

Nebraska Notes

Lincoln county pays a bounty on wolf scalps.

The Sterling Sun is clothed in a handsome new dress.

Blair has organized a militia company. Look out for war.

Mrs. C. A. Packard of Fremont is thought to be fatally ill.

An exchange thinks the handling of power corn shellers more dangerous than football.

Cecil Owen and family left Battle Creek by starlight "owen" more than they could pay.

W. T. Howard, formerly of the Schuyler Sun, will soon be "singing the quill" at Wisner.

George I. Parker of Hartington has been elected cashier of the Coleridge State bank.

The venerable Fred Hedde has again assumed editorial control of the Grand Island Independent.

Large flocks of wild geese have foraged in the corn fields of Cheyenne county all winter.

Cheyenne county farmers are vaccinating their cattle as a sure safeguard against blackleg.

The cattle fed by the Standard company at Ames consume 2,300 bushels every twenty-four hours.

Under the heading, "Paper Wads," the poet of the Pawnee Press is grinding out some masterful jingles.

Hon. John C. Watson of Nebraska City received \$10,000 in settlement of the case to his residence by fire.

The marshal's superior led four tramps and then chased them far beyond the city limits with a shotgun.

Colonel Enos of the Stanton Pickett stands in the front row among the ablest editorial writers in the state.

F. J. Jones of Butte has been installed as foreman of the shoemaking in the boys' industrial school at Kearney.

L. B. Fenner has started the Industrial School Journal at Kearney. The first issue is very entertaining.

The young people of Duncan are getting married at the rate of six couples a week. Prosperity is returning.

A Modern Woodman camp was instituted at Arnold last week. A "team" from Callaway ran the sawmill.

The business men's association at North Bend is undertaking to raise money for advertising purposes.

Ed Cooper of Vesta has purchased and cribbed sixty thousand bushels of corn and will hang on till it makes him rich.

Herman Shrader of Cedar county dislocated his elbow and broke his arm just below the shoulder in a wrestling match.

A Columbus merchant found a boy too shabby to attend school and at once fitted him out in a full suit, including shoes.

A little son of Judge William Neville of North Platte is dangerously sick, and the doctors hold out no hopes of his recovery.

South Omaha is short of school room, and a call has been issued for voting bonds in the sum of \$15,000 to supply the deficiency.

The proposition to bond the city for the price of a high school building was smothered to death by the Plattsmouth board of education.

James M. Hackworth of Seward died of cancer after a long year of constant physical torture. A wife and three children are left to mourn.

Sixteen families in Cedar county are arranging to go south in search of homes, and will construct a huge raft and float down the Missouri river.

A young man old enough to know better was expelled from the Orleans college for petty thieving. Most of the stolen property was recovered.

The Fremont school board has determined upon a cut of 5 per cent in teachers' wages for the next year. One cut of the same amount has already been made.

A Swedish farmer near Harrisburg was digging a well when the earth caved in and covered him to a depth of nearly sixty feet. The body had not been recovered at last reports.

The fair in Butler county will be held September 21, 22, 23 and 24. Sixteen hundred dollars will be paid as premiums and an even thousand devoted to settling with the owners of winning horses.

A Ponca man, having lost faith in banks, put \$450 in gold in a tin can and buried it in the cellar. When he dug it up the other day to make another deposit the can was as empty as the head of the average politician.

The corn cribs at Randolph, which will average ten feet high and ten feet wide, are said to have a total length of 6,540 feet, or nearly one and one-fourth miles, and all heaped with corn. It is estimated that it would take 500 cars to contain it.

If we are to have two soldiers' homes in this state, says the Grand Island Independent, we ought also to have two blind asylums, two deaf and dumb asylums, two penitentiaries, several reform schools and about a dozen insane asylums.

J. W. Jackson, living seven miles southwest of town, says the Randolph Times had some hogs buried in the snow on January 3, and the morning after the storm dug them out all but one, which could not be found.

The hogs were taken out of the shed and put into another pen, and the incident was soon forgotten. The other day Mr. Jackson visited the old shed and was surprised to find his porkship there and still alive, but poor as Job's turkey over was. The starving animal had lived over four days.

STRANGE FATALITY.

Visitors to the Holy Land Are Over-taken by Subsequent Misfortune.

It is a strange fatality that hardly any royal couples have visited the Holy Land together without shortly afterward being overtaken by misfortune. Only one year ago the visit of the Archduke Charles Louis of Austria and the archduchess was followed by the sudden death of the former, who, as second brother of Emperor Francis Joseph, stood next in the line of succession to the crown.

Another imperial couple whose pilgrimage to the Holy Land was followed by equally disastrous results were the crown prince and princess of Austria. The quarrel which culminated in Rudolph's tragic death at Meyerling followed immediately on their return to Vienna from Palestine.

The visit of Emperor William's eldest sister and her husband to Jerusalem, attended by Baron and Baroness von Kotze, had as its sequence what is known at Berlin as the "Kotze" or anonymous letter scandal, in which Princess Charlotte and her husband were so seriously compromised as to render their departure from Berlin necessary, while Baron von Kotze himself, after innumerable duels and being crippled for life, is now undergoing a two years' imprisonment.

Prince Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein, uncle of the present German emperor, after marrying a New York girl, Miss Mary Lee, upon whom the Austrian emperor conferred the title of princess of Noer, took his bride on a honeymoon trip to the Holy Land, and died there suddenly, after a few hours' illness, on his way home, his widow subsequently becoming the wife of Count Walderssee, the most distinguished commander of the German army.

Several analogous cases could be cited, and it probably is due to this that the vast majority of the imperial and royal personages who visit the Holy Land make a point of doing so alone, leaving their husbands or their wives at home. It is thus that the Empress of Austria, Empress Eugenie, the crown princess of Sweden, the Emperor of Germany, King Leopold of Belgium, the duke of Genoa, Prince Henry of Prussia, and a number of others have made the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and to the preservation they attribute their immunity from subsequent misfortune.—Chicago Record.

He Saved the Train.

The Detroit News-Tribune quotes Mr. A. M. Pearce, an old telegraph operator, as telling a very interesting and even thrilling story out of his own experience. He was at the time telegraph operator at a station on the New York Central Railroad. Eight miles east of him was the station of Bergen.

One night I received a message from the operator at Bergen that, as the train was passing, he noticed from the sound that a wheel on one of the cars was in bad shape. He suggested that I should stop the train.

Acting upon his suggestion, I put out my flag and stopped the train. The engineer was pretty sulky, and the conductor got off and wanted to know what I had stopped them there for. I told them the message I had received. Still scolding, they started to look for the broken wheel.

A broken wheel was a serious matter going over that hill, with the possibility of plunging the train off the track and rolling it down the precipice. As it happened, the conductor had his wife and child aboard, too. Well, we looked down one side of the train, and then down the other, without success. But in looking down one of the sides we had a bad light, and so, taking the lantern, I went down again, and found a quarter of one of the wheels broken.

Well, sir, when the conductor came up and saw that wheel he picked me up in his arms, and I believe if I had been a little younger he would have kissed me, he was so glad.

Ammonia in the Air.

Dr. Heber Plank says: Chemists for a long time considered it impossible to separate nitrogen from oxygen as it exists in the air, and then to unite it with hydrogen to form ammonia, but claimed that our sources of ammonia must come from the wastes and decomposition of organic matter. More recently, however, by experiment ammonia has been produced directly from atmospheric air by means of electricity. This would seem to prove the fact that every flash of lightning is manufacturing tons upon tons of ammonia, and every peal of thunder is but recording the same that falls to the ground during every electrical rain storm, each tiny raindrop, well laden, conveying to the soil its portion of the good things already prepared for the plants' banquet table. And this also explains the reason why vegetation is so much more luxuriant after a gentle and refreshing thunderstorm on our grass plots and lawns than is produced by irrigation from hydrants or brooks.

A Job in Prospect.

"I got a chance to go to work if I could only get out to California," said Dismal Dawson.

"Oh, yes, you would work. I don't think," said the incredulous citizen.

"Well, I wouldn't mind takin' this here job. I hear there is a paper wants 200 men to be around on their backs and watch for that flyin' machine."—Indianapolis Journal.

Why It Was Acceptable.

"Ahem!" said Henry Peck; "your sermon on heaven pleased me mightily."

"I'm so glad, brother," responded the minister.

"Yes, it was fine, especially that passage where you described it as a place in which there is no marrying or giving in marriage."—Philadelphia North American.

LEAVES CANTON

President-elect McKinley and Wife Leave for Their New Home.

A BIG DEMONSTRATION AT THE DEPOT

Neighbors Pay Respect to Their Distinguished Townsman and His Wife—A Palatial Special Train Conveys Them Away.

CANTON, O., March 2.—Major McKinley's home city yesterday strongly reminded all of the stirring incidents preceding and following the 3d of November. The citizens have arranged for public demonstration to bid farewell to their honored and beloved citizen and neighbor. The local militia joined in the demonstration and at 6:30 headed by the famous Grand Army band, marched to the McKinley home. As they counter-marched Major McKinley, escorting the coming first lady of the land, appeared at his front door. Their appearance was the signal for cheers and right heartily were they given. As they walked from the famous front porch, from which the republican candidate had delivered so many speeches, to the coach in waiting, there was a frantic effort to obtain a shake of Major McKinley's hand. This was impossible, as the program admitted of not a moment's delay. Major McKinley paused but a few seconds before he entered the cab, to raise his hat to the thousands of people. This act was the signal for an outburst of applause. Major McKinley then assisted Mrs. McKinley and her maid into the cab, then followed her and the ride to the depot was begun.

All along the route, about a mile, the streets were jammed with people, hundreds coming from towns adjacent to bid the major good-bye. Cheer after cheer was given them and many women cried as the president-elect's carriage, drawn by four richly caparisoned white horses, passed along. Major McKinley lowered the window of his cab as he left the house and from the opening waved his hat, and Mrs. McKinley her kerchief. At the depot the space about the station was packed for squares by people who struggled ineffectually to get near the train, which was guarded by the companies of militia. As the president-elect and Mrs. McKinley stepped upon the rear platform of their private car the shouts and cheers of the people again rose. Major McKinley seated his wife just inside the door and stepped upon the platform where he delivered a speech thanking his friends and bidding them good-bye. The special train was a magnificent affair.

A Mob in Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 2.—A riot occurred on the streets of Knoxville early yesterday morning, in which one was killed and a dozen more are more or less seriously hurt.

The trouble grew out of the pending street railway litigation. The police were ordered to arrest laborers who were laying rails and as fast as the men were arrested they gave bond and went back to work. The police became powerless and the fire department was called in to disperse the crowd with water.

When this was attempted a negro tried to cut the hose, but was prevented by Chief McIntosh, whereupon another negro struck the chief with a club. Lieutenant of Police Hood shot the negro, and this enraged the crowd. The entire police force was arrested by the sheriff and his deputies and the laborers put back to work.

Later an injunction was issued by Circuit Judge Sneed restraining the company from tearing up the street. This stopped the matter temporarily. Mayor Heiskell appealed to the mob to disperse, but he was hoisted down. Excitement runs high. The latest movement made is the arrest of all the Citizens' railway officials for inciting a riot. All the city officials from chairman of the board of public works down to the firemen are under arrest.

Confers Degrees on Woman.

LONDON, March 2.—The report of the syndicate appointed by the university of Cambridge to consider the question of granting degrees to women was presented to the university authorities yesterday. Though the committee are not in favor of admitting women to membership in the university, they recommend that the degree of bachelor of arts be conferred by diploma upon women who have passed the final tripos, and that in due course such women may proceed to the degree of master of arts. The committee also decides that the university may grant honorary degrees in arts, law, letters, science and music to women who have not complied with usual conditions, but who have been recommended by such degree by the council of the senate.

Wants \$5,000 for the Refusal.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Mrs. Clara Foltz, who with her daughter was refused service at Hollenden's restaurant at 125th street in Harlem on the night of February 22, because she was unaccompanied by a male escort, has brought suit in the supreme court for \$5,000 against the proprietors of the restaurant. Mrs. Foltz will plead her own case.

Preferred Death.

CAIRO, Ill., March 2.—Elijah Kirby, aged fifty-six years, hanged himself in his cell in the county jail here early yesterday morning. Kirby was about to be taken to the penitentiary to serve a sentence of criminal assault upon his daughter. He had maintained that he was innocent of the charge. Some years ago Kirby killed his brother-in-law and was sentenced for life, but Governor Altgeld commuted his time to eighteen years, and he was released last year.

FIGHT AS ONE THEMSELVES.

Mussulman's Riot With Each Other Over a Salary.

LOSAN, March 3.—A riot occurred at Canea, Crete, yesterday in which Mussulman Bey, colonel of the Mussulman gendarmes, was fatally wounded by his own men. Several other Turkish officers were wounded. The outbreak was caused by the gendarmes not receiving their pay. Notice of the revolt was sent to the various consulates and the foreign warships were dispatched to the scene. Several volleys were fired under the windows of the barracks where the gendarmes were quartered. This not having the desired result the marines fired upon the gendarmes, wounding several of them. The rioters then began to yield. The disturbance caused a panic in Canea.

CANEA, March 3.—A complete rupture between the boys and Mussulman inhabitants has been caused by the fall of Kandamo, and the latter have appealed to the Greek vice consul here to save their compatriots from massacre. The consul has promised to do this, provided the foreign minister will supply the transportation necessary to get the Moslems to Selino, and that Ismel Pasha, the civil governor, will give a written order of the Turks to leave Kandamo under the guarantee of safety given by the Greeks.

It is reported by the governor of Selino that a massacre at Kandamo is imminent. The place is within two hours from the sea and difficult of access owing to the mountainous country.

A conference between the consuls and the admirals was held at which the decision was reached to send officers to Selino and Hilaretra to rescue the beleaguered Moslems. It was also decided to place Selino and Kandamo under the protection of the powers.

Lots of Gold in Oklahoma.

PERRY, Okl., March 3.—Advices from the Wichita mountains are that new discoveries of both gold and silver have caused a fresh outbreak of excitement among the prospectors, who for months have been camped on the border, and a renewed energy has been adopted by the United States authorities to prevent digging for gold. The marshals arrest any man they find on the lands.

Old miners say that there is a scope of land fifty miles long and half that wide that is as rich as any old mines in the west, California not excepted. Professor Andrews, who has been prospecting over fifty years, says that within a year the excitement will be as great over the Wichita mountain gold mines as they were over gold finds in California in 1849.

At one time twenty men were arrested by United States troops and hustled off to Ft. Hill and put in the guard house, many miners are camped on the border, and many are hiding in caves in the mountains. The Wichita mountains are in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations, 100 miles southeast of here.

Collector Is Shot.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 3.—Richard H. Cabell, United States internal revenue collector, has been discovered short in his accounts with the government to the extent of over \$100,000. He has been removed from office and as soon as the exact amount of the defalcations is known his bondsmen will be required to make it good. Cabell held the office for nearly four years, during two of which he has been tampering with the government's money, which he lost speculating in mining stocks. He came to Salt Lake from Virginia, and belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of that state. No steps have yet been taken to prosecute him.

Other Powers May Fight.

LOSAN, March 3.—The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle declares that no communication has been received from Russia. It is quite certain the Greek army will not be withdrawn, Macedonia forces will be raised within a few weeks, with a view to possible contingencies, and if the Turks attempt to invade Thessaly the Bulgarian government is determined to advance its troops instantly to the Agran sea. It is rumored that the secret national committee has decided to commence operations in Macedonia.

Special dispatches state that the Turks succeeded in revictualing the blockhouse at Malatata, but were attacked by insurgents on their return. The consuls at Candia have signed a telegram imploring the powers not to delay a discussion. The town is so crowded with Moslems that famine threatens great loss of life. Hundreds of horses and cattle are already dying from want of fodder. The insurgents have completely cordoned Candia. The greatest anxiety exists also as to the situation at Selino, where the armistice agreed upon by the powers has expired. The insurgents are in a worse mood than ever and thoroughly determined.

Protes a Dismemberment.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 3.—Both houses of the Legislature protested against the cutting off of any part of this territory for annexation to the Indian Territory, as outlined in the Senate amendment to the Indian appropriation bill.

A Big Loan.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad company yesterday authorized a mortgage to secure \$50,000,000 100-year 3 1/2 per cent gold bonds. The board accepted an offer from Speyer & Co. to take the entire issue at 103 1/2. The proceeds are to be used in the payment of the present bonds as they mature, or in the retirement in advance of maturity by special arrangements which may be made by Speyer & Co.

HATES GEN. LEE

Weyler Greatly Embittered Toward Our Consul-General.

AN ATTACK IS FEARED BY AMERICANS

Situation Growing Daily More Critical for Americans in Cuba—Weyler is to be recalled to Spain—Spaniards Aroused to Bitterness.

NEW YORK, March 4.—A dispatch to the sun from Havana says:

The American residents in Havana are greatly excited by the reports concerning the bitter feeling of the Spanish volunteers against General Lee and the United States. American citizens fear an attack on the United States consulate which at present is not protected against aggressions of the Spanish mob.

Consul-General Lee preserves a dignified attitude and quietly attends to his office business. He has no means of repelling an attack and knows perfectly well that the ill feeling of the Spanish masses against him grows more threatening daily.

The release of Sanguilly and his safe arrival at Key West have caused great indignation among the Spaniards. They comment on the affair with much bitterness and say it is a disgrace to Spain and the Spaniards ought not to tolerate it.

General Weyler is expected to return to Havana very soon. The report that he has been recalled by the Spanish government is confirmed, but the fact has not yet been officially announced. The real cause for his recall is not a disagreement between the captain-general and the central government concerning the treatment of American citizens and the release of Sanguilly, but the total military failure of Weyler in the Santa Clara province and the recent victories of Gomez over Colonel Arjona and General Gasco, Segnera and Ruiz. The report of the disagreement between Weyler and the Madrid government, above referred to, is only an excuse for concealing the real facts of Weyler's disaster in Santa Clara.

Weyler is greatly embittered against the Americans and General Lee. It is certain that while remaining in office until his successor arrives, it will be only under pressure from Madrid that he will try to protect the American consul from the consequences of the Spanish animosity.

Too Much Champagne.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—J. H. Oakley, a middle-aged broker of Pittsburg, Pa., who has been spending some time in California, died yesterday at a hotel in this city. Oakley has been on a protracted spree in company with a woman representing herself to be a Spanish princess. The pair have been drinking much champagne.

Last night physicians were called in. They found Oakley suffering from acute alcoholism, though his death, which occurred soon afterward, was attributed to "heart failure." The woman says she has been known as Mrs. Weyler and Mrs. Worth. Her trunk bears the name "Jessie Taylor." She claims she met Oakley at New Orleans two weeks ago and agreed to accompany him on a trip to China. Tickets for the voyage had been secured for Friday's steamer. Oakley's body will be shipped to Pittsburg for burial.

Bills to be in the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The president-elect passed a very active day. He received a large number of callers, made a formal visit at the White house, and took dinner last night with Col. John Hay.

Major McKinley's most important callers from a political point of view yesterday morning were Messrs. Platt, Bliss and Hanna. Mr. Hanna and Mr. Bliss met at breakfast and had a long talk about the New York situation. Mr. Bliss, who had steadily and stoutly declined up to that time to reconsider his determination not to become a member of the cabinet, finally agreed to do so and authorized Mr. Hanna to say to Mr. Major McKinley that he would accept the position of secretary of the interior if it were offered him. Mr. Hanna went over to the Ebbitt house at once and in a short time Mr. Bliss was summoned and a few moments later Mr. Platt. A full, frank discussion followed, and then Mr. Bliss was offered a portfolio in the cabinet. He will be secretary of the interior unless Gov. John D. Long of Massachusetts should indicate a willingness to take that place, and if he does Mr. Bliss will probably be secretary of the navy. Mr. Platt and Mr. Bliss understand each other thoroughly, and it is said they will be jointly consulted about all important New York appointments. The republican leaders here express great satisfaction over the appointment of Mr. Bliss.

A Suspect as Criminal.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 4.—Early Tuesday morning John and Perry Henderson, father and son, were burned to death in their boarding house on Chaplin street, this city.

Both men had retired and were asleep and it is supposed that some miscreant poured oil in their bed and ignited it. Police are investigating.

Will Practice Law.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Secretary Olney has definitely concluded not to accept the professorship of international law at Harvard, tendered him by President Eliot, but will resume his law practice in Boston in the course of a month. He intends to remain in Washington for a week after inauguration.

Secretary Herbert has associated with him Benjamin Micon of Alabama, chief clerk of the navy department, and together will establish a law firm.

A NEW LEADER

Wm. McKinley Now Holds the Reins to the Government of the U. S.

TAKES THE SOLEMN OATH OF OFFICE

Thousands Witness the Great Event and Cheers Issue From Thousands of Throats—Hobart is Also Made Vice President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—William McKinley is the president of the United States. At 1:20 yesterday Chief Justice Fuller administered the oath that made him the executive head of this great nation of ours.

Major McKinley left the Ebbitt hotel at 10:30 for the White House. He there met the outgoing president and together they were driven through crowded streets to the capitol. Vice President-elect Hobart was conducted to the capitol by a senate committee. A crowd numbering thousands was gathered at the foot of the long, wide steps of the national capitol building as the presidential party drove up.

At the capitol the president and other officials, the president and vice president-elect, assembled in the senate chamber, the members of the supreme court and the members of the senate and house being present. Vice President Stevenson administered the oath of office to Mr. Hobart and at the stroke of 12, declared the senate of the Fifty-fourth congress adjourned without day. The new vice president, an extra session of the senate having been called, then administered the oath of office to the newly elected senators.

OATH OF OFFICE.

The senate took a recess and the procession moved to the stand at the east portico in front of the rotunda, President Cleveland and President-elect McKinley leading. On this stand the oath of office was administered to President McKinley by Chief Justice Fuller in the presence of vast thousands. President McKinley then made his inaugural address. On concluding he returned to the president's room in the senate wing of the capitol, and was then escorted to the white house by the inaugural parade.

The parade moved from the capitol by way of Pennsylvania avenue west to Washington Circle, thence east through K. street, to Vermont avenue, where the organizations were reviewed by Grand Marshal Porter and dismissed. From a stand in front of the white house the president saw the parade.

From the best estimates obtainable, there were 20,000 men in line as the procession filed down Pennsylvania avenue. Of these about 12,000 were military and 8,000 civic organizations. Almost all of the latter were republican league clubs.

On the return to the white house, which President McKinley reached ahead of the main body of the parade, a luncheon was hastily served for him before he went to the reviewing stand. He and Mrs. McKinley took leave of ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland, who at once left, the former going down the river on a trip, and the latter to Princeton, N. J.

Last night there was an illumination and a display of fireworks in the Washington monument grounds, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The inaugural ball was held in the pension building, doors being open at 8 o'clock, and the ceremonies beginning at 9 o'clock.

A Brilliant Affair.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The grand old pension building never looked gay or more beautiful than last night when the first gentleman and lady of the land gratified the impatience of the crowd upon its polished dancing floor appearing in the balcony and bowing their acknowledgements. The inaugural ball was on.

The appearance of the president and Mrs. McKinley and the vice president and Mrs. Hobart was the feature of the evening. It was 9:40 o'clock when President and Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by the private secretary, J. Addison Porter, arrived. They were met at the west entrance by the committee consisting of Generals Wilson and Ruggles, Commodores Chadwick and Joseph McCammon. A short turn to the right brought them to the stairs leading to the reception room on the second floor. A number of distinguished persons were present.

Cleveland's Work Ended.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The work of the Cleveland administration ended at 10:45 a. m., and the cabinet room was deserted.

The president did not sign the sundry bill, Indian or agricultural appropriation bills. They all failed for lack of the president's approval.

Just before the president-elect's arrival the president hastily affixed his signature to the postoffice, District of Columbia and naval appropriation bills upon the assurance of the cabinet officers who had examined them, but insisted upon a more thorough inspection of the sundry civil and Indian appropriation bills.

At the last moment the president approved the St. Louis and Pittsburg bridge bills.

Rivers Rising Rapidly.

St. Louis, March 5.—Heavy rains for twenty-four hours have started the rivers to rising. A rise here of two feet in twenty-four hours is noted. Telegrams from New Madrid and Belmont, Mo., announce that the section there known as the New Madrid sink is under water and families are forced to the hills for safety. Alarm is felt in the peninsula, as a high stage of water increases the danger of the threatened cut-off from the Mississippi river to the Ohio,