OVER THE STATE.

THE York county farmers' institute will be held August 14.

THE Dodge county fair will be held from September 18 to 21 inclusive. WAYNE has a division of the uniform rank K. of P. with a membership of

THE Baptists of Nebraska City are about to let the contract for a new

church. THE drug store of J. D. Rainey, of Beatrice, was closed under chattel

Some portions of Pawnee county got

good rain. Other sections went en-Some farmers in Cass county have cut their corn for fodder, and others pro-

pose doing so. Two WAYFARERS have been selling cheap jewelry on long time to farmers

of York county. A NEW lodge known as the Knights and Ladies Security has been instituted at Pawnee City.

THE Woodmen's picnic, which was to have been held at Aurora August 23,

has been abandoned. THE ball players of Bellwood are jubilant over the fact that they haven't lost a game this year.

THE farmers of Wayne county are convinced that it will pay to vote \$30,-000 and build a court house. A LANCASTER County woman wants Governor Crounse to issue a proclama-

tion setting a day for general prayer A HALF dozen prominent citizens of Hastings paid fines for violaton of the

city ordinance governing the use of

CHANCEDLOR CANFIELD is expected to deliver the oration at the old settlers' picnic at Lord's grove, Polk county, August 8.

ALL of the counties in the western end of Nebraska are now earnestly and enly in favor of the inauguration of irrigation enterprises.

YORK county reports that corn will ot yield to exceed five or ten bushels to the acre. The drouth seems to have done its work effectually. THE corn outlook in Polk county is

highly discouraging, and as a consequence farmers are getting rid of all marketable hogs and cattle.

MANY Boyd county farms are changing hands this dry weather. Investors are coming in and taking advantage of the depressed values to buy cheap JUDGE SNELLING of North Platte.

lately deceased, was insured in the A. O. U. W. and his wife received a check tor \$3,000 less than thirty days after his death.

A TEAM belonging to Albert Wilson of Jefferson county ran away last week. His daughter Ella, was severely Small hopes are entertained for her recovery. CHICKEN thieves, while robbing a

roost in Sarpy county, deopped a pock-et book containing \$550. It is consid-ered ample recompense for the 100 chickens they stole.

These are 850 saloons in Nebraska and they dispense yearly \$3,424,000 worth of drinks, or \$3.22 for every man, woman and child constituting the state population of 1,058,910.

GEO. COE, a half-breed Indian, and Miss Evangeline Kelley, both of Chad-ron, were married last week. For some time past both have been clerking in Chadron stores

A LITTLE child of Jackson Bunnell of Burwell drank the water out of a plate wherein a leaf of fly paper was soak ing. There was enough cobalt in the liquid to cause its death.

APPLICATIONS for aid from Lincoln county are being rapidly placed on file, and it is thought a very large number will have to be taken care of until an-other crop can be raised.

Tim most destructive fire that ever visited Clarks occurred last week. Nearly an entire block of the business portion was destroyed. Digital the sire. was destroyed. Lightning is

In Pawnee county two farmers named Schultz and Abbott had a difficulty about trespassing hogs, which culminated in both parties being killed. Two of Schultz's sons were wounded in the

THE crop of wheat in this county, says the Ainsworth Journal, will of necessity be a very light one, but the reports are that what there is bill be of first class quality. Corn is looking ex-

PROF. D. R. LILLIBRIDGE, of national reputation, has connected himself with Prof. F. F. Roose, president of the Omaha business college. Prof. L. was formerly with the State University at

THE residence of J. N. Plummer in Belvedere Heights, Beatrice, was struck by lightning during a storm. The in-mates were prostrated by the shock, but escaped serious injury. The house was badly damaged.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the S. M. Gunsaul company of Omaha have been filed with the secretary of state. The object of the company is to engage in the business of operating a planing mill and brush factory.

Money will never be very plenty in Nebraska as long as people send all their money outside the state for their supplies. Factories are employing labor and put money in circulation. Far-rell & Co's brand of syrups, jellies, pre-serves and mince meat; Morse-Coe ts and shoes for men, women and children; American Biscuit & Manufacturing Co., Omaha, crackers.

While repairing a pump on George Loucks' place, north of Arapahoe, Al-fred d'Allemand met with quite a serious accident by which he lost five teeth.

sustained a severe cut on the chin and had his left wrist badly sprained.

FRED STIGLEMAN, a Dodge county farmer, died last week from sunstroke.

THE Blair Canning company has cancelled its orders for empty cans and cedes the loss of nearly its entire crop by the protracted drouth and the unprecedented hot winds. The pack for the season will be less than half that of the preceding years, and without rain within the ensuing week practically nothing will be done.

Work has been commenced on the Hamilton county \$6,000 court house.

RAY MOLLER, son of Leopold Moller of Fremont was watching his brother driving a nail when the nail flew into his left eye, causing a painful injury, and one which the physician thinks will cause the loss of the eye.

CHRIS CORNELIUS, a saloon keeper of Grand Island, was found dead in his place of business the other day. There was a revolver in his hand and a bullet nole in his head, indicating suicide. Deceased leaves a wife and seven chil-

THE Woodmen of the World recently erected a handsome monument over the grave of J. B. Ogden of Elk Creek, a deceased member, who was fully in-sured in the order. Over 500 people were present at the unveiling of the

ALBERT JACOX, living south of Bas-set, Rock county, has a flowing well ninety-five feet deep that puts out 300 gallons of water per hour through a one and one-quarter inch tube. It is on a small rise and he irrigates twenty acres of garden and orchard from it.

BURR TAFT, whose farm is near the river, south of town, said to a reporter or the Norfolk News that he figured that his corn crop was about one fourth gone. He enriched his fields last spring with over 1,000 loads of fertilizer, and on this ground the corn still stands green and fresh, with prospects of at least three-fourths of a crop.

While riding his range, says the Mc-Pherson County News, Paul Jensen cameupon a large coyote that was mak-ing a meal off one of his calves. Paul was mad, so took down his rope and put spurs to his horse. Soon he had the coyote by the neck and shoulder, thus preventing choking. But Paul bound to have revenge, so dragged the brute into the pond near by and

drowned it. WHILE raking hay the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Sprague, living near Butte, was accosted by three young rufflans. They came along on horseback and being repulsed by the young lady they struck her horse sharp blows with their whips, causing it to run away. She was thrown under the rake and received serious injuries. The miscreants made their escape and are un-

THERE has been a great deal of seining in the vicinity of Ashland of late and the authorities have decided to put a stop to it. Fish Commissioners May of Omaha, and Oakley of Lincoln were in Ashland last week looking after the matter. The trial of J. C. Simmons, Jack Robbins and M. English for seining in Salt creek resulted in each being fined \$25 and costs, amounting in all to about \$150.

THE date for holding the Grand Army of the Republic reunion of the Southeastern Nebraska district at Tecumseh is August 13 to 17, inclusive. The district includes the counties of Lancaster, Cass, Otoc, Saline, Jeffer-son, Gage, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson and Johnson. Workmen are busy clearing off the grounds and staking out the camp, which has been named Camp Washington.

MRS CATHERINE RIGG, mother of ex-Postmaster C. M. Rigg of Beatrice, re-ceived \$5 of conscience money from her old home at Pomeroy, O. The family left there nearly thirty years ago. The letter inclosed with one of remittances says that a short time before the family came west the sender cheated Mr. Rigg, the elder, out of 35 cents in the sale of a load of hay and the \$5 is in payment therefor.

Sloux Indians on the Ogalalla reservation were in Chadron last week and dispensed a great deal of money which Uncle Sam had just paid them. On stated occasions Uncle Sam opens his treasury and with a liberal hand gives out to the Sioux Indians who live on the Ogalalla reservation in South Dakota, with headquarters at Pinc Ridge agency, \$10 for every buck, squaw and pappoose on the reservation.

A QUARTET of sneak thieves, giving names of George Baxter, Charles Henick, Tom Brown and John Delaney were captured at Beatrice in the act of stealing a hat from a clothing store. Subsequently a raid was made on their rendezvous and several new pairs of pants and two new suits of clothes were found. The articles were not identified by Beatrice merchants and they are evidently the proceeds of a robbery elsewhere.

J. B. CASH was expelled from the remont Normal school. He wrote a letter to the American of Omaha re lecting on the patriotism of President lemmons, accusing him of not allowing the stars and stripes to float over the school building either on the 4th of July or on decoration day. Mr. Clem-mons says the article is basely false, and that the reason the flag was not raised over the building was because the flag staff could not be used.

THE W. H. Butterfield ranch, four miles southeast of Wausa, caught fire at 2 o'clock the other morning, burning twenty-seven head of valuable horses, including three draft stallions, also ten head of cattle. The buildings, which were extensive and included barns, granaries, corn cribs and cattle sheds also a quantity of grain and some farming implements, were a total wreek. The estimated loss is \$30,000, with insurance on the buildings only. Origin

of the fire is unknown. CLIFTON EVES, living in Lincoln county, seven miles north of Maywood, while riding home from a neighbor's on a spirited horse, in some way lost control of his horse and it being about 12 o'clock at night and very dark the horse with its rider ran into a canvon fifty feet deep, both rider and horse being killed. The body was not found

for thirty-six hours. WHILE the business men of Du Bois were shooting anvils and guns in hopes of making it rain the 10-year-old-boy of Editor Backus of the Item ran about half a mile to town and becoming overheated, fell to the ground and died soon afterwards.

THE Platte Valley Irrigation company of Lincoln and Dawson counties has filed articles of incorporation. The filed articles of incorporation. company is composed of Gothenburg, Cozad and Lexington business men and will build a ditch thirty miles long.

The Hon. Hannis Taylor at present Minister to Spain, and a well known writer on Constitutional questions, contributes to the August number of the North American Review a valuable paper entitled "The House of Represen-tutives and the House of Commons" his article being in some respects a rejoinder to the paper on the same topic which Secretary Herbert contributed to the March number of the Review.

CHINA TAKES HER TURN.

The Japanese Defeated With Great Loss of Life.

London, Aug. 3 .- A dispatch from Shanghai says reports have been received there from officials at Seoul that the Chinese, under General Yes, on Sunday last defeated the Japanese forces near Asan. The Japs withdrew to Seoul.

Twenty thousand Manchurian Chinese troops have crossed the Corean frontier and are marching upon Seoul. SHANGHAI, Aug. 3.—An official tele-

gram received here from Tien Tsin says that in the battles fought July 27 and 28 at Yasham the Japanese were repulsed with a loss of over 2.000 men.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 3.—It is officially announced here that the Chinese Northern fleet, consisting of thirteen vessels, has left Chefoo for Corea. The announcement is accompanied by the statement that a battle between the Chinese and Japanese may be expected any hour.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—It is officially announced that Russia, desiring a settlement of the war between China and Japan, will act in complete accord with Great Britain in an effort to secure an immediate solution of the difficulty. Failing in this, Russia will not allow any power to take even partial possession of Corea.

YOKOHAMA, Aug 3.—The Chinese minister at Tokio has demanded his passports. The Chinese residents in Japan are being placed under the pro-tection of the United States legation. SHANGHAI, Aug. .—The steamer Wuchang, which has arrived here, re-ports that the Chinese fleet was at anchor at Weihaiwei, on the evening of July 31.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3. -War having been declared between China and Japan, the marine insurance companies which have agencies in this city will not write any more policies for merchandise shipped from San Francisco to Japanese and Chinese ports unless a special war risk is included.

GENERAL JACKSON'S GRAVE.

An Unknown Man Attempts to Break

Into the Tomb at the Hermitage. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 3 .- An attempt was made to break into the tomb of General Andrew Jackson last night at the Hermitage, his place, which was the old home of General Jackson, and where he was laid to rest in June, 1845. The Hermitage is the property of the state of Tennessee and has been for several years in charge of the Ladies' Hermitage association. The object of this association is to preserve the home and relics of the ex-president. The remainder of the estate is used as a home for ex-Confederate soldiers. The remains of Mrs. Jackson, wife of the general, rest next to those of her husband in a tomb prepared by him. It resembles in appearance an open summer house—a small white dome supported by pillars of white marble. The tomb of General Jackson bears the simple inscription: "General Andrew Jackson, born March 15, 1767;

died June 8, 1845." The descration of the General Jackson's grave was discovered at an mediately reported to the Ladies' Hermitage association. A long plank was lying beside the grave which had been dug into. The culprit had been frightened away and before doing much. much. Suspicion is directed to a well dressed negro, for whom the authorities are now looking. He went to the residence of a white man living half a mile from the Hermitage yesterday afternoon and borrowed a shovel which he returned this morning. While near the Hermitage he made inquiries about General Jackson's

The Ladies' Hermitage association officers are at a loss to know what could be the object of the persons who disturbed the grave. There are only three persons in charge of the house and grounds, and they knew nothing of the nocturnal visits until daybreak.

I'ullman Works Starts Up.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3. - The Pullman works were started to-day quietly and without demonstration on the part of the ex-employes. Only 250 men reported for work although the company expected 800. About 1,000 strikers gathered about the buildings and good naturedly chaffed the re-turning workmen, but no attempt at violence was made. A heavy detail of police was on hand and remained at the works all day on guard.

A Dakota Town Destroyed by Fire LAMOURE, N. D., Aug. 3 .- This city is in ashes. A great fire broke out on Front street at an early hour and, fanned by a strong wind, laid waste the entire business center of the town. Four blocks of stores were burned, including the county court house and the records. The Leland hotel and a drug store are the only buildings left standing. The loss is \$200,000. Only partially covered by by insurance.

Good Work of Rainmakers.

DURANGO, Mex., Aug. 3 .- The 200 Catholic pilgrims who recently made a visit to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the City of Mexico, for the purpose of offering up prayers for rain, arrived here to-day.

On the day following their prayers the heaviest rain in four years fell throughout this state, and many of the pilgrims will be kept busy for some time repairing the damages done to their ranch properties by the

Corn Crop Is No a Failure.

NEWTON, Kan., Aug. 3.-The report of the United States weather observer, Jennings, at Topeka, stating that the corn crop in Harvey county is a complete failure, is absolutely false. A large proportion of farmers will have good crops, and none is damaged more than forty per cent. The corn crop of the entire county will be up to the average.

Funston Loses His Seat.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—By a vote of 127 to 31 the house yesterday declared that E. H. Funston was not entitled to a seat in congress. This finally decides the Moore-Funston contest, granting the seat to Mr. Moore.

FAIRLY SWAMPED IN SUGAR

FEW SENATORS WILL NOT ACCEPT THE SCHEDULE.

CAN THEY DEFEAT THE BILL.

Senators Caffery, Blanchard, Allen and Kyle Oppose the New Schedule-Their Votes Together With Hill's Would Defeat the Bill-Our Commerce and Citizens in Corea to He Protec ed.

WASHINGTON, Aug 6 .- Tariff con ferrees began work again to-day by talking over the sugar schedule. It is claimed that the senate conferees pointed out a new difficulty which the new schedule was liable to meet when the bill was returned to the senate. It was asserted that with the new schedule the bill would not receive the votes of Senators Caffrey and Blanchard of Louisiana, because no bounty for this year is provided, or Allen and Kyle, Populists, and that the four votes, with that of Senator Hill, would defeat the bill. The house members say that the Louisiana men connot afford to vote against a bill as favor-able to the sugar interests as the new schedule provides, simply because no provision for a bounty on this year's crop is included, as congress would pass a free sugar bill before adjournment.

There was a hurried senatorial conference to-day, participated in by Senators Gorman, Smith and Jones. Previous to this the Louisiana senators made a furlous protest against the proposed sugar schedule which did not provide for a bounty on the product of this year. The conference was called after the tariff conferrees had been in session some time and when reports had been in circulation that another hitch had arisen over the sugar schedule. There have some very stormy protests from members of the house against it, and some assertions have been made to the effect that it could not pass. The senatorial conference to-day was supposed to have been held to ascertain if some new arrangement of the schedule could not be proposed which would meet with more favor, Shortly after the conference of these senators was over, it was stated by one who knew what had taken place that the sugar schedule would be fixed up soon and agreed to on the lines suggested yesterday and that the main fight between the conferrees then would be on coal and iron or

When a short recess was taken the house conferrees announced that no agreement lad been reached on the ree main items—sugar, iron and al. Some of the conferrees said it coal. might take three or four more days to bring the members together.

There is some question as to the exact provisions of the sugar schedules submitted to the tariff conferees yes-terday. The schedule provides for a duty on raw sugar of 40 per cent, on refined sugar 40 per cent, on the quantity of raw sugar necessary to make the amount of refined in any importation and of one-fifth of a cent additional, also of one-tenth of a cent from countries paying a bounty on sugar exported.

It developed to-day that a conference was held at the White house last night at which were present the president, Chairman Wilson, Secretary Gresham and, it is understood, some others. The new sugar schedule was others. The new sugar schedule was gone over and while no one is authorized to state what conclusion was reached, the subsequent action of those present, however, warrants the inference that the president, and others at the meeting, believed it advisable to accept the proposition. It was with this understanding that the house conferrees met the senators to-day when the objection of the two Louisiana senators and some others developed a new and unexpected obstacle.

UNCLE SAM NEUTRAL.

The United States Will Protect Its Commerce and Subjects in Corea.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.-A strong denial is entered at the state department of the published story that the United States has or will enter into a treaty with European powers to forcibly occupy and keep open the treaty ports of China. It is also denied that any overtures to that end have come to us from other countries.

When the conditions were such that war was only threatened the United States did use its good offices to avert the evil. It did so to carry out a solemn obligation imposed upon us by the treaty with Corea, whereby we bound ourselves to protect Corea in the following terms: "If other powers deal unjustly or oppressively with either government the other will exert their good offices on being in-formed of the case to bring about an amicable arrangement, thus showing their friendly feelings." This obliga-tion was entered into in 1882, and it was under its terms that the president indicated to Japan that he would be pained should she inflict an unjust war upon Corea. That was as far as the United States could go in the interest of our good offices, and besides, the shifting of the war cloud from Corea to China relieved us from the necessity of further action.

It is said at the state department the attitude of the United States toward the belligerents in the present war will be patterned upon our course at Rio. We will side with neither China nor Japan, but as was indicated by Mr. Bayard, our ambassador to Great Britain, who is fully aware of what is going on, the attitude of the United States will be one "benevolent neutrality." This in keeping with our traditions and its prudence and safety has been amply demonstrated in the past. As far as our own commerce is con-cerned we will accord it such measure of protection and immunity from in-terference as may be justly claimed as our rights, but the present disposithis individually, and not in connec-tion with other European nations.

REPLACING THE BUTCHERS

Omaha Facking Houses Are Drawing

on Chicago and Lincoln for New Men. OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 6.—Word was received in Omaha this morning that the South Omaha packers had recruited a large force of men at Lincoln to take the place of the striking butchers and laborers, and that they will leave Lincoln on a special train this afternoon. The South Omaha strikers have been notified and trouble is expected when the new men arrive.

Twenty-five butchers from Chicago arrived this morning to take the places of the strikers. They have been promised regular work.

Fifty girls in Cudahy's canning house quit this morning.

Shipments from the packing houses have fallen off one-half in consequence of the strike, but packers are planning to start up in full next week, and are sending word to stockmen to commence shipments then. Cudahy and his striking butchers

had a meeting at 4 o'clock this after-

noon. Cudahy raised the point that as he has no beef butchers in Chicago his house here cannot be involved in an alleged Chicago quarrel. The executive committee of the strikers held a meeting to-day and the

members gave it out that word had been received from St. Louis and Kansas City that the men there were ready to go out at a moment's notice. This news came from the committee sent by the Omaha men to report on the situation in those cities. Six hundred men were taken into

the federated union of packing house employes. Chairman Martin of the strikers' committee was removed because he is not employed now in a packing house, but is running a saloon, the strikers claiming it was hurting their cause to have a saloonkeeper at the head of the committee.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS MEET. They Talk Over Church Matters and

Exchange Views and Experiences. MANITOU, Col., Aug. 6.-The annual meeting of the Western bishops of the Catholic church has just been concluded here, but the proceedings are not made public. Those who participated in to-day's session were the Rt. Rev. N. C. Mats, bishop of Denver: the Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha; the Rt. Rev. N. A. Gallagher, bishop of Galveston; the Rt. Rev. Louis M. Fink, bishop of Kansas City; the Rt. Rev. J. J. Hennessey. bishop of Wichita; the Very Rev. Robinson. vicar general of Denver; the Rev. P. D. Gill, representing the archbishop of Chicago; the Very Rev. Anslem, representing the Benedictine order; the Rev. Father Francolen of Manitou, secretary of the meeting, and the Rev. Howlett, representing the city of Denver. They talked over

iastical matters generally, interchanging views and giving experiences. WITHDRAWING TROOPS.

the rules of the church and eccles

Forces at the Chicago Stock Yards Re duced-A Small Force at Pullman.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 .- Eight companies of infantry, one troop of cavalry and one battery of artillery of the Second regiment, Illinois national guard, were sent home from the stock yards to-day on the recommendation of Mayor Hopkins, and it is expected that the remainder of the First regi-ment at Pullman will be called in Monday morning, unless serious trouble occurs during Sunday. Four companies of the Second regiment are it the stock yards and three of the First regiment are at Pullman. When the men left the shops at Pullman at noon a mob of one hundred strikers collected about the works and after following the workmen with hoots and howls, assaulted a carver named John Swanson. Before rescued by the police Swanson was terribly braten, but will probably recover.

Failures in the Shoe Trade.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 6 .- Henry E. Smith & Co., the largest wholesale dealers in boots and shoes in this city, have assigned. The liabilities are \$200,000 and assets about \$240,000. Last year the business of the house amounted to over \$600,000, but it fell off greatly this year, and this in con-nection with the failure of several customers caused the assignment. The outstanding accounts due the firm amount to \$130,000.

Quincy, Mass., Aug. 5.-John E. Drake & Co., the leading shoe manufacturers of this place, have assigned. Liabilities about \$30,000, assets about the same. The failure was caused by dull business.

Pullman Strikers Discouraged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.-The shops at Pullman closed to-day at 12:45 o'clock for the Saturday half holiday. About 600 men were at work in the repair shops at that hour. It is expected that 750 will be on hand Monday. The strikers seem discouraged to-day, although their leaders would not admit that the resumption of work has affected their cause.

Miners Yield.

FOSTER, Iowa, Aug. 6.-The three months' strike here was won by E. I. Foster, the operator. He refused to sign the clause in the Oskaloosa agreement pertaining to retaining a a certain per cent of the miners' wages for the miners' union and recently issued his ultimatum. strikers have yielded, and 500 idle miners will be at work next week.

A Coal Shaft Plant Burned.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Aug. 6.-The entire plant of Kirwood shaft No. 2 of the Wear Coal company, excepting the engine room and blacksmith shop, was destroyed by fire last night about 11 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, with an insurance of \$3,000, including that on the buildings saved loss is estimated at It was the work of an incendiary.

Dockery Coming Hume

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 6 .- It is known to Congressman's Dockery's friends that he will be at home in the near future. The Democrats of Gentry county meet in convention on August 11 at Darlington. Mr. Dock ery is sending out circulars announcing that he will be there.

NEARING AN AGREEMENT.

Tariff Troubles Seem Nearing a Sett

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.-Active ne tiations are proceeding both insid the tariff conference and in influentia quarters outside the conference bring about a complete and spee agreement on the tariff bill and pr diction is made that the end is near; hand.

On the three great items of sugar iron and coal it is denied with en phasis on the house side that the senate sugar schedule and the senate rate on iron would prevail, and the the house would be compensated by reciprocity clause on coal. It is state by those leaders informed of the fact that fixed by the senate, not the free sugar of the house bill, but a middle ground.

The friends of the administration say there is a good prospec, that the president's insistence on free raw ma terials- free iron ore and free coal-will receive substantial recognition and deny as impossible all report that any agreement would be on the basis of accepting the senate rate of coal and iron. There is good reason to believe that Chairman Wilson and the friends of the administration will not yield to such a proposition.

The Democratic conferees were t

gether again two hours to-day and at the close of the meeting the house members expressed the same confdence of a speedy settlement that they had after the meeting yesterday. Chairman Wilson and Mr. Montgomery went at once to Speaker Crisp's private office and conferred with him for half an hour. Chairman Holman of the Democratic caucus committee als conferred with the speaker. Mr. Holman said afterward that the taiff situation had changed so materially for the better that the house caucus would not be held for the present

The conferees would be given every opportunity to get together, he added. The senate conferrees can be induced to say but very little on the sitduced to say but very little on the situation. One of them is quoted as saying that there were more indications of reaching an understanding than there had heretofore been. They admit that the senate propositions have been submitted to the conference providing in some instances for a modification and in others merely a change of form, but declare that no amendment has yet been proposed that can ment has yet been proposed that can be agreed upon.

Nebraska Will Raise Little Corn.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 2.-The weekly crop bulletin for Nebraska says: The week has been unprecedentedly hot and dry with hot south winds, which have been very disastrous to all vegetation. Corn has suffered severely in all parts of the state, and is almost all ruined west of Hastings. Present advices indicate that in the Northern Portion two-thirds to three-fourths of the crop is ruined, and in the Southern portion condition varies from ten to ninety per cent of the crop ruined. Reports indicate that it is the late planted corn that has survived the drouth, and that listed corn has suffered less than planted corn. everywhere reported a very light crop, and fodder of all kinds promises to be

Railroad Officials Getting Discouraged. CHICAGO, Aug. 2 .- At the offices of the important Western railroads the corn crop situation is regarded with a good deal of apprehension. The officials are disinclined to make esti-mates of the actual damage caused by the drouth, but they admit that it will be very large

very short.

Outing for August opens with strong piece of fiction, "The Chain of Destiny," by Edith Robinson. Other notable features of an excellent numnotable features of an excellent number are, "The Ascent of Mount Hood," by Earl Morse Wilbur; "The Land of the Bread-fruit," by F. H. Turner, "Pin-tailed Grouse Shooting," by Jas. Crane, and "The New York Yacht Club," a history of fifty years, by Capt. A. J. Kenealy. The editorials and record department is very interesting and complete. and complete.

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Death of Judge Holt.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.-Judge Joseph Holt, who was judge advocate general of the army and at one time acted as secretary of war, died at his residence in this city to-day. His death was due indirectly to a fall sustained few days ago, but to which he paid little attention.

An Appropriation for Topcka. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The item in the sundry civil bill providing \$10,000 to be used in making improvements on the government building at Topeka was reached yesterday by the senate

and allowed.