Butter Is a Multimurderer Like E.

counterpart of the late H. H. the multimurderer of Chicago and other cities, has been found in Frank Butler, with various allases. He is an Australian criminal of the same extreme class as that to which Holmer belonged. In some respects his feats in crime equal or surpass those of

The criminal career of Butler in Aus tralia displaye consummate depravity and cunning. His methods were like those of Holmes in some respects. He advertised for emistants in his bust nem undertakings, generally in prospecting for minerals. But only men were his victims. Holmes advertised for female assistants, who became victims first of his lust and then of his murderous propensities. Holmes was the greater criminal.

The various aliases of Butler, so-called, included the names of Ashe, Harwood and Lee Weller. It is conjectured that Ashe is his real name and that Bartlett. Butler is one of his numerous aliases. But his origin is obscure, except that he was known in some of the English seaports before he drifted to Australia.

The facts appear to be that a number of mysterious disappearances were reported to the police at Sydney. In some of the cases the missing persons were men without relatives in Sydney, but they had become acquainted with people residing there. In other cases men more or less known in business had been missed. In still other cases new that her life has despaired of. comers supposed to have money for investment were lost to view.

The entire number of mysterious disappearances amounted to ten or twelve within a short time. It was then noticed that for about the same period of time occasional advertisements had been printed in the Sydney papers asking for partners, generally to engage to prospecting for gold in the mining regions. It became known that persons answering those advertisements had bought camp outfits and prospectors' tools and had left Sydney with a person giving the various names by which Butler or Ashe was known. But it was always found that a man giving the name of the person who had disappeared was afterward seen about Sydney. though not recognized as the missing individual

At length a well-known sailor of Sydney named Lee Weller and carrying the title of "captain" from once having commanded a vessel, announced to his friends that he had answered an advertisement in which a companion was wanted for prospecting in the mountains. He was not seen again, but another man calling himself Captain Lee Weller appeared at Sydney, remained there some time and then shipped under that name as a sallor on a vessel bound to San Francisco.

After this shipment the facts as to the many disappearances were collected. The police arrived at the conclusion that the person advertising for partners in various enterprises, including that of prospecting in the mineral regions, had taken his companions to remote mountain neighborhoods and there murdered, by cutting his throat with a razor. them for the purpose of getting their money and property. The case of Captain Lee Weller attracted particular resse the capacity for making butter attention. A grave in the mountains exhumed, the clothing on the remains proving the identification.

The police authorities cabled to San Francisco, asking the arrest of the sailor who had shipped under the name of Weller when the vessel should arrive at that port. Outside the harbor of San Francisco a police tug met the vessel and detectives swarmed over its decks a detective pointed out the man under longed to Uncle Sam. the name of Weller as the fugitive from justice whose arrest he was authorized among my crew," said the captain of the vessel. The prisoner was taken ashore and is awaiting the result of extradition proceedings.

The most interesting part of this to the device which the multimurderer adopted to divert pursuit from his crimhal tracks. He would carry a man away into the mountains, murder him, seize his property and return to Syding at business resorts in the name of what his future course will be. the man whose death be had caused. It was by this device that he assumed the name of Captain Lee Weller, his last victim, under which he shipped for San Francisco, where he was arrested.

It is extremely improbable that Holmes and Butler, alias Ashe, ever had that their methods were similar to many respects renders the case of interest to those who have studied the eriminal history of Chicago, -Chicago miles. Chronicle.

Different Grades of Gold. Twenty-four carat gold is all gold: 22 carat gold has 22 parts of gold, 1 of silver and 1 of copper; 18 carat gold has 18 parts of gold and 3 each of silver and copper; 12 carat gold is balf gold and has 31/4 parts of silver and 81/4 of copper. Its specific gravity is about 15; pure gold is 19.

Millions of Minor Coins. A few years ago 4,500,000 bronze 2-cent pieces were set affoat. Three million of these are still outstanding. Three million 3-cent nickel pieces are scattered over the United States, but it to very rarely that one is seen.

The poorest woman extends invitations to visit her as lavishly as if her home were a castle and her husband a

Don't imagine that wall flowers at a

IN HIGH WATER Hebraska Hotes ---------

At Superior white corn brings 14

Cedar county has a medical society. It meets every month.

A Brewsterman thinks of starting a ewspaper at West Union.

Winter wheat in southern Clay county is in excellent condition. Ponca is trying to exist without s

laundry, but finds it a dirty job. Rev. Dr. Grob of Omaha has closed a

successful revival at Grand Island. The village of Cozad is entirely out of debt, and has \$13) in the treasury.

It is reported that Cedar county is short twenty six bridges since the flood. A man at South Omaha was sentenced

Seven rol ust head . f cattle were stolen from the pasture of F. H. Plank near

The demand of the hour, says the Norfolk News, is fewer typewriters and more cooks. Amen.

Elvira Roberts of Nebraska City wants divorce from her husband, John Bert. He isn't good to her.

Valentine has adopted a curfew ordinance and the kids scamper home when the gong sounds at 8 p. m.

The death of her busband has so prostrated Mrs. F. Behring of Humphrey

Mrs. William Patridge of Grand Island fell to the bottom of the cellar and has been sick in bed ever since.

The west Nebra-ka edu ational association will nold a two days' session in North Platte, convening April 30.

A year old child at Stanton fell from a leet below, without serious injury. P. W. Wirt, for many years a grain

dealer at Linchtield, died recently at cut off. Deepwater, Tex., aged sixty-three. Edgar and Fairfield have already start-

ed in on baseball. Edgar was deleated a week ago with a score o. 12 to 11. The far western counties, usually dry

at this time of the year, are reported in excellent condition for successful farm-

A stock association has been organized in Banner county which has for one object mutual protection against cattle rustiers.

Dawes county has more moisture than t knows what to do with It rained steadily thirty-six hours and wound ap with a heavy fall of snow.

James N. Adams, who was supposed to have committed suicide at Peru by frowning, has shown up at Crab Orthard alive and in good health.

Elder Kapp of Broken Bow rejoices hat he winter's work has not been in rain. Sixty names have been added to he roll of the Christian church. James Clizbe, a well-to-do farmer near

Weeping Water, became despondent on secount of ill health and ended his life

The proprietors of the new creamery at Seward have found it necessary to inov a ding another separator and new burn.

ane, and is in jail for safe keeping unil room can be secured for him at the Lincoln hospital.

Speculation on the board of trade is what caused the downfall of Postmaster Christie of Scotia. He hit the wrong The sailors were stationed in line and side of the market with money that be-

The editor of the Coleridge Blade believes in theosophy, and his mind is so to make. "That is the best sailor parried away with the glories of reinparnation that his crazy notions take precedence over news.

The North Platte man built a buggy shed and found after completion it was criminal history is the episode relating two sizes smaller than the vehicle. He ad to tear it down and make a new one. The moral is obvious.

J. H. Riggs whas withdrawn from the management of the Dodge Criterion, which he undertook a few months ago. ney, registering at hotels and appear. He does not inform his readers as to

> Wild geese flying over Superior the other night during a hail storm were dazzled and bewildered by the electric lights, and dropped low enough to get in range of several murderous shotguns.

The North Platte Land and Water criminal correspondence. But the fact company has ordered the necessary materal for a telephone line to extend from the head of their canal to the town of Hershey, a distance of nine

Lightning struck the barn of L. G. Hurd at Harvard and those who saw it said it looked like a ball of fire as big as a barrel. The fire boys responded promptly and saved the building from

total destruction. It is reported that the F. & E. railroad officials have invited several Boyd congty men to go to Omaha to confer with hem relative to the amount of business there is in that county for a railroad, in one one was built.

Two car loads of Indians from the Pine Ridge agency passed through Blair Sunday afternoon en route for Brooklyn S. Y., to join Buffalo Bill's show. They were dressed in their finest and togged in their war paint.

The residence of Alfred Phillips, a farmer living in Saunders county about eleven miles southeast of Fremont, was burned to the ground last week. Mrs. Phillips and the children were at home at the time. Nothing could be done to more the building and everything in M

Floods Continue All Along the Musiasippi Valley.

RAGING WATERS THREATEN PROPERTY

port Bed Floods-Kallroad Tracks Washed Out-Hopeful Signs.

Sr Paul, Minn., April 6 .- The river at this point is still rising slewly, passing the eighteen-foot mark yesterday afternoon. This is four feet above the danger line and the flate on the west side are mostly submerged. The loss is chiefly to the poorer people, who are being cared for by the city. This afternoon the water swept sway several ice to serve eight days in jail for stealing houses at South St. Paul, with several thousand tone of ice.

The following specials to the Pioneer-Press give the situation at other points:

YANKTON, S. D .- Conditions in the Jim river valley are unchanged, the river remaining stationary. The railroad tracks continue to wash badly, but the bridges are still firm. Farmers in the valley are now well out of danger.

HURON, S. D .- The floods over this part of the state are subsiding and with week of pleasant weather farmers can begin seeding on high ground.

CROOKSTON, Minn.-The Red Lake river at this point has been at a standstill all day, and the prospects of frost give hope that the flood is checked for the present. Keports from Fisher state that a high wind is driving the water off the prairie and washing out the tracks on both railroads.

MOOSHEAD, Minn,-It is the general belief that the river here has reached its height, and the only danger now is chamber window to the sidewalk, twelve the ice, which is expected to come and interfere with the bridges. All communication between this city and Fargo it

> BISMARCK, N D .- The ice in the Missouri yesterday became gorged below here, and the water is now rising at the rate of mx feet per hour. A perfect torrent is rushing toward Mandan, and it is probable that the lower part of that town will be inundated. The Northern Pacific tracks between this city and Mandan are under water.

> WINONA, Minn -The Miss ssippi river at this point is booming in a way that exceeds the recollections of even the old-timers. Advices are to the effect that the ice in Lake Pepin is breaking up and a flood of water is coming down that will materially add to the stage of water here. The water is coming up in the lowlands and forcing the inhabitants out of their homes in these regions. All the sawmills in the city, excepting one, have been compelled to close,

Gold Excitement at Yoma

Pomona, Cal., April 6, -George P. Payne, a well known gold miner of California for more than a quarter of a cen-. lo has just arrived here from Lana, says that Yuma has suddenly ecome a most excited mining town. Nothing quite like the present excitement over the suddenly found riches and prospects of turther finds has been seen -inc the pa'my days of Virginia, Net little early 70s. Cripple Creek William Giese, aged seventeen, of for unadulte ated excitement. The Merrick county, has been adjudged in- town is wild with excitement because of two finds of marvelou-ly rich bodies of gold ore. At Pichaco mining district, some twenty-five miles north of Yuma, on the California side of the Colorado tiver, there are the Golden Dream and Noonday mines. For several weeks the men at those mines have been getting into rich ore and the owner has been offered as high as \$175,000 for his mines. On Thursday men in both mines at almost the same hour ran into ledges of ore that yield over \$60 to the ton. Four specimens from these ledges were found to run \$2,750 per ton. Twelve carelessly elected bits of rock assuved \$3,120 to the ton. The ledges in the Pichaco disrict are all very large. One ledge of low grade ore there is even sixty feet wide. No one can tell yet what the dirich ore has been found, but it is certainly a big one. Besides there is constantly coming into Yuma every day news of rich tinds in the Gleason distr.ct. That is twenty miles east of Yuma, Ariz,, near lacus station, and is tribe. The winter has been a severe surrounded by a desert.

To Succor sufferers

WARRINGTON, April 6 .- The situation in the flooded Mississippi district is being earnestly inquired into by the president and the Arkansas congressional delegation, headed by Senator Jones, called upon Mr. McKinley to urge upon him the advisability of sending a special message to congress urging appropriate legislation for the relief of the flood sufferers. A delegation of citizens from Memphis, headed by Representative Carmack, also called on the same mission. Mr. M/ Xinley has already telegraphed the governors of the states in which the floods exist for information, and he has practically decided to send a special message to congress tomorrow on the subject, with a recommidation that such legislation for the relief of the sufferers as congress may deem fit be enacted without delay.

Completed the Racing Board.

BALTIMORE, April 6.-The racing board of the L. A. W. has been completed by the appointment of Henry S. Dixon of Dixon, Ill., who will assume charge of Fred Geriach's old district, comprising Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota Dakotas and Nebraska. Chairman Mot of the racing board says that all idea of the league's sending men to represent America at the international champion

LOOK FOR A SIM GRUWD.

For Tork Expects a Million Torsors a the Dedication of Grant's M nument.

New York, April 7 .- The police department and hotel men estimate that there will be one million visitors to New York city on April 27, when Grant's tomb is dedicated. The entire national guard of Ne v York, 13,000 men, will take part in the parade, having a place in the line directly following the United States troops.

Ten vessels of Admiral Bunce's squadron will participate in the naval parade. twe vesses of the revenue fleet and e even of the light house fleet. Italy, France and Spain will be represented by one warship each, and England will probably send two. President McKinley will review the naval parade after the land parade is over.

The Grant monument association have received from the park commissioners permission for the removal of the boly of G neral Grant from its temporary resting place in the new tomb. Its removal will be attended with great secrecy and will take place at night.

Captured and Brought Back

URHANA, O., April 7 .- Z. T. Lewis, who became a fug tive from justice two years ago, after committing a series of the most during forgeries ever attempted in this state, was brought back to Urbana last night from Yvsilanti, Mich., where he was arrested. He is a physical wreck. Lewis, who had been counted a shrewd financier, confined his forgeries to county and school district bonds. The forgeries amounted to about \$300,000 and the securities he forged were represented to have been issued in five diff-rent Ohio counties. Four hundred indictments are now pending in various courts against Lewis. When arrested at Yvsilanti he was liv ing with his family under the name of I mes Leache. He consented to return to Ohio without a requisition.

PITTSBURG, Pa , April 7 .- The strike troubles at A. M. Byers' mills, where the puddlers are striking against a reduction, are, from all indications at midnight, likely to culminate in a riot this morning. Seventeen of the twentyeight puddling furnaces of the plant have been lighted, and the managers are determined to start the mill at 3 a. m, with non-union men. The strikers are equally determined to prevent it and are in readiness to take decide! action to carry their point. The puddlers were reinforced by the finishers, 200 in number, who were ordered out by Vice President Carney of the amalgamated association of iron and steel workers.

The amalgamated association is directly interested in the fight because the firm signed its scale to pay \$4.50 per ton for puddling until July 1

Disgusted and Resigns.

HAVANA, April 7 .- It is understood that Senor Jose Porroa, who in February last succeeded Gen, Suraez Valdezas civil governor of Havana and western the levee are at an end. There is a Oubs, has tendered his resignation by strong current flowing outwards towards cable to Premier Canovas del Castillo, the bottom lands at the south end, forwarding by mail the reasons for the which are four to six feet lower than in act. (aptain-General Weyler is said to the yards. Attention is now being oppose the resignation, because he con- turned to setting things siders Senor Porrua's presence in the island expedient for the time. Senor Porrua, however, is evidently resolved and it is not impossible that the affair may bring about Weyler's own resignation. Senor Porrus gives up his office chee fully, he says, because it will bring an end of 'compromise and disgust."

The insurgents, led by Paul Chango and cane fields on the Cayajobo:o plan- tiary was being made, the dynamo tation, near Madenga, Matanzas, the that Captain-General Weyler will short- care of the machinery some of the offily return and declare the province of cia's suspected the dynamo had been Matanzas, Santa Clara, Pinar del Rio tampered with, but the prisoners indigand Havana "pacified."

Slowly Survive to Death

Repuiso, Cal., April 7 .- The remnant of Captain Jack's tribe of Modoc Inmensions are of the ledge in which the dias, living in Modoc county, in the neighborhood of the scenes of Captain Jack's treachery and General Canby's death in 1872, are now in a piriable condition verging on actual starvation. In all there are about 200 families of the one, and the Indians have been unable to obtain the necessaries of life.

It is reported that their number has been reduced one-half this winter by death, due to starvation and exposure. There is no reservation for them, and no appeal to the United States government.

Divine Healer Again,

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 7 .- Schrader the "divine healer," made his sudden appearance here yesterday, as he claims, after a fast of forty days in the mountains of New Mexico. During that time he declares that he tasted no food and that water was all that passed his lips. Aiready several hundred men and women an t children, most of them Italians and people of the laboring class have crowded his quarters on Meadow street, and had him pass his hands over them and give them a blessing.

McKinley Takes No Action.

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- The president has decided to take no action in the matter of revoking or modifying the order of Mr. Cleveland setting selde twenty-one forest reserves in the west until he ascertains whether congress will leg-islate on the subject or not.

A Job for Bon Butterworth

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- The senate to

A RAGING FLOOD

Rise in the the Rivers of the North Greater Than Ever Before

FLOOD IS THE GREATEST ON RECORD

From the Devastations of High Water -Railroads Mave Heavy Loss.

YANKTON, S. D., April 8 .- Never before in the history if this section of the country has there occurred the flood that is now raging in the valley of the Jim river. The vast snow country, reaching far into North Dakota, is now pouring buge volumes of water down here. Reports reach here day by day of immense rises far up the river.

Railroads have now suffered great loss by the flood. The Milwaukee, Northwestern and Great Northern roads entering this city from the east, have miles of their road beds demolished with prospects of suff-ring still greater loss. No trains have entered here for nearly a week, and it will probably be a month before railroad traffic is restored to its normal condition. Farmers are well prepared for the worst of the flood.

BISMARCK, S. D., April 8.—There is practically no change in the flood situation from yesterday. The water in the Missouri fell a foot Tuesday night. Last night the river was gradually falling. All of the lowlands are covered with water and there is no prospect of the water receding much until the gorge below breaks.

MOORHEAD, Minn., April 8.-The river began falling at 3 o'clock vesterday morning and at 6 o'clock in the evening had fallen four inches. There is an immense quantity of ice yet about five miles up the river. Mayor Lewis issued a call for a relief meeting. There will undoubtedly be a general response to this invitation, as the flooded section reveals a sad picture of desolation and

FARGO, N. D., April 8 -One of the saddest events of the flood was the drowning yesterday morning of Clarence Lyon, son of Cashier S. S. Lyon of the First National bank. With two companions young Lyon rowed over the rapids formed by the water from the big Coulee over Eight street toward Red river. The boat was upset and the other two boys reached shore, but Lyon

was drowned. The body was recovered. PIERRE, S. D., April 8 .- William Benoit came in yesterday morning from the Moreau river country and estimates the loss of cattle in that section at between 40 and 50 per cent. The storm of last Saturday was very severe on stock and added largely to the winter loss. He reports the river clear of ice from the mouth of the Moreau down.

Sr. Paul, Minn. April 8.-The water began to recede at South St. Paul Tuesday night, and the fears of a break in

Governor Bushnell yesterday afternoon refused to commute the sentence of Wilmurderer, the electrocution will not take terday afternoon, while a final test of burned out. As no one was in the dy alued at \$400,000, it is rumored here except the prisoners detailed to take nantly denied the imputation. Harry Canfield, the electrician, thought it possible to repair the dynamo so that the electrocution could take place, but the so great was the strain that one section probability of another accident induced of the piazza, forty feet square, fell the board of managers to hold a confer- through. ence with Governor Bushnell and it was decided to grant the condemned man a respita until the dynamo could be repaired and tested. Contrary to previour custom the death warrant had been read to Haas during the afternoon. He was found playing checkers with the other annex inmates and when the warrant had been read resumed the game as though there had been only an ordinary interruption.

Haas, who is only nipeteen years old, maintained his indifference during the afternoon and evening and he was not notified of the respite total late last night.

Dan L. mont Has a Job New York, April 8 .-- The Mail and

Express vesterday evening save: Official confirmation was given yesterday to the report that Col. Daniel S. Lamont, ex-secretary of war under Presi-

dent Cleveland, is to be placed at the head of the Northern Pacific within sixty days. The title of Colonel La mont will be president, and it is thought that his headquarters will be in this city.

Want an Investigation

Austin, Tex., April 8 .- Yesterday atternoon the house of the Texas legislature adopted a resolution instructing the Texas members of congress to deveteran, who has been sentenced un-justly to be hanged. The friends of Stewart some time ago petitioned President Cieveland to intercede in his behalf. He was arrested for shooting a

MICEVILLE HAS BRATT LOSS.

eart of City Sees up to Smake-Lives Last.

Knozville, Tenn., April 9.-Knoz ville was visited Wednesday by the me detructive fire in its history.

The very heart of the city, including some of the largest wholesale and retail business houses in the south, were destroyed. The loss is variously estimated from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, with about 60 per cant of insurance.

The loss of life is very uncertain, as the hotel register in which fifty-six people were sleeping was burned. The proprietor of the hotel says that he had five or six guests who had not put in an appearance, A. E. Weeks of Locke, N. York., a drummer for a Rochester stamping crmpany, is known to have perished in the flames. R. W. Hopkins a St. Louis drummer, was last seen in the burning building in a suffocating condition. W. H. Kephart, ex-secretary of the chamber of commerce, saved the life of John Bogle, an old farmer, by pragging him to a window and letting him out on the roof of another building. Kephart jumped one story and was injured.

When the firemen thought all the inmates of the hotel had recaped, a woman, with an infant in her arms, rushed to the rear window and screamed for help. A net was quickly stretched and the woman asked to drop the child, but as the smoke almost chocked her, she told them that if she had to die both would die. The woman was finally rescued by the firemen.

From the hotel building, which is five stories, the fire spread east and west, and a stiff wind made the flames very ugly and the fire department was inadequate. In the wholesale hardware house of W. W. Woodruff & Co., a large dynamite explosion occurred and scores of people were hurt by flying brick and glass. It became necessary at last, to have the walls of one building blown down by cannon to stop the mad career of the fire. A mountain howitzer of the Knoxville legion was called into play and a load of canister did the work, at the same time tearing up some residences in a different part of the city.

OUTSIDE HELP SUMMONED. The city authorities, realiz ng that the fire department was unable to conquer the flames, telegraphed to Chattanooga for assistance. An en ine was placed sboard a flatear and started, the run of III miles, which was made by Engineer Robertson in 109 minutes, breaking the record. When the engine arrived here the fire was about under control, yet the Chattanooga boys did some good work.

The list of dead and injured so far reported is as follows: Dead: A. E. Weeks, Locke, N. Y. R. W. Hopkins, St. Louis, Mo. Robinson, Pulaski, Tenn.

S. E. Williams, Springfield, Mass. The injured: J. C. M. Bogle, Tennessee, burned and will die. D. M. Dean, Indianapolis,

Tom S. Peck, Morristown, Tenn. Lieutenant Hood, Knoxville police. Claude Harris, Knoxy Il. Policeman Asquith. Policeman Duncan, badly burned and

was carried home. Fire Chief McIntosh.

W. H. Kephart, Knoxville.

W. J. B. van Injured St. Augustine, Fla., April 9 .- Hon. Conussus, O., April S .- Although W. J. Bryan was injured here Thursday evening by the caving in of the piazza from which he was speaking. Nearly liam Hars, the Cincinnati rapist and 400 men and women were precipitated about twenty feet to the ground and place Thursday morning. At 3:30 yes- many of them were injured, but none fatally. Mr. Bryan was picked up unhave dynamited and burned the works the electrical machinery at the peniten- conscious and removed to a physician's office, where an examination revealed that he had received no injuries of a property of an American, Andrew Terry, name room at the time of the accident perious character. It was deemed best, however, to abandon the reception which was to have been given him this

> Mr. Bryan addressed fully 3,000 persons from the piazza of the San Marco hotel. At the close of his beech hundreds of people flocked about him and

Eaten by Cannibals.

VICTORIA, B. C. April 9 .- Australian advices state that Mr. Duncan, a white trader, who reached Sydney from South Africa last year, met his death in a very painful way while trading with natives of New Hebrides. He was tied up to a tree for three days, being kept alive and forcibly stuffed with food. He was then cut down, killed and eaten, women even joining joyfully in the cannibalistic feast.

Duncan was a single man, about thirty-three years of age.

From those who know the New Hebrides, has been collected the information that the natives are very treacher-ous, they having on several occasions dealt murderously with European ves-

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 9.—The consol-idation of three of the largest manufactories of harness in the country, those at Columbus, O., Syracuse and Buffale, N. Y., has been effected by the organization of the United Hame company. The officers and factories of the company will be located here.

General Elvera Freed

KEY WEST, Fla., April 9 .- News was received here at a late hour Wednesday night that the Cuban insurgents had the Texas members of congress to demand an investigation of the case of General Rivers was being taken from Max Stewart, a Texan and a confederate San Oristobal to Havana. Reports say that the insurgents were successful in their attack and that General Rivers was freed. It is impossible at this he to get a confirmation or denial of the re-port, but the Cuban sympathicare have letters it to be true and are jubilent.