## ALLIANCE.

Whew!

NEBRASKA.

In Korea the widows are --ted to remarry. You can't hold them in that way here.

Italy now asserts that it is on good terms with all the world. The banana trade must be flourishing.

An American duchess has secured a divorce and resumed her maiden name. Doesn't this break a record?

In case of doubt, take your umbrella. In case of doubt as to the ownership of the umbrella, take it anyway. A man in Georgia held his cotton

and he might have held the doughbag. A correspondent of a New York paper wants the aldermen to make

whistling in public a punishable act.

A Chicago scientist claims to have discovered that smoking causes consumption. How about female consumptives?

Marconi now claims that he can talk 1,700 miles. That's nothing. We have talk 1,700 hours.

know what "a school of fiction is." the unhappy reader.

Hope is isn't as rotten as some of this newspaper verse.

A Georgia woman claims to have been cured of rheumatism by a stroke tioons in this connection, the diploof lightning. It evidently did wonders for her imagination also.

The playing of "Bedelia" stopped a audience turned on the orchestra instead of toward the exits.

It is now said that "skeeters" are responsible for consumption. They are certainly responsible for any amount of profanity just at present.

One man in Chicago has been traveling for thirty-seven years for the same firm and is still on the road. What a lot of stories he has heard!

That New York man who dropped dead upon being turned down for a loan of \$450,000, would probably have gone and dropped the dough, if he had

A Philadelphia contemporary recently had an editorial on "Where the Law Reaches Men." Down this way it generally reaches as far as the pocket, anyhow.

A New York girl recently discovered that her heart was on the wrong side. Never mind, it will doubtless be on the inside of an engagement ring some day.

An enterprising Boston Sunday school has its pupils given instruction in baseball. Wonder how they manage when the time comes to swear at without results. Whether another atthe umpire?

Some of the South American repubsary to hold a revolution once in a argument in last week's conferences, their existence.

that in the next generation it will be considered "vulgar to spend money." It is now-from old man Sage's pecu- have to conform to the employers' ulliar point of view.

A South Carolina man is worrying himself over his failure to find out library. Didn't need any-he was a whole library in himself.

In Massachusetts a man has been awardedd \$40,000 for injuries received on a railroad which resulted in melancholia. That railroad probably feels somewhat melancholy, too.

The Boston Herald considers minority opinions useless. The weight of evidence lies the other way. The fathers of the republic were at one time in a very decided minority.

Lady Curzon's infant daughter cried when it was held in the arms of Queen Alexandra. This will be terribly humiliating to all good Americans who hope to become members of the nobil-

An eminent German scientist has come to this country to introduce a new health cure. It is to be hoped that he will try it first on that large class of husky citizens who have both health and money to burn.

The announcement that angels were seen to rise from a field in Kentucky and float off into space arouses a suspicion that some of the colonels have been indulging in the dangerous practice of not taking their drinks straight. -Detroit Free Press.

Girls, it's all right! Judge Weand of Norristown, Pa., has ruled that a girl has a perfect right to sit upon the lap of her lover; that such sitting is her perquisite of the courtship, and that if she chooses to exercise it, it is nobody's business. Come on.

## THE ALLIANCE HERALD IS NOT FEARFUL

RUSSIA THINKS SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO SEARCH.

# THE QUESTION WELL WEIGHED

Serious Complications Are Not Regarded as Probable-Curiosity as to What Germany Will Do About Seizure of Mail Sacks.

ST. PETRSBURG .- The news that the Russian volunteer steamships Smolensk and St. Petersburg, now cruising in the Red sea, are stopping ships of neutral nations and searching them for contraband of war is causing the liveliest interest in all circles. Russia has evidently weighed the question, believes herself to be within her rights, and neither fears nor ancrop of 1,900 bales and lost \$30,000, ticipates international complications. Indeed, some of the powers may have been sounded by Russia on the subject. Nevertheless, foreign opinion is awaited eagerly and more or less criticism is expected.

Members of the diplomatic corps are keenly anxious to ascertain the views their governments will take of the passage through the Dardanelles of these vessels of the volunteer fleet as merchantmen and their subsequent conversion into ships of war. The general view in diplomatic circles, even where sentiment is not particuspellbinders down this way who can larly friendly to Russia, is that while the passage of the Dardanelles might be considered a piece of sharp prac-The New York Herald wants to tice on the part of Russia, it is an accomplished fact, and the powers will Too often a school of adversity for not now regard it as a violation of the treaty of Paris, but will guard agailst its repetition. The diplomats A newspaper poet has perpetrated think that some of the powers may what he calls The Lay of the Hen. insist that henceforth all volunteer vessels shall be considered as warships within the meaning of the

treaty. One of the most interesting quesmats believe, will arise out of Russia's declaration that coal is contraband of war. With prize crews on board, the captured ships could be panic in a theater. Presumably the sent to Russian Baltic ports, but if short of coal they could not put in at neutral ports to replenish their bunkers. This same question may embarrass Russia when the Baltic squadron

sails for the far east. In view of the protest made by Germany in the case of the stoppage of the steamer Bundesrath (seized in Delagoa bay December 29, 1899, during the South African war, as the result of which Great Britain had to pay damages), much curiosity exists as to what Germany will do in the case of the confiscation by the Smolensk of the mail sacks on board the North German Lloyd steamer Prince Heinrich, especially as a large portion of the mail selzed was undoubtedly of a commercial character.

## PACKERS STANDING FIRM.

Will Not Recede from Position Assumed Last Week.

O-There was little change in the situation of the meat packers' strike here Sunday. With Michael J. Donnelly, the strikers' leader, in St. Louis looking after that end of the difficulty, there was no effort to renew the peace negotiations which lasted through three cays last week fronted Lord Roberts in South Africa. and were terminated Saturday night tempt to reach an adjustment of the controversy by arbitration will be made is problematical, as the packers, lics go on the theory that it is neces- believing they had the better of the while to remind the outer world of are little inclined to offer any concessions to the strikers. One thing is certain, the packers say, and that is Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis declares that they will not recede from the position they assumed in last week's conferences and that the strikers will timatum before any further peace plans looking to a settlement by arbitration will be successful.

SOUTH OMAHA-It was announced whether or not Shakespeare had a Sunday night by the managers of the packing houses at South Omaha that work will be resumed in all but the hog killing departments Monday. Enough pork product is on hand to prevent any likelihood of a shortage, and attention will be given to the slaughter of beef and mutton. It is also announced by Cudahy and Armour that no further increase in the ing movement. price of meats will be made by the packers.

E. A. Cudahy said that his house is getting all the help it can use, and predicted that the strikers would give up before the end of the week.

## Davis Didn't Visit Gorman.

WASHINGTON .- Henry G. Davis. the democratic vice presidential nominee, arrived here at noon Sunday and at 1 o'clock left for New York. The only persons to meet him at the station were several relatives. It was stated that the current reports that he would stop at Laurel, Md., to see Senator Gorman were erroneous, Mr. Davis going straight through to New York.

GOVERNMENT OF MANCHURIA.

Chinese Suggest a Plan for Jap Control.

TIEN TSIN .- The Chinese minister at Tokio has telegraphed the Wai Wou Pou, the Chinese minister of foreign affairs, that the Japanese government has presented a scheme for the an immense lumber shed, three large administration of Manchuria, the principal clause of which is that the Japanese will govern the province with of dressed lumber in the sheds and the number of Chinese troops now in the country. burned.

POPULISTS EXPECT BENEFITS.

Think Parker Nomination Will Drive Democrats to Them.

ST. LOUIS, Mo .- After three conferences held Saturday night by members of the executive committee of the people's party with prominent Bryan democrats who are dissatisfied, not so much with the platform as with the presidential nomination made by the democratic national convention, it has been decided to call a national conference of Bryan democratic leaders within the next thirty days, to decide on some line of action during the coming campaign.

This statement is given to the Associated Press on the authority of George F. Washburn of Boston, Mass., national treasurer of the people's party, who, with several members of the national executive committee of that party, has been in St. Louis attending the democratic national convention. Mr. Washburn, when asked to divulge the names of some of his associates in the conference, declined to make them known. The extent of the movement and the names of those engaged in it, he said, would be made public when the call for the national conference was issued, and their prominence, he added, would be a surprise. A number of those present in the conference, Mr. Washburn said, were Missourians while others were from Parker's own state.

Commenting on Judge Parker's nom-

ination, Mr. Washburn said: "Next to Cleveland, the populists most desired the nomination of Parker. His nomination emphasizes the parting of the ways of allied forces and will help immensely to restore the populist party to its former strength and effectiveness."

## PAY HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

World's Fair Further Discharges Debt to the Government.

ST. LOUIS-A payment of \$500,000 on the government loan of \$6,600,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company was deposited in the subtreasury in St. Louis Saturday.

"The best answer to any talk that the exposition company would have difficulty in making the payment is the fact that the money is now in the subtreasury," said President Francis, "Not only have we made the payment, but it has been done a day ahead of time, and we will not know what the receipts for the first fifteen days of July have amounted to until the books are closed on today's business."

The last payment was the first of the \$500,000 semi-monthly payments stipulated by congress when the World's fair loan was authorized. There have been two previous payments, each one comprising a certain per cent of the gross receipts of the exposition company from all sources. The total amount refunded the government is \$907,149.15.

## MAY LEAVE NEW CHWANG.

Fall of Kai Ping Renders Russian Occupancy of Port Precarious. ST. PETERSBURG-Colonel Nevit-

sky of the general staff in an interview says: "The result of the loss of Kin Chou (Kai Ping) will probably be the

evacuation of New Chwang. "General Kouropatkin's position is more difficult than that which con-

"It is as if Lord Roberts received his supplies by rail via Constantinople, Cairo and Central Africa. It will be a long time before General Kouropatkin will have enough supplies and men to assume the offensive. In the meanwhile he will have to fight rear guard actions, perhaps giving up important positions, like New Chwang. which are of vastly more consequence than Kai Ping.

## JAP LOSSES 25,000.

Latest Report Regarding Storming of Port Prthur.

TA TCHE KIAO-The latest reports regarding the attempted storming of Port Arthur on July 10 place the Japanese losses in killed or wounded at 25,000 and those of the Russians at 5.500. The Japanese retired and the Russians occupied the position. The Japanese have now changed their frontal position, and a big battle is expected at the eastern portion of the defenses, owing to the Japanese turn-

A Japanese spy was captured Thursday. He was dressed in the garb of a Chinese and was remarkably cool and defiant in demeanor. He said he was a Korean by birth and lived in Japan for twelve years and loved that country. Thousands like him, he declared, were convinced that Japan eventually would be successful, and he advised the Russians to sue for peace as soon as possible.

## Canada After Mexican Trade. MEXICO-The Canadian Commer-

cial club has been formed to encourage trade with Canada. Efforts of Canadians to promote trade with Mexico are cordially seconded by the governments of the two countries.

Incendiary Fire in Alabama. MONTGOMERY, Ala.-Fire Sun-

day completely destroyed the plant of the Alabama rift roofing company, entalling a loss of \$200,000, only parcompleted and in operation less than a year. The property covered four acres and consisted of a planing mill. dry kilns, a dust house and a boilehouse. Three hundred thousand feet 150,000 feet of rough lumber was

OFF PORT ARTHUR.

## JAPANESE FLEE IN DISORDER

Russians Assume the Offensive, Attacking with the Bayonet-Heavy Movement of Japanese East of Hai Cheng.

LONDON-The Shanghal correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of July 15, says:

"A naval engagement took place to-

day off Port Arthur: The same correspondent, cabling under date of July 15, says the Chicago Daily News' dispatch boat Fawan has has yet to determine upon a formal been seized by the Russians and towed plan of procedure, it is intimated that into Port Arthur.

respondent of the Associated Press in Adams being taken up first. The enthe field repeats the story of a Japanthat after the disaster the Japanese Russians. He says that an aide to General Ren-

wounded in the skirmish in which the is regarded by the members of the general was shot and in which the Japanese were repulsed.

Two divisions of Japanese reinforcements are landing at Dalny, the cor- lits real estate was assessed up to the respondent says, and wounded Japa. limit last year. nese prisoners captured on Black mountain who died subsequently were buried with military honors,

A special dispatch from Ta Tche Kiao, dated July 14, repeats the acanese retired in the wildest disorder. Japanese, the dispatch says, is sinking as the result of the Port Arthur defeat.

Cholera and dysentery are epidemic at Feng Wang Cheng and there are many deaths daily.

A heavy movement of Japanese is reported east of Hai Cheng. The Russians reconnoitered almost to Kai Chau before meeting the Japanese. They drew the shrapnel fire of the Japanese, but having found them, the Russians retired without losses.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times in a dispatch filed at 9:45 p. m. July 15 says that the St. Petersburg story of a Japanese repulse with heavy casualties at Port Arthur July 10 is wholly discredited in Tokio, values in the same manner as to other where no such reports have been received. It is believed that the story originated in Shanghai.

A dispatch to a London news agency from St. Petersburg says the war ofreport that the Japanese sustained con- ways are afraid of. siderable losses on July 11, the exact particulars of which have not yet been ascertained. According to the dispatch the Russians recaptured all the sitions lately taken by the Japanese

## MILES WILL SUPPORT PARKER.

Retired General Writes Letter to the Democratic Nominee.

ESOPUS, N. Y .- Judge Parker has received a letter from General Nelson A. Miles. The entire letter is in General Miles' own handwriting and is as follows:

Hon. Alton B. Parker, Esopus, N. Y. Dear Sir-Safety for the good ship of state is of the first importance. At a the state board of irrigation for some time when a material crisis is pending. time was filed last week. when democratic institutions are in peril, when great evils should be eradicated, when important political questions must be decided, it is fortunate that the democratic party has given to the country a candidate for president in whom that great council of representative men have every confidence, and we have the best of reasons for believing that that confidence will be confirmed by the intelligent, patriotic

people of the country. We all do know that the instincts and craining of the judge are to hold tion of laws. Hence we believe that under your administration its law will be administered with fidelity and integrity. I believe you will be elected and thereby have an opportunity of rendering our country a service of immeasurable value that will redound to the honor of the party and the glory of the republic. I have the honor to remain very truly yours,

NELSON A. MILES.

Will Wed Astor's Daughter.

LONDON.-William Waldorf Astor's newspaper, the Pall Mall Gazette, an- fine agricultural, dairy, horticultural nounces the engagement of Mr. Astor's daughter Pauline to Capt. H. H. tractively displayed, Nebraska is re-Spender-Clay, formerly of the Second ceiving the best kind of an advertise-Life Guards, who leaped into fame by sending Lord William Nevill to five tial returns. July 4 over 3,500 people years' penal servitude in February, visited the Nebraska headquarters, and 1898, on the charge of fraud in con- all seemed interested in the state and nection with a promissory note.

Sues the Union Pacific.

KANSAS CITY-Suit was filed in Kansas City, Kas., Saturday by the county attorney of Wyandotte county tially insured. The plant has been company, asking that the Union Pacific bridge over the Kaw river be decourt is asked to restrain the railroad company from obstructing the river channel and to force the company to raise the bridge above the flood line. The county attorney has announced his intention of proceeding against other corporations.

# FIGHT ON WATER NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FIGHT OVER EQUALIZATION.

Almost Every County Has Kick on Its Own or Neighbor's Assessment.

LINCOLN.-The state house is about to witness the largest agregation of kickers that has ever assembled there. The board of equalization meets soon to adjust the valuations over. between counties, and the indications are promising that not a single county will be without representation either to argue against an increase or to demand a raise in the valuations of neighboring counties. While the board the consideration of counties will be ST. PETERSBURG-A Russian cor- taken up in their alphabetical order, tire galaxy of railway representatives ese disaster at Port Arthur July 10, which enlivened the sessions of the but does not add anything new, except | board when it was taxing railways will be represented at one time or another fled in great disorder, pursued by the during the hearing, demanding that counties which have not been raised in the same ration as the railways be nenkampff and seven Cossacks were equalized up. Douglas county, which board as the chief offender, will score the heaviest increase, although it is claimed on behalf of that county that

The members of the board are standing on doubtful ground just at this time, and little is given out as to the course to be pursued beyond the statement of the governor that the various count of the attempted storming of counties would be brought up to their Port Arthur on July 15, and says that full valuations, without fear or favor. the Russians assumed the offensive, It is the governor's understanding and attacking with the bayonet. The Jap- that of several other members of the board that it has the right to raise one The Chinese estimate the Japanese or all without respect to the valuation losses at 22,000. The spirit of the of others, the sole object being to bring them all up to the true value.

It is at this juncture that the railways become interested parties. Some members of the board believe that it will be impossible in increasing the valuations of the various counties to bring them up to the cash standard to avoid adding the increase to the railways also. The section of the statute which forms the basis for the board's action provides that the amount which is to be added to or deducted from a county's valuation to bring it to the fair cash value level shall be distributed to all species of property in the same percentage. This means, some railway men believe, that the counties will add the percentage to railway species of property. In such event an increase of 10 per cent in a county would mean that the railway which is already assessed at 69 per cent increase over last year's figures would fice announces the receipt of a dis- have to submit to an additional raise patch from Port Arthur confirming the of 10 per cent. This is what the rail-

On the other hand, many of those who are interested in the matter of modern machinery for the purpose of fair railway taxation insist that this working country butter. Stations will feature of the law will force the board to add enough to the valuations of the carrying interests to bring them to a city. level indicated by stocks and bonds, which would have been close to \$60,-000,000.

## Do Not Need Irrigation.

LINCOLN .- Only two of the western counties-Scotts Bluff and Cheyennehave required any irrigation this summer, and they have taken much less water than in previous years. The first application of water rights received by

## Killed by Lightning.

ORD.-Chester Churchill, about 19 years of age, was killed by lightning while shocking wheat. The lightning and set him on fire.

## Praises Nebraska's Exhibit.

United States District Attorney Baxter has returned from an extended visit to St. Louis and other eastern in sacred regard the constitution and points. While away he visited the St. the laithful interpretation and execu- Louis exposition, and, like all Nebraskans who have visited the Nebraska state exhibit in the Agricultural palace, is enthusiastic over it.

"It is one of the most attractive and popular exhibits of the exposition," he said. "The moving picture theater is the exposition, and shows a living, breathing, active Nebraska. The com-Nebraska literature that is being readily and eagerly sought for. It gives a concise and complete history of the resources of the state, and with the and forage exhibits, which are all atment that is bound to bring substanits capabilities."

## Get a Teacher from Nebraska.

COLUMBIA, Mo.-Prof. Wilber F. Star, head of the music department at the Nebraska Wesleyan university at against the Union Pacific railroad | Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed by M. Marsh, G. M. Prentice and Ira Tithe executive board of the university as instructor of vocal music in the clared a common nuisance. The Teachers' college and musical department of the Missouri State university, Mr. Starr is a graduate of the Depanw university, and has studied music under celebrated teachers in Europe and America. The position of musical director is a new feature of the university here.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The new Methodist church at Beemer was dedicated last Sunday.

Edith Hopkins, whose mother lives in Omaha, suicided in Butte, Montana. Open air church service will be held in Humboldt until the heated term is

Ravenna has organized a fifty-twopiece brass band. A large number of the players are members of the old Ravenna cornet band. Levi Fry, an old resident of Gage

county, was adjudged insane by the board of insanity commissioners and ordered taken to the asylum. The village of Barneston, near the Kansas line in Gage county, has re-

alized enough from licenses in the past five years to make tax levies for city purposes unnecessary. Preparations have commenced for the coming annual reunion and picnic of the Pioneer and Old Settlers' as-

sociation of Dakota county, which will be held at Clinton park, adjoining Dakota City, on Thursday, August 25. There are 891 more children of school age in Omaha than a year ago. The school population is now 31,763. The Second ward made the greatest

year ago. The Third ward dropped The case of the state against Ora-2. Coffin, charged with statutory as sault upon the thirteen-year-old daughter of William Wilson of Bellwood, was concluded in the district court at David City, the jury return-

gain, having 617 more children than a

ing a verdict of guilty. After his dogs had torn a rattler to pieces. Fred Rheinhermer of McCook picked up the head to examine the teeth. Before he knew it the teeth were fastened in his hand, and a quick run to town for medical assistance was all that saved his life.

Adjutant General Culver has issued the following statement relative to the prospective brigade encampment of the National Guard: "An order will be issued fixing the date of the annual encampment on August 17. If sufficient funds are found available an eight-day encampment will be held."

A storm destroyed seven farm houses, barns, outbuildings, etc., in eastern Loup county. The storm struck a mile north of Taylor, reducing Mr. Britain's dwelling to kindling wood, and traveled southeast, destroying the dwellings of Messrs, Lyon, Brumage, Campbell, Dutton and others.

The Beatrice Creamery company of Lincoln, which some time ago purchased the plant of the Bosworth Produce company at Beatrice, expects soon to erect a new building and storehouse and equip the same with be established and butter will be made in Beatrice the same as at the capita

"The wheat crop in Nebraska will be from ten to twelve million bushels short of that of last year," said C. G. Crittenden of the Central Granaries company, Lincoln. This estimate is based on reports received by the company from their agents located in different points in the South Platte country.

A telegram was received at Beatrice from Munden, Kan., stating that Daniel Freeman, the first homesteader in the United States and a resident of Gage county, had been seriously injured at that place. The telegram gave no particulars and D. W. Carre, a son-in-law of Mr. Freeman's, left for Munden on the first train for the purpose of bringing the injured man tore his clothing nearly off his body home. Mr. Freeman is 78 years of

> A peculiar coincidence was the death of Ferdinand Conrad and wife, two pioneer residents of Speiser township, Richardson county, which occurred within five days or each other, both being laid to rest in the Home cemetery side by side.

Dan Meehan was arrested, charged with statutory assault, committed upon the person of Bessle Corcoran. The defendant is a practicing physician at Staplehurst in Seward county. The girl has been in the doctor's family several years and came from one one of the chief show attractions of of the orphan societies of the east. The defendant was placed under \$1,-000 bonds until August 9, at which mission has provided a vast amount of time the preliminary hearing will be held.

The county board of equalization of Nemaha county having finished its labors, the official figures regarding the new revenue law are now obtainable. The actual average value of land in Nemaha county is \$52.10. The total value of land in 1903 was \$1,885,973, and this year it is \$13.343,350, an increase of \$11,467,377. The total value of personal property in 1903 was \$594,-584, and this year it is \$3,822,455, an increase of \$3,272,871.

The Bank of Fairfield has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$20,000, and the incorporators are J. tus.

The milling plant of the Wirt Milling company of Tecumseh is to be sold at public auction. Some time ago there was a disagreement among the partners of the company and the mill was shut down while the mater went into the courts. Those interested have now reached an agreement to let the property be sold at auction.