

enjoyed a picnic at Meeker's grove, south of the city. They were met at the Union Pacific depot by a delegation of the Fremont society and escorted to the grounds. The picnic was held on a public reservation to the grounds being given only to members and their families and specially invited guests. The weather was too hot and close to make an athletic contest an agreeable prospect, but the day was very pleasantly spent. The societies returned to Omaha this evening.

Business at Benkelman.
BENKELMAN, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Dunby county continues to give promise of a very splendid crop. In some localities in the north and eastern part the small grain has been injured, but it can hardly be attributed to drought, as there has been an abundance of rain at convenient intervals to make a crop. Corn and potatoes are fine. There was a large crowd in from the country yesterday and business is rushing.

The enthusiasts here at their county convention July 11 in this city.
The Dunby County Agricultural society county fair the first of September. The fair will be held at Benkelman September 24, 25 and 26.
Preparations are all under way for a running old celebration at Benkelman July 27. There promises to be a large crowd to participate in the jubilee.
The school board has secured the services of Prof. Maus of Alameda as principal of the public school next year.
The petit jury for the term of district court July 21 were drawn at the sitting of the commissioner this week.

Happiness in Hall County.
WOOD RIVER, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The past week has been a model, and all farmers have taken advantage of it. Had two very light showers, but did not stop work. Corn never looked better, although some fields are a little weedy, but a few more days dry weather will be all right. The wheat is looking fine, except in a few places, and in very small spots they have been hurt by water standing on the ground. Some farmers have commenced making their first crop of hay, and about the last of next week will have all the hay that will stand two cuttings in the field.
Friday night came the worst wind storm ever witnessed in this vicinity. It did no particular damage, but a great many people became frightened and got up from their beds and dressed, and some were so frightened that they remained up the balance of the night.

Outlook at Elgin.
ELGIN, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—This has been a very busy week in Elgin. Everybody seems to have had plenty to do. A close examination of the crops in this locality shows without any exception the best prospects for a large crop ever known. The wheat is all right and has come out so it is safe and sure of a good yield. Harvest will be on in a few days. Thursday and Friday nights came very heavy rains. The weather has been growing warmer. Corn in some early planting is waist high.
Rev. McCreary, the evangelist from Norfolk, arrived here today and will hold revival services for the next ten days. He is stopping with Rev. H. C. Hester, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Funeral of Young Johnson.
FREMONT, June 21.—(Special.)—The funeral of Ernest Johnson, the boy who was drowned in the Platte Friday evening, was held at the Johnson residence on Ninth street this afternoon. Rev. W. H. Buss of the Congregational church conducted the services. It was very well attended.
At a special meeting of the school board last evening it was decided to continue the commercial department of the high school and Prof. J. J. Barry, who has been in charge of the department for the past two years, was re-employed. A strong effort was made to do away with this department of the school for the purpose of curtailing expenses.

Washington on the Elkhorn.
CHADRON, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rain, together with a cloudburst, washed out some few hundred feet of the Elkhorn's track, west of Fort Robinson, last yesterday afternoon. Wrecking trains are now at the place, and traffic will not be long delayed. The place of the washout is in a rather narrow canyon, and a large body of water swept the grade away.

Children's Day at Dunbar.
DUNBAR, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Children's day was observed at the United Presbyterian church this evening in place of the usual services. There were singing, recitations and responsive readings by the children of the Sabbath school and a short address by the pastor, Rev. L. F. Frountz. The children were given a very interesting men's mission. A large audience greeted the speakers.

NEBRASKA POLITICAL NOTES.
Judge Hayward Names Oroe's Delegate to the Lincoln Convention.
NEBRASKA CITY, June 21.—(Special.)—Hon. M. L. Hayward yesterday addressed a letter to the chairman and secretary of the Syracuse convention, naming the delegates from Oroe county to the state convention. The Oroe county delegation will go to Lincoln fully determined to nominate Judge Hayward for governor if such a thing is at all possible. He has the unanimous support of all the best citizens of Nebraska City and those of the Lincoln convention affiliation. Following is the list of delegates: M. T. Johnson, H. C. Freeman, E. A. Brown, Paul Jensen, John C. Watson, O. W. Overman, J. M. Blanche, O. E. Roddy, William Byer, Mike Barstler, W. H. Norton, C. H. Elmendorf, George E. Brown, A. D. Walt, George W. McKee, Charles Longmire, H. M. McKee, J. O. Moore and T. J. Smith.

WALIOO, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The republican primaries were held yesterday to select delegates to the county convention, which meets here next Tuesday. The county convention will elect delegates to the state assembly and to the state senate. These delegates were selected to represent this precinct: J. B. Linder, P. L. Larson, Frank Baldwin, P. P. Church, Andrew Eliason, Martin Erickson, W. C. Knappe, W. C. McKelvey, V. L. Gierhart, M. A. Phelps, Charles Kelly, V. L. Hawthorn, John Steen, J. E. Colver, Peter Anderson, J. Kirchner, T. J. Pickett, J. Frank J. Kirchner, A. Anderson, Henry Johnson, Chris Iverson, George A. Buck, Mat Krumpus, E. E. Lyle, T. J. Hamilton, J. W. Ball, M. L. Ellsworth, H. Mouten and L. W. Martin.

General Stanton on Bourke.
Estimate of a Veteran on the Qualities of the Dead Captain.
SOLDIER, SCHOLAR AND GENTLEMAN
Paymaster General of the Army Gives a Generous Tribute to the Memory of a Gallant Officer.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—(Special.)—Six or seven military men were chatting together the other evening in the Army and Navy club. The men composing the party were from widely different sections of the country, active as well as retired officers, Paymaster General Stanton being the highest in rank. There was a naval officer, a man who had seen life in the navy, Alaska and the islands, and fought Indians in the west and who had commanded an artillery corps in the Chicago riot. Gradually the talk drifted to the death of Captain John G. Bourke. One man had something to say of his literary fame. Another, of his military career, and still another spoke of his personal characteristics. General Stanton listened quietly to the eulogies passed upon his dead friend. After the subject seemed to have been exhausted the retired veteran said: "I knew Bourke since 1871, when he joined the Third cavalry and was with me in the Philippines until 1885. He was a splendid soldier, a man endowed with great literary instincts and a great capacity for study. He was always ready to forgive and forget. John Bourke was a good type of the American soldier—a soldier and a scholar. He was devoted to his friends and his friends were devoted to him. When there was anything to do he was there to serve his commanding officers. Altogether he was a soldier who received far less than his due credit. He was a man of great worth and his friends were proud to call him a friend. When the general had finished this pleasant tribute, a toast to Bourke's memory, was drunk in silence.

ALBENS IN THE DEPARTMENTS.
The revelations in the department of light, as to the number of men holding office under the government are startling. Some three weeks before the last session of congress a resolution was introduced by the majority of the house to have a complete list of the departments of the government, and a lot of other things which the general wanted. The resolution was amended so as to provide for a complete roster of persons who had held office before the passage of the civil service law and the number of persons actually employed in the departments. The resolution was passed by a vote of 235 to 150. It is now being prepared by the department of light, and will be ready for the next session of congress. Forty first papers have been taken out in two weeks, and a complete list of the United States government for over thirty years. Some of them have even forgotten that they were anything but citizens of the United States. The list will be brought to the face with a serious dilemma. In one case the man is chief clerk in the navy yard, at a salary of \$2,000 a year, and he has been in the service for twenty-five years. Another newly naturalized citizen holds an \$1,800 clerkship in the pension office. Three others hold office in the navy department. Two are connected with the office of the coast and geodetic survey. In reply to the resolution the departments are no aliens employed in their offices, but the rest of the departments are either silent on the subject or else have indicated the number of men holding office in a now drawing paper from the government.

MERCER'S WORK IN CONGRESS.
Synopsis Review of the Record of a Hosting Representative.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—(Special.)—Representative Mercer in the Fifty-fourth congress, as chairman of subcommittee No. 4 of public buildings and grounds, secured a favorable report upon the bills for the purchase of sites of public buildings at Norfolk, Hastings and York, and also obtained a favorable report on his own bill increasing the limit of cost of public buildings making favorable reports for public buildings at several principal cities in different parts of the United States.
The bill for the purchase of sites for several pension bills and passed through the house a pension bill for Mary Hazlip. Secured \$70,000 for Missouri improvements at Omaha. Secured \$100,000 for the purchase of \$30,000 in conference and \$25,000 for Nebraska City. Secured \$100,000 on the sundry civil bill to continue work on the Omaha postoffice building. Secured \$100,000 on the sundry civil bill transferring to the state of Nebraska for educational purposes the site of Omaha postoffice building. The bill has since been vetoed by the president, and now rests with the committee on military affairs in the house, subject to action by congress in the next session.
He passed through the house the bill providing for the holding of the Transmississippi and International exposition at Omaha in 1907. The bill was passed and shall be expended by the government. Retained in the naval bill in the house the provision inserted in it in the senate by Senator Allen providing that a terminal pier shall be constructed at some point upon the Missouri river, and \$100,000 shall be expended therefor. Obtained favorable reports on several bills for the relief of the disabled and sundry civil bills payment of several claims held by citizens of Nebraska.

Cleveland on a Fishing Trip.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—President Cleveland and Secretary Charles left the city about 9 o'clock tonight on the lightship tender Violet for a fishing trip down the Potomac river. With the party was Captain Lambert of the Violet. The present intention is to be absent two or three days, but the trip may be longer and extend into the waters of Chesapeake Bay. The weather during the past few days has been excessively hot and the president being unable to leave the city permanently at this time for the summer takes this means of obtaining a few days respite from official duties.

Navy Officers to be Retired.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Chief Engineer George H. B. Brown and Chief Engineer W. Thompson of the navy will be retired from active service on June 26. Both have completed forty years' service and have made applications for retirement. They have been identified prominently with the building of the navy, and have been on duty at Camp and at the Union Iron works and at Mare Island navy yard.
Chief Engineer Thomson has been on duty at Craig Point for four years and in his last year as inspector of machinery, has completed the New York, Columbia, Minneapolis, Indiana and Massachusetts. For his last year on duty at Mare Island on duty at Newport News as inspector of machinery for the Kearsarge and Kentucky.

Improving the Mail Delivery.
To be Distributed in Wagons While Collecting.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Continuous day-time collection of mails in big cities with the size of various districts doubled and the sorting of mail in the collection wagons ready for railroad dispatch without passing through the postoffice is contemplated in an experimental scheme the Postoffice department will execute soon, both at Washington and New York. The plan as now designed and of which Second Assistant Postmaster General Nelson is author, is an entirely new one. The mail collection will be made by a postal clerk and driver and equipped with the regulation sorting boxes and mail pouches, and each drawn by two horses. The mail will be collected from the collection places throughout the day. The outside mail as gathered will be sorted and delivered direct to street car mail line or other means of direct reaching the depot.

ARE RELYING ON SMALLER GUNS.
Navy Authorities Ready to Invite Proposals for New Battleships.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The new battleships which building proposals will be invited in a day or two will follow the general design of the Iowa rather than that of the Kearsarge and Kentucky, except that the distribution of armor will be as in the latter ship. This is in accordance with the report of the board, which recently made its report on the batteries of battleships, as is also the arrangement of the turret. The board recommended that the distribution of armor will be as in the latter ship. This is in accordance with the report of the board, which recently made its report on the batteries of battleships, as is also the arrangement of the turret. The board recommended that the distribution of armor will be as in the latter ship. This is in accordance with the report of the board, which recently made its report on the batteries of battleships, as is also the arrangement of the turret.

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Some Instances in Which It Represents Millions.
The United States investor has given an analysis of the financial condition of some of the more important New York banks, accompanied with the selling price of their shares, and from this one is able to gather some idea of what it is that gives value to the stock of a bank. The Chemical National bank has a capital of only \$300,000, but its surplus amounts to nearly \$7,000,000, and its deposits average about seventy-four times as much as its capital. Twice a month its stockholders receive a dividend, which amounts in the year to 150 per cent—that is, half again as much as the par value of their shares. But these shares sell for more than \$4,000 each, and on the basis of this price the dividends cannot be considered excessive. But the curious feature is that if the bank went into liquidation today and sold its assets, it would realize more than \$4,000,000, or eighty per cent of the value of the shares. The value of the bank is not in its assets, but in its good will, which is the value of the bank's reputation and the confidence of its depositors.

EXTRA WINKS IN THE MORNING.
How a Kansas Man Has Gained More Than a Million Dollars.
A Kansas man is just now receiving the plaudits of his fellow laborers. He has figured out an extra hour's sleep in the early morning, a boon for the toilers who must be at shop and factory at 7 a. m. The genius who has solved this problem is John McDonald, an industrious and frugal Scotchman of Armourdale, a suburb of Kansas City, Kan. Mr. McDonald is a mechanical engineer, and he has been in the employ of every morning in Kansas City, Mo. While this means of travel is superior to the street car facilities afforded by Armourdale, the morning train is not so convenient as to be by reason of the necessity of leaving a warm bed an hour earlier in the morning in order that the horse, as well as the driver, might have time to eat and digest his breakfast in peace.

ANOTHER PYRAMID ENTERED.
The Latest Discoveries Made Among Egypt's Antiquities.
Mr. Jacques de Morgan, director general of the Egyptian Antiquities, has just succeeded, according to the New York Sun, in entering the Abu-Roc pyramid, a task attempted by some ten years ago by his predecessors at the head of the same service. A passageway giving access to thirty-three rooms has been discovered. The work of clearing the rooms is now progressing rapidly, and it is expected that the pyramid will be opened in a few days. The rooms are of various sizes and shapes, and some of them contain valuable antiquities. The pyramid is situated in the desert, and is one of the largest of the pyramids of Egypt.

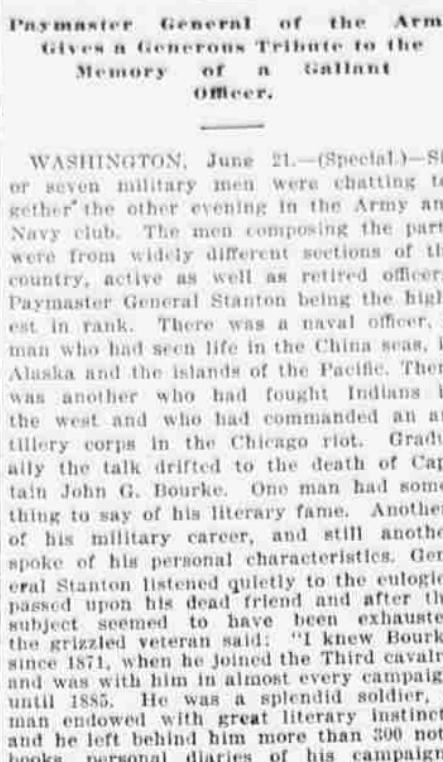
THREE MURDERERS CAPTURED.
One Killed by Minnesota Officers Before They Surrendered.
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Dentist of a Day.
GRETNA, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Peter Welch died at her home at Old Forest City this morning after a lingering illness with dropsy. Mrs. Welch was among the earliest settlers in Sarpy county. She came here with her husband early in the 50s and has ever since resided about two miles from town. She was past 70 years of age and leaves a husband and four children, one of whom is a daughter living in the old home. Mrs. Welch was a devoted wife and mother, and her death is a great loss to her family. Funeral occurs tomorrow afternoon.

Trouble Threatened.
ST. JOHNS, N. F., June 21.—Trouble has broken out on the part of the Newfound land coast where the French have fishery rights between the residents and the French fishermen over the use of red traps. The English cruisers have been summoned to this port, but have been summoned to the scene, and left at daylight this morning.

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