GENERAL FRENCH WINS A VICTORY

He Drives the Transvaul Forces From Their Strong Position in the Hills-Hattle Lasts Several Hours - General Kock, Boer Commander Wounded and Taken Prisoner.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Burleigh cables the Daily Telegrapp as follows:

'At Ladysmith Sunday afternoon the legend of Laing's Nek was effectually reversed when a small force of British troops of all arms of the service, under General French, proceeded sixteen miles out toward Elandslaagte and after a sharp battle for several hours drove the Boers out of a remarkably strong position in the hills and captured three of the enemy's quick-firing nine-centimeter pieces and a number of wagons with stores of ammunition.

'Kock, their general, and a member of the Transvaal executive council, was wounded and is our prisoner.

"Our men, both the regulars and the volunteers, did superb work and despite our losses the enemy was hard pushed from cover to cover, and finally bolting ran like rabbits, throwing away their guns and clothing to facilitate their escape, even finding no time to catch or saddle their horses Most of the fugitives looked as though they would keep on running for weeks. The closing hours of the battle were fought in a cold, heavy rain, which continued to fall during most of the fight. Our troops bivouacked in the Boers' position, but the wounded were sent back in trains and wagons.

"I carried in a dispatch from French to White, who later on came out by train and watched the action for

The evening and night were very dark and a heavy rain was falling during the entire engagement.

The flank attack was gallantly carried out by the Manchester and Gordon infantry and the Imperial Light Horse aartillery, while the front attack, which was made with great be dness, was carried out by the Devonshire regiment.

The wounded were brought back to Ladysmith in hospital trains and are being well cared for in the town hall and in the churches, which had been previously fitted up as hospital build ings and are well-suited for the pur-

Ashmead Bartlett had a question before the House of Commons toda/ asking whether the government had any information of a coalition between the foreign powers against Great Britain.

A. J. Balfour, government leader, privately asked Bartlett not to put the question, which was formally postponed until Thursday, but it is not expected to be heard of again.

Balfour's action tends to give color to the apprehension of foreign trouble which is entertained in certain parliamentary circles, though the ministers ave privately declared that they have received no information to support such a report.

DESPERADO'S DARING DEED.

Horsethief Shoots and Mortally Wounds

Constable Trying to Arrest Him. OMAHA, iveb., Oct. 20.-Hardin Moss, constable at Loveland, Ia., was shot and probably mortally wounded about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a horsethief and desperado, for whose arrest he held a warrant.

The shooting occurred at a grading camp near Loveland. The desperado made good his escape in the constable's wagon, compelling Joe Morgan, a son of Sheriff Morgan, who had accompanied Moss, to take the reins and drive for him. After a chase lasting the entire afternoon the man's capture was effected on the outskirts of this city on South avenue by Officers Sam Albro and Harry James. The fellow showed fight and the officers were compelled to shoot him in the leg. He is now in the city jail, where he gave the name of Dave Williams and claimed to be from Nebraska.

MODIFY QUARANTINE ORDER.

Order Permitting Shipments of Cattle

After November 1. WASHINGTON, Oct. 25,-The secre tary of agriculture has promulgated an order modifying previous regulations concerning shipments of cattle after November 1 from the quarantined district.. It permits shipments after that date without any restrictions except those enforced by local regulations to all points except those in Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, western Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Cattle intended for these state are allowed to be shipped after undergoing inspection and being found free from infection. As the regulations stood before the change was made they prohibited shipment without inspection before January 1.

Wreckers Ditch a Train.

CHARLES CITY, Ia., Oct. 25 .-Train wreckers last night ditched the engine and three coaches of a northbound Illinois Central passenger train by spiking the rails. The engineer was bruised, but all others escaped. The engine was demolished and the property loss is heavy.

Master Out of the lowans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.- The order was given today to the officers in charge of the Fifty-first lowa to make every precaution possible for the mustering out of the regiment on next Saturday. The under officers feared that this could not be accomplished in that short time and asked their superiora for a consuitation on the subject. They held one and came to the conclusion that they will be able to meet the mustering out demands ky November 2, and it is more than likely that they will be given until that date to do the work.

IOWANS ARE ON LAND.

Fifty First Marches to Presido, Cheered

All the Way. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.-The transport Senator, which arrived here yesterday with the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, was docked at the government wharf today.

The soldiers were landed from the Senator later in the day and marched to the ferry depot. Governor Shaw and many other prominent lowans were present, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered.

After breakfast the men were lined up for the march to the Presidio. The march through the streets of the city was accomplished under the same enthusiastic conditions which have greeted the other returned regiments. The men were cheered all along the line. Each man was decorated with flowers and flags. The camping ground formerly occupied by the Montana regiment will serve to shelter the Iowans until they are mustered out, probably in two or three weeks.

IOWANS MEET WITH DISASTER.

Party Reaches San Francisco From Its Alaskan Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.-The schooner Louis D. arrived this afternoon from Cape Nome with a party of seventeen Iowans, mostly from Nevada and Des Moines. The vessel left Cape Nome September 25, but encountered a heavy storm on the 29th, after having been becalmed a half day of Nunevik Pass. October 8 Charles Hough of Nevada died of dysentery and was buried at sea. The party of the Louis D. are part of the Iowa Prospect company of which C. Dr. Chester de France of Des Moines was frozen to death and was buried in

Detail to Watch Boer War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.-Colone! Sumner, Major Storey, Captain Gibson and Captain Slocum have been detailed to proceed to South Africa to observe and report on military operations. Colonel Sumner is a brigadier general of volunteers, his present station is attache to London embassy. Major Storey is stationed at Governor's Island; Captain Gibson is an ordnance officer, stationed at Columbus, and Captain Slocum, who was United States military attache at Lisbon, is on his way to Capetown.

No Operation on Czar.

DARMSTADT, Oct. 24.-With reference to the report circulated in the United States that the head of the czar had been operated on recently, it is pointed out that his majesty during his stay here was in the best of health, accompanied the czarina and the grand duke and grand duchess of Hesse on frequent excursions last week and yesterday attended the services at the Russian chapel here. The trepanning story is pronounced to be

Rockefeller Gets In.

YORK, Oct. 24.-William Rockefeiler was today elected a member of the executive committee of the New York Central Railway company at the session which authorized an addition of \$15,000,000 stock. The World says:

"The election of Mr. Rockefeller to the executive councils of the New York Central is of far-reaching importance, as it marks the surrender of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system to the New York Central."

Iowa Has a Thanksgiving.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 24.-When it became known here that the Senator had arrived at San Francisco with the Fifty-first Iowa on board there was general rejoicing. All the business houses were in holiday attire in honor of the returning soldiers. Arrangements for a proper reception of the Atlantic boys are under way and this city will not be lacking in its expression of appreciation of the work done in the Philippines.

Iowa Man Buried at Sea.

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Father McCabe is Dead.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24.-A Waseca, Minn., special says: Rev. P. M. McCabe, the well known Roman Catholic clergyman, died Saturday evening of Bright's disease at St. Mary's, a small mission near Waseca. It was Father McCabe who was instrumental in liberating the political prisoner John Boyle O'Reilly, who afterward became the noted American poet.

Abandon Will Contest.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 24.-The will of the late George W. Clayton, who bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the city of Denver for an orphans' college, was admitted to probate in the county court. The contest of the will which was threatened by a brother and other heirs of the deceased, has been abandoned.

Cuban Exhibit at Paris. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.-The War department is considering the desirability of having a Cuban exhibit at the Paris exposition. Secretary Root had a talk on the subject today with Mr. Quesada, the Cuban commissioner, and the latter is to draw up a memorandum on the subject.

lows Company Wins. ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24 .- An important mining decision was filed in the United States circuit court of appeals today. The Buxton Mining company, an lowa corporation, brought action against the Golden Reward Mining company to recover damages for a wrongful entry upon its property. situated in South Dakota, known as the Bonanza Lode mining claim, and for the removal therefrom and conversion to its own use of a large amount of gold and silver bearing ore, alleged to be of the value of \$200,000. The verdict in that suit was for \$61,500.

A HOLIDAY APPROACHING.

President Issues His Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 .- The president has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"A national custom dear to the hearts of the people, calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance acquires with time a tenderer significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandman. Increased comforts have come to the The national finances have been strengthened and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequaled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national char-

"Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Thos engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and dis-An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we are at war, and we are now

for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions and under wise sanitary regulations the 4sland has enjoyed unusual exemption from the scourge of fever.

"The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabitants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States, who were swift to respond with generous a.d to the suf-

"While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago.

"For these reasons and countless others, I, William McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this continent, and in our newly acquired islands, as well as by those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, and I advise that on this day religious exercises shall be conducted in the churches or meeting places of all denominations, in order that in the social features of the day its real significance may not be lost sight of, but fervent prayers may be offered to the Most High for a continuance of the divine guidance without which man's efforts are in vain, and for divine consolation to those whose kindred and friends have sacrificed their lives for our country.

"I recommend also that on this day, so far as it may be found practicable, labor shall cease from its accustomed teil and charity abound toward the

sick, the needy and the poor. "In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United

States to be affixed. "WILLIAM M'KINLEY."

SECOND BAITLE AT LADYSMITH.

Boers Reported Repulsed, but British Lose Over One Hundred.

LONDON, Oct. 26.-A special dispatch from Capetown, dated 9:10 this morning, says there has been another battle at Ladysmith, and that the Boers were repulsed. The British casualties were placed at four killed and seven wounded, all rank and file.

LONDON, Oct. 26.-General White has telegraphed to the war office from Rietfontein, under date of October 24, saying that in the fighting near Ladysmith, twelve of the British force were killed and eighty-nine wounded, and that five are missing, the casualties being among the Gloucester regiment.

Blizzard Breeds Death. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 26 .- A special from Great Falls, Mont., says:

If any one has concluded that the time has passed when the servant is as faithful to the interests of his master as he could be to his own, he should consider the story of the recent blizzard, which swept through Teton county in the northern part of this state, a county given to the raising of sheep and cattle.

As a result of that storm nine men are known to be dead, and of these five bodies have been recovered. With one exception all were sheep herders. and all were found lying in such positions as to indicate that they had stayed with their bands to the last. dying in their attempts to save the property of their employers.

Russin Sells Gold Lands.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 26 .- The fact that Russia has opened to foreign exploits on the gold lands orf Siberia is announced in a report to the state department from United States Charge Pierot at St. Petersburg. He sends copies of a decree providing for the sale of gold lands to take place between the 15th and 27th of February next, and it is noted that the sale is open to any persons whether Russians or foreigners.

Governor Asks for Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26 .- The secretary of war this afternoon received a telegram from Governor Murphy of Arizona saying that considerable trouble has occurred at Maco, on the border between Arizona and Mexico, between American cowboys and Maxican officers. He recommends that a company of troops be ordered there from Fort Huachuca to remain until the trouble has subaided. He says that the civil officers will do everything possible to maintain order, but may not be able to do so.

A Fine Team Ruined.

Webster City Freeman: ervisor C. D. Doolittle met with an accident yesterday which is likely to result in the loss of one or both of his fine driving horses. He was up on his farm, two and a half miles east of Woodstock, burning the dead grass off of a low piece of ground which he is getting ready to tile out. His team had been unhitched and tied to the rear end of the wagon and was more than a quarter of a mile away from where the men were burning the grass, and, as they supposed, entirely out of any possible danger. But by some means the fire got away from them, and before the men could get to the horses they were enveloped in flames, and by the time they reached them were so badly burned that there is littie hope they will survive the injuries received. The grass was about knee deep around the wagon and horses, and when thoroughly afire created a heat that burned hair and flesh off the poor helpless animals in an incredibly short time.

Corn Turns Out Fairly Well. RISING CITY, Neb., Oct. 30.-Corn nuking has been going on in this section for the past three weeks. While the yield is not so bad as was predicted by some during the hot spell, the first part of September, there is yet a heavy falling off from what was promised earlier on in the season, the yield being so far from thirty to fifty bushels per acre, and very seldom touching either of these figures, but more generally yielding from thirtyfive to forty-five bushels. This yield on friendly relations with every power | will nevertheless furnish a heavy voiume of corn for market, the large acre-"The trust which we have assumed age more than making up for any shortage on account of the falling off of the per acre yield. Notwithstanding the prevailing fair price for corn in the local markets, there will be a considerable quantity stored on the farms, many farmers having conceived the nition that the price will be still better in the not distant future.

Will Bring Test Case. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 30 .- Attorney General Smyth will in a few days file a brief in the supreme court in the case brought by the state of Nebraska against the Home Fire Insurance company of New York, the test case brought to find out if the insurance companies that paid ex-Auditor Moore some \$23,000 shall be required to pay it over again to the state. The case was originally brought in the Lancaster county district court, where Judge Holmes decided that the state, having elected to pursue the auditor on his bond and having secured a verdict and judgment, could not also collect from the insurance companies. The judgment obtained runs only against Moore, as the courts have held that the embezzled money not having been received by him by virtue of his office, his bondsmen could not be held.

Think MeBride the Slayer.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Oct. 30.-There is much interest here in the press dispatches from Stillwater, Minn., over the confession of McBride, a convict at the penitentiary in that city, which indicates that he is the man who shot Nicholas A. Craig, the city marshal, on the night of September 20, 1896, from the effects of which he died a few minutes later, and it is thought the authorities here will take hold of the matter at once. There is quite a reward offered for the capture and conviction of the murderer. Mrs. Craig died about a year since and her death being undoubtedly the result of the shock received at the time of his death. Two witnesses of the shooting, Roy Patchin and Oscar Morgan, still live in Table Rock.

Head End Collision. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30 .-Passenger train No. 6, going east, and freight train No. 29, going west, met in a head-end collision in the north end of the Burlington yards here. The passengers and trainmen were all roughly shaken up, but no one was considerably hurt. The engine of the freight was badly battered. The pilot was knocked off and the tender telescoped the freight car following.

The point of collision was where the switch track, on which the freight was, crosses the main line. When it was seen that the trains would meet, both engineers reversed, and Engineer Watts and Fireman Irv. Holmes of the freight jumped. Engineer McCoy of the passenger stuck to his post.

Nebraska's Soldler Quota.

LINCILN, Neb., Oct. 30 .- The adjutant general of the army has sent to Adjutant General Barry a reply to the latter's letter of transmittal sent with a report of the state of the Nebraska National guard and unorganized militia of state which was asked for some slayer of his daughter on Park avenue time ago. Assistant Adjutant General Simpson, in writing to Adjutant General Barry, compliments him very highly on the complete data and the fine arrangements of it for the use of poor man he has been obliged to find the head of the Washington office. In work to support himself and family the report, which covers several typewritten pages, Adjutant General Barry goes into the detail of description of the organization, equipment armament, drill and laws and regulations governing the Nebraska National guard.

Body Found on a Bar.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30 .- A dead body was found on a bar in the river near Rock bauffs partially furied in the sand, Coroner Slatter was called and found that the body had evidently been there a long time, but could find no clew as to its identity, and it was interred near Rock Bluffs.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30 .-Sheriff W. D. Wheeler has returned from Kansas City, bringing with him Burl Handy, the negro who broke into a Rock Island car in South Bend last July and for which crime he and Harry Thomas were arrested. Handy at that time escaped from Constable Cain while being brought to this city. Thomas is now serving a term in the ponitentiary for his part of the crime. After his escape from the office Handy went to Nevada and has been working as a section hand for the Central Pacine Railway company and had a time check for \$35.

LIVE STOCK INTERESTS

The Grand Showing This Great State is Able to Make.

CATTLE, HORSES, HOGS AND SHEEP

A Shortage in Cars Troubling Railway Officials-Increasing Business Keeps Everybody on the Jump-As to Nebraska Soldier Quota-Other Matters in This State.

Live Stock Interests of the State.

She'p Cattle. Hogs. H'r's.

County.	Bne p	Cattle.	Hogs.	Hrs
Adams	154	15,355	29,576	9,15
Antelope Banner	933			7.57
Blaine	8,833 753		135 699	2,28
Boone	931	24,795		8,18
Box Butte		21,346	680	4.43
Boyd Brown	1,487	8,858 10,275	11,286 6,378	6,06
Buffalo	31,138	26,267	36,237	13,05
Burt	778	31,154	41,088	8.12
Butler		24,880	29,982	9,050
Cedar	495	18,888 38,575	29,974 39,850	9,35
Chase	944	11,105	3,835	3.05
Cherry	14,162	99.771	2.078	12,77
Clay	5,000 552	37,110 17,904	1,500 36,762	8,40 10,13
Colfax	10,981	21,077	27,008	5.77
Cuming	554		47,510	7,26
Custer Dakota	334	51,394 12,999	52,403 12,368	20,55 3,73
Dawes	19,854	20,065		6,60
Dawson	1,124	24,186	31,953	10,68
Deuel Dixon	3,593	41,744	1,866	4,555
Dixon	9,322	24,930 27,998	23,385 29,855	6,26
Douglas	3,770	13,197	13,760	
Dundy	4,321	11,182	5,617	2,84
Fillmore	115 316	14,928 16,844	23,703 29,730	9,29 6,84
Frontier	2	13,840	31,094	9,03
Frontier		20,904	44,881	
Garfield	540	30,589 4,253	49,830 3,075	
Gosper	911	11,636	21,345	5,44
Grant		22,195	85	1,97
Greeley	116	10,907	13,950	
Hail Hamilton		24,250 25,037	29,826 43,284	8,112
Harian	.06	17,287	24,194	
Hayes	20	9,563	10,360	
Hitchcock	9,998	7,256 48,615	7,408 21,535	9,119
Hooker		4,491	290	543
moward	1,000	19,942	22,883	6,19
Jefferson	17,541	20,443 17,078	29,090 28,218	6,520
Kearney	4,112	15,784	30,640	7,23
Keith	4,097	24,905	3,065	2,421
Keya Paha Kimball	3,929	13,515 6,970	4,221	3,673 2,263
Knox	546	28,720	33,356	9,798
Lancaster	5,534	29,060	43,372	15,94
Lincoln Logan	3, 153	26,954 6,558	3,095	11,147
Loup	33	3,640	3,223	1,490
Madison	16,238	29,976	34,158	8,643
McPherson Merrick	13.740	8,770 36,900	26,547	1,051
Nance	975	30,665	25,733	6,113
Nemaha		13,434	28,253	
Nuckolls	154	22,085	31,238	
Pawnee	861	21,193	30,652	7,360
Perkins	6,333	7,766	2,959	2,209
Phelps	2,479	19,727 23,414	28,472 22,392	5,74
Platte	6,414	26,838	43,044	9,688
Polk	257	21,638	33,393	7,59
Red Willow Richardson	1,737	27,531	23,866 40,511	
Rock	5,804	13,474	1,420	2,61
Saline	176	19,355	42,333	10,46
Sarpy	3,708	9,482	14,001 45,823	12,069
Scott's Bluffs.	17,831	13,296		4,396
Seward	2,904	21,044	37,869	10,053
Sheridan	37,706 979	47,375 13,750	1,300 12,886	9,000 5,40
Sioux		25,275	275	5,06
Stanton	532	24,854	25,245	
Thayer	12,02)	17,718 20,212	27,372 320	390
Thurston	7	12.627	11,160	3,92
vamey	1,417	14,731	17,280 26,273	6,000
Washington	381 643		26,273 32,399	6,573
Wayne		21,354		8,08
Wheeler	388	7,114	4,055	1.47
York	734	22,152	36,571	10,35
Total	381,367	1,898,782	1,929,178	221,13
Car Shortage Continues.				

OMAHA, Oct. 28 .- The car shortage is still troubling railway officials and is likely to do so for the balance of the winter, General Freight Agent Crosby of the Burlington has stated that the situation in the territory over which he has control has been somewhat relieved, and enough cars are available to fill the most pressing demands. In speaking of the situation a freight official stated: "We think one day that there is an improvement in the situation and that we can see our way out. The next day it is different, and we find ourselves as badly off as ever." General officers of the Northwestern and Milwaukee lines are quoted as saying that they cannot supply half the demands made upon them for cars, and a few days ago the Burlington, taking its whole system, had orders booked for 2,000 more cars than it was able to fill. The general demand for freight cars is confined not alone to the big crops in the west, but because of the general freight carrying business, which has increased enormously over that of last year.

Looking for the Murderer.

OMAHA, Oct. 28 .- Still hoping to aid in the capture and conviction of the two months ago, James McAuliffe, a laboring man whose residence is in Denver, remains in Omaha. Being a while he is here, and has obtained employment on the street with the Grant Paving company. Mr. McAuliffe still hopes the police will secure Steve Van Whynan and make him answer the charge of killing the defenseless girl with whom he was riding on the fatal night. This pathetic feature, as well as the failure of the authorities to arrest Van Whynan, decided County Attorney Shields to request the governor to offer \$200 reward on behalf of the state, which the executive is likely to do. This would make the total reward \$400 for the location of the murderer of Lizzie McAuliffe.

Father Wins His Baughter. TEKAMAH, Neb., Oct. 28 .- The Hart-Mason naueas corpus case was decided by Judge Keysor in favor of Mr. Hart, the father of the child. The case is one in which Mr. Hart, a resident of Springfield, Mo., brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Mason, the parents of his deceased wife, for the possession of his 7-year-old daughter. The child was taken by its grandparents when 2 years old, upon the death of its mother. Mr. Hart did not quention the treatment of the child by its grandparents, but claimed possession by his rights as a father.

THE CAPTURE OF GREGORY.

Nebraska and Iowa Horsethief Leads a

Merry Chase. ASHLAND, Neb., Oct. 27.-The stealing of the Laughlin mule from this place and the discovery and subsequent tragedy at Loveland, Ia., with the capture of the thief at Council Bluffs, has excited universal interest in this city. E. D. Laughlin is a prosperous farmer living two miles northwest of Ashland, and the mule stolen, a large and very valuable animal, was selected and taken by some one who had information as to his value. He was taken out of the barn, tied by the side of a team and the next morning was tracked through Ashland going east. The track was followed to Louisville Monday morning by a son of Mr. Laughlin, but there it was lost.

Mr. Laughlin sent for the Beatrice bloodhounds and they arrived Monday night. They took the scent of the mule from the harness and the stall in which he had been kept. They immediately struck the trail and followed it to Louisville and tracked the mule into the barn of Sharpe. Although tried in all other directions they always went back to the Sharpe barn.

It seems that on Sunday morning a man who was evidently the captured Dave Williams, drove into Louisville with a mule and a mare, which he put into Eharpe's barn. Sunday evening he went to a livery stable to obtain a team, ostensibly to go out and find a mule which had got away from him. The livery owner objected to letting a team to a stranger, whereupon Sharpe agreed to stand good for the return of the team. Sharpe, it is charged, knew all about the Laughlin mule, as he had worked near him at the building of the Armor ice house at Memphis. When the pursuers with the hounds reached the Sharpe barn Sharpe became very nervous and excited. He at first, it is alleged, denied that there had been any mule in his barn or that he knew anything about the matter. After a little the mare in his barn was identified as a mare that had been stolen in Seward county on Friday night. As his connection with the mule theft began to become threatening and he found he was in danger, he weakened and acknowledged that Jack Gregory had the mule and had been there and had gone to Loveland, la. He was very anxious to clear his skirts and told the circumstances, the road taken, and claimed that he was in great fear of Gregory. The sheriff at Council Bluffs was immediately cailed up by telephone, the facts given him and he was requested to arrest the thief and obtain the mule. That action was prompt was evidenced by tne fact that the man was taken while eating his dinner in the camp at noon. Sharpe was right in his statement that he was heavily armed and a dangerous cnaracter.

Ordered to Pay the Tax.

YORK, Neb., Oct. 27.-The York County Agricultural society received a visit from a deputy United States revenue collector the other day. He came here to tell them that if they didn't pay forthwith the amount due the government as a revenue tax on county fairs, the matter would be carried up to Omaha for investigation. The fair association had neglected to attend to this matter, thinking that because this year's fair had been a failure, it would not be necessary to pay any tax. Something over ten dollars was handed to the collector. The deputy says that a number of other fair associations are delinquent in the same manner.

House Struck by Lightning.

GRESHAM, Neb., Oct. 27 .- During a heavy rain storm lightning struck the large two-story frame hotel at this place, almost demolishing the front from roof to foundation. Heavy beams were torn out and scattered in fragments. Pieces of siding were thrown one hundred feet. Lath and plaster was torn off in several rooms, three of which were occupied. How the occupants escaped injury or death, and the house total destruction from fire, are beyond comprehension.

Hardware Store Burglarized. FAIRMONT, Neb., Oct. 27 .- E. A.

Small's hardware store was entered by burglars and over a hundred dollars worth of pocket knives and razors taken. Entrance to the store was made by breaking a glass in the back window and unlocking the sash. Mr. Small kept the matter quiet in the hope that he might see some of the stuff about town, as he thinks it was done by persons here.

Barn and Contents Burned. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 27 .--The barn of Otto Springsguth, a beet raiser residing half a mile south of the city, was burned to the ground, together with all the contents, consisting of three horses, two buggies, grain, farm implements, etc. Mr. Springsguth figures his loss at \$700, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is a

Old Soldier Dies on the Street. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 27 .-Hugh B. Witherow, an old soldier of the home, died suddenly on the streets of this city while about to enter a hack to go to the home. He had just returned from a furlough. An inquest was held and it was ascertained that he died from heart disease.

Comparative Cattle Receipts. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 27 .- October, 1899, was a record breaker in cattle receipts at the yards here, as 127,175 head were received. Notwithstanding the reported shortage in cattle the record at the stock yards for twenty-five days of the present month shows that the receipts are keeping right up with the same month a year ago. It is firmly believed that this year's receipts will exceed the record of last year. A large increase is already shown in hogs and sheep and knowing ones assert that the total for cattle will be larger than a year