

THE LEADES REFORM.

OPERATORS MUST PAY 69 CENTS.

National President Ratchford Present at the Pittsburg Conference, But Unyielding in His Purpose—All District Mine Owners to Be Talked to Together.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—Mr. D. Ratchford, president of the Mine Workers' National Union, arrived here this morning for the conference asked for by the Pittsburg district mine operators and soon afterward he and Dolan, district president, and Warner, district secretary, met the operators' committee composed of J. C. Dysart, G. W. Schludenberg, J. N. O'Neill, J. E. Zerbe, F. M. Osborne, U. A. Andrews, W. P. Bonney and W. P. Read.

President Ratchford said he wanted it distinctly understood that he had never been asked by the operators to confer with them. "The statements," said he, "that I had refused a conference is not correct. I am here now at the request of Mr. Dolan. We will only agree to the operator's proposition if they will pay sixty-nine cents. That is the lowest rate the miners will accept. It must be sixty-nine cents or the strike will be continued until the demands are granted. If the Pittsburg operators settle upon our terms a general conference will not be necessary."

Previous to the conference a large number of operators met in the corridors of the Mooninghale house. Many were opposed to breaking the strike by importing men and quite a large number urged the acceptance of the miners' terms. It was claimed that it was not the Pittsburg operators who wanted to compromise or break the strike, but that it was the large mine owners and lake shippers.

AN OPEN CONFERENCE.

The conference ended at noon, after an agreement had been made for a general conference of operators and the miners' officials at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The miners' officials insisted on all the operators being present and it was decided to make the conference an open one.

The operators who had been kept on the outside were jubilant when this decision was arrived at. Some said they would favor the granting of the 69-cent rate at the opening of the conference if it was seen that the miners' officials would not consent to a compromise to let out the operators who have contracts based on a 54-cent mining rate.

From a reliable source it was learned that if the operators start the mines on the lines laid down, other mines will also be started by the miners. It is proposed to select operators who are not represented at the conference and who are friendly to the miners. They will be given permission to mine coal at the rate demanded and the coal stored. By this means it is expected to get a fund from the union miners that happen to be working, and with this fund pay the expenses of a fight against imported labor. The miners' officials are making arrangements to have a fund on hand to send foreign labor home just as fast as it arrives. With mines operated under the jurisdiction of the labor leaders and with operators who are friendly who reap a profit, they hope to have an available and a large fund. This plan has been outlined and will be submitted to the national officials if the conference proves a failure.

The striking miners encamped about the DeArmitt mines experienced less interference from the deputies this morning than at any time since the decision of the court in the injunction proceeding. The campers were permitted to march in small groups, but were not allowed to get within speaking distance of the working miners. Samuel Young, who is in charge at Plum Creek, said to Captain Irish Bellingham that no more arrests would be made until after a decision in the case of the five men arrested Saturday. Bellingham has rented a barn at Center, and will have fifty men quartered there all the time.

TAILORS GO ON A STRIKE.

Fifteen Hundred Coatmakers Demand Increase of Wages.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The 1,500 operators on fine coats, members of Protective Tailors' union No. 11 of the Socialist section, went on a strike today. An increase of 25 per cent per garment is demanded, weekly payments, the recognition of the union and a nine-hour working day. This strike will close 120 shops.

Two thousand cloakmakers, employed by Baumann & Spiering, H. Weldorf & Co., the Syndicate Cloak company, Bernstein & Newman, Rubin & Well and Bloom Bros., are on a strike for an increase of wages.

Three-Acre Plant Burns.

WOODBURY, N. J., Aug. 24.—The main buildings of the H. P. Thomas & Sons company, fertilizer manufacturers, on Mantout creek, near Paulsboro, were burned today. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, upon which there is about \$100,000 insurance. The buildings covered three acres and contained expensive machinery.

Kicked to Death by a Mule.

BURLINGTON, Kan., Aug. 24.—This morning James Douglas, a farmer and stock raiser, was kicked to death by a mule while getting into his wagon at his home on Big creek. He came to Coffey county in 1857. He was born in Manchester, England, in 1836.

An Inmate of Note Kills Himself.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Aug. 24.—John C. Billa, ex-state senator and ex-mayor and a leading lawyer of Iowa, committed suicide by shooting today. He was despondent over failing health.

DOLLAR WHEAT TOO HIGH.

A Set-back From Saturday's Prices—Reaction in Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 24.—There were not enough people in love with dollar wheat to take all that was offered around that price in Chicago this morning, and September dropped to 95 1/2 cents before the buying orders were equal to the offerings. The price reacted to 98 cents, and for the greater part of the day ranged around 97 cents, which, considering the rapidity of last week's advance, was looked upon as a very small reaction. The market was very nervous, but the volume of business was not large.

Cash prices in Kansas City declined more than Chicago prices. The receipts here were 953 cars—the largest of the season, and the tables on the floor of the exchange were piled so full of samples that buyers concluded to take life easy and showed nothing like the anxiety they displayed last week. Nevertheless there was a large demand and prices did not decline as much as some people expected. There were sales of soft wheat at \$1 and \$1.01, but later the price dropped to 98 cents. Hard wheat, which sold as high as 99 cents Saturday, was purchased to-day at prices ranging from 91 3/4 to 94 1/2 cents.

The first curb quotation in Chicago for September wheat was \$1.02 1/2, an advance of 3 cents over Saturday's closing price. At the same time 33 1/2 cents was bid for September corn, 2 cents over Saturday's close. December wheat sold between \$1.01 1/4 and \$1.00 1/2, while 35 1/2 cents was bid for December corn. Liverpool's opening wheat advance this morning was equal to 5 5/8 cents per bushel. Saturday's advance in Chicago was 7 cents per bushel. The Liverpool advance in corn, equal to 2 2/5 to 3 1/4 cents per bushel, was considerably over the Chicago advance. The 1 1/2 p. m. Liverpool cables showed a recession of 1 penny in some wheat futures and on this the curb price for September wheat here dropped to \$1.00 1/4.

All the buoyancy was out of wheat when the opening bell rang upon the regular board. The highest price touched in the initial trading was 99 1/4 for September, the exact quotation at which the market closed on Saturday. Simultaneous sales at the opening were all the way down to 98 1/2 and in a few minutes later sales were being recorded at 97 and even 96 1/2. Enormous quantities of wheat were for sale from every direction. It was hard to sell, buyers being relatively very scarce. The lowest point reached was 95 for September, a plunge of 7 1/4 from the high point upon the curb. Corn sympathized with the slump in wheat, and the first regular trading was at 33 and all the way down to 32 for September, as compared with 33 1/2 on the "curb."

INDIA'S PROSPECTS GOOD.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Times correspondent at Simla says that good rains have fallen everywhere throughout India except in the districts of Bombay and Deccan and the crops promise to be exceptionally large.

LARGE CROPS IN ARGENTINE.

BUENOS AYERS, Aug. 24.—It is officially announced that a very large crop of grain is anticipated in the Argentine Republic, the grain under cultivation covering larger areas than ever before. The wool clip, it is further stated, will be heavy.

INDIA'S REVOLT SERIOUS.

The Powerful Afrides Up in Arms—English Forts Attacked.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—An official dispatch from Peshawar announces that the Afrides attacked Ali Musjed this morning and adds that they were attacking Fort Maude at 10 o'clock. The enemy's line is a mile and a half long. Another body of Afrides, the dispatch continues, is moving toward Kadam. All of the Afrides are said to have joined in the uprising. This probably means a protracted campaign and desperate fighting. A general revolt of the Afrides was what the Indian government feared the most and it now seems to have taken place.

SIMLA, Aug. 23.—A large force of Afrides has just been reported to be advancing down the Khyber pass, and the so-called mad mullah, or fanatical priest, who is inciting the natives of that territory against the British, is said to have collected the Mohmands for an attack upon Michni and Shabkadr. The Royal Irish regiment and a representative native infantry with a battery of mountain artillery, have been ordered to Kohat.

THE WOMAN BANK ROBBER

Corra Hubbard of Pineville, Mo., Raid Notorious, Not an Ideal Bandit.

JOPLIN, Mo., Aug. 24.—The two Pineville, bank robbers captured at Weir City, Kan., Saturday, and brought here, were taken to Southwest City yesterday morning, where they will remain until their trial. The woman robber, Corra Hubbard, is about 19 years of age, but claims to be 28. She is short in stature, with black hair, cut short, black eyes and a greasy, dark complexion. She is anything but prepossessing. She talks freely and at times admits participation in the robbery by relating a few happenings during the raid. She handles a Winchester like a man.

E. P. Deacon a Maniac.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 24.—Edward Parker Deacon was yesterday committed to the McLean hospital at Waverly, a maniac. He belongs to an old distinguished family of this city. On February 17, 1892, he killed Emile Abelle in Mrs. Deacon's apartments at Canaan, France.

Spain Ready for Reciprocity.

HAVANA, Aug. 24.—A special dispatch from Madrid says there is no doubt the Spanish government will be willing to extend the commercial treaty with the United States.

A REAL KLONDIKER.

He Stops in Lincoln and Tells About the New Eldorado.

Klondike gold and a Klondike miner held an informal levee at the Capital hotel, Lincoln, last Sunday and more solid facts about the region were obtained than in the stories of the Pacific coast correspondents. The miner was William Billings, for twenty-two years a resident of Falls City, Neb., and for the past three years a resident of Alaska. He arrived here Saturday on his way to see his wife at Falls City. He is not a millionaire, but he says he and his partner brought out about \$8,000 in dust and they have six claims located, three quartz lodes and three placers, that are rich and from which they expect to take out much gold next year.

The phrase that was often on Mr. Billings' lips Sunday, and he came back to it again and again, was "tongue can't tell the hardships that a man endures up there." He also remarked "I wouldn't spend another winter in Alaska without I was with a crowd for all the gold in the territory." Last winter he and his partner spent under forty feet of snow, twelve miles from another soul and four months without seeing another human face. This partner was H. H. Herman of Chicago, who arrived in Lincoln a few days later.

"You ought to be chums," suggested one hearer.

"Well, I guess we are," responded Mr. Billings. "What did you do all winter?" "Walked back and forth in the cabin, read a little, cooked and ate a little and slept a little. No, we didn't play cards any, for we didn't have any cards. Never thought of cards when we started. We had a tunnel out to the open air which we kept open, but there was forty feet of snow over us. There wasn't any door to our cabin, but we kept warm by burning wood rather carefully, for we had to go to the side hills for it, and after the snow came there was danger of bringing it down with us. We didn't care to be buried in that way.

"If a man really wants to go to Alaska, he should wait till next spring and take the first boat up next April. He should have provisions for two years and money enough to get back on. Get over the pass just as soon as the snow starts to melt away. There will be patches of snow packed so you can get across them. After the claim is located, the summer from May till August can be put in getting ready to work it, and fixing for the long winter. It takes one season's work to get a claim in fix for work. Then when the water begins to come down in the following spring, start in and clean up to bed rock. And when it gets August 1 you just hike out of there. Don't say it's a fair day today and I'll go tomorrow. It's that season of the year when the snow comes and you don't want to get caught by it."

Mr. Billings left the upper Yukon June 19. He says he saw men rushing to Klondike all the way from Dawson City to Juneau. He believes this route will be strewn with bleaching bones by spring.

He says the water from the eternal snows on top of the mountains supplies the streams and makes placer mining possible in the three months when everything isn't frozen up.

Unfortunate Little Egypt.

"Little Egypt," who sometime ago secured notoriety through the famous Seeley dinner at Delmonico's, New York, was arrested in Omaha Saturday in company with several tramps. She had run away from Chicago to escape a villainous stepfather and was on her way to her mother, whom she had sent to Kansas City. She was dressed in men's clothing and had passed for a youth among her male companions. Omaha officials kindly secured her transportation to Kansas City. She had been sick so long she was no able to earn the salary she usually does, hence her present plight.

Speak Well of Nebraska.

A party of seventy business men and representative business men and farmers have just returned to Chicago 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 report the crops as something phenomenal. Farmers are paying off their mortgages from proceeds of the great wheat crop and will soon begin to harvest one of the greatest corn crops in the history of Nebraska. All say Nebraska farmers are in excellent shape, anticipating a long period of prosperity.

CONDENSATIONS.

The corner stone of the First Congregational church at Hyannis was laid Saturday. Appropriate exercises were held at the opera house. As this was the first exercise of the kind in the county considerable interest was manifested.

The contract for printing the bar docket of the supreme court was let by the state printing board to the Woodruff-Dunlap company at 48 cents per page. Jacob North bid the same and the State Journal company 2 cents higher.

All but five counties have now sent in the mortgage record. From the totals of forty-eight counties it is estimated that there are \$400,000 more farm mortgages satisfied than filed. As for city mortgages, the amount is \$1,000,000 more satisfied than filed. This includes mortgages satisfied by foreclosure and sheriff's deeds.

A small boy named John Carpenter, aged about ten years, who lives at Red Cloud, but who was visiting at Franklin, fell from a horse Saturday and broke his arm. It was a bad break, the bone cutting through the flesh.

J. L. Paschal, foreman of the Platte County Argus, returned to Columbus recently from a three month's trip through Nebraska and Colorado. Mr. Paschal traveled overland with his family and says the western part of the state is in the pink of condition. Nothing but favorable comment on the enormous crops are heard on every hand.

TO HOLD COMPANY CAMPS.

No Regimental Encampment for National Guards This Year.

The militia board was in session Wednesday at the office of the adjutant general and decided that instead of regimental encampments this year each company of the national guard shall hold a two days' camp of instruction at their home stations. Of course if two or three companies wish to get together at their own expense, a battalion camp may be enjoyed.

The motion as carried by the board was: "Moved that the companies of the Nebraska national guard be assembled at their home stations for instruction in the authorized manuals of drill, guard duty and target practice in compliance with section 31, chapter 50, session laws of 1897, for a period of two days prior to October 1, 1897. And that the officers and enlisted men of the Nebraska national guard be allowed for such service such compensation as is provided in section 37 of said chapter 50."

This pay is \$1 a day and one ration or commutation thereof for all enlisted men and the same pay as for officers of the regular army for officers.

INTERESTING LEGAL POINT.

Suit to Settle the Beneficiary in Fraternal Insurance.

C. A. Gafford, administrator, vs. the Royal Hylanders fraternal association, is the title of a suit begun in the district court at Beatrice Tuesday which involves an interesting legal question. Charles Seymour, who with his wife was drowned while bathing in the river near Wymore several weeks ago, held a policy in the company for \$1,000. The association has approved the claim for the death benefit and this suit is for the purpose of establishing the legal beneficiary. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour had no children, but a son of the former from his first wife is still living. The question at issue is whether Mrs. Seymour had more than a life interest in the policy and whether she or her husband died first, the latter question being apparently one uncertain of solution. Administrators have been appointed for the beneficiaries of both sides of the family.

FOUND ON THE TRACK.

Unknown Man Killed by the Cars Near Dakota City, Neb.

Two tramps coming into Hubbard about midnight Tuesday night reported seeing a dead man lying on the railroad track just west of Hubbard. Coroner Murphy was notified early Wednesday morning and went to the place. The dead man was badly cut up, having both arms and one leg cut off and a head bruise. He was about thirty-five years old, weight about 140 pounds, wore a dark mustache and had on jeans pants and dressed as a laborer. He was seen in Hubbard during the evening and it is supposed that in attempting to beat his way on the train going south, leaving Hubbard about 11 o'clock, by riding on the brake beam, he lost his hold and fell under the cars. He was buried by the county.

When Grant Was President.

A rare old document was filed in the office of County Clerk Pohl at Columbus Tuesday. It was a patent from the United States, conveying to Chris Martens the north half of the southeast quarter of section 8, town 18, range 2 west in the county of Platte, signed by Ulysses S. Grant, president, per E. D. Williamson, secretary, and attested by S. K. Lippincott, recorder. The instrument was issued to cover application No. 218 from the Grand Island land office, and has been in the possession of Mr. Martens for more than twenty-three years.

A Rainbow at Night.

Citizens of Beaver City were the other evening regaled with the unusual sight of a rainbow at night. It was just as the full moon rose over the eastern horizon. A small shower was passing south of town, but the sky in the east and west was clear. A perfect rainbow was reflected in the western heavens.

One Fatally Injured.

The threshing machine engine of G. W. Piper exploded Wednesday while at work on the farm of Squire Crosby, seven miles northwest of Benedict, with disastrous results. G. W. Piper was so badly injured that his recovery is not probable and a number of others were more or less injured.

Preparing for the Conventions.

Representatives of the democrats, populists and free-silver republicans met at the state house, Lincoln, Wednesday night and made arrangements for the reception of the delegates and their entertainment during the conventions to be held Sept. 1.

Death of a Pioneer Nebraskan.

Mrs. Henry Holly of Plainville, aged fifty-nine years, was buried Tuesday after an illness of many months. The Holly family were among the first residents of the county, having settled there nearly twenty-five years ago.

Thrown From His Wagon.

A. E. Stone of McCool Junction, at one time owner of the Stone mills, and one of the oldest residents there was thrown out of a wagon and it is reported that his arm is broken. A cow staked in the road is what scared the team.

Charge of Forgery to Face.

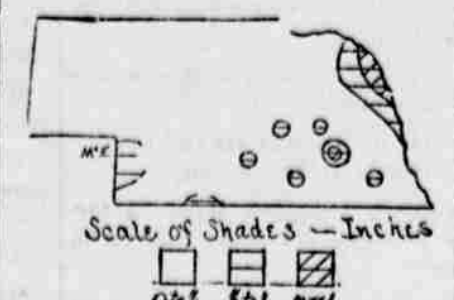
L. M. Kellar, a traveling salesman who is wanted in Knox county, Ill., on a charge of forgery, and for whose capture a reward has been offered, was placed under arrest at Wilber by Sheriff Dorwart Wednesday and is being held until the arrival of the sheriff from Galesburg.

Big Iron Works Resume.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 11.—After a shut down of six weeks the Delaware iron works at Newcastle resumed operations yesterday, giving employment to between 400 and 500 persons.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Furnished by the Government Crop and Weather Bureau.



Scale of Shades—Inches

LINCOLN, NEB., Aug. 24, 1897.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The past week has been cool, the July mean temperature being below the normal every day of the week, and the average deficiency being 8°. The daily maximum temperatures were above 80° generally on only two days of the week. The minimum temperatures were below 50°, and in many places were between 40° and 45°. A very light frost, doing no damage, is reported from a few places.

The rainfall was confined to local showers, and was generally very light. The amount of rainfall exceeded 1 inch in Burt and Lancaster counties, and exceeded half an inch in a few small areas scattered through the southern and eastern portions of the state.

The week has been unusually favorable for stacking, threshing and haying. Stacking of small grain is nearly completed. Wild hay is being cut, and the crop is generally good. The third crop of alfalfa is being cut. Fall plowing has continued, but the ground is getting rather dry in most sections, and in many places the ground is too dry for fall plowing to succeed.

The cool week has been rather unfavorable for corn, but it has made fine progress in all sections. Late corn needs more rain in many counties, and all corn needs warm weather.

REPORT BY COUNTIES.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

Butler—Corn is maturing slowly, the nights being too cool; threshing progressing rapidly; more rain needed for fall plowing; potatoes short crop.

Case—Corn has made good progress, and early planted is beginning to dent. Clay—Too cool for corn to do its best, but good week for general farm work; considerable wheat in shock and being threshed.

Gage—Good week for threshing and plowing; ground in fine condition; corn maturing rather slowly; early corn beginning to ripen.

Hamilton—Threshing in progress; spring wheat and oats yielding well; corn looking well, but most too cool to mature fast.

Jefferson—Most corn will be fully as good as last year; some late corn needs warm weather; large yield of hay.

Johnson—Cool week, not very good for ripening corn; late corn is filling out good, but needs dry, warm weather; large amount of winter wheat will be sown.

Lancaster—Corn crop ripening slowly. Nemaha—Early corn doing well; nights too cool for late corn; fall plowing in progress; grapes plenty, and coming into market; potatoes not more than half a crop.

Nuckolls—Favorable week for corn to mature; fall plowing in progress; some wheat sown.

Pawnee—Continued cold and damp weather keeps corn back; light frost first of week, no damage; fall plowing well along.

Richardson—Corn doing as well as can be expected with the cool nights; late corn needs three weeks of warm weather; wild hay a good crop; a large acreage of winter wheat will be sown.

Polk—Rather cool week for corn, but it seems to be maturing well; getting too dry for plowing.

Saline—Nice dry week for threshing and plowing, but a little too cool for corn; late corn is earing well, but more warmth and moisture are needed.

Saunders—Week too cool and dry; corn making slow progress; pastures suffering; too dry to plow.

Seward—Still very dry, and corn is not gaining very much, crop is bound to be very light; a large acreage of wheat will be put in.

Thayer—Late pieces of corn in roasting ear; early corn getting hard; fall plowing in progress; threshing from shock continues.

York—Ground too dry to plow well; corn is keeping good color but needs rain; corn is two weeks later than usual.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION.

Antelope—Week cool and cloudy; not the best weather for maturing corn, but crop doing well; haying in progress; about half the stacking of small grain done.

Boyd—Corn still in flattering condition; some early corn beginning to dent; threshing in progress; wheat fair yield and of excellent quality.

Burt—Too cool for corn, many late shoots in all fields, and there will be much soft corn; fall plowing in progress.

Cedar—Corn looks fine but needs more hot weather; stacking done; millet being cut; a large amount of fall plowing being done; threshing in progress; oats a good crop; wheat a light crop.

Colfax—A favorable week for corn and grass.

Cuming—Threshing is progressing slowly because of damp weather; corn is maturing slowly and is backward.

Dixon—Stacking and threshing in progress; corn improving; hay crop heavy; flax poor.

Dodge—Corn is advancing favorably; threshing from shock about completed; grain in stack in good condition; some fall plowing done; pastures fair.

Douglas—Corn, especially the late planted, has not made much progress during the week because of cool weather; pastures continue to improve; some fall plowing in progress.

Holt—Small grain being threshed, yielding better than expected; corn doing well but needs warm weather, hay harvest drawing to a close.

Knox—More hay being put up than usual; sugar beets doing well; early potatoes fair; threshing in progress; corn maturing well but needs warm weather; much will be secure in two weeks.

Madison—Corn in good condition, but weather rather cool for rapid development of ear.

Pierce—Corn doing well and promises to be out of the way of frost by September 6.

Platte—A good week for threshing and haying; corn doing fairly well.

Sarpy—Much fall plowing being done; rains have helped late potatoes; corn needs warmer weather but is filling in splendid shape.

Thurston—Nights are getting cool and corn is maturing fast, most of crop will be out of the way of frost in two weeks.

CENTRAL SECTION.

Boone—Corn ripening up well; stacking nearly all done; pastures needing rain.

Buffalo—Corn is improving as a whole some early corn dried out, and some late corn in same condition; small grain yielding well; too dry to plow; much winter wheat will be put in the corn fields.

Clayton—In consequence of no rain, corn has made rapid progress as to ripening; rain needed for fall plowing and late pastures.

Dawson—Stacking mostly done; some threshing from shock yet; corn much damaged except where irrigated; alfalfa good; pastures short.

Hall—Stacking small grain about completed; large crop of hay being cut; corn doing well.

Howard—Corn has made fair progress, but too cool for rapid progress; much plowing and threshing done; many are haying.

Merrick—Some hay cut, crop very short; corn filling nicely but would stand more heat and moisture; potatoes short.

Sherman—Corn very backward and would be benefited by rain; pastures drying up; too dry for plowing; wild grass thick but short.

Valley—Cool and dry, but plenty of moisture for corn; threshing progressing fast, yield good.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION.

Dundy—Corn coming out wonderfully after the heavy rains; the wettest August in thirteen years; corn will be late in maturing.

Frontier—Haying in progress; threshing making rapid progress.

Harlan—Corn growing well; some are cutting the third crop of alfalfa; fall plowing being pushed; wild hay light; peaches a fair crop; pastures good and all cattle doing well.

Hitchcock—Corn doing finely; ground very wet and in good condition for fall plowing; alfalfa, millet and cane doing finely.

Kearney—Too cool for corn to mature rapidly; plenty of moisture and large ears forming; threshing continues, yields better than expected.

Lincoln—Corn growing well generally; parts of county need more rain; potatoes and hay good.

Perkins—Prospect for best corn ever raised in county.

Red Willow—Corn is booming and the prospect is for a full crop; grain all in stack and threshing is going on.

Webster—Corn doing well; weather little cool; ground getting rather dry; oats and wheat being threshed, yield and quality satisfactory.

WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN SECTIONS.

Cherry—Small grain being threshed, and turning out good yield; too cool for corn; haying progressing well.

Keith—Good week for making hay, crop good; early corn maturing; third crop of alfalfa being cut.

Keya Paha—Harvesting finished; threshing begun; most too cool for corn.

Kimball—Corn doing nicely, and in about two weeks will be safe, as none but early varieties raised; little threshing done yet, but prospect for good yield of small grain.

Rock—Haying in progress; crops much better than usual, but corn late, and some would be damaged by early frost.

Scotts Bluff—Wheat harvest nearly completed; oats still being cut; potatoes very fine; corn progressing finely; wild hay a fair crop.

Thomas—Corn best in history of county; wild hay very large.

G. A. LOVELAND,

Station Director, Lincoln, Neb.

Luettger's Trial Begun.