

AROUND THE EARTH

OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

MAY REACH 2:00 MARK

PACING KINGS TO RACE IN CHICAGO.

Star Pointer, Joe Patchen and Frank Agan to Contest for a \$5,000 Purse—Good Judges Say the 2:00 Mark Will Be Reached.

PACING KINGS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago is to have a great harness race on Saturday, July 24. The three great pacers, Star Pointer, 2:02 1/4; Joe Patchen, 2:03; and Frank Agan, 2:03 1/4, will meet in the free-for-all race for a \$5,000 purse, and John R. Gentry, 2:00 1/2, and Robert J. 2:01 1/2, will go against their records. Many good judges say the 2:00 mark will be reached. Others have a contrary opinion. One thing is certain, the officials of the Washington Park Club are leaving nothing undone to make the track fast. Men are at work night and day. Gentle harrowing is done, then sprinkling, so that the water may percolate through, and then rolling. Whether the record is broken or not, the race between Star Pointer, Joe Patchen and Frank Agan will be one of the hottest ever seen. Star Pointer has shown already this season he is in form, having secured a win in good time. Frank Agan won the free-for-all race at Detroit, and is fit to go for a fortune. Joe Patchen has not yet started this year.

BIG INSURANCE SWINDLE.

Gigantic Scheme to Rob the Large Companies Uncovered.

W. D. Robinson of Meriden, Miss., has been in New York for several days in consultation with the officials of the principal life insurance companies. His object is to bring to light facts in a conspiracy to defraud insurance companies by insuring invalids and decrepits, and where disease failed, to hasten the death of the victims, by means of poison. The conspiracy is said to be laid in Kemper County, Mississippi. Robinson estimates the operations of the conspirators, after conferences with the New York Life, Equitable and Mutual Benefit of New York, are as follows: Policies in which members appeared as beneficiaries, 100; amount cleared and divided by the plotters, \$75,000; still to be paid and divided, \$15,000.

OZAR THREATENS SULTAN.

Will Send Troops Into Turkey If Thessaly Is Not Evacuated.

According to a dispatch received in Berlin the czar has telegraphed the sultan demanding the immediate evacuation of Thessaly and threatening that otherwise the Russian troops will cross the Turkish frontier. It is said, semi-officially, that the powers expect that Great Britain has consented to this course.

The Turkish ambassadors have informed the czar that they wish a written declaration as to the intention of the Turkish government which has hitherto been communicated orally to Tewfik Pasha. The ambassadors have stated that if this is not forthcoming they will suspend peace negotiations and refer the whole matter to their respective governments, with the view of adopting coercive measures.

HOUSE ADOPTS REPORT.

Measure Carried by a Vote of 185 to 118.

The conference report on the tariff bill was adopted by the house shortly after midnight Monday by a vote 185 to 118 and at noon Tuesday the report will go to the senate for action there. The result was accomplished after twelve hours of continuous debate.

Will Face Steel Bullets.

Two weeks hence the bullet proof cloth invented by Casimira Zeglen, a Chicago monk, will receive its final test. The inventor expects to demonstrate beyond a doubt that the cloth will successfully resist a steel bullet fired from a Krag-Jorgensen rifle. This test will be made at Fort Sheridan. If it should prove to meet the claims made for it by Brother Zeglen, a bullet proof cloth adapted to the use of armies is an accomplished fact.

Peary Off for Greenland.

The steam sealing bark Hope, with Lieut. Peary and party on board, bound for northern Greenland, left Boston at daybreak Monday. Its object is to establish a settlement of young Esquimaux in a remote northern point in Greenland, which will be used as a base of supplies for an expedition in search of the north pole under Peary in 1898.

To Do Away with Steam.

Projected changes in the motive power of the three elevated railway lines of Greater New York and the New York, New Haven and Hartford surface road have been announced. Electric motors driven by the currents of a "third rail" system will supplant the steam engine on each of these roads.

Chicago Real Estate Man Fails.

T. H. Schintz, a Chicago real estate dealer, has assigned. His liabilities are \$200,000, and assets probably more. A heavy mortgage indebtedness caused his failure.

Ruling in Regard to Chinese.

The attorney general of the United States has given an opinion to the secretary of the treasury, in which he holds that a Chinese person who leaves this country under permit must return within the two years allowed by law, without reference to the cause of his delay.

Battleship Iowa at Newport.

The battleship Iowa has arrived at Newport, R. I., from the League Island navy yard. A delegation from Iowa will formally tender the silver service presented by the citizens of that state.

FOUND INNOCENT AGAIN.

The Word "Intent" Saves Spalding for a Second Time.

For the second time in two months a jury in a Chicago criminal court found Charles W. Spalding, ex-treasurer of the University of Illinois, not guilty of embezzlement of the endowment funds of that institution. As before, the single word "intent" saved Spalding. The instructions given the jury by the court were that unless they were sure that Spalding intended to embezzle they must acquit. The jurors said after rendering the verdict that while there was no doubt that Spalding embezzled, there was doubt as to whether he intended to embezzle, and nothing could be done but to acquit him. Eight ballots were taken by the jury, the first being seven for conviction and five for acquittal. There are still twenty-five indictments against Spalding and he will be tried again.

OFF FOR THE POLE.

Prof. Andree Starts on His Perilous Balloon Voyage.

The steamer Svenskund, from Spitzbergen, reports that Prof. Andree ascended in his balloon at 2:30 p. m. Sunday last under favorable circumstances. The wind was good and all well. The preparations lasted three and a half hours. The balloon, which is christened the Eagle, made a successful ascent amid the shouts and cheers of the crowd who had gathered to witness the departure. Despite the lightness of the wind, the balloon rose rapidly until an altitude of about 600 feet had been attained, when it was forced down nearly to the surface of the sea. After a few sand bags had been thrown out, however, it again ascended. The weather was clear and the Eagle was visible for an hour, traveling in a north northeasterly direction. When last seen it was moving at the rate of twenty-two miles an hour.

PREPARE FOR A GRAIN RUSH

Thousands of Extra Freight Cars Sent Into Western States.

Long trains of empty cars have rolled out of Kansas City for two weeks and dropped off in twos, threes and fives on side tracks along the lines of the railroads in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. These empty freight cars, of which there are thousands, will be filled with new '97 wheat inside of four or five weeks. A tremendous grain rush is expected and the best of management by railroad officials will be needed to prevent a huge grain blockade or a grain famine. Conservative estimates of crop statisticians place the yield of wheat for this year in Kansas alone at 60,000,000 bushels.

LYNCH A RAVISHER.

Alabama Mob Takes a Negro Out of Court and Hangs Him.

Maj. Terrell, a negro, ravished Mrs. Martin Thomas near Elba, Ala., beat her into insensibility, threw her on a bed with her sleeping infant, piled up pine wood and set it on fire. The flames attracted passers by, who rescued the woman in time to secure an ante-mortem statement. The baby was burned to death. Terrell was arrested. While he was having a preliminary trial a mob took him from the court and hanged him.

Fatal Colorado Accident.

By an accident on the toll road near Ouray, Colo., Miss Myrtle Shaw of Pittsfield, Ill., was fatally injured and several others, all members of the Y. M. C. A. excursion party, painfully hurt, among them Maj. E. W. Halford, private secretary to President Harrison during his tenure of office. Just below Bear Creek Falls the horses to the carriage in which the party was riding became frightened and overturned the carriage with the results above stated. Miss Shaw died shortly after the accident. The injuries to the others are not believed to be serious.

Trainmen Must Not Flirt.

Trainmaster Thomas of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad has issued an order forbidding trainmen from indulging in flirtations with women along the track or on passenger trains. Any violation of the order means a discharge. Even freight men will not be allowed to wave at country lassies as they pass. He claims the women distract the men's attention from their duties.

Berry is "Dead Broke."

James E. Berry, formerly of Gloverville, N. Y., who posed as a millionaire and scattered his money lavishly in the west, especially in Illinois, and gained a wide reputation as a spendthrift, has returned to that city. Since his arrival there has been no indication that he has money to burn, and he is apparently "strapped."

Marrs His Housemaid.

Dr. C. F. Cadwallader, the head of one of Philadelphia's oldest and most exclusive families, was married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church to Bridget Mary Ryan, his former housemaid. The marriage caused quite a sensation in society circles.

Big Demand on Spain.

The government has directed United States Minister Woodford to formally present to the Spanish government and press the claim of the family of the late Dr. Ruiz for \$75,000 indemnity on account of his death in the jail in Cuba.

Senator Hansbrough to Wed.

The Washington Evening Star Friday announced that Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota and Miss Chapman of Washington will be married in New York city on August 20.

Place for Powderly.

The president has nominated T. V. Powderly of Pennsylvania, for commissioner of general immigration.

To Return to the K. of L.

The Window Glass Workers' Association of Pittsburg, Pa., has decided to return to the Knights of Labor.

Col. Joseph Conrad Dead.

Col. Joseph Conrad of the army died at Atlantic City, N. J., Monday, aged 69 years.

The Snake may change its skin, but keeps its teeth.

TARIFF AGREED UPON

SENATE AND HOUSE DIFFERENCES ADJUSTED.

An Entirely New Sugar Schedule Agreed Upon—Measure Will Probably Be Passed and Signed by the End of the Present Week.

The Conference Agree.

When the Republican conferees on the tariff bill, representing the two houses of congress, adjourned at 6 o'clock Saturday, the announcement was made on behalf of each of the houses that they had agreed on all the items of the bill and that the result of the partisan conference would be submitted to the Democratic members of the conference at a full meeting to be held on Monday. It is learned from an entirely reliable source that a very large majority of the senate amendments will be accepted. A number of amendments made by the senate were verbal; others were trivial, and still others were made necessary to secure harmony on construction. Senator Jones of Nevada, holding power both in the senate and in committee, was enabled to secure many concessions for western interests in the senate, and these he held without exception in the conference. He even succeeded in securing a degree of protection for beet sugar greater than was given either in the senate or the house bill. An entirely new sugar schedule was agreed upon by the conferees. It is thought that the new measure will be passed and signed by the end of the present week.

INSPIRED A FAMOUS SONG.

Death of the Woman Who Suggested "The Last Rose of Summer."

Mrs. Amelia Kohler died Saturday at Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Had it not been for Mrs. Kohler, Tom Moore might never have written "The Last Rose of Summer." The poem was of her suggestion and the first line was from her lips. She was, early in the century, a close friend of Moore's sister, who kept a private school in London. While walking in the garden of the school with the poet one day Mrs. Kohler, so the story runs, plucked a rose, remarking: "Tis the last rose of summer; write about it Mr. Moore." The incident suggested the thought that was afterwards so beautifully woven into verse, and the poem was dedicated "To Amelia," which is Mrs. Kohler's first name. She was 92 years old when she died, and frequently spoke of having seen Napoleon in her girlhood.

A CLEVELAND HERO.

Dives from a Bridge 100 Feet High to Save a Drowning Boy.

John Norman, a carpenter, while crossing the Central viaduct in Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday night, heard screams from the docks below. He looked over and saw a boy struggling in the river. He leaped to the rail and poised a moment above 101 feet through the air to the river. He struck the water cleanly and in a second came to the surface. The boy had sunk, but Norman went down again and brought him up unconscious. He struggled with his burden to the dock, where the two were dragged out. The boy, after vigorous efforts was restored to consciousness. Norman soon after became dizzy and was placed in the care of a physician.

WOULDN'T LET HIM RESIGN.

Trans-Mississippi Congress Retains a Gold Man as President.

At the opening of Saturday morning's session of the Trans-Mississippi congress in Salt Lake President Craig said his views on the financial question were well known. The congress had put itself on record as demanding the immediate restoration of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. He must therefore tender his resignation as president officer. Bryan stated that Craig's financial views would not be inconsistent with his duties as president officer. The question was put to a vote and the congress unanimously refused to accept his resignation.

POWERS FIX INDEMNITY.

Tarkey Gets \$4,000,000 and a More Liberal Line of Frontier.

It is stated in Athens on reliable authority that the powers have fixed the indemnity to be paid to Turkey by Greece at \$4,000,000, and have accepted a compromise giving Turkey a more liberal line of frontier. Turkey and Greece have been left to settle the question of the capitulations between themselves.

Murder that is Justifiable.

Judge Gray Falconer acquitted Job S. Harris for killing his wife's lover, Thos. H. Merritt, in Lexington, Ky., last Friday night. He held that the action of the man who avenges the destruction of his blasted married life and his dishonored children by striking down the destroyer, after all must be determined at the bar of human nature and human nature will excuse the one who so avenges.

Over a Mile a Minute.

The Empire state express on the New York Central broke the record of every railroad in the world when it made the distance between Syracuse and Buffalo, 148.8 miles in 137 minutes. The fastest time was made from the top of the hill west of Batavia to East Buffalo, 32 miles, in 25 minutes.

Dr. Cornwall Acquitted.

Dr. Richmond Cornwall of Kansas City, Mo., who, while defending his father, killed his brother, Herbert Cornwall, at St. Louis, Mo., was acquitted of the charge of murder Saturday.

Frank Butler Hanged.

A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that Frank Butler, the Australian bush murderer was hanged Thursday. He confessed having committed four murders.

Weekly Bank Statement.

The New York weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$4,676,000. The banks now hold \$46,087,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

THE WEEK IN TRADE.

Dun & Co. Thinks the Past Week Very Encouraging.

New York: R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Excepting the great coal miners' strike, which may terminate at any time, there is scarcely a feature of the business outlook which is not encouraging, the season considered. Crop prospects have been improved by needed rain in some regions, and foreign agencies continue to promise a large demand. In many home industries, particularly in building, there is more activity than in any year since 1892, and the week has brought out a better demand in boots and shoes and in wools, while the movement of freight, mainly iron ore, through the Sault Ste. Marie canal is the largest in its history. With money markets unclouded there is nothing in sight to hinder rapid improvement when uncertainty about legislation has been removed, for the miners' strike could not last long if business and industries should become active.

TO DROP 8,000 FEET.

Wm. D. Felts Will Test His Aeroplane at Pike's Peak.

William D. Felts, an expert with the aeroplane, has decided to put the machine to a practical test by making an ascension from the top of Pike's Peak and then dropping to the earth at some considerable distance away, making the fall about 8,000 feet. He does not hesitate to say that the trip is without any special danger, as he has the utmost confidence in the kite. This will be the first attempt of the kind in the world, as many have contended that the light air at the altitude of 14,000 feet would preclude an ascension on a large scale. The attempt will be made this week, as soon as Felts can perfect the arrangement of aeroplanes sufficient to carry his weight. The feat will be witnessed by many persons interested in aeroplanes, and the army officers who are now at Broadmoor at the base of Pike's Peak for the summer, will make a formal report.

AGED FEMALE SWINDLER.

Notorious Ellen Peck, 75 Years Old, Again Wanted by Police.

After eluding the notice of the metropolitan police of New York city for more than six years, Ellen Peck, the confidence woman, now nearly 75 years of age, is wanted again. Her victims this time are several residents of Brooklyn, whom she is charged with swindling out of sums aggregating \$15,000. More specifically, she is wanted for defrauding the late Dr. Christopher Lott of \$10,000, an amount which represented nearly all of his savings and the loss of which is believed by his friends to have contributed largely to his death, which occurred on May 19.

Atlanta Merchant Suicides.

Emmanuel Rich, a member of one of the largest dry goods firms of Atlanta, Ga., cut his throat Saturday morning and died. He tried to kill himself a short time since but was prevented. Since then he has been under surveillance, but this time he eluded his watchers. He had been despondent for some days.

Entombed Miner Rescued.

James Stevens, the imprisoned miner, was rescued from the Mammoth mine at Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday after an imprisonment of fourteen days without food or water. Stevens is fearfully emaciated and has lost fully seventy pounds during his confinement, but his mind is clear.

Banker Burlingame Convicted.

W. E. Burlingame, president of the defunct Bank of Commerce of Springfield, Mo., which failed in July, 1893, has been convicted for taking deposits when he knew the bank was in an insolvent condition, and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

Big Blaze in Berlin.

A fire in a large building on the Hausvogter Platz, the center of the dress and mantle trade in Berlin, caused a loss of between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 marks. The firms of Frankel & Branker and Leon are the chief sufferers.

Driven Off by the Indians.

It is reported from Hermosillo, Mexico, that the exploring party under Jesse Grant, which recently landed on Tiburou Island, in the Gulf of California, was driven off the island by cannibalistic Seri Indians.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$2.45; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 38c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 5c to 10c; new potatoes, 45c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 37c; clover seed, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 38c; pork, mess, \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 78c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 12c to 16c; eggs, Western, 11c to 13c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Tin Box Containing \$20,000 in Coins and Gold Bars Dug Up on the Ranch of John D. Moore, Near North Platte—Short Notes.

Nebraskan's Rich Find.

John D. Moore, a ranchman of North Platte, and his men unearthed a rotten tin box on his ranch two miles north of that city on the other day, while excavating for an irrigating ditch, which held more than \$20,000 in gold bars and \$800 in silver coins. The gold was in small bars of two inches long by one inch square. They were wrapped in buckskin which had almost disappeared during the many years it must have remained in the ground. There were a number of scraps of buckskin in the hole where the treasure lay, which the men believe originally held gold dust. They preserved several barrels of the earth around the spot on the theory that the gold dust had escaped from the box and had been washed out into the soil. The silver coin all dates prior to 1840 and is in halves and dollars. The place where the treasure was buried is near a spring, where all overland traffic years ago stopped for water, and most of the returning California miners camped there. As massacres of small parties of emigrants were frequent, it is believed this treasure belonged to one of the parties and when they were attacked by the Sioux they buried their wealth and it remained in the earth until taken out by Moore.

SETTLERS ARE EXASPERATED

Trouble Brewing on the Borders of Pine Ridge Reservation.

Unless the officers at Pine Ridge are directed by their interior department to suspend their warfare upon the settlers adjoining the reservation on the south, in Sheridan County, trouble of a serious nature may be looked for between the settlers and Indian police at any time. The trouble arose over the right of the homesteaders and settlers to run their stock on and take dead timber off a strip of land five miles wide and ten miles long lying south of the Sioux reservation. This was withdrawn from settlement in 1881 by an executive order of President Arthur and has remained in statu quo since. The present difficulty is caused by the officers at Pine Ridge Agency exercising jurisdiction over this strip. The best constitutional lawyers say the United States has no jurisdiction over it, as it was included in the enabling act as part of Nebraska and that she never ceded jurisdiction to the national government. Notwithstanding this fact it seems the authorities at Pine Ridge arrest every person caught on there taking off dead timber for his own use and impound all horses or cattle found thereon. Many of the settlers are now heavily armed, and threaten to take the matter into their own hands.

Church Twenty-five Years Old.

The Congregational Church of Harvard celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary July 14. The church, then superintended by Rev. O. W. Merrill, then superintendent of the Congregational Home Missions for Nebraska, July 13, 1872. Rev. D. B. Perry, now president of Doane College, Crete, was the first pastor. During its twenty-five years of existence the church has received about 300 into its membership, and at the present time has a membership of about 100, with a fine church building and parsonage. It has been self supporting for several years, and is entirely out of debt.

Wife Refuses to Prosecute.

A. M. Winebrener, arrested upon a charge of child beating at Beatrice, was given a coat of tar and feathers, was arraigned before Justice Enlow, but his wife refusing to prosecute he was dismissed. Mrs. Winebrener admits that her husband whipped his step-daughter in a brutal manner, as he has also done his own children, but does not think he merited the punishment meted out to him. She is severe in her denunciation of the authorities for failing to protect Winebrener from his midnight visitors.

Frontier County Will Exhibit.

The executive board of the Frontier County Agricultural Fair Association met at Stockville and determined to send an exhibit to the state fair this fall. The secretary was instructed to call for bids for 500 premium lists. The county fair will be held September 29, 30 and October 1. Quite a number of men in the county are taking an active interest in the exhibit to be sent to the state fair and want to show what can be raised in Frontier County.

Knocked Down by a Bull.

While T. J. Pugh of Fullerton was putting a fly-cove on his 3-year-old Jersey bull the beast became enraged and attacked his keeper. The animal knocked him to the earth and would have gored him to death had not Tom Lott gone to the assistance of Mr. Pugh and beaten the infuriated animal away. As it was, Mr. Pugh was badly injured, but hopes are entertained by his physician that he will recover.

Investigating the Tar Episode.

At the last city council meeting at Beatrice resolutions were adopted requesting the mayor to rigidly investigate the matter, and if it shall be found that any city official participated in or in any way aided in the tar and feathering episode, to at once discharge such official; also authorizing the offering of a reward of \$10 each for the apprehension and conviction of each participant therein.

Injured by His Own Wire Fence.

While Dan Kroh, a farmer two miles west of Stella, was nailing up a gap in a wire fence preparatory to turning his work horses in, one of them galloped through the wire, knocking Mr. Kroh to the ground and tearing the flesh off the back of his hand, also cutting a deep gash in his thigh. Mr. Kroh says that at one time it seemed impossible for him to get out of the wire alive.

Boy Drowned While Bathing.

Charles White, aged 18 years, son of John W. White of Broken Bow, was drowned in the Tschueck canal last Sunday. It is supposed he went in bathing as his clothes were found on the bank. He was alone and could not swim. The body was recovered.

Will Build a Drainage Ditch.

The plan for a large drainage ditch, to be constructed through the Missouri River bottom across Bart County, to be twenty-six miles in length, has been agreed to by the county supervisors by a vote of 4 to 3.

FURNAS COUNTY TELEPHONES

System Built by the Residents for Their Own Use.

The Beaver City telephone system is to be extended to Harlan County and will connect Stamford, Orleans and Alma with that place. This is a distance of twenty-eight miles, and will increase the mileage of the system to over 100 miles. The system is entirely a local enterprise. The wire is stretched upon native poles, most of which were furnished by farmers along the route, in consideration of which they are entitled the free use of the phones along the line. The central station is situated in the postoffice building at Beaver City, the switchboards, lightning arresters, etc., are all of home manufacture. The line is not conducted as a money making scheme, but merely for the convenience of the various towns of the county. It is self-sustaining, as persons not members of the "exchange," i. e., those who contributed either poles, labor or cash to its construction, are charged 25 cents for a talk of five minutes.

Condition of the State Banks.

The report of the state banking board has been issued showing the condition of the state and private banks at the close of business May 26, 1897, as compared with that of December 31, 1896. At present there are 400 banks as compared with 411 on December 31. During the interval twenty-three banks have closed, three have reorganized, and nine new banks have opened. Under the head of liabilities there is a general falling off in the amounts, with a notable exception in the item of deposits, which shows an increase of \$1,068,298.00. In resources there is an increase of \$1,227,129.00, with a considerable increase in the other items.

State Horticultural Society.

The summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society convened at Arlington the 15th inst. for a two days' session. In attendance at the meeting were a number of the representative horticulturists of the state. During the morning hours of the first day the local committees were busy arranging on tables in the convention hall a display of Nebraska grown fruit. That the soil and climate of Nebraska are adapted to the propagation of any and all kinds of fruit was amply shown by the display on exhibition. The display, notwithstanding it is early in the season, was one of the features of the meeting.

Sentence on Two Bank Robbers.

Judge Sedgwick at York overruled the