

ABOUT NEBRASKA.

The Hay Springs News says the rainfall in that latitude is more like that of the Pacific coast in being divided into stated periods.

The Presbyterian people of Bennett are progressing rapidly with the construction of their new church and it is expected that they will have a place of worship by October 1st.

Secretary Windom has selected the Omaha postoffice site by accepting that recommended by the agent who was sent to view the lay of the ground.

Reliable reports from the Winnebago agency state that the Indians are signing a petition to congress to sell their unallotted lands, which will open to settlement 30,000 acres of choice land in Thurston county.

At South Omaha, Eddie, aged one year, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, while left alone for a moment by his mother, got hold of some kye and drinking the fluid soon died.

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Surveyors are platting the new townsite of 150 acres at Plainview, which belongs to the Pacific Town Site company.

Billy Cole, a notorious character in this county, who married a young lady here two years ago, and after a few weeks of connubial bliss, became tired and thought to startle the community by making them think he had committed suicide by drowning.

An Y. O. O. F. lodge has been instituted at Gordon with a membership of twenty charter members.

Gibson will mak an effort to get up a rousing celebration on the 4th of July.

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During a severe storm at Anselmo, lightning struck the kitchen chimney of J. C. Hunter's residence, passing into the room below, where it struck Mrs. Hunter, throwing her to the floor, and rendering her unconscious.

The annual camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists will be held at Chadron July 2 to 8. It is expected that several hundred people will be present from northwest Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and South Dakota.

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of the place not to tie their horses to the trees, which have been already ruined by the teams. The grass all about the premises is trampled almost into the earth and the row of cottonwood trees which lined one side of the farm is robbed of its bark for nearly half a mile.

Barwell special: Deputy Sheriff Price and Brison received word from Neligh yesterday afternoon to be on the lookout for Nicholas Foley, wanted at that place for the murder of Mrs. Clark.

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WHO DID THE BLOODY WORK?

Two Daughters of a Nebraska Farmer Riddled—The Parents Under Arrest.

Utica (Neb.) dispatch: A horrible double murder was perpetrated at the home of John Leavitt, a farmer living eight miles north of Utica and three miles southeast of Gresham, between 7 and 10 o'clock last evening, in which Elizabeth and Caroline Leavitt, daughters of John and Mary Leavitt, aged sixteen and eight years respectively, met their deaths by having their throats cut at the hands of persons unknown.

It seems that the parents of the murdered girls had started for Gresham at about 7 o'clock in the evening to take some produce and make some purchases, and did not return home until about 10 o'clock, when they found Elizabeth lying on the floor of the house in a pool of blood, with her throat cut from ear to ear and Caroline missing.

They immediately returned to Gresham and gave the alarm. Upon returning with help a search was instituted for Caroline, and at about 1 o'clock she was found lying under a tree about twenty feet north of the house. There was, so far as could be ascertained, no evidence of a struggle or foul play, and to all appearances the murderer was cold blooded and premeditated.

Elizabeth's throat was cut twice on the right side and Caroline's once on the left side. When your correspondent left the scene of the tragedy last evening, the coroner and the jury were still pushing their investigation. No clue to the murderer has been found, but suspicion points strongly towards parties there.

Later—the coroner's jury in the Leavitt murder inquest brought in a verdict that "Elizabeth Leavitt and Caroline Leavitt came to their death on June 16, 1889, by having their throats cut with a sharp instrument in the hands of some person or persons unknown."

Later in the afternoon, the deputy sheriff had one of his sworn assistants announce to the surging crowd of people that there was nothing found to complete the investigation which had rested upon the parents of the girls, and that the jury was satisfied that they were innocent. However, it was evident that there was an undercurrent of feeling against them, and it was feared that violence might be done if they were left unguarded during the night.

They even expressed this fear themselves, and after their return from the funeral of their unfortunate children, Deputy Sheriff Murphy took them to Seward for safe keeping.

There is no cessation of the crowds of people, who still come to the scene of the crime from far and near. Every foot of ground for more than a mile in every direction from the house was gone over, to-day, and nothing revealed, except some tracks which led down from the house into a draw, and thence along the dividing line between a corn and an oat field. It was evident that the man who made the tracks was running. They were followed until they came to where a man had been plowing during the day, and there all trace of them lost.

There are still many of Leavitt's neighbors, who, perhaps for want of any good evidence, strongly believe that the parents are the guilty parties, notwithstanding that the jury and that the officers who are working up the case have exonerated them so far as any evidence obtained is concerned.

Later—Mr. and Mrs. John Leavitt, whose two children were brutally murdered Sunday night near Gresham, have been arrested on suspicion of having committed the horrible crime. They were arrested this evening by Sheriff Smiley and lodged in jail at Seward. Mrs. Leavitt cried bitterly when she was locked up. There is no excitement here over the arrest. Judge Nival has ordered a special grand jury to investigate the case.

SIGNING THE SIOUX TREATY.

The Council at the Pine Ridge Agency.

Pine Ridge Agency (Dak.) dispatch: During the council yesterday the commissioners received a letter from a man named Godfrey, who is considered the special adviser of Red Cloud, asking that a further council at this agency be suspended until the arrival of ex-Indian Inspector Pollock. A report is in circulation that it has been suggested to the Indians that the money to be received in payment for horses under the provisions of the bill should be turned over to Pollock in payment for services rendered, or to be rendered these Indians.

General Crook had a conference this morning with Red Cloud, Young Man Afraid, No Flesh and other prominent chiefs, as well as mixed blood and squaw men. Progress in signing a slow, but considering the difficulties any progress is encouraging.

Later this afternoon the Indians assembled at council with the commissioners. Old Man Afraid of His Horse, Red Cloud, Little Wound, and Young Man Afraid of His Horse spoke against the bill and some of the half breeds in favor of it. Red Cloud was very vicious in his speech, referring constantly to the provisions of the treaty of 1868, which he said had not been at all fulfilled, and saying they wanted to be paid what is now due them before giving up more land. The speeches of the other chiefs were in a similar strain, although not so radical. Maj. Warner, Gen. Crook and Gov. Foster spoke at length in reply, explaining again the provisions of the bill and why they should sign. Gen. Crook told them if they are to live at all they must become self-supporting. In a pond, he said, the big fish always swallowed the little ones, and the white men will come among the Indians in a few years, in spite of all the government can do to prevent them. The Indians will be little fish unless they agree to the provisions of this bill and protect their lands by getting patents on it. He told the Indians that the trouble with them is that they always get advice from men who want to live off of them.

After the talk Red Cloud decided not to sign and added that he wanted all the Indians that signed put on the reservation. He was impudent and said he wanted the commissioners to pack up and leave to-morrow. Gen. Crook stopped him and recited to the Indians some instances of Red Cloud's duplicity. After the council broke up the Indians began signing and up to 10 o'clock tonight about 350 had signed. A large number still declare opposition to the measure.

A Centenarian's Death.

Morrison (Ia.) special: One of the oldest people in America, Mrs. Phoebe Vennum, aged 104 years, 11 months and 26 days, a long-time resident here, died last night after a brief illness, having been in the possession of her faculties till briefly before date.

The Y. M. C. A. of Nebraska City

gives a concert for the benefit of Johnston sufferers, netting about \$800.

WORK AT JOHNSTOWN.

A Field From Governor Beaver and Committee.

Johnstown (Pa.) dispatch: It rained here at intervals this morning and the day is dark, disagreeable. Little work on usual routine was done to-day. Bodies were recovered up to 10. All of them were women. They not recognizable. The executive of the state board of health issued a bulletin this morning which is a gradual improvement in the condition of the boroughs. There have been cases of contagious disease at a general hospital, and but one fatal aliphtheria at the Red Cross and one other case. Governor and the flood commission arrived shortly before noon, accompanied by General Hastings, and made the devastated district on horseback. The visit of Governor Beaver's flood committee to this place, has born practical fruit. They the finance committee and discussed situation in all its details. The commission pledged itself to order the citizens of the place in its power. The committee prepared a list of their wants, and after inquiring the demand the commission issued the immediate purchase of Chicago's ready made houses on a bond, and also the erection of buildings that may be asked for local merchants. The mortgage to-day show twelve bodies recovered. They were unidentified.

A strike is imminent among hoppers employed upon the public here. Trouble has been brewed several days in consequence not the scarcity of the food supply, but the quality of rations furnished. This trouble culminated in a meeting of the Board and Board who are especially dissatisfied, appointed a committee which upon General Hastings and other his good offices in their behalf. General Hastings promised to bring matter to the attention of the governor, but told them that was all he could do. It is generally believed that the strike presages a general strike.

Order by the Postmaster-General

Washington dispatch: The postmaster-general issued the following order: That in compliance with the expressed in a resolution, submitted Phil Sheridan command, No. 2, veterans, Union Department of Commerce, all male employees in this department shall make a full statement of service performed by them in the navy or marine corps of the United States, and all male employees not served in the army, navy or corps of the United States shall state that fact; and such statements be filed at this office within days from the date of the order. It is further ordered that the roster of this department all discharged soldiers, sailors or marines of the United States who have been wounded or disabled in action, have that fact indicated by the "H. D. W." (signifying honorably discharged, wounded) or "H. D. D." (honorably discharged, disabled), case may be, prefixed to their names on such rosters. It is further ordered, employees of this department, the sons, sons or daughters of soldiers, or sons or marines of the United States, who, during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, died in service, were honorably discharged, shall have that fact shown in the roster of this department by the initials "S." or "D." as the case may be, fixed to their names in such rosters.

Pensions for Rheumatism.

Washington dispatch: Assistant Secretary Bussey to-day directed that ret. A. Barnes be granted a pension for rheumatism. The case was rejected the pension office for lack of evidence, but Mr. Bussey considers the evidence sufficient to warrant a pension.

In the case of John P. Carlin, claims a pension for catarrh as the result of a broken nose, on individual from the case while on individual iness, Assistant Secretary Bussey declines to grant a pension, and affirms the action of the pension office in rejecting Carlin's claim for pension.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARK.

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Elsewhere.

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