SECOND DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

They Unanimously Endorse the Nomination of McKeighan for Congress.

THE OTHER CANDIDATES PRESENTED.

The Declaration of Principles and Resolutions-The New Central Committee - Pronibition State Convention.

Sufferior, Neb., August 26 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE]-The democratic congressional convention of the Second district convened at Superior today. Last evening a large number of delegates commenced to arrive, so that by today a large delegation was present. The convention was held at the opera house, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion. At 3:20 the conve solon was called to order by Hou. R. A. Batty, chairman of the congressional committee, who said he hoped the convention would do as they always had done in the past since the days of Andrew Jackson, by placing in nomination a candidate whose record was clean and above reproach. In fact, he wanted the convention to follow Andrew Jackson. He said that the democratic party never feared defeat and that now the time was good for the democratic nominee, and predicted that if due deliberation was had that the man selected would be the next member of congress. He then stated that the committee had selected S. S. Alley of Saline county as temporary chairman and appointed Wetzel of Nuckolis and Keeler of Webster as a committee to es-

cort him to the chair,
Alley, on taking the chair, made the usua Alley, on taking the chair, made the usual democratic speech, in which he pointed with pride to the record of Andrew Jackson, and said that Nebraska was now represented in congress by men who bowed the knee to eastern manufacturers and eastern money kings; that a short time ago the Nebraska delegation in congress voted for the infamous McKunley bill at the dictation of that and twent Sandar Dead After theoling arch tyrant, Speaker Reed. After thanking

the convention he subsided.

S.R. Barnett of Clay county was elected temporary accretary. Messrs. Keeler of Webster county, Grass of Adams, Biglet Webster county, Grass of Adams, Biglet of Chase, Secor of Thayer, and Halsh of Franklin were appointed a committee on credentials. Ryan of Red Willow, Harlan of Frontier, and Andrews of Dundy, were ap-pointed as committee on permanent organiza-tion. Waldquist of Adams, Casper of Butler, Ray of Pheips, Shalienburge of York and Banks of Saline, were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Holmes of the Clay Center Democrat being called for, he said he was brought up a reput lican, but had joined the democratic party on account of unnecessary taxation, which had been imposed upon the people, and was urgent in his advice to young men to make the salvation sure by joining the democracy. He scared high up in his praises of Grover Cleveland, whom he depicted as a gallant soldier, statesman and hero, and pre-dicted that Harlan would climb even higher next fall and then he would take a terrible fall. His remarks seemed to greatly enthuse

Senator Casper of Butler being called upon, senator Casper of Butler being called upon, made a neat and appropriate speech as to the deliberations of the convention, but took occasion to severely criticize Speaker Reed on his rulings, and predicted that the republican party and Reed would soon create a monarchy; that he did not want any man elected to congress who would bow to the dictation of Reed.

Hop. C. E. Adama, mayor of Superior, then

weild bow to the dictation of Reed.

Hon. C. E. Adams, mayor of Superior, then,
upon behalf of Superior, presented the freedom of the city to the convention in an eloquent speech, and said that notwithstanding he was a republican and had given them the keys of the city, they could have them only

until November 4, when the republicans would want them again. Hen. George Brown, chairman of the reception committee of the city, then invited the delegates to partake of a carriage ride around the city, and thereupon the conven-tion adjourned until 7:30. The citizens of Superior furnished carriages and drove the delegates to the various points of interest. They all enjoyed the ride and were surprised at the enterprise and push of the city.

The convention was called to order at 8 clock. George Brown, on behalf of the democrats of Nuckells, extended a special greeting. He said that while proud of the county, the county could not make as good a showing by democratic votes as they would like, but she is a good deal like many other counties in the district. [Great applause.]
All delegates reported entitled to sea The temporary organization was then made

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

unanimously:

The democracy of the Second congressional district of Nebraska, in convention assembled, declares its allegiance to the democratic faith and principles, and invites to its ranks all who believe in an economical administration of governmental affairs and the enactment of laws which deal equitably with the farmers' wage workers and the business interests of the country. we demand the enactment of the Australian

We demand the enactment of the Australian system, or a law similar, which insures to every citizen the right to cast his vote free from corrupt influence or intimidation.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver on equal terms with gold, and demounce the efforts of the republican party to serve the interests of Wall street as against the rights of the people.

We have the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

We favor the election of United States sen-ators by a direct vote of the people.

We are in favor of a tariff for revenue pur-poses only, and not one to foster monopolies who sell agricultural machineries and other articles in foreign countries cheaper than to

our own people.

The following were elected as members of

the central committee:
Adams county, Samuel Brass; Butler, John Adams county, Samuel Brass; Buller, John W. Walker; Chase, Emery R. Young; Clay, S. R. Barnett; Dundee, Lewis E. Walker; Filmore, John D. Carson; Franklin, W. E. Ewing; Frontier, J. D. Warrell; Furnas, Albert Gordon; Gosper, John L. Martin; Hambert Gordon; Gosper, Gospe liton, A. M. Glover; Hitchcock, R. O. Adams Hughes, Duncan Caltow; Jefferson, John C Keisterson; Kearney, J. W. Ferguson; Nuckoils, J. F. Bradshaw; Phelps, F. D. Travis; Polk, G. West; Red Willow, A. J. Cordeal; Saline, C. J. Bowlby; Seward, James Miller; Thayer, J. P. Hasbrouck; Webster, T. J. Ward; York, George Cochran, Hon, H. A. Bally of Hastings was elected

Hon, R. A. Bally of Hastings was elected chairman and A. Campbell of Hastings secchairman and A. Campbell of Hastings sec-retary of the central committee.

Hon. R. A. Batty of Hastings placed in nomination W. A. McKeighan of Webster county, and moved that the nomination be made unanimous. S. P. Pennington of Seward seconded the nomination. C. D. Casper of Butler, in the name of the only county which gives a democratic materix. county which gives a democratic majority, also gave way to the farmer and seconded the nomination. York, Thayer, Jefferson and Frontier counties also endorsed and promised a handsome majority for McKeighan The chairman read a telegram from A. M. Glover of Aurera, stating that McKeighan was there making a grand speech at a big meeting, and that Hamilton county cast her seven votes for McKeighan. Web-ster county also presented McKeighan, and claimed that McKeighan's sod house will pass down in history as more historic than the log cabin of Benjamin Harrison. They claimed that the report that McKeighan is a defaulter is simply political buncombe. Hon. W. G. Hastings then arose and amid great appliance took the platform and said he came from Saline county so that he could present the name of McKeighan as their candidate for congress, and offered the following reso-

lution:

Whereas, The Hon, W. A. McKeighan has been nominated for member of congress by the independent people's convention for this congressional district upon a platform substantially the same as that adopted by this convention, and his loyalty to these principles and his ability in expounding and maintaining them is well known to all the members of this convention and the democratic voters of this district, and

Whereas, The members of this convention are fully satisfied that it is the wish of the rank and file of the democracy of this district that William McKeighan be named as their candidate, therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention hereby rati-

fies and endorses that nomination, and names Hon. W. A. McKeighan as its candidate. He then said the great object of this convention was to place an honest man in nomivention was to place an honest man in nomination, and one who did not represent the money powers of the land; that they could point with pride to the record of the democratic party of the past, and that the convention should call to its aid every power possible to secure the election of the democratic candidate, and that it makes no difference how they come, so that they do come; that he did not know what argument the remublicans could present what argument the republicans could present to the voters of the district that could in any-wise detract from democratic victory; that the great object of the party was to estab-

the great object of the party was to estab-lish an honest government.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted amid great enthusiasm and W. A. McKeighan was declared the nominee of the

Batty of Hastings offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Resolved, That the sentiment expressed by he official organ of L. D. Richards, that the

the official organ of L. D. Richards, that the farmer with a mortrage is a pumper, is in perfect accord with the real mititude of the republican party and its leaders toward the abovers of the country.

Resolved, That this convention thoroughly appreciates the cordial reception accorded to its members, collectively and individually, by the people of Superior and Nuckolis county through the courtesy of their mayor and every one of them as citizens, and that we will ever hold them in grateful remembrance.

Judge Ong of Seward being called on, said he was a new importation from the Sucker he was a new importation from the Sucker state, and prided himself on his Jeffersonian democracy, and then preceded to make a regular democratic harangue, which evi-dently suited his mossback friends. The convention then resolved that when

the convention adjourned it should go in a body to the residence of Superior's republican mayor, Adams, and give him a good dem-eratic cheer for his eloquent tender of the freedom of the city to the convention. The speeches generally offered considerable taffy to the farmers' alliance and then tendency was to cajole the alliance into the support of the democratic ticket.

At 9:30 the convention adjourned and

marched in a body to the residence of Mayor

Prohibition State Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., August 26. | Special to THE BEE. |- The state convention of the prohibitionists of Nebraska will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Bohannon's hall. The call provides for about eight hundred delegates. A full state ticket will be put in the field from governor down, and it is enaimed that there is no prospect tonight of the endorsement of any candidate of any ticket now in

the field.

There is every prospect of a lively convention. The leaders are fully aware that a few delegates will come loaded in the interests of the independment movement.

Mr. A. G. Wolfenbarger says:

The reason universally assigned for adependent action by the prehibition party this year is summed up in these few words: The political prohibitionists have set them-selves to the difficult task of taking possession of both state and federal governments. They assert that they are as permanently organized as any political party in the nation; that they are willing to stand or fall on the issues they present to the country. They claim that there is just as much reason for demanding of the republican and demo-cratic parties that those powerful organizations on stated and special occasions abstain from placing tickets in the fields in the interest of this or that measure as there is in de manding the same course on the part of the prohibitionists."

The convention will be called to order by C. E. Bentley chairman of the state central committee. The leading address of the evening session will be delivered by Mrs. Clara Hoffman of Missouri, state president of the W. C. T. U. of that state.

Mrs. Hoffman is a woman of great talent and a very eloquent speaker.

The candidates named for governor are C. E. Bentley of Butler county, A. Roberts of Lancaster and Dr. B. L. Paine of Lancaster. The chief interest centers in the governor-ship, and the candidates for the minor offices are not yet in sight.

The state central committee will be rganized and the vacancies will be filled the executive committee. It is predicted by the leaders that a ringing platform will be adopted, declaring in favor of the adoption o prohibitory amendment, demanding the pas sage of a municipal woman's suffrage law b the next legislature, and arraigning th various political parties for opposing consti-tutional and statutory prohibition.

Endorsed the Atliance Candidate.

TECUMSER, Neb., August 26.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The democratic enatorial convention met today and endorsed the alliance candidate, Charles Williams, for state senator and adjourned subject to the call of the secretary. The republican county convention also met and nomi nated for representative William Blystone for county commissioner. Edward Cook, and for county attorney endorsed J. H. Hitch cock, the alliance candidate. The delegates to the republican senatorial convention, which meets October 5, go unmstructed.

M'VICKER'S THEATRE BURNED. The Big Chicago Playhouse Destroyed

and Several Firemen Hurt. CHICAGO, August 26.-Fire was discovered in McVicker's theater at 2:30 this marning. As far as can be learned it originated in the

smoking room under the stage. The flames spread rapidly and smoke filled the entire building. Thirty minutes after starting the fire had made its way from basement to roof, and a few minutes before 4 o'clock was lead ing from att the windows on the west and east sides of the theater. The guests in the Saratoga and Windsor hotels and Bennett house became panic stricken and fled, although

ere was no danger. While seven firemen were at work in the auditorium the roof fell in, but they escaped without injury. The rear wall fell and al the men of fire company No. 7 were buried in the ruins. Jack Duffy had his skull frac-tured and will probably die. The others

were more or less hurt.

The front part of the building was occupied by stores and offices and the loss there will be heavy. The total loss to the theater building and its occupants is estimated at over \$200,000. Horace McVicker, proprietor, says his loss will reserve building and the statement of the statement says his loss will reach over \$100,000. Several stores on State street caught fire,

but the flames were soon extinguished The watchman thinks the fire of incendiary rigin. He said that about 2 o'clock he found orugin. a small blaze in a pile of oily rags under the stage, which he put out. Returning a short time after he discovered—fire under the auditorium and was fighting the flames when the engines arrived.

SMALLPOX IN TEXAS.

The Disease Becoming Widespread and Much Alarm Felt.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., August 26.- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The smallpox outbreak in this part of Texas along the Mexican border is becoming so widespread as to cause much alarm in this city. The disease is spreading, and while a few days ago there were only a few cases, there are now twentyfive or thirty. There is seldom a time when smallpox does not prevail here to a greater or less extent, but heretofore the pestilence has been confined to the Mexican and negro quarters. Now, however, there are at least a dozen serious cases in the fashionable resi-dence center of the city. The health author-ities are taking no steps looking to the termination of the disease, and none of the patients have been removed to the pest he At Waco the outbreak of smallpox has become so serious as to necessitate the establishment of a quarantine. There are a number of cases at Lockbart, while at Eagle Pass the disease is very fatal and many deaths have occurred.

Blew Out His Brains.

SCRANTON, Pa., August 26.-Scott Shoemaker, one of the best known notel men in this section, blew his brains out this morning with a revolver. The cause of the act is not

WATSON DIED FOR HIS PARTY

Pathetic Incidents Leading Up to the Pennsylvania Congressman's Demise.

WATTERSON'S SCIENTIFIC PRESCRIPTION.

Peter J. Williams of Omaha Appointed to a Position in the Interior Department-Matters of Gen-

eral Interest.

WASHINGTON BUREAU-THE OMARA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., August 26. There is something unusually pathetic it the death of Congressman Watson of Penusylvania. Lewis Watson died for his party's sake. He died today because he felt his party's call to be supreme. When the first contested election case was up in the house, before the adoption of the rules which created a "visible quorum," every republican was summened to his seat to make a quorum, Mr. Watson was sick in bed. His physician, Dr. Macgruder, forbade him to leave his room, but when a dispatch came Mr Watson, despite when a dispatch came. Mr. Watson, despite
the warning of the physiciau and that of his
wife, arose and eame on to Washington. He
voted and went home to bed. When the federal election bill was to be voted on he was
again telegraphed for. His dector wired back
that it was out of the question. His friends
of the house tried to pressure a. pair, but the of the house tried to procure a pair, but the democrats refused to arrangeone. They knew how ill be was. It was the general belief that he might die at any moment, and the demo-crats as they told his friends, "would not pair a dead vote with a living." Mr. Watson learned the might before the voting that no pair could be arranged, and knew how des-perately his party needed every vote. Loyalty was greater to him than life and he came on to Washington and was almost carried into the house—more dead than alive he was taken back home. He almost collapsed before he reached home, and for weeks his life hung by a thread. The second trip to Washington had completely exhausted him. Careful attendance and tender nursing saved his life, and he recovered suffi-ciently to be taken to the seashore. His dector told him this time that any further at tempt to attend to his work meant death But when last week the general dispatch went out to all republicans calling the back for the agricultural bills, Mr. Watso

his seat all day, and yesterday he was on his way to the house when death struck him down. Surely greater loyalty than this has no man, that he sacrificed his very life for the sake of his party. EDITOR WATTERSON'S PRESCRIPTION. In anticipation of an all night session, the keeper of the house restaurant this afternoon ordered five gallons of milk and ten gallons of whisky upon the basis of computation fur-nished by Editor Watterson of the Louisville Conrier-Journal, that that amount of whisky would furnish just two drinks to every mem-ber of the house. The whisky, of course, will keep, but the milk was doubtless a total

defied death and came. Saturday he was i

THE CONTRACT LABOR BILL. Considerable interest is manifested in the contract labor bill reported by the committee on labor which will come up in the house on Saturday. Although the present foreign contract labor law was framed by Mr. Powderly and his co-workers, it does not seem to meet the demands of the situation as viewed by the labor organization, as well as by many members of both sides of the house. Representative Owen of Indiana, clairman of the committee on immigration and naturalization, expressed himself coday in favor of the hill reported from the committee on investigation. in favor of the bill reported from the committee on labor. "While the recent lavesti

gation of the immigration question by our committee was not directed especially toward this phase of the question, owing to the recent thorough investigation that had been ade, yet incidentally we gave it some atten-ion," said Mr. Owen. "We were satisfied that the present law is clearly inefficient owing chiefly to the ease with which it can be evaded. There are some excellent features in the bill proposed by Mr. Wade, especially that clause which forbids the advertising in foreign papers and otherwise for foregn laborers in the course of our investigation the atter tion of our committee was called to this is various instances, notably in Chicago and Boston, when contractors were advertising all over Canacla and Europe for men to take the places of their American employes who were locked out. The senate and house con mittees on immigration," added Mr. Owen "have made an investigation of the immigra tion question that has been thorough and general and has already form-ulated a bill which, in deference to Senator Chandler, who is lying sick at his home in New Hampshire, has been withheld, but will be presented at the opening of the but will be presented at the opening of the next session. In the meantime I hope to see Mr. Wade's bill become a law, and what there is in the immigration bill that it covers can be eliminated, and if there are any mis-

A NEW ARRANGEMENT. An arrangement is being talked of now to expedite the consideration of the tariff bill

takes there will be an early opportunity to

after it goes back to the house. It is sug-gested that the senate ask a conference upon its amendment without waiting for a reference to and report from the committee on ways and means. This plan has been pursued in the past and inquiry of house members shows that such a request would doubtess be acceded to, but at best a member of the committee on ways and means believe at least ten days will be required to ge the bill out of conference. Five an probably seven members will be appointed rom each branch of congress to settle upon he form of the bill as it shall finally be bassed. These will be selected from Senators Sherman, Allison, Aldrich, Hiscock Harris, McPherson, Voorhees and Cartisle, and Representatives McKinley, Burrows, Bayne, Dingley, Gear, Mills, McMillan and

The citizens of Holt county, Nebraska, desire Senator Manderson to obtain a postoffice for them between Page and Orchard on the

Pacific Short Line and between O'Neill and Sioux City, and the senator will have the necessary blanks forwarded. The chances are that both Senators Man-derson and Paddock will be heard in the senate on the beet sugar clause when that item is reached in the tariff bill, as it promises

to be, next week. United States Marshall Brad Slaughter. who arrived here yesterday, having male a tour of the lakes and going thence to B ston, didn't know who the democrats had nominated for governor, and dropped in the city evidently to hear some news. He appears to have some accounts hung up in the treasury department because of meals furnished jurors, pay for which under a new framing of the statute will be dealed him Marshall Slaughter believes that Mr. Dorsey would be the strongest candidate the repub-licans could nominate in the Third district

He regards the race doubtful if any other

man is nominated.

A lengthy petition has been received and will be filed at the postoffice department, charging neglect of duty and incompetency against Postmaster Lord at Doniphan, Hall county, Nebraska, and upon the representa tions in the petition his removal is asked. Peter J. Williams of Omaha, who has been appointed to a position in the interior ment upon the recommendation of Mr. Con-nell, today entered upon the discharge of his duties. He has been as-signed to the position of messenger and doorkeeper in the general land office, with which he is greatly pleased and is especially delighted with Washington.

Today Senator Manderson and Representa-

tive Coanell recommended the appointment of Dr. Latta to the vacancy created in the Unadilla pension board by the death of Dr. Wilson. There has been a fight over his appointment Senator Allison today introduced a bill to constitute Des Moines a port of delivery.

Inadvertently the other day credit was

given Senator Paddock for the introduction and work upon the bill making Lincoln a port of delivery, when it should have been Senator Manderson, who originally introduced the bill and followed it through all the stages of the senate until it became a law.
Penur S. Hearn.

MAJOR M'KINLEY OF OHIO.

Hanis Unanimously Nominated at Massillon for Congressman. CLEVELAND, O., August 26,- Special Telegram to THE BEE. The political demonstration at Massillon today, the accompaniment of which was the nomination of Major William McKinley for congress in the Sixth district, was one of the greatest that ever occurred in Ohio. republicans of the district turned out in a great enthusiastic body and proclaimed him their candidate without the formality of the usual delegate convention. The district has been so reformed by the democrats as to give that party a natural majority of the voters within the new limits, but the republicans

are determined to elect him. About 15,000 people were in the city, which was gaily decorated. Congressman Smyser early in the day received the following tele gram from James G. Blaine: "I trust your convention today will nominate Major Me-Kinley for congress. He has been true and tried for the last twenty years. On many occasions he has beined the republicans of Maine and they want to acknowledge their obligations and help him by their in-

terest, their sympathy and friendship." The opera house was jammed full of repub licans when the convention opened. A telegram from the secretary was read causing immense cheering. Congressman Smysen introduced Judge Munson of Medina, who made a speech nominating McKinley, He reserved McKinley's name to the last, and as it was pronounced cheers and shouts arose that fairly shook the house. When a vote was called for by Smyser, the walls quivered with the mighty 'aye' that went up and the crowd cheered and cheered again.

Major McKinley then followed with his speech of acceptance, which was a master effort.

A number of other speeches were made and the convention ended amid great enthusiasm.

Accidentally Killed.

Atomison, Kan., August 26 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE]-Guy Atkins, a boy eleven years of age, was accidentally killed this afternoon with a rifle in the hands of another boy named Frank Steele. The rifle was out of repair and the hammer was held back with a rubber band. Therubber broke, discharging the weapon, the bullet lodging in Atkins' head. The Atkins beywas reclining on the ground by the side of young Steele when the gun was discharged.

Colorado Stage Coach Robbery. Dallas, Colo., August 26.—The stage runming between here and Telluride was held

up yesterday near Haskall by two road agents, heavily armed and masked, but nothing valuable was secured. It is supposed their intention was to secure retorts valued at \$20,000 and which were shipped from the King gold mine, but by another direction. A posse is in pursuit.

A Disastrous Mill Fire. ATCHISON, Kan., August 26.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE |-The Riverside mill, of Waterville, Marshall county, was destroyed by fire late last night. Loss, \$12,000 or \$15,000; insurance not known. The mill was new having recently been rebuilt upon the ruins of a former fire. This is the third time it has been destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not known, presumably incendiary.

Big Meeting of Socialists.

Bertan, August 26.- Special Cablegram to THEBRE.]-The socialists of this city held a nidnight meeting last night, which was attended by 7,000 members of the party. speakers vehemently decried Herr Wille. Herr Rebel made an address which occupied two hours and was of moderate tone. He was greeted with loud applause.

An Embezzler Confesses. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 26.-Emil Koester was arrested in this city today enarged with embezzling \$7,000 from a num per of societies in Minneapolis, Minn., of which he was treasurer. At a hearing this afternoon the prisoner acknowledged being an

embezzler, but claims the amount taken was Brighter Prospects in Oklahoma. GUTHRIE, Okl., August 26 .- The recent daily rains have freshened the pastures and softened the ground so that farmers are all at work preparing the ground for planting wheat and rye. The agricultural outlook is so much better here that some of the farmers

have taken them out of the market. Murdered Through Jealousy. GRAND FORKS, S. D., August 26,-Dr.

who have been trying to sell their claims

Rahrsen of Crookston, Minn., was shot three times and killed at Fisher by a man named Russell. The murderer fied to the woods, peing pursued by a crowd intent on lynching. Russell and his wife separated a short time ago and he attributed the trouble to Ruhrsen's

The Chronicle's Irish Remedy.

London, August 26. - Special Cablegram to THE BEE. |-The Chronicle advocates migration from the congested districts in Ireand to the waste lands, which only require to be reclaimed and cultivated in order to aford subsistence for the surplus population It exhorts the government to take immediate

New Signal Station Opened.

LONDON, August 26.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—The duke of Abercorn today opened the new signal telegraph station on ry island of the northwestcoast of ireland Henceforth Atlantic vessels passing north of Ireland will be reported from this station in-stead of from Matin Head.

Thirteen Deaths at Jeddah.

Caino, August 26 .- [Special Cablegram to THE BEE, 1-The government has established a second quarantine station at Rasmallag, on the gulf of the Suez. There were thirteen deaths from cholera at Jeddah yesterday. There were no deaths from the disease at

Ran Into the Open Switch.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 26. - The Chicago express on the Baltimore & Ohio ran into an open switch near Point of Rocks this evening. The engineer was killed and the fre-man badly injured. No passengers were

A Tornado at Perugia. ROME, August 26 .- The city of Perugia and surrounding country has been visited by a tornado. Four churches in the city were blown down and many houses wrecked. A large number of persons were injured.

Unveiled the Memorial. BRUSSELS, August 26.-The duke of Camridge today unveiled the memorial erected in Ever cemetery to British soldiers slain in the battle of Waterloo.

Railroad Accident in Kansas. LEAVENWORTH, Km., August 26.-The Kansas Central express was partially derailed this morning in Salt Creek valley. No one was killed, but five or six passengers were badly bruised.

Fires in the Soukaras For st. ALGRES, August 26 .- Fires have swept the Soukaras forest. Two vilinges have been de-stroyed by conflagrations.

The Alton, Wabash and Illinois Central all Have Outbreaks.

THE ALTON STRIKE THE MOST SERIOUS

The Stockyards Switching Association Dissolves After a Loss of About Half a Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, August 26,- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-It was rather dizzy work today keeping track of the strikers. The Alton, Wabash and Iilinois Central all had outbreaks, any of which may end in a tie-up. The Alton strike is perhaps the most serious, involving the switchmen in the Chicago yards and completely blocking the movement of freight, although passenger trains were on time as usual. Said General Manager Chappell of the Alton: "Some time ago the foreman of our yards accepted a position at a higher salary on the Chicago & Western Indiana. He was a first rate man and we disliked to part with him. We promoted a switchman to take his place, but the new foreman could not begin to do the necessary work. There was nothing to do but to get Weich, the old foreman, back, and this we did. He was to take held September 1. The switchmen heard of this and a committee called on me heard of this and a committee called on me yesterday and demanded that one of the switchmen be promoted. I reminded them that we had tried two members of the committee and both had resigned voluntarily. I told them we could afford no more experiences and that Welch would take his old place September 1. This morning the switchmen struck, and the company takes the nexition that while it is will. pany takes the position that while it is will-ing and anxious to promote its subordinates, it has the right to be the sole judge of the competency of such employes, and when they have any doubt as to a suberdinate being able to fill a higher position, claim the right to employ whom they please, and that this is a matter which employes have no right to inter-The Alton road will refuse to re-emtere. The Alton road will refuse to recomploy any of the strikers under any circumstances, and will fill their places as rapidly
as possible with new men, which we can do
without any trouble, provided the city authorities give us the proper protection."

Chief Sweeney of the Switchmen's Brotherhood called on General Manager Chappell
today, and after hearing the particulars summarized the situation in these words: "It's marized the situation in these words: "It's

d-d fool strike." Trouble was precipitated on the Wabash and Illinois Central by an attempt to do work in the stockyards. The Wabash strike has been ended by the abolishment of he switching association and the discharge of all the strikers. The Wabash and the Illinois Central were the only roads which ordered train crows fitto the yards and both crows struck immediately, saying they would not do the work of men on a strike.

Superintendent Russell and the master mechanic did some Illinois Central switching in the yards, but this high-priced crew was the only one at work. Tomorrow all the roads will try to do all their stockyards work and numerous strikes are expected

A Conference With Beck.

CHICAGO, August 26.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The delegates representing the freight train men on every portion of the Illinois Central system called on General Manager Beck this morning and presented their looked for demands for an all-round increase of 33¼ per cent in their wages. The confer-ence lasted about an hour and the best of harmony existed between the men and the officials. The men submitted their demands presented a schedule that they agreed upon.
assured the General Manage Beck assured the men that the road would treat them fairly and took the matter under advisement, promising a decision in a week or ten days. There is no doubt that the men will get an increase September 1. The matter has been presented to the directors for their endorsement, however, before an authoritative promise can be made

Officers Return from Terre Haute. CHICAGO, August 26.- | Special Telegram THE BEE. |-Frank Sweeney, grand master of the Switchmen's association; J. Downey, dee grand master; John Hall, grand organ izer, and J. J. Hannshan, vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire. men, returned to Chicago this morning from Terre Haute.

In an interview with John Hall relative to the stockyards situation, he said: "The stockyards strike of the switchmen is by far of more importance to Chicago and vicinity than the New York Central could ever be There are a number of complications that may develop at any time, and which will make the matter extremely serious. To the question, "Will the mem-bers of the Switchmen's association refuse to work in the stockyards!"
he said: "It is probable they will, as it is one
of the unwritten laws of the brotherhood that no member shall take the place of a striker. The switchmen employed by most railroads

are brotherhood men, and should they refuse

to work, the loading of stockyards freight will precipitate a strike of immense propor-

Cost of the Stockyards Strike. CHICAGO, August 26.-The strike of switchmen of the stockyards switching association, after the adjustment of the grievances

of the engineers and firemen yesterday, put a new phase on the situation and this morning it was decided to dissolve the association and allow each road to do its own switching. The old men were told their services were no longer needed and others were procured to do the switching. Superintendent Marsh went to the stockyards this morning at the head of a force of 300 men to take charge of the police arrangements there and see that no acts of violence were

The strike cost those directly interested not far from a haif million dollars. There are 150 cars of dressed meat in the yards and each car contains 20,000 pounds, and the loss at market price means considerable. The contents of many of the cars was found spoiled and unfit for use. The first road to make a move was the Wabash. It had three engines in the yards and when the engineers

refused to take them out, the officers of the road took the places of the firemen, en-gineers and switchmen and the engines were taken to the round house. It is not expected that the railroads will attempt today to take up the work laid down by the switching asso-ciation. Tomorrow, however, will doubtless see a strong effort made to resume business in the yards. The question is, whether the en-gineers will obey the orders of their superiors, or whether they will see fit to transfer the tie-up from the switching association to

Nine Yardmen Strike.

the individual roads composing it.

Schenectady, N. Y., August 26.-Nine Delaware & Hudson yardmen struck today because the company was taking Central

Officials Anticipate No Trouble. CHICAGO, August 26.—The following dis-

patch was received this morving at the offices of the Lake Shore road from General Passenger Agent Daniels of the New York Central: Our operating department has authorized the freight department to resume the carrythe freight department to resume the carry-ing of perishable freight and all our traffic is being moved as usual. Passenger trains are on time and no further trouble is anticipated. New Yons, August 26.—Vice President Webb this morning said everything along the cuttre line of road was in good condition and that freight was moving briskly. and that freight was moving briskly.

Big Strike Threatened in Belgium. BRUSSELS, August 26.—|Special Cablegram to THE BEE !- The Courier de Brurelles says that at a meeting of the strikers' delegates from the leading coal districts, it was

decided to issue a manifeste calli pon the TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE, men to prepare for a general strik er the suffrage congress in September no Moss, August 26.—(Special Cal am to The Ber.)—One thousand of the lising miners have resumed work. It is eved the main object of the strike was to demonstration in favor of universal sec.

METADOURNE, August 26 .- | Special Cable to Tun Brg.]-The Scamen's union has c out the crews of the Union steamship comwhose vessels ply between Sydney and N Zealand. The gas stokers go out on a strike tomorrow on the ground that the gas company employs non-union men. At an immense meeting of employes today it was unanimously resolved to support the ship owners.

The Big Brick Tic-Up.

New York, August 26,-Ninety-three per cent of the brick producers have signed the manufacturers' agreement and the remainder are expected to come in today or tomorrow, when the tie-up will be complete. Its effect will be felt about Friday, and if the boycott is persisted in by the Knights of Labor nearly a handred thousand men will be thrown out of employment.

RAILROAD TAXATION.

It Is Discussed by the Illinois State Board of Equalization.

SPRINGFIELD, III., August 26 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The assessment of Illinois railroads is proving a vexed question in the state board of equalization. At today's meeting Mr. Scott's resolution declaring it to be the sense of the board that property be returned by local assessors at 25 per cent of its face cash value, was taken up and discussed.

Judge Scott said his object was to provide some standard for the assessment of railroads and corporations by the board. Mr. Gleon (Coles county) supported the resolution. Railroads and corporations, he said, were assessed too low, and there ought to be some standard for fixing assessed valuation. The Union stoel yards at Chicago had been assessed at \$1.500,000, when the actual value of the business was \$3,000,000, while the lands occupped by the stock yards were worth about \$20,000,000.
Judge Biolgett opposed the resolution. He desied that farm lands and farm property were assessed at 25 per cent of their actual value, and contended that the railroads were already paying from 10 to 17 per cent of all the taxes of the state. Further discussion was postponed until to-

The Grain Rate Muddle.

CHICAGO, August 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Chairman Midgely of the Western Freight association started today for Washington, bearing the petition of the western roads for a rehearing in the grain rate reduction case. The points in the petition were published the day after the meeting deciding

Chairman Walker, of the Interstate Commerce Railway association, is now in the east and will probably act with Chairman Midgely in presenting the petition.

None of the reads have changed their position. The Alton, Rock Island and Union Pacific will obey the order reducing rates, while the other roads will fight it in the

courts if the commission does not make con-

New Form of Lading Doomed. CHICAGO, August 26.—[S pecial Telegram to THE BEE.]—The uniform bill of lading in its present form is doomed. The Chicago committee of the Central Traffic association met today and the Wabash declined to use it in its present form except on its fast freight

The Big Four and Grand Trunk then declared they would not put it in force on September 1, as agreed, unless the action unanimous.

The Grand Trunk took the ground that is any event the bill of lading was certain to be amended still further at the request of the almost formed National Shippers' association for a week or two and then adopt another.

The subcommittee on the uniform bill of lading of the joint committee meet Thursday in New York and perhaps a changes in the bill of lading will It was informally decided that a conference between the committee and the ship should be held before putting the bill in

fect, although no vote was taken on the The Texas roads finally decided today to temporarily postpone the vexations question of equalizing rates to Texas points from New ever, that the matter should be taken ap and

settled within thirty days. THE O'BRIEN CASE.

OTTAWA, Ill., August 26 .- [Special Tele-

Serious Doubt Expressed as to the Prisoner's Guilt.

gram to Tue Bee. |- The testimony in the O'Brien murder case today for O'Brien direct did not in any way tend to close up that gap of an hour left open vesterday, namely, from 8 to 9 o'clock. It did, however, tend to discredit the story told by Mrs. Ford that Minnie Winterling was present at the murder. Three reputable witnesses swere that she was at her home at work in and about the kitchen until 8:15 or 8:30, and that she was also home again from 9:45 until after bed time. It was also shown that she was at the tile works for some time that evening, but just what hour does not appear. The testimony taken on the subject has put a new phase on the case, which throws it somewhat into the region of the mysterious. Other witnesses ntradicted Mrs. Ford as to the route she took to the scene of the murder. perhaps, important in itself, it has a tendency to break down the reliability of her testi mony. Public sentiment has taker has taken quite a change this afternoon, in-dicative of a feeling that the testimony in regard to Winterling has created a serious doubt in many minds of O'Brien's guilt, notwithstanding the many seemingly corroborative circumstances tending to prove his guilt.

Studying English Mining. Berlin, August 26.-[Special Cablegram to THE BEE,]—The messengers who waited upon Woods, president of the Lancashire miners' federation, for the purpose of soliciting information as to the condition of British miners, were not sent direct to Woods by Emperor William, as Woods stated at a recent meeting of the federation. The messen-gers represented the Prussian minister of erce, who sent them to study English mining.

Will Not Withdraw Troops.

VIENNA, August 26.- [Special Cablegram to THE BEE. |-The Tageblatt says that the czar has refused to give his consent to the proposal made by Emperor William that the forces of Russia, Austria and Germany, stationed along the boundary lines between the three countries be withdrawn,

Grangers' National Exhibition. WILLIAMS GROVE, Pa., August 26.-Five thousand persons attended the grangers national exhibition here today to witness the formal opening. The opening address was delivered by Hon. Leonard R. Hone, worthy

Advance in Flour at Leeds. LONDON, August 26 .- The Corn Millers association of Leeds today advanced the price of flour 1s 6d per sack. This makes an advance of 4s 6d within a month,

TACONA, Wash., August 26 .- At Carbonade

yesterday Mrs. Mary Wilson and her infant were in the cemetery sitting on a grave when a tree fell on them, killing both instantly.

Henry Moher of West Lincoln Charged with Attempted Murder.

THE RESULT OF A FAMILY QUARREL.

He is Arrested and Placed in Jail Barely in Time to Escape. Lynching - Other Ne-

braska News.

Lincoln, Neb., August 26.—(Special Telegram to The Bee. |-In a fit of rage tonight Henry Moher of West Lincoln shot his wife in the back, and the woman is dving from the effects of the wound.

Moher is a man over forty years of age. He has been married twice, his second marriage occurring six years ago. His first wife was a mild manaered woman who allowed him to have his own way, but his second wife was decidedly opposed to his squandering his money for strong drink and insisted on his giving his earnings to her to be used for the support of herself and their six children. This palicy officers resulted in a quarrel tonight. Mrs. Moher told him that he had no right to squander his money as long as he had a large family to support, and upbraided him because he spent his money so prodigally. Moher gave her a terrible cursing, and seizing a revolver he shot the poor woman in the back revolver he shot the poor woman in the back before she was aware of his murderous inten-tions. The bullet entered the body just above the left hip and took a downward course. It is believed that the bowels are lacerated, and in this case death is sure to ensue. Moher attempted to escape, but was captured by a constable and placed

in custody. in custody.

In conversation with The Bee correspondent Mober tried to throw all the blame on his wife. But she is a woman of many friends, and he was taken to the county jail parely in time to escape lynching.

Fire at Superior.

SUPERIOR, Neb., August 26.- Special Telegram to THE BEE,]-At 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the lime house of the Nye & Schneider lumber company, caused by slacking lime. The flames spread rapidly, and before the alarm was sounded their extensive coal yard and eight cars standing on a track adjoining the yards were in flames, The fire department responded quickly and soon had the fire under control. Nye & Schneider lost fourteen sheds, in which were stored a large quantity of shingles, building paper and coal. The Chicago & Nortwestern railway lose two box cars and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Ferallway a gondola car. It is estimated the total loss will reten \$5,000,

partly covered by insurance. An Elkhorn Wreck.

FREMONT, Neb., August 26.- Special to THE BEE. |- A freight train on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road was wrecked last night near Kennard at about midnight. The train was an extra from Blair and was thrown from the track by running into a steer which had laid down running into a steer which had laid down on the track between the rails. The engine and several cars were detailed and some of the latter badly smashed. Engineer Vealle was slightly injured. This morning's passenger train for Missouri Valley was obliged to go down over the Omaha line to the Briggs "Y" and thence north to the main line, to get around the wreck.

Aurora News. Aurona, Neb., August 26.- Special Telegram to The Bee. -A large crowd attended the alfiance pienic here today. Speeches, music and lunch were the attractive features. Among the speakers were J. H. Powers,

Valhern. The ball game in the afternoon between the Wentz club of this city and the Kear-neys resulted in a score 15 to 6 in favor of the

Judge McKeighan, Judge Bates and Mr.

Aurora boys. At a special election held here today a prop sition to issue seven thousand dollars addi-tional water needs was carried by 79 majority.

Farmers Satisfied.

SHVER CREEK, Neb., August 26 .- [Special o THE BEE. |-The damage to the corn crop in this vicinity has been greatly overestimated. It is true many fields were utterly dried up, but it is also true that many farmers who did not expect more than one-fourth of a crop now feel sure of at least one-half or three-fourths of a crop, while many other fields will certainly produce a full average yield. Recent rains, though late, worked wonders. On the whole farme On the whole fermers are fully satisfied that after meeting all local de-

plus.

A Free Chantauqua. BEATRICE, Neb., August 26.—[Special Telegram to THE SEE.]—As an outcome of the recent Chautauqua controversy over the practice of charging an admittance fee to the grounds, at a meeting of the trustees of the Chautauqua association today it was unani-mously agreed that the resolution of the board passed unanimously last year, requiring an admission fee to the grounds, be re-pealed, and that the treasurer be directed to admit orderly persons free of charge during the balance of the season unless otherwise

ordered on special occasions. Newspaper Men in Session. Lincoln, Neb., August 26. - Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-About twenty leading republican newspaper men of the state were in consultation at the Capital hotel tonight with the executive portion of the state committee. This is the second meeting of the kind, and is to be followed by others. All the journalists present reported the situa-tion as improving. Nearly all the republican candidates were present and many prominent

republicans from other parts of the state.

Friend's Fair. FRIEND, Neb., August 26.—[Special to Tira Ber.]—Tomorrow, August 27, begins the second annual meeting of the Friend Fair assoclation. The meeting will hold three days. the city today is full of strangers. The weather is propitious and the track is in good condition. The managers express themselves as well pleased with the outlook and are confident that Friend will this year exhibit the best horses in the state. Over seventy-five

horses are entered for the different races. Fourth District W. C. T. U.

FREMONT, Neb., August 26.-[Special to THE BEE. |- The annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union for the Fourth judicial district convenes at the Women's Christian Temperance union temple in this city tomorrow for a four days' session. An elaborate programme has been prepared and it is expected that the exercises will be of unusual interest. On Thursday evening will occur a Demorest grand gold

It Was a Patat Dive. ARCADIA, Neb., August 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. -A. B. Jamison, the young man who was hurt last Sunday by diving from a bridge, died this morning about

o o'clock. Sent to the Reform School. BEATRICE, Neb., August 26. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Elmer Fullmer, a nine-

year old incorrigible, was ordered sent to the reform school today by County Judge Bourne Disastrous Fire at Tokay.

Pasrs, August 26.-Fire yesterday destroyed all but eighteen houses at Tokay, entrepot for the noted Tokay wine.