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AROUND THE EARTH

OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

AN INQUIRY ORDERED

CAMP THOMAS FIRST TO BE INVESTIGATED.

If Blunders Have Been Made in the Conduct of the War the Responsibility Will Be Fixed—Minnesota Bank Looted.

Administration Orders Inquiry.
The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe Democrat says: President McKinley will order an investigation of all the charges which have been made against the war department in connection with the conduct of the war and the care of the soldiers. This statement is made on the authority of a cabinet minister. The intention is to have the investigation full and fair, and to let the blame for the errors committed, if there be any, fall where it may. It was the consensus of opinion in the cabinet that unless the administration took some cognizance of the charges which have been sent out broadcast congress certainly would.

The president has been most desirous from the first that there should be no politics in the war. A congressional investigation would be almost certain to drift into politics, and the very object of the investigation will thereby be defeated. The investigation which will be undertaken will be conducted in a military way, will be thorough, and the responsibility for mismanagement or incompetency will be placed where it belongs, no matter who is hit.

The investigation will probably begin with the medical department, against which the most serious complaints have been lodged. The medical department, anticipating the coming investigation, has come out with two statements of defense. One was given out by Assistant Secretary of War Meikeljohn, and the other by Surgeon General Sternberg.

In view of the statements that have been published about Camp Thomas, the surgeon general has requested that an investigation be made, and it has been ordered. The investigation will be made by an officer of the inspector general's department, who has not yet been selected.

MINNESOTA BANK LOOTER.

Cashier of Preston Institution Confesses to His Bondsman.
Mr. Todd, the cashier who wrecked the Fairmore County Bank at Preston, Minn., has confessed the theft of all the bank's deposit funds to M. Gratten, one of his bondsmen. Gratten told Todd a lynch was imminent unless he made a full statement. Overcome by fear he confessed just prior to the bank's assignment that he had taken all the money on deposit and delivered it to a former partner, who is now in LaCrosse, Wis. LaCrosse authorities have been asked to arrest him, and further developments are expected. It develops that Todd is a forger, a spurious note having turned up in the bank's paper. The note was given by the Presbyterian Church, of which Todd was Treasurer, paid, and Todd said he destroyed it. The note now turns up as collateral in the LaCrosse bank. Todd seems to have completely looted the bank and his mother-in-law's large estate. The feeling against him is bitter, almost to the point of violence.

TROUBLE IN WATCH FACTORY

Strike of Elgin Employees Threatens to Tie Up Entire Works.

A strike is on at the plant of the Elgin (Ill.) National Watch Company, which threatens to tie up the works. One hundred and twenty-two finishers, the most skilled and formerly the best paid men in the factory, have gone out on a strike for a restoration of their old pay on a certain grade of work and about thirty women and girls have struck with them from sympathy and a desire to get rid of a foreman who is blamed for the low wages. The strike has tied up one of the two assembling rooms of the Elgin plant, and the employees in the other say they are only waiting for a call from the Watchworkers' Union to strike too.

Four Mountain Climbers Killed.

Dr. John Hopkinson, an English electrical engineer, his son and two daughters, were killed while ascending the Dents de Vesiviv, Canton of Valais, mountains, which are among the highest in Europe and exposed to furious torrents and destructive avalanches. The party was making the ascent without a guide.

Hay to Bid Farewell to the Queen

Ambassador Hay, in anticipation of the departure for the United States to assume the duties of secretary of state, went to Osborne, Isle of Wight, Monday afternoon to dine and sleep there and bid farewell to the queen. Col. Hay's letter of recall has not yet arrived and will probably be presented by his successor.

White Has Not Yet Accepted.

It is not yet definitely and absolutely known whether Justice White will accept a position on the peace commission, and it may be necessary to select another man. In that contingency the name of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, is suggested for the place. The commission is to sail September 17.

URGE EXPULSION OF FRIARS.

Committee of Philipinos Appeals to the President.

The Philippine Islands committee in Europe has addressed a letter to President McKinley regarding the appeals made to him by high Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in America to protect the religious orders in the islands. The expulsion of the friars, the committee contends, is a "necessary antecedent to moral sanitation." The letter names particularly the archbishop of Manila and the bishops of Nueva Sagovia and Nueva Caseres, "whose acts of hostility against the Jesuits and other respected religious institutions are condemned by everyone."

The committee urges President McKinley, "to aid the Philipinos to suppress the immorality of the diabolical institutions fostered by those monks," and the letter concludes as follows:

"Your name can never be associated with that of the friars; and the sense of right of the noble nation at whose head you are placed will never permit the victorious and ever humanitarian stars and stripes to protect them."

EX-GOV. MATTHEWS DEAD.

Former Democratic Executive of Indiana Passes Away.

At 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the M. E. Harry homestead in Wingate, Ind., where he was taken after his sudden affliction, ex-Gov. Claude Matthews passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and all the other members of his family.

Gov. Matthews was born in Bath County, Kentucky, December 14, 1845. He left Kentucky in 1868 and settled in Verhillion County, Indiana. He organized the Indiana Southern Breeders' Association and was one of the founders of the National Association of Southern Cattle Breeders of the United States and Canada. He served a term in the legislature in 1867. In 1890 he was nominated and elected secretary of state and in 1892 was chosen governor.

Mr. Matthews attained wide celebrity while governor by driving out the Roly gamblers.

CZAR IS FOR PEACE.

Russia's Ruler Surprises Europe by a Disarmament Proposal.

By order of Emperor Nicholas, Count Mouravieff, the foreign minister, on the 24th inst, handed to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg a note declaring that the maintenance of peace and the reduction of the excessive armaments now crushing all nations is the ideal for which all governments ought to strive. The czar considers the present moment favorable for the inauguration of a movement looking to this end, and invited the powers to take part in an international conference as a means of thus insuring real and lasting peace and terminating the progressive movement of armament.

Concede Our Superiority.

The Spanish army officers who arrived on the steamer Alicante, which reached Corunna, Spain, on the 24th inst, with the first of the Spanish repatriated soldiers, were given a banquet by representatives of the Madrid press at Corunna. The officers declared that both the American and Spanish nations adhered to the methods of civilized warfare throughout the campaign. They conceded the superiority of the American artillery.

Predict Much Suffering.

The steamer City of Topeka, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., Sunday, brought among her passengers Postal Inspector Clum, who has made a tour of the Alaskan territory. The Topeka's passengers confirm the story of the richness of Pine creek, and say that suffering in St. Michaels this winter will be intense unless something is done by the government to send relief.

Kite Flying Record Broken.

The world's record for high kite flight was broken at Rotches observatory in Massachusetts Saturday by Messrs. Clayton and Ferguson, who dispatched a tandem of kites into the air until the highest one reached an altitude of 12,124 feet above the sea level, a height 27 feet greater than any kite has reached heretofore.

Won't Affect His Command.

The departure of Admiral Sampson for Cuba will make no change in his command. He will still command the North Atlantic station. Commodore Philip will be in charge of the repairing of the ships at New York.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

While a threshing crew was getting ready for work on the farm of J. F. Kirk, near Eugene, Ore., the boiler exploded. It was old and the steam gauge was out of order. One man was killed and eleven injured.

Tobacco Barns Wrecked.

A severe wind storm leveled ten tobacco barns at Suffolk, Conn., blew down many trees and crippled electric lights. The damage caused is estimated at \$15,000, confined largely to ruined tobacco.

War Causes a Berlin Suicide.

Frau Danneberg, a talented portrait painter, has committed suicide in Berlin, because, it is alleged, she could get no news of her son, who fought with the American army in Cuba.

Warship Has Not Foundered.

The report that the French armored cruiser Bruix had foundered in the Indian Ocean is without foundation. The Bruix is now at Saigon, China.

Promotion for Hobson.

The naval examination board has recommended Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson for promotion to naval constructor.

NOT READY FOR 9-HOUR DAY

Employing Printers to Further Consider the Knotty Problem.

The convention of the United Typothetae of America, otherwise employing printers, in Milwaukee, in response to representations of the Typographical and Pressmen's unions for a reduction of day's work from ten hours to nine, adopted resolutions declaring the Typothetae do not deem it "practicable at present to recommend to its members any change in the hours of labor which constitute a day's work," and appointing a committee to consider the question as to "what measures, if any, can be adopted by employing printers which will make a shorter day practicable without endangering undue loss upon employers," and authorizing the committee to confer with representatives of the Typographical and Pressmen's unions.

SURE THEY HAVE MURDERED

Delaware Authorities Are Convinced Mrs. Botkin Is the Poisoner.

Attorney General White of Delaware has sent to San Francisco requisition papers for Mrs. Botkin, who is under arrest there, charged with the poisoning of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane by means of candy sent through the mails. The papers charge Mrs. Botkin with murder in the first degree.

Mr. White said, "We have the murderess and we have evidence that no defense can shatter. The only thing we fear is Mrs. Botkin's self destruction."

Mr. White added that the writing on the wrapper of the candy package and that in the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning has been positively identified by Mr. Dunning as similar to the handwriting of Mrs. Botkin.

SMASHUP ON THE F. & P. M.

Circus Excursionists in a Wreck at Port Huron, Mich.

Twelve persons were more or less seriously injured in a collision on the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway at Port Huron, Mich., Saturday. The collision was between the Almont train and train No. 6 of the Saginaw division. The former was loaded with circus excursionists. Four cars of the Almont train were overturned and almost telescoped. The engine of the other train was derailed.

Big Stampede of Horses.

The first regiment of Texas cavalry is hunting a drove of 800 of their horses which stampeded early Saturday morning while being driven through San Antonio from Fort Sam Houston to the target range for pasture. Several accidents and run-aways were caused as the frightened animals ran through the streets. Nobody was seriously hurt, though several hacks and carriages, truck wagons, etc., were badly trampled.

Some Will Die.

A. H. Bennett's mine, near Danville, Ill., took fire Saturday while eighteen men were in the mine. Many of the men were badly burned. Some will die. The men were taken out through an air shaft. About 25,000 tons of coal ready to be hoisted were burned and also the main shaft. A number of mules and horses burned. The mine is practically ruined.

Japan May Buy Ladrone.

Japanese newspapers received in this country Saturday say that Japan wants to buy the Ladrone Islands for their fish resources. About eight years ago, it is stated, the Spanish government offered to sell the islands to Japan, but their purchase was opposed by Count Inouye.

Steamer Hope Returns.

The steamer Hope has arrived at St. Johns, N. F., from her trip to Greenland, whither she carried the Peary exploring expedition. Capt. Bartlett reports all well.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 68c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 43c to 45c; eggs, fresh, choice creamery, 16c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 13c; potatoes, choice, 35c to 45c per bushel.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2 white, 25c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 44c to 46c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 66c to 68c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, 44c to 45c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 42c to 44c; clover seed, \$3.25 to \$3.35.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 3, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 42c to 43c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 42c; pork, mess, \$8.75 to \$9.25.
Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.00; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$6.00.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c; butter, creamery, 15c to 20c; eggs, Western, 14c to 16c.

OUR BIGGEST WHEAT YIELD.

This Year's Crop the Greatest in the Country's History.

With the return of our hosts from the field of battle, crowned with the laurel of victory, comes the joyous news that this year's wheat crop will be the largest ever known in this country's history. The yield for the year, on the most trustworthy authority, will be 750,000,000 bushels. Of this amount 400,000,000 is winter wheat and 350,000,000 bushels the spring crop now being gathered. The 1891 crop which amounted to 611,780,000 bushel and was the largest yield heretofore, is thus easily eclipsed.

These figures mean much to the farmer and the people generally of this country. In the first place, the great wheat crop represents a money value of \$500,000,000 at ruling prices where the wheat is found. One-third of the wheat crop of the whole world is raised this year in Uncle Sam's domain. The productive country that has grown this wheat extends from ocean to ocean and from the latitude of southern Texas to the Canadian border. Most of the crop comes from the broad prairies of the Mississippi valley, and about 130,000,000 bushels of it from the two Dakotas, whose principal product is wheat. The product in these States is about twice what it was last year, for one reason because there is an increase of about 20 per cent in acreage.

Busy scenes are now being enacted in these new States, where farms are measured by the thousands of acres, and where wheat raising is carried on on a scale known nowhere else in the world. For mile after mile along the frequent railway stations are vast fields where grain stands three feet high, and at the stations the enormous buildings are the large elevators ready to receive the crop. At many of these railway towns there are enough elevators to supply each half dozen inhabitants with one.

The Dakota people are learning, and learning much, from Russian farmers who are settling in the States, and who understand little else than wheat raising. They are learning how to cultivate wheat at less expense than formerly, and how to hold their grain for a paying market. The entire Northwest has fortunately been free from devastating storms during the growing season, and this great factor, added to increased acreage and better farming, has brought a state of affairs which precludes all thought of the "starving farmers," of whom we heard so much a few years ago. These same farmers are happy now. They are independent, because prosperous. They are no longer paying 12 and 20 per cent for money, but are paying 6 per cent, so as to have money to buy more land on which to raise big wheat crops.

PENSION ROLLS INCREASED.

Report of the Commissioner for the Last Fiscal Year.

The forthcoming annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions will show that 63,648 original claims for pensions were granted the last fiscal year, and 4,089 pensioners, who had for various causes been dropped, were restored to the rolls. On June 30 the pension roll contained 976,014 names, while 6,852 original claims which had been granted and 762 restorations were not then entered on the rolls, so there were on that date 985,623 persons entitled to pensions. During the year 33,691 names were dropped from the rolls by reason of death and 5,346 for remarriage, expiration of minority, and other causes, making the net increase 17,700. The aggregate of pensions paid during the year was \$114,651,887, while the expenses of the bureau were \$4,613,861.

No claim for pensions under the Spanish war have yet been granted and no action can be taken on those already filed until the records of service are compiled by the War Department. A new division will be known as the Spanish-American war division will be established, in which will be handled all the claims arising under the war just passed. No additional legislation will be necessary and the claims will be adjudicated on the same lines as those from the civil war.

ECLIPSES THE KLONDIKE.

Enormous Output of Gold from the Black Hills Region.

The output of gold from the Black Hills region for the current year, it is estimated, will reach the enormous total of \$8,000,000. The prospects were never as good as at present and the producing mines have never paid a more liberal return on the capital invested in them. The Homestake, which is the richest of American gold mines, shows total earnings from June, 1897, to June of this year of \$2,494,374.53, the product of 548,300 tons of ore. This mine was discovered by the Manual brothers in 1876 and they had a rich elephant in their hands. The ore was of low grade, with streaks of rich material at intervals, and they had a mountain of it. They constructed a crude arastar on Gold Run and worked the selected high-grade ore successfully. The late ex-Senator George Hearst of California examined it with the practical eye of a miner. He saw a bonanza, asked their price and paid it. The property is really in its infancy, notwithstanding it has been operated for twenty years. On the 800-foot level they have 600 feet of ore in sight. None of the stock of the company controlling the mine can be purchased at the present time.

News of Minor Note.

While attempting to cross Loney creek, near Richmond, Ky., E. W. Hensley, a well-known farmer, was drowned.
Ex-President Casimir-Perier of France and his wife are making a cycling tour through the midland counties of England.
Many deaths from heat have occurred in Germany, and a number of destructive forest fires have broken out on account of drought.
Mrs. Caroline Taylor, aged 55, was found lying dead in the center of the highway between Callao, Mo., and Bevier. The inquest failed to develop the cause of her death.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The State Is Asked to Pay \$2,100 for the Use of the Old Fair Grounds at Lincoln for Mobilizing the Troops—Other Items.

Bills for Camp Saunders.
At the time the Nebraska troops were ordered to mobilize at Lincoln it was widely advertised in the newspapers that the city and citizens of Lincoln had patriotically come to the front and tendered to the state the use of the old state fair grounds, including fuel, lights and water free of charge. A few days later when the matter of changing the location to Omaha was broached the governor sent a telegram to the war department stating that these local expenses were to be paid by the city of Lincoln, using this as one of the arguments that the troops should be mobilized there. It now seems that through the failure of the governor and the citizens to have any definite understanding a bill of \$2,185 is to be added upon the state or general government for these items which the city was supposed to have guaranteed. One of the bills filed against the state reads as follows:

The state of Nebraska to the Nebraska Exposition Association, Dr., for damages to its grounds and buildings by the soldiers of the First and Second regiments of Nebraska volunteers while in camp thereon, \$1,000.

The water department of the city of Lincoln has also filed a bill, being sworn to by Water Commissioner Tyler, for \$1,100.

The Lincoln Gas Company has also filed a bill against the state "for seven arc lights for Camp Saunders from April 27 to May 21, all night, \$84." The total of all these bills reaches \$2,185. The bills have been in the hands of the governor for some time awaiting his endorsement, but as yet have not received his "O. K."

Big Time at Hartington.

August 25 was a great day for Hartington, the Northeast Nebraska Log Rolling Association having taken charge of the city. Delegations were present from many towns, the railroads running extra trains to accommodate the throng. It is estimated that fully 5,000 people took in the affair at the fair grounds and park. Horse races, foot races, ball games and many other amusements were held at the fair grounds. The industrial parade in the morning was attractive. The town was profusely decorated with bunting, flags and banners, and the fireworks in the evening exceeded anything of the kind heretofore given at any previous celebration held in that city.

Hon. A. R. Talbot of Lincoln addressed the large assembly, and his speech was heartily received. Ponca was decided on as the location for the Modern Woodmen of America meeting next year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Aogwood, Wayne, president; Henry Hecht, Hoskins, vice president; W. W. Cooper, Ponca, secretary and treasurer.

Serious Bicycle Accident.

A serious bicycle accident occurred at Table Rock, in which Mrs. H. A. Phillips and Rob Wood were severely injured. They were riding in opposite directions and collided. Both were thrown violently to the ground and were picked up unconscious and medical assistance given them. Mrs. Phillips was badly cut about the head. Mr. Wood was not able to stand the trip to his home, two and one-half miles in the country.

Fast Takamah Horse.

Lena Russell, who won the 2:29 pace at Joliet, Ill., easily in three straight heats, time 2:10, 2:11 and 2:12, is owned and driven by Bud R., son of W. W. Latta of Takamah. The mare is 4 years old, was foaled and raised in Takamah and her speed developed on the home track. The Lattas own her dam and sire and also have a number of other young horses they promise equally as well as Lena R.

Sent Back to America.

Mrs. Anton Caha of West Point, who went to Germany to reside several months ago, is back again, the German government refusing her permission to remain in that country. This refusal is said to be based on the ground that no immigrant is permitted to remain in that country who does not come provided with at least \$500 in cash for each member of the family.

Creamery Men Under Arrest.

Robert Hyslop of Barr and Fred Moss of Sterling started in the creamery business at Syracuse this summer. About a week ago they went home and left the farmers around Syracuse in the lurch for \$300 or \$400. They were arrested for obtaining goods under false pretenses. They asked for a ninety days' continuance and were held to bail in the sum of \$300.

Irrigation Congress Delegates.

The governor has appointed the following delegates to the seventh annual session of the national irrigation congress to be held at Cheyenne September 1-4: A. G. Wolfenbarger, Lincoln; Matt Daugherty, Ogalala; L. C. Lloyd, Gothenberg; W. A. Foxton, Omaha; W. L. Parks, North Platte; W. Z. Taylor, Culbertson.

Wounded at Manila.

Hon. L. A. Beltzer, editor of the Polk County Independent at Osceola, has received word that Charles E. Beltzer, his son, was slightly wounded at the battle of Manila. Charles was a private in Company E of the First Nebraska.

Crack a Postoffice Safe.

The postoffice at Pierce was again broken into a few nights since. The new safe recently purchased by Postmaster Brande was blown and about \$2 worth of stamps in denominations of 5, 8 and 10 cents were taken.

Sheriff's Eyes in Bad Shape.

Sheriff Bonawitz of Fairbury who was shot in the face a few days ago by Frank Ward, will consult a specialist about the condition of his eyes, which still trouble him from the effects of the shot.

Died at Chickamauga.

Claude Nichols of Troop K, Culver's cavalry, a resident of Edgar, died in the hospital at Chickamauga of typhoid fever. His remains were brought home for interment.

Loses a Leg.

Michael Fay, a car repairer on the Burlington and Missouri, was run over at Marsland, crushing one leg in a horrible manner, making amputation necessary.

New Postmaster at Bennington.

D. H. Kirscheer has been appointed postmaster at Bennington and the Democratic incumbent, M. F. Friedrichsen, removed.

New Jail for Hemingford.

The board of county commissioners has advertised for bids for the construction of a jail building at Hemingford.

LIGHTNING ROD SWINDLERS.

Cuming County Being Worked by Smooth-Tongued Grafters.

Lightning rod swindlers are again abroad in Cuming County. A few days ago a very smooth-tongued individual called at the home of Albert Neumann, a well-to-do farmer living about twelve miles northwest of West Point, and agreed to furnish him with rods for his house and barn for the sum of \$15, which Mr. Neumann agreed to. He signed an agreement which on its face is perfectly innocent, but on closer inspection a cunningly worded clause can be discovered which obligates the buyer to pay for each point the price of twenty feet of rod, viz., \$15, and in return for this the agent agrees to put up 185 feet of rod free, the balance over that length to be paid for at 75 cents per foot. In about an hour after Mr. Neumann had signed the agreement a party of men came along and riddled the barn and house. The collector of the concern arrived later and demanded \$15 as the price of the work. Mr. Neumann refused to pay and was threatened with all kinds of pains and penalties, but stood his ground. In the excitement he secured possession of his agreement, which renders it extremely problematical whether he can be mulcted in any excess payment or not. The name given by the agent is Stubbs. The gang is apparently working up the Elkhorn valley.

Badly Burned.

While a young daughter of Deputy County Clerk John Shahan of Kearney was passing through the kitchen, her dress blew into the flame of a gasoline stove and immediately took fire. She started to run out into the yard, where her sister was watering the lawn and had a stream turned on her, but her mother, not knowing her purpose, caught her and put her in a tub of water. The child's face and hand is burned so terribly that it is feared the flesh will come from the bone. The little girl escaped without injury.

Farmer Dies in His Field.

John Swanson, residing seven miles east of Edgar, fell dead while plowing near his house. His little boy, 6 years of age, went to take him a drink and found him lying with his face in the dirt. He had fallen to the right with the lines around his body and the strain had stopped the team. He was just convalescing from a two weeks' run of fever. It is supposed he fainted and falling with his face in the soft earth smothered. He was about 30 years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

Is It Murder or Accident.

Henry Rasor, living in the extreme northeast part of Antelope County was accidentally shot the other day and the coroner was summoned from Neligh. In response to a message of inquiry, the station agent at Orchard replied that there had been a scuffle between Mr. Rasor and Mr. Davover, during which the former, who had a gun in his possession, was shot. From other sources it is learned that there has been previous trouble between the parties.

Failure at Chadron.

The wholesale and retail grocery store of James L. Paul in Chadron was closed recently on an order of Referee J. A. Harberger, declaring Mr. Paul bankrupt. Mr. Paul applied for such an order some time since, assigning as his reasons the depreciation in values in real estate and his inability to collect outstanding debts. His resources are \$4,850; liabilities, \$6,843.36.

Ask Pardon for Motes Boys.

A petition to Judge Evans, asking that George and Frank Motes, now in jail at Ponca charged with wheat stealing, be released on their own recognizance, has been largely circulated and largely signed recently. They have been jailed for four months and the trial is set for September 2. The Motes boys promise to leave the town and county and stay away.

Suit for Damages.

L. C. Church of Fairbury has brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company for damages sustained by delay in the delivery of a telegram. He sent a message for a physician during his wife's sickness and it was not delivered until the following day. He asks damages for \$1,990, the amount being limited so as to keep the case in the state courts.

Choose a New Sheriff.

The county commissioners at their meeting in Wilber declared the office of sheriff of Saline County vacant, by reason of the absconding of Frank L. Dorwart, and appointed J. R. Doane, Dorwart's deputy, as sheriff if he will vacate the vacancy.