

# ELECTRIC FLASHES

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

## CHAMPION BIGAMIST

CALLS A CONVENTION OF ALL HIS SPOUSES.

**Two Militiamen Injured by the Premature Discharge of a Cannon at Camp Wilkins—Bishop Places a Ban on an Irish Picnic.**

**A Champion Bigamist.**  
David E. Bates, who is under arrest in Chicago for having five wives, three of whom he had established in separate households in that city, has called a convention of his various spouses, whose number, it is thought, may reach a dozen. He caused the following advertisement to be inserted in a local paper:

**NOTICE**—All wives, or women who claim to be wives, of David E. Bates, or Gates, are requested to meet at the stock yards police station, South Halstead and Mattson Streets, Wednesday morning, August 11, at 9 a. m., for the purpose of interviewing him in a body.

Bates wants Marquette, Kalamazoo and Galena papers to take notice of the request.

**GUN GOES OFF TOO SOON.**

**Cannon Prematurely Explodes While Being Loaded.**

There was a shocking accident at Camp Wilkins, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Monday. It was arranged as usual to fire a governor's salute of seventeen guns as he approached the camp. At the third gun there was a premature discharge just as Private James Dally of Company F, Algona, was about to withdraw the rammer. There was a second of shock and confusion, and then the gun squad and spectators, as the smoke began to clear away, saw Dally lying prostrate on his face about ten feet in front of the gun. When taken to the hospital, however, the surgeons, after a careful examination, found that Dally's injuries were not as bad as at first appeared, although they were very severe. Frank Foreman of Sioux City was thumping the vent at the time, and the best evidence that he was doing his duty is that his thumb was wrenched out of joint.

**BAN ON AN IRISH PICNIC.**

**Bishop Fink Forbids Catholics to Attend a Gathering.**

Bishop Fink of the Catholic diocese of Leavenworth and Kansas City, Kan., had read in all the parishes in his diocese Sunday a letter forbidding members of the Catholic church from attending the Irish-American picnic to be held in Kansas City, Kan., next Sunday. Bishop Fink gave as his reasons for putting a ban on the picnic that Sunday was a holy day on which all Catholics were obliged to do duty toward the church and God, and that a public picnic was not a fit observance of the day. He said also that the holding of a picnic on the Sabbath was in direct violation of the laws of the Catholic church, and that anyone taking part in such a celebration would be guilty of offense in the sight of God.

Edmond Lynch, president of the United Irish societies, states that the picnic will be held, notwithstanding Bishop Fink's letter.

**DESPERADOES SHOT DOWN.**

**Two Alabama Outlaws Have a Fight with Five Officers.**

Two negro desperadoes, Allen Lightfoot and son, had a pistol fight with five officers of the law on the road that runs along Pea River, in Coffee County, Alabama, Monday. The negroes had been wanted for some time for various felonies and had defied the officer to arrest them. Five deputy sheriffs encountered them in a narrow road and a cross fire was opened at once and many shots exchanged. The elder Lightfoot was shot through the heart and killed and his son was shot in both legs and in the shoulder. He will die. None of the officers were seriously wounded.

**Lottie Temple Not Slain.**

Definite trace has at last been secured of Lottie Temple, the Rapids City, Mich., girl who mysteriously disappeared in Chicago a month ago and was supposed to have been murdered. She had come to Chicago to earn a living and became acquainted with a railroad brakeman named William Garrison. Detectives Corbus and Cadmore have learned of her movements for several days after she had separated from Garrison, and now believe she has gone to a western city with a former engineer of the Burlington road.

**Filled Full of Bullets.**

Nathaniel Mason, a young negro, attempted an assault Sunday night upon Mrs. Powell of Glenwood, Ga., in her bed room, and was captured after a fierce struggle by her husband. In a short time nearly fifty of his neighbors armed with guns and pistols arrived at the scene of the assault. They took the negro from Dr. Powell and carried him some distance down the road and shot him to death.

**Poisoned by a Mosquito Bite.**

A mosquito bite may cost pretty Dorothy Dodworth of Greater New York her right leg. She is lying ill in the house of Mrs. M. E. Lyon in Elmhurst, L. I., her right leg being swollen to three times its natural size. She is delirious, and suffers excruciating pain.

**Zimmerman Wins New Honors.**

A cablegram says Gus Zimmerman, a rifle shot, again distinguished himself in a shooting match at Frankfort-on-Main, taking first prize. Zimmerman has won first prize in all the important shooting matches in Europe since he has been there.

**American Tennis Team Wins.**

In a contest full of brilliant plays the American team, composed of R. D. Wrenn and C. S. Campbell, defeated the English team, H. S. Mahoney and W. V. Eaves, in the international tennis tournament at Hoboken, N. J.

## CURT BUT CONCILIATORY.

**Secretary Sherman's Reply to the Latest Protest by Japan.**

It is understood that the reply of Secretary Sherman to the last Japanese protest against the annexation of Hawaii will be brief by comparison with the long letters that have gone before, but it will be conciliatory in tone. The basic tone of the note will be a declaration by Secretary Foster, which he submitted to President Harrison with the original treaty of annexation, in 1893, which failed owing to the immediate change of administration.

This statement was that according to a recognized principle of international law the obligations of the treaties, even when some of their stipulations are in terms perpetual, expire in case either of the contracting parties loses its existence as an independent state. The foreign treaties of the Hawaiian islands, therefore, terminate upon annexation, with the competence of the government thereof to hold diplomatic relations. This argument is to meet the Japanese objections that they will by annexation lose certain privileges for Japanese subjects which they now enjoy under the treaty with Hawaii.

The second Japanese objection that annexation will disturb the balance of power in the Pacific was met with an elaboration of the argument that the Hawaiian Islands have for so long a time been under the influence of the United States and have by tradition become so closely affiliated with the republic that no sensible change in policies or actualities of government may be expected to result from a legal merging of the islands into the United States.

**ROCKEFELLER'S SACRIFICE.**

**Magnate to Dispose of His Summer Home on Account of Taxes.**

Wm. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil Company magnate, will sell \$2,500,000 worth of property at Tarrytown for \$350,000, because he considers the assessment for taxation outrageously high.

A great number of wealthy people have summer homes at Tarrytown. The Rockefeller, John D. and William, believe they have been especially marked as victims by the local assessors. Last year William Rockefeller's place was taxed on a valuation of \$1,100,000. The purchase price, according to Mr. Rockefeller's agent, was \$125,000, and the improvements cost about \$350,000. Of course, last year's assessment was considered excessive by Mr. Rockefeller, considering the amount the place cost him and he appealed to the courts. In spite of the fact that the \$1,100,000 assessment was being fought as too high, the village assessors calmly proceeded to more than double the valuation, this year fixing it at \$2,533,805.

**NOVEL SCHEME TO LAY DUST**

**New Jersey Railroad Sprinkles Its Right of Way with Oil.**

The recent discovery of Chief Engineer J. H. Nichols of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad at May's Landing, N. J., that crude oil applied to the ground along the railroad track would effectively lay dust, proved to work far better than expected. Both lines of track from Camden to Atlantic City are being thoroughly saturated for a distance of six feet on both sides of the tracks. The oil is applied on much the same plan as streets are sprinkled with water, and recently an oil train with a sprinkling apparatus sprinkled more than twenty miles of track. One sprinkling a year, at a cost of \$80 per mile, it is claimed, will lay the dust effectually. The entire Pennsylvania system, it is said, is to be sprinkled with oil as speedily as possible.

**LYNCHING IN KENTUCKY.**

**Mob Hangs One White Outrager and Menaces Another.**

A dispatch from Barbourville, Ky., says: Jack Williams was caught in the mountains near Brush Creek and lynched Friday night by a mob of enraged men. He and his brother Tom were accused of raping a deaf mute girl named Viney Bays. Tom Williams was forced to marry the girl. He is now in jail and there are threats of lynching him. The crime was a shocking one. The girl was brought into court, scantily clothed and barefooted. She is in a serious mental condition and there is much indignation.

**Sherman's Vacation Over.**

Secretary Sherman returned to Washington Friday afternoon from a brief rest of two weeks at Amagansett, L. I. He appears refreshed and improved by his brief respite at the ocean. Secretary Sherman denied recent statements from San Francisco that Minister Sewall had instructions to establish a protectorate over Hawaii in the event the senate failed to ratify the annexation treaty.

**Photographers Name Officers.**

The Northwestern Photographers' convention, in session at St. Paul, Minn., elected officers as follows: President, J. A. Brush of Minneapolis; first vice president, M. F. Heinzelman of Owatonna; secretary, P. J. Nelson of Anoka; treasurer, A. H. Opsall of Minneapolis; vice president for Iowa, M. W. Starks of Sioux City; vice president for South Dakota, L. V. Bean of Sioux Falls.

**Decides It Is Unconstitutional.**

What is known in Missouri as the Breeders' Law, under which pool selling and bookmaking are prohibited, except on race tracks, was pronounced unconstitutional the other day by Judge David Murphy of the court of criminal correction at St. Louis. This will probably have the effect of reopening the pool rooms.

**Resounding Ruling on Alaska.**

In response to a query from Seattle, Wash., the following telegram was received from the treasury department: "Miners can land their effects and go to British Columbia territory from Dyea under customs supervision without payment of duty and without giving bonds."

**Murders His Wife.**

Mrs. Warren Winding of Springfield, N. Y., was shot and killed by her husband in her home while talking to a visitor. He wounded Miss Ware, the visitor. The husband and wife have not been on good terms.

## CANOVAS IS KILLED

**Spain's Prime Minister Slain.**  
Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister of Spain, was assassinated Sunday at Santa Agueda, Spain, by an anarchist. The murderer fired three shots, two of which struck the premier in the head and the other in the chest. The wounded man lingered unconscious for two hours and died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The assassin narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the waiters and attendants who rushed forward. Detectives and civil guards immediately secured him. He was very pale, trembled violently and evidently believed that he would be killed on the spot. The murderer is a Neapolitan and gives the name of Rinaldi, but it is believed that this is an assumed name, and that his real name is Michello Angoni Ani. He declares that he killed Senor Canovas "in accomplishment of a just revenge," and that the deed is the outcome of a vast anarchist conspiracy. He is believed to have arrived at Santa Agueda at the same day as the premier, and he was frequently seen lurking in the passages of the bathing establishment in a suspicious manner.

**FLORIDA'S ORANGE CROP.**

**Season's Yield Will Be Between 150,000 and 200,000 Boxes.**

Officers of the Florida Fruit Exchange in Jacksonville, who keep themselves posted on the condition of the orange crop throughout the state, now estimate that the crop this fall will amount to between 150,000 and 200,000 boxes. The bulk of the oranges will come from the counties of Manatee and Lee. Volusia County will come next with 15,000 to 20,000 boxes. The crop would probably have reached 250,000 boxes had it not been for the drought in the spring and early summer. This caused quantities of small oranges to drop from the trees, especially in the middle orange growing section of the state. In 1898 the probabilities are, freezes and droughts barred, the crop will reach as high as 600,000 boxes. All of the orange growers are sanguine of success. They have now tided over the worst period, that following the disaster of the freeze, and have restored their groves to something like their old time beauty.

**TURKEY BACKS DOWN.**

**Abandons Proposal to Send a Fleet of Warships to Crete.**

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Turkey's prompt abandonment of the proposal to send the Turkish fleet to Crete is significant of her attitude whenever the powers take a bold and united stand.

**Ordered Out of Germany.**

As a result of the protest and intervention of Ambassador White young Alfred Wessling, son of Charles Wessling of New York, who, while visiting Germany last spring, was drafted into the German army, enrolled in the Seventy-fourth Regiment, stationed in Hanover, and was recently, for the petty offense of chaffing, struck a violent blow by his sergeant which provoked him to retaliate, thus laying himself open to court martial, has been liberated by the authorities, discharged from the army and ordered to leave Germany within three days.

**Defines an Original Package.**

Judge Simonton of the United States court at Charleston, S. C., has filed his decision defining an original package and thereby settling a disputed feature in the dispensary law. The court holds that the original package is the form in which the liquor is delivered to the initial carrier at the point of shipment. If a box of liquor is imported the whole box must be sold and not a single bottle out of the box. The decision will require all dealers to import liquor in single packages.

**Fatal Arkansas Fence Feud.**

Near Fairview, in Dallas County, Arkansas, Friday morning, Paul Horton shot and killed Wm. McQuade and made his escape. Both men were prominent in the community. The killing resulted from an attempt of Horton to tear down McQuade's fences. Friends of both families are taking sides in the affair and another feud is almost sure to result.

**Bicycle Tax Killed.**

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**MARKET QUOTATIONS.**

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 43c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; new potatoes, 40c to 60c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 81c to 83c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 42c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 81c to 83c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, 42c to 44c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 81c to 83c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 42c to 43c; clover seed, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 82c to 84c; corn, No. 3, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 1, 40c to 42c; barley, No. 2, 34c to 38c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.25.

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## BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

**General Trade Shows Gains in the West and South.**

Bradstreet's Weekly Review says: General trade shows most pronounced gains this week at Chicago, St. Louis and Galveston. The feeling of confidence that general business is to improve in the early autumn is marked at these cities, and purchases of dry goods, clothing, shoes and other staples have increased heavily and are followed by a disposition to move prices up. Purchases were restricted at Kansas City, Omaha, and some other northwestern points early in the week owing to heat and fears of damage to the Indian corn crop, but rains and cooler weather have stimulated demand again. On the Pacific coast business is brisk, the feature in California being heavy wheat shipments to San Francisco, at Portland large exports of lumber and at Seattle and Tacoma active demand for supplies for Alaska and the northwest territory, and for wheat, fruit and hops.

**THE NATION'S POPULATION.**

**Official Estimates of a Treasury Official Is 77,000,000.**

The latest official estimates of the population of the United States is 77,000,068. This is made by the actuary of the treasury, an officer whose duty it is, at fixed intervals, to report on the per capita circulation of money in the United States. He estimates that the present holdings of money are \$22.53 for every man, woman and child in the United States. His estimate of the population is made by the use of the census reports for the preceding decade. Certain fixed rules of increase by birth and immigration and provisions for deaths and other losses are made and the resulting estimate is accepted as official.

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## STATE OF NEBRASKA

**NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.**

**Beatrice's Tar and Feather Victim Files a Complaint with the Mayor—Would Have the Police Force Discharged and the Mob Arrested.**

**Winebrenner Has a Complaint.**  
Albert M. Winebrenner, the victim of a masked mob at Beatrice on July 10, has filed with Mayor Bourne, through his attorney, General Colby, a lengthy communication, asking for the removal of the entire police force, and that steps be taken to speedily apprehend the parties who constituted the mob. He asserts that he was illegally arrested and confined in jail. He mentions the names of two prominent citizens as being the parties who used the blacksnake on him whom he recognized at the time. He also mentions the names of several citizens who called at the jail after his rough experience, and states one of them was without a hat and looked much excited. He says he was illegally thrown into jail, the officers having no warrant at the time of his arrest. It will be remembered that he was arrested upon a message sent by his wife, and not upon a warrant. Winebrenner is the man who was tarred and feathered by a mob indignant at his cruel treatment of his stepdaughter, who finally ran away to Denver.

**Squatters Secure the Land.**

Notice has been received in Dakota City by the parties interested in the dismissal of the court of appeals of the case instituted about three years ago by J. E. Moores against E. J. Easton, C. H. Maxwell, J. Pilgrim, Ernest Helman and W. R. Brasfield, which involves the title to about 1,000 acres of land. Moores claimed this land as accretion, while the defendants set up squatters' rights, asserting that when the government survey was made in 1862 the land was cut off from the main body by a slough. All the defendants are residents of Dakota City and are "squatters" by proxy. They feel highly elated over the outcome of the case.

**Horses Run Away with Children.**

While Henry Hartman's team was standing in front of his meat market at Syracuse, it took fright and started out at a lively rate, having as passengers the infant sons of Henry and Oliver Hartman. One of the little children was thrown out after the team had gone a few blocks, and the other little fellow was found hanging onto the dashboard like grim death when the team was caught, after having made a run of nearly a mile. Horses, wagon and children came out unharmed.

**Factories for Dawson County.**

Hon. J. H. MacColl of Lexington returned from Chicago the fore part of the week with a party of capitalists who are ready to build sugar factories at Lexington and Gothenburg, upon assurance that the beet will be grown. Their expert says the section is better adapted to growing of sugar beets than any other in the United States. The soil is perfect, and the irrigation facilities make the growth of the largest quantity and best grade of beets a certainty.

**Sigwart Resigns.**

Chief Sigwart of the Omaha police force handed in his resignation at a special meeting of the police commissioners last week. The meeting was called to receive the charges formulated against Sigwart by the mayor and city attorney at the instance of the board. A resolution was adopted calling for an investigation of the charges made in a local paper that certain alleged gamblers had offered a purse of \$52,000 to have one man chosen as chief.

**Invited to the Exposition.**

Gov. Holcomb on August 7 sent out to governors of twenty-seven states west of the Mississippi invitations to attend the Trans-Mississippi exposition, to be held at Omaha next summer. Gov. Holcomb urges co-operation of the executives and people of the states that the exposition may be made a fit representation of western resources and development.

**Insects Eat Binding Twine.**

Much to the surprise of the farmers of Dakota County, when they went to stack their small grain, they found that crickets and grasshoppers had played havoc with the twine around the bundles in many fields, not missing one. This necessitated the small grain being threshed at once, and all threshing machines have been called into active use.

**Shoots Herself While Driving.**

While out riding at Harrisburg with a young man by the name of, Rulterge Etta Draper picked up a gun which was in the buggy and shot herself about three inches below the heart. She died shortly after committing the rash act. A lovers' quarrel was the probable cause of the deed.

**Will Hold a Beet Convention.**

The Business Men's Association has called a sugar beet convention to meet at Milford on the first day of September. The farmers are becoming interested and desirous to know something about the method of raising beets. Eminent speakers will be engaged.

**Juniata to Have a Band.**

Juniata is to have a fine band again. Nineteen pieces are already taken. There will be four clarionets, three drums and twelve or more brass horns. Many of the members, including the leader, are experienced musicians.

**Went to Sleep on the Track.**

While lying on the track at Louisville asleep waiting for the train, Guy Adams of Weeping Water was struck and his hand mangled so that amputation just below the elbow was necessary. The boy rallied and is doing well.

**Gather an Exhibit of Grains.**

E. D. Johnson of Lexington, under the direction of the state commission, is busy gathering grains for the Trans-Mississippi exposition. Some splendid samples have been secured.

**Leaves Wife and Child Behind.**

A week ago George Manson, a farm hand who has been working for Al Heacock of Getreia for some time past, drew \$5, had his mustache shaved off and boarded a train for Omaha. He has not been seen since. He left a wife and child that are now being cared for by Mr. Heacock.

**Boy Loses an Arm.**

Earl Epicut of Kennard fell from a ladder and broke his arm at the elbow last week. Monday last Dr. Pruner, assisted by Drs. Brown and Overguard, amputated the arm just above the elbow.

## NOT SUBJECT TO STATE LAWS

**Novel Defense of the U. P. in the Freight Rate Case.**

In its answer to the complaint of T. R. Tibbles charging the road with exacting extortionate local freight rates, the Union Pacific, through its attorney, W. B. Kelly, makes the novel defense, claiming that