

THE TRIBUNE.

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NEBRASKA BOILED DOWN.

The state board of educational lands and funds have decided to take the \$152,000 of Lancaster refunding bonds drawing 6 per cent interest.

The new fire alarm bell for Ord has arrived and been put up on a tower on the west side of the court house square. The bell was made at Seneca Falls, New York, by the Goulds Manufacturing company, and weighs 710 pounds.

Some of the business men of Ashland are interesting themselves in the matter of a public square. Grounds of this kind have long been needed in Ashland and the subject is being vigorously and persistently agitated.

The contract is now fully let for the erection and early completion of a fine edifice for the M. E. church at Holdrege.

By actual count, the number of dwellings and business houses erected in Minden and additions from October 1st to the present time, is 264. This includes the two elevators and the roller mills. This, at an average of \$80, which is low, makes \$211,200 invested in new buildings in the last nine months.

Rev. Geo. Scott, a minister well known in the Elkhor valley, has been appointed by the president to the United States consularship at Odessa, Russia, with a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Mr. William Boyer, who lives six miles south of Valentine, on the Schlegle, has discovered an extensive stone quarry on his place. He dug out some pieces which proved to be fine specimens of chert rock. Mr. Boyer is in correspondence with a gentleman in Iowa who has had much experience in this line of business and will be at that place in a short time to open up the quarry.

The assessed valuation of Brown county for the year 1884, as corrected by the board of equalization, now foots up to \$649,195.75. The population is 6,016.

The proposition to issue \$300,000 in bonds to construct a system of waterworks in Lincoln, was carried by a vote of 638 to 64.

The Baptists of Hartington are building a new church, which will cost between \$3,000 and \$3,500.

The Valley county fair will be held on September 23, 24 and 25.

The trial of Wm. Snell on an indictment for murder in the second degree, in the shooting of his mistress, Jennie Trapp Snell at Omaha some months ago, was finished in the district court with a verdict not guilty. D. G. Hull, Esq., and Gen. Cowin, counsel for defendant, made arguments a few days ago and District Attorney Godwin closed for the prosecution. Throughout the trial there was no witness to contradict the testimony of Snell himself.

Charles J. Shelton, a brother to N. Shelton, of Omaha, was drowned while swimming the Oyhee river near Winnebago, on the 21st of May last, the news being received only a few days ago.

Sheriff John Brown, of Seward county, passed through Lincoln the other day, having in charge and in irons a man named James Castle, who is charged with having committed a murder on the person of a 14-year old girl named Ross Freeman, whose parents live in that county. Castle was found in Menard county, Ill., and was engaged in farming.

A terrific wind and hail storm passed through Saline county from southwest to northeast. The trees of the storm were from four to five miles wide and crops, barns, stables, sheds, windmills, etc., were badly damaged.

The Long Pine Journal says young Eloy Olson, about 12 years old, sought to make the fire burn brighter for his mother, who was washing clothes, and he turned some kerosene oil from the can into the stove. Immediately there was an explosion, and the boy and interior of the room were enveloped in flames. Men working near heard the explosion followed by the mother's screams, and were quickly at the scene of the fire. They suggested a man who was running wild in his clothing ablaze, rolled him on the ground and put the fire out, then turned their attention to the burning house. With the assistance of others who had arrived by this time, the flames were extinguished. The boy was burned severely on the limbs, but will soon be around. The building was damaged but slightly.

Land Commissioner Burnham, of the Union Pacific railway, has issued the following information regarding land sales by his department: June land sales—Acres, 415,167.40; amount for which, \$738,160.72. Sales for 1884—Acres, 2,651,983.20; amount for which sold, \$4,127,421.28. Emigrant teams west from Council Bluffs during June, 105; cars household goods, 21; foreign emigrants to Nebraska land points during June, 716.

The case of Clarke vs. Blair, involving title to lands in northern Nebraska bought at tax sale, has been decided by Judge Brewer. The case went to the United States court on a bill of exceptions to the master's report, which is denied and a decree sustaining the report ordered.

The Reporter scores another for Valentine and Cherry county over the bill providing for an increase of five companies of soldiers at Fort Nebraska, which will make it regimental headquarters, and the appropriation of \$50,000 with which to enlarge the post and liquidate other necessary expenditures. The measure passed both branches of congress and preparations will be instituted at once.

The Beatrice Express says the U. S. land office is in receipt of the text of a bill, introduced by Congressman Weaver, for the sale of the remainder of the Saco and Fox reservations, near Falls City, in Richardson county. This reservation includes 16,000 acres of the most valuable lands in the state, and is within the Beatrice land district. It is occupied by the remainder of the Saco and Fox tribes, with a large number of half-breeds. The difficulty heretofore attending every attempt to place the land on the market has been the obstinacy of the half-breeds, who do not want to leave the reservation.

The Beatrice Express says that Messrs G. W. Atkinson and W. H. Gillett have leased the Barnes stone quarry near Holmesville, and will soon begin to work it. They will also, at an early day, put in a mill at the Beatrice elevator for saving and dressing stone. They will use the power of the western construction company, and hope to be running within sixty days. Men are already at work in the quarry, getting out stone.

In Dixon county, along Aoway creek, South creek and Daily creek, there are at least one hundred excellent water powers. With such wonderful opportunities it is surprising that more mills and manufacturing concerns are not put up. There is room for planing mills, woolen factories, paper mills, etc., etc., and a country round about, rich and productive enough to amply sustain them.

The Sunday school assembly holds their next session at Crete, from August 18 to 28.

Burglars recently took a turn at the hotels in Friend but did not succeed in finding much which they cared to carry off.

The people of Friendville have been circulating a paper to obtain signatures for a citizens' plan for the coming fair, and \$500 has thus been secured.

Beatrice will soon have the electric

light. The building for the purpose will soon be erected. The company hopes to get in operation in about one month.

A terrible wind and hail storm swept through the center of Saline county, destroying houses and doing considerable damage to the crops. A man named Mong, who was out in the storm and got his head badly cut and bruised, says hailstones as large as a teacup fell.

The laying of the corner stone of the Nebraska state capital at Lincoln was attended by much display of pomp and circumstance under the auspices of the grand lodge, Sec. Nebraska of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a more appropriate and impressive ceremony never took place at the capital city. Ex-Governor Furnas made the address, in which he embodied the history of Masonry, the early history of Nebraska, statistics showing its rapid growth in comparison with other states and its standing at the present time.

A Swedish cattle dealer was swindled out of \$800 in Omaha by the confidence game last week. He was on his way to Chicago with a train load of stock.

William E. Annin, formerly associate editor of the Omaha Bee, and Miss Mattie Paddock, daughter of Maj. J. W. Paddock, were married on the 15th in Trinity cathedral, Omaha. For nearly a year past Mr. Annin has been engaged in business at Fort Robinson, and there he and Mrs. Annin will make their home.

Plainview is enjoying quite a boom. Many buildings are going up and considerable real estate is changing hands.

The Kearney Era says that reports from the districts visited by hall the night on the night of July 2d, about twenty miles northwest of Kearney, are to the effect that many farmers may lose their entire crops. Small grain was entirely ruined and corn damaged so badly that it cannot recover. This is not general, but is in streaks along the Loup.

The barbers of Beatrice are asking for a repeal of the ordinance allowing their shops to be open Sundays, as they do not wish to work on that day. The petition will be presented to the council.

Richard Tilden, of Salem, had his pockets picked on the road between Hiawatha and Atchison. He was on the night train and asleep when some bold rascal lifted his watch and chain. He made inquiries from the passengers when he awoke and missed his tucker, but as most every one was asleep at the time, no one had been around the car that was anyways suspicious.

At the last term of the United States court at Omaha a judgment was rendered against Stanton & Lea of Lincoln, in the sum of \$3,000 for an infringement in the manufacture of the Section well augur. The patent was granted to Joseph Burns, who now owns it and is the plaintiff in the case referred to. The probability is that now all augurs who are making or using the Section well augur will be called on to pay a royalty, as it is understood that Mr. Burns is determined to collect, thinking the well men have had free use of his invention long enough.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Lincoln it was resolved "that it is the interest of the city to sit the Holy water works system so called, and the attorney is hereby directed to prepare a contract for the construction of a system of water works by the Holly Manufacturing company in accordance with the plans and specifications on file made by Messrs. Kirklinbine & Son, with such modifications as may be required." This work is to be ready by December 1st.

Lindsay, the Lincoln child beater, who was up before Judge Parker a few days ago on a writ of habeas corpus, was remanded to jail. Constable Hunger was in court charged with carrying a warrant charging Lindsay with living in an adulterous house, and if he had been released he would have been immediately rearrested.

The Sioux City Journal has crop reports from twenty points in northern and eastern Nebraska, embracing in territory more than one hundred miles west and north to the northeast corner of the state, and without a single exception the reports are all of the most flattering kind. The harvest in that section is fast coming on and the yield for spring wheat is placed at twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre.

The German Lutheran church of Pierce was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate exercises. The church is 28x48, has a high, arched ceiling. The congregation do not owe a penny on the building and have a little money left over for a bell.

I. G. and W. Brewer, of Central City, are putting up a large grist mill, which will commence operations the coming autumn.

A vacancy having been caused in the board of village trustees of Kenesaw, the board called for an informal ballot to get an expression of the people as to their preference for the position, the board pledging themselves to ratify such choice. The contest was one on the ground of license or no license, and resulted in a victory for the license candidate, by a vote of 11 to 41. This gives the license party a majority.

An old man living near Holmesville was severely injured a few days ago. He was riding a mule, and stopping to take off his vest, the animal became scared and ran sideways against a wire fence. The man was brushed against the fence in this way for some distance. The flesh was torn from the top of his right foot by the barbs, making an ugly wound.

Lincoln has a stallion that is a fine but dangerous animal. A Mr. Douglas was badly bitten by him in the arm a few days ago. The horse was formerly owned by the Richards Bros., and is said to have killed a man while in their possession. On account of his disposition he was sold by the Richards Bros. for a mere trifle, and has since bitten three fingers off of one man and lacerated another's arm so badly that it had to be amputated. His last victim is Mr. Douglas, whose arm is very much swollen, but it is thought no permanent injury will result.

Omaha's big packing and slaughter house, it is expected, will be put in operation next month.

A convict working in the Nebraska Manufacturing company department of the penitentiary takes all the extra time he can spare to work upon fancy toilet boxes. He has one box in which there are over 5,000 pieces of wood inlaid into the black walnut body. He sells these boxes for from \$10 to \$25 each. They are very neat, and when finished up make an ornament upon any lady's toilet table.

The Valentine Reporter says that the S. C. & P. road will not be extended westward from that place within two years and further that his information is from official headquarters.

The Wood River Gazette says that as train No. 14 was about a mile out of Gibbon this way east, Conductor Brooks went out over the train to look for tramps, when he was encountered by a couple of professionalists who pushed him from the top of a box car to the ground. As the train was moving at the rate of twenty miles an hour, it is remarkable that Mr. Brooks escaped without severe injuries.

E. E. Bonnelle, of Valentine, met with a serious accident last week which nearly cost him his life. He went into the stable to feed his horse when the animal became frightened and rearing up, struck him a violent blow on the head knocking him senseless. When he recovered consciousness he was lying on a bale of hay, face down, and a piece of wire wrapping had been forced into his right cheek, two inches in depth, barely missing the eye-ball.

Starvation is making the Indians of Northern Montana so desperate that the settlers are kept in constant dread of an outbreak.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Nebraska Unsuccessful in Securing Dr. Potter for Bishop.

A Texas Fiend Overtaken by a Pursuing Party and Riddled With Bullets.

A Circular from Postmaster General Gresham Having Reference to Letter Carriers.

NEWS NOTES.

The board appointed to represent the government at the New Orleans exposition will also take charge of the government exhibit at the Louisville and Cincinnati exhibitions.

Grasshoppers are destroying the sugar-cane in the state of Vera Cruz, in the vicinity of Cordeba.

Receiver Jackson, of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, received permission from the United States circuit court to negotiate a loan of \$150,000 to pay the employees their back pay.

Four fishermen were drowned at the mouth of the Columbia river on the 14th. This makes fifty men drowned there within the last three weeks.

The New York Tribune fresh air association, organized to send tenement-house children to the country for two weeks, has begun its summer work. Already ten parties have left the city and many more are soon to follow.

Eight families of "assisted emigrants" arrived at New York on the 15th, four from Mayo, Ireland, and four from Breslau, Germany. They will all be sent back.

John R. Eden has been nominated for congress by the democrats of the Seventh Illinois district.

The commissioner of Indian affairs offers \$300 reward for the arrest of the murderer of Kashiway, chief of the Sac and Fox Indians of Kansas.

At Athens, Ga., Police Lieutenant Arold was shot dead by Sam Tyler, colored, who was resisting arrest.

Rev. L. O. Thompson, in company with his son Sidney and Freddie Bishop, of Medina, New York, had a bad accident a few years ago, were out boating and fishing on the Illinois river at Henry, Ill. Nearing the dam across the river their skiff was drawn into the eddies and capsized, and all three were drowned.

Hon. William Purcell, editor of the Rochester Union, was granted leave of absence until after November, at his own request, on file made by Messrs. Brocklinbine & Son, with such modifications as may be required." This work is to be ready by December 1st.

Director General Burke, of the World's Exposition, New Orleans, met a number of leading citizens of Chicago and gave an explanation of the work in hand. A resolution was passed endorsing the expenditure of \$200,000 to open an office for the dissemination of information and receipts of application for space.

Webb Hutton, a fiend, was overhauled in the woods near from Richmond, Texas, near the scene of an outrage recently committed, by a crowd of indignant citizens. They tied him to a tree and shot fifteen times at him, when he fell apparently dead. After the party left Hutton got up, went home, dressed his wounds and left that section. When the coroner went out to hold an inquest the remains had disappeared, and parties have since been looking for them without success.

Frank C. Hutchins, a San Francisco machinist, strangled Nellie Sims, his mistress, for refusing to live with him. Hutchins, when arrested, expressed great joy over his deed.

Wm. E. Curtis, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, has been appointed by the president secretary of the commission to inquire into the commercial relations between the United States and the countries of Central and South America, and is extending over commerce in that direction.

At Iron Gate, Va., Thomas Johnson whipped his stepson, tying his hands. The boy escaped, ran to the river and jumped in. Johnson followed. The current was swift and both were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

John Hoffman, a young man employed at the Milwaukee Daily Sentinel office, was shot and mortally wounded in the back by Gustav Prier, who alleges that Hoffman slanders his sister. The assassin was arrested.

The New York weekly bank statement is as follows: Reserves, increase, \$4,555,275. The banks now hold \$28,416,775 in excess of legal requirements.

CAPITAL TOPICS.

THE ST. LOUIS POSTOFFICE. The postmaster general has received the report of French, Burt and Dice, commissioned to investigate the condition of the St. Louis postoffice. The report says the cashier and assistant cashier are too old in the positions they hold and should be assigned to other duties and their positions filled by younger men. If this is done there will be no necessity for an auditor. The office of local inspector is wholly unnecessary. The recommendations in the report involve an increase of the office force of clerks and clerks and an additional allowance of \$800.

THE POSTAL CONVENTION.

The draft of the postal convention between the United States and Mexico has been amended by the Mexican government in several particulars, and the consummation of the treaty will be delayed some time by the necessity for its consideration by the postoffice department.

WHO WILL BE CHAIRMAN.

The Star says: The impression seems to be that ex-Senator Wallace will be elected chairman of the national democratic committee. It is thought that Governor Cleveland prefers Manning of New York, but the understanding is that he (Manning) does not want the position. He has promised to serve his time to the canvass and to aid the committee to the full extent of his ability, but does not want to be the responsible head. From good authority it is learned that Randall forbids the use of his name. He declines to make a definite statement in regard to Butler's plans. He said no man had authority to say what he would do.

Gen. B. F. Butler was interviewed by a Washington Star reporter. He positively refused to discuss his attitude or intimate his future course. He said the latter is his subject for consideration and when he gives it the careful consideration of his committee, he will declare himself over his own signature in no unmistakable terms. He denounces in a wholesale way any and all expressions or declarations purporting to have come from him as chairman of the committee.

Information has been received from close friends of Gen. Butler by B. F. Shively, secretary of the anti-monopolist committee, dispelling doubts regarding Butler's candidacy for the presidency on an independent ticket, and stating definitely and positively that he will run. Shively, who was at the Briggs house in Chicago, expressed the most absolute certainty that Butler would be a candidate with the endorsement of the greenbackers, anti-monopolist and possibly laboring men. Butler's refusal to make a public statement, Shively says, is prompted by a desire to first see what will be done by the convention of the labor representatives to be held at Chicago, July 30th.

The republicans of the Sixteenth Illinois district nominated James McCartney for congress.

cently shipped to this country from Liverpool.

CONCERNING LETTER CARRIERS.

The following circular has been sent to postmasters at free delivery offices: You are hereby authorized to grant the letter carrier an office leave of absence not exceeding fifteen days each year, with pay, and to fill their places during such absence with substitute carriers, whom you will pay at the rate of \$600 per annum. You will grant leave of absence to such numbers of carriers at such times during the year as will work the least inconvenience to the public, a strict account of which must be kept with each carrier and certified to by the chief of this department quarterly, with your carrier pay roll on a separate sheet. If you have not a sufficient number of substitute carriers to fill the places of carriers absent on leave, you should at once select as many additional ones as may be required for this purpose and appoint them to the first assistant postmaster for appointment. Authority to employ substitute carriers under this act is granted only when necessary to enable postmasters to allow carriers the leave authorized by this act. The United States is authorized without the employment of substitutes, you will not be justified in the employment of substitutes under these instructions. Yours respectfully, (Signed) WALTER Q. GRESHAM.

THE GREELY REWARD.

"We have received inquiries," said Acting Secretary Nichols, "as to how \$25,000 reward for rescue of the Greely party will be apportioned. It can be distinctly stated that no reward will be made at all for rescue effected by the relief expedition entirely, and the money was appropriated for outsiders only, in order that the whalers might have an incentive to hunt for the party."

THE CHOLERA.

The cabinet has decided to take vigorous measures to prevent the introduction of cholera into the United States. The state and treasury departments will act together in enforcing the regulations which are to be prepared. An order will be issued prohibiting the importation of rags from all inland countries for ninety days or longer, if cholera has been declared there. The vessels of the revenue marine service shall establish a cordon along the coast to prevent the landing of all vessels from foreign ports which do not possess clean bills of health.

FOREIGN.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Times says: "The French and Chinese customs inspectors are trying to negotiate with Palenotre, the French minister. The foreign council seems blind to the dangers of a war of rebellion. Prince Chun trusts to the boasting fanatics and to officials who conceal their own interests from the coast. Ignorance, confusion and treachery render the situation critical. The British officers here left the Chinese fleet."

The London Times says: "The platforms concocted by the republican and democratic conventions are both unworthy of respect. They are distinguished by the absence of clear conviction and by evasions and trimmings, by servile rivalry in flattery of the masses and in pandering to the popular prejudices of modern demagogues and social quacks."

During the national fête day celebration at Paris a band of excited students, having visited the monument erected to the memory of the Continental hotel and destroyed the German flag. Gamin assisted the students, who threatened to assault the proprietor of the hotel. The students returned in anger and did more damage, but were dispersed by the police.

The report that the cholera had made its appearance at Lyons, France, is denied. The pope has decided to create a residential archbishop at Carthage in charge of Cardinal Lavigne, at present archbishop of Algiers. Monsignor Dusserre will be appointed archbishop of Algiers.

Prince Hohense, the German ambassador, called at the French foreign office on the subject of the insult offered to the German flag.

Practical advice via Jamaica from headquarters of the Cuban insurgents state that the insurgents, under the immediate command of Aguerro, undertook an expedition against the plantations of certain persons known to favor the government. Although opposed by strong detachments of regular troops, the insurgents, after a skirmish of two hours, drove back the forces and burnt all the buildings and machinery on the Santa Maria and La Mercedes plantations. At the same time a band of insurgents of the Sagua district were attacked by a strong force of government troops, known as the San Domingo division. The insurgents being entrenched in an almost impregnable position repulsed the troops with a loss of three killed. Several were wounded.

The French minister at Tienben has demanded the withdrawal of Chinese troops from the frontiers of Tonquin and the payment of the indemnity asked by France. This demand was delivered to Tsung-Li-Yamen, who rejected it. The time allowed for compliance with the demand, under terms she offered expires July 19, and war is apparently inevitable.

NEBRASKA TO THE FORE.

Preparing for the Cotton Centennial that Opens at New Orleans Next December.

Pursuant to a call of ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas, commissioner for Nebraska, the following named gentlemen met in the senate chamber of the state house on the 15th: Gov. James W. Dawes, Lincoln; ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas, Brownville; E. McIntyre, Seward; W. W. Watson, Fairbury; E. P. Savaree, Sargeant; Samuel Barnard, Table Rock; J. W. May, Milford; W. H. Barstow, Crete; John C. Bonnell, Lincoln.

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After a very full and free expression from the gentlemen present as to the work in hand, it was decided that the following gentlemen be appointed by the commission to act as sub-commissioners, and to take charge of the different departments or bureaus assigned them, and prepare for arranging for the display to be made by Nebraska at New Orleans:

Architecture: J. H. Culver, milling interests and water power, including flouring mills, paper mills, woolen mills, oil mills, to make a display of these products at the exhibition, and to furnish a chapter for publication on the untapped water power of the state; John J. King, dairy; W. W. Jones, educational; Samuel Barnard, horticulture; E. P. Savaree, live stock; W. H. Barstow and E. McIntyre, agriculture; J. Calhoun, press; C. R. Schell, pottery, tile, brick, and terra cotta work; W. May, piscatorial; S. M. Parker, wool; Prof. Hicks, geological; Prof. Bessy, botanical; Lawrence Bruner, entomology.

On motion it was decided that each member of the state agricultural and horticultural societies should be asked by Commissioner Furnas to aid in securing specimens of grains, grasses, root products, etc., and to forward them to him at Omaha when notified and requested.

Sentenced to Swing.

At Charleston, W. Va., Judge Guthrie held a special session of court and sentenced Charles Spurlock, a member of the "Hill boys" (Jesse James) gang, who murdered Alvin Woods and shot his father, Jack Woods, near St. Albans, in the latter part of April. Spurlock is to be hanged October 17th. His only request when sentence was pronounced was that he be baptized. Notwithstanding that he confessed to murder in the first degree, when brought out for trial, he said that he did so in fear of the mob and now denied ever having killed any one.

Wm. Coleman (colored), who shot and killed Fenton Hill (colored) at a Saturday night dance last October, was sentenced by the same judge to be hanged on the same day as Spurlock.

A miser grows rich by sowing poor; an extravagant man grows poor by sowing rich.—[Shenstone.]

STILL WITHOUT A BISHOP.

President Potter, of Hobart College, Declines to be Bishop of Nebraska.

Omaha Herald. Rev. James Paterson, secretary of the Episcopal council of the diocese of Nebraska, is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Eliphaz N. Potter, of New York, declining the office of bishop of Nebraska, unanimously tendered him a few days ago. Just previous to his election here Dr. Potter was called to the presidency of Hobart College, at Geneva, N. Y., to accept which he resigned a similar office at Union College, and as he so fully expresses it in his letter he feels that the institution and the church at large had a prior claim upon his services. Dr. Potter's decision will necessitate the holding of another council, for which the requisite sixty days notice will be issued shortly. The letter of declination is as follows:

HOBART COLLEGE, GENEVA, N. Y., July 9th.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your communication informing me that I had been "unanimously elected to the office of bishop of Nebraska" was so unexpected and so surprising that it has moved me profoundly. It is no small honor that you should have thought of me at all in connection with your vacant diocese. It is still greater honor that you should have accounted me worthy to take upon the work of the great bishop whom we have lost. Were I free to do so, I should have come to you in response to your call, gladly and at once. You bid me to a noble diocese of the great west, in which enduring foundations have been laid for the future of the Church. But I am not free. It may be a strained sense of duty—there are those of my friends who will think so—yet I cannot feel myself at liberty to go to abandon the needed work for Christian education and social progress, largely upon which I have but just entered, and to which I am strained to account myself, especially in view of renewed requests of its representatives, honorably bound.

In forwarding, after serious reflection, this declination, I am convinced that there are those available who can with abundant ability administer even so important a diocese as that of Nebraska. May God send to you such an one to carry forward the Master's work which I have begun with such untiring and enduring success in our attractive and progressive state. The welfare of the diocese will ever be of deep interest to me, and I shall rejoice in any way to serve it or its clergy or laity.

Respectfully and affectionately yours, ELIPHAZ N. POTTER. To the Rev. Clergy, President John McNamee, Secretary James Paterson and others; and to the Laity, Hon. James M. Woolworth, Chancellor, and others for the Council of the Diocese of Nebraska.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Wreck of an Excursion Party Attending With Miraculous Escape.

A Canton, O., special says a point on the Valley railroad, two miles east of that place on the 20th, was the scene of a terrible wreck, in which one thousand excursionists miraculously escaped with injuries. The employees of Aultman & Co.'s machine works had their annual picnic at Cuyaboga Falls and over 2,000 went on the excursion, made up of two trains of fifteen cars each. The first section arrived at Canton at 7:20 p. m., and while a hundred fathers, brothers and sisters were at the station waiting for friends and relatives on the second section, a halting messenger came running down the track crying that the train had been wrecked and many killed and injured. The scene that followed was of the wildest description, and when the wreck was reached men, women and children ran around wringing their hands and looking for their loved ones. Nine cars were off the track and in water four feet deep. The cries of the injured were heartrending. Hundreds of willing hands set to work and soon found that not more than twenty-five were injured; but it was impossible to know how many or who were killed.

The engineer says the wreck was caused by the track spreading. The engine passed safely but the first car jumped the track and eight others followed and ran alongside the track, throwing the occupants from side to side and finally jumped the track and landed in four feet of water. The doors were broken open and the people got out. Later intelligence shows that twenty-two persons were injured, but no deaths are reported, and the wounded are doing better than expected. No one was killed, and those missing and supposed to be under the wreck have turned up. The loss to the railroad company is about \$3,000.

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At Charleston, W. Va., Judge Guthrie held a special session of court and sentenced Charles Spurlock, a member of the "Hill boys" (Jesse James) gang, who murdered Alvin Woods and shot his father, Jack Woods, near St. Albans, in the latter part of April. Spurlock is to be hanged October 17th. His only request when sentence was pronounced was that he be baptized. Notwithstanding that he confessed to murder in the first degree, when brought out for trial, he said that he did so in fear of the mob and now denied ever having killed any one.

Wm. Coleman (colored), who shot and killed Fenton Hill (colored) at a Saturday night dance last October, was sentenced by the same judge to be hanged on the same day as Spurlock.

A miser grows rich by sowing poor; an extravagant man grows poor by sowing rich.—[Shenstone.]