# NEBRASKA NEWS.

The Johnson county republican convention will be held on the 21st of this

A good many cases of typhoid fever are reported from different parts of the state.

Temperance people of Tekamah are making it warm for the liquor joints of the town.

Evangelist Davis has been holding revival meetings at Stella for the past three weeks.

The old soldiers' reunion at Silver Creek was well attended and was a great success.

Near Mead Duane Lemar died from blood poisoning, resulting from a horse stepping on his foot.

A Mr. Farback of Perkins county will establish a large sheep ranch in the sand hills near Sutherland.

Since March over one hundred thousand head of hogs have been slaugh-tered at the Chicago packing plant in

Klemns Karwacki, a 9-year old boy, was killed by the cars at South Omaha. He stepped out of the way of one train directly in front of another. It is reported that the hay crop both

north and south of Gering is very light. Grasshoppers did much damage in some localities, and dry weather prevented its growth in others. The Royal Highlanders of Aurora

filed with Auditor Cornell securities in the sum of \$1.600. This represents an investment of the reserve is required by the new fraternal insur-The body of a three-year old child

was discovered by Stelling Shellenberger and a companion near Gordon Lake, just across the river from Ne-braska City. The body showed evi-dences of foul play.

The national prison congress, which meets in Austin, Tex., October 16 to 20, is also called to the governor's attention by Gov. Culbertson and the pledge given that Texas will welcome the delegates from Nebraska to that meet-

Gov. Holcomb has issued a proclamation offering \$200 reward for the ar-rest and conviction of the murderer of the unknown man found dead in Thayer county and who had evidently been murdered on or about the 20th of

Dr. Armstrong, late superintendent of the institute for feeble minded youth at Beatrice, has paid into the state treasury \$1,000 of the remainder which was found due from him to the state upon turning over the institution

From twenty-two acres of winter wheat Mr. Pace, living near Bellwood threshed 800 bushels, which tested sixty-two and one-half pounds to the bushel, and Charley Kellogg afterwards bought the wheat, paying 57 cents per bushel.

Sheriff Cavanaugh of Platte county arrested Walter Lucas and Date Cham-bers at Stanton. They are charged with an attempt to burn the residence owned by John Cookus at Creston. Whether guilty or not, the boys have not endeavored to evade arrest.

Otoe county's mortgage record for the month of July is of an encouraging It shows that on farm property sixteen mortgages were filed, to value of \$23,576.10, and thirteen satisfied amounting to \$21,180. On city property there were seven instruments filed, to the value of \$4,918.05, and fourteen released, amounting to \$8,

The Department of Publicity and Promotion of the Trans-Mississippi exposition has issued a pamphlet descrip-tive thereof. It contains sixteen pages and is printed on heavy calendar paper. The most interesting point a con-the pamphlet is the fact that it contains pictures of six of the main build ings, these being the first actual facsimiles of the buildings to be placed before the public.

A co-operative creamery company was organized at Emerick last week thirty-eight stockholders. building will be 24x48 with a wing 18x20, and will contain two separators riven by a ten-horse power engine. Milk from 500 cows has been guaranteed by the stockholders alone. has been commenced on the building and the concern will be in running order within ninety days.

The handsome new residence of ex Senator Wm. Stuefer at West Point. which was to have been completed in about a month, burned last week. presence of kerosene odors indicated that it was of incendiary origin. As Stuefer's residence formerly standing on the same site was burned by fire bugs last Thanksgiving, this suspicion is strengthened. The greatest lo this fire is on the plumbers, \$600, they cot being insured.

While a number of the employes of the Union Pacific shops were removing a 1,200-pound wheel at Grand Island e shaft in the saw room to another, the wheel fell, striking Juergen Klintworth and Rule Perdew, and grazing several other employes. The wheel had been successfully lowered from the one shaft and raised up twenty-five feet to be adjusted the other, when a rope broke and the wheel came crashing down. Perdew was struck in the lower part of the abdomen and had his right leg broken.

He died soon after the accident. Four steam shovels are at work on the excavation for the P. D. Armour hig slaughtering house to be built in

Magnus Kronberg, a Norwegian liv-ing northwest of Blair, was struck by lightning while stacking grain and in-

The Humboldt Standard gives a list of forty-three Richardson county farmwho own more than . 1000 seres of

land each. An effort was made to establish a saloon at Monroe, but only two men would sign the petition. One was the would be saloonkeeper and the other a

# THE NORTHWESTERN AFTER ALASKA GOLD

A BIG NEW YORK COMPANY ORGANIZED.

Mors Steamers Leave Seattle for the Gold Fields-All Carry Many Passengers and Much Freight-A Scientific Expedition Being Fitted Out to Explore the Fields.

After the Yellow.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. - The Northwest Mining and Trading company has been organized here with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of exploring the gold fields of Alaska and the Northwest territory and the development and operation of such valuable discoveries as may be made, and also to establish trading posts at the various mining camps and a regular line of transportation between the United States and such camps. Among those who are interested in the enterprise are ex-Governor James E. Campbell of Ohio, John V. Lewis, who organized the American Cotton Oil company, Henry Clark Johnson of Davies, Stone & Auerbach and J. W. Chipman of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad.

MANY MUST WINTER AT DYEA. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.-John H. Smith of Portland, United States commissioner for Alaska, writing from Juneau, says: "There are 500 people now at Dyea waiting to get over the pass, and there are several more steamer loads on the way. The Indian packers and the pack animals have all the freight they can carry to the lakes by the time winter sets in, and hundreds of people will be camping at Dyea and on the lakes all winter eating the provisions they have taken with them. Prices for packing across the pass have risen from twenty-five to twenty-seven cents a pound, and the packers are independent at that."

The steamer George E. Starr left Seattle shortly before midnight with ninety passengers and twenty horses. Saturday the steamer Queen will go north with between 500 and 600 passengers. On the same date the steam barge Ajax will be towed to Dyea by a tug. Sunday the ship Klondyke, chartered by Tacoma parties, will sail. On the same day the steamer Coquitlan will sail from Vancouver. Monday the Mexico will leave; August 12, the Topeka and Rosalie; August 23, the Mexico; August 27, the Topeka. Of these all will go through to Dyea except the Topeka, which will go no farther than Juneau unless business shall justify.

### A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 5 .- A Klondyke expedition is being fitted out here by a Philadelphia, Pa., syndicate, of which the Penn Smelting and Refining company is the head. W. W. Rogers, a mining engineer and metallurgist, will lead the expedition. which will be better provisioned and better equipped with scientific instruments than any that has yet left. The headwaters of the Klondyke and Stewart rivers will be thoroughly explored, and Rogers believes that his geological attainments will enable him to discover the mother lode of the placers.

## WANTS HIM KEPT OUT.

A Wife Wants to Have Her Husband Barred From Landing.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. - The secretary of the treasury will decide the question whether or not August Armand. a Belgian, who arrived here on the Massdam on Monday, shall be permitted to land. He is at present deained by the immigration authoritles on the complaint of Armand's wife, who charges him with being a man of bad character and says he tried to get her to lead an immoral life for his support. Armand was at one time a Catholic missionary in Africa and Egypt, having been consecrated to the priesthood in France by Bishop Dubois of Galveston, Texas. Later on, Armand renounced Catholicism and, becoming a Protestant, married the woman who now seeks to have him kept out of the country. Mrs. Armand alleges that, in Kansas City, her husband sold their baby to wealthy people, and charges that the man threatened her with violence if she did not support

lows Miners to Go Out.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Aug. 5.-A thousand miners went out in this district last night. They demanded 80 cents and \$1 from the operators. The latter granted the 80-cent rate, but refused to bind themselves to the winter prices. The men at several Center-Rathbun and Forbush mines ville. have already stopped work and state meeting for this city August 9. It is believed by both operators and miners that a strike will be declared.

Russia Has a Klondyke, Too.

Loxbox, Aug. 5-The Daily Chronicle says that the Russian government is about to send a second expedition to obtain further information as to the gold bearing regions in the Siberian part of the Russian empire, which promises, when opened, to be a second California.

England's Claim Disputed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 - The steamer Beigle brings the news that the right of the British government to take possession of Palmyra island is to be disputed. Luther Wilcox, of Honolulu, declares that the Island belongs to himself, Feed Wundenberg and William Kinney. They socured their right from the Pacific Navigation company, which purchased the island from the Hawaiian government. The government, in turn.acquired its right to it through the discovery and colonisation of the Island by Charles Ben-

### DAN M'TAGGART DEAD.

The Noted Kansan Succumbs to Wounds Inflicted by Henry Scheesley. #

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Aug. 5.-The most tragic killing in the history of this town, occurred near Liberty, Kan., at 11 o'clock yesterday. Henry Sheesley shot and killed ex-Senator Daniel McTaggart in the milling property that has been known as the Mc Taggart mill since the early days of Montgomery county.

Sheesley is held without bail to await his preliminary hearing set for August 13.

The killing grew out of a financial disagreement between Mr. McTaggart and Henry Sheesley, the operator of A justice of the peace the mill. granted McTaggart a judgment upon goods in the mill belonging to Sheesley, and an officer went to the mill to sell the goods necessary to satisfy the judgment. One lot of goods had been sold, when Sheesley, who had been a silent observer of the proceedings. stepped up to within seven feet of McTaggart and fired the fatal shot from a 38-caliber revolver. The ball passed through the body above the

The ex-senator fell to the floor while the murderer fired a second shot, the ball passing through the hand and arm of his victim's youngest son, Dolph McTaggart, a lad of about 15 years. Sheesley then started to flee, but was captured and brought to the county jail by the constable, who had been performing the sale. Captain McTaggart sank rapidly and expired at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

Daniel McTaggart has been a conspicuous figure in public life in Kansas for thirty years. For fourteen years he represented Montgomery county in the legislature, six years in the lower branch and eight years in the State Senate. During all that time he stood high in the councils of the Republican party and was frequently mentioned for the congressional nomination in his district

A year ago when the St. Louis convention declared for the single gold standard. Mr. McTaggart, who had always been a staunch friend of silver, followed the example of Senator Teller and other silver republicans and bolted the convention and the nominees. During the campaign be used all the influence at his command for the success of the fusion state and national tickets.

Mr. McTaggart was born in Iowa in 1846. He entered the army June, 1861, with an Iowa regiment, and after receiving his discharge, organized a colored troop and was commissioned captain until the close of the war. After the war he was detailed by the government to bury Union soldiers. He disinterred 24,000 old soldiers and buried them at Murphreesboro, Va., Nashville, Tenn., and New Albany, Ind. Mr. McTaggart came to Kansas in 1868 with considerable money. He took a prominent part in the early settlement of the state and has always been prominently identified in every movement in Montgomery county. When he first came to Kansas he

Various Systems Making Large Additions to Their Equipments.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.-The Industrial World to-morrow will say: "Railroad companies are entering the market for large additions to equipment. A Southwestern system purchased 1,000 cars last week at St. Louis, and there are inquiries at Chicago from the Illinois Central and other roads, with prospects of some extensive purchases. Pig iron has been moderately active. Northern grades are unchanged in value, but Southern products are re duced fifteen cents on account of the rail reduction, and No. 2 foundry is now quoted at \$9.85. The tone of finished iron product is strengthening, but prices are still low."

Iowa Colonists for Alabama.

BELLE PLAINE, Iowa, Aug. 5.-A 6,000 acres of land in Shelby county, Ala., thirty miles south of Birmingham. The tract is to be laid out on the colony plan, but each colonist will own his own property. The tract is in the great fruit and dairy belt of the state.

A Mait Combine Next.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. - Representatives of large malt ng firms met at the Hotel Manhattan in this city yesterday. and took steps toward a great combination. The Arms represent about eighty per cent of the malt output of the United States, which averages 30,-900,000 bushels.

Presidential Pie Shop Closed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Few appointments of presidential postmasters will be made before President McKinley returns to Washington. These few appointments will be only in cases which require immediate action

A Victory for Loomis

Washington, Aug. 5.—The appointment of John Snider to be postmaster at Bucklin, Linn county, Mo., is regarded as a Loomis-Kerens victory

Justice Field May Retira.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The report is urrent here that Justice Stephen J. Field of the United States supreme during August and September by court, will retire from active service granting reduced rates. In return August 16, when he will have served | one day over thirty four years, breaking the record of Chief Justice John Marshall. It is sald that Attorney tieneral McKenna will be appointed to the vacancy thus evented, and that Henry Hitchcock, the noted St. Louis. lawyer, will then be made attorney general. Justice Field was appointed the same announcement of reduced, burglarized. by Paysident Lincoln in 196h.

## WITH A COUPLING PIN

ROBBERS BATTER IN THE HEAD OF AN UNKNOWN MAN.

Grand Island the Scene of a Murde Mystery-The Dead Body Supposed to Be that of Charles Elliott of Missouri, Found in the Railroad Yards.

Murder Mystery at Grand Island.

Grand Island dispatch to the Omaha Bee: From all the evidence that has so far been discovered, it appears that a cold-blooded murder was committed in this city last night. A young man, supposed to be Charles Elliott of Suth-erland, Mo., was found dead in the west end of the Union Pacific yards this morning, his head badly cut, but otherwise unmangled. The body lay closely alongside the track when found, and a pool of blood on the in-side of the track plainly showed that when found the body had been removed from the position in which it lay when the bleeding took place. A coupling pin was also found twenty feet from where the body lay, which had blood on it, and also a little hair of the same color and length as that on the head of the dead man.

In addition to this evidence, a Mrs. Nicholl was called to the coroner's quest held this morning, and testified that she lives about 100 feet from where the body was discovered, that she had been awakened in the night. the children crying for water, and that as she went to get it, she heard three distinct blows, as when a man is driving a chipped picket stake in the ground. She immediately there-after heard some moaning, and sup-posed that it was a horse that had been hard run and had been picketed out. She went into the house, but feeling nneasy, again came out to the door and heard a man running rapidly towards the city. She spoke to her husband about it, and felt somewhat alarmed, but the latter being sick, she could do nothing. Mr. McNicholl thought it was the nervousness of the woman more than anything else. This morning when they arose, they found that a dead body was lying about the place where the noise came from.

The body was discovered by a Mr. Waltendorf, he coming up to the same simultaneously with a stranger named Dunham, the latter having come in on the 4 o'clock train from the west. From the wounds on the head and the coloring on the neck, as also from the blood marks on the track, it is believed the man was waylaid, murdered and robbed, and that the perpetrator or perpetrators of the crime then laid the head over the rail with the intention that the next train along would obliterate all evidences of the crime. The coroner's jury has adjourned until tomorrow morning. It has been as certained that one of the westbound freights stopped about this place for a few minutes and then pulled out. crew will be summoned to ascertain if they saw the body, and if so, what its position was at the time.

Grain Moving Rapidly. The wheat fields of Nebraska, says the Lincoln Journal, are pouring their golden riches into the elevators these days, and from them into the cars of opened a store at Liberty, but was not the railroad companies, to be trans-successful. He then built a mill on ported to the southern markets. Railthe Verdigris river between Liberty and Independence. In this mill the murder occurred.

road companies are handing numerous of cars daily and the traffic is reported to be increasing. It is said to be double what it was last year at this time, and well posted railroad men say they do not think the grain movement has fairly commenced. Railroad courtesy in the matter of foreign empties is already beginning to be subjected to severe strain. The local agents here are transferring a large number of cars, and the Missouri Pa eific and Elkhorn people complain of the scarcity of men who are willing to work for \$1.50 per car. Much of the grain is going south, as the eastern grain men appear to be afraid of the effect of the holding back of the grain upon the markets.

Home feskers' Excursion Tickets. Beginning August 3 there will be an important change in the sale of homeseekers' excursion tickets. At present these round trip tickets to points in Nebraska and Kansas are sold on certain dates by all western railroads at the rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, the \$2 being collected when the traveller starts on his return trip. This custom has been in vogue almost number of lowa farmers have secured since the establishment of homeseekers' excursions.

On and after August 3, the additional \$2 will be charged the homeseeker when he starts on the going trip. If he should conclude to remain at the destination of his trip he may secure a rebate of \$2 by making proper application for it through the general passenger agent of the road over

Carries the Bauner. Fairbury dispatch: While every section of Nebraska is indulging in a little pardonable pride over enormous wheat crop, Jefferson county she will carry the banner. During the past week Charley Long, whose farm iles a few miles southwest of this city, threshed fifty acres of wheat which averaged by actual weight just forty-six bushels and one peck to the acre. These figures are thoroughly authenticated, being vouched for by several These figures are the of Jefferson county's best men, also by the weigh bills and the check received for the wheat, which was marketed at once. Besides this there are several fields in the county which have yielded more than tifty bushels to the acre.

Wm. H. Dugan, a B. &. M. brakeman at Wymore, sustained injuries that re-sulted in the loss of a leg.

Railroads and the County Fairs.

The Nebraska railroads will assist the county fairs to be hold in this state

they expect to receive a considerable volume of traffic. The Burlington has round trip for every county fair to be held in the state. The rate will apply from within seventy-five miles of place at which the county fair is being held. Tickets will be sold one day before the fair. Other roads will

BY THE GOVERNOR

He Proclaims in Regard to the Trans Mississippi Exposition.

Pursuant to an act of the legislature making an appropriation for the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, and after a conference with officers of the exposition, Gov. Holcomb has issued a proclamation announcing that the provisions surrounding the state appropriation had been complied with, and calling upon the citizens of Nebraska to lend their assistance in making the exposition a success. The proclamation is as follows:

To the People of the State of Nebraska,

Greeting:

Whereas, Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Trans-Mississippi con-gress of 1894, participated in by all states and territories west of the Mis-sissippi river, there has been organized in the city of Omaha, Neb., the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, for the purpose of holding an exposition of the products and resources, the manufacture and arts of the great west, at the city of Omaha, from June to November, 1898, and Whereas, The twenty-fifth session

of the legislature of the state of Ne braska duly passed a bill entitled "An act to provide for the participation of the state of Nebraska in the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition to be held in the city of Omaha, state of Nebraska, in the year of 1898, et cetera, which act was duly approved by me and became a law on the 20th

day of July, 1897, and Whereas, Said act provides "That the governor of the state of Nebraska be and is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a state board of directors of six members, consisting of one rep resentative citizen from each congres sional district, for the purpose of car-rying out the provisions of this act," et cetera; and

Whereas, Said act further provides, "That for the purpose of enabling the state of Nebraska to make an appro-priate exhibit in said Trans-Missis-

sippi and International exposition \*

\* \* the sum of one hundred thous and dollars (\$100,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the state treasury out of any funds not other-wise appropriated. Provided that no part of this appropriation shall be available or used until at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200.000) in cash shall have been paid into the treasury of the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition association by the stockholders of said association,

Whereas, It has been made to appear to me, by the certificate of Gur-don W. Wattles, president, and John A. Wakefield, secretary of the Trans Mississippi and International exposi tion association, under the seal thereof being dated July 19, A. D. 1897, that

"There has been collected in eash from the stock subscriptions made to and in aid of the exposition, and paid into the treasury of said corporation, the total sum of two hundred and eleven thousand, five hundred and twelve dollars (\$211,513.00"): Now, therefore, I, Silas A. Holcomb.

governor of the state of Nebraska, by reason of the facts above set forth, do declare that all the preliminary require ments of said act having been fully complied with, the appropriation there made is now available for the purpose and ends intended by the legislature and prescribed in said act, and that under the provisions thereof the state of Nebraska will participate in the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition. And I would request all citizens of the state of Nebraska, all organizations, societies, counties, cities and other municipalities to lend their assistance and best efforts in behalf of this worthy enterprise, to the end that the state of Nebraska may be properly represented, her varied products, un excelled resources, her rapid progress in manufacture, arts and industries fittingly displayed; and that the suc cess of the exposition may reflect credit on the great state in which it is to be

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska. Done at Lincoln this third day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and nine ty-seven, the thirty-first year of state, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-second

SILAS A. HOLCOMB. By the governor: W. F. PORTER. Secretary of State

Drowned at York.

York dispatch: A young man 21 years, of age, Herbert Elliott by name, was drowned yesterday in the river at Seeley's mill, near Lushton, this county. He and two other young men had stepped into a boat for a ride but having no paddles they became frightened and the two companions jumped out while young Elliott renained in the boat, and drifting toward the dam it is supposed in his fright he, too, jumped into the stream and being unable to swim sank in twelve feet of water and was drowned. His body was recovered before night. He lived at Charleston and his father wants it distinctly understood that is T. F. Elliott, who has charge of a grain elevator there.

Charged With Liquor Selling.

Deputy United States Marshal Allen through the Dakota City route to Omaha, having in charge Dick Alexander and Frank Smith of Homer. Alexander and Frank Smith of Indians. accused of selling liquor to Indians. While in Dakota City he arrested Jas. Hogs Choice light. Hogs Heavy weights licer steers. is was released from the penitentiary about a year ago, where he served time for killing Amberry Bates on the night of January 1, 1891

John Maly, a Bohemian of Ravenna, sulcided by shooting himself

The state fair board has adopted a resolution regulating the charges for drayage within the ground. This was deemed necessary by the board in order to obviate a repetition of the difficulty experienced by draymen last year. For cartage within the ground by draymen last each drayman must give a bond of 810, Licenses must be procured from the board. The charges for drayage powithin the ground are fixed this way: One dollar for one-horse or two-horse loads: \$110 for three-horse or four-horse

The B. & M. depot at Hickman was

Monthly Klondyke Mall. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-The Losts that have migrated to the Alaskan

and Klondyke gold fields during the past few months will not be wholly without postal facilities during the coming winter. There will be one round trip a month to Circle City until July 1 of next year. This monthly service began on the 1st of last month and while no route is specially designated, it will be via the Chilkat pass. This service carries only letter mail, no provision being made for other classes of matter.

A Deluge in Colorado.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Aug. 7 .-The rain storm which visited this city last evening was the most severe, with one exception, during the past ten years. During the storm the water stood six to ten inches deep on half a dozen of the principal business streets, flooding cellars, running into stores and damaging stock. Travel was entirely suspended. Three out of the five principal railroads leading intothis city had serious washouts. A severe electrical storm accompanied the downpour, and several houses were struck by lightning. No fatalities occurred.

Long and Fast Running.

Омана, Neb., Aug. 7. - Thomas Grogan, with engine 890, pulled a special from Evanston, Wyo., to Omaha, 955 miles, in twenty-four hours, including all stops. This is claimed as the record long run for a single engine. The distance from North Platte to Omaha, 291 miles, was covered in 219 minutes, at the rate of 63.49 miles per hour. The engine was built at the Omaha shops.

A Monnment to Kirby Smith.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 7 .- At Sewanee (University of the South) a monument to Edmund Kirby Smith, the last full general of the Confederacy was unveiled. General Kirby Smith was a professor at the University of the South from 1875 to 1893, the year of his death, and this monument was erected by alumni, professors and his comrades in the army.

For a Short Greater New York Campaign. New York, Aug. 7 .- The Greater New York Republican convention will probably be held on Tuesday, September 28, or five weeks before election

Counterfeiters Run Down.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 7.-Samuel David and Robert Johnson, brothers, and William Strickland were arrested vesterday six miles from Hatfield, Harrison county, charged with counterfeiting. The Johnsons are sons of a preacher and are themselves prominent farmers.

Florida's Orange Crop 150,000 Boxes. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 7.-The State Fruit exchange estimates that this year's orange crop will be between 150,000 and 200,000 boxes.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, July 28 .- Patents have been allowed, but not yet issued, as follows: To G. W. Cox, of Stuart, for an electric fire engine adapted to be run to a fire by electric force of a storage battery or otherwise, and carry chemicals or water in a tank to distribute same to a fire instantly while connecting the pump with a hydrant or other water supply and forcing a cont water on the fire. It can also be connected with an extraneous electric conductor for operating the pump. To A. T. Dowden, of Prairie City, for an improvement in the potato harvester that has been extensively manufactured for some years and is one of the great labor saving inventions that received an award at the world's fair in 1893. The invention is an automatic vine-carrier that gathers them from the ground and deposits them in a row at the side of the machine as the machine is advanced, and places the potatoes on top of the ground. To C. D. Page, of Des Moines, for a portable chemical fire extinguisher adapted to be carried by a person and utilized for extinguishing a fire by simply turning it upside down, opening a valve, and directing the gas generated therein upon the fire by means of a hose that is connected with the tank that contains the chemicals. To W. Locke and A. M. Anderson, of Bode, for a rotary engine of pecul ar construction and adapted for utilizing the expansive force of steam more advantageously than has heretofore been accomplished.

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