

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Here is a building boom on at Ger...

Frank J. Crawford is editor of a new paper at Bennington.

The post-office at Harrison was robbed. The loss is about \$300.

Rainmakers in all parts of the state are playing in hard luck.

The hot winds are not seriously damaging the Russian thistle.

Blaine county will have a big crop of hay, and corn is looking fine.

In Thayer county wheat is yielding as high as twenty-two bushels per acre.

Wild plum, usually so plentiful in Dawson county are a failure this year.

Pawnee City has a factory that makes baseball bats from Nebraska timber.

The Cedar county teachers' institute will be open for business at Hartington August 20.

A. D. Holbrook of Creighton was thrown from his buggy and suffered a broken arm.

The explosion of a lamp caused the death of Mrs. John Bonesteel, living near Wallace.

An association has been organized at Fairer for the purpose of fighting the Russian thistle.

Tramps entered the store of M. A. Lamson, at Elm Creek and carried off \$50 worth of cutlery.

The Grand Island factory has just completed a run of syrup that yielded \$22,000 pounds of sugar.

The Seventh Day Adventists have organized a church at Beatrice with about twenty-five members.

Russian thistles have acquired title to a whole township in Merrick and bid fair to yield abundantly.

Rev. Thomas McLean for some years pastor of the Congregational church at Blair, has answered a call from Prescott, Arizona.

Broken Bow has a somnambulist who lately walked out into the night and was brought to his senses by falling into a mud hole.

The Methodists of Ellis have dedicated their new church edifice after wiping out the debt caused by constructing the building.

C. McPherson of Geneva took a small dose of carbolic acid through mistake and has a very sore throat in consequence.

W. H. Cutlerfield of Norfolk shipped a train load of cattle to Chicago, but struck so poor a market that he immediately reshipped to Liverpool.

While Ed Patchin of Table Rock was running a foot race he stubbed his toe and fell, striking on his head on a stone. He may lose the sight of one eye.

N. H. Parks has sold the Greeley Herald to H. C. Waldrip of York. Parks will now devote his whole time to editing the Columbus Telegram.

Colonel Leonard, living near Pawnee City, tried to get a well on his place and after going down 450 feet without signs of springs gave it up as a bad job.

Henderson Hollingsworth of Wallace had his hand caught in the gearing of a windmill, and all his fingers were badly mutilated before the machine could be stopped.

The watch fakirs have been heard from in Hamilton, York and other counties, where they roped in the inhabitants of the rural district in great shape. It beats the world how suckers do bite.

Another paper is added to the Santee county list and is printed at Santee Agency in the interest of the prohibition party. Its name is the Knox Advocate and it is edited by C. R. Lawson.

The first annual reunion of the combined two southeastern districts of Nebraska, comprising the counties of Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Otse, Cass and Lancaster, will be held at Tecumseh August 13 to 17, inclusive.

Ten years ago H. Graves purchased 400 acres of land near Wisner for \$7 per acre. Since that time he has farmed the land and made a nice living and big interest on his investment. Recently he sold the property for \$16,000, which is quite a comfortable increase.

B. J. Frymire of Bloomfield washed his hands in gasoline to take off the gum that stuck to them after he had been soldering some tinware. The gasoline caught fire from the furnace, and not only the gum came off, but she skin with it. He was badly burned before the flames were extinguished.

The son and daughter of Mr. R. Spaulding, who lives about four miles south of Ashland, while crossing a bridge between their home and town, were thrown from the bridge, and both fell about eighteen feet. The town became frightened and feared the buggy was overturned, but fortunately neither was injured.

A small amount of powdered gunpowder was found in the trunk of a woman who came to town from the country. She was arrested and the powder was found in her trunk.

Appointed a Receiver.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 27.—Henry C. Ward, of this city, was appointed receiver of all the property of John J. Mastin & Co., in Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado, worth \$3,500,000. The debts of the firm aggregate \$500,000. The petition for the appointment was filed by Julia Mastin, of Galena, Kas., widow of John J. Mastin. She makes charges of gross mismanagement against Thomas H. Mastin, brother of the deceased. The appointment was made by United States District Judge Foster at Topeka. At the time of his death in 1890 John J. Mastin was associated in the real estate business with Thomas H. Mastin. John J.'s interest in the firm, which was valued at \$3,500,000, was willed to his widow, Thomasina, continuing to manage the business. The widow sets forth that the mortgages on the real estate amount to \$1,000,000, or twice as much as when her husband died. She says that Thomas H. Mastin has mismanaged and is mismanaging the business of the firm.

Killed his Stepfather.

DANVILLE, Ill., July 27.—Jeff Stark, aged 33 years, killed his stepfather Henry Skinner, aged 70, near Jessie, Ind., east of this city, by beating his brains out with a spade. Stark was drunk and asked Skinner to give him some money. This Skinner refused to do. Stark then went to his home, returned with his shotgun and fired twice at Skinner, missing him each time. Then he picked up a spade and chased Skinner out to a cornfield, where he killed him. Stark was hurried off to the Newport, Ind., jail to prevent lynching. Stark has a wife and two children. He is a desperate man, and the people who live near him have always said that he would hang or go to prison some time.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 27.—A small fire in the Spokane from Nelson, B. C., says: The forest fires which have been raging in Slocan county for the past two weeks were fanned into a conflagration by the heavy gales and swept eastward from New Denver. The towns of Three Forks and Watson were completely destroyed, not a building being left. The losses cannot yet be estimated, but will run into large figures. The Galena Trading company and Lemon's store at Three Forks saved nothing even the books being destroyed. George Hughes, the well known mine owner, loses about \$20,000, all his horses, wagons, stables, etc., being burned. So far as known no lives were lost, although there were many narrow escapes. The people of Watson were saved by taking refuge in a tunnel.

Will be Sent Back to Great Britain.

NEW YORK, July 27.—As soon as the fact is established that Charles Milford Mowbray, the English proselyting anarchist, who recently arrived here under an assumed name, gained entrance to this country illegally, he will be apprehended and sent back to Great Britain. The fact that he has made a preliminary declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States will be nothing to his advantage in such a case. The law under which the immigration authorities will act is very explicit, and a previous conviction of felony and a conviction under a charge involving moral turpitude constitutes a legal bar to the admission of any emigrant. Dr. Zenner said that when sufficient testimony has been adduced to show that Mowbray has landed in violation of the immigration laws he will at once proceed to have him deported.

Closed by the Sheriff.

ELGIN, Ill.—Claims aggregating about \$48,000 have been entered by confession against the St. Charles Evaporated Cream Company, of St. Charles. The president, treasurer, and chief owner is Asa T. Beverly of Elgin; F. P. Havilland of the Chicago office is a stockholder. The first year and a half the company spent a large amount of money in advertising, and but for the strike and general business depression would have come out ahead. The debts are mostly due the St. Charles Bank and Elgin First National Bank, all secured. Farmers are owed \$5,000 for milk and have no security. E. M. Martin, grocer, was closed by the sheriff Wednesday on executions amounting to about \$1,600.

The Minister Marries.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 27.—Society is discussing with lively interest the report of the early marriage of James J. Van Allen, Newport's millionaire, who was made famous by his appointment as Minister to Italy and his final delinquency of that office, and of Mrs. Henry Allen, of Bristol, R. I. Mrs. Allen was formerly Miss Maynute de Wolfe. She is young, stately, a decided blonde, and is said to be one of the cleverest horsewomen in the country. Her family, though not rich, is one of the oldest in Rhode Island.

Fatal Fight of Circus Men.

CLINTON, Iowa, July 27.—In a fight at Dewitt John Bush shot and fatally wounded George Vance. Both men were of How & Cushing's Circus.

The French a Little Warm.

PARIS, July 27.—There was a wild scene in the chamber of deputies during the debate on the anti-submarine measure. M. Juarez, secretary, moved an amendment to suspend the discussion of the measure. This led to a fight between the French deputies. A small amount of powder was found in the trunk of a woman who came to town from the country. She was arrested and the powder was found in her trunk.

Police Horses Run Away.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 25.—Ten years ago Margaret McGovern, of Mount Oliver borough, was a mourner at a funeral in which the corpse was thrown from the hearse by the horses running away. She had a premonition the same thing would happen at her funeral and Wednesday last requested that particular care be taken at her funeral. She died two days later and was buried Sunday afternoon. While the funeral procession was moving along Pennsylvania avenue near Twenty-Fourth street, the hearse horses ran away. They collided with a telegraph pole, throwing the casket against the side of the hearse and breaking the glass. The telegraph pole prevented the dead body from falling to the ground. One of the horses had to be shot. Great excitement was caused among the superstitious friends of the dead woman when the coincidence became generally known. Another hearse and horses were secured and the funeral proceeded to the cemetery without further accident.

Sealskins Will be Cheap.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25.—Despite the large catch of seals in the Japan Sea the owners of sealing schooners will not make as much money as they expected, because of the low price of sealskins. The catch reported last Saturday was nearly 43,000 skins, and this has since been increased to 50,000 skins. Lampton & Co., of London, rule the sealskin market, and they cabled to Frisco that they would advance only \$5 on skins. This is the lowest advance ever known, and is a sure sign that the price later in the season will be the poorest since the sealskin became fashionable. Lampton sends his choicest skins to Leipzig, where they are prepared and then shipped in Russia, which nation takes the finest sealskins.

Crops and Buildings Being Burned.

DULUTH, Minn., July 25.—Forest fires are becoming worse and now threaten to destroy the crops and buildings of hundreds of farmers scattered through the woods near this city. The fire department was called out to protect farm property, and is still at work. The fires run in the stubble and timber with terrific rapidity. It is stated that not for twenty years has there been such a dry season as now. Heavy and continuous rains are the only thing that will save hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property of farmers in this vicinity. The farmers, many of whom are in their first year, having taken to the farms because of hard times, are losing their all, and will have no provision for winter.

VIRGINIA, Minn., July 25.—A forest fire has been raging in this vicinity for the past twenty-four hours. Virginia was entirely surrounded by fire and barely escaped destruction. The engine-house of the Lone Jack mine with a large amount of cordwood was destroyed. The forest is still on fire and the fire companies are using every effort to keep the fire out of the town. Fires are reported down the lines of the Mesaba and Northern railway. All the Mesaba range towns are located in the forests and unless it rains soon serious damage will result. While Learch Bros. were out fighting the fire their place was broken open and \$4,000 and a lot of clothing stolen. There is no clew to the thief.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., July 25.—The bridge on the Omaha railroad, above Spooner, was burned by the forest fire, delaying the Duluth train several hours. The forest fires are reported as raging furiously in the northern part of the State once more, the rains of last week having been insufficient to put them out entirely. Around West Superior great damage is feared, several small towns being threatened.

Will Reduce the Reserve.

NEW YORK, July 25.—A half million of gold was ordered from the sub-treasury for export by Baring, Magoun & Co. This order, with that of a million and a half for shipment next Friday, will reduce the reserve to nearly \$60,000,000. Bankers generally expect to see the reserve reduced still more. There is more or less talk among them of a bond issue after the tariff matter is settled.

Will Hunt Up His Inheritance.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Captain Jack Crawford, otherwise known as the "Post Scout," will sail for England Wednesday on the Teutonic to claim an inheritance to which, it is believed, he is the principal heir. The estate was primarily that of William Wallace, a Scotchman, and an ancestor of the Indian fighter. Wallace came here many years ago and bought land which is now of immense value. He wrote to a sister in Scotland asking her to come here, but before he could send the passage money he died. Crawford's uncle tried to settle the estate, but was unable to do so. It is now in the hands of the State of New York, and the "Post Scout" hopes to get evidence abroad that will prove his claim.

Merrill With a Crank.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 25.—A crank called at the City Hall and demanded to see the "Lord Mayor," saying that he had been insulted by the Dutch and demanded that every one of that nationality be driven out of the country. A patrol wagon called and the crank was taken to the station. When the officers arrived there was a fearful struggle between them and the crank. He managed to keep the strength of his hands, and was finally pinned in the wagon and taken to the station.

Smallpox Raging.

MARSHFIELD, Mo., July 25.—News reached here that smallpox is raging at Mountain Grove, a town in Wright county. Eight deaths are reported and a large portion of the inhabitants are sick with the disease. Numbers of people have left for other towns, and unless precautionary measures are taken the disease is likely to spread to adjoining towns. Quarantine regulations have been established.

Exciting Accidents.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Yesterday's debate in the senate on the question of agreeing to the request of the house of representatives for a further conference on the tariff bill was not of so exciting or interesting a character as was the debate on the first three days, and there was not an allusion made, except a very remote one, to the president's famous letter to Mr. Wilson. There were three speeches made, the longest by Senator Caffery and two short ones by senators Daniel and Huntton. Mr. Caffery's speech was in advocacy of his motion to have a modified sugar bounty paid for 1894, and in favor of a fair revenue duty on sugar. Failing in getting such protection for the sugar interests of Louisiana, Mr. Caffery declared, more in sorrow than in anger, that himself and his colleague would be forced to antagonize the bill, and to part the ties which now bound them to the democratic party.

The speeches of Senators Daniel and Huntton were called out by a desire to correct an error in a report of Gorman's speech, which represented them, with senators from four or five other states, as being so inimical to the house bill that they would have voted against it. Mr. Daniel declared that he had named no conditions to command his vote, and that whether the bill as it would be finally fixed in conference suited him or not, it would have his support. Huntton expressed himself in favor of the proposed duty of 40 cents a ton on coal and iron and of 40 per cent ad valorem on sugar as revenue duties and hoped that there was patriotism enough among the democrats of both houses "to give and take."

A Big Conflagration.

CHENOA, Ill., July 25.—Chenoa was visited by another conflagration similar in character and extent to that which destroyed most of its business houses four years ago. The entire business portion of the place east of the Alton tracks and south of the Toledo, Peoria & Western is wiped out, with a loss of about \$500,000. This includes a number of elegant brick business offices, newly new, and a number of valuable stocks of goods.

The fire broke out early in the afternoon in Ballinger's livery stable and spread with fearful rapidity, everything being dry as tinder after the summer's drought. The fire much resembled that which last week wiped out all of El Paso's business houses. Six imported stallions, worth \$15,000 and two blocks on each side of the street were burned, including the post-office, with a large quantity of mail. A merchant tailor, J. I. McKenzie, leaped from a second-story window and was impaled upon an iron picket and fatally wounded. Fifty-four buildings were entirely destroyed, with scarcely a dollar's worth of the stocks of the stores saved. It is quite certain the fire was started by sparks from a southbound Chicago & Alton train falling into the hay at Ballinger's stable. The town had absolutely no fire protection whatever.

Threatened to Blow it Up.

ASHLAND, Wis., July 25.—William Harper, calling himself a Chicago socialist, threatened to blow up the Ashland National bank. He was followed into the bank and a struggle with the cashier and a bystander on one side and Harper on the other followed. He was overpowered with police assistance and was badly pounded on his way to the jail. Fifteen bottles of a green liquid and a package of unknown powder were found on him. He claims to be a populist, free silverite and an Albigian man and says all capitalists and banks should be blown to atoms.

Arbitrators Chosen.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The president has announced the commissioners to investigate the controversies between certain railroads and their employees connected with the recent strike as follows: Carroll D. Wright, who is designated by statute as one of the commissioners; John D. Kernan of New York and Nicholas E. Worthington of Peoria, Ill., selected by the president. Under the law he was obliged to appoint a citizen of Illinois as one of the commissioners.

Drowned in the Lake.

RIPON, Wis., July 25.—Miss Mamie Coyne, manager of the Western Union telegraph office at Fond Du Lac, and Henry Heru, a member of the firm of Heru Bros., Fond Du Lac, clothiers, were drowned at Green lake just before dinner. They were in bathing with some friends near Cutcheon's sanitarium. Their bodies have been recovered. The two victims were both widely known and popular.

Immoral's Bondmen Seized.

CHICAGO, July 25.—The troubles of the switchmen's Mutual Aid association found their way into court when a suit for \$20,000 was filed by the organization against the bondsmen of ex-Secretary-Treasurer William A. Sinarott.

DEB. DENIES HIS GUILT.

Defendants in the Contempt Cases File Their Answer—They Were Not Instigators of Violence.

THE LEADERS GAVE NO ORDERS.

They Only Notified the Men After the Result of the Vote was Ascertained.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Debs and other officials of the A. R. U. through their attorneys yesterday made answer in the contempt proceedings in the United States court growing out of their action in violation of the federal injunction in the late railroad troubles. The document is voluminous and full of legal formality, reiterating a denial of the acts alleged in the information under which the proceedings are taken. The essential features follow. They declare that by the terms of the organization of the American railway union they had no power and did not order the strike on any of the railroads tied up; that the strike could only be declared or discontinued by a vote of the majority of the members of the American railway union on each road and that the only power of the general officer in the matter was to notify the members of the union in the service concerned in such strike of the action taken by such majority. They deny that at any time orders were issued to the employes of the railroads mentioned in the complaints, "to strike" but that they merely informed the employes of the result of the votes on these railroads where a majority had voluntarily determined to strike. They deny that said employes leaving the service of said companies did so for the purpose of preventing such companies in the operation of their trains engaged in the carrying the United States mails when in the transaction of inter-state commerce. The defendants admit that prior to and during the strike many local unions of the American railway union organized and were admitted, covering substantially all the roads from Chicago to the Pacific coast, but they deny that after the service of the injunction they carried on the work of organization other than by generally advising railroad employes to become members and receiving applications for membership. Defendants further state that no telegrams set forth in the information against them were sent or authorized by any of them except the one dated July 6, saying that they had the assurance that within forty-eight hours every labor organization in the country would come to the rescue, and advising all to

QUIT AND REMAIN OUT.

till the fight was won, and declaring the cause to be gaining grounds daily and that success was only a question of a few days. This it is admitted was sent by Debs but the defendant have no knowledge whatever of sending the other telegram mentioned. They admit that violence occurred on some of the railway lines tied up, but deny that any members of the American Railway union participated in such acts; they deny they knew that violence necessarily followed from the strikes but allege on the contrary that as far as the American Railway union in concerned the said strike and all similar strikes contemplated nothing more than a peaceable lawful cessation of work. They deny that they at any time directed, advised or approved the acts of violence or

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of any kind, but on the contrary at all times counseled abstention from violence, threats and intimidation and urged respect for the law and the officers thereof. They declare that in sending out communications to the railway managers on July 12, offering to call off the strike, they exceeded their authority; that all they had power to do was to advise the members to adopt the proposal therein stated and further that since the service of the injunction order on them they have been governed in all acts by the advice of eminent counsel as to what they might legally do thereunder; that they intended in no way to violate the injunction or act in defiance or contempt of its authority. The answer is sworn to by Debs, Foward, Keliber and Rogers.

Bad Man Goodman.

ANDERSON, Ind., July 24.—Dick Goodman, leader of the notorious Goodman gang, was Sunday night surrendered by his bondsman, John Griffio. Since the hand-to-hand encounter between the gang and a posse of deputy sheriffs at Summitville last October Dick has been hovering between life and death. Two pistol wounds he received formed success. Since his father was sentenced to five years, Thomp May to nine, and Frank Loomis to four, it has been feared that he would be spirited away by friends. Griffio became alarmed and canceled his bond. Goodman will never appear for trial. He is worth it, it is estimated, \$100,000.

The Dailies Did It.

PERRY, O. T., July 24.—A band of outlaws swooped down on this city and set the wooden house on fire. While the people were trying to stop the serious conflagration, the band liberated the prisoners in the County Jail. Among the prisoners who escaped were "Red" Apple, alias "California Cy-clops," a prize-fighter, and Clay Davis, a member of the Dalton gang, who is one of the most noted horse thieves and outlaws of Oklahoma.

A Woman With a Fad.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 23.—In a lecture on dress reform delivered here Thursday Mrs. Jennie Miller made cutting remarks about some prudish persons who showed their disapproval of a suit she wore. During the lecture Mrs. Miller changed her raiment several times. In disrobing the attire she advocated for a rainy day she appeared in a dress which displayed the top of her shoes and about three inches of heavy cloth leggings. Several women sitting close to the platform frowned and murmured their dissent. Mrs. Miller, looking straight at them, said that a woman's legs were no more sacred than a man's and she hoped the day was near when every woman in the land would throw aside her acquired modesty and enjoy comfort and good health by discarding corsets and wearing their gowns short. She continued: "You go to the beach to bathe in your bathing suits, and you have no hesitancy in exposing your legs to the multitude on the board walk, yet you are shocked when a lady exposes an inch or two of her legs when she appears on the street dressed in a gown that is better than what you are wearing." Mr. Miller was loudly applauded for this, but taking no further notice of the matter, went on with her lecture.

His Headly Whiskers.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Bernard Ascheirodt, painter, was probably fatally burned. He had been at work on the new flats at the northeast corner of Ninety avenue and Twenty-ninth streets for two weeks. When Charles McKean told him that his whiskers would make a good fire he told McKean to mind his own business. But McKean had no business to mind. He has been doing a little work around the place, sweeping out shavings and such.

McKean would not let Ascheirodt alone. He kept making fun of his whiskers and going out and getting drinks. Ascheirodt says, till he was pretty drunk and Ascheirodt was very mad. Then the two had a quarrel, in which Robert Winters, a plumber, became involved. Ascheirodt called Winters an ugly name. Then Winters, so Ascheirodt since charges, picked up Ascheirodt's paint bucket and threw the paint in his face.

"Now they'll burn," cried McKean, and, lighting a match, he touched it to Ascheirodt's whiskers. The blaze flew up in his face and he ran yelling into the street. Then McKean got very sober, ran after Ascheirodt, and smothered the flames with his bare hands. Ascheirodt was in a bad way. He was taken to the New York Hospital, where he was in a dying condition.

Not up to the Standard Weight.

NEW YORK, July 23.—It is said at the sub-treasury that very probably the gold coin withdrawn for export during the past week was not of the full standard weight of 258.56 ounces for each \$5.00 bag. Under the law the sub-treasury is required to accept in payment to the government all gold coin which is not abraded or light more than one-half of 1 per cent; where the loss by abrasion does not exceed that percentage, the same coin is also a lawful payment to the public. The probability, therefore, is that the recent exports to Europe have not averaged more than 258.70 and perhaps as low as 258.59 ounces per \$5.00. This loss would, therefore, be sufficient to diminish the margin of profit from the exportation, as the business is based upon the assumption that the coin would be of full weight, and the banker draws his bill on London at 485 and negotiates exchange in Paris on London 25 francs 16 cents to complete the transaction.

Two Constitutional Amendments.

ALBANY, July 23.—The socialist-labor party came to the front in the constitutional convention through the medium of Gideon J. Tucker. In their behalf Delegate Tucker introduced two proposed constitutional amendments. The first provides that the state shall assume ownership of all railway, telegraph and telephone, gas, water and other corporation belonging to the class of natural monopolies. Where these are essentially of the city or county is to assume ownership. Compensation is to be paid, though in no case is the consideration to be greater than would be paid by the cost of duplicating the plant of the monopoly seized. The second proposition deals with education. It provides that every child shall have a free school training and that in no state school shall any dogma be taught. Children of destitute parents must attend these schools and the state must give them good dinners.

The socialist-labor party, it is understood, will vote against whatever the convention may submit as a whole to the people, unless their schemes are included.

A Texas Necktie Party.

WOODVILLE, Texas, July 23.—A mob of thirty armed men overpowered the jailer here and broke down the doors. They went to the cell where William Griffith was confined and took him out. Proceeding to the South Pacific water tank they hanged and shot him. One of the shots fired into his body nearly cut his arm off. About a week ago Griffith assaulted a little girl.

Waited for the Cash.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The cruiser Columbia was late in starting for Bluefields. The delay was due to the late arrival of cash from the treasury for her voluminous pay roll. All the other details were prepared for her voyage had been completed. For her voyage had been completed. At first she was to have left for the Bluefields and a minute later the anchor was up and she was on her way to Bluefields. Fleet Master of the Sandy Hook fleet, took her to the bar.