# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

# TWENTIETH YEAR.

The Cold Blooded Murder of N. R. Town

Speedily A veogred.

ings in the History of the State.

ARMERS BREAK INTO THE JAIL.

A Son of the Murdered Man Leads the

Vigilantes.

THE SHERIFF QUICKLY OVERPOWERED.

With the Rope Around His Neck Fratt

Expresses His Disappointment

at Not Being Able to Kill

the Whole Family.

## OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1890.

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Enlisting Men to Guard

Central Pessossions.

They are Instructed by Their Chief

Regarding Their Duties-Chauncy

Depew Refuses to Talk

#### LYNCHING AT BLAIR. Town for the way he was used when in h employ in Issa

we can conquer Esgland on the seas as we have vasquished her of the and, thanks to the policy of protection." "What in your opinion will the house do THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Some Doubt Expressed as to Whether the President Will Sign It.

THE GREAT QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY

There is still a serious doubt whether the

resident will sign the river and harbor bill.

There is now remaining successful of pre-

dousappropriations the sum of \$5,000,000,

but it mostly stands to the credit of unim-

portast works and cannot be used in places

where improvements are actually needed.

A proposition to make this money available

spon such great works of national impartance

as the Sault Ste. Marie and the harbor of

New York would receive the prompt ap-

whether it is expended or not. Therefore

THE RECIPRICITY QUESTION.

the economists will urge a veto.

Representative Barrows of Michigan Thinks it Would be Better to Frovide Means of Transportation First.

WASHINGTON BUIEAU THE OMARA BEE, ] 513 FOURIERSHI SHILEL WASHINGTON, D. C. August 15.

Pratt's Crime. The details of the crime referred to above were ascertained from a gestlemen who left Blair yestenday morning, arriving in this city in the afternion.

The crime was committed at an early hour and as soon as it becaue knows to the pesple, feeling nn sohigh that it was soon a matter of doubt, whether the cowardly murcerer should be permitted to live to explate hiscrime according to the law.

BLAIR, Neo., August 16.- [Special Telegram to Tan Bun.]-One of the most deliberately planned as well as most coolly executed lynchings in the history of the state was carried out about a mile from this place shortly before midsight.

Itwasgust 11:30 when a crowd of mounted farmers rode into the town, and were speedily joined by fully two hundred citizens. No time was lost and they proceeded to the jull, where the sheriff and about fifteen deputies were keeping guard over Charles Pratt, the munderer of N. R. Town.

The sheriffordered them to stand back and positively refused to turn over the prisoner. The mob was heavily armed, but made no demonstrations with their weapons. The parleying was of short duration and the sheriff was overpowered and his keys were taken from him.

A rush was made for the cell room and in anincredibly short time Pratt was jerked outside the jail. He was

SURROUNDED BY THE LY NOLERS, who at once started with him for a small grove about a mile from town.

The lynching party was led by Harry Town, son of the murdered man. Arriving at the scene of the intended lynching, young Town was given the privilege of tying the rope about the murderer's neck, and also of having the first pull on the rope.

Town was not bashful about accepting the henorsoffered, and tied a knot that would have done credit to professional manginan. The end of the rope was thrown over a limb, and hauled murt.

Pratt was then told that if hehad mything te say he had better say it quickly. He repled that he would say a few words if the rope was loosened a little, and then they might pull away "JUST ASHARD AS THEY D-0 PLEASE,"

The rope was slacked and Pratt then stated that he killed Town and meant to kill the whole family He declared that he came up from Missouri purposely to do the job, and firmly intended Omaha in 1860, built and for a number of to killevery one of the Town family. He was sorry that he had failed. He said he had swned a farm near the one owned by the Towns, and worked hard to make a living, but the Towa family imposed upon him to such an extent that he could not save a cent. At this juncture some one in the crowd wanted to know what that had to do with the girl. Before Pratt could respond the rope was given a pall, and he was JERKEDINTOTHE AR. Hestruggled frantically for a few seconds, but the lynchers grimly held his neck tightly against the limb, and in two or three minutes the lifeless corpse of the murderer was swinging slightly to and fro in the night wind. The rope was made fast to the trank of the tree and the crowd of vigilastes came quietly back to town. In about fifteen min utes the farmers left for their homes, but little knots of citizens gathered on the cor

Three doctors examined Pratt this after noos and they all think he was same. Pratt said he came up to Biair yesterday on the Sioux City passenger, got to Blair at 2 p. m. walked during the night out to Town's resi dence and reached there this meming; saw CHARLES PRATT DANGLES FROM A ROPE. Town and his daughter out doors, inquired if that was Town and then shot One of the Most Deliberately Planned Lynch- him; said the girl started to run and scream and he shother; said he dlin't know why he shot the girl, as he had nothing against her. Itis not known yet whether the girl will

> liveor not. The doctors fail to hisd the ball. AnOmalia physician has been sent for.

It seems that about three years agon man proval of the president, but a general river named Henry Pratt became attentive to the and harbor bill made up as such bills are to daughter of N. R. Town, a fareser residing secure votes by for rolling, takes \$20,000,000 or more from the treasury, at Kensard, a place about four and a half miles southwest and eleven miles and it is exceedingly doubtful whether west of Blair on the Fremost, Elchorn it will receive the executive & Missouri Valley road. The acquiantiance sanction. The president understands as well has continued under varying circumstances as any one else that he has authority to direct up to the present, and it was thought that that the money appropriated shall be exboth Pratt and the girl contemplated matripended only where it is gooded, and if there s any danger of a deficit in the treasury he can direct that the greater portion shall re-

Yesterlaymoning Prait west to Town's mais unexpended. Butthe republican leadhouse after having left Blair. It was not sea by people whom he had passed on the read that he seemed to be in trouble, because he passed them without exchanging the salutations customary among the residentain that section of the country.

monv.

It is been frequently asserted by those who are sposed to the reciprocal policy that the "favored sation chuse" in treates be-When he reached the Town homestendhe called for the young lady. She went and talked to him at the door and remained with tween the South American republics, and him for some time. European powers would prevent or at least Finally a quarrel arose between them.

nullify any advantages we might gain from such negotiations. This is untrue, Very few of the South American countries have High words passed and these attracted the attention of Farmer Towr, who went immediately to the door to ascertain what had occusioned the dispute.

The moment the old man made his appearance, Pratt drew a revolver and alming it at hum fired and killed him instantly, the bullet passing straight through the heart.

compelled to give England the sameadyancompelled to give England the same advan-tages in trade that she gives us. In other words, she would be com-pelled to admit breadstaffs, provisions, lumber, petroleum and other articles from England free of daty to her ports as well as those from the United States, provided Eag-land gave her similar corressions, but England produces no breadstuffs, provisions, netrobeam or income for exact norther des Affrighted the girl started torun when she was also shot, the bullet entering at the back and defying the efforts of the surgeons to locate it

The shots aroused the neighbors even for a distance. Some of the latteraided theson and widow of the dead man to be arhim and the girl in the house, while one of the boys started on horseback in parsult of the murlerer.

The latter had had agood start and di rected his steps acress the fields to avoid de tection.

On the way young Town met a young do not enjoy. But in negotiating a reciprocity treaty with the United States, Brazil would hasist upon friend with a loaded musket. This he porrowed, and finally overtaking the scoundrel commanded him to surrender. The murderer drew his gun, but it was too late. He was compelled to drop it because of the musket in young Town's hands. Pratt was immediately surrounded by neighbors and officers and netwithstanding that threats of Lynching were made, was landed safely in jail at Blarr. N.R. Town was well known by many o the old residents of this city. He came to years resided in the frame house just west of theold Herald building on Harney street, at the same time running a restaurant near Ninth and Hamey, in 1875 he sold sene o his Omaha property and removed to Biair. A few years later he bought the fine farm on which he was killed. Town was about fifty years of age, on it wealthy and highly respected by all who knew him. The daughter, Miss Hattie, who was she by Pratt, was twenty years of age, a beantiful and accomplished girl, and was we known in this city. During the past year she attended school at Colorado Springs, Col. and had already commeaced preparations for returning to that place. Her young tady friends in this city, who know herintimately state that they never heard her speak of Pratt, and are satisfied that if he was asurtor for her hand his attentions were not re turned.

with the reciprocity amendments to tariff bill " "I donot know what the house will do. can only state my own pollion. While I favor the extension of our trade wherever possible and without surrendering any protection principle, I do not ser what concession we can gain from any country of the South American spublics which will not be equally shared by France, Germany, England and the restof the world. Nearly all of those countries, all of them. I think, have the 'most favored nation' clause in their treaties, by the terms of which it is gread no conesi-

sions or extra privileges of any kind shall be granted to any dition exclusively; all the most favored nations must be placed on pre ciscly the same foting and given the same trade facilities. Hence whatever advantages are given to us must be participated in equally by all the other nations, so that in the end we are no better of than we were at the beginning. Of coarses analon can violate its treaties if it wants to, but that is

generally followed by a doctoration of war. "I do not behave these reciprocity amend-ments rightfully belong on the tariff bill. I will neveryote to clothe the president with the powerto suspend the collection of the revenues or to clangeour entire fiscal system by a sample proclamation. In other words, 1 do not believe legislative functions should be surrendered in this way. It might be a dan-gerous thing to do, in the case of a president who believed in protoction it would be all right, but in case of a free trade president, it be a very different matter. president can now make reciprocity treaties by and with the advice and consent of the senate and there is no necessity to depart from that regular order. For that reason I do not think the house will add the amendments to the tariff will, but I think the shipping bills will be passed, and if they are we may expect to find the market we now are seeking.

THELOGAN MONTMENT.

General Alger's reference to the Legan monumentin his speech before the Grand monumentin his speech before the Grand Army encampment vesterday recalls the fact that an appropriation of \$40,000 was made more than eighteen months are for the erection of a pelestal in fown eircle upon the assumate that \$50,000 would be mised im-mediately for the monument. A similar ap-propriation was made for a pelestal for Geners want the credit of economy, and this appropriation will be charged against them cal Hanceck's meanment at the same time ut until now only \$12,000 has been raised for he logan meanment and nothing whatever the Logan measured and nothing whatever for that for Hancock so far as is known here. The Logan fund was to be raised by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Hancock fund by the Society of the Army of the Potomac, Generals Sewell of New Jersey, Bingham of Ponsylvania and Park of the regular army (refred), being the committee. General Al-per accests that concrease has be induced to commercial treaties with Europe and even if there were treaties containing the favored mation clause it would not apply to such reriprocal concessions as proposed by the United States, Brazil, for example if she er suggests that congress may be induced to llow a cheaper pedestal and give a portion of the appropriation toward the statue, but this is very doubtfal. There would be decided opposition to any such suggestions. The statuses of Generals Themas, McPherson, Gardeld and others were created upon the same plan and unless the admirers of Generhada treaty with England containing the favored nation clause would, of course, be als Logan and Hancock rules the funds and erect the statues the appropriation for the pedestal will go back into the treasury.

GOIMAN HAS A SCHEME. Senator Gorman of Maryland, chairman of petroleum orlumber for export, neither does the democratic cascus, has been busily en-graged all day in trying to induce his demo-cratic colleagues to adopt a plan that has been hathed in his fertile brain. He advo-cates total indifference on the part of the democratic senators in regard to the election France, Gernany, Austria or Italy, with whom she has commore. Spain produces a little wheat for export, but that is sent to Cuba with greater profit than to other na-tions because that island is a colony of Spain and gives advantages to Spanish products which the products of other countries bill and says that more capital can be made for that party if they will abstain from de-bate upon the election bill and permit the republicans to do all the taking. Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts will open the discussion on the republican side and Senators Reagan and including only our peculiar products which are not produced by any of the European na-tions. We have no competition in that mar-Berry are loaded with material for speeches which they promise to use in case they are drawn into debate, and no amount of arguket for our peculiar producis except from the Argentine Republic, which his been avo-ducing a large quantity of wheat and corn and has exported these articles to the value of \$15,000,000 or \$15,000,000 a year. During the current year the Argentine Republic has been an importer of wheat because of the

"Non-Negotiable" Struck Out from the New Uniform Bill of Lading.

THE IOWA JOINT RATE SCHEDULE. Rock Island's Earnings-A Right of

THE SHIPPERS ARE PLEASED.

Way War in Colorado-Shipp rs and Carriers-Railroad Gossip.

#### Curcage, August 15.- Special Telegram to THEBRE |- The shippers are vastly pleased at their victory in securing the elimination of the words "not negotiable" in the new uniform bill of lading. Said Commissioner Iglebart of the Chicago freight bureau : "The railroads have vielded on our main point and talk fairly enough about further changes. In spite of yesterday's vote I do not believe that either the Grand Trunk or the Wabash will put the bill of lading into effect September 1 unless it is further amended. One other change must certainly be made. and that is in clause 3, which specifies that the initial line can route the shipment as it sees fit, and that it is only responsible while the shipment is on its own rails. Shippers will never agree to such provisions. Besides these there are a dozen other changes, and mark my words, the railroads will make tirem all

Said Secretary Stone of the board of trade: "The change in the bill of lading is satisfactory as far as it goes, but it must be changed farther. This will be accomplished by the national association of shippers, which will probably be formed within the month, and which will include as members the boards of trade all over the country. It will be an extremely strong body, as you can see, and will have general jurisdiction over all dealings between shippers and railroads."

### Sent to Meet the Commission.

CHICAGO, August 15.-[Special Telegram to THE BEL |-General Manager Ripley of the St. Paul and Vice President Newman of the Northwestern left this evening for Ann Arbor, where they will meet Chairman Cooley of the interstate commerce commission and endeavor to secure a change in the sion and endeavor of secure a change in the recent ender of the commission preseribing reduced rates on grain from the Missouri river to the Mississippi and Chicago. The two officials are delegates appointed today at the meeting of presidents and general managers of western lines. A determined effort was made to induce the

Union Pacific, Alton and Rock Island to joint in fighting the commission, but all three were firm. The Alton claimed that instead of the 17 and 29 cent rates ordered by the commis-sion, corn and wheat respectively were in the majority of cases now being carried at less than 13 and 15 cents. The Alton would not object to the making and maintenance of the latter rates until the rate-cutting roads were suck of it. The Union Pacific and Rock Is-land maintained their position of yesterday that it would be impolite to fight the com-mission and suffer certain defeat. As a compromise it was decided to send the defeature to Chairman Cooler and sen at

As a compromise it was docided to send the delegates to Chairman Cooley and see at least if the decision could not be so changed as to maintain the old 5 cent differential as ordered. The matter of the proposed advance in eastbound rates from the Missouri river on August 25 was brought up on a number of complaints. As a short cut to the settlement of all questions it was decided to put every-tions relating to the matter in the heads of thing relating to the matter in the hands of the board of chairmen of the western association.

The Iowa Joint Rate schedule. DESMOISES, Ia., August 15.--[Speial Tele-

sent one was under consideratio

A Right of Way War.

DESVER, Colo., August 15.-[Special Tele

gram to THE BEE.]-There is prospect

ahead for a right of way war between two

railroad companies which may vet rival that

of the Rio Grande and Santa Fe for posses-

sion of the grand cason of the Arkansas,

The Colorado, Utah & Pacific company,

this summer in the left hand canon and pr

pose crossing the main range over Buchana pass, thence through Midale park by H

Shippers and Carriers.

Cmc AGO, August 15.-[Special Telegram to

FOR P. SECTING PROPERTY. point. At Lawndale it is found that the erec-tion of the fences will deprive the inhabitants entirely of what they had some to look upon as the public alley way at the rear of their Pinkerton New 1 They made several complaints to the street. They made several comparise to the size of department, and they further complained that certain public streets were being closed up by the fonces. No adequate relief rould be given by these departments, and the roadhas persisted in creating its fonces. The citizens have organized and many of them actually associated the masket the converse A TOUGH LOOKING LOT OF RECRUITS. armod themselves to resist the encroach ments of the road.

Burlington & Quincy railroad tracks at this

The Smoke Nuisance in Chicago. Curcago, August 15-[Special Tylegram to Tun Bag.]-The city authorities are exerting

every effort to make Chloage a suitable world's faircity by suppressing the smoke nuisance. The volumes of bituminous smoke that emergefrom the tall chimneys all over the city make the sun at times almost invisible, and many prosecutions are now being daily instituted to abate this nursance. Al-ready several accesspaper publishers have been fined for violating the law, and even United States Senator Charles B. Farwell has not escaped. He and his, brother, J. V. Varged, annu excepted, magnetic bound Farwell, were yesterday assessed 850 and costs for violating the smoke ordinance.

Terrible Suicide Near St. Paul.

Sr. PAUL, MIAN., August 15.- Special Telegram to Tus Ben. |--Mr. Fred Rasmusson, a reliable and trustworthy citizen of Logan prereliable and trustworthy diligen of Legan pre-cinct, has just brought in news of a suicide in his neighborhood. The corener has been notified and is on his way to the farm of **A**. J. Estberg, the dead man. Estberg was a bachelor and lived alone on his bomestead ton or twelve miles northeast of St. Paul. A neighbor and his two sons went over this beighbor and his two sons went over this morning to help Estberg put up some hay. When they arrived he (Estberg) claimed to be feeling badly and told them to get one load and bring it up to the stack. When they reached the house one of he boys opened the door and found Estberg dead. One side of his face was torn off and an old musket was at his side. at his side.

#### Across Europe in a Balloon.

Pauls, August 15.-[Special Cablegram to THE BEL]-The idea that was long ago advanced by Jolvis and Mallet to cross Contral Europe in a balloon has now been put into effect and will be carried out, if possible, in the Figure air balloon. The aeronauts will endeavor to complete the charts of aerial currents and settle for all time the debatable questions concerning the safe utilization of them for traveling. The ascent will be made at Nancy, and descent somewhere in Russia or Norway. The date has not yet been de-termined. The French minister of war is greatly interested in the matter and has reuested a military attache to make the trip at the same time

#### O'Shea-Parnell Divorce Suit.

Loxpos, August 15.- Special Cablegram to THE BEE. ]-There is another sensational development in the O'Shea-Parnell divorce suit. Mrs. O'Shea's solicitor officially withdrew from her case today. This is the second time that Mrs. O'Shea has lost her legal sup-

Messrs, Lewis and Lewis, who were at first retained, declined for reasons which they re-fused to make public to go on with the case. The second withdrawal is said to be due to Mrs. O'Shea's persistent refusal to bring a cross suitagainst O'Shea, which her solicit ors demanded she should do.

General Garibaldi's Widow. Rowe, August 15 .- Special Cablegram to THE BEE. ]-The report that the widow of General Garibaldi is about to marry again is confirmed by the Sardegna of Saisari, which says that Dr. Gabriel Tanferna is the happy man. The doctor, who is now practicing his

profession at the naval academy at Eghorn, studied at Saisari, where he met Signera Garibaldi, who two years ago made con-siderable of a sojourn there during the illness

About the Strike. New Youx, August 15.- Pinkerton is still recruiting men to guard the property of the New York Central road. Every applicant is personally examined by Bob Pinkerton. The successful applicant must be at least 5 feet 8 inches tall, and men of robust build are preferred. The pay is \$15 sweek with board and ledging while on active duty, and half pay when not actively engaged. Fully fifty recruits were engaged today. They were taken in a round-about way to the mar of the Grand Central depot. The destination of this company was West Albany. They were a tough looking lot of men and would make a bad fight if they got Obey the orders of your captain and you'll

Depew Refuses to Talk.

get your pay."

Hommund, August 15 .- Chauncey Depert. president of the New York Central, in an interview today was asked his opinion on the situation of affairs in regard to the strike on that road. Depew in reply said he did not think it was necessary to express an opinion, in view of the fact that the strike was ended.

Thinks the Strike is Over.

NEW YORK, August 15,-General Superintendent Voorhees of the New York Central said in regard to the strike: "We do not need many more men now. We will run the last of the old freight out today and by tomorrow will be in the same condition we were before the strike took place. The passenger service is fully established and just as many trains are running as there would have been had

the strike never taken place. At noon today Mr. Webb said the affairs of the read were in such good condition that the heads of the various departments could gain assume control. General Superintendent assume control. General Superintendent Voorbees said he had received many applica-tions for reinstatement from old men, and their cases would be considered.

Mr. Powderly sout a dispatch today stating that he would arrive here this evening. The strikers are jubilant.

Two Pinkertons Accidentally Killed!

ALBANY, August 15-Two Pinkerton detectives stationed at West Albany were killed by a passenger train this morning

#### A Knight of Labor Circular.

ALDANY, N. Y., August 15 .- The Knights of Labor issued a circular today in which they assert that the state of affairs regarding the strike has been misrepresented by the papers of the country. They say everything is progressing in their favor, contrary to the reports of the railroad officials. The railroad in pany is refusing all shipments of freight

#### Firemen Decide Not to Strike.

SYRACUSE, August 15 .- The excentive board of the locemotive firemen that has been in session in Utica for the past two days ndurned tonight and the delegates have re-

turned to their homes. The meeting of the

ners and discussed the crent. No one was heard to regret the occurrence and the general vertict was one of satisfac tion.

The sheriff, Frank Harrivnan, followed the · crowd to the scene of the lynching and was

A WITNESS TO THE HANGING. None of thelynchers make any effort to conceal their identity.

Not a mask was worn and no endeavor was made to keep the affair quiet. The lynchers were determined, and it is not believed that a company of militia could have saved Pratt's life.

Pratt stated in jall this afternoon that he hadno regrets for whathe haddone, and public indignation ran so high that it would have been possible at any time to have raised a crowd inside of five minutes to have done the work that was not done until tonight.

The body of Pratt was left swinging, and noone here will cut it down before morning It was just ten minutes before midnight when Pratt was lynched, and at 10' cleck the town is almost as quict and pecceful as if nothing had happened.

The trime for which Pratt wasiynched was the marder of N. R. Town, an old reideat of Washington county, living southwest of Kennard, and the probably fatal wounding of his daughter.

Pratt, who worked for Mr. Town four years ago, came upon them about submise and commenced shooting. They were out doors near the cow shell. A son of Town's ran in the heuse, procured a shot gun and followed the man on horseback, never losing sight of him. and ran him into a crowd of men that were threshing. He gave up and was bound and brought to Blair and placed in jull. The murdlerer admits he did it. When asked why he did it he said: "I am even now. I expect to go to hell and may as well go now as any time."

Pratt talked freely, said he came all the way up from Kansas City to kill Town and

WAS NOT SORRY HE DID 1T.

#### He is Known at Elkhorn.

ELEMON, Neb., August 15.- | Special Tele-gram to THEBEE.]--Charles H. Pratt, who mardered Farmer Towas near Kennard today, is quite well known here, having owned at one time 160 acres of land four miles northwest of this place, He sold his farm to Mr. James Gilmore for \$1,500 and went to Kansas, where he was last sight of for a time. After a short solourathere, howover, he returned to this place weary, foot sore and broke, having been worked for his cash, a span of horses, wagon and namessaby a professed friend, who had accompanied him.

After his arrival haw he went to work for Mr. Gilmore by the month. Parties with whom he has worked say he is of a quarrelsome and treacheress disposition. He attacked a nephew of Mr. Gilmore at one time with a kaife and no doust would have done his great bodily mjury had not young Gilmore sac ceeded in procuring a pitchfork, with which he threatoned to impule Pratt should be not desist, Pratt was thought to be bashful by the young people in the neighborbood where he worked, as he would not attend the dances frequently given and would shun the society of the young lades. among whom he might have end considerable of a figure hadhe been disposed, as he was not a bad looking young man.

#### Arrest of a Verdant C unterfeiter.

GRAND BLAND, August 15- Special Telegram to Tur Bur. ]-The police today arrested . Stewart, alias several other names, on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was taken at case by the United States marchal to Hastings to submit to exanimation. Frank Recser of the post-floc-and C. Weitz of the First National bank, who was formerly a sail clerk, were taken long as witnesses. Appearances seem to efficate that Stewart was making arrangethe counterstant of the counter-ing Dustriess. He had written to v York for a do nor costing old pieces, he had tweer three boxes at Fing Dusiness. VOW e Grand Island postolitie and was receiving all under different mares. He has just sold his like access of land, three

iles west of this city, for which he receives its pay today, and was going into the bust-mess more extensively. He has been stopping in and about the city for the last few years and at the time of arrest was living at the Stevens house, near the E. & M. depot. He was employed during the winter as engineer at the Palmer botel, if e is bright, intelligent looking, well dressed and somewhat deaf

#### President of the Letter Carriers. Boston, Mass., August 15 .- John J. God-

win of Providence was elected president of

been as importer of wheat because of the failure of two successive crops owing to douth but the country has an enormous for the production of I become a dangerow sapacity fo and will cenals Dites in Brazil but in the Tiot. ouly the

markets of Europe. It is therefore the more important that the United States should secare apermanent foothold in these markets while it has the opportunity. Brail cannot nake a reciprocity traty with the Argentine republic because of local conditions. First the parts of the Argentine republic are closed to commerce with Brazil for at least six months in the year for samitary reasons. Yellow fever is epidemic in Brazil and the ports of the two countries are so contiguous that steamers from Brazil are required to remain in quarantine for ten or twelve days before unleading and commerce with infected ports is entirely suspended by tal proclamation for the whole by presiden-Selson Second, Brazil has nothing to offer the Ar-gentine Republic in exchange for her wheat except coffee, and that is now being raised in large quantities in the northern provinces of the Argentine Republic and Paragaay. The United States has the favored nation clause is most of her commercial treaties, but this will not embarrass the government in the negotiation of reciprocity treaties or arrange ments with other nations, because the depart ment of state has uniformly held from the

ime of Mr. Jefferson as secretary of state to dr. Blaine that the favored nation clause aly applies where privileges are granted reely and without a consideration, but therever a special consideration is made the condition of a sworgranted or received the favored nation clause does not apply. This interpretation has been neerily sustained by the supreme court of the third sustained by the supreme coart of the United States in its opinion in the case of Bartram vs Robertson October term, 1886. This case arose under he Hawaiinn reciprocity treaty, it being laimed that sugar and molasses imported rom the idand of St. Croix, a colory of Der ark should be admitted free of duty unde the favored nation classe" of a treaty b veen the United States and Denmark be auscilkearticles were admitted free from he Huwalian islaads. The supreme cour

ejected the claim stating that the "resaty with Denamark does not bind the United trates to extend to that country without impensation privileges which they have moded to the Hawaiian islands in excharge for valuable concessions." Representative Burrows of Michigan, a er of the committeen ways and means, talked at some length today to your corres-pondent about Scentary Blaine's reciprocity schemes. What ever Mr. Barrows says is

intified the greatest consideration owing adiag position in the house, and the fact of his being the leading member of the house smallter on ways and means, next to Major "My theory about reciprocity" said Mr.

Burrows "is and I thak every other good republican feels the same way, that we ought to have the freest commercial intercourse vith the South American countries, providing we can do so without abandonia principle of protection. And I do not think could be a more opportune time to do this that just now, owing to the interest which the Pan-American congress and the

general discussion has aroused in the sub-"I say I am in favor of extending our commerce with the South American countries, but it seems to methat before we can have to do that we must have suce, speedy regular means of transportation between our ports and these of the countries b the south of us. It is so use tailing about fluding a market for our goods if we have not the facilit is to put those goods on the market. You might a well talk of time with the Congo state. What we wantfirst of all is a steat

ship service, and we ought to give the assistance to developing this service as has been done by other countries with the same objects in view. The Fore shipping bills, which are already passed the senate, should pass a house without delay. "I do not believe the South American

countries would prove a great market for our agricultural products, as they are themselves great agricultural countries, and produce enormous quantities of cattle, but they would open up a market for our manufactured and relieve whatever sumlus we bloot.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

The following postmasters were appointed today: Union, Cass county, Nebranka, C. L. Graves, vice R. H. France, removed; Whit-tier, Lincoln county, R. F. Hardie, vice R. S. Randerson, resigned; Rowena, Minnehala county, South Dakota, F. D. Marshall, vice J. E. Brown, resigned.

#### MISCELLANEOUS,

John Morrison, jr., has been appointed a cadet at the West Point military academy from the Sixth district of Iowa. Churles Sweeney of Osage, Ia. is visiting his brother, Hon.J. Sweeney, at the Hamil-

John Rustof Waterloo, Ia, is at the Metrepolitan.

repolitan. Assistant Secretary Chandler today re-versed the decision of the commissioner of the general and effice in rejecting final proof upon the pre-emption cash entry of Maurice Igee for the southeast quarter of section 25, township 107, range 30, Mitchell, S. trict, and on entry will pass to patent. Mitchell, S. D., dis

Postmaster Rigg of Beatrice, who has been in Washington for several days, has secured an additional appropriation of \$300 perannum for clerk hire in his offee. This makes \$100 additional that Mr. Rigg has been able to worm out of the department since he assumed the duties of his position a few months

Senator Paddock has been compelled to throw up the spange once more. He has gone to Asbury Parkin hopes of recovering me of hislost health in the atmosphere of the Atlantic. The senator is in a very bad state of health and serious fears are entertained for his recovery by his friends unless there is an early adjournment of congre PERRY S. HEATH.

**FOSTMASTER GALLAGRER** 

#### May Soon Be Asked to Besign Without Naming a Successor.

WAMINGTON, August 15.- Special Telegram to Tak Bie, ]-A number of inquiries have recently been received here concerning the exact status of the tenure of office of Postmaster Gallagher of Ommha.

The state faile board some system of the state this company right of way through state lands in the canon. This information aroused the Burlington people who had, at though stadfastly denying it, been planning to go over Boulder pass into Middle park and Inquiry at the postoffice department rereals the fact that ex-Postmaster Contant was appointed and confirmed December 20, 1883, and that his term consequently expired on the 20th of December, 1887; but he was re-moved on the 30th of March, 1887-eight months and twenty days before his term ex-

Gallagher was appointed on the 30th of tain to precipitate a contest between March and commissioned on the 20th of April. He was subsequently continued by the senate on the 16th day by the senate on the 16th day of January, 1888, and received his final commission on the 16th day of February following. If Mr. Galla-ther's term dates from the day of his ap received it is bound for Utah and the Pacific coast. 16th pointment therefor it expires on April 30, 1891, and it is the policy of the present ad-ministration to consider postmasters' terms THE BEE. |-The conference between shipas dating from the original date of appoint-ment. Consequently MR Galagher, if al-lowed to serve out his full term, would not

perseded antii April 20 next. I as Mr. Coutant served only three years ad about three mosths, it will be seen that Mr. Gallagherhas had just as long a hold he public crib as his predecessor, and for his reason it is held that Mr. Gallagher will 2 asked to step downand out within a ryshorttime. It is also sufe to say that in te of his willinguess to resign in the event being allowed to ninne his successor, he villbayeno choice in the matter, but will be informed that a republican shall soon present his credentials.

#### A Minister Attempts Suicide.

New YORK, August 15-[Special Telegram to The Ben. ]-Rev. Andrew Colville, fortysix years of age, attempted to end his life yesterday moming by shooting himself in the outh with a revolver is the hallway of Sixth avenue home. After firing the shot Colville repeated, Wilhout notifying any-one he left the house and proceeded to Bello vue hospital. When Colville reached there he was almost exhausted, owing to the loss of blood. His wound will not surgeons think, prove fatal. He refused to give any informahave in that direction, as well as stimulating certain lines of production. If we have the means of transportation, and a temporary asclaimed he had an old gradge against the letter carriers' national association today. Sistance to lines of vessels will give us that, is his attempted to shoot himself.

gram to THE BEE. ]-The action of the Westof her son, Manlia The date of the wedding ern Freight association at Chicago yesterday has not yet been fixed. in unanimously resolving to ignore the lown

#### A Bri hter Outlook.

joint rate schedule, and refusing under all LONDON, August 15.- [Special Cablegram circumstances to make the rates ordered, was to THE BRILL-A dispatch to the Times a great surprise as well as a great blow to from Buenos Ayres states that a bill will be the lowa commission when it became known to them this morning. The schedule that went into effect today is 80 per cent of the introduced in congress authorizing the gov-erament to lease 250,000,000 acres of national local rate. Commissioner Campbell, when it was found that the former mileage percentland. The funds to meet the coupons of the national loans, which are payable 1, have been provided. The new new president age schedule would not work justly and the and directors of the National bank are al mea who have the confidence of the 'hicago and submitted this plan to the railmen who Gold is quoted at 173 public. per cent premium.

#### A Tendency Toward Peace.

Chicago and submitted this plan to the rail-way managers. While not comtting themselves to co-operation with the commission, most of them said ft would prove satis-factory. The managers of the lowa roads which have their headquarters in lowa so far as heard from, were more posi-tive in their expressions of satisfaction and willingness to put the rates in. In fact Mr. Ackert of the Illinois Central suggested that the present per cent plan be adopted. The commission made the rates with the under-VIENNA, August 15.- Special Cablegram to THE BEE. ]-The Fremdenblatt, commenting on Emperor William's visit to the czar, says his majesty's visit to Russia is a favorable symptom and cannot fail to influence peace ful developments. His visit to the car will commission made the rates with the under befollowed by a meeting with the emperor o Austria in Silesia and this will also be a tanding that the roads would voluntarily put them in force. The commission took no action in the matter today, but it is expected there will be a lively contest and the whole valuable confirmation of peace. meeting will naturally have a reflex action upon the second. lows railway fight may be opened up again

#### The Emperor at Arkona.

BERLIN, August 15- [Special Cablegram to THE BEE |-- The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William on board, arrived at Ankona this morning. His majesty's sons boarded the yacht at that place and remained with their father for a parter of an hour.

#### To Receive the Emperor.

which is supposed to be the western portion of the Pacific short line, have been working Sr. PETERSBURG, August 15.- [Special Ca] blegram to Turn Burn |- The Russian squadron of equition has arrived at Reval, where Supplur Springs and westward through the canon of the Grand river. The state hand based It will awalt the coming of Emperor William and extend naval honors to his majesty The state land board somedays ago granted

#### Christians Fleeing to Persia.

LONDON, August 15.- [Special Cablegram to THE BEE. The pasic among the christian ishabitants of Armenia is spreading and hundreds are fleeing to Persia

#### Meeting With Francis Joseph.

west by the canon of Grand River also. They started out a corps of engineers who found the short line's stakes in the canon. No at-BERLIN, August 15-[Special Cablegram to tention was paid to them, however, and the Burlington engineers ran a line right over the one already located. The action is cer-THE BEE. |- The meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph at Count Kalnoky's cassle, Rohnsteek, is fixed for Sep Chancellor Von Caprivi and tember companies. The interesting part of it is that the affair has compelled the Burlington to show its hand and gemonstrates the fact that The interesting part of it is that Count Von Wadersee wil be present.

In the House of Commons. LONDON, August 15.- Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]-A lengthened discussion took place in the house of commons last night on water. the railroads in Ireland bill. The measure passed the committee and was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 73 to 12. The housedid not adjourn until 7 o'clock this morning.

#### A Schooner Felieved to be Lost.

Austria and Egypt.

Nominations.

mised. Every effort will be made to bring the culprits to justice. The most plausible theory as to the motive HALIFAX, N. S., August 15. - The schoone Richard Thomason, which left Picton August 4, for Summerside, P. E. L., has not been of the wreckers is that they intended to wreck heard of since. It is believed the vessel was

the high class freight train which is usually preceded by the express.

WASHINGTON, August 15-The amount of silver offered to the treasury department today was 740,000 ounces, of which 417,000 were accepted. The director of the mint refused to give the price paid, but it is known to be more than \$1.141. The London quotation of silver today was 52d and the New York equivalent \$1.142. The silver pur-

chased today was for delivery at Philadel-phia, San Francisco and New Orleans. As a result of correspondence with Secretary Windom it was announced this atter-noon that today's offers for the sale of silver WASHINGTON, August 15 .- The president towere at rates ranging from \$1.14 to SL15 G were at rates ranging from (1,4) to (5,1,6), and the department accepted all offices at prices below (1,5). It is now understood that hereaftar the same publicity will be given the government's silver transactions as are given to its gold operations. day sent to the senate the following nomina-

executive board consisted of fourteen delegates, representing the fourteen lodges comorising the New York Central district. These fourteen delegates represent over seven hundred firemen in the New York Ceftral's employ. The delegate from the Synacuse lodge retarned from Utica tonight and talked uite freely of what was done at the meeting. He said the meeting, though protracted, was one of harmony and all agreed upon matters of importance. The meeting, he said, had and been called to discuss the advisability of striking. Numerous speeches were made oth in favor of striking and against it. When the matter was finally put to a vote it was de-cided to stand by the constitution of the order and not strike unless a strike was or-dered by higher authority. They concluded that they themselves had no grievance but what could be amicably settled with the common without the common of a stelle ompany without the expense of a strike

A MONSTER UNIVERSITY.

#### The New York Baptists Have an Immense Educational Scheme,

NEW YORK August 15.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-Today's Tribune says there is a movement on foot which, if carried out on the lines proposed, will ectinge all former plans and give to New York an institution without a rival in the country. The establishment of a national university in this city with an endowment at the outset of \$20,000 .-000, is proposed. John D. Rockefeller, presi-dent of the Standard oil trust company, and Rev. S. S. MacArthur, D. D., paster of the Calvary Baptist church in this city, the two men most interested in the project, are both out of town, but from a friend of one of them it was learned yesterday that Mac-Arthur's dream of a great Baptist university n this city seems about to be realized. The miversity which Dr. MacArthur desires the Baptist denomination to have in this city is one into which no one shall be matriculated who has not already been graduated from some reputable college. He considers it un-fortunate, religiously and patriotically, that so many young Americans have been obliged to go to Germany, Austria, France and other foreign countries to complete their education.

#### THE WORK OF FIENDS.

#### Unknown Parties Wreck a B, & O. Train, Killing Three Men.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 15.- An attempt was made last night by putting ties on the track to wreck the Atlantic City excursion train on the Baitimore & Ohio road twenty miles from this city. Here the road runs along the Youghlogheny river thirty feet above the

The attempt was partially successful and resulted in the demolition of the engine and the death of two engineers and a tramp. The passengers excaped with slight injuries, Had the cars gone over the embandment the

## loss of life would have been frightful. The motive for the deed cannot be sur-

#### Yesterday's Purchase of Silver,

#### struck by lightning the aight she left the port and the crew lost. John Ruskin Rapidly Sinking. Lospos. August 15,-John Ruskin, the noted art critic, is rapidly sinking. He is al-

the different organizations and as soon as favorable action had been taken by twelve organizations to convene the delegates in Chicago at the earliest possible time for th pose of perfecting the committee and taking up the work before them.

#### Trouble Frewing at Lawndale.

Curcaso, August 15.-[Special Telegram to

pers and carriers, held in this city some days ago, and which took action on the uniform bill of lading matter, is likely to lead to the formation of a permanent national transportation committee, to be comprised of delegates from the various commercial bodies through-out the country. During the meeting here a resolution was adopted favoring the forma-tion of such a body, to be composed of one

representative from each commercial organi zation desiring representation, the delegates to be authorized by their respective organizations to act upon such questions as might arise and to incur such expense as they might deem necessary to secure legal or other

determination of such matters. George F. Stone, chairman of the confer-ence, was authorized to receive reports from most continuously definious and during one of these periods he attempted suicide with a THEOT. LONDON, August 15. - Special Cablegram to THEBRE | - A commercial trenty has been

concluded between Austria and Egypt.

The Bre. ]-There is a possibility that there will be a riot and bloodshed in the neighborhood of Lawndule, a suburb of Chicago. It is rumored that a large number of the citi- tions: John F. Gowey of Washington, consul zens of that district have organized and are now armed, ready to offer violent opposition to the erection of fences along the Chiterson, consult at that place.