

JAILED AS A FORGER.

FALL OF A MAN WHO DREW \$10,000 A YEAR.

R. M. Dickerson, Formerly Superintendent in Philadelphia of Fidelity Mutual Life Lands Behind the Bars at Kansas City—Says Whiskey Did It.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—Whisky and extravagance wrecked the life of R. M. Dickerson, five years ago the superintendent at \$10,000 a year of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance company in Philadelphia, and to-day he occupies a cell at the Central police station. He is charged with passing a worthless check for \$25 on John R. Zellers, ticket broker at 1018 Union avenue. He is wanted in St. Louis for embezzling \$250 from the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company and \$500 from the National Life company.

Two days ago Dickerson came to Kansas City from St. Louis without a cent. He made application to life insurance agencies for employment, but they would give him nothing to do. Then he started to borrow money of old friends, but in this he failed. Starvation was staring him in the face and in order to live and get money for whisky he forged a check for \$25 on the First National bank to which he signed the names of Craycroft & Pease, Kansas City managers of the Massachusetts Life Insurance company. He passed the check on Zellers in payment for a ticket to St. Louis. He sold the ticket and spent the money for whisky.

"Too much money spending caused me to lead a free and easy life," he explained, "and the love of whisky did the rest. For the last year I have been drinking to excess constantly." Dickerson is 50 years old. He is married and his family lives in New York.

"I haven't eaten a mouthful of food since I came to Kansas City," he said. "I have lived on whisky."

LONDON WHEAT COMMENT

The Great Advance Has Surprised English Grain Buyers.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The fact that the price of wheat has reached \$1 a bushel in the United States has produced considerable excitement among grain speculators and others interested. The secretary of the Baltic said: "Of course we have been caught largely short. The rise in the price of wheat, with the uncertainties of the future, make a somewhat hysterical market. The rise of sixpence in the price of barley for example to-day was due to no assignable cause. There is no speculation here, as it is known by Wall street, though there is some speculation at Liverpool."

The secretary of the corn exchange remarked: "There is no speculation here as such transactions are generally known. There has been a disposition on the part of the outside public to bear the market; but the brokers have dissuaded their clients from so doing. The rise in prices yesterday and to-day was not due so much to 'dollar wheat' as to the buying by France, where the harvestings are proving disappointing. Our millers, too, are short. Our brokers have not made much, as they held no stocks, but it is needless to say the rise of half a crown in the price of wheat yesterday marks the liveliest times on Mark Lane. The Americans have apparently got it all their own way."

The Westminister Gazette this afternoon, referring to the rise in the price of wheat, says: "It is an unmerited stroke of good luck for President McKinley's government, which ought to have been overtaken by swift calamity for shamelessly paying election debts to the trusts by the passage of the Dingley bill." At the same time the Gazette finds comfort in the allegation that "the Bryanites are made to look foolish," and adds: "The western farmers will see at once that high prices are compatible with a gold standard and the destruction of Bryan and his panacea is bound to follow. But if President McKinley's supporters are wise they will not for a moment imagine that when they dispose of the silver craze they will dispose of the revolt against the American capitalists, who have never used their power so ruthlessly as since the last presidential election." The Gazette then proceeds to denounce the "exhortations" of the new United States tariff, which, it adds, "is one of the worst and most fruitless source of corruption of public men and public servants." In conclusion the Gazette says: "The degree of success which has attended Bryan shows that the Americans are becoming alive to the rottenness of something and next time the campaign will be directed less to the gold standard than to the standard of public life."

Missouri Pacific Shops on Full Time. Fort Scott, Kan., Aug. 23.—Upon orders from St. Louis, the Missouri Pacific shops here were put on full ten hour time to-day for the first time since 1893. The order affects all departments but the locomotive shops. The demand for grain and coal cars is the occasion of the increase.

Braes Head Greets Dollar Wheat. PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 23.—Spencer's band was brought into the board of trade hall this morning and played several selections in honor of wheat reaching one dollar.

WHEAT STILL GOING UP.

Sells at Kansas City for \$1.01—Another Big Wheat Day.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—Wheat sold at \$1 and at \$1.01 in the Kansas City market to-day. The Chicago September price reached \$1, and dollar wheat is now a realized dream in all the Western markets.

The dollar price was paid here for the soft variety. There was demand for all that was offered at that price. The No. 2 Kansas hard wheat, which makes up the bulk of Kansas City's supply, sold at 95 cents. The receipts were large and all classes of buyers wanted wheat. Some fortunate buyers made their purchases at 94 cents, before the final advance occurred.

The excitement in the wheat market leaped over into corn and oats to-day. Corn in Chicago advanced nearly 3 cents, September selling at 32 cents, against 31 3/4 cents at the close yesterday. Prices of oats advanced nearly 2 cents.

The wheat market to-day was even more exciting than that of yesterday. The opening in Chicago was around 94 cents for September wheat. There was a momentary set-back to 93 1/2 cents, but the price very quickly started up again. It struck 99 cents and rebounded to 98 cents several times. Toward the close it went above 99 cents with a rush, sold at \$1 once and closed at 99 1/2 cents, making an advance of 6 1/2 cents since the regular close yesterday.

So great was the uncertainty respecting possible happenings next week that "calls" for Monday sold at \$1.12 to \$1.14 and "puts" at 9 1/2 cents to 93 cents—the farthest apart that they ever sold within the recollection of anybody. September wheat sold as low as 96 1/2 cents and as high as \$1. The December price did not keep far behind. The trade was limited largely to the "high rollers." The ordinary scalper stood no chance at all.

Nearly all the European markets went up about as much as American prices advanced yesterday. The difference in time makes it impossible for foreign markets to keep on a parity with American on such advances as today's for the foreign markets are closed for the day very soon after trading begins in this country.

The exports of wheat this week were over 5,000,000 bushels. They are expected to be more than that next week. The movement out of the country is so large that no wheat is accumulating anywhere in the United States, and it is expected that the visible supply statement Monday will show a decrease of a million bushels.

Small traders stand no chance at all in such a market. It is entirely an affair of dealers who can afford to take great risks. Consequently there was very little miscellaneous speculative trading.

TO ENJOIN THE RAILROADS

War Begun on Kansas Cattle Rates—Mr. Boyle Takes Action.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 23.—Attorney General Boyle, after a conference this morning with T. L. Davis of Eureka, attorney for the cattlemen, decided to bring injunction proceedings against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railways to prevent them from collecting more for hauling live stock than is allowed under the recent order of the board of railroad commissioners.

This afternoon the petition was filed before Probate Judge Dolman in the absence of District Judge Hazen from the city.

The prayer of the petition is that the several railroads, their officers and employes be restrained from making effective in Kansas, hundred pound rates, with a fixed minimum of weight per car on business originating and terminating within this state or from demanding or receiving any higher, greater, other or different tariff of rates than the tariff established by the board of railroad commissioners by the car load price, that upon final hearing the tariff of rates set down by the board be held to be the lawful rates and that the tariff fixed by the railroads be declared in violation of law.

BOYLE'S SECOND DEF.

Quo Warranto Proceedings Are Begun Against the New York Mutual Life.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 23.—Attorney General Boyle filed at noon to-day his threatened quo warranto proceedings against the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York. This is the second step in his defiance of United States District Judge Williams, but whether it will result in contempt proceedings is at least an open question.

The state claims that the company being engaged in a business which is regulated in this state, cannot do business or claim the rights of a corporation in this state without the consent of the state, and on that question the contest will hinge.

Want a Retailer's Tax. FORT SCOTT, Kan., Aug. 23.—The city council of this city is trying to devise some sort of legislation to assess a license against Vernon county, Missouri, vegetable, fruit and produce peddlers who make a business of supplying customers in this city.

Iron Workers Made Happy. MCKESPORT, Pa., Aug. 23.—The 3,000 employes of the National Rolling Mill company at this place received notice at noon to-day of a 10 per cent advance in their wages, to take effect September 1.

WOULD NOT ALLOW IT.

CHICAGO POLICE STOP A TRANCE EXHIBIT.

Boy to Sleep Seven Days—Officers Unable to Move the Subject to the Slightest Display of Consciousness—Threats Cause the Professor to Remove the Spell.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Samuel Burg, a young Danish barber, was put to sleep in a North side hall Sunday afternoon with the regulation passes by a "professor of hypnotism," and it was announced that he would sleep seven days and nights. Chief Kippley sent two detectives to make a report on the exhibition. They found young Burg asleep in the presence of a crowd, which included several physicians, who explained to the detectives that they were studying the effect of the prolonged hypnotic sleep.

The detectives were skeptical, and proceeded to apply such tests as pinching the cheeks, pulling the ears and tugging at the hair. But Burg did not stir.

The detectives reported to Chief Kippley, who decided to stop the exhibition, and sent a detail of officers for that purpose. Lieutenant Serey, who had charge of the expedition, gave Burg a rap on the sole of the foot with his club, but this, the usual treatment prescribed by patrolmen for sleepers, had no effect. Then the lieutenant stroked Burg, pinched his ears and slapped his cheeks, but to no avail. Then he thrust his thumb up under the arm pit and gave a series of hearty pinches. But the motionless form gave no sign of life.

All this time the "professor" was hovering excitedly about and protesting that the great hypnotic test was being held solely in the interests of science, and that its results were being anxiously watched by physicians and psychologists from California to Maine. The lieutenant cut him short by saying: "The chief says that this exhibition has got to stop. I can't wake the boy up and you've got to or I'll have to arrest the whole outfit."

Then with a few mysterious passes and a snap of the fingers the mesmerist released the subject and the two proceeded to Chief Kippley's office to protest against the interruption of their exhibition.

In speaking of the matter Chief Kippley said: "After having investigated the case I considered it my duty to stop the exhibition for the sake of humanity. There is no telling but that the test might have resulted in the boy's death. There is no doubt that the boy was in a genuine hypnotic sleep. If the boy had died as a result of the test I would have been blamed for allowing the exhibition to take place. In the future no permits for exhibitions of the kind will be granted."

THE LAW AND HYPNOTISM.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The state supreme court has affirmed the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree found against J. Eubank, who killed Mrs. Harriet Stiles and J. B. Borden at Oceanide, San Diego county, on September 6, 1885. The case was appealed on the points that the evidence was circumstantial and that the lower court erred in refusing to allow a hypnotist, E. A. Stephens, to testify that he hypnotized the defendant after the murder and that the latter denied the crime when under the hypnotic spell. Commissioner Searles, whose opinion was affirmed by the court, said that the law did not recognize hypnotism. In passing on the case the supreme court agreed, but Justice McFarland took occasion to say that he did not quite agree as to the attitude of the law toward hypnotism. It could not be considered in this case, though it might be in others.

ROTTEN INSURANCE.

Michigan Companies Ordered to Change Their Ways or Quit Business.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 23.—Insurance Commissioner Campbell has notified the Wolverine, the Tri-County and the Commercial Fire Insurance companies of Saginaw, Mich., that they must change their methods of doing business within the next sixty days or they will have to shut up shop. Complaints were made to Mr. Campbell, and on an investigation, he found that the aggregate of the cash assets held by the three companies was \$1.75, with 2,700 notes averaging \$5 each, of which 90 per cent were past due. On the other hand, the three carry several million dollars of risk and have 5,000 policy holders.

A Sword Fish's Sword in a Schooner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—When the barkentine Catherine Sudden was docked for repairs yesterday it was found that some time during her last voyage the vessel had been struck by a sword fish. The sword had passed through four inches of planking and gone five inches further into a solid timber. A nine inch section was broken off even with the copper sheathing.

White to Deliver the Annual Address. LAWRENCE, Kan., Aug. 26.—W. A. White of Emporia will deliver the opening address at the beginning of the fall term of the University of Kansas, September 7.

Barton County's Prosperity.

GREAT BEND, Kan., Aug. 23.—Although this year's wheat crop is not so large as that of 1892, it is bringing far more money into the country. The county recorder has reported the release of over \$60,000 in chattle and real estate mortgages since August 1, and half of the crop has not been threshed. The farmers take particular delight in paying old debts. It is predicted that by the New Year the county will be in better shape than ever before and will look back upon the largest acreage of wheat in the history of the county.

FIREMEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

Miners to Be Aided With Cash—No Sympathetic Walk Out.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Vice President J. J. Hanrahan of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in an address last night at an entertainment given by the firemen in aid of the striking miners, at which \$1,000 was realized, said: "I am glad that we have been able to show our appreciation of the cause of the miners by raising money to send to them. We are with them, heart and soul, but I might as well, while I am speaking, explain that there will be no sympathetic strike on the part of the railroad employes in our brotherhood to assist the striking miners. Ours is a very large brotherhood, with membership in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and we have made contracts which we must fulfill. We realize fully that a contract is as binding on an employe as on anyone else. So there will be no sympathetic strike on the part of railway employes in aid of the miners. We prefer to aid them in such a way as this. While working we will contribute to their support, and will do as well by them as will any organization of the earth."

NO STRIKE COMPROMISE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 23.—When the conference was resumed this morning the operators presented a proposition to submit the question to arbitration, and pending the decision of the arbitration board to concede seven and one-half cents per ton, making the rate sixty-one and one-half cents. President Hatchford refused this and firmly maintained his stand for the payment of the sixty-nine cent rate until the question should be settled by arbitration. He suggested President McKinley and William J. Bryan as the arbitrators. The operators stated that if an agreement was not reached they would start their mines at once with new men.

The conference broke up at noon, without reaching an agreement, the miners' officials refusing any concession. A general meeting of operators was called for 3 o'clock to hear the report of their committee. President Hatchford had but little to say, but gave out the following statement: "We have discharged. Our proposition remained unchanged. Besides our proposition to arbitrate we made them a second one along the lines of bringing about a general conference of miners and operators of all mining states. They refused to lend their efforts in that direction and the strike will be continued. We have no other plans for the future."

AGITATORS NOT WANTED.

NEVADA, Mo., Aug. 23.—Several new strikers are in the Vernon county coal fields to-day assisting the agitators in their efforts to work up a sympathy strike, but no interest is being taken by the miners, the strike of two years ago still remaining vividly in their minds. It is understood that the intelligent miners propose to drive the Eastern and Kansas strikers from among the foreign and unlearned miners here. They are willing to assist the strikers with semi-monthly contributions, but have no cause for a strike and do not propose to have agitators at work.

REVERSES FOR BRITISH.

Fort Maude Captured By Afridis and Another Fort in Peril.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—An official dispatch to-day from Simla announces that Fort Maude in the Khyber pass, has been captured by the Afridis after desperate fighting. The garrison which was composed of natives known as the Khyber rifles, retired with the loss of three men. The Afridis afterwards burned the fort. The fate of Fort Ali-Musjid, which was simultaneously attacked by the Afridis, is not known. The Afridis number about 20,000 first class hill fighters. A grave feature of the situation is that the Anglo-Indian army is largely recruited from the Afridis.

20,000 STRIKE.

An Army of Workmen Intimidate Police in Budapest.

BUDAPEST, Aug. 23.—A great strike in the building trades began here yesterday. More than 20,000 men are involved. The strikers in their endeavor to prevent others from working repeatedly came into conflict with the police, and desperate pitched battles ensued in several of the principal streets of the city. Two hundred persons have been injured, some dangerously. The police have arrested 100 of the ringleaders.

Big Crops in Nebraska.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—A party of seventy business men and representative farmers have just returned from a trip through Nebraska, where they spent six days moving from point to point in a special train placed at their disposal by the Burlington road. They reported the crops as something phenomenal. Farmers are paying off their mortgages from proceeds of the great wheat crop and will soon commence to harvest the greatest corn crop in the history of Nebraska. All say Nebraska farmers are in excellent shape, anticipating a long period of prosperity.

Protecting Gold Seekers.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—The schooner Moonlight was stopped last night as it was preparing to leave for Alaska in tow of the tug Colman. It had a big deck load of freight listed to port and in its hold were 10 passengers, who, Inspector Braut considered, under the circumstances, had little chance of ever seeing the Yukon. The inspector ordered the deck load removed and suitable provision made for the safety of the passengers. Strict regulations will be enforced to prevent the overcrowding of vessels leaving for the North.

HOLCOMB TO HEARST

NEW YORK JOURNAL MAN ASKS QUESTIONS.

Which Nebraska's Executive Answers—Tells of Our Big Wheat and Corn Crops and Incidentally Mentions One or Two Other Things.

A day or so ago Governor Holcomb received an inquiry from the editor of the New York Journal, to which he replied by wire. Following is the correspondence:

"A number of representative merchants of your section now visiting this city have expressed decidedly hopeful views of the business outlook. These opinions have had a most beneficial effect by their tendency to strengthen confidence and promote better times. Will you kindly telegraph to the Journal your opinion of the prospects of a business revival in your city, giving what you consider the best reasons to anticipate a prosperous state of trade for the coming autumn. W. R. HEARST, Editor New York Journal."

To this the governor made reply: "Nebraska has produced in 1896 near 500,000,000 bushels of corn, quite a percentage of which yet remains in the state. Corn crop this year will equal or excel that of last. Her crop of wheat this year is enormous, reaching from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels, which, because of active foreign demands is being disposed of by farmers at much more satisfactory prices than has been received of late. Live stock interests have assumed large proportions and are constantly growing. Even many other branches of industry, Nebraska have been buying but very little during the period of business depression, using their means to meet pressing obligations. They are now beginning to buy carefully and only when they have the means to pay. No indebtedness is being contracted except when ability to meet it is certain, business generally being conducted on a safer basis than heretofore. I regard Nebraska as equal to any other part of the country in which to do a satisfactory business under present general conditions. With bimetallicism instead of a single gold standard, a tariff in the interest of the consumer and producer in place of the present monopolistic and trust-breeding act and satisfactory laws prohibiting trusts, Nebraskans would be on the highroad to permanent prosperity."

Result of Land Auctions.

Land Commissioner Wolfe has figured the result of his recent trip to auction the leases of state lands. He finds he has succeeded in leasing 21 per cent of the lands he offered. The following table gives the figures, the bonus being that amount received above the appraised value of the land:

COUNTIES.	Subj. to Lease	L's'd	BONUS
Buffalo.....	4,345	2,945	\$ 485
Dawson.....	1,206	326	..
Lincoln.....	46,660	10,060	34
Keith.....	26,948	5,071	332
Deuel.....	66,660	4,835	..
Cheyenne.....	76,474	12,134	509
Kimball.....	32,290	120	..
Banner.....	11,640	1,280	..
Scott's Bluff.....	16,273	5,891	197
Total.....	292,496	42,762	\$1,348

Boy Has a Hard Fall.

Ernest Thompson, the ten-year-old son of W. L. Thompson of Hebron, fell from a horse one day last week and landed squarely on his head, sustaining an ugly cut reaching across the crown. It is not thought anything serious will result, although he was unconscious for some time.

Certain preparatory work will be given by the university free this fall. The Preparatory School to the State University at Lincoln, with C. W. Wallace as director, will carry all others at a nominal expense of \$5 to \$15 a year. Full preparation is given in two years or less to country school and Eighth grade students, special rates being offered Sept. 14-18.

Had the Klondike Fever.

Nothing particular has developed in the matter of the disappearance of L. L. Roy, the Burlington agent at Ithaca, further than that searching parties are out looking for all clues. The A. O. U. W. lodge at Ithaca, of which Roy was a member, has offered a reward of \$50 for information as to his fate. He has had the Klondike fever for some time and there is a suspicion that he may have started for the gold fields. Ithaca people say that a team passed rapidly through town the night Roy disappeared and searchers have traced the team to the Platte river and are continuing the search. Roy leaves a wife and baby. Mrs. Roy is prostrated by the blow.

Lies at the Bottom of the Creek.

At the bottom of Omaha creek, at the bridge across the stream at the old Oaks mills, about seven miles southwest of Dakota City, now lies a new steam threshing engine and separator, purchased two weeks ago at a cost of \$2,400 by a syndicate of Danes living below Homer. At noon Friday a new engineer, a stranger, was hired, and it now seems he was entirely unfit for the position, for in crossing the bridge above named he guided the engine over the side of the bridge and engine and separator went through the railing and took a twenty-foot drop. The parties on board, by lively scrambling, made their escape unhurt.

Omaha Man Killed Near Sidney.

W. J. Maxwell, a resident of Omaha, who was very extensively interested in stock and real estate in Cheyenne county, was killed in a runaway at Camp Clark Sunday. The particulars of the accident are not obtainable at this writing.

Farm House Burned.

The one and a half story house of John Hall, who resides six miles south of Holdrege, was burned Sunday. It is reported that the fire was caused by a gasoline stove. The furniture down stairs was saved.

STAT FAIR PROSPECTS.

Everything on the Move to Make the Exposition a Success.

The executive committee of the state board of agriculture met with the Omaha speed association to discuss necessary improvements for the coming state fair. Tuesday the members visited the grounds to inaugurate the work of preparation for the fair.

Secretary Furnas says that inquiries and applications for space indicate that the fair is to surpass any in former years. There will be the largest show of cattle since the time, some eight years ago, when it was found necessary to build so many new stalls on the grounds at Lincoln. The show of horses is also going to be better than for years. Dr. Peters, state veterinarian, will be stationed on the ground to see that no stock infected with disease is admitted, a precaution demanded by exhibitors.

The Omaha fair and speed association is now having printed \$35,000 bonds, which it issues to create necessary funds with which to make improvements, and pay outstanding claims. There is a promise that the transportation facilities will be materially improved this year. Police appointments will be announced soon. No draying teams will be allowed on the grounds except those licensed by the board.

Unearth a Human Skeleton.

A human skeleton was found a few days ago on the farm of Ben Willis near Gresham, York county, and as there was nothing to identify the remains except two rings and a buckle, the general impression is that some tribe of Indians buried one of their number there. The field has been under cultivation for twenty years and the grave being on the side of a hill, the rains washed the dirt down so that the plow finally struck the remains and brought them to the surface. The county attorney was notified, but there was no development which might lead to identification, and the remains were ordered reinterred and the place marked.

Boy Falls From the Train.

George Harlan, a Saunders county boy, was seriously injured early Tuesday morning by being thrown from a Union Pacific train between Ames and this city. About three weeks ago he and Sam Willard set out for the Klondike unbeknown to their parents, and intended to get rich. The Willard boy was on the way of trainmen and had no trouble in being passed along. When about 800 miles from home Willard shook young Harlan, who started back home. It was on the last part of his journey that he was injured. In falling he probably fell on his head, for he has acted queerly and has had several fits. His father, Chas. Harlan, of Cedar Bluffs, has been sent for.

Attracted to Nebraska.

General Passenger Agent Francis of the Burlington says that there is bound to be a greater movement of immigration into the state this fall than for many years. He says there is already a marked increase in the attention being turned toward this state. This year was the first in many years wherein the homeseekers' excursion train had to be divided and run in two sections. "And the good thing about it," says Mr. Francis, "is that a great proportion of these homeseekers are apt to locate permanently in Nebraska."

State Meets.

The Nebraska state bicycle circuit as far as arranged is as follows: Beatrice, September 2; Lincoln, September 3; Mead, September 5; Ashland, September 8; Omaha, September 11; Fremont, September 13; York, September 15 and 16 (two days); Grand Island, September 17 or 18; Kearney, September 20; North Platte, September 21. In addition to these towns, several more in the western part of the state will accept dates, making the circuit extend over the whole month.

Dwelling House Burned.

A gasoline stove exploded in the residence of Henry Bodmer, foreman of the Lange Bros. Brewing company at Grand Island, caused quite a serious fire at noon Tuesday. While the department was promptly on hand the explosion had given the flames such headway that there will be at least a loss of \$500 on the house and Mr. Bodmer will lose \$400 on personal property.

Want Warm Weather.

Another light rain visited Bancroft last Friday. It was preceded by a stiff cold wind that lasted for nearly a half hour. The past week has been very cool and cloudy and corn has made but very little growth, and unless the weather from now on until the 20th of September is favorable to corn the early frost will catch a large per cent of it.

Last Sunday while a young man by the name of Dodd, living near St. Edwards, was driving across a bridge on a load of hay the bridge gave way, precipitating the wagon to the bottom of the ravine. One of the young man's legs was broken in two places and he was taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Lingle, where he is being cared for.

Yost Bros' threshing outfit was burned last Saturday on the farm of Henry Sinner, five miles north of Clay Center. They had just pulled up to the grain stacks and gone to dinner and the fire had got under good headway before it was noticed. Four stacks of grain were burned besides the separator.

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