

# A FLOATER FOUND.

### Body of an Unknown Boy Recovered at Rock Bluffs.

## AMERICANS ARE REPRIEVED.

### Consul General Williams Gives General Weyler and the Spanish Officials Some "Straight" Talk Regarding the Americans.

Lee Byers came up from Rock Bluffs Tuesday and reported that his father, Joseph Byers, had found the body of a boy in the Missouri river, about a quarter of a mile south of the Bluffs, at eleven o'clock this morning. The boy was apparently about fifteen years of age, and was dressed in a pair of light, striped pants, shirt and shoes. The body had probably been in the water sometime, but was in a fair state of preservation. The flesh on one of the hands had started to peel off, but beyond this was still quite intact.

It is believed that the body is that of a boy drowned in the river opposite South Omaha, and the authorities at that place have been notified. If the supposition is correct that the boy's home is in South Omaha, and the remains are identified, an inquest will not be necessary. The body was tied at the shore near where it was found, and will be left in the water pending an investigation, until this evening.

### The Americans Reprived.

The Spanish court marshal that tried the five Americans, captured on the "Competitor," sentenced them to death and they were to be shot Monday. They were not allowed to employ counsel or see friends. Mr. Williams, the United States minister, at Havana laid the matter before the United States government, and received instructions prompt and energetic. When these arrived he went immediately to the palace, where a stormy interview with Captain General Weyler occurred. The general told the consul general that if the men had been convicted, as the latter supposed, they would most certainly be shot at sunrise the following morning, "despite any protest you might make."

"If you shoot the men," said Mr. Williams, "my government instructs me to close its consulate here and demand my passports, and I shall most certainly hold you and your government responsible should these prisoners be executed before our protest be given due consideration."

When Mr. Williams bowed himself out from the captain general's presence he drove back to his office. The excitement which followed at the palace was indescribable. The judges of the civil tribunal and the chairman of the leading conservative parties and the managing director of the Spanish bank were called and a consultation began. The majority of these personages advised the authorities to suspend the execution pending higher instruction from Madrid.

General Weyler said that if the men were not executed he would resign. He so telegraphed the Spanish ministry. It is reported. In the meantime it appears the United States was through Minister Taylor bringing pressure to bear at Madrid. Orders came from Spain to suspend all proceedings and directing the captain general and admiral to transmit all documents in the case to Madrid for consideration there by the supreme military and naval council and cabinet.

General Weyler, it is said, also received a message telling him to await a more opportune moment to give up his command, as for diplomatic reasons the government could not afford at this crisis to have him suddenly resign.

Consul General Williams had won. The transfer of the case to Madrid will give the prisoners at least a month or six weeks respite.

### Killed By Lightning.

A dispatch to the Lincoln Journal says: "George Kitzel, a prominent farmer about fifty years of age, living seven miles southwest of Elmwood, was struck and instantly killed by lightning at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was going from the field to the house. A boy 17 years old who was with him was knocked out of the wagon and stunned, but was not injured beyond that. The team was knocked down, and when it got up ran away."

Mr. Kitzel was a distant relative of Grandma Mary Cook of this city, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Carlyle, and was a son-in-law of Jos. Cook of Plattsmouth precinct.

Highest cash prices paid for chickens and eggs by E. W. Black at White's store.

### Bring In Your Wood.

Wood will be taken at this office in payment of accounts due the WEEKLY JOURNAL.

It would only cost you \$1.00 to send the WEEKLY JOURNAL to a friend in the east for a whole year.

## PERSONAL, POLITICAL AND PERTINENT.

### The Bicycle is the coming means of locomotion is now proven conclusively. Yesterday at noon two men rode their wheels into the town of Buffalo, Ills., entered the bank there and, after binding and gagging the cashier, took \$11,000 in cash and mounted their silent steeds and made good their escape before the robbery was discovered.

Where is the man that predicted that May would be an exceedingly dry month, with only a light shower now and then, but not enough to lay the dust. Take a shot at him if he bobs up again.

One of the greatest hindrances, says the North Platte Record, to successful lawn cultivation in this city, is dandelions. They spring up in the fore part of the season where none grew the year before and spread with exasperating rapidity. Anyone who will devise a good scheme to get rid of them easily can sell his knowledge at a good round cash price.

The following compound will, it is claimed, destroy carpet bugs in short order after its application. One ounce of alum, one ounce of chloride of zinc, three ounces of salt. Mix with two ounces of water and let it stand overnight in a covered vessel. Then pour it carefully without sediment into another vessel. Dilute with two quarts of water and apply by sprinkling the edges of the carpet for a distance of a foot from the wall.

A Lexington (Ky.) man wrote the following letter to two college professors the other day: "Gentlemen: Hearing the wonderful success you are having in electrical experiment, I wish to inquire if you think it possible with your improved apparatus to get an X raise out of my boss? As I am now receiving only \$7.50 per week, a V raise would be very acceptable. I have thought of trying a few experiments in that line myself. I could induce a current of jealousy by flirting with the typewriter girl and prevent him from 'sparking' her, but she might offer 'resistance' at that procedure. I might give the book-keeper a 'leiden jar' on the elbow when he is posting the ledger or come 'insulate' in the morning as to 'attract' attention, but I fear any of these experiments would result in an 'electrical discharge.' Hoping you will be able to give me some valuable assistance or advice how to proceed, I remain yours truly."

Bixby, in the State Journal says: "A Lincoln gentleman who started overland for Sidney one morning on a pleasure trip, having on board the handsomely arranged prairie schooner his family and two or three besides, wrote from Exeter, after twenty-four hours of continuous rain: 'We are having a hell of a time—two days out and no land in sight yet.'"

The printer who set it up "staggered" in a trade item saying there was stagnation in whiskey, was not so far wrong after all. He might have still been close to the line by setting it jagged.

In a graduating class of twenty young ladies at Columbia, Mo., only one admitted that she was willing to marry. The answers might have been different, however, if the question had been asked by eligible young men.—Kansas City Journal.

Always turn your back upon the fortune teller who will give you directions for \$5 where to dig up a pot of gold; upon the bucket shop stock operator, who loves you so that if you supply him some working capital, he will divide the profits with you and bear all the losses himself; upon the promoter who comes to you with a good thing, sure to be enormously profitable and as safe as a government bond. Ask the first why he doesn't dig up the pot himself; the second why he doesn't keep all the profits; the third why he wants to share a good thing with a stranger.—Nebraska City Press.

The populist contingent at the state house is now wearing "silver bug" buttons. This new button was designed and patented by C. W. Lemaster, mayor of Central city. The design is a big silver bug, with a portion of one wing painted a golden hue. On the back of the insect are the figures 16-1, the figure 1 being in the center of the yellow spot. Above and below are the words, "Free-unlimited."—Lincoln Journal.

A Beatrice dispatch says Adam Smothers and Jesse Hadley stole a barn last night belonging to Lafayette Young. Officers found the lumber stored in their cellars and lodged them in jail. "Senator" Bob Hart once gave a pathetic description of how he and some friends planned to steal the Rock Island freight house at Davenport, Ia., but this is the first instance on record where a barn was successfully stolen. By the way, Lafayette Young is editor of the Des Moines Capital. What has been doing with a barn in Beatrice?—World Herald.

## The Body Identified.

Mrs. J. W. Willis came down from Gibson on B. & M. train No. 2 Tuesday evening, and accompanied by S. P. Holloway and Undertaker Unruh, drove down to Rock Bluffs to ascertain whether or not the floater found there yesterday was the body of her son, Willie Lesley. Mrs. Willis at once recognized the remains, and, as she was unable to bear the expense of transporting the body to Gibson, it was buried at Rock Bluffs. Mrs. Willis stated that the deceased was her son by her first husband.

The Omaha Bee gives the following particulars as to the drowning of the lad: "Young Willis was taken to the city jail about three weeks ago at the instance of his parents, who asserted they were unable to exert any control over him. They thought him slightly demented and wished to have him examined by the county physician. Willis was eventually discharged from Judge Gordon's court on the promise of the parents to watch him closer in the future. The next day Willis was playing on the river bank a short distance from his home, in company with other boys, when his sister called him, asking him to come home. He did not comply, and his mother then went after him. Upon seeing her approach he ran to the river bank and plunged into the water and was instantly drowned."

## Locusts on the Island.

James Price, the well-known fisherman and farmer, whose home is down on the big island in the river south of this place was in town Wednesday and brought with him a small box full of those destructive insects, the locusts, which he was exhibiting around Mr. Price says that the island is becoming swarmed with these crop-destroyers, the insects coming up out of the ground. No reports of the locusts appearing in this vicinity have yet been made, and it is hoped they will give Cass county a wide berth.

## NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

The Antelope county teachers' association met at Elgin on Saturday. Table Rock now has a saloon, for the first time in the history of the town.

Battle Creek has already commenced to arrange a Fourth of July celebration.

Ernest Montgomery of Alliance had one eye nearly destroyed by a slung shot.

The B. & M. is replacing the old ties with new ones on its line between Alliance and Berea.

The Ravenna creamery last week made up 5,700 pounds of butter and shipped it to Boston.

Box Butte county is covered with taller and better grass this spring than for several years past.

Platte Center is worrying along without a resident physician, while Elwood cannot point to a meat market.

The old soldiers of Madison county will hold their annual reunion at Newman Grove June 23, 24 and 25.

The Battle Creek creamery is buying an average of 17,500 pounds of milk at 50 cents per 100 pounds.

Editor Ogden of the Brock Champion preaches regularly every Sunday to constantly increasing congregations.

Rev. Bingham of Brock baptized twenty-seven converts in the Nemaha river and has twelve more ready to take the redeeming plunge.

The school population of Aburn has increased so extensively that an additional teacher has been employed. Thirteen teachers altogether are now employed.

Mrs. Kidder and daughter of Oakdale drove a frightened horse over a broken bridge and in the excitement were spilled into six feet of water. Both were rescued.

Dennis Gaff of Alliance attempted to lasso a temporarily festive calf and came out of the encounter shy two fingers and a thumb. The missing digits were severed as smoothly by the lariat as with a surgeon's knife.

Ex-State Senator W. A. Poynter of Boone county undertook to remonstrate with a balky horse and when the disturbance was over the ex-statesman was found unconscious with his ribs broken in. He will recover.

An amateur cyclone turned itself loose in Box Butte county and in a short journey of but a few miles tore off fences, small buildings, wind mills and water tanks. A sod residence was demolished, but the inhabitants escaped.

Miss Nellie Wilson, while visiting at the home of her uncle, Adam Habig, four miles southwest of Brock, accidentally swallowed a dose of poison. Her life was despaired of for the entire night, but, after suffering considerably, she recovered.

The people on Elgin's streets were considerably frightened Friday by a runaway team passing the rounds of the streets and finally taking south through the country. It was pursued by five horsemen, who overhauled it about two miles south of town. No damage was done.

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## A SKULL.

A human skull: a crumbling bit of bone! And such as thou art, only that am I! Some day like thee, uncared for I may lie. Gold is the clod, and senseless as the stone. Moss is born beside the way. Time was, the moil of pain burst from these lips. Here was thine eye. Flashing mayhap with pride and hope as high. As ere this beating heart of mine has known.

The day is past, discarded chrysalis. Where is the butterfly that dwelt in thee? That winged spark that once was linked to this small heap of moldering dust, but could not be Forever held in thrall? To what abyss Of unknown azure did it rise and flee? —Isabel Richey.

From Monday's Daily.

### Mayor Gorder of Weeping Water was in the city today.

It is reported that the recent rains have washed out several bridges in the county.

A movement is on foot to secure the Modern Woodman dramatic club of Havelock for a performance in this city on the evening of May 30th.

Judge Spurlock today issued a marriage license to Charles Stander, aged 28, and Mary Bickert, aged 24, both residents of the west end of Cass county.

Today makes the tenth successive day in which it has rained in this city, and from present indications it isn't through yet. During this time 6.28 inches of rain has fallen in Plattsmouth and vicinity.

## A Demolished Village.

The writer, in company with Dr. R. B. Wallace of Union, D. C. West of Nehawka and Edwin Jeary of Elmwood, visited the cyclone-stricken village of Reserve, Kansas, this morning, and verified with his own eyes the descriptions of the awful wreck of that beautiful and prosperous village, by a cyclone on last Sunday evening. No pen can picture the scene of destruction that meets the eye on every hand as one wanders through the village and over the rubbish of all that is left of the homes, business houses and churches there. It is a sight to bring tears of sympathy to the eyes of the most stolid and indifferent.

Tuesday's JOURNAL contained an account of the storm and its work. That account needs no repetition here, and I can only add that that picture is not overdrawn. It is a horror one sees, fortunately, only once in a lifetime.

Evidences are still at hand which show that the village was one of the prettiest places of its size in the west. It was said to be the best grain station on the M. P. between Omaha and Kansas City. It is now a mere wreck of its former self, with more than half its buildings swept by the besom of destruction into kindling wood, and all but two of the rest shattered and torn in various degrees of wreckage.

Its people, however, are full of hope and aid has come to them from Hiawatha and other places that fills them with gratitude.

## Nothing to Do With the Project.

We notice Plattsmouth dispatches to the Omaha papers state that Sary county promises to pay one half the cost of that proposed Cedar Creek bridge over the Platte river. This is a fake, pure and simple. It may be and probably is true that certain farmers living near the site for the proposed bridge will give financial aid to the Cedar Creek people in constructing the bridge, but Sary county, as a county has nothing to do with the project. Our county will offer no objections to the building of the bridge, and neither will they put any money into the scheme. Interested farmers are trying to raise money by subscription, and we understand they are confident they will secure the needed funds.—Papillion Times.

## "Buckeye" State Wants Rain.

The dry belt has apparently been transferred from this state and Kansas, to Ohio, as the following from the Cincinnati Commercial would indicate: "Within a radius of a hundred or one hundred and fifty miles from Cincinnati, a drouth exists that is without precedent since the establishment of the weather bureau. It has continued for more than two years and four months. In the course of twenty-eight and one-half months we have been deprived of more than three-fourths of an ordinary year's supply. The crops have been poor in all this territory, and now we hear that trees which the woodman has spared are beginning, in some cases, to be affected by the lack of moisture."

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## State Democratic Platform.

We, the democrats of the state of Nebraska, in convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles taught by Thomas Jefferson and courageously defended by Andrew Jackson, and demand that the great problems now before the people shall be solved by the application of these principles to present conditions.

We congratulate the democrats of Massachusetts upon the candor and frankness which characterized their platform utterances of yesterday. We rejoice that they, no longer quibbling about the ratio or holding out the delusive hope of international co-operation, have at last consented to submit to the people the question, whether the United States shall have monometallism or bimetalism—whether the American people shall deliberately adopt the English system of finance or restore the gold and silver coinage of the constitution. The Massachusetts demand for a single gold standard and for the redemption of all government obligations in gold alone presents the paramount issue of the campaign, and we welcome the contest.

We endorse the language used by Hon. John G. Carlisle in 1878, when he denounced the "conspiracy" to destroy silver as a standard money "the most gigantic crime of this or any other age," and we agree with him in the declaration that "the consummation of such a scheme would ultimately entail more misery upon the human race than all the wars, pestilences and famines that have ever occurred in the history of the world." We are not willing to let parties to such a crime, and in order to undo the wrong already done and to prevent a further rise in the purchasing power of the dollar, we favor the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1. We are not willing to consent to any other nation, such gold and silver to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private.

We are opposed to the retirement of the greenback and demand that the secretary of the treasury, instead of issuing interest-bearing bonds for the purchase of gold, shall recognize silver as money of redemption and exercise the right to redeem greenbacks, treasury notes and all other coin obligations in silver when silver is more convenient.

Believing that general laws should not be set aside by private contract, we favor such congressional legislation as will, without interfering with valid contracts already in existence, prohibit for the future the making of agreements for the payment of any specific kind of legal tender money.

We are in favor of a tariff for revenue only. We are in favor of a constitutional amendment authorizing the collection of an income tax as a part of the federal revenue system.

We are in favor of the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

We are in favor of a liberal pension policy. We are in favor of the initiative and referendum system as an aid to securing a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

The democratic party has ever been the party of religious liberty in the country. It has always been and is now opposed to the union of church and state in any form or under any pretext whatever; it is opposed to the imposition of any religious test for office; it is opposed to all secret political organizations of every kind or character, or any open political organization based upon religious prejudices, as contrary to the spirit and genius of our institutions and thoroughly un-American. It stands by our public school system as a means of popular education and is opposed to any diversion of public school funds to any sectarian purpose but it recognizes the right of parental control and the rights of conscience in the education of children as in accord with the fundamental doctrines of the democratic party, that the largest liberty consistent with the rights of others insures the best government.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

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EAST BOUND.	
No. 2, daily.....	5:31 p. m.
No. 4, daily.....	10:24 a. m.
No. 10, from Schuyler except Sunday.....	11:35 a. m.
No. 12, daily.....	8:25 p. m.
No. 92, daily except Sunday.....	12:25 p. m.
No. 30, freight from Louisville.....	2:50 p. m.
No. 30, daily.....	9:40 a. m.
WEST BOUND.	
No. 3, daily.....	3:43 p. m.
No. 5, daily.....	7:37 a. m.
No. 7, fast mail, daily.....	9:22 a. m.
No. 9, to Schuyler, except Sunday.....	4:00 p. m.
No. 11, daily.....	5:05 p. m.
No. 29, freight to Louisville.....	8:00 a. m.

## M. P. R. R.

GOING NORTH.	
Passenger, No. 1.....	4:50 a. m.
No. 9.....	10:54 a. m.
Freight, No. 127 (daily except Sunday).....	3:15 p. m.
GOING SOUTH.	
Passenger, No. 2.....	10:43 p. m.
No. 10.....	4:42 p. m.
Freight, No. 126 (daily except Sunday).....	9:45 a. m.
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