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LOOK FOR TROUBLE

SPAIN PREPARING FOR WAR WITH AMERICA.

Make a Big Loan from the Rothschilds—Buy Two New Warships and Negotiate for More—Censures the United States.

Looking for Trouble.
A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Madrid says: The platform adopted in St. Louis causes great uneasiness in Spain, and it is feared that a conflict with the United States has now almost a fixed date. The Government has hastened to buy two 14,000 ton ironclads at Genoa, whose price a few days ago was thought to be excessive. A great part of the loan of 100,000,000 piastres made by the Rothschilds on the Almaden quicksilver mines, will probably be immediately applied to such warships as are now for sale. The Government responding to the undoubted national sentiment, and trusting probably to the help of other powers, seems resolved to resist American positions.

The Liberals have introduced in the Senate a motion censuring the United States and its attitude toward Cuba.

MURDERERS CAPTURED.

Slayers of Jacob Hayes and Edward Paul Caught.

Two of the three men who murdered Jacob Hayes and Edward Paul at Wyoming, Minn., Saturday morning, are now lying in the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, and the third is dead at North Branch, having been killed there by officers, while trying to escape.

After the Wyoming murder the men walked north fourteen miles to North Branch and entered the house of ex-Mayor Smith, carrying away clothing, money and provisions. Half a mile from Smith's house they were seen by a couple of railroad men and ordered to halt, but they fired on the railroad men and ran.

A large posse was immediately sent out and the gang was located in a tamarack swamp. The posse formed a circle of about thirty yards. A fusillade of shots came from the hastily formed breastwork of logs. The posse returned the fire and for a few moments there was a lull in the battle, when one of the desperadoes raised his head to reconnoiter.

He was shot through the head by a load of buckshot from the gun of one of the posse. The other two bandits immediately weakened and surrendered. One of these was also found to be badly wounded in the head. He gave his name as James Cunningham, a boy of 19. The other man captured is George Kelly. The dead man was by.

TURNERBUND SOCIETY.

The National Convention Opens in Louisville.

The North American Turnerbund Society, which met at Louisville, Ky., for a three days' session on the 21st, held its annual business meeting at Turner Hall. National Speaker Braun of St. Louis called the meeting to order and delivered the annual address, in which he stated the number of societies was 565, representing a membership of 33,851. The value of halls owned by the society is estimated at \$3,500,000 and other real estate at \$1,000,000.

Adolph George of Indiana was then elected permanent chairman, and Otto Jansen of Lake Erie, secretary. The meeting adjourned until the 22d after the appointment of the usual committees.

GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Three Men Killed and One Fatally Hurt in New Jersey.

Three men were instantly killed and a fourth probably fatally injured in a grade crossing accident at Absecon, N. J. The men were out for a drive. Upon reaching Absecon the animals either became unmanageable or the driver, young Huber, attempted to beat the approaching Camden and Atlantic express across the tracks. The train was running at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The wagon was partly over the tracks when the train struck it full and threw the men in all directions.

Herrmann Going to Sing Sing.

Herrmann will mystify the inmates of the state prison at Sing Sing on July 4 with one of his inimitable magical entertainments. The other day he met Gen. Lathrop, superintendent of the state prisons of the state of New York, and volunteered to perform before the prisoners. The general accepted the offer with alacrity, on the condition that the wizard should omit one particular illusion.

"Pray, what illusion do you wish me to omit?" asked Herrmann.

"Your famous escape from Sing Sing," answered the general. "It might arouse hopes in aspiring breasts."

"Have no fear," replied Herrmann. "They wouldn't be able to put it to practical use if they knew how it was done."

Murder and Suicide.

At St. Paul, after an all night quarrel, William Schoffner fired at and missed his wife, shot and fatally wounded his son, who tried to protect his mother, and then killed himself.

Prefers Death to a Clean Shirt.

Earl Wallich, a Peconic, Illinois, young man, attempted suicide because his mother told him to change his shirt, shooting himself in the side. His chances are fair for recovery. It is thought he has become mentally unbalanced through an attack of scarlet fever.

Walling is Convicted.

The trial of Alonzo M. Walling, at Newport Ky., jointly indicted with Scott Jackson for the murder of Pearl Bryan, January 31, ended with conviction, and the penalty was fixed at death.

TRY TO MURDER A WITNESS

Indiana Woman a Standing Menace to a Dangerous Gang.

Mrs. Julia Gortner Tassels of Mulberry, Ind., while driving home from Bristol, was fired upon by an assassin, one out of the three shots striking her in the forehead, inflicting a dangerous wound. In 1894 Mrs. Tassels, then unmarried, was convicted of receiving stolen goods, and she served eighteen months in the state female reformatory. Upon returning home she was warned that if she betrayed her associates she would be killed. She now claims that her murder was attempted by the same gang who assassinated Jonathan Crumacker and committed other atrocities in that neighborhood within the past two years, and that she will lay before the grand jury all the evidence at her command if she recovers.

MUST PAY FOR THE DOG.

Executive of Hammond, Ind., Beaten in a Peculiar Suit.

One year ago Hammond, Ind., had a mad dog scare, and the mayor issued a proclamation ordering all dogs muzzled, otherwise they would be shot. The marshal shot many, among others a pedigreed St. Bernard owned by Banker Towle. A damage suit for \$500 was at once begun against Marshal Walker and Mayor Mott, and now, in the Porter Circuit Court, a jury has returned a verdict of \$135 and costs against both defendants. Other suits are now apt to be instituted. Judge Gillett in this case decided that a proclamation of this nature is void, as the power to pass such an ordinance is delegated to the council and cannot by them be delegated to the mayor to be enforced at his option.

YACHT BOILER BURSTS.

Eleven People Killed and a Dozen Fatally and Seriously Hurt.

At Taylor Circle Park Little Falls, N. Y., where the state meet of the L. A. W. was taking place, the steam yacht Tirus exploded her boilers. Ten were killed outright, and one died on the way to the hospital. Three were fatally injured, six seriously injured, and the boat blown to splinters. Three of the bodies, have not been recovered, but are believed to be in the Erie canal. The explosion resulted from a defective working pipe connected with the boilers. The force of the explosion was terrific.

Boycott Declared Off.

The boycott which was declared against the street railway lines of Milwaukee as a result of the late strike has been declared off by the union. The end of the boycott practically ends the street railway troubles. The company has a full quota of employees and 300 of the strikers have applied for reinstatement and have been placed on the reserve list. The strike, so far as an organized movement is concerned, is not, however, declared off, but will continue. This is done because certain obligations are to be fulfilled by the national association. All bus lines have been withdrawn.

Will Protect Buyers of Fruit.

The fruit growers of the Michigan peach belt are planning to take action which will secure the enforcement of the law passed by the last legislature requiring manufacturers of fruit packages to plainly stamp the capacity on each package. Many of the factories are already making peach baskets in fourths, fifths and sixths of a bushel, but fail to mark the different sizes. The law was passed at the request of the peach growers, who claim that only the commission men and retail dealers are benefited by the substitution of the smaller sizes for peach baskets.

Court Orders Its Sale.

In the United States circuit court at Chicago Judge Jenkins entered a decree for the sale of the Chicago and North-Western Pacific terminal system October 1. An upset price of \$10,000,000 has been fixed by the court for the property. The reorganization committee of the bondholders now holds 95 per cent. of the securities and it will undoubtedly be the purchaser of the road. The outstanding bonds amount to \$25,855,000. Default was had in the payment of interest on these in October, 1894, and the property has since been in the hands of receivers.

Tramp Printer Dies of Rabies.

A tramp printer giving his name as Jackson and his home in Delaware, died at Hoopston, Ill., under circumstances somewhat peculiar. He claimed he had been bitten by something three weeks ago while sleeping out, and that now he had hydrophobia. He was found later by a farmer near town in a weak condition. The farmer's wife gave him a glass of milk, of which he drank a few swallows and died in less than two minutes. He was about 50 years old.

In San Francisco.

Among several distinguished Japanese just arrived at San Francisco from the Orient is Hoshi Turi, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, who will succeed Mr. Kurino, who has been sent as minister to Italy. Another is L. Hayakawa, counselor of the Japanese Minister of Finance, who is on his way to London to settle the balance of the money due the Japanese by China as indemnity incurred during the late war.

Repairing Washouts.

Two hundred men are at work near Red Lake Falls, Minn., getting the Great Northern road bed in shape after the washout. It is estimated the work will be finished in two weeks. The Gooding Milling Company's dam has broken. Repairs have commenced, but the mill will be shut down for two months.

Lovers Quarrel Ends in Death.

Miss Claudia Anthony, residing at Paris, Ohio, committed suicide by blowing her head off with a shotgun. She placed the muzzle in her mouth and discharged the shell by pressing on the trigger with her foot. She was despondent on account of a quarrel with her lover.

Invites Exiles to Return.

President Crespo has issued a proclamation inviting political refugees to return to Venezuela. He will instruct the Venezuelan Consuls abroad to furnish free passage.

THE WEEK IN TRADE

THE BUSINESS WORLD AS SEEN BY DUN & CO.

Slight Improvement Noticeable—Recent Advance in Wheat, Corn and Cotton Unwarranted—Strong Demands on Spain for Reparation.

Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Although there are continued signs that a gain in business has begun, nothing appeared to justify the advance of 1/2 cent in wheat, 1/4 cent in corn, 5-16 cent in cotton, and a reaction started in all these with the taking of profits Thursday. Wheat receipts at the west—2,418,793 bushels for the week, against 1,113,143 last year—indicate no slackening of supply. Atlantic exports, 2,406,406 bushels, flour included, for the week, against 1,393,871 last year, are large for the season, but with new wheat just beginning to move, the supply is ample. The advance in cotton also had no visible cause in crop prospects or movement, though receipts at ports have been light. There is rather more hopefulness, which is felt in a rest after the decline of wools, but prices are now lower and sales do not increase. Failures for the week have been 275 in the United States, against 228 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 31 last year.

DEMANDS MADE ON SPAIN.

Must Make Reparation for Indignities to Americans in Cuba.

Instructions of a direct and most positive character have been sent to the United States minister at Madrid, Hannis Taylor, to make strong representations to the Spanish Government, with a view to securing reparation for indignities to Dr. Jose Delgado and other American citizens in Cuba.

It is understood the purpose is not so much to press a pecuniary claim at a time when Spain is embarrassed as it is to insist on the right of full protection to the persons of American citizens in Cuba. Mr. Olney's instructions were sent before meeting Dr. Delgado and his father, who are now in Washington, but their presence has afforded an opportunity to secure such full details of the indignity as may become desirable when Mr. Taylor acts on his return to Madrid.

The circumstances of the case as presented to the Department bring out some important phases not shown in the reports from Havana which preceded the arrival of the Delgado's. The customary criticism against Gen. Weyler is varied in this instance by full approval of the energetic steps taken by him to afford the Delgado's every aid toward reparation.

At the suggestion of Consul General Lee and on the advice of Dr. Rodriguez, their counsel at Washington, they came to Washington to make a personal statement to the Secretary. They have shown to Mr. Olney the machete which was broken in the blow across Delgado's face, the bullet which he received on the first volley and a photograph of Dr. Delgado on a stretcher after being taken from the place of shooting. These lent a graphic interest to their recital of the events.

Chicago Firm Gets the Bonds.

The \$400,000 worth of water improvement bonds issued by Allegheny City were sold to Farson, Leach & Co. of Chicago for 107 1/2, the highest bid received. They are thirty-year straight bonds, and 107 is considered too low by many of the city officials. The finance committee accepted the offer of the Chicago firm, but other councilmen objected and want to advertise for new bids. A meeting of one branch of the council was called to approve the sale, but a quorum was not present. It was reported the council did not want to meet. Another issue of \$400,000 worth of street bonds will be made.

Charged with Forgery.

Col. Henry B. Beecher, son of the great preacher, was placed on trial at New York in the criminal branch of the supreme court before Judge Fursman on a charge of forging an application of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad for insurance in the American Casualty and Insurance Company, of which he was a director, and which failed in 1893. Beecher was jointly indicted with Wm. E. Midgley and Vincenzo R. Soleuch in connection with the failure. Midgley has been tried and acquitted.

Prominent Virginian Kills Himself.

Reverdy J. Danglefield, one of the best known residents of Alexandria, Va., and a member of a family which has been prominent in social and business affairs in that section of Virginia for many years, committed suicide at his home. Melancholia, induced by worry over financial affairs and family troubles, caused the deed. The suicide's brother Henry killed himself in the same house about two years ago.

United Workmen Meet at Buffalo.

More than one hundred delegates attended the opening of the twenty-fourth stated meeting of the supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Buffalo, N. Y. Supreme Master Workman Joseph E. Riggs of Lawrence, Kan., occupied the chair. City Clerk Hubbell delivered the speech of welcome in behalf of the city. Supreme Foreman J. G. Tate of Nebraska responded.

Father and Son Both Dead.

During a rain and electrical storm the barn of Wilson T. Slayback at Dayton, Ind., was struck by lightning and Melvin Slayback, his son, who had taken shelter in the building, was killed. The death of young Slayback so affected his father that it brought on an attack of heart trouble that resulted fatally. W. T. Slayback was 78 years of age and owned large tracts of land near Dayton.

Strike Settled by Arbitration.

The printers strike in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul was settled by an agreement between the Typographical Union and the Publishers' Association to arbitrate all differences as to wages and hours.

HORROR IN JAPAN.

An Earthquake Occurs in One of the Northern Provinces.

News of a terrible earthquake involving the loss of over a thousand lives has been received from the island of Yesso, contained in the northern provinces of Japan. All of this section was more or less shaken. The subterranean disturbances lasted twenty hours, during which the utmost terror prevailed.

The first shock was followed by a shock about every eight minutes, numbering in all 150. Details are lacking as communication with the island is interrupted. The whole town of Kumashi is reported destroyed. The disturbances were accompanied by a tidal wave in which it is presumed Kumashi was engulfed, as it is on a narrow neck of land on the Pacific side of the island.

It is rumored the number of lives lost and the damage done far exceeds the figures contained in the brief official dispatch.

DISASTER ON THE OCEAN.

Steamer Drummond Castle Lost with 350 Passengers.

A dispatch from Ushant, near Brent, France, says the steamer Drummond Castle has gone down off there with 350 persons on board. Two men were picked up by fishermen. The owners of the vessel at London confirm the report that she was wrecked.

Armor Invented in Chicago.

W. W. Green, president of the Garden City Fan Company of Chicago, in conjunction with James H. Wheeler of that city, are the inventors of an armor plate for naval vessels which naval experts agree is likely to prove a worthy successor to the Harveyized plates now in use. If the test, which will be made at the naval proving ground at Indian Head, Md., within the coming fortnight, is successful the business of armor naval vessels may be revolutionized, and Chicago may become the great center for work of this class.

If the conclusions of the inventors are correct a vessel may be as thoroughly protected by an eight-inch plate of their construction as by a sixteen-inch Carnegie plate, and at not more than 15 per cent. of the cost of the latter. A sample section of plate made by this new process 5 by 7 feet in size and 8 inches thick weighing six tons, has been forwarded to the Washington Navy Yard, where it will be backed with oak and sent to the proving ground for the final test.

Sues for \$100,000 Damages.

Suit for \$100,000 damages was brought against the millionaire brewer, F. A. Poth of Philadelphia by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frederick K. Poth. The young wife has just been acquitted of a charge of infidelity brought by her husband. They have been separated for some months. Young Mrs. Poth is very handsome, and she alleges that her husband's wealthy father was responsible for the case against her. Mr. Poth gives his wife \$35 a week alimony, and she desires an absolute divorce.

Her Honesty Well Rewarded.

As a reward for honesty, Miss Mamie Vaile of Warren, Ohio, received \$1,000. In February Miss Vaile found a wallet containing \$800 on the street, and returned it to its owner, Rev. H. H. Ogdon of New York. Rev. Mr. Ogdon recently fell heir to a large fortune, and he made Miss Vaile a present of \$1,000. When he lost the money he was enroute from Painesville to Columbus.

Jumps from a Railroad Bridge.

Mrs. Henry Wright, while carrying her husband's dinner to the plate glass factory at Kokomo, Ind., was caught on the river bridge by a train, the engine being close on her before she noticed it. There being no other means of escape, the woman jumped from the bridge and sunk in the water thirty-five feet below. The train crew rescued her and found her uninjured.

Murdered for Five Cents.

William H. Lampman, proprietor of a 10-cent lodging house, at Grand Rapids, Mich., was shot and instantly killed by George T. Sullivan, a former employee, with whom he had an altercation over 5 cents, which Sullivan claimed was owing him. Lampman called a porter, and was going to throw Sullivan out, when Sullivan pulled his revolver and fired.

MARKETS.

Sioux City.

Hogs.....	\$2 97 1/2 @ \$3 10
Cattle.....	
Cows and Heifers.....	1 75 @ 2 75
Stockers and Feeders.....	3 00 @ 3 45
Veal Calves.....	3 50 @ 3 75
Butcher's Steers.....	3 31 @ 3 35
Yearlings and Calves.....	3 25 @ 3 70
Sheep.....	3 40
Wheat.....	45 @ 47
Corn.....	17 @ 19
Oats.....	13 1/2 @ 14
Hay.....	5 00 @ 6 00
Butter.....	10 @ 11
Eggs.....	7 @ 7 1/2

Chicago.

Hogs.....	\$2 95 @ \$3 55
Cattle.....	
Beefes.....	3 50 @ 4 45
Stockers and Feeders.....	2 75 @ 3 75
Wheat.....	57 1/2 @ 57 3/4
Corn.....	27 1/2 @ 27 3/4
Oats.....	17 1/2 @ 17 3/4
Rye.....	32
Timothy Seed.....	3 20
Flax Seed.....	81 1/4

South Omaha.

Hogs.....	\$3 00 @ \$3 20
Cattle.....	
Steers.....	3 30 @ 4 00
Cows.....	1 50 @ 3 50
Feeders.....	2 85 @ 3 75

Kansas City.

Hogs.....	\$2 50 @ \$3 22 1/2
Cattle.....	
Beefes.....	3 00 @ 4 05
Feeders.....	2 60 @ 3 75
Sheep.....	2 50 @ 3 10

Minneapolis.

Wheat.....	
June.....	\$0 55 1/2
July.....	54 1/2 @ 54 3/4
Flax.....	75 1/2
Oats.....	17

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Supreme Court Says that Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Cannot Accept Promissory Notes and Upholds the Law Governing Them.

Supreme Court Decision.

The supreme court has handed down an opinion in the case of "The State ex rel Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company against Eugene Moore, Auditor of Public Accounts." In this case the insurance company sought, by application for a writ of mandamus, to compel the state auditor to issue to it a certificate. In his answer to the petition the auditor set up a number of pleadings, the most important of which were the constitutionality of the law, and a denial of the right of the company to accept promissory notes in payment for premiums. Subsequently, by stipulation between the auditor, attorney general and attorneys for the insurance company, all points of the answer of the auditor were eliminated, except the one involving the right of the company to accept promissory notes. The company agreed to abide by the requests of the auditor in the other matters, and, of course, by the promissory note clause if the auditor should be sustained by the courts. Pending the submission of the case in this shape to the supreme court, a Lincoln local attorney, C. O. Whedon, appeared as "a friend of the court," and asked permission to raise the constitutional question, which had been dropped by stipulation, and upon permission being given him to do so, he filed a brief in support of his contention that the law permitting mutual insurance companies to do business in the state of Nebraska was unconstitutional. The supreme court now says that the law is constitutional, but sustains the contention of Auditor Moore and Attorney General Churchill that the company has no right to accept promissory notes as payment on premiums, and denies the application for a writ of mandamus.

Nebraska Railroad Extension.

Surveyors are in camp three miles west of Niobrara coming from the west to the east. It is the outfit that has been in the field from Mitchell, surveying a line from there to Wheeler for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and it is believed that they intend continuing to Bloomfield. The Bloomfield road is destined to reach Fort Randall, and a few years ago when the Omaha and Niobrara delegations waited upon the president of the Northwestern, he frankly expressed his wish to make that the first important extension in north Nebraska. The extension of a few miles of the Newcastle line would intersect the Hartington and Bloomfield line and it would take but ten miles of the Elkhorn Valley to intersect the Omaha line, thus practically making two feeders for Omaha and one for Sioux City. The business prospect of the Yankton bridge and railway extension is said to be the cause of this new feature in railroad circles in north Nebraska. Petitions are being circulated for a special meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of submitting a proposition to voters in aid of the Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern in five townships.

Charged With Bigamy.

Robert D. Roberson, arrested several days ago at Omaha on a charge preferred by Alice McCulligan, a woman with whom he had been living for five years without first going through the formality of being married, is being held on a more serious charge. The first charge was withdrawn on motion of the city prosecuting attorney and one of bigamy substituted. From testimony given by the minister of the church to which he belonged it was learned that he had always introduced Miss McCulligan as his lawful wife and had been so recognized. The new information is based on the civil rights law and that to all intents they were legally man and wife. Roberson, after leaving Miss McCulligan, married another woman, and it was this which led to his arrest.

Fatal Freight Wreck.

As fast freight No. 80 was passing Fremont on the morning of the 19th the train ran into an empty stock car that had blown out upon the main line. The engine and two head cars were not derailed, but the next seven were thrown from the track and splintered. Most of the cars were loaded with live hogs, of which eighty-five were killed. There were three tramps stowed away in these wrecked cars, one of whom was instantly killed. Coroner Troyer was summoned and an inquest held. The dead man was F. Doane, whose parents are supposed to reside at San Jose, Cal.

Drowned in the Platte.

Ernest Johannsen went swimming in the Platte at Fremont with a number of companions. As the boys were leaving the water he sprang in for a last dive and got into deep water. Charles Kirkpatrick sprang to his rescue and both sank. Kirkpatrick was rescued with difficulty, but Johannsen was drowned. His body was found an hour later.

Child Fatally Hurt.

As the 3-year-old daughter of Willis Campbell, a prominent stockman living near Chadron was playing in a pasture a bunch of young horses stampeded and ran over her, crushing her skull in such a manner that physicians were obliged to remove several inches of it. Her recovery is not looked for.

Fremont Man Hurt in New York.

A telegram was received at Fremont that L. P. Hansen of that city had been badly injured in New York by a fall, and that his skull was fractured. Mr. Hansen was on his way to Denmark being called there by the illness of his mother.

Plattsmouth People Hurt.

John and Fred Devren, Mrs. M. N. Anthony and Benton Brown and wife were thrown from their buggies at Plattsmouth and considerably shaken up. The team was frightened by a passing engine.

Mayor of Beatrice Ill.

Mayor Dwyer of Beatrice has left for Battle Creek, Mich., hoping to benefit his health by a course of treatment at the sanitarium. He was accompanied by his physician, wife and brother-in-law. Mr. Dwyer has been in a serious condition, physically, for some weeks.

Winnebago Commencement.

The 15th was commencement day at the Winnebago Indian school. The Indian children are said to make just as good a showing in their studies as their white brethren of the same age.

Building Plattsmouth's Depot.

A large force of workmen is now engaged changing the tracks on the Burlington and Missouri at the foot of Main street, Plattsmouth. The tracks will be raised considerably and the main line will strike the northwest corner of the present site of the old depot, which will also be demolished. An old building formerly used as an office in the shop yards will be moved down to the foot of Main Street and used as a temporary depot while the handsome new structure is in course of erection. The tracks will be so arranged as to give greater switching facilities and plenty of platform room for the new depot. The new building will be a commodious modern affair, with office rooms and the usual appurtenances, and its erection will be commenced immediately upon the completion of the track change.

Harvesting Fillmore County's Crop.

The weather of the past few days is of the sort that is making the biggest crops seen in Fillmore County for many years. It is no uncommon thing to find pieces of rye that stand over six feet tall, and wheat and oats that range from four and a half to five feet. Up to the past week the weather has not been such as to push corn along; now, however, it is coming on finely, and farmers will not be able to keep pace with its rapid growth if this favorable weather continues. The harvesting of wheat and rye has begun. There will be, from present indications, the largest crop of early potatoes ever known there. Everything tends to make the farmer rejoice, except the very low prices for his commodities, of which he complains bitterly.

Soldier Drowned at Fort Robinson.

While troop A, Ninth cavalry, was at the reservoir a few days since, a mile from Fort Robinson, teaching their horses to swim, J. B. Nellis was the first man in the water with a horse and made a tour of the reservoir, once in the shallow water, and had just started further out for the purpose of swimming when his horse was seen to rear up and Nellis to fall off. Every effort was made to rescue him, but without avail. Some of the men swam out toward him but he was gone. The troop commander had issued orders that none but good swimmers should undress. Nellis had been a cowboy in Nevada, and enlisted about June 1893. A telegram was sent to his family in Providence R. I.

Veteran Hog Thief Arrested.

Sheriff Huberle of Nebraska City returned from Iowa a few days ago, having in charge Quillen Beck, who is wanted there for hog stealing. Beck, in company with Bob Barret and George Harris, is alleged to have stolen twenty hogs from a farmer named Joseph Spohnle last January. Beck was arrested there about a year ago for stealing a load of hogs at Rockport, Mo., and had only been released a short time when he committed the second offense.

Boys Explode a Can of Gunpowder.

Two youthful sons of Richard Bilstein of Plattsmouth found a can of gunpowder and determined to have a grand celebration. They got matches, and, finding a quiet nook in the back yard, struck a match and touched off the can. The report startled the whole neighborhood, while the concussion scattered the boys in opposite directions. The little fellows were badly burned and a physician had to pick the powder out of their faces.

Boy Fatally Injured.

John Weber, a lad of 15, was run down by a switch engine on the Burlington, near the packing house at Nebraska City, and was so badly injured as to render necessary