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PIONEERS MEET AGAIN

Twenty-Eighth Annual Reunion of the Pioneers and Old Settlers Association of Dakota County, Neb., a Grand Meeting.

Dakota City, Neb., Aug. 26.—Memories laden with sweet enchantment, stirring reminiscences of adventure and conquest, pathetic recollections of sacrifice and suffering—stray leaves drifting out from elemental chapters of the history of a great commonwealth—characterized the reunions of the Pioneers' and Old Settlers' associations of Dakota county held in Dakota City today.

Monumental to the achievements of these intrepid pathfinders, these sturdy men and noble women, stands a splendid civilization, where before their advent nomadic Indian tribes prowled the forests and roamed the prairies. Thus it is that Dakota county and Nebraska today paid homage to the pioneers who made the "desert to blossom as the rose."

The meccalike demonstration began early. With best bib and tucker farmers and their families began to arrive almost with the first rays of the sun. By breakfast time quiet, peaceful Dakota City had begun to take on the airs of a metropolis. Everywhere there was hustle and bustle. It was the big day of the year in the capital of Dakota county, and everybody knew it.

President John Boler.

All morning they kept coming—on foot, on horseback, by buggy, by wagon, by railroad train, by automobile—and one or two dared to ride in on the antediluvian bicycle. They came from Hubbard, from Goodwin, from Jackson, from Homer, from South Sioux City and from Nacora. They came from cities outside Dakota county. Sioux City sent its usual large delegation. Sergeant Bluffs contributed to the throng by way of a return call upon those who had attended the successful picnic at the Bluffs the previous week. The crowd was estimated at 10,000. And they kept coming during the afternoon.

Many who have moved from Dakota county, but who like once a year to return to the old haunts to renew old friendships, time their vacations with reference to the annual reunion of old settlers, so among the merry makers were many from long distances. The picnic afforded them the best opportunity to exchange greetings with friends of other days, and it was a merry scene which was presented at Clinton park, the center of the celebration.

Dakota City, Neb., Aug. 27.—Special: The annual picnic of old settlers is voted one of the most successful picnics in the history of the old settlers.

The business meeting resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. H. Baker; vice president, Emmet Gribble; secretary, W. C. Eckhart; assistant secretary, W. L. Rose, re-elected; financial secretary, Barney Gribble; treasurer, George T. Woods, re-elected; historian, M. M. Warner, re-elected. The election of executive committee resulted as follows: St. John's precinct, John Boler; Covington precinct, J. J. Eimers; Omadi precinct, W. H. Ryan; Pigeon Creek precinct, Philo McAfee; Emerson precinct, Ben Bonderson; Dakota precinct, L. H. Ambright; Zummit precinct, Thomas B. Jones; Hubbard precinct, John C. Smith. Mrs Fannie Crozier and Mrs. Eva L. Orr were elected to membership on the badge committee.

Classy racing attracted a large crowd to the track during the late afternoon. In the free for all trot, Eddie Good, driven by Ben Kneebs of Sioux City, took first money. Black Ranger, driven by Michael Hessermann, came in second, and Sam, driven by Stephen Leis, was third under the wire.

The country trot was easily won by Sam, Black Ranger taking second place and Ella C third. No official time was kept of the races.

While the racing was on, another crowd was worked up to a high pitch by an exciting baseball game across the field. After nine innings, filled with many fine plays, Homer succeeded in defeating Dakota City by a score of 1 to 0. The lone score was made in the first inning. The batteries were: Dakota City, Hogan and Stinson; Homer, Rasmussen and Rasmussen.

The festivities closed at night with a concert by Reed's band on the courthouse campus and a dance at the hall.

Notes of the Reunion.

Elias Shook, one of the old timers, came from Belvidere, S. D.

The concerts by Reed's band, of Sioux City, were an enjoyable feature of the picnic.

A. H. Baker is the second oldest pioneer in the county. He landed in August, 1855. He is 74 years old.

Handsome souvenir programmes were issued by the Herald and the Eagle for the information of the picnickers.

By a coincidence the picnic celebration this year fell on the twenty-eighth anniversary of the organization of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bliven came all the way from California to meet again with the pioneers. They were among the first settlers in the county.

All the concessions, which include merry-go-round, lemonade and freshment stands and strength testing machines, were heavily patronized.

Not an accident, disturbance or unpleasantness of any kind occurred to mar the pleasure of the day. Everybody was good natured and happy.

Little if anything remains of the old sod fortifications at Dakota City in which the families of the pioneers sought refuge during trouble with the Sioux Indians.

William Lampson could not resist the temptation to mingle with his old friends of pioneer days and traveled all the way from Shoshone, Idaho, to be with them again.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carruthers thought nothing at all of closing up house, suspending business and coming up from Kansas City to review pioneer experiences.

GREAT SEA TRAGEDY.

Between 150 and 200 Persons Lose Their Lives.

Between 150 and 200 persons were drowned or otherwise killed when, in a driving rain storm, at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, the Argentine excursion steamer Colombia and the North German Lloyd steamer Shlesien collided at the entrance of Montevideo harbor. The Colombia was entering port and the Schlesien was outward bound for Bremen. The Colombia's bow was crushed in and she sank almost immediately. The Colombia carried about 200 passengers and a crew of 48 men. Most of the passengers were asleep and panic followed the crash. Almost immediately small boats put out to the sinking steamer, but the work of rescue was rendered very difficult by the high sea. About 70 persons were brought ashore. Most of the dead are women and children. A majority of the survivors are men.

The Colombia was carrying excursionists from Buenos Ayres to a festival at Montevideo, and the disaster has caused the keenest emotion. The Uruguayan government in consequence has postponed the festival arranged for the celebration of the inauguration of the porte. The Schlesien was only slightly damaged and has been detained by the port authorities. Her commander attributes the collision to the wind and the high seas which made both steamers almost unmanageable.

Scores of bodies have been recovered and are now lying at the custom house, but many of them have not been identified.

INTERSTATE FAIR DRAWS NEAR.

Woodland Park at Riverside, Sioux City, Ia., Putting on Gala Attire.

The week of the Interstate Live Stock Fair at Woodland Park, Riverside, Sioux City, Ia., is less than a month off. The gates of these beautiful grounds will be thrown open at 9 o'clock the morning of Monday, September 20.

The attractions at the fair will be so varied that every one should be pleased and entertained. First will be the display of live stock which, of itself, will far exceed in value $1,000,000. Then there will be magnificent display of agricultural products, and the largest display of farm machinery ever made in the state. The bureau of animal industry of the United States department of agriculture will have an exhibit, in charge of experts who will deliver daily lectures. The Iowa State Agricultural college will have an exhibit of seed corn, grains and seeds. Prof. P. G. Holden will be in charge, and will deliver a series of lectures. In addition to these there will be an exhibit of pure and impure foods in charge of State Food and Dairy Commissioner Wright.

The amusement features will be on a large scale. There will be a 22-car circus on the Midway, the free attractions in front of the grandstand will be of a high order of talent. They include aerialist acts, tumbling turns, gymnastic gyrations and comedy capers. The Igorrote Village, which was at the St. Louis exposition, will be a great curiosity.

The race program is classy from start to finish. Moreover, the harness horses will not be the whole thing this year; there are to be some fine fields of runners.

QUAKE CAUSES GREAT ALARM

Severe Shock Felt in Several Italian Towns.

A heavy earthquake was felt throughout the province of Siena, Italy, at 1:29 a. m. Wednesday. Practically all the houses in San Lorenzo were destroyed or badly damaged. Many persons were injured.

The quake was felt most severely within a radius of twenty miles from Siena. Considerable damage was done at Buonoconcento. Several houses collapsed and one person was killed. Several persons were injured at Monteroni.

The shock was recorded at Piombino, on the coast, about fifty miles southwest of Siena, at 1:25 a. m. and there was a repetition five minutes later. The people fled from their homes, but no damage has been reported.

Siena itself escaped with a severe shaking. The people were badly frightened, however, and rushed out of their houses and wandered about in a state of semi-panic until assured the quakes were over.

Metal Polishers Meet.

Fewer strikes and greater efforts to bring about amicable adjustments of labor disputes with employers is the policy that is being urged at the sessions of the national executive board of the Metal Polishers and Buffers International union, which met in Cincinnati this week.

Long Service Ends.

Holding a longer record for service than any of his contemporaries, Rear Admiral William Swinburne was transferred to the retired list Tuesday, when he attained the age of 62. Twenty-six years of his forty-three years of service were spent at sea.

"Billy" Sunday Injured.

In a collision between two automobile near Laporte, Ind., Monday, "Billy" Sunday, the "baseball evangelist," and his wife were injured. Their car turned over and they were thrown into a ditch.

One Killed by Explosion.

One man was instantly killed and three were fatally injured by the explosion of a feed pipe on the tug boat Bee, in the East river at New York.

POSTAL BANKS NEXT.

Taft to Urge Them in Coming Note to Congress.

President Taft indicated in talks with callers Wednesday that in his message to congress next December he will strongly urge the early establishment of a postal savings bank system. He will ask that the platform declaration of the republican party in favor of postal banks be fulfilled as speedily as possible.

President Taft believes that several hundred million dollars would be placed at the disposal of the government through postal savings banks. It is suggested that this money might be employed in taking up the $600,000,000 or $700,000,000 of government 2 per cent bonds which are outstanding and which have given much concern to the treasury department officials. Already the 2 per cent bonds are selling below par and there is fear of further depreciation in view of the 3 per cent issues which have been authorized and which soon may be placed on the market.

The president believes that the postal banks would appeal to those timid persons who are afraid to trust to ordinary banks and who would rather get the 2 per cent or less interest which the government would give than to place the money in the regular savings banks where it would draw from 3 to 4 per cent interest each year.

By placing the interest to be allowed by the postal banks at less than 2 per cent, Mr. Taft is convinced that no harm would be done to the ordinary banks of commerce, for discriminating persons who now place their money in these banks are appreciative of what the banks are doing for the community would not withdraw money draw money drawing a high rate and place it under government care at half the interest offered by the ordinary savings banks.

DRINKS HARD TO GET.

"Dry" Laws Signed by Governor of Alabama.

The whole code of prohibition laws passed by the Alabama legislature at the session which adjourned Tuesday night was signed by the governor Wednesday, including the Fuller bill, about which there has been so much talk all over the country. Others prevent the use or distribution of liquors in clubs; make it unlawful for foreign corporations to break the temperance laws; provide for impeachment of sheriffs who refuse to enforce the laws; make it the duty of municipalities to fix and enforce prohibition laws like those in effect in the state; prevent soft drink stands from using screens or storing liquors of any kind, and prevent gambling by prohibiting barred doors in any public place or the use therein of electric bells, dumb waiters or other like machinery.

The fact that the bills were signed was sent by wire to sheriffs over the state, who are already busy. By the Fuller bill, all places under suspicion may be raided and liquors found in them destroyed.

SLAYS MAN WHO STOLE WIFE

A Sensational Tragedy is Enacted on a Farm Near Callatin, Mo.

Returning to the home of Otis Claycomb, a farmer living near Gallatin, Mo., Tuesday night to secure the effects of Mrs. Claycomb, wife of the farmer, with whom he had eloped three weeks previously, John Ward, a wealthy farmer was shot and killed by Claycomb.

The Claycombs have been married twenty years and have six children. Mrs. Claycomb is 38 years old, her husband 37 and Ward 58.

During the fatal illness of Ward's wife, a year ago, Mrs. Claycomb, then a neighbor, was a constant attendant at the Ward home. Later Ward employed Claycomb and induced him to move into a house on one of his farms

MOB ATTACKS A HOME.

Wife of Mine Superintendent Fatally Injured at Carlisle, Ind.

A mob attacked the home of Stephen Hart, superintendent of the Carlisle coal mine at Carlisle, Ind., Tuesday and Hart's wife was fatally shot. The town is in a panic. The miners had been threatening the superintendent for several weeks.

In a feud fight Sunday between the laborers on the farms at Juriquilla, Tex., and those of Santa Rosa, a nearby village, five men were killed and fatally hurt and ten seriously injured.

Ravages of Bubonic Plague.

Three cases of bubonic plague and one death from the disease were reported Monday from the island of Hawaii. So far no cases of plague have been discovered in Honolulu.

Fifteen Miners Killed.

A special dispatch from Mateahaula, Mexico, says that fifteen miners were killed and thirty imprisoned by the dropping of a cage in the La Paz mine there Wednesday night. The cable parted and the men dropped 1,500 feet.

Capture of El Roghi.

The capture of El Roghi, the rebellious subject of the sultan of Morocco, has been officially announced and fetes have been organized to celebrate the event.

More Homestead Lands.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce Wednesday designated 50,450 acres more land as coming within the enlarged homestead act in the state of Montana.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

SCANDAL AT LINCOLN.

Several Persons Arrested for Abandoning New Born Baby.

G. E. Combes, a traveling salesman for a Lincoln typewriter agency; Dr. G. E. Spear, a prominent Lincoln physician, and Miss Anna Knorr, a nurse in a private maternity hospital at Lincoln, were arrested Tuesday night charged with abandoning the new born baby of Mr. and Mrs. Combes. The baby was found Sunday morning in a shoe box on the steps of St. Elizabeth's hospital, a Catholic institution, in another part of town. Investigation by the police resulted in the arrest of the father, the physician who treated Mrs. Combes and the nurse who attended her. The baby was born Saturday night.

The doctor made a confession in an affidavit, when sweated by the police, that he left the baby on the hospital steps, the parents being anxious to dispose of it and keep the fact of its birth secret. Mrs. Combes was formerly a telephone girl and was married to Combes a month ago.

M'COOK HAS A SERIOUS FIRE.

High Wind at Times Threatens Large Part of Town.

McCook was threatened with a disastrous fire Monday, which by dint of hard work was finally held to a loss of about $10,000. The livery barn and contents, residence and part of the contents belonging to W. W. Barritt, was entirely destroyed, his loss being about $7,000, with an insurance on all of $4,200.

The residence of E. F. Brunswick was damaged, entailing a loss of $200, upon which there was no insurance. The Predemore blacksmith shop, immediately adjoining the big barn, was also considerably damaged, but its contents escaped much loss. The shop was also insured.

A high wind prevailed and a considerable part of the residence section of the city was endangered and many small buildings were burned and damaged.

ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL.

Lincoln's Amateur Aeronaut Dies as Result of Fall.

Fred Scott's ambition to emulate the Wright boys led to his undoing. He died of injuries received while attempting to make a flight with a balloon at Lincoln undertaken to get money to push the construction of an aeroplane. Scott has been a daredevil sort of a young man, and has made some fifteen balloon ascensions in his time.

For the past two months he has put in all of his time and money in working on an aeroplane, modeled after the Wrights, but with several differences that he insisted would make it possible to make longer flights at great speed. He ran out of money, and some of his neighbors, who were interested in his project, made up a purse to give him. He insisted that in return he would make a balloon ascension for their entertainment.

Elopes with Leigh Girl.

For several months past a young man giving his name as Al Davenport, has been stopping in Leigh working most of the time at the livery barn. He has been keeping company with Miss Lily Moeller, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Foeller one of the most highly respected families in Leigh. Wednesday, it is asserted, the couple eloped. It is asserted that Davenport is a married man, having a wife and child in Omaha.

Drowned in the Platte.

The dead body of Gust Kenne, a Frenchman about 40 years of age, was found in the Platte river near Plattsmouth. The body was identified by his watch and clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Kenne and their 2-year-old son had been living on the J. H. Falter farm, near the Platte river, since last spring.

Young Man Badly Slashed.

Gerry Tepley is the victim of a stabbing affray which occurred at the Herman Johannes farm, nine miles south of Leigh. A man called Jack Hobo flourished a knife and slashed Tepley badly in the abdomen. The gash extends back to the bowels and the young man lies in a serious condition.

Opium Joint Raided.

The police raided an opium joint at Lincoln and overhauled two colored people and permitted one to get away after shooting some of the hair out of his head. The officers confiscated three opium pipes, lamps and some of the drug.

Buys a Newspaper.

F. J. Branaka, of Schleswig, Ia., has purchased the Cedar Rapids Outlook and has taken charge.

Haley Goes to Claim Girl.

H. A. Haley, of Norfolk, will go to Chicago to take legal steps to recover his daughter, Marguerite, from the Lake Geneva boarding school, from which she fled ten days ago, and where he thinks she is being held against her will.

Pilger Dedicates New Church.

The new Methodist Episcopal church of Pilger was dedicated Sunday

MANY TRAINMEN ARE LET OUT.

Are Accused of Robbing Burlington Trains.

A sensation in the shape of a series of robberies has just developed at Wymore, where a number of conductors, engineers and brakemen in the employ of the Burlington have been called on the carpet and discharged for taking silks, clothing and shoes from cars in transit. Thirteen employes have been discharged. For the last few weeks the company has had a number of detectives at work and these officers have rode in the trains with crews where the robberies have occurred. In some instances the stolen goods have been found in the possession of the trainmen.

Ten more are slated for discharge. A few of the men have been with the company for many years and were among the oldest and most trusted employes.

MOTOR CARS FOR ENTIRE LINE

St. Joseph and Grand Island Orders the Cars.

That motor car service is to be installed on the St. Joseph and Grand Island line for local traffic as soon as the Union Pacific begins detouring its through trains over this route is now assured. The motor car service will cover the entire line from Kansas City to Grand Island.

Five cars have been ordered. The first car will arrive at Fairbury about the middle of September and will be put on at once.

It is also understood that general motor service will be installed on the Lincoln branch of the Union Pacific known as the Blue Valley road.

BURIED MONEY IS STOLEN.

Otoe County Farmer Hides Wealth from Thieves, but Loses.

Halvor Swenson, an aged German residing in North Branch precinct, near Nebraska City, had but little faith in banks, and to keep it safe hid over $1,200 in money in his home. A few days ago he went to look for the money and it was gone. He is at a loss to understand how it was taken. He has missed things before, but supposed this money was securely hidden. He is one of the pioneer settlers of Otoe county and owns considerable land, which he entered in the early days and still retains the title to.

Meteor Falls in Lake.

A brilliant meteor fell into the waters of Lake Manawa about 1 o'clock Friday morning, causing something of a sensation among a dozen or more fishermen, who were near the pavilion at that time. The meteor struck the water with a sizzling sound about 100 yards in front of the Manawa pavilion on that side of the lake, and a wave of considerable proportions followed its plunge into the lake.

More Reward for Philips.

The Douglas county commissioners have offered a reward of $100 for the capture of James Philips, accused of killing Marshall C. Hamilton near Florence on the morning of August 1. Gov. Shallenberger, on behalf of the state, some time ago offered a reward of $200, making a total of $300 for the capture of the alleged murderer.

Man Hurt by Cars.

Win Hinton, of Logan, Kan., who has been driving for the Blue Front livery at Alma, was seriously injured in the switch yards when a freight came in. No one saw the accident, but as near as can be learned the young man is supposed to have been lying under a car near the Musselman elevator asleep.

Farmer Loses Home.

The farm house of John Andreas, Jr., three miles west of Beatrice, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. As the family was away from home when the fire broke out is origin is a mystery. The loss is placed at $2,000, partially covered by insurance.

Crop Acreage.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin has compiled the report of acreage of Nebraska crops for the year 1909, showing that with the exception of winter wheat and oats there has been a healthy increase all down the line. The oat acreage is about the same.

Drank Horse Liniment.

A "swipe" at the race track at Beatrice swallowed a quantity of leg wash, mistaking it for whisky. The ingredients were witch hazel, alcohol and camphor and he was a pretty sick man for a short time and was taken to the city jail for treatment.

Three Cases of Meningitis.

Three cases of spinal meningitis have been reported in Kearney in the last two weeks. One has been fatal.

Vote Down Municipal Water.

The proposition for issuing $150,000 in bonds for the purchase of the city water plant from the American Water company was voted on at a special election at Kearney and met with overwhelming defeat.

Man at Poor Farm Insane.

James Speer, of Kearney, aged 66, who has been an inmate for some time at the poor farm was declared insane and will be taken to Hastings.

$7,778,000,000 IS VALUE OF '08 CROP

Secretary Wilson Shows that United States Holds World's Record in Agriculture.

BIG INCREASE IN FARM TRADE.

Agricultural Balance Has Grown Over 75 Per Cent Within the Past Twelve Years.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson thinks those who have been pitying the farmer had better wake up to the fact that during the past year—that is the crop year of 1908—there was a net gain in the value of crops which raises the total valuation of farm products up to the astonishing total of $7,778,000,000, the biggest in the world's history. The value of farm product this year is $290,000,000 above the value for 1907 and $3,061,000,000 above the census amount for 1899.

In the last twelve years, the period covering the administration of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, the agricultural balance of trade in the United States increased from a yearly average of $234,000,000 to $411,000,000, or 75.7 per cent, according to the department's year book just made public. This wonderful development is only in keeping with the progress made along the lines of agricultural activity. Conditions affecting the lives of the farmers have advanced in even greater ratio until many undesirable features of farm life have been eliminated. Many innovations have been introduced and developed into potential forces for the betterment of farm life. Never before has the work of state agricultural colleges and experimental stations been so intimately related with the department as now.

There has been a great diversification and geographic extension of products apart from the cultivation of new land. Although there has been a decreasing production per acre of what was only recently virgin soil, there was an increased production per acre of the entire country. Within ten years the production of corn per acre in Ohio increased 17.5 per cent and in Virginia 18.3 per cent. Oats increased 17.9 per cent in Indiana. Wheat increased 16.2 per cent in New York and 45.9 per cent in Nebraska. Similar advancement was made in the yield per acre of other products.

AUTO ACCIDENT KILLS FIVE.

Hurled Into the Water in Night They Are Drowned.

Four young women and one man, the driver of the car, met death, and two young women narrowly escaped a similar fate at Seattle Thursday night, when a large touring car, going at a high speed, crashed through the railing of the long trestle over the Tide Flats at the point known to automobile drivers as "Dead Man's Curve." The tide was at flood when the automobile crashed through the rail and the victims were hurled into several feet of water.

ERROR COSTS DOCTOR $20,000.

U. S. Court Holds He Must Pay for Leaving Gauze in a Wound.

Surgeons who overlook instruments and sew them up in patients are liable for damages, according to a decision in the case of Russell Johnson of Iowa, against a St. Louis doctor. The decision sustained by the United States Court of Appeals gave Johnson a judgment of $20,000. Johnson was operated on for appendicitis March 30, 1907. A second operation revealed a piece of gauze twenty-four inches long and nine inches wide in the wound.

Hunt Germ Causing "Goat Fever."

Dr. John Sandwall, bacteriologist of the University of Utah, is in pursuit of an unknown germ to which is attributed forty cases of illness and numerous death in Kane County, Utah. Because of its prevalence among persons who herd and handle goats the disease has been given the name of "goat fever."

Viaduct in Collapse.

In Chicago ten persons were injured—two of them seriously—when a board foot walk on the Twelfth street viaduct collapsed. Without warning the structure on the south side of the viaduct, which spans the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Holden street, fell, precipitating pedestrians to the railroad yard, fifteen feet below.

Contractors Found Guilty.

Michael J. Mitchell, former purchasing agent for the city, and Thomas F. Maher, a contractor, were found guilty by a jury in the Superior Court in Boston of conspiracy to defraud the City of Boston of $13,500 by signing contracts calling for excessive prices for flagstones. Sentence was deferred.

"Unwritten Law" on Books.

The "stick and the shotgun," implements of the "unwritten law," were figuratively abolished by the Georgia Legislature as the means of defense of a woman's name. The Legislature passed a bill, already adopted by the Senate, making willful defamation of a woman's name a misdemeanor

BURN GAMBLING LAYOUT.

Bonfire Is Made of Paraphernalia Said to Be Worth $30,000.

A heap of ashes marks the closing scene in the fight between the State of Indiana and the owners of the gambling halls at French Lick and West Baden, respectively. Gambling paraphernalia to the value of $30,000 was publicly burned in the street at Paoli by officers of the law. There was a crowd of nearly 2,000 persons present when the expensive furnishings went up in smoke. Three years ago deputies raided the two casinos and made a number of arrests. The State confiscated all the furniture, including the gambling apparatus, but the courts held that there must be a conviction before the property could be destroyed. The cases against the arrested persons, who were the alleged agents for the owners, dragged along from term to term. A compromise finally was effected by which two of the indicted men should plead guilty on condition that the State would exempt from destruction such furniture as was not actually used in gambling. The pleas of guilty were entered, and the order to burn the gambling apparatus was issued.

TRAINS HELD BY WATERS.

Great Delay and Inconvenience Due to Colorado Floods.

Trains blocked in lonely mountain passes, tracks washed away or in some instances pitched into canyons hundreds of feet below, people driven from their homes to seek safety with their belongings in higher places—these were the scenes revealed along the overflowed Arkansas River in Colorado.

The famous Royal Gorge, walled in by rock 1,000 feet high, was washed by a torrent for about forty-eight hours, and the railroad tracks have been destroyed. Trains on the Colorado Midland, the Denver and Rio Grande and other railroads, most of them carrying eastern tourists, have been detoured over circuitous routes. One road had to detour its trains by way of Alamosa, Colo., in the southern part of the state, a distance out of the regular travel of more than 300 miles. Not only the Arkansas River, but almost all of its tributaries are overflown.

KANSAS TOWN BARS SWEARING.

Only "By Chowder" Is Permitted in Once Wicked Waterville.

"By chowder" is the official swear at Waterville, Kan., now. The people of this burg cannot use any cuss words stronger than that under pain of going to jail. The street loafers of Waterville, it was charged, became so profane that the women of the town hesitated about going out on the streets. They would rather stay at home than to hear men using vile language. The merchants felt the loss of the women's trade keenly and prevailed upon the City Council to enact a drastic law against swearing. In obedience to the demand, the Council made it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and imprisonment, to swear within the city limits. In order to help the chronic cussers out, however, the Council ruled that "by chowder" would not be considered a swear word.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Pittsburg	.79	30	Philadel'a	.49	60
Chicago	.74	35	St. Louis	.45	64
New York	.66	40	Brooklyn	.40	69
Cincinnati	.54	54	Boston	.28	83

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Philadel'a	.71	42	Chicago	.55	57
Detroit	.70	43	New York	.52	60
Boston	.70	46	St. Louis	.45	65
Cleveland	.57	58	Wash'gton	.32	81

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Milw'kee	.70	56	Kan. City	.60	65
Minn'polis	.71	57	St. Paul	.60	65
Louisville	.66	62	Ind'polis	.60	69
Columbus	.62	66	Toledo	.59	68

ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT

The Ontario handicap, the feature event at Windsor, was won by Lady Sybil.

Johnny Summers, the English lightweight, defeated Jimmy Britt, of California, in nine rounds in London.

At Saratoga W. Clay's Ocean Bound easily won the $10,000 Spinaway stakes for fillies 2 years old at five and a half furlongs.

Bonnie Kate captured the Canadian Steeplechase at Fort Erie recently. Bonnie Kate is from the Ferris stables. She defeated the favorite, Waterway, on a heavy track.

At the weekly matinee of the St. Paul Driving Association at Hamline, Glen, owned by J. H. Bohrer, was the winner of the final event of the free-for-all elimination pace for the silver cup.

Sidney Hatch, of Chicago, set a new world's record for the 100-mile race when he finished that distance in 16:07:43. This is 2:43:14 better than the previous time claimed by Albert Corry.

The United States Golf Association has announced the program and conditions for play for the amateur golf championship of the United States, which will be played at Wheaton, Ill., from Sept. 6 to 11 of this year