

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

A Catholic parsonage will be built at Howells.

Schuyler is troubled with sneak thieves and burglars.

Polk county farmers are reported to be loaded with fruit.

A horse belonging to A. B. Copper of McCook was killed by lightning.

Eight cars full of wheat were bought and shipped from Kearney in one day.

Matt Dross of Coleman, Red Willow county, threshed 119 bushels of rye from three acres.

A son of L. Brckett of Ewing is suffering from blood poisoning caused by cutting his foot.

Hayes county proposes to be at the state fair with both fees. The exhibit will be a big one.

William Umblich of Talmage lost a floger by getting it in the machinery of a steam thrasher.

A masked burglar undertook to hold up a Burlington telegraph operator in Tecumseh, but failed.

Homer Smith, living near Schuyler, had his collar bone broken by being thrown from a buggy.

Fire in Midstar's saloon at Schuyler caused by the explosion of a lamp did considerable damage.

Judge J. R. Wilcox of Red Cloud, is suffering from a painful wound caused by running a needle in his foot.

Bloomington has arranged for a gala day August 12. Racing and base ball are the principal attractions offered.

Judge Tighe of Verdon delivered last week 1,200 bushels of corn that he had previously contracted for 60 cents per bushel.

Arthur Hicks of St. Joseph was thrown from a B. & M. train at Superior by a sudden lurch of the cars and received fatal injuries.

A good many farmers in the haled district have cut their wheat with a mower and think it will yield from ten to twenty bushels per acre.

John Garey's team at Carleton ran away the other day and collided with Ed Ogden's, breaking Ogden's wagon tongue and knocking down his horse.

The little son of P. Selhorn of Talmage was thrown from a little wagon in which his little sister was drawing him and sustained a fracture of the right arm at the elbow.

A hog cholera swindler is working his way from South Dakota and expects to strike Nebraska farmers in Dawes county as his first victims. They have been warned against him by the local press.

Mrs. J. F. Abbott of Unadilla procured an incubator and "set it." The first hatching was successful but a hog got into the hen house and devoured over one hundred of the chickens in one night.

During a storm the residence of Tom McKillop west of Cambridge was struck by lightning. The stroke killed the house dog, but did not injure any of the family. The insurance company allowed him \$50 damages on the house.

An ordinance was passed and published some time ago to provide a system of sewerage for Columbus, but work has not yet commenced and several of the citizens are becoming impatient and want to know the cause of the delay.

William Rutledge of Burlington has returned from a two months' visit at his old home in England. During his absence, in which he traveled almost incessantly he gained twenty pounds. It has been a quarter of a century since he was last there.

Last summer the barn of L. H. Steiger, who lives adjoining Farmont, was struck by lightning, killing one of his horses, and the other afternoon during a shower lightning again struck his barn, killing four mules and a horse. The best stock killed was insured for \$250.

As H. S. Bush, who resides in the western part of Wayne county was crossing the Dog Town creek with a binder, drawn by three horses, the bridge gave way, letting the horses into the water. Mr. Bush succeeded in saving two of them, but the middle one drowned.

Dr. H. K. Schenel formerly of Fremont, was seriously injured in a runaway near Hemington the other day. Drs. Brown and Martin of Fremont were called to attend the injured physician, who sustained a dislocation of the hip and other injuries of less important nature.

The Grand Island City council has accepted the proposition of S. H. Clark, which was for the council to declare the Locust street crossing of the Union Pacific main line closed, and the company would build a passenger depot. Work will be commenced this fall on the foundation, and a depot building erected in the spring.

NORWICH, N. Y. Aug. 11.—A special from New Philadelphia, O., says: At Valley Junction, this county, while Mr. C. W. Athey, agent of the Cleveland & Marietta railway, was waiting for a train, Samuel McKown of St. Louis, Mo., seated himself alongside Athey and opened his valve, taking out a revolver and placing the same in his pocket. Very soon afterward, without speaking a word, McKown pulled the gun from his pocket and, placing it against the abdomen of Athey, fatally shot him. McKown was arrested.

A GIGANTIC SWINDLE.

Expense of a Fraudulent Building and Loan Association.

Several Victims in Nebraska Who Have Been Deceived of Considerable Money.

HOW THE SCHEME WORKED.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Alfred Dowling, president, and F. H. Tolman, vice president, of the National Capital Savings Building and Loan association of North America have been arrested by Postoffice Inspector Stuart, charged with using the mails for fraud.

It is charged that the men who have been conducting this association have swindled thousands of people from every state in the union and taken in from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and given nothing in return. The victims hail from Maine to California. From facts already known and the scheme will parallel that of the great "Fund W" swindle which was broken up about five years ago.

There are still two more at liberty. These two men that are missing, it is believed, got away with the most money. For six months or more letters have been received from all parts of the country by the postoffice and city authorities, protesting that the National Capital Savings Building and Loan association of North America was not what its projectors represented it to be, and that it was collecting money and making no loans.

Inspector Stuart has been working on the case four months. He found that the concern was gigantic in its fraud. The scheme was advertised through agents who sent circulars and documents showing the association to be gilt-edged. At the time Captain Stuart took charge of the case Louis M. Mortimer, the grand secretary, was apparently the responsible man, and handled the cash received in large amounts every day. Captain Stuart visited the county offices frequently disguised as a letter carrier in order to secure evidence.

Several weeks ago Mortimer disappeared and after having waited in vain for his return Captain Stuart decided to secure the others.

George O. Ferguson of Lincoln, Neb., who secured about sixty victims in his city, was summoned here, and with his assistance evidence was procured for the arrest.

Mr. Ferguson in an interview said: "The association was represented as our town by a local firm acting in good faith. The people of Nebraska are very much in favor of the building and loan association plan and the offers of the concern were soon snapped up. They sold shares for 50 cents each, with a payment of \$1.00 monthly for six months at the end of which time a \$1,000 loan would be paid for. Then there was a membership fee of \$3, an appraisal fee of \$20 and \$4 for three months' payment, thus making \$95. The concern made one loan of \$500 that was genuine and this was just rough bait to lead others to invest, and hundreds sent their money to Chicago, and on the strength of the loans they expected to make contracts for homes. Contracts were let and building began. The money never came, and finally President Wood of the Wesleyan university, who was quite a heavy investor, came to Chicago to investigate. He visited the office, and Manager Mortimer, who seemed to be quite a fine business man, gave him assurances that he would get the loans. But the money never came, and finally I had the case before the postoffice authorities."

Inspector Stuart and District Attorney Gilchrist went over the books of the concern and found that seventeen legitimate loans had been made in as many states. These, it would seem, were made to act as a bait. No record of any other loans could be found, although the books show that money has been received from hundreds of people. A rough estimate of the amount of money received is \$175,000 in the year and half the association has been in business.

The books of the association show that it had agents in many states. These agents transmitted hundreds of dollars daily in checks, drafts, money orders and by registered letter. Until within a few months ago the concern, it is said, did a heavy business in Philadelphia, but it appears that the authorities that made discoveries which resulted in the agent leaving.

The association was organized February 21, 1893, with the following officers: Alfred Downins, president; J. H. Tolman, vice president; Louis F. Mortimer, general manager and secretary. Mortimer seemed to be the leading spirit in the affairs. He was a good manager and soon had the money flowing in rapidly. Everything went smoothly until the close of the Philadelphia branch, when Mortimer came here and began wrangling with his business associates. Finally he ousted Downins and elected F. A. Wentworth president. Downins threatened trouble and Mortimer, saying his son was very ill in Philadelphia, left suddenly and has not since been seen. It is said that he took almost \$60,000 that they had in the bank here, leaving \$5,000 which Downins had tied up by injunction. Mortimer was last heard of July 10, at 74 Fifth avenue, New York.

In Winnipeg they ask \$20 a foot less for a corner lot than they do for an inside one, because it costs so much to clear off the snow in winter around corner lots that people don't prefer them.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The Rev. Geo. W. Jones, pastor of the colored Baptist mission at Atkins avenue, has obtained a divorce in Trenton, N. J., from his wife Julia, who is a Cherokee Indian. He says he tried to make a Christian of her, but could not. She not only treated him badly, swore at him and refused to take care of his home, but finally left him for one of his deacons when he was pastor at Long Branch.

He says: "The next wife I marry will be an ugly one. A minister of the gospel has no right to marry a pretty woman. They can put on style but when it comes down to work you will find a pretty wife won't do. My former wife was a beauty. She was as pretty as a wax figure, but the Lord deliver me from a Cherokee Indian squaw."

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Postoffice inspectors are looking for W. F. Mortimer, the secretary and treasurer of the National Capital Building and Loan association of North America, and K. A. Wentworth, brother-in-law of Lewis Mortimer, the general manager of the concern. Warrants were issued for their arrest but the men have not been found. Postoffice Inspector Stuart is in receipt of several dispatches from different parts of the country asking that letters they had sent to the association be sent back. The commercial agents which were reported to have endorsed the association now say they did not, but that they informed all inquiries that the concern was unsound.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Sing Quong, one of the richest Chinese merchants in New York, has been lying prostrated by fasting for nearly three weeks because his only son, a baby about nine months old, died. He has several daughters by his first wife living in China. Sing Quong thinks he is going to be left heirless. He is over fifty years old. According to the Chinese rule he will have to buy a son. Probably this idea has been the means of prostrating him. If he continues to fast he will soon be a freak. He drinks licorice tea and ginseng root tea occasionally. He lets his big business go to the four winds. There is no use to make any more money, he says, if there is no one to spend it for him.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Aug. 13.—Police Captain George T. O'Haver shot and instantly killed Bob Parker, alias Charles Waldron, on the Leigh road near this city.

The negro, who bears a bad reputation, had stolen some harness and the officers were trying to induce him to submit peaceably to arrest. This he refused to do, and drawing a case knife sharpened to a razor edge, started for Captain O'Haver. The latter after warning the negro, put three bullets from a .38-calibre revolver into his body.

TOPKA, KAN., Aug. 13.—McGrath, president of the farmers' alliance, has returned from a trip through the state. He says a large amount of wheat is being held by farmers with the expectation that prices will materially advance.

HOUSTON, TEX., Aug. 13.—Reports from Yokum and Lexington state that a terrible storm swept over those sections yesterday. Houses were unroofed and blown down and stock killed.

BENTON, Aug. 13.—The Berliner Tagblatt states that Friedlander Brothers, a jewelry firm of this city, has instituted proceedings against Dr. Carver, the well known American marksman, for obtaining credit for jewelry to the value of \$3,225 and then absconding.

CHICAGO, AUG. 11.—Hon. C. B. Farwell received a telegram from Prof. Dyrenfurth in charge of the rain producing experiments provided for by the last congress now being conducted on a ranch in Texas. Prof. Dyrenfurth says that the first experiment was made yesterday heavy discharges of powder being exploded high in the air. Clouds began to gather soon after and it is raining heavily there today.

CHENYENNE, WYO., Aug. 10.—John Tregning and John Berry, who killed George B. Henderson, a prominent stockman, last fall were convicted of murder in the second degree. The penalty is imprisonment for life.

LYNN, MASS., Aug. 10.—Dr. S. B. Andrews was chastised by Mrs. L. E. Dodge, secretary of the Helping Hand association, a society for the reclamation of fallen women. Mrs. Dodge accused Andrews of circulating slanders about her. She struck and kicked him and caused him to run away.

AN OHIO TRAG EDY.

DETROIT, O., Aug. 11.—State Deputy Game Warden L. K. Buntain of this city fatally shot David Melvain, whom he caught with four others seining in Mad river near Harshmanville about midnight, Saturday night.

Buntain had heard that a party had gone up the river to seine contrary to the state law, and at the request of Benjamin F. Seitzer, member of the county Fish and Game Protective society, accompanied him to the spot, both being disguised. Four miles up the river they came upon the party in the act of drawing the seine, and Buntain stepping into view, said: "Hello, boys. We got here just in time to see you make a haul."

Instantly one of the fishermen struck Buntain a heavy blow in the left eye with a stone. David Melvain, who was in the river with the seine, drew his revolver and began shooting at Buntain and Seitzer. Another of the fishermen also pulled his revolver. Then Buntain fired twice at Melvain hitting him in the arm and sending another bullet through his body just below the heart, the ball running from the left side to the right. One of the fishermen struck Seitzer over the head with a lantern. This burst the lantern and set fire to the grass, lighting up the scene. This gave the officers command of the situation. Buntain compelled the four men to bring the wounded Melvain to the bank, and then dragged them in line in the light of the fire until he identified them all: John Aetzel, David Aweit, James Perry, William Richardson, and the wounded man, Melvain.

Buntain took the seine and other property and the party brought Melvain to town. Buntain immediately called at the police office to give himself up, but as he was a state officer and did the shooting in self-defense, as admitted by the wounded man, no arrest was made, nor have the fishermen been arrested.

Cyrus Osburn, ex president of the state fish commission, called at the police office to say that the County Fish and Game Protective association will stand by Buntain.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 11.—About 8 o'clock Sunday morning Charles Niemann, aged twenty, shot and killed George Niemann, his father.

George Niemann was a cobbler and lived at 18 German street. He had been divorced from his wife, but still lived in the same house with her and her children. He had frequent quarrels with his family and divorced wife, and the tragedy was the culmination of these disputes. He had come down stairs a little after the boys had risen and while they were yet dressing, and demanded that the door be opened which was done. Just before he opened the door the son Charles took a loaded revolver from the mantle and put it in his pocket, fearing that his father might get it. The old man entered the room and began to abuse his son, and finally assaulted him. The boy's mother interfered but was roughly pushed aside by her divorced husband, and she fell to the floor in a swoon. The old man pushed his son out of the room and bawled him down stairs. At the foot of the stairs is a yard. As soon as he reached the bottom of the steps Charles stepped back and drawing the revolver fired, killing his father instantly. The boy was arrested and his father's remains taken to the morgue. The boy takes his arrest very quietly.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Nellie Webb, an aged and wealthy widow of Louisville, Ky., where her family is very prominent, committed suicide at the College Hill sanitarium.

She was a victim of drink and opium and has been placed in the sanitarium on April 21st last. Not being considered dangerous she was allowed the freedom of the place. Deprived of her stimulants, however, she developed a melancholy tendency. At 7 o'clock Saturday night, as was usual, she was given the privilege of the bath room. Not long after she had entered, the sound of overflowing water attracted the attendant, who found the door locked. An entrance was forced and it was found that Mrs. Webb had laid down in the tub fully dressed and turned on the spigot, deliberately drowning herself.

She was removed from the tub as quickly as possible, but all efforts to resuscitate her were in vain. A telegram was sent to one of her sons, George H. Webb of Louisville, who will come at once and take charge of his mother's body.

CHENYENNE, WYO., Aug. 10.—John Tregning and John Berry, who killed George B. Henderson, a prominent stockman, last fall were convicted of murder in the second degree. The penalty is imprisonment for life.

LYNN, MASS., Aug. 10.—Dr. S. B. Andrews was chastised by Mrs. L. E. Dodge, secretary of the Helping Hand association, a society for the reclamation of fallen women. Mrs. Dodge accused Andrews of circulating slanders about her. She struck and kicked him and caused him to run away.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

An Excursion Barge Struck by a Cyclone and Wrecked.

The Coroner's Jury Condemn the Barge Owner.

FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED.

HUNTSVILLE, L. I., Aug. 11.—The employees of Theodore Haysler, a Brooklyn dry goods merchant, gave an excursion to Warpe's Grove, Cold Spring harbor, this afternoon, by the excursion steamer Crystal Spring and the barge Republic. The party, which numbered nearly 600 souls, had a very pleasant day's enjoyment and about 3 o'clock they embarked on the vessels for the journey home. Just as they were leaving the dock a violent cyclone swept over the harbor and struck the barge. The awning of the upper deck was wrenched from its fastenings, lifted high in the air and

fell with a terrible crash and destructive force upon the crowded deck. A scene of wild confusion and panic ensued which beggars description. The screams of the women and children of which the excursion party was mainly composed, the hoarse shouts of the men and the groans of the wounded and dying could be plainly heard above the rumbling of the thunder. Inky, black clouds had made it almost as dark as night, and at every lightning flash those on board the steamer saw

struggling to extricate themselves from beneath the wreck and rain of the awning. The boats were hastily tied up to the dock again, and those on the steamer, aided by the villagers who had hurried to the scene, began the work of rescuing those on board the barge. The debris was soon cleared away, and the bodies of the dead and the injured were taken from the barge and put on board the steamer, where the wounded received every attention.

FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED. Fourteen persons were found to have perished by the storm which had sprung up with such frightful suddenness, changing a scene of gaiety to one of lamentation and mourning.

The coroner immediately summoned a jury and after an examination permitted the removal of the bodies. The jury, in its verdict, strongly censured the owner of the excursion barge for carelessness, as the vessel was found to be

AS EATEN AS PUNK and totally unsound. The bodies of the dead were sent to their late homes in Brooklyn yesterday.

The wounded were carefully carried aboard the steamer, which conveyed them to Oyster Bay, a village distant six miles, where they were attended by physicians. The bodies of the dead were laid on the deck of the barge to await the arrival of the coroner.

The place where the accident occurred is at the head of Cold Spring harbor and is a favorite picnicking ground. The falling and sad results are due entirely, it is said, to the rotten condition of the support of the deck. Many of the excursionists carried home with them pieces of the centerposts which show they are perfectly rotten at the core. The barge itself, it is said, is unsafe in other particulars.

ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 11.—Wednesday morning the chief of police of this city, with two detectives, arrested Peter MacMichael, porter in the state senate, for selling liquor without license. The chief states he has evidence conclusively proving that MacMichael, who is a negro, had a large trade with members of the assembly. Members of the house are very indignant and the matter has created great excitement. Governor Norton gave the chief of police authority to make the raid in the ante-room, where the whisky was sold. The detectives found fourteen bottles of whisky and a lot of beer.

CHARLESLENN, S. D., Aug. 11.—There promises to be considerable trouble when the government begins to pay the Sioux Indians for the lands ceded to the United States one and one-half years ago. In all there were about 11,000,000 acres that the Sioux relinquished to the government, and in pay therefor the Indians are to receive various goods, such as plows, harrows, cows, horses and wagons. The Indians are not pleased at the prospect of receiving this sort of pay for the lands and there is certain to be a protest made against paying them in goods that are of no use to the majority of red men. They want cash.

AVONDALE, L. I., Aug. 11.—Hugo Eitel, who lives at Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Fifteenth street, is suffering from hydrophobia at the home of his cousin at this place. The boy was bitten by a bloodhound in the head and foot about four weeks ago.

MISSISSIPPI will have a contest for the next United States senatorship from that state. Senator George desires a re-election on the straight-out democratic line, and ex-Congressman Berkeley is antagonizing him on the alliance principles. Each is canvassing the state in behalf of the respective views they espouse. The canvass is becoming very interesting and later on will grow red-hot.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE Y. M. C. A.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 11.—The twelfth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of all lands convened in this city Wednesday. There are about three hundred delegates and attendance. Later arrivals will increase the total number of delegates to about five hundred. There are 10 delegates representing the American association and nearly a hundred from Great Britain, with large delegations from Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France. There are ten delegates from the Protestant association, and two from the association in Rome. There are also delegates from Sweden, Russia, India and other countries.

The convention was called to order by Rev. Gustave Topfel of Geneva, Switzerland, the president of the central national committee. The international committee then nominated for president of the meeting Count Von Hegendorp of the Hague; for vice president Mr. George A. Williams of London; for William Dodge of New York, Count Abernethy of Boston. The delegates were elected.

Count Von Hegendorp made an address in Dutch and also in English, taking the chair. The committee of conference were then appointed. The report of the central committee headquarters are at Geneva was presented by Rev. Gustave Topfel of Geneva, its chairman. The report referred to a special committee of Mr. Robert D. McBurney of New York is the American representative.

Brief reports of the work in the different countries were then presented by Mr. Richard D. Morse of New York reporting for the work in America. His report showed that one-third of the associations of the world were in America; that they owned three-fourths of the property owned by the associations and employed double as many men as were employed by all the remainder of the associations.

In the evening a public meeting in Dutch young men was held in the hall and smaller meetings for the delegates, divided by the language spoken.

BOSTON, Aug. 14.—James Rowell, an elderly man, died at his home in Cambridge at 2:15 yesterday morning.

Rowell's health has been improving ever since his return to this country in 1885 after concluding his diplomatic services abroad. A year and a half his condition became serious and a termination was feared, but his health then had a change for recovery.

It appears the poet was taken ill about five weeks ago. About two weeks ago he became delirious, and on Monday had recovered consciousness only at brief intervals, when he got the members of his family signifying recognition. He seemed to think he was far away from home and appeared to long to go back to Elmwood and his family. At times he fancied he was entertaining royal visitors. Though unquestionably the poet was very weak he made no complaint. Last Sunday he seemed better, and the delirium left him.

On Monday he appeared brighter than at any time during his long illness. Up to that time the room had been cool, but he then began to show the effects of the heat. On Monday afternoon when the nurses changed the bedding he suffered intensely when moved, and finally said, "Oh, why don't you let me die."

These words were his last. He seemed from that time to lose heart and gradually his life faded away. He continued in a comatose condition until 2:15 o'clock this morning, when the last spark of life went out. Besides his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Edward Bennett, and her husband, as well as the nurses and household servants.

PARRIS, Aug. 14.—Enormous forest fires are raging in the forests in the vicinity of Poulon and a great quantity of valuable timber has already been destroyed. A strong wind is blowing and the flames are rapidly spreading. Water is scarce in the vicinity of the forest though it is not believed that if great quantities were obtained it would be of any use as it is of course impossible for any human being to get anywhere near the conflagration owing to the intense heat. The authorities have been called upon to aid the residents in fighting the fire and the soldiers and many others are employed in digging a trench around the burning section in order to stop the progress of the fire. It is thought, however, by those who have seen forest fires in America that the only means of stopping the conflagration will be to adopt the American plan of starting "back fires" that is burning a tract of the forest sufficiently wide to prevent the flames from crossing it. It is believed that the fires are of incendiary origin.

CHEVYCHESE, O., Aug. 14.—A special from New Philadelphia, O., says: At Valley Junction, this county, while Mr. C. W. Athey, agent of the Cleveland & Marietta railway, was waiting for a train, Samuel McKown of St. Louis, Mo., seated himself alongside Athey and opened his valve, taking out a revolver and placing the same in his pocket. Very soon afterward, without speaking a word, McKown pulled the gun from his pocket and, placing it against the abdomen of Athey, fatally shot him. McKown was arrested.