HE ACCEPTS THE MISSION.

Lincoln Thanks the President for the Appointment.

BOND OFFERINGS VERY SCARCE.

Holders Waiting For Fancy Prices—Major Armes Will Be Court-Martialed and Dismissed—Windrim Weeding the Worthless.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.

Among the president's callers this afternoon was Robert T. Lincoln, of Chicago, the minister to London. He came with Senator Cullom, and was given a very cordial greeting. After thanking the president for the unsolicited honor thrust upon him he accepted the appointment and went over to the department of state to see Secretary Blaine. Mr. Lincoln will qualify while here, receive his instructions and soon sail for England.

BOND OFFERINGS SCARCE.

Secretary Windom says the offerings of bonds have almost ceased and he does not know how to continue the reduction of the accumulating surplus. The bondholders, believing they are going to get fancy prices, refuse to offer to sell at any price.

MAJOR ARMES.

Major Armes, who assaulted Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, in the lobby of the Riggs house the other day, for having refused to recognize him as a member of the grand marshal's staff on inauguration day, will be court-martialed. The charges were filed to-day. Armes is on the retired list of the army and he will be dismissed.

WINDRIM REORGANIZING HIS OFFICE.

Mr. Windrim, the new supervising architect of the treasury, is progressing rapidly with the work of reorganizing his office. Soon after President Cleveland was elected, Mr. Bell, the then supervising architect, began to dismiss republican clerks and employes of the office and to fill their places with democrats, at the instance of Messrs. Gorman, Camden and other democratic senators, in order that he might retain his own position through their influence the longest possible time. Supervising Architect Windrim began operations on these gentlemen. He has accepted the resignation of the chief clerk, the law clerk and the contract clerk, who were appointed prior to Mr. Harrison's inauguration, and it is understood around the office that a number of others will go this week. Mr. Windrim's administration promises to be the most successful since the establisment of the office. He is a thoroughly practical architect and appreciates the importance of having under him good architects and draftsmen, and also good clerks in all the departments of his office. The men he has chosen to fill the vacant positions thus far have been those who have been tried for years and who were removed solely on account of their political fealty to the republican party.

GOING CRUISING.

It is probable that the president and Mrs. Harrison will leave on a revenue cutter late on next Saturday afternoon and take a cruise down the lower Potomac and around the Chesapeake bay, from where they will return on Monday or Tuesday. The revenue marine service, through the secretary of the treasury, to-day placed one of the cutters at the disposal of the president and Mrs. Harrison, and arrangements are being made to man it thoroughly. Presidents Arthur and Cleveland used to frequently take these trips, especially during the heated term. Sometimes they were made to extend as far as the lower North Carolina coast to the south, or as far up north as Maine, and on a few occasions the party included nearly all of the cabinet and several senators. It is understood that the president and Mrs. Harrison will have no guests, with the possible exception of two or three members of the family. Presidents Arthur and Cleveland never had a female member of their families with them on one of these trips. They always had a "stag party."

OCHILTREE HOLDS THE FORT.

Among the various nominations which were left unacted upon when the senate adjourned its extra session on last Tuesday was that of Robert F. Hebout, to be postmaster at Rushville, Ind., vice Thomas M. Ochiltree, removed. During the recent campaign Ochiltree was often out on the streets in his city, it is alleged, abusing republicans and making himself politically obnoxious to the patrons of his office, to the neglect of his official business. When General Browne, the congressman who secured the removal of Ochiltree, called upon the postmaster general to ask action, the latter official said there must be specific charges upon which to make the removal. These were filed from citizens of Rushville. When the nomination was sent to the senate committee on postoffices and post-roads it was placed in a pigeon hole. Several days elapsed and a call was made at the committee room to ascertain why action was not taken, when it was learned that the charges upon which Ochiltree was to be removed would have to be substantiated before the committee. The papers were sent for and received from the postoffice department. Then it was stated that in order to receive action from the committee the persons who had made these charges would have to be summoned from Nashville to testify under oath and in person as to the truthfulness of the charges made. There was not time before the senate adjourned for this hearing, and so the nomination rests quietly in the pigeon holes of the committee to-day. Ochiltree, the democrat, will thus be permitted to hold the office until the senate meets again in October or December, unless the president should conclude to commission Bebout before the nomination is confirmed. This is not probable. The action of the committee creates a precedent against removals of democrats to make place for republicans, which may prove very troublesome to the men in congress who are being besieged by office seekers.

WILL VISIT OMAHA.

Mr. Glover, Mr. Riley and other members of the board of directors of the Washington & Georgetown railroad company will leave to-morrow on a tour of inspection to several of the cities where the cable road is in operation. They will visit Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver, and learn what are the latest devices and improvements in the construction of such roads, and this knowledge will be utilized in the building of the cable road on Seventh street, which the company proposes to do at once. They expect to stop several days in Omaha.

A DEAD CALM.

A dead calm has settled down upon Washington. The same crowds of officeseekers, led by senators and representatives, go to the white house and the several departments every day, but they are getting no satisfaction, and the most of them are about ready to go home. The president has indicated very plainly that he is not going to make haste for any one, and it is useless for the candidates to come to the white house to make personal appeals. He has informed several people that he understands their cases perfectly and needs no further information, and his hints in this respect are too plain to be mistaken. The southern republicans are particularly disheartened in their efforts to obtain appointments, and what little information they have been able to secure at the white house is very disheartening. While the president will not say that he intends to appoint democrats to office in the south, he makes no secret of his purpose to select the best men he can get, regardless of party. Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson has appointed his son, C. F. Clarkson, as his private secretary, with a salary of $1,800.

TREASURER HUSTON.

Hon. James Huston, of Indiana, arrived this afternoon and had a long conference with Secretary Windom relative to the United States treasuryship, to which position he was appointed on Monday. Mr. Huston will file his bond for $150,000 early next week and take immediate possession of the office.

NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

James H. Modesitt, Alta, Hall county, vice Daniel O. Kane, removed; M. Spokehm, Dannebrog, Howard county, vice Otto D. Rasmussen, removed; J. H. Bennett, Herman, Washington county, vice Eban P. Newall, removed, and J. H. Davenport, Newport, Brown county, vice George Satterlee, removed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

T. C. Clark, of Lincoln, Neb., who was removed from the third auditor's office here, soon after Cleveland came into office, for his republican principles, is here with a heavy Nebraska backing to ask the present administration to restore him to the service.

Assistant Surgeon Robert P. Finley has been relieved from duty at Fort Stanton, N. Mex., and ordered to duty at Fort Sidney, Neb.

Postmaster General Wanamaker to-day purchased for $80,000 the Secretary Whitney house, on I between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. When Whitney rented the property of the late Secretary Frelinghuysen he got an option on it for $50,000. So he makes a handsome profit.

PERRY S. HEATH.

FOUND IN A BROTHEL.

A Father Takes His Child From Her Life of Shame.

At 10 o'clock last night William Nightingale called upon Officers Frost and Newman to assist him in as sad a mission as a father ever undertook—the rescue of his daughter from a house of ill repute. For a number of months past Nightingale's oldest child, a young girl scarcely sixteen years of age, has been keeping company with a fast crowd of young people, and has caused her parents no end of trouble. Despite all remonstrances she persisted in attending dances in somewhat questionable quarters and her persistency led to her downfall. Two weeks ago she left her home, and since that time, until last night, her father has been unable to discover her whereabouts. On Sunday last he received an intimation that his daughter was stopping in a bawdy house on Ninth street. He visited the place, and failing to find her, took hope in the thought that she had not abandoned her home for a life of shame, but that she might be staying with friends, possibly dreading to return home for fear of reprimand. Yesterday evening, however, Nightingale received proof positive that his daughter was in the bagnio that he had visited, and that the mistress of the place had lied to him when he went to search for her. He accordingly visited the place with Officers Frost and Newman to endeavor to persuade his wayward child to return to her home. The sight that was presented to the broken-hearted father's eyes when Officer Frost opened the door at Pearl Mock's place was sufficient to render his dispair maddening. On a sofa near the center of the room, surrounded by painted sirens and disreputable men, dressed to render her charms conspicious, reclined his daughter receiving the caresses of a frequenter of the bagnio. Nightingale paused at the entrance unable to move or speak. The vision of police buttons banished the male hangerson of the place, and the father and daughter were left alone. The girl was completely overcome, and with one cry, fell fainting into her father's arms. The tittering wantons came to the child's relief and soon succeeded in restoring her to consciousness. When she had recovered she expressed her willingness to accompany her father home, and left the place.

Meant for Chicago.

Fools—common, ordinary every day fools, were talked about last night at the First Baptist church. Such was the subject of a lecture delivered by Dr. P. S. Henson, a ministerial gentleman of Chicago. It was an interesting topic and there were lots of people who wanted to hear themselves talked about. In fact the auditorium of the church was crowded. By way of explanation and to square himself with the audience, the lecturer, who by the way is apparently a genial and humorous sort of gentleman, stated that the lecture had not been prepared for an Omaha audience. It was for people in another locality—not very far from Lake Michigan.

Around the Loop.

Last night the trains of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Motor company for the first time made trips around the "loop," consisting of Fourteenth, Howard and Twelfth streets and back again to Douglas. The track was cleared yesterday for this purpose and trips were made at a high rate of speed.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

A Floor Falls at Jetter & Young's Brewery.

Wednesday the third floor in one of the buildings of Jetter & Young's brewery establishment, gave way and, in the fall, carried the second floor down with it. Mr. Young and one of his foremen had just been on the floor inspecting it. About two car loads of malt were stored on the floor, some hops and other brewing supplies. One man, working on the floor, was carried down but fortunately secured only a slight scratch on the nose. The damage will be about $1,000. By the merest chance four or five men were not crushed by the falling mass. Mr. Jetter is of the opinion that the hard winds Tuesday night had moved and weakened the building and this was the cause of the fall of the floor.

Police Court Proceedings.

Judge Reuther Thursday held a regular financial reception. Bernard McDermott, for assaulting Captain John J. Sexton, election day was fined $25 and costs, $6.50. He appealed to the district court.

Jeremiah Howard charged, by Richard Fox with assault and battery, was found guilty and fined $20 and costs.

John McCormick got a $25 fine and paid $8.75 for his assault on Policeman Sexton on election day.

Enterprise Loge No. 79, K. of P.

At the meeting of Enterprise lodge No. 79, Knights of Pythias, held Thursday evening, it was decided to hold an anniversary celebration and entertainment during the last of May. The following committee on general arrangements was appointed: Alfred A. Gary, James H. Bulla and T. C. Marsh, with authority to appoint sub-committees.

Tapped a Third Ward Till.

Robert Kylfore and Hugh Shere tapped the till of C. D. Sanford, the Third ward butcher, at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and got $15. Mr. Sanford followed them and had them arrested and they are now in jail and will have a hearing Friday morning before Judge Reuther.

Notes About the City.

W. P. Anderson, a Chicago live stock reporter, is in the city.

Garret Wall will start Friday for a week's visit with friends in Chicago.

John Cash, of Iowa City, is visiting his son, Daniel Cash, of this city.

Henry Lorie is selling out his stock of goods and will go to Oklahoma.

Miss Nellie Valien, of Omaha, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sobotker.

James Crossen, of the force of Hammon & Nash, is sick with malerial fever.

The commission firm of Ferroll, Monley & Co., has been dissolved, M. E. Ferroll, retiring.

Stephen Holey, Armour & Co.'s Chicago cattle buyer, is visiting the houses in this city.

Charles Osborn, one of the stock yards carpenters, is among the sick with pulmonary troubles.

C. C. Clifton, of the commission firm of Dorsey, Brothers & Clifton, has returned from Cheyene.

Arthur W. Saxe will have his summer opening next Saturday. Mr. Saxe is having his drug store artistically decorated.

Bernard McDermott's case for assault and battery on Officer Martin Spoettler was continued until Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The board of trade will hereafter meet in President Doe's office under the Nebraska bank, and a fine sign will decorate the windows.

Messrs. B. F. Gard, Thornton Adams, John Boor and William Tatro, of Neola, Ia., are the guests of A. S. Carter, of Carter's hotel.

The social of the ladies society of the Presbyterian church Thursday evening at the residence of Rev. Robert Wheeler was well attended.

The ladies are quite confident that their donkey party at the Emanon Friday evening will not only attract a large attendance of members and their lady guests, but will be very interesting to all present.

The commission men are boycotting the B. & M. and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy roads for their live stock shipping order issued Wednesday. Some of the commission firms went so far as to refuse to buy stock shipped to their yards over the B. & M. road.

Superintendent A. A. Munroe, of the public schools, has made his report for march, which shows 1,040 pupils enrolled since September 1st. The average number belonging is 743, the average daily attendance was 684, not tardy nor absent 345, visits by parents 49.

THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE FIRES.

Stories of Terrible Loss and Suffering Continue to Come In.

HUNDREDS WITHOUT SHELTER.

The Flame Swept Region Presents a Scene of Utter Desolation and Ruin—Towns Nearly Wiped Out.

Havoc of the Flames.

MITCHELL, Dak., April 4.—Nobody but a man who has stood before a prairie fire and tried to stay its awful rush and roar when it is fanned by a fresh wind, can appreciate its almost resistless force. The fires that have brought so much loss and suffering to southeast Dakota in the last few days were practically irresistible. The flames in some instances leaped 100 feet of plowed ground and rushed away on their career of destruction. All ordinary precautions were in vain. The spring has been very dry and the top of the ground has been dusty or baked, and an extremely high wind prevailed during the fires.

Under these conditions, whenever the fire touched the grass it burst out with a flash almost like powder and shot away across the prairie like an arrow, its course ever widening. To extinguish it by water, of course, was out of the question. The plowing of fire breaks was slow work, and the high wind often drove the flames across them.

It was early in the afternoon when the peoples of Mount Vernon saw the wide spreading prairie northwest of them break out into a blaze. The smoke was dashed into and through the town on wings of wind. The flames rushed after with savage fury. Mitchell was telegraphed to for help, and 100 firemen with hooks and ladders were sent at once. Most of the population of Mount Vernon and the men from Mitchell met the furious flames on the outskirts of the town and fought with desperation, but in vain. No lives were lost, but forty-five buildings were burned and 100 families left homeless. Loss $30,000.

Outside of the town it is impossible yet to say what the loss is. Lonely little farm houses scattered over the prairie are wiped out by the dozen. Stories of losses of life may come in later.

YANKTON, Dak., April 4.—Stories of terrible losses by the hurricanes of fire that swept over the country north of here continue to come in. Volin village has only three buildings standing. Olivet, Hutchinson county, was burned. Pukwanna was wiped out. The losses in Yankton county are: M. M. Jonnson, R. Anderson, F. Ott, Mrs. Stockwell, R. Pringle, J. F. Olson, David Perley, James Hoxing, John Hundershot, Lardy Jencks, M. Holkrook, E. S. Volin, A. H. Volin, Joseph Beckmeyer, Henry Rake, Charles Stencil, William Randall and T. M. Howe.

In the vicinity of Jamesville, twelve miles north of Yankton, eight farmers sustained losses running from $1,000 to $3,000 each. Around Jamesville the loss will foot up $10,000. One man lost $1,000 in money which he had in his coat on a piece of plowed ground 300 feet from the grass. Two new wagons were burned 100 feet from the fire. Sixty miles of telegraph wire were blown down between Centerville and Huron.

BLUNT, Dak., April 4.—Stories of the fury of the fire continue to be brought into town by stragglers. They say that the wind would gather up loose timber, and, hurling it high in the air, carry it ahead of the surface fire, alighting on barns and houses and igniting the prairie fifty yards in advance of the surface fire. Houses and barns were burned where the fire was carried over one hundred yards across newly broken ground. The losses are estimated at $200,000 in this vicinity.

HIGHMORE, Dak., April 4.—A destructive prairie fire started on the evening of the 18th, five miles from Highmore, on the farm of James Ingram. While he was smoking his pipe his barn caught fire and was destroyed. A fierce wind carried the fire to the prairie and the work of destruction began. Houses, barns and stock were burned. Tuesday morning the wind reached a terrific gale. No ordinary fire breaker made any resistance to the sweeping flames. At 3 p. m. the fire reached Ree Heights, fifteen miles east of Highmore, where thirteen residences in the town were destroyed. At sundown on Tuesday another fire started in the northern part of Hyde county, sweeping away six homes and burning to death Miss Annie Sweeny and a five-year-old baby, Eugene Tibbs. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbs and Mrs. Ruby are dangerously burned. The losses will reach many thousand dollars.

SCOTLAND, Dak., April 4.—It would take $200,000 to cover the loss in this county. The Hutchinson Herald office is burned. The losses amount to $35,000, with less than $6,000 insurance. Two farmers near Olivet were completely burned out, and another fire, east of Scotland, destroyed everything on the farms of A. O. Fansky, Gus Evanson and M. Shook. On the stock farm of E. S. Sweet three barns were burned; loss, $30,000. Twelve miles west of Scotland a prairie fire raged. Twenty-five farmers are known to have lost everything.

ABERDEEN, Dak., April 4.—A terrible story of the complete destruction of Leola, county seat of McPherson county, noted in last night's dispatches, has been brought in by couriers. Leola was a town of 300 inhabitants, and the country for miles around was well settled with industrious thrifty people. They saw the surrounding country nearly devastated. Hundreds of farm houses are in ashes, and the carcasses of burned stock are lying along the roadways. It is probable that one-tenth of the damage is not yet reported. Nothing definite is known about rebuilding. Citizens here will hold a meeting this afternoon to take measures for relief. Scores of farmers are without seed, wheat, stock, buildings or implements to commence spring work.

HARTFORD, Dak., April 4.—A raging prairie fire swept down on this town this afternoon and would no doubt have swept it out of existence but for the forethought and energy of the town people yesterday in running fire lines around the town wherever unprotected. Heavy losses are reported from every direction.

Mount Vernon In Ruins.

CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Prairie fires have been doing great damage in South Dakota for the past few days. A strong wind has been blowing and efforts to fight the fire have been useless. At least one hundred families in Brule county have been burned out and the loss is between $100,000 and $150,000. The town of Mount Vernon was almost entirely destroyed. All the business houses and part of the residences were burned, the loss being about $50,000. Reports are coming in slowly, and as yet only three persons are reported to have been burned to death. A number of settlers on the Crow Creek reservation have been burned out entirely, and only escaped with their lives.

Heavy Losses.

YANKTON, Dak., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—As details come in it is believed that seventy-five families were burned out by Tuesday's conflagration in this county, and the loss is very heavy. Families are seen walking in the streets penniless and homeless, but home enterprise will care for all wants. The Yankton Insurance company has been a heavy loser but all losses will be promptly paid.

Mysterious Fire.

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—All the buildings upon the ranch of George W. Shelton, near Tie Siding, were mysteriously destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon during the temporary absence of those upon the ranch. Loss $5,000, with no insurance.

Wilbanks Removed From Office.

CHICAGO, April 4.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, superintendent of mails in the Chicago postoffice, and well known in connection with Illinois democratic politics, was to-day removed from office by Superintendent of Mail Service Bell.

Three Men Killed.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4.—A collision of two freight trains occurred at 10 o'clock this morning on the Decatur division of the Louisville & Nashville road, in which three men were killed instantly and several wounded.

IN THE COURTS.

Minor Matters Which Claimed Judicial Attention Yesterday.

Judge Doane was engaged yesterday afternoon in hearing the case of Mark Hansen against the city. The suit is an appeal case from appraisers' damages. Hansen owns a lot south of the Eleventh street viaduct and when it was built the appraisers assessed his damages at $700 on account of change of grade. Hansen was not satisfied with that amount and took his case to the district court.

The Mansfield Buggy company of Ohio commenced suit against the Omaha Carriage & Sleigh company, the Home Investment company and others, asking for an accounting in mortgaged property, which was given the plaintiff to secure the payment of promissory notes aggregating $2,348.

In the case of the Missouri Valley Sand & Gravel company against the Phoenix Insurance company, of Brooklyn, wherein the plaintiff sued to recover $1,200 for the sinking of a tug boat, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $670.14.

County Court.

John J. O'Rourke of South Omaha yesterday filed in the county court a petition for probate of will in the estate of Mary O'Rourke, deceased.

Catherine Hayden brought suit against Egbert E. French for $400, alleged to be due for failure to comply with a land contract on the sale of two lots in Arnold's park addition.

William Preston & Co. commenced suit against Frank Kubonec to recover $476 alleged to be due on eight promissory notes.

AMUSEMENTS.

That wonderfully popular and always interesting old drama, "Shadows of a Great City," opened at the Grand opera house last night what has every promise of being an immensely successful engagement.

The Ohio Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio club was held at Dr. Rosewater's rooms in the Continental block last night. Dr. Rosewater tendered his resignation as secretary of the club and Mr. A. M. Dyer was elected as his successor. Dr. Rosewater's resignation was rendered necessary on account of his professional duties making it impossible for him to give the necessary time to the business of the club. The question of providing permanent headquarters for the club was discussed at length and finally referred to the executive board, with power to act. The executive board was given power to perfect arrangements for the reception which the club proposes to give some time early in May.

A Sunday Resort.

Now that the suburban trains are running, the beautiful grounds of Forest Lawn cemetery promise to become a great Sunday resort. The place is only a short walk from the Florence depot and for the accommodation of those who prefer riding to walking a line of bussus will be run between the two points. The scenery in and about Forest Lawn is the most beautiful in this vicinity and those who heretofore could not afford to hire a buggy can now enjoy the luxury of going to this breathing place at least once a week.

Will Keep the Arm.

City Physician Ralph denies the report that Sergeant Johnson, of the police force, is in any danger of losing his arm from the effect of the shot he received from the burglar-hunting pawnbroker. On the contrary, says the physician, the wounded man is rapidly recovering.

Retiring Officers.

The outgoing officers of the Omaha Wheel club, Messrs. F. N. Conner, E. B. Smith, Frank N. Clarke, Perry Bodolett and Edward Dytle, will be tendered a "smoker" at the club rooms on Dodge street, Saturday next.

Heisler's Regular Amusement.

A. Heisler was arrested again last night for drunkenness. He is becoming a regular weekly visitor at the city jail. When locked up he assaulted an inoffensive cell mate and had to be placed in a separate apartment.

Wants Her Husband.

Mrs. Jessie Poter, of Toledo, Ia., was in the city yesterday on her way to Fremont in search of her husband, who ran away from her last week accompanied by another woman.

Resolutions.

The faculty and students of the Omaha Commercial college have passed appropriate resolutions on the death of William Butterfield, a student of the college, who died last Monday morning.

The Rhode Island Returns.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 4.—The complete vote of the state for governor gives Ladd 16,592, Davis 21,550, Richardson 1,511, and Chace 3,485. Davis lacks 548 of an election, but has a plurality of 4,398. For attorney general Slocum has a majority of 778.

By the complete returns the senate stands: republicans, 21; democrats, 31; with four to be elected. The house stands: Republicans, 23; democrats, 37, with twelve to be elected.

An Irish Bailiff Shot.

DUBLIN, April 4.—A bailiff was shot dead at Coleraine, County Londonderry, to-day. The murdered man had charge of a farm from which the tenant had been evicted.

The Fire Record.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., April 4.—The building and contents of the Standard iron works burned last night. Loss $45,000. No insurance. Strothan Brothers, the owners, say they will rebuild on a larger scale.

The Cause of Death.

Our readers are doubtless all familiar with the Robinson poisoning cases, which have recently come to light in Somerville, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

It seems that eight deaths have occurred from arsenical poisoning, seven in one family, and within five years. It is doubtful if the murderers would have been brought to justice had not an organization in which the victims were insured began an investigation as to why so many persons had suddenly died in one family.

But the sensation from a medical point of view connected with the case, took place in Boston at a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Medico-Legal society, when it was stated by Dr. Holt that there was a general ignorance of the symptoms of arsenical poisoning and because of such ignorance the Robinson poisoning cases had gone on without arousing the suspicion of medical men. The Robinson cases were all treated by regular physicians, with correct diplomas, men supposed to know what they were doctoring for, and to know the effects of drugs on certain diseases. Yet in the five deaths from arsenical poisoning of which we speak, certificates of death were given for pneumonia, typhoid fever, meningitis, bowel disease, and Bright's disease.

Is it any wonder that patients are losing faith in their doctors?

In the very same manner thousands of patients are being treated this day for pneumonia, heart trouble, dropsy, incipient consumption, etc., when these are but symptoms of advanced kidney disease, which is but another name for Bright's disease. The doctors do not strike at the seat of the disease—the kidneys, and if they did nine times out of ten they would fail—as they are on record as saying they can not cure Bright's disease of the kidneys. Rather than use Warner's Safe Cure, a well known specific for this and all other forms of kidney disease, they would let their patients die and then give a death certificate that death was caused by pericarditis, apoplexy, phthisis or cardiac affection.

Is this not the honest truth? Do you not know in your own personal history very many instances where physicians doctored the wrong disease, and caused untold suffering and many times death?

SETTLERS HOLD THE FORT.

Armed With Winchesters, They Defy the Marshals.

THE LATTER DISCREETLY RETIRE.

No Further Attempt at Evictions From the Des Moines River Lands Will Be Made Until Reinforcements Arrive.

The River Land Troubles.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 4.—Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The United States marshals who attempted to make evictions from the Des Moines river lands to-day, were met with armed resistance and driven from the field. A mob of settlers, fully equipped with Winchester rifles, assembled at the homes of the settlers to be evicted and defied the officials, who discreetly retired without attempting to force the farmers from the lands. All the settlers occupy their own homes to-night, but will not sleep on beds of ease. United States Marshal Desmond, of Dubuque, will be called upon for more assistance before any further evictions will be attempted. Sheriff Adams and a posse are in the country to make arrests for conspiracy, but thought it advisable to postpone action until the present outbreak is subdued.

Want the Road Built.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The city and citizens of Fort Dodge have filed with the railroad commissioners a motion for an order directing the Des Moines & Fort Dodge railroad company to rebuild that portion of their road between Tara Station and Fort Dodge by restoring the road bed, replacing the bridges and relaying their track in proper manner, to the end that defendants may operate their trains over the track. They also move that the commissioners fix the date at which the work shall begin not later than May 1, 1889, and limit the time of completing the work to August 1, 1889, or such other date as the commissioners may deem just and right. Also that an order be made directing the defendants at once to put on and operate a passenger train between Fort Dodge and Tara, so as to make close connections at Tara with such regular passenger and mail trains passing north and south over said road between Des Moines and Ruthven, and to put on and operate a freight train between Fort Dodge and Tara, connecting with all regular freight trains running north and south over the said road between Des Moines and Ruthven. This opens again the old controversy between Fort Dodge and the Rock Island road as to the operation of a separate line of track from Tara Junction to Fort Dodge. The road at present uses the Illinois Central track for that six miles.

Ordered to Use the Depot.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The railroad commissioners to-day filed a decision in the case of the citizens of Bismarck, Clayton county, vs the Milwaukee road. The citizens complained that they had given ground to the Eastern Iowa railroad for a depot, side tracks, etc. and had actually built a depot for freight and passengers on condition that the road would make a station there and use the facilities offered. The agreement was kept for a time, but afterwards the road passed into the hands of the Milwaukee road, and that company proposed to discontinue the use of the depot and side tracks, and moved them into Dakota. They asked the commissioners to compel the road to maintain and operate the depot and its belongings at Bismarck. The company claimed that it was not bound by the action of its predecessor, but the commissioners insist that it is, and direct that the depot shall be used by the road and the station shall be maintained.

Railroad Bridges Destroyed.

CRESTON, Ia., April 4.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Prairie fires are raging in this vicinity. The present dryness is becoming alarming. An ice house at Grand River, just east of here, burned down last night. Loss about $600; no insurance. The ice will be removed here. A bridge burned out on the "Q," near Stanton, last night, and No. 6 east bound passenger, due here at 11:30 p. m., reached at 9:50 a. m., via. the south branch. Another bridge on the Clarinda branch also burned last night. The stock yards at Hillsdale and Hawthorne were also burned, beside numerous telegraph poles, causing an interruption in that service. The day before a car of cattle caught fire at Emerson and were all seriously damaged, four of them dying. Exceedingly high winds are prevalent.

Bootleggers Fined.

CRESTON, Ia., April 4.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Tom Debord, Stuart Leonard and James Laird were arraigned before Judge Wilson, of the Superior court, yesterday, charged with selling intoxicants contrary to law. The case was hotly contested, but finally concluded by finding the two former guilty. The latter was discharged. Debord was convicted on ten different counts, at $60 each, and Leonard on two. They immediately appealed the case and were placed under $1,100 and $300 bonds respectively.

The "joints" are all closed, but private parties and private residences still do an amazing amount of business in the liquor line. A man named Whipps was arrested today by the marshal for bootlegging whisky, and will have a hearing to-morrow.

Bank Burglary at Dows.

WATERLOO, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Burglars entered the Citizen's bank at Dows, in Wright county, at an early hour this morning and blew the safe open. There were only about $1,300 in money in the safe. This was taken and the burglars made good their escape, stealing a horse and buggy to facilitate their departure. It is believed that they went west from Dows, and parties are searching for them, though at last accounts no clues have been obtained. The way in which the job was done shows that the fellows were expert cracksmen, and it was only by a streak of good fortune on the part of the bank that they did not secure a much larger sum. The bank is doing business as usual to-day.

Burglars Working Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Burglars have lately been unusually active in this part of Iowa. They entered J. J. Mish & Co's. store at Grand Junction and surprised a clerk who had come to the door to see what the noise was. He found out when they marched him to the rear under cover of a gun, and compelled him to look on while they carried away everything within reach, including his pants. They visited Indianola, robbing several stores and offices with small results save at Barber & Johnson's dry goods store, where they obtained $25. At Lacona, in the same county, they cracked the safe of Baker Bros. and secured $1,000. There seems to be a gang of burglars doing this work systematically in central Iowa.

A State Weather Service.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sergeant Chappell, the signal officer at this place, has received instructions from Washington to organize a state weather service, with headquarters at Des Moines. He has commenced work and secured about fifty observers in different parts of the state, who will report to him weekly the amount of rain fall, the temperature and state of the weather, soil, crops, etc., from which reports will be made up and given to the public on each Saturday. The service is expected to be of great value to the agricultural interests of Iowa. The first bulletin will be issued next Saturday.

Silver Discovered at Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 4.—[Special to THE BEE.]—There is considerable excitement here over the reported discovery of silver on the farm of Peter Kearon, six miles north of this city. The find was made by a well digger at a depth of 110 feet. The vein is fifty-four inches thick. Jewelers pronounce the quartz richer than any ever examined by them. Several pieces have been sent to a Chicago assayer for examination, and if his report confirms the one made by local jewelers the find will prove a rich one, and can be worked in paying quantities.

Fire at Cascade.

DUBUQUE, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The harness shop and clothing store combined of Mrs. M. Desmond, at Cascade, took fire yesterday and was well gutted before the fire was gotten under control. It was partially insured. The origin of the fire is unknown. A lamp in the hands of Charlie Desmond in the burning building exploded and both his hands and also his face were severely burned. The fire was discovered in the nick of time, else most of the town would have been burned, as there was a high wind blowing.

She Wanted to Die.

BOONE, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night Mrs. James Harris, a resident of this city, attempted suicide in a very peculiar way. She took the heads of half a dozen sulphur matches, put them in a cup of water, and after soaking them, drank the mixture. She became violently sick, and a physician was sent for. After energetic treatment she began to get better, and is likely to recover. General despondency is the only reason assigned for the deed.

McCrary Feigning Insanity.

ATLANTIC, Ia., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sherman McCrary, the rapist, is either insane or is pretending to be so. A warrant has been sworn out and he will be examined as to his sanity. He remains in jail and is starving himself, attempting suicide, etc.

John Murray Dead.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 4.—John Murray, at one time prominent in theatrical circles, and the divorced husband of Grace Hawthorne, now managing the Princess theatre, London, died here this evening.

Dakota Railroad Plans.

CHAMBERLAIN, So. Dak., April 4.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Considerable excitement was caused in this city over the report that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul was to extend the road from Milbank to this point and join with the I. & D. division here and continue on to the Black Hills. If this road is built it will be the means of bringing the Manitoba from Huron to Chamberlain and, crossing the river here, continue on to Denver. As the river is rock bottom at this point, it is the best place on the river for a bridge. There is some talk of the Missouri Pacific extending from Omaha into Dakota and continuing up the Missouri river. The Illinois Central is also contemplating an up-river extension from Yankton.

Denver Horsemen in Trouble.

DENVER, April 4.—On receipt of a telegram from the chief of police of Chicago the police to-day arrested Barney McKinney and Andy Larkins, well known horsemen, and are detaining them to await the arrival of Chicago officers. The arrest is something of a mystery, it being alleged that the prisoners are wanted in Illinois for stealing a string of valuable race horses from Kentucky. The horses arrived here yesterday and were in the possession of McKinney and Larkins when they were arrested. The animals are reported to be worth between $20,000 and $30,000.

Congressman Ryan Resigns.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Governor Humphrey to-day received by telegraph Hon. Thomas Ryan's resignation as member of congress from the Fourth congressional district. Mr. Ryan having been appointed minister to Mexico. A special election will be called at once. The district is so overwhelmingly republican that a nomination is equal to an election. There are already eighteen candidates for the vacancy.

By Her Own Hand.

WATERTOWN, Dak., April 4—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An inquest was held this afternoon before Coroner Groesbreck and a jury on the body of Rose Labord, an inmate of the houses of ill-fame on the school section, who died this morning from a dose of carbolic acid. The verdict was that death was caused by her own hand.

The Chicago Political Situation.

CHICAGO, April 4.—To-day's developments changed at least one feature of the local political situation. Instead of a clean sweep for the democracy, the city clerkship, one of the most important offices on the list, falls to the republican party. In point of patronage the clerkship stands next to the mayoralty.

Clear From Ice.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., April 4.—The tug River Queen, from Seamen's Cove, is the first arrival in the straits. Her captain reports no ice at Detour and that he met none on Lake Huron.

Suicide of a Brewer.

LOUISVILLE, April 4.—Jacob Hernung, a New Albany brewer, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Financial embarrassment was the cause.

The New Express Tariffs.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The agreed tariff of rates accepted by the superintendents of the large express companies will go into effect April 11.

A PICNIC FOR JAY GOULD

But Sorrow and Despair in Poor People's Homes.

ROBBED OF ATCHISON STOCK.

The Little Wizard Works the Market and Forces Small Holders to Sell at a Loss for His Private Gain.

A Gigantic Scheme.

NEW YORK, April 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It is the current belief in Wall street that Jay Gould is once more actively manipulating the stock market; that he has in view a deal that will embrace all the southwestern systems, and place practically under one management the Missouri Pacific and Atchison systems, forming one immense combination which will work in harmony with C. P. Huntington's Southern Pacific systems. This belief was strengthened today when it was reported that Gould was quietly soliciting proxies for the Atchison stock to be voted at the coming annual election, at which it is admitted there will be some changes in the board of directors. What these are going to be, the representatives of the Atchison company in this city say they do not yet know. But Wall street men have pretty generally settled down to the belief that they are going to be in the Gould interests. Gould himself, or some one representing him, will be found to have been elected when the ballots are counted. Kidder, Peabody & Co. have also issued a call for proxies, but this is not taken as any indication of a struggle between the banking house and Gould for control of the Atchison, for the reason that the banking interests and Gould have been for some time using every effort to settle the bitter fight that has been raging among the railroad companies of the southwest as well as northwest, and which has resulted in the most disastrous year these roads have ever experienced.

The ultimate settlement of this fight will be hailed with joy by Wall street men, but the holders of Atchison stock may not feel quite so gleeful. Last year it was estimated that this stock was held by about seventeen thousand individual stockholders, the majority of whom were scattered throughout New England. In fact, it was said there was scarcely a city or town in that section where there was not some of it held, principally in small lots, representing the savings of men and women who had thus invested their money against a rainy day. The stock was dividend paying, quoted at fancy figures, having at one time sold at about $120 a share, but it has gradually been hammered down until most of these small holders have lost all they had and been forced to sell their stock, and within three days it has been as low as 39⅛, a drop of about eighty points. The usual bear tactics have been used to produce this result. But while Jay Gould and his associates have been picking up blocks of stocks which they have forced holders to sell, there is sorrow and perhaps despair in many New