PLENTY OF APPLES.

This Year's Crop Nearly Twice as Large as That of 1898.

Distribution of the Crop Between the Short States—How the Fruit Is Handled in Chicago.

The apple crop this year is twice as large as that of 1898, according to South Water street apple kings. Even then it is but 60 per cent. of a full crop and is not to be compared with the immense crop of 1896, when apples sold as low as 75 cents a barrel and were so cheap that no money could be made on them by either grower or handler. The quality this year is also superior to that of 1898, with prices in general lower. New York apples are higher than a year ago, but that is due to the exceptionally fine quality of this season's New York fruit.

The distribution of the crop varies, as it does every year. New York has about 40 per cent. of a crop. Michigan 50 per cent. of a crop, mostly of No. 2 apples. The New England crop is light. Last year the west had none. This season Indiana has a larger yield than for ten years past and the piles of apples on the cellar floor are bigger than for a long time. Ohio and Iowa did fairly well. Illinois has a fair crop of mediums. Missouri's yield is small and of poor quality. Wisconsin and Minnesota are buyers. California did well, as did Canada, which has about 60 per cent. of a crop.

The Pacific coast is coming up in apple production. It is not much of a factor this year, however, on account of the quantity of fruit raised in the middle west and east. In a few years it will be of greater importance, although even now it is of importance in case of a shortage over the rest of the country.

This year the middle, west and east are exchanging fruit in a kind of apple reciprocity. New York is swapping her famous greenings, Baldwins, russets, Grimes' golden and spys for western Jonathans, wine saps and Ben Davis, especially the latter.

The apple picking season is now over and car loads of apples are coming into Chicago for cold storage. Only the best hand-picked apples will stand cold storage for any length of time. Chicago handles about 30 per cent. of the eggs in the country, and at least 20 per cent. of its apples. It would handle a larger percentage of the latter were it not for the number of cold storage plants constructed throughout the fruit districts in New York state.

The common practice of large South Water street apple men buying apples varies in different sections. In New York most of the apples purchased by them are bought by the barrel, being picked by the grower but packed in the orchard by the commission firms' own packers. A few firms have as many as 500 men in their employ during the four to six weeks' packing season. But New York fruit farmers are old hands at the business, and many of them pack their own fruit, either selling it to apple firms' representatives or consigning it themselves to commission houses. In Illinois more apples are bought on the trees. Occasionally speculative investors buy the prospective crops of orchards in bloom.

In Chicago three or four South Water street houses handle the fruit in car lots, as well as in lesser quantity, and to them the minor commission men go for part of their stock. Firms sandwiched between these two extremes in the volume of their business buy outright over the country and receive commission on a lesser scale than the leaders.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE LATEST KLONDIKE.

Some Interesting Particulars About Cape Nome in Far Away Alaska.

Cape Nome, on the northern Alaska coast, is now the place which figures largest in the hopes and dreams of gold seekers and fortune hunters throughout the world. Discoveries quite unprecedented in the history of gold mining have been made on the sea beach and the adjacent region at this point.

The existence of gold at Cape Nome was made known only a few months ago, but the rush in this direction has been very great recently, and the region is now a hive of industry. The settlement here called Anvil City is only a few months old, and now has a population of over 8,000. All kinds of business are booming, and corner lots, lumber, fuel, mining equipment and provisions are up to sky prices.

Old miners declare Cape Nome to be the most wonderful placer camp ever discovered. Fabulous stories are told of the riches found in the sand of the beach and in the gulches and creeks thereabout. One miner named Lindbloom, who returned to Seattle a few days ago, cleared up $100,000 during the present season, and has refused $800,000 in cash for his holdings. A single nugget worth $450 was taken from one of his claims recently. Another man from Sioux City, Ia., has brought down to Seattle with him $8,000 in dust taken from a space 45 feet square on Cape Nome beach. The storekeepers at Anvil City are said to have refused to accept any more dust, as their vaults and safes are full.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Increase.

About 36,000,000 babies are born each year, an average of 70 every minute; that is, ten more in each minute than there are beats of the clock. A man with a pronounced weakness for statistics has figured that if all the 36,000,000 little ones were ranged in a line of cradles, the cradles would girdle the earth. If carried one by one in their mothers' arms past a given point the procession would continue night and day for a twelvemonth.—Brooklyn Eagle.

VOLUNTEER'S STORY.

Private Roy Keator's Experience with the Army Commissariat.

Member of B Co., First Illinois Volunteers—Disabled by Bad Water and Exposure—Was Seized in the Clutches of Bright's Disease—Dodd's Kidney Pills Released Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A victim of circumstances was Roy Keator of B Co., First Illinois Volunteers, Shafter's Army of Invasion. He served three months in the Cuban war. The water in Cuba is a circumstance that few north-bred Americans can withstand. Roy Keator fell a victim to it and it nearly cost him his life. That he is alive to-day, he owes to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Keator was thrown into a fever which developed into Bright's Disease. Bright's Disease is the most severe form of Kidney Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills are said to be the only medicine that will cure it and the proprietors assert that it has never failed in a single case where it has been tried. When Keator came home he commenced to take Dodd's Kidney Pills himself, and this is what he says about his case:

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 29, 1899.
The Dodd's Medicine Co. Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:—After serving three months in the Cuban war, lying in trenches full of mud and water day after day, and drinking water full of disease and eating when I got the chance, I was finally thrown into a fever and this located in my kidneys developing Bright's Disease. I was in a serious condition for some time after my return. Dodd's Kidney Pills were recommended to me by one of our company who had suffered the same trouble I had, and he had been cured; therefore I took Dodd's Kidney Pills and am glad to state that I am well and sound in health today as before going to Cuba. I credit Dodd's Kidney Pills for restoring my health, and recommend them to any one suffering from kidney troubles. I am very gratefully, ROY KEATOR.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's catarrh cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

What Do the Children Drink.

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O. It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

Delinquent Personal Taxes Must Be Paid.

Delinquent personal taxes for the year 1898, have been delinquent for some time and must be paid at once, otherwise I will proceed to collect the same by distress warrants.

C. D. ROBINSON,
County Treasurer.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Regular services next Sunday as follows:

Morning service at 10:30.

Bible school at 12 o'clock.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

Evening service at 7:30.

Special music at each service.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Everybody kindly invited.

L. A. HUSSONG, Pastor.

METHODIST

Services next Sunday as follows:

Class meeting at 10 a.m.

Morning service at 10:30. Subject, "Enlarged Vision."

Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. Conducted by L. P. Albright, superintendent.

Preaching at Amboy at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Horton's address to married women at 3 p.m.

Senior League at 7 p.m.

Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "Bible View of Success."

Normal class Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Ladies Aid Society Friday afternoon.

All are most cordially invited to attend.

ROSCOE A. BARNES, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Regular services next Sunday as follows:

Regular morning service at 10:30. "Not Counting God."

Sabbath school at 11:45.

Young People's Society Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

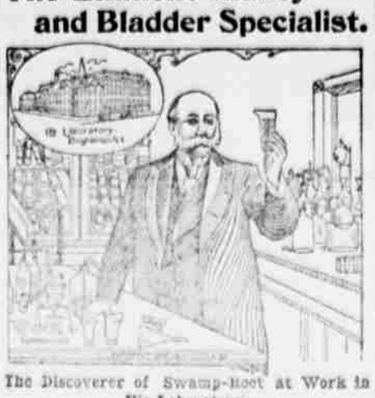
No evening service preaching by the pastor at Indian creek.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30

All are heartily welcome.

FRANK W. DEAN, Pastor.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.



The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's **Swamp-Root** the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. and mention this paper.

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

In the District Court of Webster county, Nebraska.

The City of Red Cloud, Nebraska, Plaintiff,
vs
The Farmers & Merchant's Banking Company, William S. Garber, John O. Yeiser, and Ryland D. Bedford, Defendants.

To the defendant William S. Garber:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of December, 1899, the plaintiff herein filed its amended petition against you et al. in the above entitled action, in the office of the clerk of the District Court of Webster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to subject to sale on execution lot twenty one (21) in block thirty-one (31), in the original townsite of Red Cloud, Nebraska, issued on a judgment of the district court of said county, against the defendant Banking Company, in favor of the plaintiff, and to exclude you and the other defendants wholly of any interest in said real property.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 22d day of January, 1900, or said petition will be taken as confessed, and and decree rendered accordingly.

THE CITY OF RED CLOUD NEBRASKA.
By CHANEY & MERCER, Its Attorneys.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Nebraska:
Webster County, } In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Orange H. Bear.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Orange H. Bear, late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 10th day of January 1900.

All such persons are required to present their claims with the vouchers to the county Judge of said county, at his office therein, on or before the 10th day of July, 1900. And all claims so filed will be heard before the said Judge on the 9th day of July, 1900, at 9 o'clock p.m.

JAMES DUFFY, County Judge.

Dated December 23rd, 1899