Mr.\&Mrs. Stead entertain By invitation The Stake Pres. Unitel States iat time of warfare,
idenoy E.
 the members of the Suday School Union Bard, as also
former member of the Board who have labored with Sunday School work with Mr. Steed together with
their Wives and Husbands met their Wives and Husbbands met
at the home of W. H. Steed Satat the home of W. H. Steed Sat-
urday evening when a very enjoy able and sociable time was spent
Songs, Recitations and short remiSongs, Recitations and short remi-
nicent talke were the order of the evening. Stake Supt M. A.
Coombs in behalf of the Union Board presentod Mr. Steed with a
beautitul beautiful gold ring, as an evidence of the esteem and good will of his
Associates. Mr. Steed was visibly affected by this additional to ken of love that he had been the recipient of. And it was with
much effort that he gave lexpression to his sentiments in accepting the same. Light refresh-
ments were served by Mrs. Steed and a very pleasant evening was spent by all who were pre
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willing to sell out


New Haven, Conn, Mar, 9-John
F. Stephens, president of the N.
Y., N. H. \& H. R. R. and former chief engineer of the Panama
Canal has issued a statement regarding the waterway in which $h$ prophecies failure. Mr. Stephens
says that the canal will not help says that the canal will not help
the United States in its trade with S uth Amerios as practically all of continent are east of the Andes. Mr. Stephens also says that in the commercial relations of the United
States with the Islands of the scouth thescanal will be of little of the United States are inland, their products have to be started on their way by rail. When once loaded on cars it would be
no cheaper to ship to the Atlantic than it would be to ship directly to the countries on the east and
then get on board ship. Furthermore Mr. Stephens be-
lieves that the coal supply lieves that the coal supply of the
United States is fast diminishing and that China will be the coal Siberi\&, he says, will be the
wheat country of the future with wheat country of the future with
Iadia a close second. The Panama Cañal cannot hope to become any thing but an expense
sccording to Mr. Stephens. It
will not meet expenses - $t$ more thau is expected. It will be an advantage to. Europe and
other countries and not to the other countries and not to the
United States. The date of the United States. The date of the
finishing of the canal he fixes as

