

OVER THE STATE.

The Dodge county fair proved a great success.

The Norfolk sugar factory will be started October 5.

GAGE county has decided not to hold any fair this year.

HAMILTON county's fair this year was the most successful thus far given.

At a recent sale of horses in Dorchester \$65 was the top price paid.

WORK is to be commenced at once upon a new creamery at Humboldt, and it will be in operation within sixty days.

FRANK ABEL, one of the five prisoners who escaped from the Cass county jail in Plattsouth, has been captured at Seward.

GERING gets the western Nebraska reunion for next year, it having been located there at the meeting held at Harrisburg.

CHARLES VAN PELT of Danbury is not expected to live. A horse fell on him some time since and his injuries proved worse than anticipated.

The city council of Norfolk voted to cancel its street lighting contract with the Electric Light company, owing to failure to secure a satisfactory price.

The pumpkin pie is ripe. It is one of the luxuries, says the Sutton Register, that is within the reach of every farmer who owns a cow, a hen and a pumpkin patch.

It required the work of a ten-horse power engine and fifteen days to make a big silo at the Plattsouth cheese factory. Forty acres were cut up and planted in the silo.

The Nebraska City distillery is indebted to our Uncle Sam in the sum of \$3,337, and he has served notice that he must have the stuff or the plant will be sold to satisfy the claim.

MATTERS are shaping themselves whereby it would seem that Dakota City will be connected with Sioux City by an electric street car line before the snow melts in the spring.

Buy home-made goods and build up home industries, is a good policy. Farrell's Fire Extinguisher, made by Farrell & Co., Omaha; Morse-Coe boots and shoes for men, women and children.

PAUL BORGUM, a Missouri Pacific car inspector was struck by a Milwaukee engine at South Omaha and instantly killed. He stepped in front of one engine while watching another pull out.

FOUR prisoners in the city jail at Grand Island broke out, escaping through a hole. They had cut through the two-foot brick wall with a piece of iron they had cut off a patent water tank and a steel nail.

WORD was brought to Hemingford that Mrs. Loken, living five miles east, has become violently insane. Her husband is a prosperous farmer and the matter is much to be regretted, as they have several small children.

DON'T insult a man because he is poor in purse and raiment, says the Cook Courier, for beneath a ragged coat it may be that a muscle lies concealed that could put a head on the oldest man in the business.

The steam threshing machine of Charles Wedergren, while threshing on Mrs. Chapman's farm south of Oakland, set fire to the straw and burned thirteen stables, grain and in fact, everything except the machine and the house.

The Red Cloud roller mills caught fire and were totally destroyed, together with the elevator, warehouse and the plant of the Red Cloud Power company, which was used for the purpose of generating electric light for the city.

A PRAIRIE fire, supposed to have gone out, caused a great loss to Bennett Christy, a farmer living thirteen miles southwest of Plattsouth, by creeping into a straw stack standing in close proximity to his corn crib and wagon shed, which caused a total loss of several hundred dollars, with no insurance.

The Oxnard beet sugar factory at Grand Island is being placed in readiness to begin work on the season's crop about the first week in October. The factory is offering premiums for beets held until mid-winter in order to avoid the rush from the largest crop ever grown. Many acres will average twenty-five tons and the warm sunny days are increasing the sugar at a rapid rate.

RUSS B. WILLIAMS, a farmer living near North Loup, who made a contract with a foreign seed firm for melon seed, reports that his plants have grown so luxuriantly and borne so profitably that he can walk over large portions of his field by stepping on the melons and without touching the ground. He is now busily engaged in harvesting the seed, of which he will have an immense crop.

NEWS has reached Pawnee City of a murder committed fifteen miles southwest of that city. A widow, Mrs. Finity, aged 55, lived with her nephew. He was absent at Sumner, Kan., and upon his return found her in bed, dead, with her head bruised on the side as if it had been done with a club. Nothing in the house was disturbed and no motive can be assigned for the ghastly deed.

The Seward county teachers' association is making preparations for a large and interesting meeting on Friday evening, October 11, and Saturday, the 12th. Among those who are to take part in the exercises are Chancellor MacLean of the state university, Prof. William E. Chancellor of the Polytechnic institute, Mrs. M. E. Tucker of Lincoln, Miss May B. Bennett and Prof. Van Eaton of Seward.

A TRAVELING evangelist preacher living near Kesterson was fined \$20 and costs for beating his two daughters, one of them a married woman.

E. H. TRACY, captain of the Moore rifles, Norfolk, received notice of his appointment as aid de camp on the governor's staff with the rank of colonel.

SAMUEL D. PORTER, attorney for Johnson county, has been pronounced insane, and was taken to the Lincoln asylum for treatment. The examining physicians have little hope of his receiving any benefit, however. He has acted quite strangely for the past ten days, and Sunday and Monday he was in a raving condition.

Names a Fish Commission. The new state fish commission has been appointed by Governor Holcomb. It consists of J. S. Kirkpatrick, Lincoln; William L. May, Omaha, and Robert Oberfelder of Sidney. The personnel of the new commission represents three parties. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a republican, Mr. May an administration democrat, and Mr. Oberfelder a populist. With the exception of Mr. May, the others of the old commission had resigned. Mr. Kirkpatrick succeeds R. H. Oakley of Lincoln, whose term expires June 21, 1896. Mr. May succeeds James B. Meikle of Omaha, term expiring June 21, 1897. Mr. Oberfelder succeeds May, whose term expired last June. This gives Mr. Oberfelder the long term, until June 21, 1898. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a prominent lawyer in Lincoln, of the firm of Darnell & Kirkpatrick. He was formerly a law partner of Governor Holcomb's at Broken Bow. Robert Oberfelder is a prominent business man of Sidney, interested in stone quarries and cattle ranching. "Lew" May has been one of the fish commissioners for the past seventeen years, and has also been prominently mentioned as a candidate for United States fish commissioner.

Gold in Nebraska. Milford dispatch: Rumors of gold finds have disturbed the peace and quiet of the sober village of Milford for the past week, but the discoveries have been kept from the eager gaze of the curious until property here commenced to change hands and the report of the chemist indicates that gold-bearing quartz, lying about one foot from the surface at various points on the Dillenbeck homestead three miles east of town running from \$70 to \$100 per ton have been discovered, and delegates of capitalists from the various towns arrived and evidenced their faith in the new find by purchases of real estate in that vicinity.

What Nebraska Can Do. Kearney dispatch: The Buffalo county fair closed last night, and was quite a success, so far as showing what the county was capable of producing was concerned. The display was not as extensive as it has been on some former occasions, but what was on exhibition was good, and surprised even those who had lived in the county for years. There were onions that would measure from five to seven inches in diameter, potatoes that could not be laid down flat in a peck measure, ears of corn that measured from eleven to thirteen inches in length and were sound and full to the very end, sugar beets that measured two feet in length and were thick in proportion, and one squash that measured six feet and two inches in circumference.

Table with columns: Total passing the Gates, Total Free, Compliments, Check Passes, Stock Coupons, Total Pay Tickets, State Fair Tickets, Total, C. S. M. & O., Rock Island, Mo. Pac., F. E. & M. V., Union Pacific, B. & M., ADMITTED TO AMPHITHEATRE, RECAPITULATION.

Postmaster's Smooth Scheme. A stranger presented a money order at the postoffice in Nebraska City for \$100, payable to William Young. The postmaster noticed that the letter of advice and money order were in the same handwriting and refused payment without identification. Later Young was arrested and confessed that the order was bogus. He further stated that his name is Simmons and that he was postmaster at Belle, Ia. He had made the order payable to himself. He had collected money from a number of similar orders. Over \$800 was found on him which he had obtained through this scheme.

Red Cloud Mill Burned. The Red Cloud roller mill, elevator and warehouse were totally destroyed by fire. The plant was one of the largest in the state outside of Omaha, and the loss will probably amount to \$40,000. It had been idle since the high water in June took part of the dam out, but had been recently leased to Guthrie Bros. of Superior, who were getting the plant in shape to run. The mill company was repairing the dam and in a few days the repairs would have been complete. Insurance on the building and machinery, \$25,000.

SOUTH AFRICAN BUBBLE.

IT GIVES SIGNS OF VERGING ON A GRAND COLLAPSE.

A SMASH IS INEVITABLE.

Declines in the Stocks Temporarily Checked, But Disaster Likely to Come Any Day—Huge Proportions of the Craze in Both England and France—Story of Promoters.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—While South African and other mining shares have suffered a considerable decline there has been a sufficient rally to apparently show a bull control of the scheme, but an ultimate smash is considered inevitable.

All financiers agree that there has not been in many years such reckless—even idiotic—speculation as in many of the South African ventures. The amount of it may be realized from the fact that during the last month alone, when the market was already seemingly glutted, companies connected with South Africa and Australia for mining and other purposes were registered at Somerset house with a capital amounting altogether to more than 115 million dollars. These were exclusive of the new Barnato bank, out of which the former stowaway and circus employe, already a multi-millionaire, is said to have made 5 million dollars within twenty-four hours after putting his scheme on the market.

A serious note of warning of the coming collapse is given in a thoughtful article in the Nineteenth Century from the pen of an obvious expert, showing that the market for these shares is largely artificial, that its control is in arbitrary, often unscrupulous, hands, and that the most favorable output for next year will not pay adequate interest upon the capital invested. He gives some startling instances of the magnitude of the speculation. The aggregate quotation of Witwatersrand shares, for instance, has risen from \$150,000,000 a year ago to \$750,000,000 now. Shares in certain mines which actually have not paid a farthing dividend have risen within a few months 500 per cent or more above their face value are common. More than a year ago a man familiar with South African affairs said that most of the shares offered were as high as they ought to be, but the advance since would have surpassed the wildest imaginations then.

The craze began in October, 1894, when speculation turned in the direction of South African mines. For some years before that the public had been given little chance to speculate, for good securities had risen so high there was no use in buying them in the hope of another rise. America and Australia were in bad shape and the speculators finally turned to South Africa. There was enough real work and profit in the mines to warrant it at first, and some of the big financial houses of Paris soon became interested. Then came the South African mines, for some years before that the public had been given little chance to speculate, for good securities had risen so high there was no use in buying them in the hope of another rise. America and Australia were in bad shape and the speculators finally turned to South Africa. There was enough real work and profit in the mines to warrant it at first, and some of the big financial houses of Paris soon became interested. 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