

Trousers creased at the side will All a long felt want for bandy-legged men.

Because a woman is a nice wife is no sign she is going to be that kind of mother-in-law.

Anybody can afford to buy an automobile, but few of us have money enough to pay the repair bills.

The first wireless dispatch has been sent from Nome city in Alaska, and it isn't a hard-luck story, either.

According to a feminine expert the average woman's idea of being real devilish is to order broiled live lobster.

The wicked generally get what they deserve in this world, but not always what their contemporaries think they deserve.

A Boston doctor states that common soda is "as good as whisky for snake bites." Of course he meant "as effective."

Russell is 88, and working harder than ever. Uncle Russell should learn to control that inordinate appetite of his.

A New Jersey professor has resigned his position to go on the police force. Means to hitch his wagon to a star, evidently.

There is said to be a shortage in the broomcrops: crop this year. Evidently the broom handles will have to be made longer.

That Washington goat that is "charged with swallowing two sticks of dynamite" should be able to make a strong rebuttal.

Doubtless the Harlem woman who soothes and sustains eighty cats has a kind heart, but lacks neighbors prepared to swear to this.

Edward Atkinson has not reached the summit of happiness unless he has learned to expel smoke through his nose and blow rings.

News from the far East says Japan's mosquito fleet is busy. New Jersey's mosquito fleet is also in action, and invariably puts the enemy to rout.

The prize monkey at the Philadelphia zoo is learning to write. It is expected to fit him eventually for a place as society reporter at Newport.

The technical journals tell us that "alcohol made from sawdust is at least a commercial success." It seems almost impossible to fail to sell alcohol.

Somebody has discovered that there are no red-headed dolls. Like the taste for olives, the admiration for red hair seems to be the result of cultivation.

"By the way," asks the Boston Globe, "what's the duty on Guatemala ants? Do they come under the head of farming utensils?" Wild animals more likely.

Harry Lehr overlooked the chance of a lifetime while the Igorrotes were visiting President Roosevelt in not securing their attendance at a "dog dinner" in Newport.

American soda fountains are being introduced in England. Gradually that country is advancing. The time may even come when they will be eating corn on the cob in England.

The mosquitoes of Panama view with much apprehension the request of Gen. Davis for 100,000 yards of wire gauze. Some of them even go to the extent of predicting a famine.

Four members of the Boston base ball club extinguished a fire in a Cleveland hotel the other night. It is to be hoped that the official scorer has credited each of them with a "put out."

The intention of the postoffice department to extend rural free delivery soonest where the roads are best will give the "good roads" movement a boost just where it is most needed, you see.

A report that the Princess Chimay had eloped again was circulated in Brussels the other day. It proves to have been a baseless and wicked fabrication. The princess hasn't eloped for six weeks.

At Chicago a cornet player has been assaulted and his instrument taken from him. The affair is charged to hold-up men, but the neighbors are observed to wear an air of grim satisfaction.

One of the Boston journals says that teachers were never so hard to get as this summer. And it adds that one of the principal reasons is that the pretty ones get married. But of course that can't affect the Boston supply very seriously.

The Hagerstown girl who wrote her name on a new five-dollar bill is now in correspondence with a New York banker. It may be after all that romance is not dead, but that we have merely not met its requirements in the way of modern conditions.

SIXTEEN KILLED

BESIDES THERE IS A LONG LIST OF WOUNDED.

A GREAT LOSS OF PROPERTY

A Destructive Gale Tears Down the Valley of the Mississippi at St. Paul and Minneapolis—Loses Foot Up Into the Millions.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Death to sixteen persons and destruction to property, both private and public, estimated at \$3,000,000, rode on a screeching gale which tore down the valley of the Mississippi at about 9 o'clock Saturday night from a point somewhere near the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers near Fort Snelling. At about that point the fury of the elements seemingly divided and, with a roar, descended upon the twin cities and their environs. Of the losses, St. Paul suffered to the extent of about \$1,000,000, Minneapolis is estimated at \$1,500,000 while in the outside districts it is feared that \$500,000 will not cover the damage done to crops and farm property.

Beginning at a point below Fort Snelling there is the first known evidence that the storm struck with damaging effect. It came from the southwest and howling in its fury, uprooted trees and demolished buildings in its pathway toward St. Paul.

It tore off two spans of High Bridge completely. The bridge is connected there with the high bluffs at West St. Paul and it is 180 feet above the river. This mass of steel was carried to the flats below, where flying steel girders and heavy planks fell on several small frame houses of the flat dwellers and crushed them. None of the occupants of these houses were hurt, they having seen the storm coming and taken refuge in the caves in the hillsides. The storm tore along the flats, uprooted trees on Harriet island and, with a deafening roar and the hiss and splash of falling sheets of rain, it struck the city at Wabasha street bridge. Here, at the bridge entrance and on opposite sides of Wabasha street, were located the Tivoli concert hall and the Empire theater, both of which were fairly filled with men watching the performances. Both buildings stood on the edge of the bluff overlooking the river, with the sides of the buildings open, and were wrecked. The full force of the tornado struck them. The buildings began to sway and rock and the audiences became panic-stricken. Men and boys rushed over each other for the exits. The lights went out and the sheet lightning flashes, one following another with gunfire rapidity, illuminated a scene of pandemonium, which was intensified by the crash of glass and the tearing of timbers as the frame structures gave way before the tornado.

The damage to property was immense, conservative estimates placing it between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The downtown business district was hit hard, many of the large office and business blocks being completely "killed" and the stocks of wholesale houses seriously damaged by the winds of rain that accompanied the wind.

The storm cloud, which came from the southwest, first hit the ground on the west side bluffs near the high bridge. Two spans of this structure, which is of steel and which crosses the Mississippi river at a height of 200 feet, were cut out as cleanly as though done with a knife and thrown into the gulch below, crushing in the roofs of a number of small houses situated on the flats along the river bank.

G. A. R. PICKS LEADER.

General Wilmon Blackmar Elected Commander-in-Chief.

BOSTON, Mass.—General Wilmon W. Blackmar of this city was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by acclamation at the closing session of the national encampment Thursday, and Denver, Colo., was selected as the place for the encampment of 1905. The other national officers elected were: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—John R. King, Washington. Junior Vice Commander—George W. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn. Surgeon General—Dr. Warren R. King, Indianapolis. Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. H. Bradford, Washington.

Steamship Owners Protest.

LONDON.—Rea of Glasgow, owner of the steamer Allanton, which was captured by the Vladivostok squadron on June 10 and condemned by a prize court, has written a letter to the newspapers in which he declares that the vessel was seized while carrying coal from Japan to Singapore. The court has decided that the Allanton having once carried contraband was liable to condemnation if she was afterwards seized. Hundreds of British ships would be liable to seizure on the same grounds.

TELL OF ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

Villagers and Soldiers Killed in Sanguinary Encounter. The Tabriz (Persia) correspondent of the London Daily News, in a dispatch dated Aug. 6, says: "On July 23 a band of Armenian revolutionists appeared near Outchikillass. Turkish soldiers and Kurds, finding an excuse, attacked, set fire to and destroyed the villages of Outchikillass, Koomlouboujak, Gougan, Kerabzar, and Sayto, butchering men and outraging women. "Two large Armenian bands marching to Sassum to help the insurgent



Scene of the Massacre. Star indicates approximate location of villages named in cable dispatch. leader Antranik attacked the garrisons at Mossunory and Goutchagh for revenge on July 25. At dawn bombs were thrown into these places, killing many, and severe fighting ensued. The number of soldiers killed amounted to several hundred."

THE NOVIK IS SUNK.

Japanese Cruisers Chitose and Tsuchima Attack Warship.

WASHINGTON.—The state department received the following cablegram from Minister Griescom at Tokio: "Japanese fleet sunk Novik off Sakhalin today."

The following details of the attack on the Novik have been received at the Japanese legation:

"The captain of the protected cruiser Chitose reports that the Chitose and the Tsuchima attacked the Russian cruiser Novik at Karakozak, Sakhalin Island, on the morning of August 20. On the morning of the 21st the Novik, which had been heavily damaged, was stranded and partly sunk. The Tsuchima was hit once in the coal bunker, but the damage has already been repaired. There was no other damage, nor was there a single casualty on either of the Japanese vessels."

DAVIS FORMALLY NOTIFIED.

Democratic Nominee for Vice President Receives Committee.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Henry Gasaway Davis was formally notified on Wednesday that he is the nominee of the democratic party for vice president of the United States. Mr. Davis accepted the nomination in a brief speech reviewing the political situation, expressing the sentiments of Judge Parker on the money question and expressing the determination to be successful in the campaign.

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, chairman of the nomination committee, delivered the notification address.

The ceremonies were held on the lawn of the White Sulphur Springs hotel, which affords a natural amphitheater, the grounds sloping up from the speaker's stand on all sides, and sheltered by huge, spreading oaks. The day was an ideal one from every standpoint. There was a large attendance.

WILL STOP THE DECEPTION.

English Trademark on American Silverware Prohibited.

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of the treasury has issued the following statement: "American silver plate manufacturers have been in the habit of sending their wares to England for the purpose of having the 'Hall mark' of England placed upon them, with a view, as is stated, of deceiving American purchasers in believing the goods to be of English manufacture, such goods being permitted to come back free of duty because this marking is not considered as an improvement.

The secretary of the treasury is now informed by the secretary of state that an act has been passed by the British parliament preventing the use of the English 'Hall mark' on American silver ware in England.

WATSON AND TIBBLES.

They Receive Official Notification of Their Nomination.

NEW YORK.—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, the people's party candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska, vice presidential candidate, were formally notified of their nomination here Thursday night at Cooper Union. The big hall was crowded when, at 8 o'clock, the two candidates, accompanied by Alfred G. Boulton of Brooklyn, chairman of the meeting, appeared on the platform. There was much cheering. Chairman Boulton at once introduced General Samuel Williams of Indiana, who made a speech officially notifying the candidates of their selection.

General Nord Made No Threat.

WASHINGTON.—General Nord never threatened to repeat the massacre of foreigners in Hayti in 1904, according to Minister Powell, who had the denial from the president's own lips. On August 1, several American merchants informed him that President Nord had made such a threat in a public audience. As this report caused great alarm in all classes, Minister Powell, at the request of the merchants, saw the president and asked as to the truth of the report. He replied that it was not true.

IF ARTHUR FALLS

THEN THERE IS A STANDING ORDER TO BLOW UP SHIPS.

IS BY THE CZAR'S AUTHORITY

Acute Anxiety Prevailing Regarding the Situation—Ample Supply of Ammunition and Provisions Said to Be at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Acute anxiety prevails regarding the situation at Port Arthur on account of the desperate character of the fighting reported to be taking place. The war office, however, does not seem to believe that danger of the fall of the fortress is so imminent as is generally asserted. According to advices received by the war office there is still an ample supply of ammunition and provisions there. While it is realized that the Japanese probably outnumber the defenders six or sevenfold the great strength of the fortifications, it is believed, will do much to make up for the disparity in numbers.

Upon one point there is absolute unanimity here, namely, that if the fortress is so imminent as is generally asserted by the Japanese. On this point the admiralty's instructions are of the most imperative character.

Vice Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has been ordered, should the worst come, to sail forth for a death struggle and there is no question here that these instructions will be carried out, both in letter and in spirit, but if for any reason a final sortie proves to be impossible the admiral is to destroy his ships and to make certain that their wreckage shall be absolutely irreparable.

In the meantime Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's Baltic squadron, including the battleship Orel, is standing off Cronstadt with steam up. It is popularly expected that the squadron will sail at any hour, and it is quite true that it is ready for almost immediate departure, but regarding the question of sailing there is a difference of opinion among the naval authorities. It is held on the one hand that the immediate sailing of the squadron would be the best policy. Should the squadron arrive within two months in the orient it would find Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in an infinitely worse condition than if the Japanese were allowed the whole winter to repair and refit the ships.

The advocates of an immediate sailing hold that the port of Vladivostok is capable of receiving the squadron, even should the entrance in Port Arthur prove to be impracticable, and they wish to treat the Port Arthur squadron for the present as a negligible quantity, letting the Baltic sea vessels meet the Japanese in the present weakened condition without relying for any certain assistance either on Vice Admiral Ouktomsky or Vice Admiral Skrydloff.

ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

It is Indicated by Information From Various Sources.

CHEFOO.—That a general land and naval attack was made on Port Arthur Monday is indicated by information from various sources.

The statement that the naval attack was made at 4 in the morning comes from an authoritative but not diplomatic quarter.

Junks which arrived here say the Japanese recently occupied the Liguli hills and Sushiyen, which is two or three miles north of the fortress. Five warships and seven torpedo boat destroyers, according to the junks, returned to Port Arthur the night of August 10.

The receipt of the official dispatch announcing the repulse of an attack on Port Arthur August 10, received on Port Arthur August 10 revived the hopes that the fortress may prove impregnable. General Stoessel's dispatch also dispelled the ugly rumors current in the city that the stronghold had fallen.

STATESBORO QUIETING DOWN.

Captain of Militia Company Will Demand an Inquiry.

STATESBORO, Ga.—The town and surrounding country were quiet Saturday and no more disturbances have been reported. The chief interest now centers about the attitude of the Statesboro military company regarding its part in the work of last Tuesday. Lieutenant Cone, who was in charge of the local company, is reported to have said that with his forty men he could have protected the two negroes from the mob. Lieutenant Griner, second in command, of the Statesboro company, is quoted to the same intent. Captain Hitch, who was in command of the troops at Statesboro, will demand, it is reported, a court of inquiry of his conduct and that of his soldiers. Captain Hitch, in his official report, charges that Sheriff Kendrick and his deputies betrayed all his plans to the mob.

To Pass on Wisconsin Case.

MADISON, Wis.—The republican state central committee which called the last state convention in the state university gymnasium May 18 met to comply with the law that provides that in case of a division or controversy in a party as to which of the two conventions is regular, the committee which called the convention shall determine the question of regularity. It was decided to issue a call for a hearing on September 12, and invite representatives of both parties to be present.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FARMERS MAY HOLD WHEAT.

Society Sends Out Circular Advising Them to Wait for Dollar Twenty.

LINCOLN.—Wheat growers in this section have recently received a circular from President Everitt of the American Society of Equity urging them to make a minimum price of \$1.20 a bushel for No. 2 red winter wheat, Chicago market basis. Everitt estimates the winter wheat crop in the United States at 365,000,000 bushels and spring wheat at 210,000,000 bushels. To reduce this to a flour-making basis there must be deducted an immense quantity of low grade wheat, caused from rust and wet weather. Much of this, he says, is fit only for feed. He estimates the shrinkage at 25,000,000 bushels. He bases his figures on estimates received from 12,000 farmers. Of this number he says 11,122 say they do not need to sell at once, and he strongly urges that the farmers unite in controlling the market by hiding the visible supply out of sight of the elevator men and wheat gamblers of Chicago, and thus force prices to their own satisfaction.

YORK RAISES A NEW POINT.

Counties Whose Valuation Was Raised Look for Flaws in Law.

LINCOLN.—A York county man stated that there is a possibility that the increases in county valuations ordered by the State Board of Equalization may all be invalid, because of the interference with the power of the county boards to raise revenue. Under the statute for the regulation of county levies, county boards are required to make estimates in January of the amount of revenue which they will raise for local purposes, and they are subject to a fine should they raise more revenue than the estimate calls for. Under the new revenue statute the state board to equalize must of necessity interfere with the amount of revenue raised locally, and that fact, it is claimed, makes the section granting the power to the state board invalid. It is not yet known whether a test suit will be instituted in York county. The success of such a suit would cut down the grand assessment roll of the state by about \$4,000,000.

Many Applications.

S. C. Bassett of the state fair management is trying to make room for all the hog owners who are seeking space. The applications on file fill the pens already on the grounds and allow an overflow, but Mr. Bassett promises to make room for all exhibitors. The same situation is found in regard to the display of agricultural implements, but the solution will be found by making the individual exhibitors take less space. The presence of Dan Patch on Tuesday, August 30, is expected to draw an enormous crowd.

Carpenter Declared Insane.

WAHOO.—Frederick Anderson, a carpenter and cabinet maker, was brought before the board today and adjudged insane. He served a term in the asylum at Lincoln in 1900, but was released, having been pronounced cured. Of late he has been seized with fits of insanity, several times threatening violence to his family.

Teachers' Wages Have Increased.

The county superintendents' reports which are being received at the office of the state superintendent indicate that there has been a large increase in the average salaries paid school teachers, both male and female, as compared with the figures for 1903.

Ranchmen Are Worried.

Chief Clerk E. S. Mickey of the governor's office, who has returned from his Keya Paha ranch, stated that the outlook for the ranchmen is not very bright in the near future. Even with the ending of the strike he believes that there is danger of a sudden rush to the market which will glut the stock yards and run prices down to a low level. He says that many of the ranchmen are holding their cattle, waiting for the end of the strike. It is a serious matter because from now on their cattle will shrink rapidly.

Inspecting the New Cells.

LINCOLN.—The state board of public lands and buildings visited the penitentiary for the purpose of inspecting the new cells in the west cell house and to pass on an estimate for payment of work already done. The cells are nearly completed and are expected to be entirely finished by October 1, when Nebraska will have the finest cell house of any city in the United States outside of Baltimore.

Farmer Gored to Death.

FREMONT.—August Bauman, aged 73, was fatally gored by a bull in his pasture, three miles northwest of Snyder, Tuesday. He was dead when found. He lived in Dodge county for a long time and was highly respected.

On a Tour of Inspection.

General Chaffee, the commander-in-chief of the army, and General Humphrey, the quartermaster general, visited Forts Niobrara and Robinson on their tour of the west.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The Board of County Commissioners of Johnson county have lowered Four residences in Nebraska City were visited by burglars the same night.

The plant of the Omaha Bedding company burned last week, the loss being \$7,000.

The Seward county fair will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 23, 24 and 25.

The Hanover church, near Beatrice, was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$250.

In a runaway, Miss Hattie Nestor, of Johnson county, was thrown from a buggy and severely injured.

John Saucerman of Hastings has taken the contract for building a \$20,000 Catholic church in Greeley county.

Dr. D. L. Meehan of Seward county has been held to the district court for criminal assault on Bessie Corcoran.

At Lincoln Mrs. W. J. Tobin was stabbed in the stomach by her husband and is now at the hospital in a dangerous condition.

Burglars ransacked the home of Mrs. J. W. Reiber while the members of the family were absent. Nothing of value was secured.

In Johnson county, Frank Wagner, 21 years old, was thrown from a pony, and, his foot catching in the stirrup, he was dragged to death.

Old settlers of Fillmore county held their annual picnic last week. The attendance for each day was 5,000. The levy from 13 to 12 mills.

According to the assessor's report Gage county has 63,379 acres of winter wheat and 168,489 acres of corn planted. Gage is second in corn acreage and seventh in wheat acreage.

Attorney General Prout has been requested to assist in the defense of the injunction suit brought in Nemaha county by Church Howe to prevent the enforcement of the 5 per cent increase in the valuation of that county authorized by the State Board of Equalization.

Farmers and property owners in York county are very much incensed over the order of the State Equalization board that all property shall be raised 5 per cent in York county, and accompanying the order was the statement saying that this did not apply to the railroad valuation in York county.

The elevator men at Callaway are bustling just now in order to get their storage rooms in shape to receive the mammoth crop which is being threshed out in that locality. It is estimated that the largest crop in the history of the county will be marketed between this and crop time next year.

A committee from the Grand Army post of Adams went to Tecumseh for the purpose of viewing the soldiers' monument and cannon in the court yard. The outcome of their visit was the placing of contracts with the Neidhart Marble works of that city for exact duplicates of the monument and mountings for the cannon.

The County Board of Supervisors of Seward county will submit the court house proposition to the voters of the county at the regular election to be held November 8. The proposition will be for \$100,000, \$50,000 of which will be for the court house and \$10,000 for a jail and sheriff's residence and \$10,000 for furnishing the buildings.

The residence and office of Dr. Shoemaker at Clay Center was entered and two valuable rings stolen. Two suspicious characters are under arrest. One of them has given two different names, George Miller and James Dayton. The value of the stolen property is said to be about \$150.

The Burlington depot at Elk Creek was broken into by burglars. The office was ransacked and the money drawer broken open. A few pennies that were left in the drawer was all that was found missing.

Ninety-two dollars per acre was paid by Ira Parsons for a tract of land on Maple Creek near Bethel church. The buildings on the place are poor and the price the largest ever paid for Dodge county lands.

Thomas Zimmerman, a prosperous German farmer, sold a load of wheat in Beatrice, which brought 84 cents per bushel. Mr. Zimmerman says his wheat crop will average about twenty bushels to the acre, the largest yield yet reported in that locality.

Mrs. Robert Kirkpatrick, a sister of David H. May, a prominent farmer near Trumbull, and with whom she had been living since being separated from her husband, became despondent from worrying over her troubles and left her brother's home Wednesday night. A search party was organized Thursday and the missing woman was found sitting down beside a cornfield, where she had been wandering all night.

John McDonald, an unmarried man, 51 years of age, residing at Wisner, Cuming county, was taken before the Board of Insanity for examination and found to be insane. He was taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

The Omaha and Nebraska Central Railroad company filed articles of incorporation in Hastings. The company is incorporated for \$1,500,000, and will build and operate an electric railway line from Omaha to Hastings by the way of Wahoo, David City, Osceola, Stromsburg, Aurora, Giltner and Trumbull.