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Two Pictures.

O, give me the farm with the light on the corn
And dwell in the city who will; [heart
There is nothing in art bringeth peace to my
Like the sun on the slope of the hill.
Blue eggs hid away from the toilers, like these,
The rain-crow so welcome just over the way,
The moan of the dove and the cry of the jay,
And a breath of wild hay in the breeze.

There's a grace in the elm leaning down on
tay roof
No belle in the town may attain;
On the path of the moon 'mid the murmur
that soon
Fills the cup of the rose with the rain;
And whispers to me in the crystal drops shed,
While the lamp of the stars go flaring to bed,
Of the rosin-weed standing a sentry on guard,
A phalanx of spears are its leaves on the
sward,
Where the white moth on honey has fed.

And the prim-rose so white out there by the
road
Has fragrance from Araby borne;
While the shops on the street hold naught
half so sweet
As the milk-weed's perfume on the morn.
Where the bumble-bee drones o'er the buck-
wheat's white feast,
While every gray cloud turns to gold in the
east,
The alembic and rod of the sorcerer falls
On the blue sea of oats and the corn field's
bright walls,
And the wheat's yellow tents have increased.

What a joy in the farm with its patches of
green,
And the well with a willow close by,
Where a light shuttle weaves 'mid the sheen
of the leaves,
And the city's faint voice is a sigh.
What have you in the town like the wealth of
our vines?
Our long rows of trees on the fire-guard lines?
The flash of sweet dew mornings and eves,
The jewels of rain in the gold of the sheaves.
Where the wild rose has spice like old wines?

MARY BAIRD FINCH.

Clearwater, Neb., Aug. 13, 1891.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

A new grain elevator of 40,000 bushels capacity is being built at Curtis.

The Holdrege creamery ships from 100 to 120 tons of butter per week to eastern markets.

Leonard Fligg, who has been connected with the Omaha road, died at Oakland Wednesday evening.

While visiting his son-in-law at Pawnee City Grandpa Cruse fell from his chair and died in ten minutes.

The Republicans of the Sixth judicial district will hold their nominating convention at Columbus September 21.

Challman's general store at Blue Springs has been closed under mortgage. The liabilities are $1,500, with $2,000 assets.

A high wind blew down a portion of the Kearney cotton mill in process of construction.

A Keya Paha county justice of the peace has decided that a chattel mortgage will not hold, and the district court has been appealed to.

Constable Bowman of Dunbar took a prisoner to Nebraska City. The constable got drunk and his prisoner escaped, but was captured by a policeman.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blown open the safe in the general store of G. Cortson at Gothenburg. The money drawer was robbed of $5.40.

A destructive hailstorm passed over Hyannis. Garden truck and the corn crop in the path of the storm were destroyed. It was about three miles wide.

Mrs. H. H. Davis, living with her husband on a farm near Shickley, has skipped with L. Malony, the hired man. Mrs. Davis is old enough to be Malony's mother.

Hayes & Jenne, proprietors of the Racket store at Fairfield, carrying a general stock, gave chattel mortgages to various creditors and the mortgagees have taken possession.

Robert Wheeler, proprietor of the Lindell hotel, Valparaiso, mysteriously disappeared. It is feared he has committed suicide or wandered off in a state of temporary insanity.

A harvest home festival was held at Republican City and a cereal pyramid unveiled. The pyramid will be sent to the Creston blue grass palace, the Lincoln and Des Moines state fairs.

C. A. Swanson, who lives near Wausau, has harvested a good crop of barley and marketed it, summer fallowed the stubble ground, sowed it to rye, which now stands six inches high.

The resources of Ord and Valley counties will be chronicled on 10,000 circulars, which will be distributed among harvest excursionists by a committee appointed by the citizens for that purpose.

During a heavy storm at Greeley Center lightning struck the house of Mrs. H. La French, tearing to pieces the bed she and her daughter were sleeping in, and, strange to say, neither of them were injured in the least.

Special Agent Elrod is at Niobrara, where he will disburse $126,000 to the Santee Indians, which is due them as scouts during the Minnesota outbreak in 1862. The Indians are all camped around the town waiting for their money.

Omaha and Council Bluffs business men held a meeting last week to discuss action looking to the next Republican national convention for Omaha. A committee of twenty-five was appointed to work up the matter among the western towns and cities. A mass-meeting of Omahans will be called soon to determine how much the citizens will give towards the funds for the work.

Mrs. Mary Hill committed suicide at McCook by lying down on the railroad track at the west yard limits and permitting the train to run over her body. She was mangled almost beyond recognition. About a year ago she lost two children by diphtheria, and the next day her husband, James Hill, was taken with typhoid fever and died. This so preyed upon her that she became deranged.

Thomas Cornell of Culbertson was arrested just east of Arapahoe by Constable Watts and held until the Culbertson authorities arrived, who took him in charge. Cornell stole two horses from A. D. King of Culbertson and skipped. He was accompanied by Miss Bulah Mishler, a girl 15 or 16 years old, who stole her brother's pony. They traveled by night and during the day remained concealed among the canons.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Points Furnished the Postoffice Department by Henry George.

THE MECCA OF SCIENTISTS.

Men from Many States Gathering in Washington—Congressmen Who Have Died Since Election—Wonderful Coal Fields in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Mr. Wanamaker is hammering away at his postal telegraph ideas. Interesting accounts have been received at the postoffice from Henry George, Jr., from England touching the postal telegraph system in England. The charge for telegrams to all parts of the United Kingdom is 1 cent a word, including the address, the minimum charge being 12 cents for twelve words or less. Ordinary postage stamps are affixed to the message in payment. A moderate additional charge is made when the addressee lives beyond the limits of the free delivery. Telegrams can be repeated at half the original cost. The cost of a reply not exceeding forty-eight words may be prepaid, and a "reply form" is then delivered to the addressee, who can send his reply from any telegraph office within two months. Five figures are counted as one word; in this country the telegraph companies count every figure as a word. As a measure of economy where many messages are likely to be sent an abbreviated or arbitrary address may be registered at $5 a year. In addition to these direct benefits the people enjoy very substantial indirect advantages, such as result from a cheap service for newspapers and news agencies. The rate for news messages to all parts of the kingdom is 24 cents for every 100 words transmitted between 6 p. m. and 9 a. m., and during the day it is 24 cents for every five words, with the additional charge of 4 cents per 100 or five words, according to the hour, for every duplicate telegraphic communication.

Mecca of Scientists.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. — Scientific men from all parts of the United States are arriving hourly, and this city will be their Mecca from now till early in September, when the Scientific Association meetings cease. The microscopists have departed, the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations are just in the midst of their work, and the vanguard of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is now in this city. This will be the fortieth annual meeting of this society, the foremost scientific body in America comprising a membership of 2,000. Permanent Secretary Putnam said that he expected a very large attendance, although much depended upon the weather. The dispatches last week relative to the great heat were not conductive to drawing men from the cool retreats whither they had gone for the heated term. Although there are only a few of the members here, they are beginning to discuss the question of the next president. Among the prominent names mentioned are those of Edward Atkinson of Massachusetts and Professor John Leconte, of the University of California.

Coal in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The report of the discovery of extensive anthracite coal fields in Sonora are confirmed by the advices received by the bureau of American Republics. Operations at the coal fields are being carried on about forty miles from Ortiz, a town on the Sonora railway between Hermosillo and Guaymas. The concession is owned by a Mexican company covering 4,000,000 acres. Coal has been found in borings fifty miles apart; the diamond drill has gone through three veins, one of two feet and the other of four feet and another of seven and a half feet, and in a fourth it has already penetrated twenty-two feet and is still working in coal. The coal, which by test is said to be equal to the Lehigh valley product, can be traced for miles on the surface, the four veins showing the same thickness throughout the whole extent. A railway sixty or sixty-five miles in length will carry the coal to the harbor at Guaymas, from whence it can be laid down in San Diego, Cal., for $5 a ton.

World's Fair Building Bids.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The bids invited for the construction of the government building at the world's fair were opened. The contract will be awarded in a few days. Unlike other buildings to be constructed for the exposition, no time is fixed for the completion of the government building. Each contractor, however, in presenting his bid indicated the time he would require to finish the work. The firm that secures the contract will be required to pay $100 a day for every day the work remains unfinished after it has been agreed to have it done. Galvanized iron is to be used largely for exterior covering. All steel used in the building must be of American manufacture and only skilled and reliable workmen are to be employed. A time globe is to be hoisted on one of the staffs. This globe will drop three times each day and indicate observatory time at each fall.

Joined the Silent Majority.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—At least five of the congressmen elected last will not form a part of the next house. General Spinola, Judge Houk, Melbourne H. Ford and Judge Gamble have joined the silent majority since March 4, and now another vacancy has been caused by the nomination of Leslie W. Russell for the supreme court judgeship in the Fourth judicial district of New York. The successor to Mr. Gamble is likely to be ex-Senator Moody. It so happens that Senator Pettigrew and Kyle and Representative Pickler are from the eastern portion of the state, and Mr. Gamble was also from the same section. Mr. Moody, on the other hand, is a resident of Deadwood, in the Black Hills, and, as his part of the state west of the Missouri river will ask representation, he will probably come to congress.

Receiver Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The comptroller of the currency appointed William Atkinson of Hutchinson, Kan., receiver of the First National bank of Kansas City.

JOINING TO BEAT THE ALLIANCE.

Republicans and Democrats to Unite on Judicial Candidates in Several Cases.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 18.—Nine district judges are to be elected in Kansas this fall, and the People's party politicians claim that in six of them the Democrats and Republicans will unite on a candidate to defeat the People's party nominee. In Geary county the Democrats and Republicans will unite on a county ticket, and from one end of the state to the other the fight now appears to be against the new party.

W. F. Rightmire, candidate for chief justice last fall, who has been carefully watching the judicial contests, stated that steps had already been taken by the Democrats and Republicans to combine on judicial candidates in the Eighth, Ninth, Thirteenth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth districts.

In the Eighth district Judge M. B. Nicholson, the incumbent, joined the Alliance about six months ago and was renominated by the People's Party. He ran for chief justice on the Democratic ticket last fall, but was not in sympathy with his party on the prohibition question. The Democrats are indignant on account of his flop, and have joined hands with the Republicans. A Citizen's convention has already been called to meet at Junction City, and Judge James Humphrey, ex-railroad commissioner, will be the fusion candidate.

In the Ninth district the situation is even more peculiar. L. B. Houck of Hutchinson, a Republican, who has been judge for years, was defeated for renomination in the Republican convention by a man who will be endorsed by the Democrats. The People's Party proposes to nominate Houck, claiming that it was his fair dealing and uprightness which defeated him.

THE INDEPENDENTS.

Nebraska Alliance Convention at Hastings—Editors Meet and Adopt Resolutions.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 18.—Nearly all the leaders of the Independent party are now here, ready for the state convention. Among the early morning arrivals were General Van Wyck, Jay Burrows, Senators Poynter and Smith, V. O. Strickler, the Douglas county delegation and about a dozen members of the last house of representatives. There is little caucussing and a still smaller amount of button holeing. Edgerton has practically little opposition for supreme judge, Hinman thus far displaying but little strength.

The Independent state central committee met and discussed the items of expense submitted for the last campaign. It decided to recommend no officers for either temporary or permanent organization.

The Independent reform editors met and adopted resolutions requesting the party to give better support to its papers. A contract is in circulation receiving signatures and monetary pledges of support for The Labor Wave, the Knights of Labor paper, to be published in Omaha. Some people are subscribing liberally.

Messrs. Edmonston of Lexington, Dysart of Superior and Dech of Ithaca, members of the national committee, met and perfected plans for the organization of the party throughout the state. They appointed a special committee of three men in every county to aid in the work.

A fight is expected for the chairmanship of the state central committee. Wolf Blake, the present incumbent, and Burrows being candidates. The last mentioned has many supportors.

REED ON THE SPEAKERSHIP.

He Would Like to See Mills Given the Honor, but Crisp Is a Good Man.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 18.—Regarding the speakership of the next house ex-Speaker Reed said:

"I like Mills. He is a man of sincere convictions. I always found him a fair opponent, though I did have to 'call him down' when he and Rogers of Arkansas got to catawaumpussing about the floor one afternoon. I was only trying to hold down a rather turbulent and numerous minority to the bed rock of parliamentary forms from which similarly situated minorities had been allowed to slip in the past. I was simply 'holding her nose again the shore,' if the metaphor isn't too strained. And I did it. Now, I say, let Crisp or McMillan, or Mills do the same thing. If the next speaker has 'the sand' he'll make us walk the chalked line. The last election spoke with considerable vigor regarding some matters and the majority ought to hear the echo. But we'll make things interesting for them, nevertheless."

"Which of these men would you prefer?"

"I am on good terms with all of them," was the reply. "Personally, without any disrespect to either of the two, I would be glad to have Mills the next speaker. He has capacity for the place, is a good parliamentarian, and, as I said before, a sincere and frank antagonist. Crisp I have always found a quick, ready man."

Virginia Alliance Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 18.—The state convention of the Farmers' Alliance met here to-day. The leaders say no radical measure will be adopted. The Ocala platform will be endorsed and free coinage urged. Senator Daniels will be recommended for re-election. President Mann Page, in his opening address, advocated the creation of a state commission to regulate railroad freights.

Pennsylvania Republicans.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 18.—The Republican state convention, to be held tomorrow, promises to be a tame affair. It looks as though Gregg would be nominated for auditor general and Price for state treasurer. James S. Fruit of Mercer is the leading candidate for chairman of the state committee. Ex-Representative Hall will probably be made chairman of the convention.

Will Open the Campaign.

LOGAN, Ia., Aug. 18.—Bills are out announcing R. G. Horr of Michigan to speak on the political issues of the day, Friday, Aug. 26. This will open the campaign on the Republican side.

A FLOOD OF WATERS.

Platte River Valley, Missouri, Deluged by a Cloud-Burst.

TWO RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE

Platte and One Hundred and Two Do Damage to Many Farms—Violent Storms in Nebraska—Many Buildings Blown Down.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 18. — The Platte river valley, from Oakland Mills to the north and east for a distance of many miles, has the appearance of an ocean. The river is out of its banks for a distance of almost a mile on either side. The tributary streams and creeks are swollen and the water is coming down the narrow valley with a rush and a roar. At Oakland Mills where the One Hundred and Two empties into the Platte river, the water is higher than has been known for years. The water commenced to rise slowly Saturday night immediately following the heavy rain which fell in that locality. The fears of the residents in the valley are growing. A cloud burst several miles northwest of Easton, which added to their fears. By 2 o'clock a. m. cornfields and pastures were under water and many stacks of hay were carried down the stream. The Platte river rose fully twenty feet in less than two hours and the One Hundred and Two river was out of its banks in places where the night before there was scarcely more than some three feet of water. A farmer named Fred Ibey could not remove his stock in time and many head of cattle and hogs were carried away. This is the experience of hundreds of farmers along the banks of these streams, all of whom suffered the loss of cattle, grain or buildings. Other farmers further north and south have been damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. The water rose so quickly and without warning that many of them were unable to remove their stock to a place of safety.

Violent Storm in Nebraska.

GOTHENBURG, Aug. 18.—The heaviest rain and wind storm of the season began here at 10 o'clock p. m. and lasted an hour. The roof and west wall of the large opera block was blown down. Damage about $5,000; no insurance. The brick walls of the Methodist Episcopal church now under construction were blown in and a large tank and windmill that furnished the water supply for the Midland hotel was blown against the building, shaking up the inmates. Many other small buildings were blown down.

Eighty Persons Drowned.

PORT AU PRINCE, Aug. 18.—While a crowd of natives were gathered on a bridge over the St. Mark river watching a flood which was in progress, the foundations of the structure were undermined by the current and the bridge fell into the water, carrying many people with it. Some managed to reach shore, but eighty were drowned and their bodies carried out to sea.

Drowned While Bathing.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Aug. 18.—While bathing in the Red river Rev. William T. Curry, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church; Miss Ruth Curry, his daughter aged 13, and Miss Dora Van Kirk, aged 14, were all drowned.

Servant Girls Drowned.

BATH, Me., Aug. 18.—Mary Keating and Maria Duffy, servants employed by J. H. Manley of Augusta, were drowned while bathing at Sea Wall beach, Small Point.

WAITING FOR BETTER PRICES.

Northwestern Iowa Farmers Nearly All Holding Their Crops for an Advance.

FORT DODGE, Aug. 18.—The farmers of northwestern Iowa are besieged by an army of agents of eastern elevators and commission houses which wish to contract for all threshed and unthreshed crops for September and October delivery. Lower prices than those of last year are offered on the strength of the general bountiful harvest. Many of the farmers have thus sold their crops in advance, but the majority have heard of the shortage in European countries and will hold their grain for higher prices. It is thought that the bulk of crops in this vicinity will not be marketed until a month later than usual this year.

New Foundland and the United States.

ST. JOHNS, Aug. 18.—The Telegram (government organ) says: "The ideas expressed by Colonel Vincent are not popular in this colony. The prevailing opinion here is that New Foundland's path of progress leads us in the direction of free trade with the United States."

The Gloriana Wins Again.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—The big annual sweepstakes of the New York Corinthian Yacht club resulted in a spendid victory for the Rhode Island boat Gloriana. The Gloriana has started in eight races and won all of them, and Rhode Island people are exultant.

George Dixon Challenged.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A special to The Police Gazette, from Omaha, says the backer of Dan Daly has issued a challenge in behalf of Daly for a fight with George Dixon of Boston for $2,500 a side and the featherweight championship of the world.

A New Tandem Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—V. J. Kelly and John Drape, of A. C. S. N. and Park avenue wheelmen, lowered the five miles tandem record from 14m 32s made last fall by W. W. Taxis and A. A. Zimmerman to 13m 10s. This is a world record for that distance on the road.

Will Sail for Honolulu.

VALLEJO, Cal., Aug. 18.—The United States crusier Charleston will leave Mare Island tomorrow. The Pensacola will sail for Honolulu the end of this week.

THE NORTHWEST HARVEST.

Reports at St. Paul Show Everything to Be Lovely.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 18.—Harvesting is well under way all over the northwest and the promise of a big yield is more than fulfilled. Wheat averages from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre, and an increased yield from the increased acreage makes 150,000 bushels the minimum product for the Dakotas and Minnesota. Other grains are close to wheat, oats especially turning out well. Great trouble is experienced in procuring labor to handle the immense crop, and the railroads are hard at work preparing to handle the grain. Lack of storage facilities will compel a majority of the farmers to dispose of their grain soon, and the transportation facilities will be taxed to their utmost. The weather for harvesting is all that could be desired.

Offer to Compromise.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—It is said that C. P. Huntington and others interested in the Southern Pacific have make overtures to Mr. Searles to compromise the Searles-Hopkins will controversy by the payment of $5,000,000 to Timothy Hopkins. This action is inspired by a desire to keep the Hopkins block of Southern Pacific stock at one holding.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The Business Portion of Jacksonville, Fla., a Mass of Smouldering Ruins—At St. Louis.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 18.—A mass of smoldering ruins two blocks wide and six blocks long, extending up Bay street to Beaver street, and one block on each side, is the result of a fire that started at midnight at R. D. Knight & Co.'s grocery store. The flames speedily gathered headway and destroyed in rapid succession the Hubbard block, Tremont house, Burkridge block, Seminole clubhouse, and other large structures. The firemen worked hard with the limited facilites at their command, but the high wind fanned the flames and at 7 o'clock this morning, when the fire was under control, twenty-five business houses and twenty dwellings were in ashes. Loss, $1,000,000; insurance about half that amount.

Fires at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 18.—The J. H. Pocock can factory was struck by lightning, setting fire to the building, which was consumed with several structures adjoining. Loss, $200,000.

An explosion in the Missouri Distilling company's plant set fire to the building, which was damaged $20,000.

The National Kreigerfest.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 18.—The second day of the national kreigerfest opened with a business meeting at which reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The award of prizes for Sunday's drilling was announced as follows: First prize, $300, Zollinger battery of Fort Wayne; second prize, $200, German veterans of Fort Wayne; third prize, $100, German veterans of St. Louis, Mo. During the sham battle last evening, Cliff Smith of Fort Wayne was seriously injured by a premature discharge of a gun.

HE CAUGHT THE FEVER.

A Clerk Investigating a Defaulter's Books Arrested for Embezzlement.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 18.—J. L. Bay was arrested on a warrant sworn out by State Treasurer Morrow charging him with the larceny of $100,000 state scrip.

Bay is a clerk employed by the bondsmen to investigate the books of the defaulting State Treasurer Woodruff.

A great sensation has been created by the arrest.

Professor Briggs Upheld.

ROCHESTER, Pa., Aug. 18.—The congregation of the Rev. J. H. Bausman, by a vote of 87 to 12, refused to accept his resignation. The resignation was tendered by Mr. Bausman, who is traveling in Europe, at the request of the board of elders, who objected to declarations of Mr. Bausman favorable to the stand taken by Professor Briggs of New York. The congregation, in endorsing Dr. Bausman, practically uphold Professor Briggs.

The Davis Will.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 18.—Dr. Hogan, the expert, was on the witness stand the entire day in the Davis will case. He testified to the will, from microscopic examination, being only two years old, and that the signature of Sconce, a witness, was written after the pin holes were made. He was cross-examined by Judge Woolworth minutely as to the date on which various inks were made and their chemical composition.

The Federation of Labor.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 18.—The afternoon session of the Federation of Labor convention was taken up with the consideration in executive session of routine business of a private nature. A committee on resolutions was appointed, with William Ryson of Reading as chairman. A number of resolutions were referred to this committee.

Scott Is Gaining.

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 18.—W. L. Scott is gaining strength rapidly. Should he continue to improve during the coming week, he hopes to go to Newport the latter part of next week, with the hope that salt sea air will fully restore him.

Stricken with Paralysis.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 18.—State Senator Alfred Goldthwaite, the distinguished counsel in the celebrated Gains case, was stricken with paralysis at Point Clear, a summer resort on Mobile bay. His condition is serious.

Death of Judge Mason.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—Hon. O. P. Mason, deputy labor commissioner and ex-judge of the supreme court, died at 7:30 a. m. after a lingering illness of several weeks.

The President and Party.

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 18.—President Harrison and party passed through here on a special train at 11 a. m. on their way to Bennington, Vt.

BURGLARS IN A TRUST

A Shrewd Confidence Man Conceives the Scheme.

HE FORMS A SYNDICATE

For Systematic Robbery, Others Follow His Example, and Now All Are to Be Consolidated—Revealed by a Dying Criminal.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 18.—According to an official of the police force in this city, there are about a dozen burglars' syndicates, and the next move will be to consolidate them.

The facts leaked out through the arrest of a noted criminal here, a few days ago, "on suspicion."

For some time the police here have had an idea that an organized gang of thieves has been working the town. The variety of work done extended from safe-blowing to sneak-thieving. When this man was arrested the officials decided to pump him. He stoutly maintained that he had done no wrong here for a year, but it was decided to send him to the house of correction for a year or so on general principles. When he learned of this programme he broke down and said he was already dying with the consumption. A bargain was made and he told of the "burglars' syndicate," with which he was connected. A little investigation convinced the officials of the truth of his story and they are now at work on the strength of the information he furnished.

The trust was formed in New York by a "confidence man" nearly a year ago. It was his theory that burglars, safe breakers, bank sneaks, pickpockets and the whole coterie were like day laborers—they needed management. With a shrewd man at their head, many of their stupid blunders could be prevented, and by systematic work the chances of detection could be greatly cut down. He got about twenty-five men together and so conducted matters that very few knew each other. With a capital stock of $5,000, he mapped out a route, sent scouts ahead and furnished transportation for his men. The tour was very successful. Only one man was captured, and he finally escaped by the power of the money furnished by the syndicate. This summer half a dozen such gangs have worked different territory.

The method was for them to jump into a town or city at night and do their work and then move on to the next stand. The continual shifting of the men from one town or state to another makes their capture very difficult. Under the old system burglars and thieves always showed a tendency to stay where they made a good haul and keep on wor'ing till the police captured them. Under the direction of the Napoleanic confidence man this has been changed, and from a burglar's standpoint, the syndicate system has been a great success.

Queered by His Whiskers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 18.—R. Dudley Frayser, president of the Memphis City bank, was induced to visit room No. 364 Gayoso Hotel ostensibly to transact business with one calling himself J. A. Morris of New Orleans, and who demanded that Mr. Frayser sign a check for $5,000. As a compromise Mr. Frayser indorsed the stranger's check for $5,000 The check was not cashed and the man then chlorroformed Mr. Frayser and robbed him of $65. Tonight Dr. J. E. Clements, a practicing physician of this city, was arrested at his home on Vance street for the crime. Aug. 3d Clements closed his front shutters and sent his wife to Holly Springs. Thursday morning Clements left his house, leaving a note with a neighbor that he would not return until night. It was early Thursday morning that Morris registered at the hotel. That evening at dark Clements' neighbors noticed that his beard was dyed. Friday morning they observed that he had had his beard amputated entirely. He had also shed his dark suit for a light one and had cast aside the derby hat he wore in favor of a silk. It was these suspicious circumstances that led to his arrest. He was identified by hotel employes as "Morris," the recent guest. Mr. Frayser is now absent from the city. Clements denies that he is the robber. Clements and his wife are both highly connected.

Murdered by Highwaymen.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 18.—While Conductor L. A. Ward and Motorman John Hemming were waiting at the end of the electric line before beginning their return trip two men came on the front platform and told them to hold up their hands. Hemming said: "I guess not," and went out on the platform. A short scuffle ensued, a shot was heard, and Hemming rolled from the car and down a slight embankment, mortally wounded, dying about half an hour afterwards. The electric company offers a reward of $500 and thirty men on horseback are scouring the country. Two men have just been arrested, suspected of being the murderers.

Philadelphia Bankers Plead Guilty.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18. — Charles Lawrence, cashier of the suspended Keystone National bank, who was indicted with the fugitive president, Gideon Marsh, for conspiracy in the misappropriations of the bank's funds, pleaded guilty in the United States supreme court.

Francis W. Kennedy, of the Spring Garden bank and his brother Henry Kennedy, the cashier, were also arraigned on the charge of misappropriation of the funds of that institution and both entered pleas of guilty.

Jesse Pomeroy Wants His Freedom.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—Jesse Pomeroy, who is serving a solitary life sentence for murder, attempted to escape. He had in his possession a case knife, which had been notched so as to make a rude saw. He was discovered at work on the bars of the window in his cell. This is his second attempt at escape.

Met with Foul Play.

RACINE, Wis., Aug. 18.—The horribly mutilated body of Dennis McCue, a prominent citizen of Rockford, Ills., was found in the river here. McCue was last seen alive Friday. It is believed he was murdered and his body thrown into the river.

SHOTGUN QUARANTINE.

Citizens of Independence, Mo., Badly Frightened by Smallpox.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18.—There is a smallpox scare in the Blue bottoms near Independence. The dread disease has stricken down several families and there are now several cases under treatment. The district where the disease exists is not under the supervision of a health officer, and one of the patients, feeling quite well got out of bed, walked into Independence, dined at one of the principal restaurants, and shortly afterward had a relapse and fell from exhaustion in the street. He was removed quickly to his home, and now the citizens of Independence and the farmers of the vicinity have established a shotgun quarantine over the infected districts. Guards heavily armed patrol the district and no one is allowed to leave. The state officers have been notified, but the shotgun quarantine will not be raised until some action is taken to quarantine the district.

Yellow Fever at Vera Cruz.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The Ward line steamer, City of Washington, arrived from Mexican ports and reports that when she left Vera Cruz, early in August, yellow fever was raging to an alarming extent in that city.

CHINA MAY HAVE TROUBLE.

If Redress Be Refused the Powers May Make an Effective Naval Demonstration.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18.—A most serious state of affairs political exists in this country. The combined fleets of the powers may be called upon at any moment to take action.

In this city great excitement prevails on account of the increasing tension between the Chinese goverument and the ministers of the foreign powers. The former is obstinate in its refusal to redress the injury to foreigners during recent riots. Some people say that the government dares not take this step for fear of incurring a storm of popular disapproval.

If the Chinese authorities do not yield to the firm demands of the ministers of the powers concerted hostile action upon the part of the war vessels of the various nations represented in these waters is imminent.

The foreign ministers have been compelled to inform the Chinese government that a joint naval demonstration of an effective nature in which the French, American and British squadrons will take part, will be ordered in the near future unless speedy reparation is made for the injuries, outrages and abuses complained of by the ministers of the powers.

The Holy Coat.

TEVES, Aug. 18.—The city is astir, preparing for the exposure of the holy coat to public gaze and to receive the pilgrims. The vicar general of the diocese announces that sufferers seeking relief by touching the coat must petition the bishop for special permission and accompany the petition with a medical certificate prescribing the character of the illness.

Attempted Assassination.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—While Deputy Laur was leaving a meeting at the Cirque Hiver Sunday night an anarchist discharged a revolver at him. The bullet grazed Laur's coachman. The anarchist was arrested.

A Lunatic from Drink.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Justice O'Brien, of the supreme court, appointed Peter B. Olney, Edward V. Grew and Cyrus Edson a committee to inquire into the sanity of Elliott Roosevelt, brother of Theodore Roosevelt, United States civil service commissioner, and brother-in-law of Baron Von Zedlitz. The petition is made by Theodore Roosevelt, with the consent of the wife, who says that his brother's intellect has been failing for the past two years. He was for a time confined in a private institution, but at present is at the Cheateau Suresnes, near Paris. He has three children and bonds and stock amounting to $170,000. Drink is said to have impaired Mr. Roosevelt's reason.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.

On the Board of Trade this morning there was an entire absence of yesterday's excitement. Pork had a slight advance after the opening, but everything else sold at lower prices, the opinion being general that the market had been overstimulated. December wheat opened about where it closed yesterday with sales at $1.03. It sold up to $1.08 to $1.08¾, but offerings were large and it soon broke to $1.02¾. Foreign markets were depressed, Liverpool being off 2½d for futures and ½d for spot wheat. At Berlin wheat opened 6 and rye 10 marks lower than yesterday's close. Berlin cables declare that the shortage in crops has been greatly exaggerated and that the yield will be 83 per cent. of the average harvest. The German government has declared its intention to use wheat instead of rye for army bread. This is intended to checkmate the Russian rye ukase and will have the effect of quieting agitation.

WHEAT—August, $1.01¼; September, $1.05⅝.
CORN—August, 67¾c; September, 65⅞c.
OATS—Aug 4, 28¾c; September, 29⅝c.
PORK—September, $10.15.
LARD—September, $6.60.
RIBS—September, $6.65.

Chicago Live Stock.

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, Aug. 18.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts, 7,000 head. Natives, $4.30@6.10; cows and bulls, $2.00@3.85; Texans, $1.75@3.25. Firm.

HOGS—Estimated receipts, 12,000 head. Heavy, $5.00@5.65; mixed to medium, $5.00@5.70; light, $4.90@5.75. Firm.

SHEEP—Natives, $3.25@5.00; westerns, $3.90@4.60; Texans, $3.25@4.50.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts, 6,600 head; shipments, 3,000. Steers, $3.00@5.75; cows, $1.50@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25. Steers were slow and steady to weak; cows steady to strong. Texans opened strong, closed weak and lower.

HOGS—Estimated receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 1,600 head. Bulk, $4.90@5.15; all grades, $4.70@5.25. Market opened strong, closed 5c lower.

Omaha Live Stock.

UNION STOCK YARDS, OMAHA, Aug. 18.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts, 2,400 head; 1,300 to 1,500 lbs., $5.00@5.50; 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., $4.60@5.00; 900 to 1,100 lbs., $3.65@4.75; choice cows, $2.00@3.50; common cows, $1.00@1.75; good feeders, $2.75@3.50; common feeders, $2.25@2.65. Slow and a shade lower.

HOGS—Estimated receipts, 8,600 head. Light, $4.70@5.25; mixed, $4.75@5.05; heavy, $4.70@5.10. Active and strong.