KANSAS REPUBLICANS,

OPENING PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICERS

C. M. Sheldon Temporary Chairman—The Fight on Chief Justice Martin Waxing Warm—Judge Garver Enters the Field Against Him—He Shows Considerable Strength.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 12.—When the Republican State convention was called to order by Chairman Leland, Hamilton hall, in which it is held, was literally packed.

While the convention was assembling four Wichita young men presented themselves and sang for McKinley and Protection, causing much enthusiasm. Then the Rev. John A. Bright of Topeka sang an original song entitled "Throw Out the Life Line," to the air of the good old revival song of that title. He has a

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fine voice and every line inspired the vast audience with the wildest enthusiasm. The chorus was sung by 2,500 throats, Mr. Bright leading and some women behind him on the platform mingling their clear soprano notes with his strong tones.

When Mr. Leland, at 11:45 o'clock, called the convention to order and invited Mr. Bright to pray, it was in a happy frame of mind. Mr. Bright prayed about ten minutes, his words invoking the divine blessing upon the Republican party.

Mr. Leland then said that a reading of the call for the convention would be dispensed with, and demanded to know "Who will you have for your temporary chairman?" the committee having voted not to recommend one. Isaac E. Lambert of Lyon county nominated C. M. Sheldon of Osage county and J. S. Dean of Marion named J. F. Greenlee of Reno. Sheldon was put forward as the representative of the Morrill sentiment of the convention, and Greenlee as the representative of the anti-Morrill sentiment. The ballot resulted: Sheldon, 624; Greenlee, 229.

Mr. Sheldon's election was made unanimous. He was presented to the convention by Mr. Leland, and spoke at some length, first paying a tribute to the late Colonel George T. Anthony, and closing with happy and pleasing contrasts of the Democratic

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and Populists parties with the Republican party, picturing the despair of the former and the coming glories of the latter.

The temporary organization was then completed by the election of C. S. Martin of Saline county to be secretary and Henry Brandley of Chase and H. L. Millard of Rice assistants. Upon motion the chair was directed to appoint the usual committees, and calling ex-Congressman Funston to the chair, Mr. Sheldon retired to make up his lists.

Calls for Ingalls, Burton, Blue and others were made, but they were not in the hall. Finally Joe Hudson, Judges Beekman and Botkin delivered short addresses.

Chairman Sheldon now appeared and Secretary Martin read the lists of committees. The chairmen of the committees are as follows: Resolutions, J. L. Bristow; credentials, C. S. Jones; permanent organization, Phil Kelley; rules and order of business, J. G. Haskell. A recess was then taken until 4 o'clock.

The pronounced sentiment in favor of Governor Morrill's renomination as manifested by the convention in its selection of its temporary chairman was a revelation to Potter, Troutman and Peters.

Potter said this afternoon that he could see no good reason for him continuing his candidacy any longer unless his supporters should regard it as good policy to force a show of strength. C. E. Lobdell, who has been supporting Troutman, said that he thought it would be safe for the newspapers to anticipate the withdrawal of all opposition to Morrill.

SUPREME COURT FIGHT.

Judge Martin Opens Headquarters—Graver in the Race.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 12.—Pressed by the opposition, Chief Justice David Martin last night opened headquarters in the Copeland hotel and his

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friends began the organization of his forces for the contest for the chief justiceship.

It was only after being urged by his friends that Judge Martin decided to make a fight for renomination. He is the old fashioned man that believes the office should seek the man, and he studiously avoided any appearance of contention for a renomination until last night, when T. F. Graver, who, until then had been refusing to become a candidate, came out openly for the place.

Judge Garver's action followed the caucus action of the Sixth district, which voted unanimously to support him. The Fifth district also held a caucus, but the vote to support him was not unanimous, although W. S. Stambough, one of the promoters of the Garver boom, claimed every delegate in the district.

Judge Martin's friends made overtures of peace to the Garver people yesterday afternoon, but the effect was only to intensify the feeling between the two forces.

Clerk Brown of the Supreme court is reported to have had an interview with M. A. Low, who has arrayed himself on the Garver side, but Low would consent to nothing but a fight in the convention. Afterward Judge Martin himself met Low and in his modest way suggested that possibly Low was making an unjust war on him. "Not at all, Judge Martin," Low said, looking him frankly in the face. "I do not regard you as a safe man on the bench." Low spoke respectfully, but so coldly as to chill the warm hearted Martin, who, bowing in his dignified way, said, "Very well. I guess we will have to get along without you."

Garver's forces have formed an alliance with Graves, the Emporia candidate, and the latter's manager, J. E. Lambert, is confidently claiming Martin's defeat.

A Fireman Killed.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 12.—While making a run in answer to an alarm of fire at the Swift packing house last night, the big hook and ladder truck from headquarters, in Kansas City, Kan., ran into a big pile of rock in the street, throwing off all the men riding on it and instantly killing the driver, Andy McDonald, his neck being broken. Assistant Fire Chief James Beggs and Ladderman Bert Dill and Hoseman William Clark were bruised, the two latter being so badly hurt as to disable them for severl weeks.

A Cool Wave on Its Way.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 12.—Reports confirmed by the observations of the United States weather bureau indicate a drop of about 40 degrees by night. A cold wave is sweeping from the Northwest. Mercury has fallen 16 degrees at Cheyenne and 12 degrees at Havre, Mont.

Cloudburst in Indiana.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 12.—At 5 o'clock last night Fort Wayne was visited by a veritable cloudburst. Rain fell in torrents for half an hour, and it was the heaviest rainfall in twenty-one years. Streets were overflowed and cellers in all parts of the town flooded.

Tornado in Indiana.

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 12.—At 4 o'clock a tornado struck Winona Park near here. Trees and tents were blown down. The amphitheater is a mass of ruins. Two people were injured and the assembly grounds were desolated. The money loss will reach $10,000.

Paper Published on a Railroad.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 12.—The Burlington railway will soon begin the publication of a daily newspaper upon its passenger trains. Copies of the paper will be distributed throughout the entire territory traversed by the company's trains.

Death of a Centenarian.

ABILENE, Kan., Aug. 12.—Catherine Ryan, of Chapman, died yesterday, aged 100 years. She clearly remembered events occurring in 1804.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Earl of Limerick is dead.

Spain is, it is said, contemplating conscription to raise more soldiers for Cuba.

Dan Wright and Ed Carter broke up a negro festival at Troy, Mo., with razors. Carter is dead.

"Divine Healer" Schrader was stoned and run out of Fort Worth, Texas, as soon as he was found to be an imposter.

The government report on the cotton situation, cutting prospects more than ten per cent, has caused a rise in speculative prices.

O. H. Winthrop, charged with kidnaping Millionaire Campbell of Honolulu, and holding him for ransom, was arrested at Oakland, Cal.

BRYAN STOPS SPEAKING.

SAVING HIMSELF FOR THE NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES.

HE IS QUITE HOARSE NOW.

The Exertion of the Preceeding Days of the Trip Forbade Addresses, However Brief — Mr. Bland as Substitute—Hand Shakings Indulged in—The Notification Arrangements.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 12.—William Jennings Bryan and party left Pittsburg at 7:30 o'clock this morning on a special Pullman car provided by James Kerr, ex-clerk of the House, on the day express over the main line of the Pennsylvania road, bound for New York, where to-morrow Mr. Bryan will receive formal notification of his nomination as Democratic candidate for president. There were goodly crowds at the hotel and depot and there were cheers. The day express is a fast train and will make but few stops on the eastward journey. This was especially pleasing to Mr. Bryan, who was beginning to show the effects of the strain since last Friday.

About 500 people were gathered at Irwin, but the train went through without stopping, and arrived at Greensburg at 8:31 o'clock. There it stopped for only two minutes. About 2,000 people were at the station and Mr. Bryan appeared on the rear platform and was greeted by a hearty cheer. He refused to speak, however, and bowed his acknowledgements. Mrs. Bryan also appeared and shook hands with a number of those present.

Mr. Bryan has done what he was frequently cautioned by Mrs. Bryan that he would do—talked himself hoarse before he reached New York—and this morning his voice was in bad shape. If it does not improve before to-morrow night, it will materially affect the force of his anticipated speech at Madison Square garden. Mr. Bland will do most of to-day's talking.

As the train neared Johnstown Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bland were escorted to the rear platform by the committee in charge for the purpose of permitting Mr. Bland to introduce Mr. Bryan to the large crowd of people who were assembled to greet him. On the arrival there Mr. Bland said: "Fellow Citizens: I am glad to see that even in staid Pennsylvania large crowds can be assembled. Last night in Pittsburg fully 50,000 people were in the streets, at the opera house—" He succeeded in getting no farther in his remarks, for the people wanted to see Mr. Bryan and not listen to any talk. Their shouts and cries drowned the speech making, and Mr. Bland desisted from his effort, simply introducing Mr. Bryan. During the five minutes stop hand shaking and fraternal greetings and congratulations were indulged in.

At Altoona several thousand people were at the station to greet Mr. Bryan. The streets outside of the railroad fence were crowded for a distance of two blocks or more. There was one group of 1,900 workmen from the railroad shops that constituted but a very small proportion of the aggregate gathering. Crowds surged around the train and the scramble for recognition was intense. Mr. Bryan shook hands with as many as possible during the five minutes' stay. Mr. Bland spoke briefly.

The Notification Arrangements.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Arthur Sewall, Democratic candidate for vice president, arrived here yesterday and was joined in the evening by National Chairman Jones, Senator Gorman and others.

To-morrow night in Madison Square garden, the only persons, in addition to the candidates, who will be seated on the platform, will be Senators Jones, Elliott, Danforth, Governor Stone and possibly one or two others. Senator Jones will call the meeting to order, according to the present program, and then resign the chair to Mr. Danforth, who will preside during the subsequent proceedings. The first speaker will be Governor Stone, who, after presenting the formal notification, will deliver a brief address, appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Bryan will follow with the speech of the night, and then Mr. Sewall will be heard briefly in acceptance of the vice presidential nomination.

Thousands of applicants for tickets of admission to Madison Square Garden Wednesday night will be disappointed. In fact, thousands have already been disappointed. Treasurer St. John said that applications had been received in the past forty-eight hours for 150,000 tickets. Hugh McLaughlin asked for 14,000 for the Kings county Democrats Sunday morning. He will get about 1,100. Tammany received 5,000 tickets on the first allotment, and subsequently asked for 8,000 more. The requests from other quarters grew in like manner, and the treasurer was forced to adopt the paring process. Nearly every legitimate application has been granted, less 50 or 75 per cent. Unusually poor judgment has been displayed in the distribution of the tickets, and many members of the national committee and of the notification committee will have to get into the garden as best they can.

Democratic Drummers for McKinley.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—The Commercial Men's Democratic McKinley club has been organized. It starts with a membership of 350 and expects to do great work looking toward McKinley's election. The club is composed of the traveling men of Chicago.

The Santa Fe's Chief Clerk Missing.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Winfield H. Scott, chief clerk of the Santa Fe railroad, has been missing from his home for a week. Friends of the missing man have visited morgues, hospitals and police stations, but not the least trace has been found.

MR. BRYAN IN THE EAST.

Makes Two Speeches Before Enthusiastic Audiences at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 12.—The Bryan meeting in this city has proven a fitting capsheaf of the day's triumph. It has excited the amazement of the people of Pittsburg, and the joy that it has afforded Mr. Bryan and the redoubtable "Silver Dick" has manifested itself in their beaming features since they struck the city limits.

The evening meeting had been announced to occur at 8 o'clock in the Grand opera house and the Avenue theater, kindred halls side by side and owned by the same parties. Each hall will seat between 2,500 and 3,000, and meetings were held in each. Long before the hour for opening the doors the entire street in front of these structures was packed full along the entire block, and after the doors had been opened and the structures were filled the crowd outside had suffered but little perceptible diminution. A corps of about 100 policemen was on duty at the various entrances, and in the course of the early evening there was an incipient riot in which one person was severely beaten and some of the officers had their brass buttons torn off.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and members of their party rode around from the hotel and entered the first hall both of them were packed to their full standing room capacity, and it is said that half who applied had not been admitted. The crowd lingered outside in a noisy but peaceful disappointment, singing, cheering and burning red fire, and a tolerable rain that came soon after the speaking began diminished it but little, the streets remaining full until the meetings closed.

At the first meeting Mr. Bryan was introduced by Mr. James Mills, editor of the Pittsburg Post, and spoke as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen:—Fellow Citizens: I thought it might be necessary in coming so far toward the East to bring a few of our people to keep up the enthusiasm, while I presented the truths set forth in the Democratic platform. (Loud cheering.) But after I have seen a few audiences like this I wondered whether I might not take back a few of you to set an example of enthusiasm to the people of the West (Laughter and cheering.) There is no more 'wild West;' it is the wild East." (Tremendous cheering and laughter and cat calls.)

Mr. Bryan resuming: "I am not expected to enter into a discussion of the issues of the campaign because it is not considerate to discuss the campaign—at least for a candidate to do so—until he has been formally notified of the nomination. Therefore I am going to leave to those who come after me the discussion of such questions as may be pertinent at this time, and I shall simply thank you for this extraordinary and unexpected manifestation of intetest."

Mr. Bryan spoke at some length here and also made a long speech afterward at the Avenue theater.

MORE DEATHS FROM HEAT.

In Greater New York Alone the Death Roll is 188.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The number of deaths caused by the heat in Greater New York is 188, and additional victims are reported hourly. The prostrations are almost innumerable and no accurate statement of them can be made. Ambulances and patrol wagons have been running about all day. Street car horses have dropped in their tracks by scores. Out of door work has been largely suspended and many factories have been temporarily closed.

Girls Faint in the Department Stores.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 12.—The continued heat has greatly affected police patrolmen and letter carriers. About fifty of the latter have been compelled to quit work temporarily and two or three may die. Some of the big department stores have, during the past few days, practically been turned into hospitals. The girl clerks have fainted by the dozens at their counters and hundreds of them have quit work on account of the heat. Last week 577 deaths were reported to the department of health, which is the largest record for any week in many years. It is estimated that over 1,000 animals, killed by the heat, are lying in different parts of the city, and the authorities admit that they are unable to remove the animals promptly.

Bland Calls Upon McKinley.

CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Distinguished callers yesterday on Major McKinley were the Hon. R. P. Bland and Mrs. Bland. They came here with a committee from Pittsburg which made the trip from the Iron City to meet the Bryan party here. The time spent at the McKinley home by Mr. and Mrs. Bland was apparently very agreeable to both the honored callers and to Major and Mrs. McKinley.

Heavy Mortality in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 12.—The deaths in St. Louis due directly to the heat since August 1 number eighty-five. Saturday last was the worst day yet, twenty-three deaths from that cause having occurred. There were not so many prostrations yesterday as on previous days of the present hot spell, a cool wind tempering the heat, and there are prospects that cooler weather will prevail for a time.

Charged With Embezzlement.

CLINTON, Mo. Aug. 12.—Ed T. Sanders, secretary of the Missouri Lumber Company at Windsor, a prominent Democratic politician and a delegate to the state convention at Jefferson City from this county, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by B. W. Zimmerman, manager of the lumber company at Sedalia, charging Sanders with embezzlement.

W. M. Pertle Killed in a Runaway.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Aug. 12.—A message received here announced the untimely death of William Pertle, in a runaway, at Lowery City, Mo. He was formerly owner of the famous Pertle Springs park of this city.

WHERE GRANT STOOD.

His Son Tells His Position on the Currency Question.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 12.—In reply to a letter from Attorney General W. A. Ketcham of Indiana, Fred D. Grant has written as follows under date of New York, August 7:

"My dear sir: Acknowledging receipt of your communication of August 4, in which you ask me as to the truth of a statement which is, and has been for years going the rounds to the effect that my father, General Grant, at one time said that he did not know when he signed the coinage act of 1873 that the silver dollar was dropped from the coinage, and that if he had known the fact, he would have vetoed the bill.

"I hasten in reply to say that I frequently talked with my father upon the question of standards of currency, and that I never heard him intimate any such sentiment as is credited to him above. I am in receipt almost daily of letters similar to yours inquiring as to whether my father made the statement attributed to him in the little book entitled 'Coin.' I can only say that he never intimated such a statement to me. In all his conversations with me, he seemed to take the ground that it was a great misfortune for any country to have as the basis for their circulating medium any metal that had the least element of uncertainty about it, and that the workman, when he collected his stipends at the end of the week, should be absolutely certain that there would be no question as to the value of the currency which he had to supply his needs.

OPEN LETTER TO BRYAN.

New York World Asks for Information on Several Points.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The World prints a four column "Open Letter to Mr. Bryan," asking him to define in his speech of acceptance his position on several planks in the Chicago platform. It says that upon many grounds the World stands with Mr. Bryan, instancing the income tax, opposition to tariff changes, hostility to trusts and monopolies and to bond issues in times of peace without explicit authority of Congress. It denounces the Chicago planks in regard to the Supreme court and condemnation of President Cleveland for putting down the riot of Chicago. It then antagonizes sharply the demand for free coinage, and tells Mr. Bryan this is the main reason for the disruption of the party. The World says that if Mr. Bryan can convince the undecided Democrats that it is safe for them to vote their party ticket, the World will comply with Mr. Bryan's invitation to support him, not because "it is blind to the grave faults of the platform on which he stands," but "in spite of it, and regretting it with undiminished and unchangeable contempt."

Kansas Will Be Represented.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 12.—Eugene Hagan, who is looking after the interests of the gold standard Democrats of Kansas, says that a conference will shortly be called for the purpose of electing twenty delegates and twenty alternates to attend the Indianapolis convention, September 2. It also will be decided at this conference what action the gold standard men will take in regard to State politics.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Aug. 12.—Receipts of wheat were fair for Tuesday. There was a fair demand at about steady prices, though low grades sold very slowly. Soft wheat was scarce.

Hard Wheat—No 2, 52½c; No. 3, 49c; No. 4, 4 c; rejected, 37c; no grade, 30@35. Soft Wheat—No. 2, 5 c; No 3, 3c; No. 4, 50c; rejected, 41@44c; no grade, 35@40c.

Corn—No. 2, 18½c; No. 3, 21c; No. 4, 19@20c; no grade, 16c. White corn, No 2, 22½c; No. 3, 2 c; No 4, 20c.

Oats—No. 2, 17c; No. 3, 14c; No. 4, 12@14c; no grade, 8@12c; No. 2 white oats, 22½c; No. 3 white, 21c; No. 4 white, 14c.

Bran—30@31c in 100 pound sacks; bulk 6c less.

Rye—No. 2, 25c; No. 3, 23c; No. 4, 21c.

Hay—Choice timothy $7@7.50; No. 1 $6@6.50; No. 2 $5; No. 3, $4@4.50; prairie, choice $4@4.50; No. 1, $3.50@4; No. 2, $2@3.50; No. 3, 2 @2.50.

Eggs—Kansas and Missouri strictly candled stock, 9½c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 5½c a pound; roosters, 15c each; springs, 7c; turkeys, hens 6c; gobblers, 5c; old, 4½c; spring ducks, 7c; old 6c; geese, spring, 6c; pigeons, $1 dozen; squabs, scarce and wanted, $1.25 dozen.

Butter—Creamery, extra fancy separator, 13c; firsts, 12c; dairy, fancy, 12c; fair, 10c; store packed, fresh, 7@8c; packing stock, 7c.

Potatoes—The ruling price was 15@20c per bushel in a small way; round lots, 12½c. Sweet potatoes—Not much life to the market; 50@60c in a small way; new stock 50@80c per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Aug 12.—The following is the range of prices of the grain and provision market on the Board of Trade:

	High.	Low.	Close Aug. 11	Close Aug 10.
WHEAT—				
August	51	65¾	55¾	56¼
September	57	56¼	56⅛	57
December	60¼	59⅝	59⅝	60⅛
CORN—				
August	.....	.....	23¾	23¾
September	23⅞	23½	23¾	23¾
May	27¾	27⅛	27⅛	27¾
OATS—				
August	.....	.....	15¾	16⅛
September	16½	16⅛	16⅛	16⅝
May	19½	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
PORK—				
August	.....	.....	6 40	6 35½
September	6 75	6 45	6 45	6 57½
January	7 12½	7 00	7 00	7 10
LARD—				
August	.....	.....	3 20	3 17½
September	3 27½	3 25	3 25	3 20
January	3 62½	3 60	3 60	3 57½
SHORT RIBS—				
August	.....	.....	3 35	3 35
September	3 40	3 25	3 35	3 35
January	3 57½	3 52½	3 52½	3 [illegible]

Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,426; calves, 1,491; shipped yesterday, 2,[illegible]5 cattle; 15[illegible] calves. The market was steady to strong on natives and generally steady on Westerns. Texans were slow, best about steady.

Dressed beef and export steers	$3.40@4.30
Texas and Indian steers	2.10@2.75
Native cows	1.50@3.25
Native heifers	2.70@3.25
Stockers	2.50@2.75
Calves	6.25@9.00

Hogs—Receipts 7,648; shipped yesterday, 239. The market was 5c higher. The top sale was $3.[illegible]0 and the bulk of sales from $3.90 to $4.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,016; shipped yesterday, 1,2[illegible]2. The market was steady on natives and 10c lower on Westerns.

Following are representative sales:

23 lambs, 70	4 25
197 lambs, 62	4 25
11 lambs, 72	4 25
4 lambs, 69	4 50
69 lambs, 66	4 50
8 sheep, 150	1 75
5 sheep, 96	75

A LINCOLN BOY'S RIDE

Alva Halley, Makes the Trip to Chicago on His Bike—Good Time Made.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11.—Alva Halley started some days ago to Chicago on a bicycle. His last day's ride was over bad roads with the thermometer registering 100 degrees in the shade, yet he covered 172 miles in seventeen and one half hours, the best time ever made on that course. The Chicago Inter-Ocean of Friday morning says: "A. H. Halley, president of the Lincoln, (Neb.) Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. cycling club, arrived in this city Wednesday night, having made the trip on a bicycle. He came by way of Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Rock Island and Peoria. He arrived in Peoria Saturday and left there Wednesday morning. The last stage of the journey, from Peoria to Chicago, was made at excellent speed. He left there at 5 o'clock in the morning, being checked by J. J. Mahoney, and arrived in this city at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, covering the 172 miles in seventeen and a half hours. This is very close to the record, if it does not cut under it."

THEIR WORK FOR NOTHING

Cracksmen Test a Safe at Tobias and are Badly Baffled.

TOBIAS, Neb., Aug. 11.—Burglars broke into the postoffice last Friday night and attempted to rob the safe, but were not successful. They broke the outside combination of the safe, thinking that would let them in, but in this were disappointed. They then drilled two holes through the door and put in some dynamite or other explosive, to force door open. In this they were again baffled, as it only had the effect of partially breaking the door and did not blow it off. Parties heard the noise of the explosion and hastened to the scene of action, but it was too late, as the cracksmen had fled without securing anything. Entrance to the postoffice was effected by cutting a panel out of the rear door, thus giving them a chance to reach in and withdraw the bolt. In their haste to escape the burglars neglected to take their kit of tools.

THE STATE FAIR.

Prospects Good for One of the Very Best of Expositions.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 11.—The state fair managers now have a force of men working under their direction erecting hog and sheep pens and making other improvements on the buildings at the state fair grounds. The pens for these kinds of stock were inadequate to accommodate the exhibits last year, but there will be no trouble on that score this season. There has never been such a fine prospect for an exhibit as this year, both as to quality and quantity. The people throughout the country are preparing to come to the fair and bring something to exhibit. With good weather the fair this year will eclipse anything ever held in the west and the attendance promises to be in keeping with what will be found to look at.

BITTEN BY A RATTLER

Terrible Sufferings of a Young Girl of Gage County.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 11.—Miss Nora Switzer, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Switzer, who live near Holmesville, was bitten on the finger a few days ago by a rattlesnake while picking up apples. She thought so little of the occurence that the killed the snake, secured its rattles and continued the work of picking up apples. After going home, however, her arm began to swell and give her pain. A physician was summoned, and he succeded in extracting the poison by cutting the finger. Before this was accomplished the girl writhed in agony and her tongue shot out of and in her mouth in exact imitation of the snake.

Struck by Lightning.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 11.—During an electrical storm a stable on Ben Mitchell's farm, seven miles west of the city was struck by lightning and two horses killed. The antics of the lightning were very peculiar. It entered the stable through the loft door, and upon striking the hay, separated. There were sixteen horses in the barn, eight on either side, and they were all knocked down. One of the farm hands had just gone into the barn to feed the horses, it being about 5 a. m., and when others reached the stable he was lying with the horses, unconscious. He pulled through, but half of his body was blackened by the electricity.

Epworth League Training School.

EDGAR, Neb., Aug 11.—An Epworth league training school is to be held on the M. E. camp grounds near Edgar August 13-17 inclusive, under the direction of Rev. Rev. T. H. Worley of this city, who is an enthusiast in the work. He has secured a corps of able lecturers and instructors, who are specialists in their line. The grounds are located in a beautiful grove on the Blue, and are in fine condition. The training school will be followed by the Hastings district camp-meeting under the supervision of Rev. W. B. Alexander. The attendance promises to be large and a good time is expected by all.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

A half-inch rainfall is reported from Tecumseh.

Lightning struck the ice houses of the packing company at Nebraska City setting them on fire. The loss is estimated to be about $10,000.

The executive committee of the Nebraska press association met at Grand Island and arranged a program for and fixed the date of the next meeting, deciding on January 14 and 15.