THE O'NEILL FRONTIER NEBRASKA WILL BE

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The big alligator which, for two weeks has been the boss of the finny tribe in the Mississippi between Cahokia and Baden, and has been the prize sought of all fisherman of East St. Louis, Alton and Madison, has at last yielded to fate. He is now only a piece of hide in the hands of a taxidermist. He was the biggest object that has been caught in this part of the Mis-sissippi in the memory of any inhabi-tants. He was 7 feet 6 inches long and weighed 476 pounds. He was cap-tured in a net by Herman Abel, of South St. Louis, off Sandy Hook, across the river from the St. Louis water sta-tion. It is not known how the alligator came to be in the river.

The queen of Roumania preaches the The queen of Roumania preaches the "simple life." She writes: "If only people could content themselves with the fruits of the earth, with bread and vegetables for their daily fare, how easily might men provide for their fam-ilies! If only women did not require such costly toilets, they would never be under the necessity of working for their own living. For the present state of things men are perhaps in the first of things men are perhaps in the first instance to blame, since they have en-couraged women to become so frivolous and exacting; but the greatest fault lies with the women themselves, whose extravagance makes them demand such sacrifices from their husbands."

The sporting attractions of Skibo, Mr. Carnegie's Highland home, are thus summed up: The extent of this shoot-ing is about 20,000 acres, of which about 10,000 acres are moor, 6.000 acres arable and 4,000 acres wood; 600 to 800 brace grouse, 22 stags, 4 failow bucks, 42 roe deer besides black some participas deer, besides black game, partridges, pheasants, snipe, woodcock, hares, rab-bits and wild fowl may be expected. There is fair salmon and sea trout fishing in about fifteen miles of the Evelix and good trout fishing in Lochs Migdale. Laggan, Lars and Buidhe.

The French partridge must look on The French partridge must look on the rabbit as a true friend, for the bird has no compunction in making use of its burrow as a place of refuge in times of necessity. This tendency on its part is not generally known, but those who have to deal with the red leg on the wide heaths of Norfolk and Suffolk, which are infested with rabbits and perforated with their burrows, are fully aware of the manner in which the birds disappear below the ground if driven very hard. very hard.

There is a better way to make one's frayed cuffs presentable than to pare them with the scissors. Says a writer: "With the first touch of steel the cuff is runed. Light a match and pass it round the frayed edge (do not burn your wrist). The cleansing fire will remove the dross and leave intact the pure gloss of the cuff. A cuff treated with fire will last laundry generations longer than the cuff treated with steel."

Baron Fersen, captain of the Russian rruiser Izumrud—who reported to the rzar having blown up his vessel rather than have her fall into the hands of the Japanese—has just that sort of blood in his veins. For he is one of that family of Highland Macphersons who settled in Sweden, where they fropped the "Mac," called themselves Fersen, and afterward overflowed into Russia, where they rose to high posi-tion.

In the National museum at Wash-ington there are only three relics of John Paul Jones. These consist of an pld flag which flew at the masthead of the Bonhomme Richard, an old flint-lock musket, and a flerce looking putlass both of which ware conturned rom the Serapis when Captain Jones took that battleship in the famous na-val engagement in September, 1779.

Rider Haggard is his own head gar-dener and has three acres of garden under cultivation. His staff consists of three regular men, with frequent use of a fourth—the owner himself. There are six glass houses, in which he prews prize orchids, a highly cultivat-

Excellent Showing Is Made by

the Report of the Bureau of Labor.

A GOOD CROP FOR 1905

GREAT FRUIT STATE

With Exception of Apples Fruit Trees Are Bending Under Their Burdens of Lusciousness Over the State.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 9.—In Nebraska there are 5,919,633 orchard trees. A compilation of the various fruit trees in the different counties was made by the

the different counties was made by the bureau of labor recently. Otoe county, with 183,569 apple trees, heads the list, while the next is Rich-ardson, with 162,392. The third is Lan-caster county, with 169,000, and the fourth is Cass, with 156,082, and Gage county is fifth, which reports a total of 128,055 126.055.

The premiership in peaches occasions some surprise, since it goes to Nuckolls county, with 101,015 trees, with Gage county a close second, claiming 100,124. Webster county reports the third larg-Webster county reports the third larg-est number, 84,674, and Jefferson county reports 79,497. Nemaha county, the sup-posed garden spot for peach culture, reports but 73,864 trees, while Otoe re-ports 63,451, and Johnson 62,346, al-though Holt, a comparatively new county with a big area of sandhills though Holt, a comparatively new county, with a big area of sandhills and newly-tilled wrairie land, claims 66,599 trees of the peach variety. Cass county has 74,150, according to the ascounty has 74,150, according to the as-sessor's returns. The extension of hor-ticulture westward is shown by the fact that Garfield county claims 2,494 peach trees, Gosper 9,758, Furnas coun-ty 20,320 and Kearney county 33,440. Lancaster county is credited with 1,590 pear trees, 5,088 of the plum variety and 14,840 cherry trees.

YOUNG JAPANESE MISSING.

Was Probably Victim of Y. M. C. A. Fire at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 9.—The Lincoln Y. M. C. A. building, a two-story frame structure erected a year ago at the corner of Thirteenth and P streets, was practically destroyed by fire Sunday. Little of the contents was saved. The loss will not exceed \$7,000, well in-

A young Japanese who slept in the building is missing, and it is feared he may have been burned to death. The origin of the fire is unknown.

HAIL DAMAGES CROPS.

Causes Considerable Loss in Northeastern Nebraska.

Randolph, Neb., Aug. 9.—A severe rain and wind storm, accompanied by hall, visited the country west of Ran-dolph. West and south of McLean the crops are practically ruined. Late oats was beaten flat to the ground, and corn was stripped of its leaves and the

corn was stripped of its leaves and the naked stalks are standing. Pierce, Neb., Aug. 7.—A disastrous halistorm visited the territory about five miles east of here. The farmers who have been heard from say they will be satisfied if they get half a crop of corn. The hall was five inches thick on the ground

on the ground. Thurston, Neb., Aug. 7.—An electrical storm passed over this locality, accom-panied by wind and rain.

SUICIDE NEAR AINSWORTH. Man Aged 75 Years Takes a Dose of

Strychnine.

Ainsworth, Neb., Aug. 9.—P. B. Hoard, living about eighteen miles north of here, took a dose of strychnine and died in a few minutes. His son-in-law wanted him to take an antidote, but he refused, saying that he wanted te die. He leaves a wife and several children. He was 15 years old.

fact that the many horses which have died in this vicinity is due to their be-ing poisoned by the "horse tail reed," which is plentiful in the hay of Platte

valley. Two horses will be used and fed on the reed for several days. The experiment will be at John Ingraham's

ROAD MAKES PROGRESS.

Settling with Farmers Whose Land Is

Taken.

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 9.-The Sioux City and Western railroad has succeed-

ed in making settlements with a num-ber of parties against whom condem-

nation proceedings have been begun. John Nau of Saunders county received \$6,000 damages. The new road passes

through his farm buildings. The price paid for farming land will average over \$125 per acre, but as the damage to the other land is necessarily taken into consideration, the average paid is but

little above the consideration of recent

From all indications Estina, the new

town laid out about seven miles from this city, across the river, will have quite a boom. A bank and two stores

have arranged to start in business there soon, and there is already some inquiry

GIRL STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Clothes Stripped from Child's Body and She is Badly Burned. Broken Bow, Neb., Aug. 9.—During a severe electric storm the 6-year-old granddaughter of Marshal Towsley was

struck by lightning and badly burned. The bolt first struck the house, and the

child, who was standing in the door-way, received a portion of it, the cur-rent running down the left side, burn-

ing the clothes from her body and pass-ing through the toes of the left foot. Ex-Sheriff Armstrong, who ran to her

assistance, was nearly knocked sense-

CUMING COUNTY HARVEST.

It will be a good grain ship-

barn in Valley.

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MILLIONAIRE INDICTED. **ACTION TO ENJOIN** Bribery Charges Develop an Unexpect edly Big Scandal in Milwaukee. **SECRETARY HITCHCOCK**

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 9.—A sensa-tion second only to that caused by the indictment of Charles F. Pfeister de-veloped in the case Saturday when the commencement of a suit against the wisconsin Rendering company by Mr. Pfeister for the recovery of \$6.543 balance due on promissory notes held by him was followed almost imme-diately by a voluntary statement from diately by a voluntary statement from Fred C. Cross, president of the Wis-consin Rendering company, denying that Mr. Pfelster owes the company any money, and also denying having ever made any such charges against Mr. Pfelster before the grand jury or having any knowledge or information on which such an indictment could be based.

Gharies F. Pfeister was indicted by the grand jury of Million indicted by charles F. Freister was indicted by the grand jury of Milwaukee county, charged with stealing \$14,000 belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering company, of this city. At the same time indict-ments were returned against four others, the charge of bribery being al-leged in three of the indictments and one of perjury. The list of persons for whom capiases were issued is as follows

Charles F. Pfeister, capitalist, one indictment; larceny. John F. Dittmar, formerly supervisor,

one indictment; bribery. George F. Reichert, supervisor, one indictment embracing fourteen counts; bribery. Barney A. Eaton. state senator, one

indictment; bribery. Frank F. Schultz, formerly newspa-per reporter, one indictment; perjury. The indictment against Mr. Pfeister alleged that on March 30, 1901, the ac-cused was bailee of \$14,000, said amount being denosited with bim for the Wis being deposited with him for the Wis-consi., Rendering company for the purpose of obtaining for the company a valuable contract from the city of Mil-waukee for disposing of garbage. If not so used, the money was to be re turned to the company. It is charged that the money was not

so used and that Pfeister converted it to his own use. The indictment caused a profound sensation. Mr. Pfeister is engaged in many of the biggest enter-prises of Milwaukee. He is a director of one of the leading banks, owns a large interest in a big tannery, is proprietor of a large hotel and owns one of the

of a large hotel and owns one of the leading newspapers of the city. Mr. Pfelster issued a statement de-claring the charge absolutely false and without foundation.

The other indictments are in a way connected with the charges against Pfeister. These indictments make the Pfeister. total number so far returned by the present grand jury 133. The jury has taken a recess until August 22.

LITTLE GIRLS OUTRAGED

Lynching May Follow Horrible Atrocity in Kentucky-Perpetrators in Jail.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Aug. 9.-A horrible crime is reported here from West Liberity, Morgan county, and a lynching may result. On Caney creek lives Levi Phipps, a respected mountaineer, with two daughters, who. it is alleged, were taken from their home by five men and kept captive in the woods all night. The girls were terribly maltreated by the captors, who released the captives at daybreak. The girls, who were nearly dead, managed to reach home, and gave the alarm. A posse was formed and the men captured and placed in jail. Lynching is openly advocated, and a ctrong guard watches the 'ail. The girls are aged 16 and 12, and it is feared the youngest will die. The names of the men could not be

ARE AFTER ILLINOIS.

Congressman Larimer and Representative Kittleman Seek to Control. State in Interest of Shaw.

Chicago, Aug. 9.-Congressman William Lorimer has begun the presidential campaign for 1908 in Illinois. The prize sought is the state's delegation to the national republican convention and this congressman's present candidate is Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa. Last year James M. Kittleman of the Nineteenth district was nominated for the legislature by Congressman Lori-STATE WILL INVESTIGATE. the legislature by Congressman Lori-mer at the request of Secretary Shaw. Since the legislature adjourned, Repre-sentative Kittleman has been boosting Mr. Shaw wherever possible, and while he is related to the secretary, his mis-sionary footsteps lead to the Lorimer Inquiry Concerning Horse Tail Reed at Valley. Valley, Neb., Aug. 9.—Dr. Peters, vet-erinary of the state university experi-ment station, began today the horse camp. tail poisoning experiment to prove the fact that the many horses which have

TRAGEDY OF ERRORS.

Countess Falls in Love with Valet-Thinks He Is Her Husband-Suicide After Discovery.

Rome, Aug. 9.-A strange story of impersonation with a tragic sequel has just been unfolded in the law courts of Rome. Count Adriano Beniculli, an eccentric nobleman, charges his valet, Antinoro Paolo, with having indirectly caused the death of the Countess Beniculli. Taking advantage of the extraordinary resemblance between himself and his valet, the count employed the latter to impersonate him at various social functions in Rome and elsewhere, while he himself devoted his time to his hobby of collecting and re-

pairing ancient locks. Paolo, provided with moncy and good clothes, mixed in the best of society and everywhere was received as the count. Meeting the Countess Beniculli count. Meeting the Countess Beniculi at a ball, the valet paid her assiduous attention. The countess was pleased but greatly surprised, as her husband, for whom she mistook Paolo, had neg-lected her for some years, not living with her and not seeing her.

A few days after the supposed recon-ciliation the countess and Paolo drove to Rimini, and were walking towards some of the caves, a visit to which was the object of the drive. Suddenly a "oung peasant woman rushed at them and accused Paolo of deserting her, at the same time addressing opprobrious insults to the countess.

The latter then discovered that she had been deceived, and the pseudo count was her husband's valet. Kneeling in the street at the feet of Paolo's wife she entreated her pardon and then returned to Rome alone on foot. The same night she was found dead in her room. She had poisoned herself. On her dressing table lay a letter stating that she had believed Paolo to be her husband, and that the thought of what she had done had driven her to suicide. She was unwilling to sully the spotless records of a noble ancestry. The trial of Paolo has been adjourned pending an inquiry into the circumstances of the tragedy.

NEW YORK FIRE.

Flames Eat Up Vast Amount of Property of Lackawanna Railroad and Destroy Wharfage.

New York, Aug. 9 .--- Inside of threequarters of an hour fire swept away the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company's terminal in Hoboken, selzed two ferryboats and prac-tically ruined them, and for half an hour threatened the destruction of the entire water front in the vicinity, in-cluding the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship docks at which several big ships were lying. The property damage is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

So far as known no lives were lost. Blazing ferryboats were cut from their docks and floated in the river, wandering fire ships, which for a time endangered shipping in the river. The fire started on an old wooden ferryboat and swept by a northerly breeze com-municated with the ferry house, spread to the main building of the Lacka-wanna and then to the Dukes house, a famous Hoboken hostelry. The hotel was a frame structure and ready practically for the flames. By this time the flames were spreading in all directions utterly beyond the control of the few fire fighters who had responded to the first alarms.

Following the hotel the structure of Following the hotel the structure of the public service corporations—the street car operating company of Ho-boken, Jersey City and nearby places— went down before the flames. At 1 o'clock this morning the fire was under control, the big steam-ship piers had been saved and a rough estimate placed the damage at between \$400.000 and \$500.000.

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blaze was that inside of twenty minutes after its start it had selzed upon the Lackawanna's terminal and swept its 500 feet of train sheds, dooming them.

NEBRASKA FIGHTS THE GRAIN MEN'S OCTOPUS

Attorney General Files Suit to Break Grain and Elevator Trust and Stop Rebates.

BIG FIGHT IS LAUNCHED

Suit Is Filed After a Thorough Investigation by State and Private Sources to Establish Fact of Trust.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5 .- Attorney General Brown, acting on behalf of the state, filed a suit in the supreme court this morning, asking for the dissolu-tion of the grain and elevator trust and upon his request Judge Barnes issued an order restraining the members of the trust from accepting rebates on prices of grain at buying stations and using or employing the various devices in relaw suit. The testimony in that action was closely followed by the state's legal department, and it has been supple-mented by private investigations along similar lines.

DENIED A LICENSE.

First Cousins Are Not Permitted to Wed in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—Arthur Kack-ley and Martha Calvert, of Princeville, Ill., traveled 500 miles to be united in marriage under the laws of Nebraska, only to be balked at the desk of License only to be balked at the desk of License Clerk Harry Abbott by a provision of the last session laws of the state legis-lature. Mr. Kackley and his wished-for bride are first cousins, and their ignorance of the fact that Nebraska had joined the ranks of the strict ob-servers of the laws of consanguinity caused them to flee the state of Illinois for what they thought a more propifor what they thought a more propitious commonwealth.

For many years, the county judge has had applications for marriage licenses from first cousins who had crossed the border from Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and other states where such marital relationships are prohibited. The last legislature passed a law making this state impervious to the clamorings of Cupid in this regard, also, and so Mr. Kackley was turned away disconsolate. On being confronted with the refusal to issue the license, the disappointed bridegroom began to ask questions. Then he told of the failure to obtain the privilers of wedlock because of the the privilege of wedlock because of the rigidity of the laws of the state of Illi-

On learning that Iowa's laws are not so inconvenient, Mr. Kackley and his finance decided to go thither, and left on an afternoon train for Council Bluffs

This is the first case where the new law has been encountered in this county, and the attorneys and attaches of the court house were much interested in its outcome.

MEN HELD FOR FRAUD.

Arrested at Grand Island as Members

of Money Order Raising Gang. Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 2.-Tom Cartmill and E. Morgan, two young men who have been in the city for the last few days, were arrested and lodged in jail. A letter was received from the inspector containing four letters addressed to Cartmill with instructions to place them in the general delivery and when called for to arrest the man and his partner. Both are in custody at the city jail and await-ing further orders. The inspector writes that he has just arrested a man at Raw-lins who had stolen money orders in h's possession, and he is of the belief that Cartmill and Morgan are members of the gang of which his prisoner is a member, their scheme being to buy money orders of small amounts and raising them to one hundred dollars. Officers will be in city today to take both Cartmill and Mor-gan to Rawlins for investigation.

MANY AFTER LAND. Bonesteel Day's Repeated at North Platte Opening. North Flatte, Neb., Aug. 5 .-- Wednesday the city's streets contained many strangers here investigating concerning the homestead land which will become

of the expiration of the soldiers' declar-atory statements which, as has been stated in this paper, were filed in the interests of cattlemen. Many parties secured maps of vacant land and have gone out to look it over, and make their selections. Every incoming train brings a number of homeseekers who are get-ting on the ground and becoming fa-miliar with the land before the opening nesday night quite a number were un-able to secure hotel accommodations and had to stay in the streets.

The government prosecutions of the people who have been making war on the settlers and fencing in the government land are having a wholesome ef-fect and it is reported that these fences gotten away as a result of these prose cutions and from the fact that settlers are actually moving into the country the homesteaders are having less diffi-culty in taking and holding land.

The Tribe Holds That a Payment of Money of Trust Fund Is Pact Due, but No Efforts Have Been Made to Pay It. Pender, Neb., Aug. 8 .- By their at torney, Hiram Chase, the Omaha Tribe of Indians, a corporation, has com-

Omaha Indians Are Up in Arma

Over Disbursement

of Funds.

LARGE SUM IS INVOLVED

menced suit in the district court of

Thurston county to enjoin Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, General W. H. Beck, special disbursing officer, and Superintendent John F. Mackey of the Omaha Indian agency, from expending any more of the \$100,000 set aside by a gress to be paid the Omaha In-dians out of their \$450,000 trust fund. Judge Chase, who is not only attorney for the Indians, but is also a member for the Indians, but is also a member of the tribal council, sets forth in his petition that the Omaha tribe is a corporate body; that there are several United States supreme court decisions so holding, and that they have a right to sue and be sued; that the treaty with the government provides that the Omaha tribe must give their consent to the disbursement of any funds ex-cept such as may be used for the pay-ment of employes or for the support of schools, and that this payment has not been approved by the Indians, nor have they given their consent to the pay-ment. The petition prays for a tem-porary injunction until the day of hear-ing, when a permanent injunction will ing, when a permanent injunction will be asked. Congress passed the act to make this payment a year ago last spring, and the Indians have been walting patiently ever since for its ar-rival. Two days before election last fall a letter was received from Secre-tary Hitchcock promising to make the payment at once. The Indians voted accordingly, but until about one month ago they got nothing. For some reaago they got nothing. For some son only \$10,000 has been paid. son only \$10,000 has been paid. The Indians have been ordered to stay away from social gatherings or dances, and a lot of their guests—Poncas— have been ordered home by General Beck, the disbursing officer, on the penality that no more money would be paid. He has also refused to give children's share to the parents, or give indians who have been guilty of drink-ing their share. All these things put together have caused the Indians to get ugly. They claim they are citizens and have a right to dance or gather if The and have a right to dance or gather if they wish so that they act peaceably.

srews prize orchids, a highly cultivat-ed kitchen garden, an orchard and two ponds, in which the author-gardener grows aquatic plants.

A youth at Cambridge university was in 1717 mildly remonstrated with by his uncle on account of his chandler's bill being too high "by reason of yt foolish custom you have got of drink-ing and treating wth Tea wch is not only very chargeable but is ye occasion of misspending a great deal of time. I hope therefore you will leave it of."

In the city of Leipsic, the headquart-ers of the German book publishing trade, there are 2,916 firms filling or-fers, and its book publishers' exchange has 3,240 members, Leipsic has not only one of the most celebrated universities in Germany, but as a city is renowned for its music schools and concerts.

Australia is considering the introduction of the metric system and a bill providing for its use will be introduced at the next session of the common-wealth parliament. The idea is to make the system permissive for a certain time, reserving the right to make it compulsory at a given period.

We women are adepts of the idle in-lustries because our time is of no earth-ly consequence. Think of the miles of ace we crochet, the impossible em-broideries we make, the countless odds and ends we construct, of no earthly ase except to catch dust.—Mrs. Lane in for the forther by the Baylow London Fortnightly Review.

One hundred and thirteen years ago, in June 15, 1792, the Hartford Bank was organized under the charter granted by the state a few weeks before, and its foors were opened for business on August 8, 1792. It has had a continu-sus business existence since that date.

Plans to build electric street car lines in Pekin have aroused a great protest from the natives, who say the cars would be very harmful to the poor, as a large number of coolles now make a living by hauling passengers in rick-shaws or on wheelbarrows.

scientific man in Buffalo proclaims that he has discovered that working about high voltage electric apparatus results in "grave disturbances of the figestive organs," and a whole train of **lyspeptic symptoms.**

A Sheffield (England) firm has on rlew in its window a pocket knife pos-sessing seventy-five blades. Each blade mas a local scene engraved upon it. The firm offers \$5,000 to any person who can shut all the blades without sutting his fingers.

The firm offers \$5,000 to any person who can shut all the blades without sutting fils fingers. A few incandescent lamps with a zir-many. Professor Weddin, a physicist, meently presented a lamp of this kind b the Electro-Technical Society of Dologne. While pursuing a mouse the other by, Mme. Delatour of Paris, broke mough the floor of her room and found in the hole a brass box, containing gold

NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS

Indianapolis, Ind.-"Mr. Dooley," the chimpanzee, in the interest of which Gov-ernor Hanly was asked to suspend the anti-cigarette law, that it might smoke and be immune from arrest while in Indiana, died last night. An autopsy showed that the chimpanzee had died from shock and general prostration as a result of being deprived of cigarettes, which he had used constantly for two years.

Duluth, Minn.-C. O'Flynn and Marshal Alworth of Duluth have returned from Isle Royale with a young black bear, which they say was captured in a novel manner. The men were fishing near the mouth of Big Eiskiwit river, and Alworth sent a leader down stream, to which was attached a hook baited with a good sized shiner. The line was carried around a sharp bend by the current and the baby bear, which seems to have been fishing also, caught the shiner and was himself caught, the hook fastening firmly in the lips.

Council Bluffs, Ia .- While unhitching his team after the forenoon's work, Peter Keegan, foreman of the Wickham Bros." brisk yard was hurled against a tree by a sudden start of one of the horses and re-ceived a fractured skull, from which his death resulted in twenty minutes. He was taking the bridle from the horse, which irritated him by endeavoring to eat grass. With his hand entangled in the bridle rein, Keegan struck the horse a smart blow causing it to jump quickly down a short decline dragging the man against the tree.

Winona, Minn.-H. Littau, a veteran drayman of Winona, was burned to death in a fire in his barn. He had released four horses when he was kicked down and into the path of the flames by the fifth horse. All the skin was burned off his body. He Lived two hours in great agony. This is the fifth time his barn has burned. Mrs. Littau was burned on the arms in dragging her husband from the barn. Four horses were cremated.

Gettysburg, Pa .- While Miss Margaret Deardorf, who lives near this place, was making up her brother's bed a large black snake sprang from under the pillow and coiled itself around her right arm. The girl attempted to tear the snake away with her left hand, but in an instant the coils had encircled her left wrist, and her arms were squeezed together, as if in a vise. Screaming for help, she ran to her brother. He could not kill the snake with

a club, for fear of injuring his sister, but succeeded in cutting off the reptile's head with a penknife.

Five of the soldiers who allowed their declaratory statements to be used in the interests of cattlemen were here yesterday. While talking to a city official of this city several of them admitted that they had filed soldiers' declaratory statements in the interests of prominent statuments in the interests of prominent cattlemen, and that they had leases made of the land, and that they filed their declaratory statements which are about to expire for a consideration and not in good faith. The mails are bring-ing into the land office here many in-wirks about the land office here many inquiries about the land and the land of-fice is kept busy answering these. There is hardly any doubt but all of the 250,000 acres which will be subject to entry August 15, 16 and 17 will be taken before January of next year.

CROPS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 8.—Dave Marti has recently made several trips into Cass county, one of the extreme coun-ties in Western Nebraska, and the re-port he brings of crop conditions in that port he brings of crop conditions in that part of the state are most gratifying. It is doubtful if that particular portion of the state could ever boast of more bountiful crops. Mr. Marti says the crops in Cass are far ahead of this county. Wheat, he says, is yielding in scores of instances from 30 to 35, 40 to 45 bushels to the acre and that if the pres-ent favorable weather conditions con-tinue corn out that way will pield from tinue corn out that way will pield from 65 to 70 and 80 bushels to the acre. As a result of these excellent crops land a result of these excellent crops land values out there are booming and all bargains in the way of farms are being purchased at a lively rate. The land buyers out there are quite numerous. Mr. Marti traveled over the country about Imperial and it was here he saw wheat threshing out as high as 45 bush-els to the acre and some of the finest corn fields he ever looked upon.

VIOLATING GAME LAW.

Ainsworth, Neb., Aug. 8.-When the sheriff was out in the country on busi-ness he ran onto Courtney Long and George Herring with fifteen chickens in George Herring with inteen chickens in their possession. As this was the first offense, by the advice of the judge and county attorney the sheriff swore out a warrant for the killing of two chicks. The men were brought before the judge and fined \$10 and costs each, which they baid.

FLOODS IN LOWLANDS.

Streams Are Out of Banks in Redwillow County, Neb.

Indianola, Neb., Aug. 8 .- Not for fifteen years has there been such high water in the streams of this county. Lowlands are flooded and grain in the shock has been badly damaged following a rainfall of five inches. A break in the Holland irrigation dam has also let loose a ficed of water. The St. Francis tranch of the Rurlington railroad is again partly tied up as a re-sult of washouts.

RELIEF EFFORT FAILS.

Ziegler Relief Expedition Cables That Efforts to Find Traces of Explorers Failed.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 9.—News today was received in the following cable-gram from Dr. Oliver L. Fassig of the

gram from Dr. Onver L. Fassig of the Ziegler relief expedition: "Shannon Island, via Edinburg, Aug. 7.—No members of the Ziegler ex-pedition were found on Shannon island July 21. Much ice in the north Atlantic. Will reach New York on the 20th." Dr. Fassig, who is an official of the will

government weather bureau, is the sci-entist of the relief expedition which sailed from Sanderfjord, Norway, on May 17 on the Magdalina for Shannon island on the east coast of Greenland, with the hope that some members of the Ziecker expedition which sailed for the Ziegler expedition which sailed for the arctic regions from Norway in July, 1903, under command of Anthony Fiala of Brooklyn might be found there. It is understood here that the Magdalina, It having failed in its purpose, will now return to Norway.



Round Trip from Australia to Egypt in 20 Seconds-Protege of the

Stanfords.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 9 .- The Ex-"Thomas Welton Stanford of Mel-

bourne, brother of the late Senator Stanford, has offered to donate to Stanford, has offered to donate to Stanford university an almost priveless collection of antiques which he says were collected for him from Egyptian tombs by the astral body of a black-smith mystic who took but twenty sec-onds for the round trip from Egypt to Australia. The name of the blacksmith medium or mahatma, is C. Balley, and it is said that some of the leading sci-entists of the world believe in his work as a communer with the inhabitants of the astral world, and his ability to per-form seeming miracles.

"Dr. Jordan, however, has made it clear that this collection, the list of which includes many articles of great value as antiquities, will not be ac-cepted, basing his objection on the excepted. openly avowed method of its collec-tion."

HE TOASTED THE CZAR

Secretary Taft Greatly Moves Russian Admiral, Who Makes a Pro-

found Bow.

Manila, Aug. 9.-Major General Cor-Manila, Aug. 9.—Major General Cor-bin gave a dinner this evening to gen-tlemen of the Taft party. Rear Ad-miral Enquist of the Russian navy and staff were present. General Corbin toasted President Roosevelt and Taft toasted the Russian emperor. Admiral Enquist, who was much affected, then arose and made a profound salutation.

CATTLE KILLED BY BLACKLEG

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 5.-Blackleg in cattle has cost the lives of eight animais from the herd of A. N. McGinnis during the week. The remaining por-tion of the herd had been vaccinated. It was just one week ago that the first symptoms of the disease was noticed by Mr. McGinnis.

BADLY HURT BY GUN EXPLOSION

Oxford, Neb., Aug. 5.-George W. Uean old and well known resident of this place, was the victim of a serious accident. In discharging the pump gun the piece exploded, driving the breech-pin into his face a depth of three inch-His nose was almost torn away and he was otherwise disfigured.

WRECK AT PICKRELL.

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 5.-The tender and three cars attached to southbound Union Pacific freight, No. 71, were de-Union Pacific freight, No. 4, were de-railed at Pickrell, blockading the track. Northbound passenger, No. 22, and southbound passenger, No. 23, met at Pickrell and transferred passengers and mails.

YAQUIS WISH TO BE GOOD

Would Like to Make Terms with the Mexican Government.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 5.-News comes from Sonora, in a letter to the editor from Sonora, in a letter to the editor of the Nogales Oasis, that negotiations for peace are in progress between the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican gov-ernment. Couriers are traveling throughout the state wherever there are yound Indians achieved the the are Yaqui Indians, exhorting them to commit no further depredations pend-ing a peace conference. A conference will be held at Ures in a few days, it Min be held at thes in a few days, it is said, between the Yaqui leaders and Mexican representatives. The initia-tive came from the Yaquis. The last treaty with the Yaquis was-made at Ortiz, in 1897, and was not broken until 1899.

CASSIE LEFT POOR PICKING.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 3.—Creditors of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will receive a total dividend of about 7 mills on the dollar when the matter is finally settled, according to Referee in Bank-ruptcy Remington.

WRECK NEAR JOHNSTOWN City Which Has Seen Many Disasters

Comes Near Having Another of Awful Extent.

Awful Extent. Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 5.—The morn-ing train from Rockwood to Johnstown, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was wrecked today eight miles from this city, plunging through a bridge. One man was killed, two women were possibly fatally injured and a half dozen others seriously. That two score more escaped death was almost a miracle.