YNEILL.

NEBRASKA

"Those who are not accustomed to rain are frightened by it," says a writer. "I once saw an Arab rained on for the first time. He was abjectly terrified and demanded to have his passage paid from the country—Sicily—in which the dread prenomenon oc-In which the dread prenomenon occurred. He had been conveyed from the Sahara, I think, by a European, whose servant he was, and he evidently thought his master was behaving abnominably to him in permitting him to get wet. By the first steamer he returned to his native desert abandoning excellent wages, and shaking the raindrops furiously from his slippered feet."

A French writer in a scientific magazine tells of the great ocean depths of 28,000 to 30,000 feet, the temperature 28,000 to 30,000 feet, the temperature tending toward zero, with perpetual darkness reigning melow depths of about 1,280 feet. At that level plants deprived of light can not exist, and the animal life must be carnivorous. The organ of sight, not being used, has disappeared, and yet there is light even in that sightless world. A German exploring ship found a fish with enormous eyes at a depth of 6,400 feet. Phosphorescence is common in these hollows of the sea; sometimes special organs flash light. organs flash light.

The widening of Piccadilly has been the means of showing the enormous value of land in the center of London, the sum paid by the London county council for a small area which, of course, was built upon, working out at \$170 a square foot. This is believed to be the record, but as it included compensation for disturbance, it cannot be pensation for disturbance, it cannot be compared with the prices paid in Cornhill, which is the highest rented spot on earth, a single room having been let recently at between \$10,000 and \$15,-

Every rope used in the British naval service from heaving line to hawser and wherever it may be used on shipboard or in dockyard, has woven into one of its strands, for purposes of identification, a red thread. The presumption is that any rope with the red thread found outside of such uses is in improper hands. This custom in the British navy has prevailed since the days of Nelson. Some large concerns, such as railways, sometimes use an interwoven colored thread.

French ships are usually named after French provinces or towns, victories, ideas or sentiments, but no French names excepting those of the greatest men in their history are made use of. German ships bear the names of German rivers, ports, poets, states and characters in German literature, while Spanish ships are almost invariably named after cities or great commanders.

Guanajunato, the ruined city in Mexico, which was destroyed by a cloud-burst, furnishes one of the ghastliest curiosities of the world. In one of the vaults of the Pantheon are preserved many mummles which were dug from the soil. They afford a curious evidence of the natural embalming properties of the earth.

Almost every little stream in rural France has wash houses on its banks, where the women of the neighborhood wash their clothes. They use a great deal of soap and chemicals. These so contaminate the water that the milk of the cows sometimes is poisoned.

Thomas Shevlin, of Minneapolis, has given \$60,000 for the erection of a woman's building at the University of Minnesota. There were 1,250 women in attendance at the university during the last year, with no specially equipped building for their rest and recreation.

J. P. Hall, of the Santa Fe, is organizing an association composed of men who were once messenger boys. The list, it is said, includes Andrew Carnegie, William C. Van Rorne, Marvin Hughitt, W. A. Gardner, Colonel Robert C. Clowry and A. J. Earling.

King Alfonzo has received one of the strangest gifts ever presented to a monarch. It is in the shape of two fine rugs, made from the hides of the horses which were killed by the bomb thrown at the young Spanish King during his recent visit to France.

The famous salt deposits of Petite Anse, La., are known to have been mined by the aboriginal Americans, as as testified by the stone hammers and other tools found when the deposits were rediscovered in 1814 by John Marsh.

George Maybell and Ira Hoeye, once friends and partners in business, met in the street in Fresno, Cal., the other day, after not having seen each other for twenty-five years, and at once be-gan to fight over \$5 that one owed the other.

The Southern Pacific company is to begin the experiment of educating its own mechanics. Orders have been received from headquarters to begin the erection of a building on the railroad grounds at Sparks, Nev., for the purpose.

A. E. Eccles, of Chorley, England, who has just celebrated his 75th birth-day, claims to be the champion tract distributor of the world. He has circulated no fewer than 40,000,000 publications relating to temperance, hygiene, politics and religion.

Mrs. Louisa Manning, who has just celebrated her 98th birthday, is probably the only person living who heard the guns in the famous fight between the Chesapeake and the Shannon off Salem (Mass.) harbor in the war of

In France the best breed of hogs is considered to be the Craonnais, which often attain the weight of 550 pounds in fifteen to eighteen months; a prize pig weighed 763 pounds at the age of 10 months and 25 days.

Frau Prielle, who at one time was the most popular of all the actresses attached to the Royal Opera house, Budapesth, has gone mad, in consequence, it is said, of reading Edgar Allen Poe's

France has 3,045 miles of canals and, 4,665 of rivers improved for purposes of navigation. The government has expended on these waterways about \$500,-600,000 since the war with Germany.

The Marquis of Downshire was among the members of the Workingham fire brigade when hand engines were in vogue. He still responds to the call, but usually drives the fire engine.

Mile, de Rosen, daughter of the Rus-tian ambassator, when she makes her debut in society, will receive from the carring the badge and title of titular maid of honor to her majesty.

The working classes in Mexico are or the most part content with one com for a family, a room in which he door does duty for both window and chimney.

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER HOLDUP LETTERS THREATEN DEATH

Writer Says He Will Kill the Family of Banker Hart.

IF \$3,000 IS NOT PAID ISOLATION UPSET REASON

4 Similar Demand for \$2,000 Made of Schlanke Brothers, of the Vienna Hotel-No Attention Has Been Paid to the Letters.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 13.—Terror reignin certain quarters in Omaha and Council Bluffs on account of threatening letters which have been sent to President E. E. Hart, of the First National bank, of the latter city, and Schlanke Brothers, proprietors of the Vienna cafe of this city by an unknown person demanding sums of money, under penalty of death if the demands are refused.

One week ago Schlanke Brothers received an anonymous letter to the ef-

ceived an anonymous letter to the effect that unless they deposited \$2,000 at the Metcalf roadhouse just across the river from Omaha, on Wednesday last, that both would suffer death.

The \$2,000 was placed in the hands of Chief of Detectives Dunn, who made the court the fact in certain circles that

known the fact in certain circles that the money would be on hand, and a cordon of detectives was placed around the roadhouse on the night in question, but no one appeared.

Threatened Whole Family.

Recently President E. E. Hart, of the First National bank, of Council Bluffs, received a letter to the effect that unless he deposited \$3,000 at the base of a tree at a certain point on the received. less he deposited \$3,000 at the base of a tree at a certain point on the road leading to the Metcalf roadhouse, that he and his whole family would be mur-dered. Hart paid no attention to the demand.

Schlanke Brothers the same day re-ceived a second letter in the same handwriting to the effect that unless

handwriting to the effect that unless \$3,000 was placed in the Metcalf roadhouse to the writer's credit that the roadhouse would be destroyed and the Vienna hotel placel in jeopardy.

Meantime the police forces of Omaha and Council Bluffs were apprised of the conditions of affairs and detectives were placed on guard at every road leading to the Metcalf place with a hope of capturing the writer of the anonymous letter.

The Schlanks were placed in posses-

anonymous letter.

The Schlanks were placed in possession of the Metcalf roadhouse several weeks ago by Receiver Frank Blank, cashier for E. E. Hart, following the foreclosure of a \$15,000 mortgage on the property and furnishings of the house.

INDIAN HEIRSHIP CASE.

Suit Involving \$70,000 Indian Funds Tied Up in the Security Bank, Is Undecided.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 13.-After listen-Omaha, Neb., Sept. 13.—After listening to the arguments of the demurrer in what is known as the Indian heirship case this morning, Judge Munger took the matter under advisement as submitted and will give his decision probably within a few days. The attorneys representing Thurston county, Neb., which the government seeks to enjoin from collecting taxes on \$70.000 of Indian funds lying in the Security National bank at Sioux City, contend in the demurrer that there is no cause for action, on the ground that the in the demurrer that there is no cause for action, on the ground that the trusteeship came to an end when the government sold the trust lands and paid the Indians a portion of the proceeds. It is held that the fact that the government trusteeship was to run twenty-five years was alienated by the act of paying any portion of the funds over to the Indians before the trusteeship period expired.

MAN KILLED AT TEKAMAH

Said Name Was John Burthart and That He Was Coming Here to Visit Sister.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 18 .-- A man was killed on the track by the 7 o'clock passenger train four miles west of here this morning and his body was brought here, where an inquest will be held this evening when the train crew comes back from Omaha.

The deceased rode from Herman here Saturday with the Kelly boys and said he was going to Sioux City to visit a sister and that his name was John Burthart. He was quite deaf, wore working clothes and had no money or papers to identify him.

He were a brown derby hat, brown coat and dark pants. He was about 35 years old and about 5 feet 5 inches high. He had a dark complexion, black hair and a brown mustache. The body was thrown in a ditch, but was not mutilated except the forehead was caved in. Both arms were broken and the neck

OMAHA YARDS PROTEST

They Enter Complaint Against Railroad Discrimination Against Dressed Meats.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—In the United States circuit court here today the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha filed an intervening petition in the bills of complaint of the interstate commerce commission against the Chicago Great Western railroad and eighteen other transportation companies. een other transportation companies.
The charge is made that the railroads
assess a discriminating rate on shipments of live stock over that of dressed from Missouri river points

AGED WOMAN DROPPED DEAD She Had Been to Mass and Died Just

Outside of Church. West Point, Neb., Sept. 12.-Sunday morning just after mass in the St. Charles church Mrs. Justina Grovijahn, a woman of over 70 years, fell dead just outside the church. A hemorrhage preceded her death. Mrs. Grovijahn was the oldest settler in the township and a woman very highly respected. She leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn her loss

GORED TO DEATH BY COW.

Michael Cauley Is Killed by the Vicious Animal at Fremont. Fremont, Neb., Sept. 12.—Michael Cauley was attacked by a vicious cow Saturday afternoon and gored to death. The goring occurred 100 yards east of the Northwest-

rn roundhouse. Mr. Cauley had led his cow to the pasture ground and started back toward his home. A few minutes later men in the Northwestern's supply yards saw the cow toss the men high in the air and atta 'c him viciously when he fell in a heap to the

FILES A LIEN ON A BOY FOR BOARD

Woman Proposes to Keep Ne braska Child Until Mother Pays Its Bill.

Nebraska Farmer and Wife Were Wan dering Through Chicago with Two Children-Could Not Endure Loneliness of Farm Life.

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 12-A queer case is in the court here over a board bill, the parties to the suit being relatives A lien was filed by a boy Thursday to secure a board bill.

Mrs. Mary Miller came to this city recently with her grandson from Hollenberg, Kan., to visit with the mother of the boy, Mrs. Thrapp. Mrs. Miller attempted to return to her Kansas home Thursday with the boy, but Mrs. Thrapp objected to her son returning

Mrs. Miller stated that she had a lien on the boy for board and refused to give him up until Mrs. Thrapp paid the bill. A writ of habeas corpus was secured by the boy's mother and the boy was placed in the hands of the

The writ was made returnable next Monday. Much interest is attached to the affair as the parties concerned are well known here.

ISOLATION UPSET REASON.

Nebraska Couple Could Not Endure

Loneliness of Farm Life.
Chicago, Sept. 12.—Joseph Holdobler and wife were sent to an asylum for the insane yesterday. They came from a farm near Wakefield, Neb., and were found wandering about the streets here

a farm near Wakefield. Neb., and were found wandering about the streets here with their two children.

Neither Holdobler nor his wife were violent, but they did not talk violently. Lonleliness of farm life, to which, it is said they were not accustomed, is seemingly accountable for their condition.

The Holdoblers lived on an isolated bit of farm land in a barren tract. The nearest neighbor was miles away. The nearest neighbor was miles away. The couple were almost entirely dependent upon each other's society to break the monotony of the dragging days. When their first child was born great hope was based by the parents on the future companionship of the youngster. A year passed and the baby had not learned to talk. Shortly afterwards the fact dawned on them that the child was dumb. From the shock of the discovery ery the lonely parents seem never to have fully rallied, even after the birth of a second child, now a crowing, laughing boy of 18 months.

DID DOG SUICIDE?

Omaha Police Observe a Queer Case o. Canine's Grief.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12.—Is a dog capable of deliberately committing suicide? Officers at police headquarters an-

Officers at police headquarters answer this question in the affirmative and point to the Scotch collie owned by Mrs. Amelia Schaefer, as a proof of their belief.

The dog was run over and killed by a street car in front of the police station yesterday morning.

The dog was much attached to its mistress, who is now in jail awaiting the action of the insanity board.

Since her incarceration the dog has

Since her incarceration the dog has refused to eat and for the past two days it has refused to take even water.

car was almost even with it, leaped in front of the motor and was killed.

Mr. Walker wired that he couldn't come. School started before his teledog committed suicide because it could is now searching for a teacher who can not find its mistress.

TOOK POISON THROUGH MISTAKE

NEBRASKA PAIR CRAZED Young Girl After Eloping Swallowed Strychnine, but May Recover. Plattsmouth, Neb., Sept. 12.-Miss Ethel Downing, daughter of G. L.

Downing, residing near Pacific Junc-tion, Ia., just across the river from this city, swallowed a quantity of strych-nine and is reported in a critical con-dition. Soon after taking the poison, the young lady told her mother that she had swallowed the drug by mistake, and asked that a doctor be summoned. An antidote soon removed the greater portion of the drug from the patient's stomach, and, while she remains in very critical condition, it is thought she stands a good chance for recov-

Several weeks ago Miss Downing, who is 17 years of age, cloped with a man named Hiram Miller. The mother of the girl followed the couple and finally located them on the streets of Plattsmouth during a street carnival. The girl was finally induced to return home on a promise that no effort would be made to prosecute Miller. The young lady's relatives are of the opinion that she became despondent over her love affairs and took the poison with suicidal intent. Miss Downing, however, maintains that the drug was

SKULL SPLIT OPEN. Young Section Hand Crushed Beneath

a Hand Car.

Norfolk, Neb., Sept. 12.—Raiph Clair, a young section hand on the Northwestern railway, lies at the point of death at Winnetoon, Neb., as the result of an accident in which the wheels of a hand car ran over his head, splitting the skull wide open. When the car passed over Clair's head the wheels were derailed, the car upset and the four other men riding on its platform were hurled into a ditch. The car was rolling rapidly down a

grade when Clair slipped and fell forward, striking the rails. An instant later the wheel rolled over his head. The other wheels crushed his leg. It is

TRAIN STRANDED ON BRIDGE. Plattsmouth, Neb., Sept. 12.-A wreck occurred on the Burlington bridge here which blocked the main line track for nearly three hours, and caused the Burlington flyer, No. 2, which was over

an hour late, to be run down the east side of the river by way of Council Bluffs A very heavy extra east bound freight which was being pushed by a local switch engine was crossing the bridge when an air hose on a car near the head end stroke, the pressure of the breaking of the hose causing one of the cars to be raised from its trucks and in five minute thrown against the car ahead.

Seen in Omaha and Carload of Officers Being Sent to Arrest Him, He

Opened Fire. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9.—During a running fight between police officers and a man believed to be Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnaper of Eddie Cudahy, and a companion, just before midnight last night, Patrolman Albert Jackson was shot through the leg. and the two men made their escape. None of the other officers was injured. A large detail of officers was immediately sent to the spot to try to locate the fugitives.

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The fight occurred in lower Sixteenth street, where the men were discovered by Officer Jackson in a saloon.

Ever since Crowe returned to Omaha several weeks ago, Chief Donahue has had a force of officers, most of them in had a force of officers, most of them in citizen's clothing, seeking to capture him. The task was extremely difficult, because none of the officers knew Crowe, Jackson being an exception. It was learned by the police yesterday that Crowe was in Omaha, and an extra effort was made to locate him. Jackson and Officer Leahy were sent to leave distrept where Crowe lower Sixteenth street, where Crowe was believed to be. About 11 o'clock last night Jackson saw a man whom he recognized as Crowe with a companion in a saloon at Sixteenth and Dorcas streets. He sent Leahy to a telephone to secure additional officers, meantime watching the men himself. The two men left the saloon just as a car carrying additional officers came up, and rying additional officers came up, and Jackson started to follow them. Seeing that they were being followed both men opened fire on Jackson, emptying their revolvers, one bullet breaking Jackson's leg. The other officers started in pursuit, joining in the fusilade of shots being sent after the fugitives. The latter, however made good a temporative of the starter o latter, however, made good a tempor-

Half the police force were sent to the

Half the police force were sent to the district in which the shooting occurred and were put to work to locate the pair. This they had not been successful in doing up to midnight.

While the police have no positive knowledge that one of the men was Crowe, they do not hesitate to believe that it was. Officer Jackson, who was recovering with Crowe says that there acquainted with Crowe, says that there can be no doubt of the identity of the man. He says the man recognized him and realizing that he was an officer took a desperate chance of getting away by using his revolver. Officer away by using his revolver. Officer Leahy also says he is sure that the man is Crowe. That the fugitive is a desperate man there is no doubt, and every effort is being made to secure his capture, as well as that of his companion.

Had Been Expecting Him. This occurrence is but one of many with less tragic results. Time after time the police have had Crowe in a bad place, houses surrounded with Omaha's best and bravest officers armed with Winchesters, shadowing up dark alleys and through vacant lots hand in hand with death and red hot clues which seemed to give him no pos-sible chance for escape. Every indi-vidual policeman on the Omaha force speaks of Crowe with a set jaw and a muttered curse, and say that Jackson's heroic attempt was but a duplicate of others which will take place if Crowe is

seen by an officer again.

It was reported that the residence of John R. Creighton, at Twentieth and California streets, was to be visited by Crowe Wednesday night and detectives were stationed there, but nothing came

WANTED, TEACHER.

Norfolk's High School Starts Withou? Head-Dakota Man Takes Place, but Later Refuses.

Norfolk, Neb., Sept. 9.—The Norfolk high school has started out with the principal's chair vacant as the result

days it has refused to take even water. Yesterday morning the dog was noticed lying on the wall which surrounds police headquarters, intently watching the passing street cars.

Shortly before 10 o'clock a swiftly moving car came in sight. The dog jumped from the wall, went to the edge of the car tracks and just as the car was almost even with it learned in the passing street cars.

Who went over the dam here one night during the summer with Annie Mc bridge a primary teacher. Later a Chicago man was found who wanted the place but who, when time for the contract came, wired that he couldn't take it. Then J. C. Walker of Keystone, S. D., a town near Deadwood, was located. The state farm at North Platte concar was almost even with it learned in the couldn't take it. Then J. C. Walker wired that he couldn't take it. Then J. C. Walker wired that he couldn't take it. The day was almost even bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa for two years. I harvested twenty-seven bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa, the yield was only six bushels per acre. The difference between the two yields shows that alfalfa for two years. I harvested twenty-seven bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa for two years. I harvested twenty-seven bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa for two years. I harvested twenty-seven bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa for two years. I harvested twenty-seven bushels of macaroni wheat per acre on this ground, which had never been planted to alfalfa for two years.

Officers at headquarters declare the gram came and the headless high school

Husband and Wife Go Insane Simultaneously in Chicago and Are Sent to Asylum.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Simultaneously to-ay in court at the detention hospital day in court at the detention le here, Joseph Hodobler and wife home was on a farm near Wakefield, Neb., were declared insane and sent to Dunning asylum. The couple, who arrived in Chicago a few days ago, were wandering demented with their two children when discovered by the police. The children were placed in a juvenile

MAE SUES FOR \$25,000.

For Alleged Services Rendered Senator and United States Express Company. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 8.-Mae E. Wood yesterday filed a civil suit in the district court against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt and the United States Express company for \$25,000 for alleged

services rendered to the defendants.

Miss Wood's petition alleges that while she was employed by the government in she rendered service to the defendants by 'tipping off" the inside workings of the office, and by assisting to keep out of Postmaster General Payne's annual report of May, 1903, a recommendation of the "post check" system, "thus saving the express company several hundred thous-ands of dollars."

By affidavit Miss Wood sets up the non-

residence of the defendants, and asks the court to grant a garnishment of the xpress company.

HOLCOMB NOT A CANDIDA I E. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 7.—Friends of Chief Justice Holcomb have announced that, because of the poor health of the judge, he will not be a candidate for renomination at the convention which meets in Lincoln September 20. M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, is prominently spoken of by fusionists as the candidate who would make the best run this fall.

KILLED BY A CAVE-IN.

Workman Buried Under Large Embankment of Earth.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 8.-Anton Miller, aged 28 years, with engaged in excavating at the brick yard at Hooper, was killed under a large embankment of dirt that fell on him. The embankment gave way without warning and fell on a dozen men. None, however, but Miller, were buried beneath it. The others scrambled out and upon missing Miller began to dig for him In five minutes they got nom out, but he

PAT CROWE ONCE MORE EXCITEMENT OVER OIL NEAR PAPILLION

Bored Well Reveals Indications of Profitable Flow in Sarpy County.

COMPANY MAY BE FORMED

Owner of Well Is of the Opinion That If the Boring Be Carried a Few Hundred Feet Deeper a Good Flow May Be Struck.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 11.—Much excitement exists at the Henry C. Sautter farm, two miles northeast of Papillion. It was only recently that Mr. Sautter was compelled to bore a well 200 feet deep at the cost of about \$300 in order to get a vein of water. in order to get a vein of water.

For several days the water appeared to be all right, but now there is such

a large amount of oil in it that it is practically useless. Mr. Sautter said that he will be compelled to abandon the well entirely and bore another.

The cwner of the well is of the opinion that by boring a few hundred feet deeper he will be able to strike a heavy flow of illuminating oil. It is possible that a company will be formed for this purpose and several oil wells

county where there are splendid indi-cations of oil in abundance. The shale along the Platte river at several points is full of oil. Some of the shale is used for fuel and burns readily until the oil 's exhausted.

NEW USES FOR SOIL.

Brome Grass, Macaroni Wheat, Kherson Oats and Alfalfa Bring Prosperity. Lincoln, Sept. 11.—"Brome grass, Macaroni wheat and Kherson oats are

Macaroni wheat and Kherson oats are going to revolutionize the conditions of western Nebraska," asserted Director, W. P. Snyder, of the state experimental farm at North Platte.

"We had some Bromus inermis or brome grass which will pay \$50 per acre for the seed crop this year. We planted it August 23, of last year, simply disking and harrowing the naked

ly disking and harrowing the naked sod. The stalks stood three or four feet high when we cut it and the ground was a mat of leafage. That field stands about eight inches high now and would make the best kind of pasturage. The farmers of our vicinity pasturage. The farmers of our vicinity have watched this field with great interest and I know of three or four hundred acres of Brome grass that will be planted this fall. It does not require the fertility of soil necessary for grain crops. In fact, sandy points develop a strong sod and produce hay. I believe that Prome grass will be a great lieve that Brome grass will be a great factor in the utilization of the sandhill district of Nebraska. You see, the sandhills would be productive if a sod could be obtained and retained when pastured. Brome grass makes the sod and is not easily stamped out by the cattle grazing over it.

cattle grazing over it.

"The hay is said to be excellent, too.
"Kherson oats have produced from
forty to sixty bushels per acre this
year. I understand that they produced
about ten bushels per acre more than
other varieties on similar soil. This has not been a good year for experi-menting with the drouth resisting qual-ities of this variety of oats; for we have had all the rain that we could

principal's chair vacant as the result of a series of misfortunes, the last of which was a queer bit of acting by a South Dakota tutor.

The position was first made vacant by the tragic drowning of R. C. Powers, who went over the dam here one night during the could stand.

"Alfalfa has proved successful in Lincoln county. We had all of the rain necessary for a good crop this year. I was surprised at some results obtained this year from ground which has been seeded to alfalfa for two years. I have

sists of three sections lying four miles south of town. It is under the super-vision of the agricultural department of the University of Nebraska. The soil of that part of the state is excellent but the rainfall has not been sufficient produce crops in all years.

TOMATO CAN EXPLODED.

Nomen and Children Were Severly Burned as Result.

Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 9.-Mrs. Montz and children of this city were se-verely burned by the explosion of a fruit She and her daughters were canning tomatoes and Mrs. Montz placed the top on one of the cans before its contents had time to cool. The hot tomatoes were thrown into the face and about the breast and arms of Mrs. Montz, burning her frightfully. One of her eyes was so badly injured that it was thought its sight would be destroyed. However, her physician thinks he can save the eye with careful treatment The children were also severely burned, although not so badly as their mother.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. Osmond, Neb., Sept. 9.-Mrs. Matt Goe den was accidentally shot in the neck about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ball penetrated just at the butt of the ear and has not yet been located by physicians. It is presumed that the ball came from the stock yards where some men were shooting.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

The adjourned meeting of the Great The adjourned meeting of the Great Northern right-of-way condemnation board was hold in this place, and the lots in Dakota City through which the line runs, and which is now graded, were appraised, thus completing the board's work. The village of Dakota City, which was allowed \$650 damages by the board, made settlement with the company for \$1,000 and the case in the

company for \$1,000 and the case in the courts was dismissed. One of the prettiest weddings in the social circles of Wayne took place at Wayne in the marriage of Miss Anna Grace Gamble to W. E. Johnson of Omaha. The nuptial rites took place at the First Presbyterian church, had been tastefully decorated white, ferns, smilax and palms. Nearly 500 invitations had been issued by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gamble, and a large number of relatives and friends were present.

A threshing machine, valued at \$2,500, was totally destroyed by fire in Pierce county at an early hour as the result of an incendiary fire. The machine was on the farm of Fred Hilgert. Straw that had been placed under the thresher was found afterwards. The machine be-longed to Iowa men and was touring

Pierce county in its work. The republicans of Dawes county met in the court house at Chadron and renominated the old officers with the exception of county clerk. D. Burlett was nominated for that place and W. Gilliam as commissioner for the First dis-

MANY HOMESTEADS TAKEN IN AUGUST

Still 150.867 Acres Subject to Entry in Platte District Under Kinkaid Act.

STORY OF FIRST SETTLER

R. A. Welch. Who Went with His Bride to Section Tract, Tells of His Success-Cattle Men Still Cause Trouble.

North Platte, Neb., Sept. 8 .- The officials of the United States land office located in this city, have just completed their monthly report, showing the number of entries, and the acreage embraced within the same, made by parties who took advantage of the Kinkaid act or one section homestead law, during the month of August, 1905. The showing is good and most of the entrymen seemed to have bona fide intentions. In fact quite a few have already gone on their lands and have begun to improve the same, and build homes. Some who filed during the month have aircady taken their families to the land, although under the law, they have full six months after entry or filing in which to establish their residence on the land. The report shows that during the month, 172 entries or filings were made, and that these embrace 99,936.52 acres.

Many Sections Vacant. The report for July 1, 1905 showed there were still vacant, and subject to entry at that time, within the district, which embraces all of Keith, Perkins and Lincoln counties and the south half of McPherson, and the southwest quarter of Logan counties, 261,759 acres. Since that date, 110,872 acres have been homesteaded, which would leave 150,867 still vacant and subject to homestead entries of one section. It is mainly covered with natural grasses, and splendid for grazing purposes, but as yet the soil has never been tilled, and is virgin.

and is virgin.

Most of the land is rolling, although there would be no difficulty in finding sections as rough as desired. Many, if not most of the vacant sections have portions which can profitably be put to crops, but grazing and dairying is the best use to which the land can be put. The First Homesteader.

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The first man to get a homestead of one section under the Kinkaid act, in the North Platte, Neb., land office district was Robert A. Welch, who with his young wife come to this city early before the land opening on June 28, 1904. Mr. Welch inquired at the land office, about the vacant land, and went out and made his selection. Without waiting for the six months to expire, he immediately moved upon the land, with his wife, and has resided there ever since. He was in North Platte a few days ago and told of his success. He says that he has fifty head of nice cattle, thirty-five acres of splendid cattle, thirty-five acres of splendid corn, ten or twelve acres of good millet, lots of potatoes and garden vegetables in any quantity. He has a fine lot of water melons, which he says he will market if the frost does not come too

Best of all, during the spring their first child was born, and on a Kinkaid homestead, and what was more fitting than that it be named "Kinkaid," and the Hon. Moses P. Kinkaid, member of congress from the "Big Sixth," hearing of it, and its name and history, sent it a gold spoon as a souvenir.

JAIL BREAK AT LINCOLN.

Six Prisoners Dig Their Way Out of County Bastile.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8.—Six prisoners made their escape from the county jail late last night by sawing the bars from the window of a water closet and from there cutting a hole through a wall of masonry.

Two of the men were held on charges

of burglary, one for forgery and three for swindling. George Elsam, accused of murder and

brought here from Minden for safe keeping, did not try to escape when given the opportunity. Three other prisoners remained.

It is claimed the hole in the wall was

cut from the outside. CORN NEEDS RAIN.

The Crop in Nebraska Is Maturing

Rapidly, However. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8.—The first half of the week was warm with maximum temperatures quite generally exceeding 90 degrees. The last half was cool, with maximum temperatures below 80 degrees. The daily mean temperature averaged for the week less than 1 degree above normal in all except the northwestern counties, and there it averaged 2 degrees below normal. Light frost occurred by the state of t curred in northwestern counties Sunday and Monday mornings, with but little

and Monday mornings, with but little or no injury to crops.

The rainfall of the past week was about confined to scattered showers in northern counties. In a few instances the amount was more than 1 inch, but generally it was less than ½ inch. In most of the southern counties on rain fell.

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The past week was an excellent one for rapid progress with having and threshing. The third crop of alfalfa is now mostly in stack and was generally a good crop. A large amount of prairie hay has been secured the past week and haying is now wel ladvanced. The crop is an excellent one and more than the usual amount will be harvested in practically all parts of the state. The ground is getting rather dry for plowing generally, but this work is now well advanced, and in many counties is about completed. Very little wheat or about completed. Very little wheat or rye has been sown. The soil is rather dry for seeding. Corn has matured very rapidly and under favorable con-ditions, except that late corn in many places would be benefitted by rain. Pas-tures are in fairly good condition, but the lack of rain has caused them to be

DOGS ARE SHOWING UP WELL Annual Field Trials Start at O'Neill-

Large List of Entries. O'Neill, Neb., Sept. 8 .- The weather was fine for the opening day of the annual field trials. The Derby race was called first and it was found that there were too many entries for one day's work. Twelve braces of dogs ran yes-

terday and as many more will be started today.

The pups all did good work and the judges will find it difficult to make a decision.

somewhat short.