### CURRENT HAPPENINGS

PAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL EMPORTANT ITEMS.

BEATS RACING GAME

HUGHES VICTOR IN LONG STRUG-GLE IN NEW YORK.

Bills Prohibiting Gambling at Tracks Go Under Wire in State Senate a Nose in front, Senator Foeiker Carried from Sick Bed to Vote.

The first of the New York anti-race track gambling bills passed the senate by a vote of 26 to 25 Thursday.

This was the bill amending the penal code so as to eliminate the "exclusive penalty" under which gambling at race tracks has been virtually legalized.

The second anti-racing bill passed by 26 to25. It amends the Percy Gray law by abolishing betting anywhere within or without a race track enclos-

Senator Foelker, of Brooklyn, who is ill, arrived in the chamber at 10:45 and cast his vote with the majority. The bill will return as a matter of routine to the assembly, where they

originated, but without further vote they will go to the governor for approved. The bills take effect immediately after approved by the governor. Senator Foelker, who underwent an operation May 10 for appendicitis and

whose condition for much of the intervening time was critical, came up from Smaisburg Wednesday evening, the journey of sixty miles being a severe tax upon his strength. He was somewhat stronger Thursday morning and was taken to the senate chamber just as the roll call on a dilatory motion was being taken. He was plainly suffering from weakness, and his response when his name was reached was scarcely audible. He was encouraged by his fellow senators' sympathy, and on both of the roll calls on the final passage of the bills voted with the majority.

Afterwards his doctor said: "Senator Foelker stood the ordeal as well as could be expected. He is extremely nervous. We have not decided when we shall return to Staatsburg."

CHILDREN DIE IN TRUNK.

Brother and Sister Hide to Escape Day in School.

After a long search the bodies of Joseph and Andre Beaudry, of Fall River, Mass., 8 and 5 years old respectively, were found locked in a trunk in which the children are supposed to have hidden themselves in order to escape going to school. The trunk has a spring lock. The medical yaminer decided that their deaths vere due to suffocation. The interior of the trunk and the clothing and bodies of the children gave evidence of the struggles which the little ones had made to escape before death finally

Joseph and Andre were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaudry, who worked in the mills at Full River, and the little ones were left in care of the older brother, Wilfred, who was supposed to get them ready for school. Wilfred is 11 years old. He says that he thought Joseph and Andre had sarted for school when he went himself, and he knew nothing about their disappearance until he returned home

## AUTO RACERS IN HARD LUCK.

Make Slow Progress Along the Siberian Railroad

A dispatch to the Paris Matin from Tehila, capital of Trans-Alkalia, Siberia, says the German car in the New York to Paris race arrived at Harbin on June 4 in a lamentable condition having upset three times. After repairs it departed on June 6 by road. abandoning the Trans-Siberian railroad cuts and passed Tsitsikhar on

The American car was reported \_ 75 miles from Harbin on Tuesday last It had been greatly delayed because the railroad authorities forced it to stop at every station until the tracks were clear. The Italian car on Jun-8 was at Progranitchnaya awaiting ; telegraph operator to accompany it along the railroad tracks.

Daring Chicago Robbery.

Early Wednesday morning thieves smashed the window in the jewelry store of Hyman, Berg & Co., Chicago and escaped with watches and jewelry valued at \$3,000.

German Paper Suspends.

The Cincinnati Volksfreund, a German daily newspaper, after more than a century's existence has suspended

Sioux City Live Stock Market, Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top

beeves, \$7.25. Top hogs, 5.45.

London Feels Meat Famine. The English retail trade organizations have given notice of a further general rise in the price of meat, the advance being attributed to the shortage of cattle there and the scarcity in America.

Sedalia to Keep Saloons. After a campaign of extraordinary bitterness the voters of Sedalia, Mo., rolled up a majority of 438 against loSEES BUSINESS GAIN.

Gould Talks Hopefully on Leaving for

Europe. Before sailing for Europe on the steamer Kron Princessin Cecilie Tuesday, Tuesday, George J. Gould said he ately optimirtie" on the general business outlook. In this connection he referred to the earnings of the Western Union Telegraph company, which he said he looks upon as the best criterion of general business, and said they are showing a smaller ratio of decrease by comparison with last year. He said political agitation against the rallroads in the southwest had made a difference of between \$4,000,000 and \$5.000,000 in the net earnings of the Missouri Pacific, and added:

"The stockholders may figure out for themselves what this means." Referring to the troubles of the Wheeling and Lake Erie and the Wa-

ash-Pittsburg Terminal, Mr. Gould

"The receivership for the Wheeling and Lake Erie was inevitable after the Wabash-Pittsburg terminal had defaulted.

"The Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal company unfortunately was over-capitallzed. We probably could have carried is through, but I thought it was time to stop on behalf of the Wabash. The Wabash is a fine property with great earning powers and it will not e permitted to become further involevd. The \$8,000,000 Wheeling and Lake Erie notes coming due in August and guaranteed by the Wabash will not be permitted to embarrass the Wabash. The Wabash is perfectly able to take care of itself."

GIRL WHIPS NEGRO BURGLAR.

Remarkable Encounter in a Kansas

City Home. Displaying remarkable courage and luck, and making use of her athletic prowess, Miss Fay Bergen, daughter of Dr. J. P. Bergen, and a well known ociety girl of Kansas City. Mo., captured a negro burglar, who was making an attempt to enter the home of her father.

Miss Bergen, upon discovering the negro, grappled with him, and striking him repeatedly with her clenched fist, forced him to the floor. Half dazed by the blows, the negro made to attempt to defend himself. Miss Bergen grasped a chair nearby and rained blow after blow upon the bur-

After beating him into unconsciousness Miss Bergen summoned the po-A surgeon took seventeen stitch. es in the man's head.

### BIG ARMY OF HOMELESS.

Seven Thousand Forced to Leave

North Topeka. About 7,000 persons have been driven from their homes in North Topeka, Kan., by the flood in the Kaw river. The major portion found shelter in Topeka proper, where the Auditorium, school buildings and private homes have been opened to them. No loss of life has been reported. But there has been much property loss.

The crest of the flood reached Topeka Tuesday morning, when the wa-

#### PIANO MAKERS UNITE. Merger Formed of Three of the Leading Eastern Firms.

A consolidation of the piano manufacturing firms of William Knabe & Co., of Baltimore; Chickering & Sons, of Boston, and the Foster-Armstrong company, of Rochester, N. Y., was effected in New York Tuesday. The articles of incorporation which were signed Tuesday confer upon the consolidated concern the name of the American Piano company. It will be in corporated in New Jersey and will have a capital stock of \$6,000,000 preferred and \$6,000,000 common.

Kentucky Woman Kills Rival Mrs. Thomas Murrill shot and killed Miss Mary Terry in Breathitt county. Ky., Tuesday night. It is stated Murrill had deserted his wife and gone to live with the Terry woman. Mrs. Murrill armed herself and searched for them. She found them together and shot Miss Terry three times, killing instantly,

No Objection to Spuiers.

President Amador, of Panama, has cabled the Panama legation at Washington through Arias, his secretary of foreign affairs, to deny for him news paper reports that Minister Squiers is pesona non grata,

Forgot Her Sisters' Names, In a will which has been filed a Santa Barbara, Cal., Mrs. Mary Ryon left most of her \$50,000 estate to three sisters, whose names and residences

she had forgotten, Elections in Quebec.

The Quebec provincial election have resulted in the return of the Gouin government. The opposition in creased the number of seats held in the house of 74 members from 7 to 16.

Storm Hits Port Huron.

One man was killed and one woman and two children were badly injured and damage estimated at \$150,900 was done in Port Huron, Mich., Tuesday, and vicinity by a severe wind and electrical storm.

Wabash railroad train No. 4 eastbound, was derailed at Stevensville, Ont., early Tuesday. Twenty persons were injured

More Than \$50,000 in Mail Sack Taken by Robbers.

GET FORTUNE IN LOUI.

Reluctant admissions made by the postoffices of three cities Wednesday confirm to some extent the belief that felt that in going away he is leaving the disappearance of a registered mail his properties in a comfortable position. He expressed himself as "moder- tion of the Kansas City, Mo., postoffice last Saturday night will prove one of the biggest hauls in the history of the postoffice department.

From private sources Wednesday it was learned that a package of at least \$50,000 in currency was among the contents of the pouch, which carried, in addition, an unusually large number of letters and packages containing money and other valauables to an amount which can only be conjectured, but which may reach \$50,000 more.

The pouch was in transit from Lor Angeles city to New York, and the postal inspectors, who have had the case in charge for at least 48 eight hours, refuse any explanation of the manner n which it was lost sight of, as the regulations of the department providing for protection of registered matter are of the strictest.

The fact that the mail in process of transfer at the Union depot in Kansas City is handled in a temporary substation since the destruction of the regular branch office by fire several months ago supports the theory that advantage was taken of conditions that are said to be more lax than ordinarily.

SUIT OVER CORPSE DECIDED.

Vidow's Rights to Disinter and Rebury Husband's Body Denied.

Has a widow who has been denied y stress of circumstances the sad privilege of burying her dead husband the absolute legal right, afterward, to disinter the body from the place where it was interred in a proper manner by the next kin, for the purose of reburial in a place more to her licking? This is the rather unusual question that was involved in a suit which originated in Jasper county, Mo., and upon which the Kansas City court of appeals handed down a

decision Wednesday. The court says: "We must hold that the widow, had she been present, would have had the right, enforcible in a court of equity to controll the burial of her husband and to select the place of interment regardless of the wishes of her parents at whose house he died. But she was away in a foreign country, was ignorant of his death, and, therefore, was unable to assert her right, or what more was important, to perform her duty. It is immaterial whether or not her disability was caused by th harsh neglect of her fahter-in-law Whatever the cause, she was not there and the right of a dead man to a orderly and decent sepulture would not brook delay. That right was sat isfled fully by the father, on whom the duty devolved, and we perceiv no good reason for her to remove the body from its resting place.

GALE FANS THE FLAMES.

A Whole Block in New York is Swept

by Fire. A freak winstrom in New York Wednesday night was responsible fo ter began to recede and by 9:30 had a fire destroying about a city block fallen three inches. The indications of buildings in the uptown section at are good for a continuation of the fall. Magazine, Berlin and Milan streets Simultaneaously with the outbreak of the. fire within a few minutes nearly the fire a high wind struck the city It blew the fire within a few minutes nearly all over the block of its origin into another block.

Several small stores were destroyed along with residences, and the loss is estimated at the between \$100,000 and \$150,000. The block bounded by Magazine, Milan, Berlin and Camp street was nearly all destroyed. Another block bounded by Magazine, Milan Berlin and Constance streets was about half destroyed,

Oregon Indorses Bryan.

The Oregon state democratic coention met at Portland, Tuesday elected four delegates at large and two delegates from each congressional district and passed a resolution indorsing Wm. J. Bryan for the presidential omination.

Western Union Dividend. The directors of the Western Union Telegraph company have declared a quarterly dividend of 1/2 of 1 per cent, payable in cash. The dividend for the last quarter was at the rate of 5 per ent per annum, payable in stock.

Gov. Johnson to Students.

Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minneson delivered the annual commencemen address to the students of the Univerity of Kansas Wednesday, Gov. John son's topec was "Landmarks of Amercan Liberty."

Empress Falls from Horse, Empress Augusta Victoria, while out riding with the emperor at Potsam Wednesday, fell from her horse She suffered no injury.

Anti-Racing Bill Passed. The anti-racing bill was passed Vednesda, by the lower house of the aulsiana assembly.

The jury in the case of Raymone incheock, of New York, returned a erdict of not guilty at 2:50 o'clock hursday morning. The trial was con-

ded inte Wednesday in the supreme

as limit was placed too high.

Vetoes Child Labor Bill. Gov. Harkell, of Oklahoma, has ve sed the child labor bill adopted by a togistature on the ground that the

STATE NEWS

BRAVE STRUGGLE IN VAIN. Boy Makes Heroic Effort to Save Life of His Sister. Dragged half drowned from Little

Pappio creek by her 11-year-old brother, who carried her half a mile in search of aid, which he found not, little Lena Burke died Monday morning at her home ten miles west of Omaha without recovering consciousness. The boy's brave efforts to save her were futile. Lena, aged 9, and her brother, Willie, two years her senlor, were in bathing together in their favorite swimming hole, half a mile from where they lived. The creek was swollen from the recent heavy rains, and Lena who was unable to swim, got beyond her depth and sank. Willie saw her struggle and bravely plunged after her. In the deep water it was all the little fellow could do to hold his own, but he managed to drag the child to the water's edge and lifted her to the bank. She was unconscious, but still alive. Not knowing what to do, Willie looked around for help. No one was in sight, and realizing every moment was valuable, the lad gathered the limp, unconscious form in his arms, and leaving his clothes on the river bank, trudged off to his home. The girl was almost as large as the boy, but his strength proved equal to

he could summon assitance the child was dead. MAKE A GOOD CATCH.

the task, and he managed to get her

home and laid her on a bed. He met

no one on the way, and when he ar-

rived found no one at home. Before

J. E. Telfer, Wanted in Canada, Picked Up'in Omaha.

While searching for the assailants of Isaac Earl of Malvern, Iowa, who was slugged and robbed of 30 at the City hotel, Omaha, Saturday after-noon, Detectives Heitfeldt and Devereese made an important capture in the arrest of J. E. Telfer, an absconding agent of the Dominion Express company, of Calgary, Alberta, Dominion of Canada. Some four mouths ago Telfer absconded with two blank money order books of the express company and a valuable package of dia-

He arrived in Omaha Saturday afed a ticket for St. Paul, intending to Samuel Kirkwood, governor of rested by the officers he endeavored young lawyer began the practice of to rid himself of two parcel delivery his profession. cks from the Union depot parcel tion he refused to divulge his name, but the grips he had checked at the parcel stand were secured and from the contents it was learned that he was the much sought for express agent. Two blank money order books were found in the grips, from one of which several checks had been torn.

THREE NEW WEATHER BUREAUS

Stations Are Established in Western

Nebraska. Upon the approval of the chief of the weather bureau and pursuant to the general wish of grain and implement men, Weather Observer Welsh has had established three additional weather observation stations in western Nebraska. These are designed to cover observations and reports further west in Nebraska, particularly in the corn and wheat belts. These new stations are at Broken Bow, Holdrege and Culbertson and cover an additional section of the state in which crops are raised in marketable quantities and which have not hitherto been included in the regular weather bureau reports Prior to this time Fairbury was the farthest western point from which regular reports were received at the main government station in Omaha. The new service went into effect Monday morning.

### ELOPING COUPLE HELD UP.

Young People from Lincoln Fail to Get License at Council Bluffs Arthur Felt and Lida Lentz, both incoln, were taken into custody Tuesday at Council Bluffs while standing at the county in the office of the clerk of the district court waiting for

Boy Argues Self to School, Tony Pasha, a 16-year-old Omaha boy, has the distinction of being the first one to argue his way to the industrial school for boys at Kearney Judge Estelle rejuctantly signed as order for him to be sent there Monday and Tony was given a ticket and told to go alone. Tony's trouble is that he runs away from home and will neither

Boy Drowned Near Oakland. Oliver Haltman, aged 11 years, sor of John Haltman near Oakland, was drowned in Bell creek Sunday evening. Six boys had gathered on an old bridge which went down with them.

attend school nor work.

Chas. R. Whistler Drowned. Chas. R. Whistler, a dentist, was browned in Salt Creek Monday after-Mr. noon with three companions. Whistler attempted to take a ride in

Maynard Called to Omaha. The trustees of Bellevue colleg have tendered to Rev. H. H. Maynard, of the Coe college faculty, the post-

Corn Needs Cultivation. A very heavy downpour of rain at Randolph Sunday night was added to the unusual rainfall of the past week. all Blair property has depreciated 25 Corn fields are looking rather poorly and are in need of cultivation. In per cent on account of the place being fields on the bottoms some corn is covered by mud washed from the higher ground.

Stolen Horse Recovered The bay mare stolen from J. M Huey, of Randolph, a week ago, has address to Modern Woodmen in Linrecovered. The animal coin Sunday. He spoke highly of the found near Osmond. value of fraternities.

INTEREST NO HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR EUSY READERS

LEGISLATURE HAS POWER,

Position Attacked by Attorney, but Supreme Court Turns Him Down.

The Nebraska supreme court, in a novel case from Minden, holds that the legislature has the right to prohibit or license the sale of liquor in that state. The point at lasue is the same as that which Judge Artmann, of Indiana, passed upon recently. Artmann held that the saloon is, per se, a nulsance and the state is without the power to license the sale of liquor or to authorize the issuance of a license to one.

The case was presented by C. Godfrey, a lawyer of Minden. He insisted that the licensing of a saloon was contrary to the constitution. that the sale of liquor was victous and demoralizing and opposed to the laws of God and contrary to the letter and spirit of the fundamental law. The supreme court holds that the

right of the people to prohibit the traffic by a constitutional provision is undisputed, but that having failed to act the legislature is the repository of the power to either prohibit or license. Regulation is traced back to the days of Edward VI. of England, and has been followed by every legis-lature in every state. In Nebraska that power was assumed back in 1855. made a part of the general statutes in 1873 and continued till the Slocumb law was passed. The legislature hav-ing acted it does not lie within the courts to usurp what the legislature could not even delegate to it.

Godfrey contended that the applicant we not a man of good character, as required by law, because no man of respectible character would apply for a liquor ficense, but the court declines to take this view of it.

COL. J. N. CORNISH DEAD.

Pioneer Iowan Passes Away at Omaha at Age of 80 Years.

Col. J. N. Cornish died at his home in Omaha Sunday, aged 80 years. He had lived in Omaha for twenty years, during which time he had been identified with several substantial business concerns. His father and grandfather each served in the revolutionary war. He was born in Oneida county, N: Y. and came to Iowa City, Ia., in 1855. Four years later he moved to Sidney, ternoon at 5 o'clock and had purchas- Ia., where through the courtesy of leave on the evening train. When ar- state, who loaned him his libary, the

During the civil war he was comcoln and served throughout that strug gle as commissioner of the board of enrollment and draft for the Fifth congressional district of Iowa, with headquarters at Des Moines.

The governor also appointed him as his aide de camp and he was made provest marshal and brigade quarter

master by the president. Col. Cornish for many years en joyed one of the most lucrative and largest law practices in southwestern Iowa, but on account of his eyesight gave up his practice and in 187 moved to Hamburg, Ia., and organized the First National bank of that place it being the first national bank in the southwestern part of the state and the first bank in Fremont county. made his home there until moving to Omaha in 1887.

BOY SHOT BY PLAYMATE.

Youngster Tries to Dig Out Rifle Ball with Jackknife. Houston Cobble, the 14-year-old s of Or. W. H. Cobble, was accidentally shot Sunday afternoon by a playmate with a rifle while playing near his home. The shot struck the second rit and made and ugly wound. Young Cobble had had positive instruction against having anything to do with firearms, and so went out to his father's barn and undertook to probe for the bullet with a jackknife. He located the ball, but could not get it out

the boy's attempt to cut out the bullet making it worse. Reverses Greenwood Case. The Nebraska supreme court has re versed the decision of the distric court, in which John Greenwood was awarded \$1,000 damages from Dr John King because of the death of Greenwood's daughter, which the father alleged resulted from wrong treatment following a mistaken dag-

and finally went to his father's of-

wound is not dangerous, but painful,

fice, where it was extracted.

Honors for Nebraska Girls.

Among the successful candidates for the bachelor of arts degree Wellesley college are Miss Gertrude B. White, 113 Georgia avenue, Omaha and Miss Etta M. Schneider, 234 West Tenth street. Fremont. They will receive their degrees with honors at the commencement on June 23.

Brighter at Lincoln.

The flood situation in Lincoln is not menacing. Most of the people driven from their homes on bottoms returned Monday evening. A farmer's family, six miles northeast of Lincoln, was rescued just in time to save them from drowning

Five Men Caught with Liquor Five men were arrested Saturday night at Beatrice by the offices, who found them in the alley back of the tion of president for the former insti- Paddock block with a good supply of

> Calls Saloon Interest's Bluff. J. A. Kemp has called the bluff of the saloon faction who are claiming

dry, by advertising that he will buy all such property at the depreciated Bryan to Woodmen. W. J. Bryan delivered the memorial

in the air over the distribution of railroad property, which it assessed last week. Heratofore the boards have always assessed the property and then

apportioned the values to the xarious lines going to make up the systems This apportionment has been arbitra ry, but in most instances the railroad representatives have approved the distethution. This year the Eurlington property was returned as one system and the various corporations which in the past have made up this system were not mentioned. The board has about decided, however, to distribute the value of the physical property jus the same as it did in the past, even though the various corporations no longer exist But it has not degided what to do with the value of the franchise and the value of the rolling stock under the terminal tax law. The average value of the Burlington in round numbers is almost \$42,000 a mile. The main line of the Burlington is valued at \$85,000 a mile. The physical property of the Burlington was valued at about \$17,000 a mile. One board member figured this would make the value of the franchise and rolling stock about \$25,000. Should the valuation be apportioned according to mileage at the average value pe mile, the main line of the Burlington would be worth \$69,00 a mile instead of \$85,000 a mile, and practically all of the less valuable roads world be enormously increased. This procedure would cause a less in railroad propery under the terminal tax law to every town on the main line of the road with the possible exception of a few of those towns which have a lot of sidetracks or branch line trackage While some members of the board are of the opinion the proper way to mak the apportionment would be to distribute the valuation as under the unit system. Secretary of State Junkin is of the opinion the fair way would be to first distribute the value of the physi cal property according to main line and branches, making an arbitrary di-

The contract of the state with the Lee Broom and Duster company for penitentiary labor, to be used in the broom factory at the state prison, has expired, but the board of public lands and buildings has not made a new cons tract. At a meeting last week C. R. Lee, manager of the company, agreed to stand for an increase of 5 bor, but this the board would not con sider. The Lee company now pay 50 cents a day for each convict, and the contract provides that the company must use all the convicts sent to it by the warden. The board intends to increase the price to 75 cents or \$1 a day for each convict. So far, however, not a single bid has been received for the labor except from the Le company. Until the matter is finally settled the Lee company will use the prisoners under the terms of the contract just expired. Mr. Lee informed the board that he had propositions from four penitentiaries to use their convicts, including a proposition from one of the prisons in Iowa and one at Rawlins, Wyo. His great trouble, he said, was in disposing of his wares because they did not have the union label, and he showed the board a letter where an order for a carload of brooms had been countermanded because the brooms did not bear the union label. The hoard, however, has a number of letters on file where private broom manufacturers pay from \$2.50 to \$3 a day for labor and furnish their own power, while at the penitentiary the Lee company is furnished power and heat along with the convicts. The board had its talk with Mr. Lee behind closed doors,

vision or valuation, and then add to

each mile the average value of the

franchise and rolling stock.

It is by no means certain that the state rallway commission will isuse an entire new classification of freight rates, but it is probable that the commission will make reductions in the rates for the shipment of certain commodities and from tme to time make still further reductions on other commodities. This practice may be kep up until the commission feels that the Nebraska rates are just and not exorbitant.

Since the hearing granted the rall road officials, followed by the hearing granted the railroad employes, togeth or with its investigations along other lines, the commission has decided the making of a new classification of rates is a big task and one that will require a long time and lots of study and investigation. On the other hand, on member of the commission believes that by picking out here and there certain commodities upon which the rates seem high and making reduc tions in these instances it probably would accomplish more for the pec ple than if it made a sweeping reduc-

tion of a certain per cent in all rates. The commission s in receipt of a let ter from the secretary of the Wiscon sin commission which disputes the statement made by a railroad repre sentative that the Wisconsin commis sion has made a ruling that the rail road should be entitled to earn a div idend upon 80 per cent of its property

accredited to that state. The commission will make further investigations before taking any action looking into the work of other com missions and the effect of a radica change in rates in general.

Whether the district court or th mayor shall appoint the Omaha park board will be settled by the supreme court. In the name of the attorney general quowarranto proceedings hav been started, the contestants being John Latenser, appointed by the distriot court, and John L. Nebles, appointed by Mayer Dahlman. A demurrer was filed to the petition filed by the legal department of the state and the case will be taken up at the next seszion of the court.

# OVER SCORE OF DEAD IN TRAIL OF STORM

Tornadoes in Nebraska and Kansas Kill Many and Ruin Crops.

OTHERS ARE HURT FATALLY.

Enormous Property Losses from Storms and Floods in the Western States.

The tornado which passed over southern Neoraska and portions of northern Kansas Friday evening was the most destructive and covered the most territery of any similar storm which has visited the State in many years. At least twenty-three are known to be dead, five fatally injured and a score of others burt, some of them dangerously. Several persons were killed in the fowns of Byron, Neb., and Court-

land, Kan. The storm was general throughout at least four countles. Fillmore, Webster, Franklin and Thayer, on the southern border of the State and reached over into Kansas from where reports come of great destruction. The towns of Carleton, Fairfield, Deshler, Shickley, Geneva, Franklin, Ong and Riverton are among those visited by the storm, and in no one of them did the elements spare life or property.

At Carleton five residences and two churches were destroyed, while a new school building and thirty houses were badly wrecked. The home of Lester Carter was demolished and his wife and baby killed, while Carter himself and another child received possibly fatal injuries. At Geneva the storm wrought great destruction and in the adjacent country claimed five victims. two of whom were killed outright and three fatally injured. The scene at Fairfield is indescribable, more than forty buildings were more or less wrecked and some of them, including three churches, were entirely demolished. The loss there will exceed \$100,000. In the vicinity of Shickley farm houses

received the brunt of the storm. A telephone message from Chester, cinity of Byron, Neb. The storm was evidently most severe in the vicinity of Byron, and nothing could withstand its fury. Following the tornado a hard rain which lasted well into the night soaked the storm-stricken sufferers, making their lot doubly hard. Many of them were absolutely without shelter, and the storm occurred so late in the evening that it was impossible for them to seek either shelter or relief during the night. A telephone message from Hardy, Neb., said the tewn of Courtland, Kan., just across the Nebraska line, was struck by the storm and sev-

eral casualties occurred.

Cyclone Sweeps Iowa Town. Two persons were killed, three are missing, and 200 homes and barns were destroyed by a cyclone which passed over Charles City, Iowa, Sunday, Much damage was done in the surrounding country. The path of the storm was ten miles long and about twelve rods wide. It started three miles southwest. of Charles City, tearing down farm houses, barns and killing many head of stock. It struck the city in the southwest part, plowing a path to a point in the northeast part of town, where it crossed the river. The path of the cyclone included no business buildings, but the residence part of tewn was made a wreck and household goods were scattered in all directions all over

town. Near Mauston, Wis., a tornado killed John Dalton, a farmer, and his 12-yearold son. The other occupants of the house received only slight injuries. No

other damage was done by the tornado. Five Die in Montana Flood.

Never before in the history of Montana has there been such a flood as recently swept down the valley of the Missouri river and its tributaries. Five lives already have been lost in the waters in the vicinity of Great Falls, and the damage to farms, railroads and industrial and commercial institutions will run into the millions. Saturday night the river was at the highest point ever known since the first settlement of Montana. Some of the smaller outside towns have been in even werse condition than is Great Falls. Choteau was completely surrounded by water, and all bridges were gone. A large part of Belt was partially under water, and the people took to the high ground. Sandcoulee reported severe loss and the coal mines partially flooded. In some instances the river has cut entirely new channels through the bottom, complete-

ly ruining farms. TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES For the first time in years the lid was

slipped on the beer gardens and dancing halls in Toledo. Fire in Ford & Co.'s planing mill and lumber yard at Mansfield, Ohio, caused a

loss of about \$60,000. Brig. Gen. Evan Nilea, retired, who served in the Civil, Indian and Spanish wars, died in San Francisco.

The pipeshop of the Best Manufactur ing Company. Twenty-fourth street and the Allegheny Valley railway, Pittab.