NEBRASKA.

Corn is safe and a magnificent crop. There is talk of the second skating rink in

Adams county has decided to hold a fair in

October. The Harlan county fair will be held October

1st, 2d and 3d. There are sixty students in attendance at the Hastings college.

The pressing need of Grand Island is said to

be a first class hotel. There is talk about fitting up a \$10,000 gam-

bling house in Hastings. The Lancaster county fair was the most

successful one ever held. A new passenger train has been put on to run in and out of Beatrice.

The Dodge county fair will be held at Fremont October 1st, 2d and 3d.

Norfolk has on exhibition a mammoth squash weighing ninety pounds.

The new Congregational church at Fremont is in the hands of the bricklayers.

Fremont claims a population of 7,500, which makes it the third city in the state.

The new hotel at Hastings is to be one of the finest, if not the largest, in the state.

The proposition to license a saloon in Kene saw was negatived by the town board.

A bigger and better display was made at the Richardson county fair than ever before. John Earson, of Bloomington, was recently

severely shocked by a stroke of lightning. T. H. Head, living south of Harlan, has fine bearing peach orchard of 600 trees.

A movement is on foot looking to the sink ing of an artesian well in North Platte.

The Adventists, in their camp meeting at Omaha, will hold forth on the fair grounds.

Those counties that are holding fairs this fall are presenting fine products of the soil.

The Israelites of Omaha have erected a fine synagogue, which was dedicated a few days

Rev. H. S. Harrison, of Chicago, has accept ed a call from the Congregationalists of York. Gen. Thayer, of Grand Island, has gone to

Indiana to stump the state for the republican ticket. The receipts of the state fair at Omaha were about \$20,000, which is \$5,000 greater than ever

beofre. Ohio settlers of Lancaster county held a reunion last week. A goodly number was in

The Sioux City & Pacific will extend their road as far as Fort Robinson by the first of

next June. A number of colored people of Lincoln left that city a few days ago for Liberia, their future home.

1J. W. Love has sold his Colfax county ranche of 1,200 acres to some parties from England for \$28,000.

Abner Turner and A. B. Coffroth, of Colum-

Pythias will be held at Lincoln on the second | Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. Tuesday in October.

James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, en route to San Francisco, made a brief stop at Omaha. The anti-monopolists and democrats of the

Second congressional district have nominated J. H. Stickel for congress. Mrs. John Yerga, wife of a business man of Omaha, has deserted his bed and board and

gone off with another feller. The school year of the state deaf and dumb institute at Omaha opened last week with one

hundred students in attendance. J. A. Bruce, of Elm Island, had his barn de stroyed by fire at 4 o'clock in the morning. It is not known how the fire originated.

Thieves are again numerous in Lincoln, and the shotgun which had been temporarily laid away is again being brought forth.

It is stated that Fremont was looser by the reunion. A great many more people were expected than put in an appearance.

The Seventh Day Adventists of Iowa and Nebraska will hold a camp meeting at Omaha from September 24th to October 6th. Miss Emma O. Burlingame, of Crete, has

mysteriously left home, and her parents are anxious to learn of her whereabouts. A petition was circulated at Ashland asking for an election to vote bonds for the purpose

of heating the school house by steam. The weeding out process has been inaugurated in the Omaha police force. It is found

that a number of them are drunkards. Nearly every town in the state has a skating rink, and those not provided therewith are

rapidly making preparations to this end. The prisoners in the Grand Island jail made an attempt to escape, and now measures have

been taken for making them more secure. Milford is organizing to secure the location of the soldiers' home at that place, Other

towns and cities are doing the same thing. Democrats of North Platte held a meeting to ratify the nomination of their fellow-citizen,

Wm. Nevilie, for congress in the Third dis-Land Office Commissioner McFarland rules that land office notices must be published in

newspapers having good and bona fide circu-Mrs. Daniel Wertz carried off the special premium at York county fair as the best lady rider. The premium was a silk dress valued

A Nebraska cattle thief has just been overhauled at Columbus, Ohio, by the sheriff of York county, and brought back to the theatre

of his operations. The Brownville Grangersays it is confidently believed that coal, for which boring is now proceeding, will be discovered in that city at reasonable depth.

The Empire state stock and dairy company has been organized at Fremont, with a capital of \$15,000. The company propose to start a ranche in Holt county.

Two children of Mr. Sutter, of Otoe county. fell into a well containing eight feet of water, and but for the timely arrival of their father

would have drowned. A great deal of fatal sickness has prevailed of late about Juniata. Deaths were principally among children, the mortality among whom

has been unusually large. The state convention of the W. C. T. U. will meet in Omaha early in October. Nebraska

accomplished their purpose.

The York Democrat says many eastern land seekers have recently visited York county, and so well pleased were they with the outlook that all made purchases.

Perry Dutton was arrested at Ainsworth by Deputy Sheriff Brahmstadt, upon charge of stealing a horse belonging to John Fowler. He was taken back to Valentine for trial.

John Croft, 80 years old, living in Adams county, has wandered from home, and his people are anxious to find him, more particularly because he is often not in his right mind.

A Lincoln woman who stood the abuse and cruelty of a drunken husband as long as she could, started out to earn her own living, but was taken sick, and is now a subject for char-

Mrs. Rosakrans, an aged lady at Tecumseh, while ascending a long flight of stairs, was attacked with a fainting fit and fell backward to the bottom, sustaining injuries from which

A seventeen-year-old girl named Matilda McCullough, living with a farmer in Nuckolls county, attempted to take her life by means of bed-bug poison. She was saved by a stomach pump.

The English Lutheran church, at Omaha, now undergoing completion, is one of the handsomest church edifices of the west. It is having a mammoth organ with 1044 pipes at a cost of \$3,000.

The young lady at Columbus who won the \$1,000 piano at the state fair has presented Mr. Mueller, of Council Bluffs, with a beautiful cushion made from the crazy quilt which she had on exhibition.

Tom Rogers and Bill Turner, Lincoln, had a difficulty, when the former shot the latter in the leg, painfully but not dangerously wounding him. Turner had interfered with the domestic affairs of Rogers.

The B. & M. company has put in stock and feed yards near the round house at Hastings, and all stock shipped from Benkelman and points east of that station will be unloaded and fed and watered there.

Two bootblacks entered the store of J.D. Jackson, North Platte, and stole pfteen pocket knives, some pipes, plug tobacco, and 150 cigars. The thieves were captured and all the stolen property recovered. About thirty crooks were arrested at Omaha

during fair week, some of whom will be held for trial. All accounts agree that the thieves who put in an appearance on the occasion of the fair were not very successful, on account of the newspapers having sounded the note of warning. An Iowa farmer had a team stolen and went

to Omaha to look for the same. Here he fell in with a stranger who claimed to be able to find the stolen property. Finally he offered the Iowan a drink of whisky from a flask, after partaking of which he lost his senses and all his wealth, some \$140.

Mrs. Briggs, the wife of a hard-working brick mason of Lincoln, got mashed on another fellow, and the other day "lit out," taking their baby, the only child, and stripping the house of furniture. Briggs don't care about the woman's return, but he wants it understood that he is going to get the childand don't you forget it?"

The Lutheran Synod, at its recent convention in Ponca, appointed an educational com mittee. Measures will be taken to found a classical institution of learning west of the Missouri river. A suitable place will be lookbus, have just purchased land in Wyoming for ed after and inducements considered. Eleven newly organized congregations upon applica-Next year's grand lodge of Knights of tion were received into connection with the

> The Utica Record sums up the harvest: "Now that the threshing is nearly over in this vicinity farmers know how much they have been repaid for their labors of the season; as a rule the yield of all kinds of grain is satisfactory, and while not yet quite up to last year the quality is excellent, whilst the corn is very good, and the weather very favorable to its ripening up in time to be out of the way of frost."

Resolutions by the State Fair Managers. Before adjournment the board of managers of the state fair adopted the following resolu-

Resolved, That in behalf of the public at large, the board thank all railroad and exlines leading into Omaha for accommo ations and conveniences rendered visitors and exhibitors attending and exhibiting at the

state fair closed solved. That the thanks of the board are hereby tendered all class superintendents and committees who have so faithfully and satisfactorily performed the duties devolved upon

Resolved, That the general and assistant superintendents, heads of divisions, police and other forces employed by the board, merit and are hereby tendered special mention for the satisfactory manner in which their difficult duties were performed. Resolved, That special and unreserved

thanks are due and extended the press of the state for the very liberal aid in making this fair a grand success, and especially to the press of Omaha for the extended, fair and mpartial record and presentation of the exnibits and doings of the exposition. Resolved, That the thousands of exhibitors who, at great expenditure of time and money, made this fair the largest and best known,

will ever be held in grateful rembrance by both the board and the people of the state. POLITICAL NOTES.

John J. Ney, of Independence, Iowa, was nominated by the democrats for circuit judge of the eighth judicial district.

Regarding Folger's successor it is stated that no one but the president himself knows who has been decided upon, but those who have talked with him upon the subject say that Postmaster General Gresham and Assistant Secretary Coon appear to be the only

The Colorado republican state convention completed the list of nominations of state officers and presidential electors. The platform endorses Blaine and Logan, asks that import duties imposed by the act of 1867 on wool be restored, and demands the removal of the Southern Ute Indians from the state.

Chairman King, of the Maine republican state committee, has sent a telegram to the chairman of the national republican committee, of which the following is an abstract: Four hundred and sixty towns and plantations in Maine give Robie 78,642, Redman 58,452, scattering, 3,659; republican majority, 16,592; plurality, 20,230.

The prohibition party of Boston and vicinity held a rally in Tremont temple. Among the speakers was Mr. Daniel, the party nominee for vice-president of the United States. He asserted that there were more prohibitionists among the democrats of the south than among the republicans, and that prohibition had northern states. He believed that no issue fal'. would exert so strong an influence in uniting the two sections of country as the temperance

Colorado prohibitionists passed a series of resolutions declaring in favor of the principle and policy of legal prohibition, pledging support to only pure men for position of official trust, declaring for unity with and allegiance will this year probably send four delegates to to the national prohibition party, and pledg-

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Hog cholera is raging in many counties in

McCullough, the actor, is said to have be

come demented. It is estimated that the losses in the Cleve-

land fire will reach \$200,000. Coke manufacturers threaten to put out the fires in consequence of low prices.

Forest fires have broken out in Michigan and are doing a good deal of damage. Baron Alvensteben, the new German minister to this country, has arrived at Washing-

Seven hundred cigar rollers at Binghampton, New York, are on a strike for higher

Isaac Jackson was hanged at Chicago on Friday for the murder of George Bedell in April last.

Both of the Landler brothers, the Philadelphia bankers who suspended payment, have

The extensive works at the Granby mining and smelting company, at Oronogo, Mo., were destroyed by fire. Stafford & Co., of Providence and Fall River,

cotton goods manufacturers, have failed Liabilities \$250,000. Portions of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and

Ohio were shaken by earthquake on the 19th. No damage was done. The annual reunion of the society of the army of the Cumberland convened at Roches

ter, N. Y., on the 17th. A movement is on foot for making faster time between Philadelphia and New York-190 miles in three hours.

Bill Taylor, a negro, who assaulted Mrs. Flipper in June last, was taken from the officers at Dallas, Texas, and hung.

Mayor Samuel Robinson, of Charlotte

Michigan, was shot by a tramp at night at his home, and is now in a critical condition. News from Peru chronicle the complete de feat of General Carceres, the principal revolutionary leader, which occurred at Lima on 27th ult.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road gave Commissioner Daniels notice that it would withdraw from the Colorado and Utah pools September 30. John Nelson, a printer of St. Louis, was shot

tempting to enter her house during her husand's absence. Oliver Normald, a Buffalo fresco painter, will go to Niagara to perfect arrangements for going over the cataract in a thick rubber

and killed by Mrs. E. G. Stewart while at-

\$1,000. Sam Jackson, who outraged and murdered white girl aged 13, seven years ago, and who was recently captured, was taken from the Hamburg (Ark.) jail by a masked mob and

ball fifteen feet in diameter for a purse of

hung to a tree. The St. Paul directors have declared a regular dividend of 214 per cent., payable October 21. The books will close September 29 and reopen October 23. The meeting was harmonious and a full board present.

The eight-day bicyle-horse contest at St Louis resulted in a victory for the horses. The final score stood: Morgan 445 miles, Armainda 391; total for the bicycles 836 miles. Anderson and the horses, 839 milas.

Payne and the Oklahoma boomers have ar rived in Wichita. They were indicted by the United States grand jury. A meeting was held at the skating rink at which Payne and several others denounced the government for arresting them. Harry Taylor, Wm. P. Campbell and Miss

crossing Grand river near Grand Junction. They were all interested in stock raising and were returning to their ranges when the acci-The Japanese government has proclaimed neutrality during the Franco-Chinese war, It is expected a revision of the treaty between

Maud Reed, of Colorado, were drowned while

Japan and foreign powers will be concluded in October and new and important privileges will be granted foreigners. The failures for the last seven days, reported to R. G. Dun & Co., were 220 as against 213 last week. Kiernan's agency reports the failure of Stafford & Co., of Providence and

Fall River, cotton goods manufacturers.

They are said to owe \$250,000 in Providence. Dr. Robert M. Williamson, a druggist at Shelbyville, S. C., contemplated getting out a life insurance policy. Finding his pulse too high to pass the physician's examination, he sought to reduce it by taking twenty-five drops of aconite, but with fatal results.

The vicinity of Springfield, Mo., is considerably excited over the fact that the multitudinous caves of southwest Missouri frequently abound with guano, the product of bats. A Lamar company is already shipping two car loads of guano per week from Roark Cave, near Ozark, to Atlanta, Ga., which brings \$65

Two passenger trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway collided near Freeport, Ill., and both were badly wrecked. One of the engineers had a leg broken. The passengers all escaped without serious injury. Among them were half a dozen Indians from Dakota, including Sitting Bull.

President Seelye, of Amherst college, has declined the nomination for governor of Massachusetts by the prohibition party. He told a reporter he was very much surprised when informed he had been nominated, as he had previously answered every inquiry on the subject that he could not accept either the nomination or the office.

Lehen Fry proposed marriage to Mrs. Fenrose Garmon, a widow living near Homer Center, in Medina county, Ohio. Being rejected. Fry drew a revolver and shot Mrs. Garmon in the head, inflicting a severe but not necessarily fatal wound. Supposing he had killed her he went to a neighbor's, procured a shot gun, put the muzzle to his mouth and blew his head off.

CRIMINAL.

The Mollie Maguires are again coming to the front in Pennsylvania, and are charged up with several murders.

Isaac Jacobson was hanged at Chicago on the 19th. The prisoner passed a quiet night, retiring at 10 o'clock and sleeping until 5, when he arose and ate a light breakfast. He walked composedly to the scaffold. No hitch occurred in any of the sheriff's arrangements. really a stronger hold in southern than in | The condemned man's neck was broken in the

> Moses P. Brown, the Philadelphia colored man arrested for attempting to wreck trains on the Philadelphia & Atlantic City railway, was sentenced to imprisonment for twentyone years at hard labor and pay a fine of \$2,100. Brown stated the motive of his crime was to get square with the railroad company for being put off the train for not paying his

he saw a large number of live cattle swimming in the sea, also a quantity of wreckage. He picked up a life boat with a gold streak running round the rim and marked "Brittan-nia of Newcastle." On the stern of the boat it was cut down on the port side as if done by a collision. He sent out a boat in search, but could find no trace of any living person. The captain believed it to have been a steamer wrecked but a short time, as the cattle seem-

FOREIGN NOTES.

Advices from Warsaw state that arrests of nihilists are of daily occurrence.

Reports from sixteen towns in south France make a total of thirty deaths from cholera in wenty-four hours. It is rumored that the German colonization

society are about to send an expedition to Two thousand French troops landed at Kin Poi Pass on the Min river, below Foo Chow,

and attacked the Chinese. The latter were defeated with heavy loss. A Hong Kong dispatch says: Chinese officials claim that they first fired over the British gunboat "Zephyr," and fired directly at

the first shot. M. Patenotre, French minister to China, is at China, intrigueing with the peace party among the Chinese. His hope is to bring about a revolution at the palace, and a consequent overthrow of the war party.

The police of Naples are ordered, if necessary, to forcibly prevent any further religious processions, which it is officially declared are promoted for sordid speculation. Barracks are being erected in Campo Marto to shelter the most indigent families now in the pestilential garrets.

Advices from China state that the Chinese have no intentions of blocking the Woo Sung river, on which Shanghai is situated, unless the French make an attack. Hundreds of stone-laden boats are in position to be sunk on the approach of the French fleet. It is believed that the neutral powers will serious ly object to closing this river unless a formal declaration of war shall have been previously

Informers Casey and Philbin, who have claimed they swore falsely against Myles Joyce in connection with the Marmtrasna murder case, are again talking. Casey declares there were seven men concerned in the murders-himself, Michael Casey, Patrick Casey, Patrick Joyce and three others. One of these was a wealthy farmer, still living near Marmtrasna. This man instigated the massacre, and held the lamp while the family were murdered. It was he, too, who compelled them to return and murder the aged grandmother.

CAPITAL BRIEFS.

The acting secretary of the treasury has issued a warrant for \$16,666 in favor of the directors of the New Orleans exposition, being the second installment.

The president has appointed Harry Kisling bury, a son of Lieutenant Kislingbury, who lost his life in the Greeley expedition as a cadet at large to the naval academy at An-

The commission appointed to visit Central and South America, will leave on the 10th of October, for the City of Mexico, from whence they go to Central America and afterwards visit the principal countries of South America. The commission expects to be gone size months.

THE CHOLERA SCOURGE.

The Plague Holding Relentless Sway Over Naples-Alarming Increase in the Death Rate.

A London dispatch says: The exodus from Naples during the past week has been so great that lodgings in neighboring villages are obtained only at fabulous prices. Sometimes as high as 500 francs a month for a single room is demanded. The better sections of the town are deserted, and the shops in Toledo are closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The theatres are all shut, and many of the poorer streets are as silent as death. Even the cafes are closed, and the only sign of life is the joiners hammering rough coffins together. In some of these streets absolutely everybody is either dead or sick. In one street, the Via Duchesse, thirty cases occurred in a single house. The smell of burned sulphur is everywhere, and the wretched people of the poorer Kentucky, in the spring of 1848, who classes are either stupefied or frantic. Meanwhile the devotion and daring of the king and the archbishop have had the effect somewhat of dispelling the superstitions sons and allaying the class hatred which is still worse than it is possible to describe. A mob attacked, in the Vea Del Purgatorio, a man whom they suspected of throwing poisonous powder over some cake exposed for sale on the plazza. They dragged him back and made him eat the cakes until the owner interfered in self defense. Out of sheer perversity the people eat more fruit and vegetables than usual. In the plazza in front of the municipal palace, two loafers got a big basket of figs, and in the presence of a large crowd began to eat them on a wager. The police marched them off to jail. A woman was selling fruit on the corner fell over dying with the cholera. The crowd made a bonfire of her stand and fruit, and then left her to die. Nobody would carry her to a hospital. Although the disease is generally of a mild character, compared with the number of cases, there are many instances like the foregoing of its startling suddenness. Several persons have already fallen down in the streets and been taken off dead. A woman who was taken with vomiting during mass died before she reached home. The terrors of the plague have been intensified by the scoundrelly ac-tion of the butchers, who raised the price of meat as soon as the panic began, but the king was followed in his carriage by a mob of women shricking to have the price of meat reduced, and the officials accordingly took steps to import beef cattle and reduced prices. people in the slums still defy the law boldly. Yesterday the body of a woman was buried in the little garden of her home, and when the police arrested the husband, a great mob threatened to rescue him. Under the priests are now exerting every effort to discourage processions and the like, though with little success. There has been an enormous revival of religious sentiment in Naples, the street shrines which were walled up by Garibaldi in 1860, have all been opened and the whitewash scraped off the holy pic-tures. Crowds, wild with joy, watch the work, and hail with shouts each restoration. The processions are continued in the poorer streets, chiefly by women. Churches are thronged and street altars are erected. The police do not dare to interfere with the altars. The most extravagant stories of miracles worked are received with great credulity by the populace. The hospital aid and ambulance systems have been overpowered by the awful increase in deaths, and for a day or two it has been necessary to leave corpses waiting so long that they become putrid, thus aiding vastly to contagion. The situation in this respect, however, has been improved by the king ordering the military to give assistance. Scores of old omnibusses, covered with black. ism of King Humbert makes the most welcome royal picture Europe has looked on for years. The king is accompanied always by his brother, Amadeus. He has visited hos-pitals and afflicted quarters, scattering money and kind words right and left. The total number of deaths in Naples is now considerably over two thousand. All have occurred since August 20th.

Funds for the Garfield Hospital. Mr. Neal, solicitor of the treasury, notified

the directors of the Garfield memorial hospiwomanhood of America. Your friend, very sincerely, JAMES G. BLAINE. tal that the United States circuit for Pennsylvania, engaged in distributing the estate of sincerely, the national convention.

Prisoners confined in the Falls City jail attempted to bore their way through the jailor pounced upon them before they but the jailor pounced upon them before they of either of the candidates of the other parties of plate and sailors of the bark Hollinside. A wind instruction \$11. Cooke, had awarded to that institution \$11. Cooke, had awarded to that institution

BLAINE'S LITTLE LETTER.

Proceedings in the Court at Indianapolis-2 Letter From Mr. Blaine to Walter Made Public.

In the United States court at Indianapolis,

attorneys for Mr. Shoemaker filed a bill of discovery in the Blaine-Sentinel suit. The bill begins by citing the fact of Blaine bringing suit against the Sentinel, and repeating the original complaint in the suit, the Sentinel's answer and accompanying interrogatories and the reply of Blaine's attorneys. The bill then states that after filing the interrogatories, Shoemaker's attorneys, on the 6th of September, moved the court for a rule against Blaine to answer the same within a specified time to be fixed by the court, which motion was argued on September 14 and overruled make extensive acquisitions of land in West | The bill then goes on to say that in order to sustain the defense of justification pleaded by Shoemaker it will be necessary and material for the orators to show and prove that Blaine had illicit relations with and seduced the person whom he afterwards married, the result of said intercourse being the birth of a child in about three months after said marriage. The bill goes on to say that orators are in-formed and believe the marriage of Blaine and Harriet Stanwood occurred on or about March 29, 1851. in Pitteburg, Pa.; that the marriage was ciandestinely arranged, secretly performed and hastily accomplished; that no license her afterwards, because she refused to stop at was essued by any authority for such mar-riage, none being required by the laws of Pennsylvania at that time. That no public official record was kept or made for the same reason that one Bryan, the minister who of ficiated at the same marriage, has been dead several years, and that if any private record or memoranda of the marriage was made, the same has been lost or destroyed, the particulars of which marriage are fully known to Blaine. The bill then states that for some time before the date of said marriage. Blaine was a professor at an institution of learning at Drillersburg, Ky., that Miss Stanwood was an instructress in a female school at the same place, and that they there became acquainted. Both were unmarried and Blaine addressed Miss Stanwood as suitor; that he gained he confidence and illicit relations ensued: that short time before said marriage Jacob Stanwood, a brother or uncle of Harriet. or some other person or persons unknown to the ora-tors, waited on Blaine and charged him with being the cause of Miss Stanwood's condition, and threatened him with personal violence unless he married her; that Blaine made no denial of the charges, and in consequence of being threatened agreed to marry her; that one or more persons were at the interview between Blaine and her relative, but these ersons were unknown to orators. The bill hen states that after their marriage Mrs. Blaine went to Augusta, Me., where a child was born about June 18, 1851, and that said child was always recognized and acknowledged by Biaine as bis son. Orators further say they have a good and valid defense as stated in their plea of justification, and that the facts stated in their answer are true, and that the same can be fully established by the answers of Blaine to the interrogatories heretofore propounded, all the circumstances being fully known to him, and a full and complete discovery of said facts from and by Blaine is necessary to orators in their defense in aid of such other testimony as may be procurable. Unless this is done orators cannot so fully set out and completely show and prove the facts necessary to their defense. Orators, therefore, pray that full and complete discovery be made by Blaine in relation to the facts here-tofore stated, and to that end he be summoned to answer the same under oath. The billl closes by asking that a writ of subpoena be issued out of chancery for Blaine, and that he be ordered to answer particularly the inter-rogatories, and that the proceedings be stayed until such time as Blaine may answer. That case Blaine fails to answer said bill, or fully and truly to answer the interrogartories, further proceedings to be perpetually stayed and restrained. The bill was not filed till 7 'clock, and court adjourned without taking

> Hon. William Walter Phelps takes the responsibility of giving to the public the following private letter addressed to him nearly two weeks ago: AUGUSTA, Me., September 19, 1884.-Mr. dear

r. Phelps: I have your favor of the 4th ad

vising me that the continuous invention and wide c irculation of evil reports render it advisable (in your judgment) not to wait the slow process of the law, but to speak directly to the public in my own vindication. In this opinion many others, on whose judgment I rely, concur. I shrink instinctively from the suggestion, although I feel sure I could strengthen the confidence of all who feel friendly to me by bringing to view the simple thread of truth which is concealed in this endless tissue of falsehoods. You can imagine how inexpressibly painful it must be to dis-cuss one's domestic life in the press, although think with you that under the circumstance could count upon the generosity of the pub lic to justify a statement which otherwise might seem objectionable. I can, in any event, safely commit the facts to you for a personal communication to those friends who have taken so delicate and so considerate an Interest in my affairs. The leisure hours of o-day, when this campaign is ended, and we wait only for the election, gives me the oportunity for this prompt reply, and for the ollowing essential details: At Georgetown, but eighteen years of age. I first met the lady who for more than thirty-four years has been my wife. An acquaintance resulted, at the end of six months, in an engagement which, without the prospect of speedy marriage, we naturally sought to keep to ourselves. Two years later, in the spring of 1850, when I was maturing plans to leave my profession in Kentucky and establish myself elsewhere I was suddenly summoned to Pennsylvania by the death of my father. It being very doubtful if I could return to Kentucky, I was threatened with an indefinite separation from her, who possessed my entire devotion. My one wish was to secure her to myself by an Indissoluble tie against every possible coningency in life, and on the 30th day of June, 850, just prior to my departure from Kentucky we were, in the presence of chosen and trusted friends, united by what I knew was in my native state of Pennsylvania a perfectly legal form of marriage. On reaching home I found that my family, and especially my be-loved mother, strongly discountenanced my usiness plans as involving too long a separa tion from home and kindred. I complied with er request, that I should resume at least for a time my occupation in Kentucky, whither returned in the latter part of August. During the ensuing winter I was troubled by mis-givings which were increased by legal consultations, and I became alarmed lest a doubt might be thrown upon the validity of our marriage by reason of non-compliance with the law of the state where it had occurred. For I had learned that the laws of Kentucky made a license certified by the clerk of the county court an indispensible requisite of a legal marriage. After much deliberation and with anxious desire to guard against any embarrassment resulting from our position, for which I was responsible, we decided that the simplest and at the same time the surest way was to repair to Pennsylvania and have an other marriage service performed. This was done in the presence of witnesses, in the city of Pittsburg, in the morth of March, but was not otherwise made public for obvious reasons. It was solemnized only to secure an indisputable validity to the first marriage, seeing my wife and myself always he'd it sacred. At the mature age of 54, I do not defend the wisdom or prudence of a secret mar-riage, suggested by the ardor and inexperience of youth, but its honor and its purity were in-violate, as I believe, in the sight of God, and cannot be made to appear otherwise by the wicked device of men. It brought to me a wicked device of men. It brought to me a companionship which has been my chief hap-piness from boyhood's years to this hour, and has crowned me with whatever success I have attained in life. My eldest child, a son, was born in his grandmother's house on the 18th day of June, 1851, in the city of Augusta, Me., and died in her arms, three years later. His ashes repose in the cemetery of his native city beneath a stone which recorded his name and he limits of an innocent life. That stone, which had stood for almost an entire generation, has been recently defaced by brutal and sacreligious hands. As a candidate for the presidency I knew that I should encounter many forms of calumny and personal defama-tion, but I confess that that I did not expect o be called upon to defend the name of a beloved and honored wife, who is a mother and a grandmother, nor did I expect that the grave of my little child would be cruelly desc-crated. Againsts such gross forms of wrong. the law gives no adequate redress, and know that in the end my most effective appea against the unspeakable outrages which I re-sist must be to the noble manhood and noble

mastodon twelve and a half feet in height, the largest ever found except one by Professor Warren, and the only remains of the kind dis-covered in the drift formation of Michigan. It was found in marshy ground by ditchers on the farm of Aaron Hills, under about two feet of vegetable mold and in quicksand, per meated by spring water. The largest rib found measures four feet, and one tooth, the enam-el perfect, weighed three pounds ten and a half ounces.

WESTERN ROADS.

A Meeting of General Managers to Solve Difficulties.

The general committee of railway managers, composed of Messrs. Hughitt, Potter, Kimball, Robinson, McMullen and Cable, to which was referred the problem by which the differences now existing between the western lines could be adjusted, held an all day session at Chicago on the 15th. The solution of the present difficulty was supposed to rest upon the dissolution of the tripartite pool, out of the organization of which the present condition of affairs is supposed to have sprung. The prorogative of the tripartite agreement is that the roads east of the Missouri river should make all though safe to County in the second seco make all through rates to Colorado and Cali-fornia points. When asked to join in the pool, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe company declined to do so, so long as the tripartite or the power given in it east of the Missouri river was allowed to continue. At this session the continuance of the tripartite was not discussed. A plan was proposed, however, which was adopted unanimously, and which will be reported to the subsequent general meeting. The plan is in the rough and was not even placed in the form of a resolution. It proposes the formation of four pools on California and Colorado business, two east and two west of the Missouri river, the former to include all Omaha and southwestern lines, and the latter to include the Burlington, Santa Fe and Union Pacific roads. It is provided that there shall be four commission ships, and that a conference committee, consisting of members of all four pools be appointed to arbitrate any difficulty affecting the roads both east and west of the Missouri river. A resolution to clothe this committee with power was defeated and the committee is to serve in on'y an advisory capacity. The proposition by the Union Pacific and Rock Island to reorganize the tripartite pool was opposed by the Burlington, Northwestern and Santa Fe and the matter was dropped without action. As to the probability of the plan outlined at the general meeting it is a matter of considerable doubt, owing to the failure to take any definite action as to the continu of the tripartite. Prominent officials of two roads declare that until that matter has been finally decided and the tripartite dissolved the formation of the new pool was purely con-

Chicago dispatch of the 16th: The western railway conference adjourned at 3 o'clock today. The general plan submitted by the committee for the formation of four pools on California and Colorado business, two east and two west of the Missouri river, was adopted by a unanimous vote. The meeting then took up the consideration of the continuance of the present tripartite pool and the relations it would sustain through the new combination if it was allowed to continue in force. Discussion upon this point was only entered upon when the meeting adjourned. An official of the Union Pacific stated after the close of the session that the tripartite would certainly continue in force, though some changes might occur in its working arrangements.

at the afternoon conference a formal adoption of the pooling arrangement to Colorado and California business was decided upon, contingent, however, on settlement of the Nebrasba business, in other words arrangement of the tripartite pool to meet the wishes of all the Omaha roads. The general conference then adjourned and the Omaha roads took up the discussion of Nebraska business. Vice President Porter, of the Burlington, made a proposition for pooling of Nebraska traffic, the Burlington to receive its prorata of Nebraska busines and also of the local traffic of the Union Pacific in Nebraska, This was voted down. The Northwestern then moved that the Burlington receive its prorata of all local and competitive business of the Union Pacific and this, naturally, was voted lown, the Rock Island and St. Paul voting in the negative on both propositions. The conference then adjourned tail 8 plelock to-mor-An officer of the Burlington road tonight said the present outlook did not appear favorable to any immediate adjustment of pending difficulties.

The disruption of Chicago and St. Louis railway pools has resulted in open cutting on both freight and passenger rates. Fourth class freight, which has heretofore been carried for loc between both cities, is now being taken for Sc. Passenger rates are at present about \$7. It is reported that the Burlington company is contemplating putting on solid through passenger trains, leaving Chicago at 8 in the morning, reaching St. Louis at 7 in the evening.

THE CROPS.

Farmers in the Far West Hanging on to Their Grain. Minneapolis dispatch: The Minneapolis Milers' association has advanced prices in the country on wheat two cents per bushel all around. This may have the effect of bringing at more wheat, but it is doubtful. The fact is the farmers generally have shown a deter-

mination to hang on to the grain like grim

death, and are only selling enough to meet

their most pressing engagements. In many places they prefer to borrow money at 10 per cent, than market their wheat at present A Grand Forks, D. T., special states that there is a very bitter feeling among both farmers and business men. By the new rules of grading but little passes No. 2 hard. At 51 ents there and 53 cents at other points, ittle is marketed, while the threshers have een busy for two weeks. The farmers and ousiness men propose to combine to hold the crop in granaries and stacks. The loaning igencies agree to be lenient with the farmers, equiring only the interest and carrying them as long as they can hold. The machine men are disposed to do the machine men are disposed to do the same. Not a bushel more will be mar-keted than is absolutely demanded by necessity. While some farmers have had sufficient ncrease in yield per acre to enable them to sell at 50 cents a bushel without loss, the ma-

et it rot before they will sell at so low a figure. From Fargo comes the report that plowing s being somewhat neglected, and from the present outlook there will be a great decrease n the next year's wheat crop in that vicinity. A telegram to a Minneapolis commission firm stated that in Pembina county the fields are so wet that teams cannot be driven on them, and much of the grain was still unstacked. The heavy winds of the past few days have blown off the tops of stacks in nany places and the grain is considerably damaged. Grain dealers, elevator companies and millers are sending out warning to counry buyers to urge farmers to dry the wheat oroughly before threshing.

Reports from the Omaha road say threshing

has been delayed at many points on account of the rain. Like reports come from various

other quarters, and the uneasiness caused has had the effect of stiffening prices com-

fority have not, and many declare they will

THAT LIBEL SUIT.

Judge Woods Rules That the Interrogatories Need Not be Answered.

Judge Woods, of the United States court at Indianapolis, having returned the motion of the defense in the Blaine-Sentinel libel suit for a rule requiring the plaintiff to answer the the list of interrogatories filed with the defendant's answer to the complaint in the case. came up for argument. The court stated that nterrogatories had long been prohibited in the practice of the courts in this United States circuit, and while, personally, he should like to see the rule changed, he would not take he liberty to set it aside at this time. However, if with this preliminary statement, the attorneys desired to argue the question, he would listen to them. Judge Turpie, for the defense, did desire to be heard, and spoke at some length. Senator Harrison, in reply, con-tented himself with quoting decisions to show that the practice had not been permitted eretofore in the court, and at the close Judge Woods declined to order the rule. The effect of the decision is to leave it optional with the plaintiff's attorney whether or not the inter-rogatories shall be answered.

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