

FRIDAY FACTS.

John B. Donovan of Madison is in the city. C. Parker of O'Neill was here on business. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Silverling of Fairfax were here. George W. Phelps of Madison was a visitor in the city. August Ruhlow of Hoskins was here transacting business. B. Mapes went to Rock county to spend a few days hunting. County Clerk S. R. McFarland of Madison is here on business. B. T. Reid and Fred Thiem returned from a business trip to Omaha. William Foster of Muscatine, Ia., is here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Davis. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Butterfield and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds returned from Winner. Miss Tina Cizek of Osmond, formerly of this city, is here visiting with Miss Emma Schorogge. W. J. Gow returned from a few days' business trip in Gregory county, S. D., and Boyd county, Neb. Mrs. John Reardon and daughter Ethel, from Joliet, Ill., are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melcher have returned from an automobile trip in southern Nebraska. York, Fremont and other cities were visited. Mrs. L. B. Musselman is critically ill. Physicians express no hope for her recovery. Night Patrolman Livingston will act as chief of police tomorrow, in the absence of Chief Marquardt, who goes to Omaha to take part in the Germanverein convention. After a correction of his monthly police report Judge C. F. Eiseley finds he has collected \$124 for the city, including fines and costs. Out of this amount he nets \$33 as salary. The Creighton baseball team, en route to Battle Creek, were in the city. The Snyder team arrived on schedule time and a fast game was looked for on the driving park diamond. Judge W. H. Mungler will hold a regular term of the United States court in the federal building here on September 19. Deputy United States Clerk Olga Grauel received this notification yesterday. Two hoboes arrested last night were turned loose this morning, but one of them—a strapping big fellow—did not take the chance offered him by the police to leave the city, but insisted on getting beastly drunk. He is back in jail. C. J. Fleming, who purchased the Bracking property directly opposite the postoffice, reports that he will not build a brick building there. The place has been leased and he will have it remodeled. A new plate glass front is to be constructed. The place is now occupied by Miskimmins & Noll. Fleider Watson, who has been playing with Norfolk for several months, has resigned his position on the Norfolk ball team and returned to Sioux City. Watson is a good fielder and makes good on first. He has not proved an expert with the bat, but there were some good hits recorded by him. S. A. Cokerley will be tried today by acting County Attorney M. C. Hazen. Cokerley was found last night in the home of Mrs. Clement Tilden. Clifford Williams, an old offender, was also in the house, but he was turned loose. Cokerley was arrested and got his hearing today. Mrs. Tilden is married and her husband is a night employe at the Northwestern roundhouse. Postmaster John R. Hays of Norfolk will attend the annual convention of first-class postmasters, which meets in Omaha on September 12 and remains in session for three days. He has sent in his acceptance of an invitation extended by the Commercial club of Omaha and B. F. Thomas, postmaster. More than 400 postmasters have signified their intention of coming to Omaha. Some will bring their wives, others will come all by their lonesome. The state organizer of the Nebraska Federation of Retail Dealers association met with the local branch of that association in the offices of Mapes & Hazen Thursday night. In an address Mr. Howells gave a brief sketch as to what the federation is doing throughout the state in the way of bringing the deadbeat to terms. Mr. Howells congratulates Secretary Hawkins on his work in making the credit system in this city a good one. "Norfolk is already getting results from this credit system," he says. Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: Jeff Persons, Bassett; Peter Lutze, Platt Center; Oscar Gross, Verdigris; J. E. Brown, Mitchell; Tom Crowe, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuck, Cedar Rapids; Dan Burreas, Carroll; Harry Linton, Carroll; J. G. Ostidek, Madison; Mrs. McBride, Carroll; P. L. Hageman, Platt Center; Mrs. T. C. Kirk, Plainville; F. A. Seavine, Oakland; C. M. Kull, Oakland; Frank Mae, Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Winters, Creighton; Jennie B. Ritchie, Wynmore; O. E. Garmon, Magnet; Ida Gleason, Madison; F. A. Huston, Orchard; A. V. Teed, Ponca; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wallace, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hackett, Clearwater. Mrs. L. Z. Lamb of Ainsworth, Neb., was a caller in Judge C. F. Eiseley's office yesterday and declared that Frank Spencer, who has been renting her boarding house on First street and Madison avenue, has left the city with about \$60 worth of her household goods. Spencer has sold his pool hall in the Oxnard hotel. It is reported that he has gone to Stanton where he is selling land. Spencer has not yet paid his \$100 fine for conducting a blind pig. He has made several payments on this fine. The court allowed him to pay off the fine in weekly installments. The upper floor of the new Ransom building on Norfolk avenue is to be converted into a modern lunch room, very similar to that of the cafeterias of larger cities. Miss C. B. O'Connell, who for the last two years has

conducted a millinery store here, is to be the proprietor of this lunch room. Miss O'Connell has had much experience in this line. Some years ago she was a successful proprietress of the Omaha McCauley building lunch room and later conducted a lunch room in Omaha's Farnam street district. The lunch room is to be open for business next month. WOUNDED MAN ASKS FOR AID. Knife Wound on His Upper Lip Recaps. Sioux City Journal: With blood gushing from a wound on his face, G. R. Roberts of Norfolk, Neb., applied St. police station last night for aid. Dr. C. A. Katherman, police surgeon, was called and after dressing the wound Roberts left the station. Later Roberts returned to ask for further treatment. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital by the county officials. In whose charge he had been placed, where his wound again was attended to. Roberts, who is a laborer, came to Sioux City yesterday afternoon. He says that he received a cut by a knife in a fight last Sunday. Roberts displayed a deep gash on the upper lip. John Wesley Best. John Wesley Best, who died at his home in Norfolk Thursday and whose funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, was 63 years old and came to Madison county in 1870. Mr. Best was born July 3, 1848, in Indiana. Just before the war he moved, with his parents, to Filmore county, Minn., and in 1870 he came with them to Madison county, his father taking a homestead five miles west of Norfolk. Fifteen years ago Mr. Best bought a farm in Stanton county east of Norfolk, where he lived thirteen years, moving into the city a year ago last December. Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Best was married to Viola Walter, whose father conducted a hotel at Battle Creek. The children are: Edgar, Ansha, Elmer, Frank, Howard, Morris and Mrs. Maud Barns, all of whom with the exception of Frank were at the death of their father. Frank arrived at ten Friday from Oregon. There are ten grandchildren and Mr. Best is survived by two brothers and one sister. The funeral will be held at the home on Omaha avenue west of Thirteenth street Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock and burial will be in the Best cemetery west of the city. CHICKENS PLENTIFUL. Favorable Weather Conditions During Hatching Season. Omaha Bee: "Nebraska is just about to harvest the most bountiful prairie chicken crop in its history," remarked Charles Gorman of Cherry county, who is stopping at the Merchants. "Everything has been favorable for the prairie chickens and throughout the sandhill section of the state they are as numerous as flees. There has always been a good many chickens in that portion of the state, but now they are more numerous than ever. Last May and June there was very little rain. As a result the birds laid their eggs in dry nests and when the chicks came along there was nothing to prevent their growth and subsequent maturity. "The chickens at this time are big and strong, most of them having attained their full growth. All summer they have been ranging about in covies, but now they are gathering in to large flocks and are becoming as wild as hawks. By the time the open season sets in it will be hard to find them, as a great many of them will have flown over into the bad lands of South Dakota and to the south, along the Niobrara river. However, there will be plenty left in the short grass country and a man with a good dog and gun can come pretty near killing the limit any day. "So far as ducks are concerned, I don't think they will be as numerous this fall as formerly. There will be just as many of the birds, but they are not going to stop on their southern flight. A large number of our north Nebraska lakes, owing to the long continued drought, have dried up and water is not so plentiful as during former years. "September 1 was the day set by the last legislature for the shoot of prairie chickens, wild ducks, geese, brants and game water fowls. The chicken season will be over on the last day of November and the duck season closes May 1. According to reports there are many chickens throughout the state, but ducks will not arrive for some time. New Church Near Completion. Valentine, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: The new Catholic church being built at this place is rapidly nearing completion and when done will be the largest church building in this city. The building will cost close to \$10,000 when completed and will be a credit to the city as its cross on top of the high spire can be seen for many miles in every direction. BROKEN SPINE MENDED. Remarkable Bit of Surgery Performed in New York Hospital. New York, Sept. 1.—After lying for weeks at the verge of death, with permanent paralysis as the only alternative, Jacob Mehman, 30 years old, has undergone the rare experience of having a broken spine mended. There is every reason to believe that soon he will be as sound, so far as chances of life and usefulness are concerned, as he ever was. This extraordinary condition has been brought about by the skill of surgeons in the Beth Israel hospital, who performed an operation unprecedented in the annals of medical science. Should it prove successful, and there is every reason to believe it will, the patient, who a few days

ago was almost hopeless of recovery, will be able to resume his regular work within a week or two. Mehman, who is a native of Russia, was working on a scaffold in Hoboken, N. J., when his foot slipped upon his back. When he tried to rise his feet and legs were powerless, and it was found that both lower extremities had been sympathetically paralyzed, as the surgical phrase has it. All motor control was lost and other functions were impeded. The injured man was taken to a hospital in Hoboken where the X-rays were used. These proved negative, and he was then taken to the Beth Israel hospital. Dr. Benjamin Rosenbluth diagnosed the injury as a positive fracture of the spinal column, with fragments of bone pressing against the cord, cutting off all sensation below the abdomen. The radiograph of the institution took another X-ray picture, which confirmed the diagnosis and left no choice if the man's life were to be saved, but an operation for the removal of the fragments. This delicate task was undertaken by the surgeons, who exposed the spinal cord and found pressing upon it three vertebrae which had been smashed. These were removed and the patient was returned to his bed. Almost immediately evidences of a restoration of function and sensation in the lower limbs became manifest, and grew more marked in the movements of the injured man as he came out of the influence of anesthesia. For five weeks before this the limbs had been utterly without feeling. BACK TO NEGRO WIFE. Young Collins Has Been Secretly Meeting Clamorgan Girl Since Separation. St. Louis, Sept. 1.—John R. Collins and Cora Clamorgan Collins, his wife, whom he abandoned when it was learned she had negro blood, are to be reunited. The suit which Owen L. Collins, his father, brought as his "next friend," to annul the marriage, will be dismissed, and the war which has almost wrecked the two Ellendale homes will be ended. Collins and his wife have been meeting secretly since their separation. Never since John Collins left the Clamorgan home, after telling her he believed she had a trace of negro blood, has Cora Clamorgan Collins given up the hope that her husband would return to her and their 3-month-old daughter Louise. Even when the suit was filed to annul their marriage and leave her without support her faith in the love of John Collins was steadfast. She repeatedly declared her love for him and refused to allow her father to bring a charge of wife abandonment against him. She was heard to say she would wait until John Collins was 21 years old and his own master, and then in spite of his renunciation, she was certain he would return to her and marry her again if he need be. It was Owen L. Collins, father of John, who first heard the report that the Clamorgans were negroes instead of Spanish grantees as they said. He told John Collins what he had learned and demanded that the marriage be annulled. John Collins obeyed, but Mrs. Collins said he vowed on the last day he spent with her that he would return. Latta Growing Stronger. Rochester, Minn., Sept. 1.—The condition of Congressman J. P. Latta of Nebraska who was operated on over a week ago for an intestinal disorder, continued encouraging today. Unless something unforeseen develops there is little doubt but that he will recover. Lodge's Son Weds His Nurse. Boston, Sept. 1.—John Ellerton Lodge, son of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, was married yesterday to Miss Catherine Connolly, who nursed him during an illness in a Boston hospital. Mr. Lodge fell in love with his nurse and marriage followed. The wedding was witnessed by Senator Lodge and Congressman A. P. Gardner, his son-in-law, and their families. Rev. Father Connolly of New Glasgow, N. S., a brother of the bride, was a legal witness. The wedding was performed in Holy Cross rectory by Father Finigan. To Buy American Legislation. Washington, Sept. 1.—Ambassadors and ministers of the American foreign service have been instructed by the state department to submit estimates for construction or purchase by the United States of homes for them in every foreign capital of the world. This is in accordance with the recent authority granted by congress providing for embassies and legations in order to relieve the diplomats of the enormous expense of rent, which in some cases exceeds their salaries. Congress limited the cost of any embassy or legation to \$150,000. State department officials believe that this will be adequate to afford abodes in keeping with the dignity of the nation, except in the large capitals where it is believed \$240,000 or \$300,000 will be needed. With \$150,000 limitation, it is thought the policy of erection or purchasing American legation can be inaugurated in some of the small central or South American countries. CALLS T. R. GREAT SCHOLAR. Champ Clark Says He Knows About More Things Than Anybody. Pittsburg, Sept. 1.—Champ Clark, speaker of the house, delivered an address here before the Allegheny County Teachers' Institute, and speaking of scholars said: "Presidents Garfield, Adams and Jefferson were the greatest scholars of the nation. Former President Roosevelt can be classed with those three presidents, as he knows a little about more things than any other human being."

man A. O. Stanley of Henderson, Ky., chairman of congressional steel investigation committee, left today for a trip to the Mesaba and Vermillion ranges, where he will inspect the mines controlled by the United States Steel corporation. It is not known how long the investigation there will last, but Mr. Stanley stated this morning that his investigation would be thorough. Details of Winside Game. Winside, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: Winside defeated the famous Creighton Colts here in a fast game of ball by a score of 6 to 2. Winside making four scores in the first inning by a three-base hit and an error of the Colts, the main features of the game being a home run by Thompson and two sensational catches made by Durke. The score: R. H. E. Creighton... 0001001100—2 4 4 Winside... 400101000—6 6 1 Summary—Batteries: for Creighton, Caylor, Thieson, Halgrims; for Winside, Simon Pomeroy. Bases on balls: off Simon 3, off Thieson 1. Hits, off Caylor 4 in six innings, off Thieson 2 in three innings, off Simon 4. Hit by pitched balls: Caylor 3, Umpire, Thos. Johnson. Time 1:45. The ladies of Winside gave a farewell banquet to the Winside ball team this being their last game to be played and the Creighton team were invited which was a decided success and was enjoyed by all. Enough cannot be said in behalf of Manager Simon as he has maintained the highest standard in a ball team. Valentine Beat Bonesteel. Bonesteel, S. D., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: Valentine trimmed Bonesteel here in a good game by the score of 5 to 3. Score by innings: R. H. E. Valentine... 0 0 3 0 0 2 0 0—5 11 Bonesteel... 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 7 Batteries: Valentine, Kirkland and Campbell; Bonesteel, O'Hara and Wales. Struck out: by Kirkland, 10; by O'Hara, 6. Three-base hit: DeSilva. Two-base hit: DeSilva. Time of game, 1 hour 10 minutes. Umpire, Biggins. The game at the M. W. A. picnic went to Valentine by a score of 6 to 5. It was hard fought all the way through but Bonesteel could not overcome the visitors' lead. Score by innings: R. H. E. Valentine... 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1—6 10 Bonesteel... 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 1—5 7 Struck out: by DeSilva, 5; by C. Smith, 6. Time of game, 1 hour 30 minutes. Umpire, Biggins. HUSENETTER WON'T SERVE. Republican Chairman Issues Call for Committee Session. Lincoln, Sept. 1.—In a statement which he issued here William Huse-netter, chairman of the republican state central committee for over a year, past, has announced that under no circumstances will he again accept the place. At the same time he announced that a meeting of that body would be held in this city, Monday evening, September 4. Oakdale. Will Launt and Lon Snider spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Omaha. Miss Trenhaile arrived last Friday from Bloomfield to take up her position in the schools here the first of the week. The chaquetauga proper closed Saturday evening, having completed a five days' program, which was good in every respect and above the expectations of those in attendance. The interest was good throughout, and with the good weather that prevailed, good crowds were in attendance every day. Sunday, however, was a disappointment, as it was cold and rainy all day and the crowd was not near as large as expected. There were about 250 or 300 people from Tilden in attendance and a large number from Neligh, also some from other towns. Neligh also sent a large delegation down on Thursday, there being about fifteen or more auto loads. Oakdale feels well repaid for her efforts, and appreciates the patronage of the other towns very much. The affair was also a success financially. The band Sunday was a rare treat and highly appreciated by all in attendance. On Monday a special election was held to vote on additional water bonds for the extension and improvement of the water system, and carried by about seventy for to about seven against. School opened Monday in the old building, with a full corps of teachers, all of them being home people except Miss Trenhaile of Bloomfield. School opened a week early on account of the time that will undoubtedly be lost in moving into the new building about the first of the year. Miss Edith Daugherty, assistant cashier of the Brown county bank of Long Pine, spent Sunday in Oakdale visiting friends. Dr. L. N. Nelson went to Omaha Monday noon, taking Earl Holmes to a hospital there to be operated on for appendicitis. The doctor returned Tuesday evening and reported the boy to be getting along nicely. Masons have been busy this week giving the C. F. Reno building, occupied by the Charles O'Neal company, a half-inch coat of cement on the outside walls and fixing up the roof. C. V. Anderson and family moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Matson the first part of the week. Carpenters were busy Tuesday shingling the Northwestern depot here. Mrs. John Nelson returned home Monday afternoon, after having spent a week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Manville. Mrs. P. S. Lytle and daughter Vina of Tilden returned home Monday afternoon. S. M. Davis of Loreto was a business visitor in town Monday. Miss Irene Elwood returned Tues-

day afternoon from the Pacific coast, where she has been visiting since last fall. Ivan Torpin returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit at Central City. L. A. Fisher of Norfolk transacted business in town Wednesday. Miss Retta McIntyre of Neligh was a visitor in town Wednesday evening from Neligh. Miss Susan Brodhol of University Place arrived Tuesday for a visit with her brother, E. A. Brodhol. John Milligan of Tilden was a visitor in town Wednesday afternoon. Gordon. The town presents an unusual business air at present on account of the activity in actual construction. At the head of the list in this line should be mentioned the new Odd Fellows building on North Main street, which is rapidly nearing completion. C. H. Saylor and son of Gordon furnished the architectural plans for this building. W. R. McElroy is superintending the carpenter work. F. H. Saylor has the contract for the brick work. The building is of pressed brick, with a frontage of fifty feet and a depth of 100 feet. The first floor will be occupied by two separate mercantile stores while the second story will be used by the local order of I. O. O. F. for lodge purposes. The next building of note is that belonging to L. Schmitt on the west side of Main street between First and Second streets. The brick work is complete on this building and the carpenters are now finishing up their work inside. The dimensions of the Schmitt building are 100 by 100 feet. The first floor will be used by three distinct business enterprises, the south room granting floor space to a new grocery firm, the middle room serving the purposes of a drug store, while the porch room with a 25-foot front will serve as an annex to the large and ever increasing trade of the Fair Mercantile company, which firm now occupies 100 feet front two lots north of the Schmitt building. The upper story comprises fourteen rooms, soon to be fitted up for general office purposes. W. R. McElroy is the local contractor in charge of this substantial block. The town of Gordon voted bonds last January to the extent of \$25,100, for the triple enterprises named herewith: Bonds for a water works system, \$12,000; bonds for electric light plant, \$8,500; bonds for sewer system, \$4,600. Each of these enterprises is to be pushed forward in the near future about the same time, although the construction of the sewer will come first. The contract for the construction of the sewer has been awarded to the Katz-Craig company of Omaha and calls for an excavation for 4,000 feet of sewer pipe. The sewer contractors have arrived in Gordon and will begin within the next few days. The Gordon public schools will open Monday, September 4. The building has been remodeled so that the rapidly growing high school may be properly accommodated. A twelfth grade and a normal training department are to be installed, which will place the Gordon high school on the accredited four-grade high school list. The teachers for the coming year will be as follows: First primary, Miss Aye Fickling; second primary, Miss Nellie Easley; first intermediate, Miss Isabelle Jacobson; second intermediate, Miss Jennie Tennant; grammar, Miss Lulu McConaha; high school, principal, Miss Anna Margrave; head of normal training, Miss Janet Cameron; superintendent, Earle M. Kendall. Dance at Valentine. Valentine, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: The ladies' guild of the St. John's Episcopal church of this city gave a very pretty dance at the Park pavilion Wednesday evening in honor of the choir. There were about eighty guests present. The pavilion was beautifully decorated and refreshments were served during the evening and all present report the best kind of a time. Teachers at Niobrara. Niobrara, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: The Knox County Teachers' institute is in session here this week with Supt. Murphy in charge. The instructors are: Miss Elizabeth Sheehan of Lincoln, Supt. Arnot of the Schuyler schools, and Supt. Guliver of the Bloomfield schools. The enrollment has been between 125 and 130. Tuesday evening Eugene Knox, head of the department of elocution at Wesleyan university, gave a very interesting program of readings, and Miss Winifred Nelson of Niobrara rendered some piano solos. Wednesday afternoon several of the "school ma'ams" and instructors had an outing at the Island Park clubhouse. The weather has been favorable. Great interest is manifested at the sessions, and the morning instruction being delivered at the public school building and the afternoon talks at the Z. C. B. J. hall. Battle Creek. Mrs. Sophie Clasey, who has been sick for sometime, died suddenly Friday afternoon at the home of her son, William Clasey, in North Battle Creek. The funeral was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. J. Hoffman and the remains laid to rest at the Lutheran cemetery south of town. She was about 70 years old and came here about fifteen years ago from Champagne, Ill. She is survived by four sons, one daughter, all grown, and other relatives. John Wahlers was here from Scribner the latter part of last week and is intending to buy a farm in this vicinity. Mrs. George Bloedel of Battle Creek Heights went to Chicago last week for an extended visit with her parents. Mike Soller was here the latter part of last week for a visit with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ludwig, and friends. Mrs. James Cain, accompanied by her two children of Brunswick, was

visiting here at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jose. M. L. Thomson and George Klein came back from Omaha Friday in their new automobiles. L. D. Barnes (old White, so he is known here best), accompanied by several of his youngest children, came down from Cody Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends. Rev. J. Hoffman will deliver a mission sermon next Sunday near Winner at the congregation of Rev. H. A. Hillert. Otto Keyl, a student of theology of the Lutheran university of St. Louis and a son of Prof. E. D. Keyl, the new Lutheran teacher, who was installed last Sunday, will occupy the pulpit at the Lutheran church Sunday morning. The German Frauen-Verein met yesterday (Thursday) with Mrs. Clara Haman on South Third street. The interior of the Baptist church is repainted and decorated. On that account the congregation held services at Miller's opera house last Sunday. John Brecheisen, who lives on a homestead near Gregory, S. D., arrived here Monday for a visit with his sisters, Mrs. Lillie Scott and Miss Liz Brecheisen, and other relatives. A. J. Wells, the lively man, is quite sick at his home on Depot street, with rheumatism. Alfred Doering, son of Prof. M. G. Doering, departed Wednesday for Chicago, where he has taken a position as teacher and organist at a Lutheran school. MOROCCAN CASE IN THE AIR. There is No Assurance That Settlement Has Been Approached. Paris, Sept. 1.—While the French foreign office, it is understood, has no sure indication that Germany will accept the French proposals for a settlement of the Moroccan question, a measure of confidence is felt in the agreement because of the extent of the compensations which are to be offered by France. Since these are central African areas, it is not supposed that Germany would proceed to extreme lengths over a few thousand square miles more or less. The real difficulty in the way of an early settlement, it is believed at the foreign office, lies in the special commercial and mining guarantees Germany may seek in Morocco as nothing which Great Britain does not possess. Besides anything like special privilege would afford endless occasions for the reopening of the controversy on questions of interpretation. The French and British governments have reached the fullest mutual agreement on every phase of the Franco-German dispute. Joe McCaig Near Death. Neligh, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: Joe McCaig, a prominent real estate dealer and councilman of the Second ward of this city, is confined to his bed at his residence and is in a critical condition. Mr. McCaig was taken ill during the last days of July, which developed into pneumonia the past two weeks. A slight operation was performed Wednesday evening by Drs. Baker of Tilden, Tanner of Meadow Grove and Conery of this city to relieve the patient of the large amount of pus formed in his left lung. This apparently was a great relief to the sufferer and signs of improvement were in evidence, but owing to his weakened condition his chances, according to the attending physicians, are not at all encouraging. NEARLY BURNED AT STAKE. Young "Indians" at Nebraska City Come Near Causing Tragedy. Nebraska City, Sept. 1.—Some small boys were playing Indian and induced the 7-year-old son of Robert Hansen to play the leading role. Ropes were hung about his breast and he was swung several times and seemed to enjoy the sport. Then it was suggested that he be tied to a stake and burned by the young Indians. A great mass of kindling and rubbish was collected and the 7-year-old boy was chained to the stake and a torch applied to his funeral pyre. When the flames began to lick up about him and the smoke choked him, young Hansen set up a mighty yell, while the young Indians danced about him in seeming glee. The father chanced to be at home and heard the cries of the child, grabbing him, stake and all, in true "Buffalo Bill" style and carrying him to a place of safety. Only 18,000 Have Registered. Minot, N. D., Sept. 1.—The total registration for the opening of the Berthold reservation is 18,807. There are two more registration days, and the government officials predict a total registration of from 20,000 to 22,000. Minot is planning a big celebration for the date of the drawing, September 6. Riots Over Food Prices. St. Quentin, Sept. 1.—Serious riots over the high price of food occurred here. The mob wrecked and pillaged several butcher shops and set fire to one of them in spite of the efforts of the police and soldiers to maintain order. An urgent request has been set to the government for additional troops. Cuming County Supervisors. West Point, Sept. 1.—The nominations in Cuming county for members of the board of supervisors are as follows: Second district, John Skala; Fourth district, August Reichlinger; Sixth district, Wenzel Maly. The total vote cast in the county was 1,389, being about 50 percent of the normal polling strength. FROM FARM TO CONSUMER. Pennsylvania Farmers Journey to New York to Devise Scheme. New York, Sept. 1.—Sixty Pennsylv-

ania farmers representing 62,500 tillers of the soil of that state called upon Mayor Gaynor and explained to him why they believe that the "unnecessary middleman" should be done away with in this city and the products of the ground handled directly from the farmer to the consumer. The delegation is here for the purpose of working out a co-operative scheme whereby this may be accomplished. Patrick Egan, former minister to Chile, as chief spokesman presented figures to show why the farmer gets so little and the consumer pays so much. He declared that the farmers and consumers have been "muled" and in proof of this continued: "I have but to state that the potatoes for which consumers paid \$60,000,000 last year netted our farmers less than \$8,500,000; cabbages which sold in this city for \$9,125,000 brought the farmers \$1,800,000, and milk which sold to consumers for \$48,500,000 brought the farmer \$23,000,000." Mayor Gaynor made a brief speech to the delegation, speaking of over production of gold as causing higher prices and also attacked "favoritism" in railroad freight rates, as "one of the most damnable things ever attempted." Knox County Surveyor Dead. Creighton, Neb., Sept. 1.—Special to The News: County Surveyor John L. Seeley died here yesterday of old age, aged 77. Dropsy hastened his death. The funeral was held today at the M. E. church. MAN FALLS INTO ENGINE. Danna B. Little, Jr., of Osceola, Meets Violent Death in Machine. Osceola, Neb., Sept. 1.—Danna B. Little, Jr., was killed when he fell into a gasoline engine. He was caught by the moving parts and death was almost instantaneous. The accident happened at the home of the parents of the dead man. Little was 21 years of age and is survived by wife and twins one year of age. A Row in Baseball World. Cincinnati, O., Sept. 1.—Whether or not the American Association will withdraw from the national agreement and declare war on the major leagues is now up to the members of that organization, the national baseball commission having declined all its demands at a meeting held here yesterday. The commission gave the American association until September 10 to answer whether they will operate under the national agreement. At the same time the commission made it plain that if the association decides to withdraw from the national agreement organized baseball would continue to flourish in the eight cities of the association. When President Chivington of the American Association learned of the decision of the commission he would not say what action his organization would take. Explore New Territory. Manila, Sept. 1.—Capt. Chauncey B. Humphrey of the Twenty-first infantry, accompanied by twenty-two men, has completed a fortnight's exploratory march across Mindanao. The column marched for a week through an unexplored country and encountered natives who had never seen white men. HELP WANTED. WANTED—All parties interested in the Gulf coast, Texas, country to write us for information. Come to a country where two crops can be grown each year, where the soil is good, water sweet and pure, where the sun of summer is tempered by the cool breeze from the gulf and where stock does not have to be fed more than half the year. Get in touch with the Tracy-Enos Land Co., Victoria, Texas. WANTED—Success Magazine requires the services of a man in Norfolk to look after expiring subscriptions and to secure new business by means of special methods usually effective; position permanent; prefer one with experience, but would consider any applicant with good natural qualifications; salary \$150 per day, with commission option. Address, with references, R. C. Peacock, Room 102, Success Magazine Bldg., New York. FIRST QUALITY REISTLE'S PLATES ARE RIGHT REISTLE'S RATES ARE RIGHT FRANK REISTLE ENGRAVER AND ELECTROTYPYER OUR CUTS PRINT FAIR PRICE 60 YEARS' EXPERIENCE PATENTS TRADE MARKS DESIGNS COPYRIGHTS &c. Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. HANDBOOK on Patents sent free. Oldest Agency for securing patents. Patents taken through MUNN & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the Scientific American. A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms: 4¢ a copy; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers. MUNN & Co. SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, New York. (Published Office, 37 N. 5th St., Washington, D. C.)