their present warehouse. The largest and most important case pending in the district court here is now being heard. It is the case of John B. Ziegler vs. The La Grange Mills company, an action for the recovery of \$50,000. John M. Hall, P. M. Wilson and N. O. Werner appear for the plaintiff, and C. W. Williston, F. W. Hoyt and C. N. Akers for the defendant. The case is being argued by the defendant on Thursday, April 22, at 2 p. m., at the court house, and the ward caucuses for Wednesday, April 21. The Democratic convention and caucuses have not yet been called.

EAU CLAIRE.

Political Enthusiasm—Notes of General Interest.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., April 9.—The Democrats held a jollification Wednesday night at the Criterion club, and speeches were made by Hon. Thomas Carmichael, Mayor-elect Grinnell and others, evoking wild enthusiasm, especially when the national resolution a year ago was read. The cheering and singing in public parks for meetings was condemned by the speakers. The old council held its last meeting the 7th and passed ordinances providing for the construction of pavements and sewers on a large scale the coming summer. The resolution long pending for a bridge at Fourth avenue was killed on a close vote. The case of O'Leary, the noted postmaster, is being arranged for a six-day walking match here. All the city officers and all the ward officers elected Wednesday are Knights of Labor with but one exception, that of A. J. Marsh, municipal judge, who, being a lawyer, is ineligible to membership. The Eau Claire lumber company will start up its steam-mill and shingle-mill on the Eau Claire river within a few days, much earlier than was expected, but will not run its water-mill here this summer, as logs are not plenty enough to keep the three mills going through the season, and the desire to curtail the out of lumber is still a ruling motive. The other saw-mills in this city will probably start within three weeks.

Sent From St. Cloud.

Special to the Globe.

ST. CLOUD, April 8.—The West house is about to be fitted up as a first-class house. This will be good news to many of the traveling men. The store now occupied by Montgomery on the corner will soon be vacated and fitted up as a first-class hotel. The new house is an office. It will add very much to the comfort of the traveling public. Other improvements will be made in the hotel as soon as the postoffice has been removed. Joseph Edelbrock, the newly appointed postmaster, has assumed the duties of his office, and has appointed his staff of clerks. Mr. Edelbrock will soon commence the erection of a new two-story building adjoining his store, to which, when completed, he will remove the postoffice. The stone for the new building is already upon the ground. Some of our citizens have taken advantage of the low rates now being charged for tickets to San Francisco and return, and left on Monday for a trip of a month's duration. The indications are that as soon as spring opens a number of buildings will be erected in this city. We notice in several places where stone and other material have been hauled upon the ground preparatory to an early commencement. The two large Catholic churches of our city have each contracted for large organs to be erected in their respective churches. The completed by Easter Sunday. Coates & Freeman the extensive livermen of this city are about to replace their old frame barn with a large and commodious brick building. There seems to be quite a demand here for residence property, and the indications are that a number of residences will be commenced as soon as frost is out of the ground. Coates & Freeman have commenced preparations to rebuild their store adjoining Powell's hardware store. The new building will be a two-story structure, and will be completed in a few days. Will Hayward, who returned a few days ago from the woods, banked some 2,600,000 feet of logs more than he anticipated doing. A large number of the logs were of the best quality. Spring lake and Pigeon lake are now in a summer resort for travelers and invalids who are equal to any in the state of their size. Their combined length is ten miles. Pigeon comes from the French word, "pigeon," these lakes every summer. If the road is built between the two lakes, it will have a large and fertile territory tributary to it. It will carry thousands of people annually to and from the lakes, and the vast products of this famous agricultural belt will go direct to St. Paul and will in itself make a big traffic. The towns of Glendale, Eagle Creek, Spring Lake, Cedar Lake and Newmark are thickly settled with well-to-do farmers.

New Richmond News.

Special to the Globe.

NEW RICHMOND, Wis., April 9.—New Richmond is waking up from its winter lethargy. Preparations are making for building up the portion burnt out last fall. Donahue & Dodge will put up a brick room for the sale and storage of agricultural implements in the burnt district. The Catholics put up five church last summer and fall. The Methodists have also improved their church. The Good Templars have put up a comfortable and roomy hall. The lodge here is large and in a very thriving condition. The New Richmond mills are turning out about two barrels of flour daily, which mostly goes to the export trade. The new tall race has increased their water power about 20 per cent. There is talk of the O-maha building their new depot down town near the business center, instead of in the basin which it now occupies about half a mile from the postoffice. Many of the residences in a few business blocks were put up last summer, and the prospects for building are fully as promising as they were at this time last year. The new bridge over the Willow in place of the old, unsightly, tumble-down structure that disgraced the enterprising little city a year ago. The extensive lumber mills of the New Richmond Mill company will be pushed with the usual activity of that enterprising company. The Daily Globe has a large circulation here every day, and its already large patronage has been more than doubled since the beginning of the year. Trade is quiet, but the prospects are good for a fine season's business in every line, and the business community is in good spirits. Mr. Sawyer, who has had a fine practice here for several years, goes to St. Paul to locate soon. Frank Fuller, Esq., a promising young attorney, goes to Minneapolis to seek his fortune.

Late Brainerd Briefs.

Special to the Globe.

BRainerd, April 8.—The second jury case against the proprietor of the Commercial hotel has been dismissed by the court on account of informality in the warrant. The charge was for Sunday selling. Burt Webb, the owner who revealed, who is now well, has finally secured a bondman and is breathing the air of liberty once more. The Brainerd Game and Fish Protective society organized Wednesday evening by electing officers: A. J. Halsted, president; S. H. Reif, secretary; George D. Lalbar, treasurer; Dr. J. L. Camp, Col. B. S. Steeper, Peter Merts and L. U. Walte, members. Fred Barlow was arrested Friday and taken to Veredale to answer for selling an organ belonging to A. J. Halsted for \$55 and getting drunk with a money order. Guy Wheeler, the lucky individual holding the ticket which drew a house and lot raffled off by Louis Goodrich, the celebrated gambler, sold their annual election on Tuesday evening. C. L. Spaulding was chosen colonel commander; A. J. Sovereign, en route; B. S. Malory, en route; J. H. Halsted, en route; James Dewar, s. w.; F. M. Cable, r. t. T. McMaster, treasurer. The officers were installed Thursday evening. There is a project on foot to establish a large and fine land factory on a large scale in this city. Business is opening up well in Brainerd and the prospects for the spring and summer is very good.

Rochester.

Special to the Globe.

ROCHESTER, Minn., April 9.—Mr. S. De Wolf has purchased the residence now occupied by Mr. George DeWitt. A special meeting of the common council was held last night to consider the petition of Mr. Wetske and a beer license to Mr. Doty. The question of opening Fifth street to the asylum was taken up and thoroughly discussed. The council passed through Mr. Strebbin's property, and he wanted to have the city make an elbow extend into the same, giving him six feet more lawn than it would have been entitled to. Ald. Nelson decidedly disapproved of making a jog in the street, but upon a vote it was decided to make a sixty-foot width at Mr. Strebbin's place and sixty feet at the balance of the distance. A committee of Alds. Nelson, Dolg and Wilkins were ordered to find suitable places in the first ward for the second wards to be used for election purposes and to store the city's tools. Mr. Walter Hurlbut went to Flaxford, Dak., last night. Mr. A. W. Haskins, wife and son went to Minneapolis to-day.

Fairbairn Fancies.

Special to the Globe.

FAIRBAIRN, April 9.—J. H. Nightingale of this city has been appointed agent on the Cannon Valley railroad, vice Clement resigned. Two drunk and disorderly were sent to the morning for fifteen days by Judge Hunter. The residence of Mr. Jacobson, a farmer living southeast of the city, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. Mrs. Holmstrom, one of the first of the students of this city, died to-day, aged 70. Miss Foley, a student of Bethlehem academy, died to-day very suddenly from congestion of the lungs. The death of a child had occurred since the founding of the hospital. The funeral of Mrs. T. H. Loyd will be held at the family residence on Second street at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Mrs. Loyd was 47 years of age at the time of her death and has lived in Fairbairn for the past thirty years. She has been a great sufferer from rheumatism and has been a member in company with her husband for the Pacific coast in hopes that she might regain health and strength. She died as stated above, surrounded by her husband, her son and brother. The remains will be buried in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Winona Waifs.

Special to the Globe.

WINONA, April 9.—One of Tom Burke's day teams ran away from the Northwestern freight depot, this forenoon, with a load of machinery, but were caught before the freight was much damaged. Col. F. W. Parker of Illinois lectured in the assembly of the normal school yesterday afternoon to the pupils and teachers of the normal school. The teachers of the public schools. Tom May lost a working horse yesterday by over-driving. The horse was a good one, and being removed preparatory to the erection of a handsome brick church on the present location. The St. Joseph's society will soon commence the construction of a new school house on the grounds next to the church property on East Fifth street. A rumor was current on the streets that the men employed at the mill here had struck. It proved to be without foundation. A Fourth warder paid \$12 into the city treasury to-day for being drunk and disorderly.

Prescott Points.

Special to the Globe.

PRESBOTT, Wis., April 9.—Evan Lewis, the champion wrestler in the city visiting his brother and waiting for an answer to his challenge made in St. Paul the first of the week. He appears to be in good trim, and expresses his willingness to measure strength with any of the wrestlers. He is making extensive improvements on his building on Broad street, near the Central house. The Eau Claire entertainment comes off Saturday night. A new and comfortable boarding-house will soon be opened in the old Rittman stand. Jacob Cook is making extensive improvements on the buildings he lately purchased from the railroad company. John Dudley is down from Minneapolis looking after his business interests here.

Owatonna.

Special to the Globe.

OWATONNA, April 9.—Otis Lord, Esq., and family returned yesterday from Florida where they have spent the winter. John McKay was arrested and fined \$12 for an assault on the person of Henry Marshall, but feeling that he had a right to a free rent to his wrath, he again assaulted the same party. He was thereupon released and allowed to go on his way. A. C. Hickman, Esq., a prominent attorney of this city, stands a good chance of being the next judge of the Fifth district.

Paste Diamonds.

Going the rounds: Climbing a ladder.—New Haven News.

"Why are two buttons put on the back of a man's coat?" asks a writer. We don't know, unless it is that when a man wears a piece of string he usually finds it there. Burlington Free Press.

A New York dude is dangerously ill from mental exhaustion and over-exertion. He attended a soap bubble party the other evening and blew a bubble as large as a hickory nut.—Norristown Herald.

From trifles our pleasures in life often spring.

The smallest thing happiness renders. And man's greatest joy is as a king In a pair of embroidered suspenders.—Boston Courier.

"There are times," says Gal Hamilton, "when a woman does not feel like learning a language or saving a soul." Just after she has pounded her finger with a tack-hammer.—Burlington Free Press.

Professor—Name a potent element in the art of drawing?

Student—A mustard plaster.

The professor collapsed.—Hartford Sunday Journal.

"There is no place like home," but you can't convince a club man of this fact at 3 a. m. Every blamed house in the row looks exactly alike, and you can't tell which is his to save him.—Burlington Free Press.

"Now," said the photographer, "look cheerful if you want a good picture."

"Cheerful, the dickens! How can a Democrat look cheerful with no postoffice in sight?"—Newman Independent.

Mrs. Grundy says that "many young women are conspicuous by their efforts to catch husbands." Are we to understand from this that husbands in New York are the easiest of things to get?

Mr. Keely says his motor will be ready to run in less than three months. There will be a large number of candidates in the same fix. The difference is that most of the candidates will have to go, while the motor won't have to go.

A blacksmith in Buffalo broke his helper's head with a hammer because he talked so much. A syndicate is now being formed to buy up enough votes to send that blacksmith to congress and buy him four new long-handled hammers, with a letter of credit at the nearest hardware store. There's peace for this old land yet.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Mrs. Fogg—Mother always said I was the best baby she ever saw. She used to say that I never kept her awake.

Mr. Fog—And never changed, did you, dear? You know you never succeed in keeping me awake when we pass an evening together.—Boston Transcript.

AGGRESSIVE AFFECTION.

How a Michigan Widow Manifested Her Love.

Ferdinand Ward Even Cheated His Mother-in-Law.

A Maine Woman Cuts Off an Offending Hand.

Peculiar Display of Affection.

Special to the Globe.

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—John C. Acken, a widower with two small children, a few months ago hired Miss Millie Cline, an alleged widow, of Hamilton, Ont., as a housekeeper. She had a well-rounded figure, was of medium height, had long, jet black hair, lustrous eyes, regular features and a "way about her mouth," which, as Acken says, "was simply distracting." Acken disclaims having looked upon the pretty housekeeper with anything but Platonic regard, but alleges that Mrs. Cline made certain advances which pointed toward matrimony. There were other ladies who called at the Acken abode. Mrs. Cline evinced considerable hatred toward these callers. Recently Mrs. Cline's pet aversion called on Acken and the children, and when she had gone Mrs. Cline reproached Acken with infidelity. Acken went to work next day, and Mrs. Cline, to relieve herself.

BROKE OPEN HIS TRUNK, seized his best new diagonal suit, and ripped it into ribbons. She searched until she found a little coat made for the boy by her arch enemy, and when Mrs. Cline got through with it there wasn't enough left to patch the seat of Acken's trousers. She cut the knobs off the bureau, battered up the center table, emptied out the ashes on the center carpets and drove her hand through a picture. Finally she seized the two children and fled. When Acken got home he found his hearth-stone cold and the babies gone. He complained to the police, and officers have been looking for the trio ever since, but without success. Mrs. Cline probably does not realize that it is a serious case of child abduction. Acken is wild.

Lied to His Mother-in-Law.

CHICAGO, April 9.—A bill was filed in the superior court to-day by Mrs. Mary G. Green, mother-in-law of Ferdinand Ward, formerly of the firm of Grant & Ward, seeking to have attachment proceedings begun against Acken. Finally she seized the estate belonging to her in Wrightwood and aside and her title confirmed. Batchelor is a New York lawyer, who was Ferdinand Ward's legal adviser and had claims of \$15,000 for services. Among what were supposed to be Ward's assets were some six acres in Wrightwood, and Batchelor is endeavoring to secure himself took out an attachment in Chicago against these lots.

Mrs. Green, who is very old and infirm, claims her son-in-law, who had her entire confidence, had been deceived by certain promises to put her name to a deed whereby she had since found was an assignment of her rights to the property in question. Mrs. Green charges that Batchelor was acquainted with the transaction, and knew that she was making a consideration for her property from Ward's estate, and that he had lost \$100,000 by the Grant & Ward failure. The court is asked to protect her rights.

Offended by Her Right Hand.

Special to the Globe.

ELLSWORTH, Me., April 9.—A religious revival at Birch harbor, Gouldsborough, has resulted in a sad delusion. Mrs. Charles Lindsey, a participant, has shown signs of insanity. She had frequently spoken, this forenoon, of a load of machinery, but were caught before the freight was much damaged. Col. F. W. Parker of Illinois lectured in the assembly of the normal school yesterday afternoon to the pupils and teachers of the normal school. The teachers of the public schools. Tom May lost a working horse yesterday by over-driving. The horse was a good one, and being removed preparatory to the erection of a handsome brick church on the present location. The St. Joseph's society will soon commence the construction of a new school house on the grounds next to the church property on East Fifth street. A rumor was current on the streets that the men employed at the mill here had struck. It proved to be without foundation. A Fourth warder paid \$12 into the city treasury to-day for being drunk and disorderly.

NO IMPROVEMENT NOTED

By Bradstreet's Reports From Prominent Business Centers.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's from prominent business centers do not reveal any general gain in the volume of merchandise distributed during the past week. Memphis and Louisville report a slight improvement, owing to the better weather. At St. Louis the business community is suffering from inadequate railroad facilities, and is adapting itself to the diminished demand. Kansas City reports decidedly improved trade. Chicago admits that the boom which was looked for in the early part of the week, and that purchases are made on a more conservative basis. At other interior markets no special changes are noted. At the East business is quiet in all important lines. Dry goods at first and second hands are not so brisk as expected. Stocks are small. The weather has interfered with the jobbing trade, and print sales are light, though prices are unchanged. The general industrial situation is somewhat improved. The Southern rail road is making a good showing for worst features, though presumably including a great part of those who originally struck. Iron, raw and manufactured, is quiet and unchanged as to prices at the East. Some varieties have been shaded on actual sales, but the London market has suffered and prices of cash No. 2 red at New York have gone off 3 1/2 cents. The decline in cash spring wheat at Northwestern markets is about 4 cents, and this in the face of the most active buying for exports. The market for grain has been higher, owing to the improved demand for flour. Mediterranean wheat purchases have been the feature. A better consumptive demand results in better prices for sugar, and higher rates of exchange in Rio have advanced the market. The exports of cheese support prices, and the home demand holds up better quotations.

HOLDING A LAWYER DOWN.

A Russian Court Which Insists on a Counselor's Sticking to His Case.

A St. Petersburg paper, says the Pall Mall Gazette, vouches for the truth of a legal story which comes quite up to anything of the kind yielded by our own courts of law. A man found himself recently in the prisoner's dock on a third charge of theft. His advocate, a young man, made a long speech to the jury in his defense, and to ward the close spoke as follows:

"Now, gentlemen of the jury, let us go into the depths of history; let us go back 5,000 years."

"I must ask you to keep to the subject," interposed the judge.

"Then we will go but 3,000 years back," continued the lawyer, "and we see without doubt—"

Another reminder from the bench.

"Good, we will go back 1,000 years; or, no—since it is forbidden to appeal to history, let us turn to geography. In the Sandwich islands gentlemen—"

A third call to order.

"Very well," was the advocate's response, "in the islands lying nearer to us, as Madeira, there exists a long-observed and very honorable custom—"

"Advocate," interrupted the judge, "I speak to you for the last time. If you talk again of things which have nothing to do with the case I shall refuse to hear you any longer."

"I protest against an infringement of the rights of the defended," was the unabashed reply, "and I request that my protest may be taken note of."

Then turning once more to the jury, he added: "Since, gentlemen, I may appeal to neither history or geography, I will remind you of the custom of the court of this district in case of a third theft. This

court has the praiseworthy custom of acquitting the defendants in such cases, and therefore, I do not see why you should not let my client go free."

The case ended in not said, but it will be a pity if the prisoner did not get off.

Butterine Led the Cream.

Chicago News.

In a Rush street boarding-house there resides an extremely well-posted and witty Frenchman who has, however, daily struggles with the English tongue.

He recently heard a popular singer render the beautiful ballad "Break, Break, Break," and became enamored of the air.

Meeting the singer personally a short time afterward at an evening party he impulsively threw his arms about the musician's neck and said: "Oh, salt! will you sing me that beautiful song—that you call him?"

"Oh—I have not recollect to whom—ah, oui, 'Cr-rack! Cr-rack! Cr-rack!'"

The morning after the charity ball his neighbor at the table remarked that most of our best citizens—in fact, the creme of the population—were present. "Oui," said the Frenchman, "ze creme led ze butterine."

He wasn't so far off the way on that.

STILLWATER DOINGS.

A Big Copper Ore Find on the Blanding Property.

New Street Railway—General Town News.

Some very fine specimens of copper ore have been found on the land of W. N. Blanding and S. W. Blanding at St. Croix Falls. S. W. Blanding, who is a dealer in the lands and has his office on the Tenth block, was recently and brought to this city some of the specimens, which he has sent to Prof. Winchell of the state university at Minneapolis for analysis. He has not heard from the professor yet and does not know what the result of the test will be, but thinks that it will be satisfactory. If he finds the specimens to be of good quality they will sink a shaft near the Falls and see how much ore the land contains. Already enough has been found to make them believe that the land contains copper paying quantities, and they propose to make all the money out of it that there is in it, if encouraged by Prof. Winchell. These gentlemen own a large tract of land, and if ore is found in paying quantities, the land will be sold. Several shafts have been sunk in the neighborhood of the falls, but as