

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Population. Includes Adams, Antelope, Buffalo, Blaine, Boone, Brown, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cheyenne, Cherry, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dawson, Dawes, DeWitt, Dodge, Douglas, Dundee, Filmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Greeley, Gosper, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, and Jefferson.

Miscellaneous. The last act in a life that constituted a revolting drama occurred at the State penitentiary the other night, when Mrs. B. J. Overton committed suicide by cutting her throat from ear to ear with a case knife.

A COMMITTEE appointed by the county commissioners of Merrick County to examine the books of the ex-treasurer, Colonel W. H. Webster, reported a shortage of about \$85,000 in his accounts.

While recently attempting to steal a ride on the truck of a freight car at Kearney Sidney Gordon, who was tramping from Colorado, lost his balance, fell and had one foot cut off by the train.

The Nelson post-office business for the quarter ended March 31 makes the following creditable showing: Receipts, \$565.25; money orders sent, \$1,618.75; money orders paid, \$1,828.01; number registered packages sent, 104, and number received, 67.

NEBRASKA CITY is reaching for the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Mr. Moxley, of Valentine, recently was the victim of an unfortunate accident. While taking his gun off his shoulder he accidentally pulled the trigger and the entire load was discharged in his leg near the ankle.

EXPOSERS recently granted Nebraska: Originals: Ferdinand Weiler, Neolithic; William H. Moore, Wilsonville; Charles B. Nobes, Wahoo.

The Governor has issued positive orders to Dr. Gerth, the State veterinarian, to make a thorough examination of all the dairy herds about Omaha.

It is thought that the glorious Fourth will be more generally observed in Nebraska this year than ever before.

At twelve o'clock the other night during a storm lightning struck the house of N. D. Jackson at Neligh, and completely wrecked it. The most marvelous part of the accident was that none of the family, which consisted of Mr. Jackson, his wife and three children, were injured.

As the family of Ferdinand Matths, of Wisner, was returning from a wedding the other day and while being ferried over the Elkhorst river, the boat capsized, and the mother and one daughter were saved, but a son, a daughter, a granddaughter and a neighbor's boy were drowned.

By the falling of a scaffold at the new Convent of Mercy, at Omaha, the other day, Owen Hor, of the firm of Park, Fowler & Kennard, dealers in slate roofing, was instantly killed, and William James, a workman, injured so that he died in a short time.

At Fremont the other day Mrs. Byron Curtis was burned in a very serious manner about the face and neck and one hand by the explosion of a gasoline stove while she was lighting it.

GETTING READY.

Preparations for the Republican National Convention.

A Great Amount of Work to Be Done in a Short Space of Time—Clearing Away the Rubbish—Capacity of the Hall.

Chicago, June 11.—Fifty men worked all day Sunday in and around the vaulted auditorium which is to be occupied nine days hence. It looks at present like a queer place to hold a convention.



The Auditorium.

of a great business block with stores and offices shutting it off entirely from light on three street sides and with only the passage to let in air. On the fourth side there is a twenty-foot alley. This hall has been roofed over, and it is the only portion of the building on which any thing in that direction has been done.

One branch of work on which men were engaged yesterday was building temporary passageways through the outer portion from the street to the auditorium entrance. Iron stairways are contemplated, but just now steps are being knocked together from rough plank to answer the purposes of next week.

The plan of the interior is that of a big theater and nothing else. Auditorium is the Chicago name for it. The parquet or pit is reserved for delegates, and by the way, they will sit in the regular slam-down theater chair. The floor rises as it recedes from the bald-heads' row, and the alter-

ation is in the parquet circle. Then there are three galleries or circles for the spectators, although there is doubt about the third being made ready in time. Newspaper correspondents will sit where the fiddlers usually work their elbows. The officers will perform their parts on a stage. The only essential difference in the Auditorium from the theater is the gallery built around the back of the stage, which precludes the use of scenery. At present the interior of the hall is a scene of rat and catious confusion. Every thing has been thrown down there awaiting progress on the other and more exposed portions. The builder promises to cart the miscellaneous collection outside in time for the decorator to hide the bare boards above and around with stripes of red, white and blue. The decoration begins today.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The following is the crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture:

There was some reduction in seeding in the winter wheat area in some States, though the average breadth of all was but slightly reduced. In the East and South there was no material loss of area from freezing, but in several Western States it was considerable. The apparent reduction of breadth of winter wheat, as compared with that of last year was about 1,750,000 acres. The percentage of reduction for the entire winter wheat region is placed at 7.2 per cent. It is 15 in Illinois, 14 in Ohio, 13 in Michigan and 9 in Indiana. This is in comparison with the reduced area harvested last year.

There has been an increase of area of spring wheat in Dakota and in the territories further west but a decrease in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, making an average decrease for the spring wheat region of 1 per cent. The area in wheat is slightly below 60,000,000 acres.

There is slight local change of condition of winter wheat, some improvement in New York and Pennsylvania and marked declines in Missouri and minor changes of status elsewhere, making the average 72.5 against 72.1 in May. The loss by overflow of the Mississippi in Illinois offsets in part the improvement in other counties. In Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kansas the average is nearly the same as in May.

The acreage of barley is nearly the same as last year. New York and Wisconsin are credited with an increase of 1 per cent, Minnesota 2, Dakota with 10; Iowa, Missouri and California report a small reduction. The condition of barley averages 88.8. It is only 8 in California. The area of rye is practically the same as last year. Condition 92.9.

WESTERN STORMS.

Wind Shakes Up Both Kansas and Dakota.

Northwestern Kansas Vied by a Damaging Storm—Great Injury to Crops—Fatal Wind and Rain Storm in Dakota—Water-Spout.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 8.—Secretary Mohler of the State Board of Agriculture, who has just returned from his home in Osborne County, gives the following account of the terrible hail and wind storms last Friday and Saturday nights which visited Rooks County and passed through Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud and Ottawa Counties before they expended their force.

"The storm began," said Mr. Mohler, "in the eastern part of Rooks County, passing directly east through the South Solomon valley, destroying crops over a territory averaging six miles in width. The wheat and rye crops were in most places destroyed for a distance of over one hundred miles. Many of the farmers whose crops were thus damaged have, where possible, cut their wheat and rye for hay. This hail storm was the most destructive which ever visited that section of the State.

Between seven and eight o'clock on Saturday evening a terrific wind storm, or, more properly, a tornado, accompanied by a tremendous rainfall, passed over about the same section of country, doing immense damage in the destruction of buildings. In Corinth township, in which I reside, two school houses and four barns were entirely demolished, a large number of windmills were blown down and many dwelling houses were unroofed. Similar damage was done in Mitchell and Cloud Counties. As far as I have been able to learn but one life was lost, that of a child, which was crushed in the ruins of a building at Beloit. A wealthy farmer named McKaskoy, near Cawker City, Mitchell County, on the evening of the storm had gone to church with his wife, leaving his two daughters alone in the house. When the storm broke upon them the girls felt the house moving from its foundation, and in the excitement of the occasion, while trying to extinguish the lamp, it overturned and exploded, setting fire to the house. The girls rushed out to look for the terrible wind and rain storm, and throwing themselves flat on the prairie in the drenching rain, remained there until the storm died away and witnessed the destruction of their home by the elements. The fine barn and outbuildings were also destroyed."

Mr. Mohler stated that these were only a few of the many instances of damage done by this storm which have never been reported.

FORT YATES, Dak., June 11.—The greatest tempest ever known in this part of Dakota, struck this place at two o'clock Saturday morning. Houses were blown down, fences lifted up and buried through space for miles, trees torn up by their roots and borne along for several rods and Indian tepees picked up and landed no one knows where. The wind came up while people at the Fort and in vicinity were sleeping, and the first intimation they had was the removal of their roof, from over their heads by the storm king. With the wind came the heaviest thunder and the most vivid lightning ever seen here. Ten minutes after the storm broke it began to rain in torrents, keeping it up for more than an hour and causing immense damage by washouts in new-made gardens and wheat and corn fields. Several persons were killed by the lightning and falling debris. These so far identified are Shell King, the celebrated Indian chief, and his son. A farmer living two miles south of here whose name could not be learned, was found dead in his bed, half a mile from the point where his house was located. The building had been completely wrecked, and it is supposed the man had been carried to the point where he was found by the tempest. One side of his head was crushed. Mattie Dambrowki, a girl of thirteen, living at a settlement six miles south, has not been seen since the storm struck that point, and it is believed she was blown into the river and drowned. Search is being made for the body.

The loss in this vicinity will amount to many millions. That amount of damage is especially severe, as hundreds of them had every thing they had swept away by the winds. At Grand Forks it has been raining incessantly for forty-eight hours, flooding cellars in the business portion of the city, and rendering the streets impassable. To add to the general demoralization, a sewer burst on Demers avenue, flooding basements to the depth of five feet, and destroying furniture and perishables.

At St. Thomas lightning tore away the side of G. B. Walker's residence and struck the Christian elevator. The latter was burned to the ground, together with about 8,000 bushels of wheat. The St. Thomas Lumber Company saved a portion of its property. The loss on the elevator is about \$10,000.

VINITA, L. T., June 11.—A waterspout burst over the district of Armitz yesterday morning, flooding the entire section. All the bridges on the Big and Little Cabin rivers were washed away. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas road lost three wooden bridges and one iron bridge, also several miles of track near Blue Jacket station.

General Sheridan. WASHINGTON, June 11.—General Sheridan yesterday passed a comparatively comfortable and restful day. Dr. Pepper arrived here from Philadelphia about six o'clock last evening and after consultation with Dr. Lincoln and the regular attending doctors the following bulletin was issued: Seven p. m.—General Sheridan's condition continues at least as favorable as it has been for irregular, his pulse slow and expectorations less. The heart's action is improved; the nervous force holds out well and his mind is clear. There is not at present indications of any serious complications impending. His appearance is better and he expresses himself as feeling hopeful of recovery.

International Typo. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 11.—The thirty-third annual convention of the International Typographical Union began its session this morning at the Board of Trade Hall. William Amison, the international president, presided, and after prayer by Rev. Jesse B. Young of the Grand Avenue M. E. Church, Mayor Knapp was introduced and made a speech of welcome to the visiting delegates. President Amison responded and the preliminary business of the convention was transacted.

A Popular Candidate. GRANT CITY, Mo., June 11.—Hon. A. J. Stroeter was hung in effigy at Sheridan in this county last night, not because of his candidacy for the office of President of the Labor ticket but because he refused to give a strip of land fifteen feet wide and a few rods long for a public highway which was petitioned for by nearly every member of the county.

MIN ROBBERS.

Microbats Attempt to Rob an Express Train Near Cincinnati—They are Defeated by the Bravery of the Engineer and Fireman—The Baggageman Fatally Wounded.

CINCINNATI, June 9.—A little after ten o'clock last night American Express Messenger J. H. Zimmerman and Baggage-master Joe Ketchum were alone together in the express and baggage car of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago railway train due here at eleven o'clock city time, when Zimmerman, as the train left Delhi, a station twelve miles west of here, called Ketchum's attention to traps that he saw through the glass window of the car door leading to the front platform next to the locomotive tender, and both arose and went toward the door.

When within ten feet of it the tramp began firing through the glass window and Ketchum fell, shot in four places, two balls entering his abdomen, one his breast and one his left shoulder. Zimmerman tried to draw his pistol, but it stuck in his hip pocket and he retreated to the rear platform of the car, where he met the conductor and the latter pulled the bell rope and stopped the train.

While this was going on one of the traps climbed on the tender, where he was met by the engineer and fireman and knocked stiff by two blows from a monkey wrench. The engineer and fireman then rolled him off the tender while the train was at full speed. Before he was thrown overboard, however, a second robber attempted to climb in the tender, but weakened and dodged back at the sight of the prostrate form of his companion.

Before the train stopped more than one robber was seen to jump off and disappear in the darkness. All of them wore masks completely covering their faces.

James Freeman Clarke Dead. BOSTON, June 9.—Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the well known Unitarian divine, died last night at his residence in Jamaica Plain, aged seventy-eight years. Although he had been in poor health for two years or more his condition was not considered dangerous until within a few weeks. His death resulted from a complication of diseases. Dr. Clarke was born in Haverhill, N. H., April 4, 1810. He graduated at Harvard College in 1832, and at the Cambridge Divinity School in 1834. Besides being pastor of several prominent churches, Mr. Clarke was author of numerous theological works.

An Awful Parent. WATERLOO, Iowa, June 11.—In Hazel Green township, seventeen miles from Monticello, last Wednesday an old man, Mr. Rothbaker, who was working in a stone quarry, undertook to whip his boy, a lad of twelve, but was prevented by fellow workmen. In the evening the old man again tried to whip the boy, when the latter ran. The father caught him, knocked him down and cut his head off with an axe. Up to last night the old man was still at large.

Fatal Scaffold Accident. OMAHA, Neb., June 9.—By the falling of a scaffold yesterday afternoon at the new Convent of Mercy, Owen Hor, of the firm of Park, Fowler & Kennard, dealers in slate roofing, was instantly killed, and William James, a workman on the building, injured so that he died in a short time.

Missouri Democrats. SEDALIA, Mo., May 18.—The Democratic State convention met in this city yesterday and elected E. L. Martin, of Kansas City; John O'Day, of Springfield; D. W. Carruth, of St. Louis, and Nat. Dryden, of Lincoln County, delegates to the National convention at St. Louis. The resolutions strongly indorse President Cleveland.

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