scarlet fever patients have been permitted to attend school without official protest.

Mrs. Dobbins, wife of the supposed drowned man of North Bend, has offered a reward of $50 for the recovery of the body.

The Star Literary society rendered a very delightful program at the normal chapel last evening, in which about a score of the society participated, the oration being delivered by Miss Ella Ferree.

The surveyors for the Eastern Nebraska & Gulf railway are expected to arrive in Fremont the present week, where their enterprise is entirely appreciated, more especially if they lay the route through the city.

ASHLAND'S ORATORS.

Prizes Awarded Them for Excellence—Mrs. Belle Fellows Chaska.

ASHLAND, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The oratorical contest held in Simington's opera house was very much of a success. In the oratorical class the oration "Regulus to the Carthagenians," delivered by Frank Young, took the first prize, and "The American Flag," by Philip Folsom, took second prize. In the dramatic the first prize was taken by Miss Elta Jones, who spoke "Charley Machree" in a very creditable manner. The judges were Messrs. Lell and Pollard and Miss Wheeler of the State university. In two weeks an oratorical contest will be held to choose speakers for the district contest to be held in Beatrice next month.

The First Baptist church of this city, together with representatives from the Baptist churches at Omaha, South Omaha, Lincoln and Council Bluffs, ordained Rev. A. E. Keables as an evangelist. Rev. Keables is very popular in Ashland, having made his home here for the last two years. He is the son-in-law of Mr. Dennis Dean of this city.

Mrs. Cora Belle Fellows Chaska, who married a Santee Sioux Indian by the name of Chaska several years ago, is supposed to be living here. All efforts to obtain an interview with her have been futile.

Revival services have been conducted at the Christian church by Rev. Elliot of Ulysses, Neb., with excellent success.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the coming year: Captain, N. J. Waltermire; lieutenant, Jacob Aughe; herald, R. E. Moore; recorder, Jeff Smith; treasurer, James Dauley; guard, H. M. Flanders; sentinel, F. C. Chamberlain.

The following officers were installed by the Hagar Rebekah lodge, No. 71, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at its last regular meeting: Noble grand, Miss Maud Chamberlain; vice grand, Mrs. J. T. Aughe; recording secretary, R. Dexter; permanent secretary, Mrs. Zella Blodgett; treasurer, Mrs. George Deileth.

FOR AN AWFUL CRIME.

Arrest of a Decatur Man for the Brutal Treatment of His Doughter.

DECATUR, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—A warrant was sworn out today against Sylvanus Halstead, charging him with assault upon the person of his 13-year-old daughter. County Attorney Ira Thomas came over from Oakland, and the prisoner will be taken to Tekamah tomorrow and lodged in jail unless he furnishes satisfactory bail. His preliminary hearing will take place on Wednesday. Halstead had recently left his wife, and since then it seems the daughter had told her woeful story to her married sister. The special charges referred to in the complaint occurred about June 15, 1893, and probably through fear the child dared not complain. He was before the authorities a few months ago for unmercifully beating his 10-year-old boy, and at that time evidence of his inhuman brutality was produced. Excitement runs high, and should the charges prove true Decatur would prove an unhealthy place for him.

Tales from Talmage.

TALMAGE, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—Prof. Schneider celebrated his seventieth birthday March 1.

Thus far the powers that be at Washington think the only competent person to lick stamps gracefully at the Talmage postoffice is our veteran republican, H. L. Reeve. He does it, too, with satisfaction to all.

Gussie Butz, who was recently injured by the bursting of a gun, is not making a rapid recovery. It is feared he will lose one eye.

Grandmother Tibbets, who has been slowly declining during the winter, is very feeble, and her early demise is expected.

The Talmage Tribune has passed its twelfth milestone and enters the thirteenth natal period of its existence with vigor. The Tribune, under the management of its present genial editor, Mr. Fairbrother, is clean, crisp and newsy, and reflects credit upon Talmage.

Talmage is becoming a noted society town. The following fraternal organizations exist, each with an enthusiastic membership: Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Loyal Mystic Legion, Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps.

Mr. Jeff Vanderbergh will assume the management of the Farmers elevator March 15. Mr. Vanderbergh has had years of experience in the stock and grain business and has the confidence of the entire community.

Miss Ethel Seammon of York, Neb., is visiting her many friends in Talmage and vicinity.

Mrs. Quinton of Avoca is the guest of Mrs. Meade of the Clifton.

Mrs. Hugh Norton is afflicted with a rare form of disease called bone hypertrophy. All the bones are enlarging and the bones of the skull have exercised such pressure on the optic nerve as to already cause blindness of the left eye. She recently visited Kansas City and Chicago to consult with eminent specialists and received no encouragement, all specialists agreeing that the disease is an incurable one. Medical literature cites but 100 cases of this disease.

Not Much Interest Being Taken.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The coming city election which will be held the first Tuesday in April, is attracting but little attention. No calls for primaries or conventions have been made by either party, although the nominations must be placed on file with the city clerk by the 15th inst. Among the possible republican nominees for mayor are: H. H. Bartling, present incumbent; William Bischof and T. C. Dunn. The two latter are at present serving as councilmen. Democratic possibilities are: City treasurer, Fred Hellier and Robert Payne. No one, however, is making any effort to secure the nomination.

Auburn Personals.

AUBURN, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—John Damaree paid Roca a flying business visit the first of the week.

Peter Berger of Glen Rock is moving to town this week and will occupy the Boyd property, which he purchased recently.

Charles Lloyd is in Seattle, Wash., looking up a business location.

Mr. Campbell and wife of Kansas are the guests of J. W. Taylor and family.

Henry Morgenstein and family have returned home after a sojourn in California.

James Ginder and son of Nebraska City are visiting in Auburn.

Grandpa Miller, as he is familiarly called, is lying very low at his home in this city of softening of the brain and his death is expected hourly.

Jacob Erisman of Missouri is visiting friends in this city.

Richard & Lindsey have purchased J. K. Collins' stock of general merchandise.

The young friends of Miss Mary Campbell tendered her a farewell party on Thursday evening. Miss Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, who started for Trenion, Neb., the first of March to make their future home and grow up with the country.

L. D. Wheeldon, who has been connected with the Granger for fourteen long years, has leased his share to Messrs. Dundas & Carley. Mr. Wheldon's health has become impaired from steady work and he will take a rest for a year.

E. S. McCandlass was summoned to Omaha Wednesday to attend the bedside of his father, who is quite ill, with but slight hopes of recovery.

Dr. C. F. Stewart paid Tecumseh a professional visit Tuesday.

Hon. T. J. Majors was feeling the political pulse in this locality Monday.

Alfred Wills of London precinct, who fell from a ladder last week, died Tuesday of his injuries.

J. F. Cole has rented his farm and will soon remove his family to Auburn.

B. & M. Agent Wheeldon and family Sundayed in Nemaha City.

Mr. Charles Harmon and Miss Vinnie Scofield were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last Thursday at the home of the bride in this city, Rev. L. L. Combs pronouncing the magical words.

Oltman O'Byrene, a wealthy German, together with his estimable family, departed Friday for Hildreth, where they will make their future home.

Coming Chadron Attractions.

CHADRON, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The old timers in this section must occasionally have some sort of recreation in the way of western sports and races. The stock of petrified men being exhausted, the cowboy race to Chicago a thing of the past and the tenderfeet getting so they decline to ride the festive broncho, the horsemen and others are making arrangements to hold at this place some time in the latter part of May or the first part of June a series of races, which, for novelty and character, have never been equaled. They will consist of one race of 100 miles, one race of fifty miles, one Indian race of twenty-five miles, ring races, exhibitions of skill in shooting, etc., with horses under the dead run, roping, broncho riding and other western recreations too numerous to mention. At this time there will be in attendance over 1,000 Indians, probably being the largest number ever gathered together for exhibitions of skill and fleetness of themselves and horses within the remembrance of the "oldest inhabitant." The races will take place on a track which makes a circle around the city. The tournament is assured, and being in the hands of the following well known business men, will be an event such as was never equaled in this country: E. D. Satterlee, chairman; J. I. Leas, R. Flanders, J. W. Boyd, W. R. Smith, W. F. Hayward and H. B. O'Linn, secretary.

The Red Cross society gave an entertainment Thursday night which was one of the most pleasant events of the season. The feature of the evening was the recitation of Miss Bess O'Linn, who gave "How Grandma Danced the Minuet" in so pleasing a manner that she had repeatedly to respond to encores.

Items from West Point.

WEST POINT, March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—Chris Rocke, the new landlord and owner of the Pennsylvania house, arrived in this city Thursday. For the present he is storing his furniture in empty houses in this city.

Colonel Killian, ex-Catholic priest, now miles east of here, fell from an outside step Thursday, receiving a fracture of the right thigh.

Amandus Derr returned this week from a trip to his old home in Pennsylvania.

Colonel Killian, ex-Catholic priest, now inspector of the Knights of Pythias, was in this city Wednesday evening the guest of the Uniform Rank of this place.

Dr. Lingenfelder has decided to remove to St. Louis to take up the practice of his recently deceased brother.

The drama entitled "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," was rendered in this city Friday evening by the senior class of the High school. The hall was crowded. Each part was rendered most excellently. Nearly $50 was realized, which will be expended for a stereopticon for the High school.

Affairs at Ord.

ORD, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—Prof. George Kelley and Misses Mary H. Johnson and Mary E. Rich of the city schools attended the meeting of the Howard County Teachers association at St. Paul Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ratliff returned from a trip to Texas Monday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Stewart left for Lincoln last Monday on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. T. L. Hall returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in Omaha and Lincoln.

Mrs. C. McLaughlin of Central City, who has been visiting with relatives in the city, returned home Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mallory returned from Chicago Friday evening.

The Methodist Episcopal church has received so many accessions to its membership during the revival services held this winter that the congregation is considering the necessity of enlarging the church edifice this spring.

Lyons Laconics.

LYONS, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Rebekahs, Americus lodge No. 92, gave a supper and social at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and the evening was passed very pleasantly.

County Superintendent C. F. Beck has sold his hardware stock to J. H. Coffin, who has taken charge of the store.

The railroad surveyors of the Gulf & Northern road are about fifteen miles north of town, surveying this way. Those who seem to be best posted in regard to the line believe it will pass through Lyons.

Should the warm weather continue farmers will begin to sow next week.

Nebraska City News Notes.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—Mrs. Mary Carlton, one of the oldest settlers of this county, died this morning, aged 68.

The ice in the river went out with a rush yesterday. A gorge was formed near the distillery, but it soon gave way. Considerable protective work along the river bank above the Burlington bridge was torn away, but the damage is not regarded as serious.

A thunder storm, the first of the season, visited this section this morning. It was of brief duration, however, and followed by slightly colder weather.

Jefferson County Mortgages.

FAIRBURY, March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The mortgage record for Jefferson county is as follows: Farm mortgages, sixty-three filed, $70,672.96; forty-six released, $42,491.01. City mortgages, seven filed, $3,963.61; five released, $1,881. Chattel mortgages, seventy-four filed, $16,749.32; forty-four released, $11,682.89.

The county commissioners appointed Dr. G. L. Pritchett coroner, vice M. L. Eaton, deceased.

Wind Storm at Gresham.

GRESHAM, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A terrific wind and rain storm struck this place at 7:45 this morning, lasting about ten minutes. A large amount of water fell. No damage was done, excepting to a few outhouses, which were blown down.

BURNED THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Some Unknown Person Destroys a Building at Gresham.

GRESHAM, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—This peaceful little place was aroused between 9 and 10 o'clock last night by the alarm of fire, which burned the school house. It seems there was a hole bored on the north side which struck a studding, and a second hole was bored and paper lighted and inserted, when the party was cautioned by a passerby not to set the building afire. The firebug then ran away.

The building was watched from that on till 11 o'clock, when it seemed to start all at once, and destroyed practically everything. Loss, $3,000; insurance, $2,000. The party first seen at the building has not been identified yet.

SPORTING NOTES.

Lively Wrestling Match at Lyons.

LYONS, Neb., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—One of the most exciting wrestling matches ever witnessed in this part of the country took place in the rink yesterday afternoon between Ed Thompson and Ed Rogers. Each wrestler weighs 180 pounds. The contest was for $50 a side. Thompson, throwing Rogers three times out of five, was declared winner. There was a large crowd present.

Zim is After the Stuff.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Mr. W. J. Morgan of the American Wheelman, accompanied by A. J. Cahill of the Referee (Chicago), called at the Associated press office this evening and stated that Zimmerman, the amateur bicycle champion of the world, had called at the Wheelman, and had said in reply to the challenge issued by John Johnson to race any amateur from a mile to five miles, that he would meet Johnson at any distance, provided a large stake was put up, the stake not to be less than $5,000, and from that up. Should Zimmerman and Johnson join the ranks of the professional riders it would probably cause a stampede to the professional from the amateur ranks.

New York Chess Gossip.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Play in the chess match between Albin and Eugene Delmar was resumed this evening. In the fortieth move Albin missed the winning combination and lost ultimately in the forty-eighth. The score: Albin, 4; Delmar, 2.

William Steinitz and Manuel Lasker signed articles today for a match, ten games up, for $2,000 a side and the championship at chess of the world. J. W. Baird and J. W. Showalter have been selected as umpires and play will begin on March 15.

The seventh game in the match between A. B. Hodges and J. W. Showalter for the chess championship of the United States, which stood adjourned, was completed today. Hodges won in the seventy-fourth move. The score is now: Showalter, 2; Hodges, 2; drawn, 3.

Made it a Draw.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., March 4.—"Black Pearl" and Jack Ramsay, lightweight champions of Wyoming and Oregon respectively, met in the ring here last night. After twenty hotly contested rounds the fight was declared a draw.

SUING THE BARONESS.

Dakota Landlord Anxious to Have the Divorcee Come Up and Settle.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The case started about two years ago by P. H. Edmison against Baroness de Stuers-Zborowski for $12,500 for specific performance of contract is now on trial here. When Mme. de Stuers came to Sioux Falls to secure a divorce she anticipated a hard fight. In order that everything connected with her side of the case would be all right and her residence appear bona fide she determined to rent a house in which she would reside. She therefore gave her agent a written order to purchase the Edmison residence for $12,500, the agent to receive $500 commission. The offer was made and accepted. The madam was to take possession on August 10, 1891. On that day Mr. Edmison tendered her the deed of the property and she refused it on the ground that her attorney, subsequent to the time the offer was accepted, had discovered grave defects in the title. Edmison finally brought suit against her for a judgment for the whole amount with interest to date. The madam, who is now in London, has secured a strong firm of attorneys to fight the matter. The agent who negotiated the deal sued Mme. de Stuers for his $500 commission. This case was tried and the jury disagreed, but the matter comes up for a new trial next week.

Neils Madson, who, on January 4, assaulted his employer, Nels Anderson, with an ax and robbed him of $700, was Saturday landed in the penitentiary here to serve a term of eighteen years. The prisoner arrived in irons and followed the directions of Sheriff Zeb Stout, who brought him from Parker in a quiet, matter-of-fact way. Madson looks more like an ordinary farm hand than a murderer. His victim, Nels Anderson, has had both of his legs amputated, but is getting along fairly well. Sheriff Stout also brought with him Henry Potter, sentenced to two years, and Clark B. Tenney, sentenced to eighteen months for burglarizing a hardware store at Marion Junction about six weeks ago.

Mrs. Lizzie Kercheval of Rapid City has been notified that she has come into the possession of $10,000 by the death of J. C. Wilmerding of San Francisco. The deceased was a wealthy wholesale liquor dealer and bequeaths over $1,500,000 to his relatives and $40,000 to the State university of California.

Takes a Hopeless View of It.

LIMERICK, March 4.—The mayor of this city today presided at a meeting held at the town hall. He made an address, in the course of which, speaking in favor of the policy followed by the Parnellite section of the Irish parliamentary party, he declared that the resignation of Mr. Gladstone meant the shelving of home rule for a long time. The events of the past week had convinced even the anti-Parnellites that their policy was lost.

ROLLING STOCK STATISTICS.

The Union Pacific has 26,454 cars.

In 1884 Russia had 5,810 locomotives and 121,000 cars.

An ordinary locomotive is said to consist of 5,416 pieces.

In 1887 the locomotives of the United States ran 688,800,000 miles.

It is said that the world has 99,000 locomotives, of which 56,500 are in Europe.

Mulhall says that the life of a locomotive is usually fifteen years and its earnings $300,000.

A railroad journal estimates that Europe can turn out of its factories 6,400 locomotives every year.

A flying locomotive was exhibited in England in 1868. It seemed to give a promise of success.

The railroads of the world are said to have 150,000 passenger cars and 2,510,000 freight cars.

Mulhall says that the average price of locomotives in the United States is $9,000; of sleeping cars, $15,000.

There are in this country 35,281 locomotives, 24,881 passenger cars, 7,900 mail and baggage cars and 1,168,849 freight cars.

The locomotive mileage in the United States far exceeds that of the locomotives for all Europe, and the cost of running is also greater.

Railroad authorities say that an ordinary locomotive has 300 horse-power and burns a ton of coke for eighty miles of passenger train travel.

An ice locomotive was some years ago constructed for use in Russia. It is employed to haul freight between St. Petersburg and Cronstadt. The front part rests on a sledge, and the driving wheels are studded with spikes.

When the Liverpool & Manchester steam railroad was projected all sorts of objections were made. "The smoke would kill all the birds." "The sparks would set the houses on fire." "Passengers could not breathe in a train moving so rapidly." "The railroad would kill all the game." "Thousands of coachmen would be thrown out of employment." "The English spirit of independence would be totally destroyed."

TRIUMPHANT THOMAS B. REED

How Events Have Vindicated the Course of the Brainy Man from Maine.

PRIVATE PULLS AT THE PUBLIC PURSE

How Jeffersonian Simplicity Puts on Lugs at the Expense of the Government—Cleveland's Delay is Costly—More Bonds Coming.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(Correspondence of The Bee.)—About the best pleased man in Washington these days is ex-Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed of Maine. He is not only the most absolute power on the republican side of the house, whom all of the minority follows with great respect and no hesitation, but he is the best debater and the finest tactician in congress. Mr. Reed has never felt or appreciated his power so much as now and he has never had so much respect for the confidence given him. Above all this, however, which makes the big, bald-headed republican from Maine most happy is the fact that every one of the precedents established by him during the Fifty-first congress, and so roundly denounced by the democrats, has been fully vindicated by the proceedings in the Fifty-third congress.

"It only takes time for horse sense to get its vindication," said Mr. Reed the other day, when complimented by a colleague for having lived to see his complete vindication at the hands of democrats, and a vindication so early upon the establishment of his action. Mr. Reed never takes any unction to himself in private conversation about the wisdom of his rulings and the subsequent action of the democrats in being compelled to resort to his proceedures in order to do business, even with a majority of nearly 100.

In elaborating upon the decision of the supreme court which upheld his counting of a quorum, Mr. Reed observed that the common horse sense of any man fit to occupy a public position would suggest the fact that a constitutional quorum comprised a majority of a legislative body present; that the fact that the majority of the membership was present was sufficient to prove the presence of a quorum, and the only question there was about the point made against him and which went to the supreme court was how that quorum, known to be in the presence of the presiding officer, should be ascertained when members refused to vote on a roll call.

"Why," said Mr. Reed, "a school boy presiding over a mock court would catch the idea that it was the duty of the presiding officer to count those present when they refused to respond to their names in order to establish the record fact that a quorum was present. It is the primary function of the officer presiding to ascertain at the very outset of a proceeding whether a quorum is present in order to determine whether business can be proceeded with. When a meeting of directors of a body is called the chairman or president always casts about to see if a majority is present, and you know that officer learns whether there is a quorum present by counting them. That is the way the supreme court of the United States regarded my action when I counted a quorum."

If the Fifty-fourth congress, to be elected next November, is republican Mr. Reed will have no opposition on the republican side. His nomination will be by acclamation in the republican caucus. He is about the only man in the house now whom the democrats fear and respect with one accord.

SENATORS AND SLANDERS.

Readers of current news must have taken notice of the fact that politicians have about quit the practice of denying newspaper rumors derogatory to their reputation. A senator explains this by repeating a little conversation he recently had with ex-Senator Sanders of Montana. Sitting in the office of Sanders one day the latter picked up a newspaper containing a very vigorous and serious attack upon him, a reflection upon his personal character. After reading it Sanders observed:

"That is a pretty sharp attack and a very serious charge, isn't it?"

"Yes," replied the visiting senator, "and if I were you I would deny it."

"Why deny it?" queried Sanders.

"Because," said the ex-senator's friend, "a man of your good reputation and character should not let such a charge stand against him."

"That is true," said Saunders, "but I shall not deny it. I know it is a serious thing and it is a lie out of whole cloth. Furthermore, I could deny it in a very few words and could clear up the impression it has created against me."

"Then I cannot see why you don't deny the statement."

"Simply because," said Saunders, contemplatively, "if I should deny this the next charge they brought against me might be true and I would not want to try to deny that. A smart politician ought never to deny lies published against him, as he would have no place to stop when a truth was published without exciting suspicion and emphasizing that truth."

PRIVATE HOMES AND PUBLIC CASH.

The publication of the fact that Secretary Hoke Smith had brought from Atlanta a colored woman to make pastry or prepare possum in his private house, and in order to induce her to leave her Georgia home had placed her republican husband upon the pay rolls of the Interior department, thereby making much indignation and trouble among the democratic darkies in Georgia, has caused the Paul Prys of Washington to take a peep into the domestic affairs of some of President Cleveland's cabinet households.

The other day a Chicago newspaper published a special from its Washington correspondent to the effect that there were maintained at the expense of the government a pair of handsome Kentucky horses, a double carriage and victoria, with the coachman, footman and other accoutrements, for the social benefit of Mrs. Carlisle, wife of the secretary of the treasury; that beside there was employed at the Carlisle residence a colored man borne upon the pay rolls of the Treasury department, who looked after the social engagements of the wife of the secretary, and that the son of the secretary, who is the gentlemanly and popular chief clerk of the department, was supporting for his private benefit a saddle horse and coupe and coachman, all at the expense of the government. Your correspondent, believing that the punctiliousness and scrupulous character of Secretary Carlisle would not permit of such a proceeding, made extensive inquiry into the fact of these assertions, and was surprised to be met with the blunt admission of every statement. It is all true. The defense is that "these things have been customary with cabinet officers, and the government is put to no extra expense by these things."

An officer who has been in the employ conspicuously of one of the departments for nearly a quarter of a century tells me that there are more men and women borne upon the pay rolls of the eight executive departments now doing domestic and society work at the houses of cabinet officers three times over than at any other period within his knowledge. He says that in the Treasury department alone there are eight or ten horses owned and fed by the government and as many coachmen and footmen borne upon the pay rolls who do nothing but attend to the comforts and wishes of the officers of that department; that four or five men and as many women who draw their pay from the government are doing service at the private houses of officials of that department. Furthermore, he says that he knows of women who are borne upon the pay rolls of departments as charwomen who do all sorts of chores at the private residences of departmental officials.

There are probably twenty men about Washington today who frequent the corridors of the capitol and the hotels and are seen so much upon the streets that they are regarded by their friends as being totally out of employment, and yet draw large salaries from the departments. Apparently they render no service, and their positions are sinecures. I am told that more than one-half of the higher officials in the departments, including heads of bureaus, are daily shaven, and have their boots blackened, and creases made in their trousers and their beavers polished by dark-skinned gentlemen borne upon the pay rolls of their respective departments. If it were possible I presume they would get their provender d. h. from a government hash house.

EMBARRASSES CARLISLE.

There promises to be a more rapid consideration of all the offices within the jurisdiction of the Treasury department that have not yet been filled by President Cleveland. A decision of Commissioner of Customs Pugh, interpreting the letter of the statute limiting the terms of collectors of ports, surveyors and naval officers to four years, has its practical bearing in the fact that Mr. Pugh will pay no salary to any officer after his term has expired. Secretary Carlisle, while chagrined at this decision by Mr. Pugh, concedes its correctness and admits that in no case can the bondsmen of these officials be held liable after the four years' term of the official has expired. Mr. Pugh's decision has placed Secretary Carlisle in a most embarrassing position. He sent to the senate a day or two ago a communication urging the amendment of the existing statutes defining the term of office of collectors and naval officers and surveyors in such a manner that they shall hereafter be appointed "for a term of four years or until their successors qualify."

Unfortunately for Mr. Carlisle, at the present moment, however, there is no prospect that this bill can be passed by both houses for some time to come. The practical working of Mr. Pugh's decision showed itself in all its awkwardness in the case of the collector of customs at Boston, whose term expired about two weeks ago. The collector notified Mr. Carlisle of the expiration of his term and was informed in turn by the department that under Mr. Pugh's decision his salary stopped on the day his term expired. His bondsmen were also notified that they were released from their bond. He was requested, however, by the secretary to hold over for a few days as a favor to the department. The collector did so, and for about a week continued to handle the millions of dollars that passed through his hands as chief custodian of the government's revenues at the port of Boston, his only bond being "his word of honor as a gentleman." The department here concedes that if the collector had chosen to misappropriate all the moneys he received every day by collusion with the naval officer of the port, there would have been no law to reach him and no method of recovering the amount of his defalcation. He was not an officer of the government, because his term had expired, and he was not receiving any salary; he was not responsible, because his bond had expired by limitation. Hence the last thing Mr. Cleveland did before he sailed away for the thoughtful seclusion of the Dismal Swamp was to appoint a new collector at Boston and to instruct the secretary of the treasury to request an amendment of the existing law by congress. Until the law is amended the Boston dilemma will be repeated in every large city. Consequently there is a probability that these officers will hereafter be named a few days before the expiration of the term of the present incumbent, so that they can be confirmed by the senate and be ready to qualify immediately upon the expiration of the incumbent's term.

DREAD OF ANOTHER BOND ISSUE.

It is figured that within twelve weeks the expenses of the government above the revenues, amounting to nearly $500,000 daily, will have exhausted the $36,000,000 in hand above the reserve fund, and that we will have resumed the consumption of the $100,000,000 of gold reserve. Then another bond issue and sale will be necessary. In other words, it is calculated that a second bond issue will be necessary before the 1st of May, as it is not the intention to permit the gold reserve to be disturbed when it is known that the second bond issue will be necessary.

At the present rate of revenue receipts and expenditures the annual deficiency is approximately $80,000,000. This would continue under the operation of the Wilson tariff bill were it not for the fact that we are to have an income tax and increase of the taxes on whisky, cigarettes, etc. With these provisions it is calculated that the receipts of the government under the new tariff law will be equal to the expenditures, but it will be some time, probably four or five months, before the new tariff law will be in condition to take effect. It is not the fact that the commercial interests of the country are at a standstill that the democrats in congress are anxious to hasten the new tariff into law so much as a desire to escape a second bond issue.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Western Pensions.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—Pensions granted, issue of February 19, were: Nebraska: Reissue—Ellison Street, Davenport, Thayer. Original widows, etc.—Sarah C. Williams, Schuyler, Colfax; Emma M. Wilcott, Grant, Perkins; Olive A. Maxson, Humboldt, Richardson; minors of Robert T. Freeman, Grant, Perkins.

Iowa: Original—Orrin L. Williams, Tama, Tama; George H. Vaneman, Independence, Buchanan. Restoration and reissue—Joshua S. Whinery, Marshalltown, Marshall. Original widows, etc.—Margaret Burgess, Marshalltown, Marshall.

South Dakota: Reissue—Nathaniel Presho, Yankton, Yankton. Original widows, etc.—Minor of Hugh J. McLaughlin, Britton, Marshall.

Colorado: Original—Benjamin Howard, Durango, La Plata; Alexander B. Dilley, Denver, Arapahoe.

Wyoming: Original widows, etc.—Emily A. Mahon, Cheyenne, Laramie.

North Dakota: Original—John W. Winchester, Pembina, Pembina.

Issue of February 20:

Nebraska: Original widows, etc.—Sarah Archer, Plattsmouth, Cass; Susan A. Purdy, Swan, Holt.

Iowa: Original—William Jack, Bridgewater, Adair; Lewis B. Stark, Central City, Linn; Marquis De Burket, Oskaloosa, Mahaska; Midian Knouse, Creston, Union. Increase—John W. Udy, Des Moines, Polk. Reissue—Charles E. Miller, Sigourney, Keokuk. Original widows, etc.—Mary Jane Totman, Storm Lake, Buena Vista. Indian war widow—Indiana Said, Correctionville, Woodbury.

Colorado: Original—Benjamin F. Rafferty, Catlin, Otero.

Confirmed by the Girl's Father.

BARBOURSVILLE, Ky., March 3.—The story about Leo Tye being skinned alive by hunters in Harlan county, as detailed yesterday, for kidnaping a young girl and secreting her in the woods has been confirmed by the father of Miss Bryant, the young lady whom Tye murdered about a year ago near Jelico. Tye was hanged by a mob near Jelico at the time of Miss Bryant's murder in order to compel him to confess but he did not and was released, but when he was captured in Harlan county he confessed this murder and that he had taken several other girls and kept them in a like manner in the woods until they died.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Clara, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, 2822 Nicholas, died yesterday of brain fever.

Mrs. H. P. Lewis will give the last lecture in the Unity club course next Friday evening. Subject, "Tennyson."

J. T. Johnston has been appointed as a clerk in the railway mail service. He will run from Republican City, Neb., to St. Francis, Kan.

S. Butch, residing at Thirty-second and Harney streets, reports that while attending services at the Seward Street Methodist church last evening somebody stole his saddle horse.

The Houston Electric Light company has been losing large quantities of valuable copper wire of late, but yesterday the manager of the company succeeded in locating a lot of the stolen wire and caused warrants to be issued for two men who are suspected of being the thieves.

The receipts of the Omaha custom house during the week included three cars of tin plate for the Cudahy Packing company, two bales Sumatra tobacco for H. Rosenstock & Co., one case of guns for the Parmalee Gun company, a case of lace curtains for the Orchard-Wilhelm company, and four cars of bullion for the Grant Smelting and Refining company.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Independents Decide to Ask for Two Candidates on the Citizens Ticket.

THOUGHT TO BE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH

Police Judgship Sought by Judges Fowler and Hedges—Dr. Glasgow Talks About Annexation Again—Other Magic City News.

The independents of South Omaha held a caucus Saturday night for the purpose of discussing what figure that party would cut in the coming municipal campaign. There were twenty of the stalwarts present and the discussions were in keeping with the gatherings of the late campaign, in so far as harmony was concerned. In the face of the fact that this party only polls a very small vote there were members of the party who stood out for a demand to have on the citizens' ticket two or more candidates. The more conservative element thought that if the independents named the candidate for police judge they would be receiving all that was just and fair. This proposition finally prevailed, and although no definite action was taken and will not be until next Tuesday night, it is certain that the independents will either place Judge Fowler or Judge Hedges in the field for police judge by petition. Both these gentlemen belong to the independent party. Judge Hedges has presided at a meeting of the Citizens Campaign club, and it is thought he will receive the endorsement of that body. Judge Fowler's friends say that the independents will put him in the field by petition, and Judge Hedges' friends say they don't care if they do in case Mr. Hedges gets the nomination in the citizens' convention.

In speaking of the candidacy of the two men Judge Hedges said: "By common consent the office of police judge goes to an independent. I have nothing to say against the candidacy of Judge Fowler. If he secures the nomination in the citizens' convention I will have nothing to say. If he can't get it I want it. That's all there is to it."

Annexation Statement.

Postmaster Glasgow owns considerable property in South Omaha and is one of the most enthusiastic citizens here when it comes to the endorsement of any proposition that will add to the interests of the city. The doctor is now and always has been in favor of annexation. He fought hard for it when the proposition was before the people and he is just as enthusiastic today as he was then. The subject is not being agitated to any great extent, for the time is not ripe for the proposition to be acted on even if the people wished it. The general opinion in South Omaha is, however, that citizens here are more anxious to be annexed than the Omaha people are to take them in. "There would never have been any East Omaha today," said Dr. Glasgow, "if annexation had carried when voted on. We will be annexed sooner or later, and for one I am in favor of having it done as soon as the law will allow. With annexation, a pontoon bridge across to Manawa and the canal terminus on West Q street we would soon have a city here that would outstrip anything ever dreamed of by some of these narrow-guage citizens who oppose branching out in any direction."

It Was Unanimous.

It was erroneously stated in an Omaha paper that there was opposition to the proposition accepted by the Associated Charities to join with the Hospital association and take a room at $10 a month in order to reduce rent. The vote on the matter was unanimous. The Associated Charities pays $5 a month for the room now used. The difference would be but $5 a month and there is no more worthy subject of charity than a hospital. The man who attends to the hospital could attend to the charity store. The Associated Charities have opened an employment agency and this, together with the other duties, will give the attendant plenty to do. The pay of the attendant could be divided between the two associations, making it light on both.

Magic City Gossip.

The city council meets tonight.

The fire alarm wires were slightly damaged by the storm.

William Burness picked up a watch in the middle of the road near Savage's crossing yesterday and turned it over to Chief Mitchell. The timepiece is an open faced, nickel watch. It is thought the watch belongs to a farmer who had a runaway on that street Saturday.

A paragraph in an Omaha paper stated that Justice Levy had been sued by a party named Head on the ground that the justice had issued an attachment for property that was exempt. Judge Levy says he knows nothing of the matter, and says the item must refer to another justice.

A message was received from Lyons yesterday by Mr. Joseph Cornish announcing the death of his wife. Mrs. Cornish was well known in this city. She had made South Omaha her home for several years. When Mrs. Cornish was taken ill she was nursed at her home for weeks, and finally it was deemed advisable to take her to the home of a sister, where she died.

A CRITICISM ANSWERED.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of the 20th ult. Mr. Otto H. Schons takes exception to my article, "Odd Bits of Texas Life."

In answering this gentleman's letter I grant that he has been in Texas. He particularly denounces me for not writing any "startling revelations." What does the gentleman want? A bound volume of the Kansas City Sun? If so, I will procure it for him.

Mr. Schons "ventures to assert" that I have never seen a six-shooter in Texas. A man of Mr. Schons' conceit should never venture. Yet he may have lived in Texas long enough to learn that it is safer to venture than to assert. The writer has not only seen an abundance of Texans wearing six-shooters, but at a dance in Fredricsburg saw one of the gallants with a Winchester strapped to his back. This is not an unusual thing in rural districts.

Yet how should Mr. Schons know anything about the manners and customs of the rustics? Surely a man who is "aware" that Texas society is "very refined and exclusive" would not deign to mix among the common herd. While in San Antonio he probably moved among these exclusives, enjoying the natatoriums and the free soap. I say again, how should he know?

In Mr. Schons' concluding remarks he positively asserts that the city of San Antonio owns its water system. Here the gentleman disqualifies himself as a critic, for the water system of San Antonio belongs to Millionaire Breckenridge.

A. EDWARD MILES.

Nebraskans at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 29.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—As usual at this season of the year, Hot Springs is entertaining a very large number of distinguished people, ladies and gentlemen, and prominent business people from all parts of the United States. Among the number are some Nebraska people and residents of Omaha.

Prominent among these are ex-Governor J. E. Boyd, who is a guest at the Arlington hotel, and has been here for a number of weeks and expects to remain for some time. H. G. Koehler, cashier of the First National bank of Blue Hill, Neb., is a late arrival, and is registered at the Eastman hotel.

Colonel E. K. Kempner, a prominent business man of Falls City, is in the city for the season. Colonel Kempner bobs the scales at 305, but hopes, through the agency of the vapor baths, to reduce himself to a foot-racing condition before he leaves.

CHARLES S. GOODRICH DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon After Three Weeks of Suffering.

Charles S. Goodrich, one of Omaha's pioneers, for two terms a member of the city council from the Fourth ward and for two terms city comptroller, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at his residence, 508 South Twentieth street.

Death was caused by a carbuncle which appeared about three weeks ago on the back of the neck and which finally reached the brain. Mr. Goodrich was unconscious most of the time for a week preceding his death, rallying at long intervals and for a short time sufficiently to recognize members of his family and others who chanced to be at his bedside.

The funeral will be held at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will be attended by Pioneer lodge, Royal Arcanum, and by the Veteran Firemen's association in bodies, Mr. Goodrich having been an active member of both organizations. It is also expected that the city officers and members of the city council will attend in official form. Interment will be at Prospect Hill.

The services will be conducted by Rev. N. M. Mann.

Mr. Goodrich is survived by his wife, his only son, Fred L., and his aged mother, whose home has for years been with his family.