

A Great Fraud.

LEVENWORTH, Kan., Sept. 4.—For several weeks this vicinity has been flooded with circulars of a so-called investment company, whose head office is in this city. The company issues \$1,000 bonds, the purchaser pays \$10 on receiving his bond and \$125 per month thereafter. Of the \$10.81 goes to stockholders and the balance to the officers of the company. One dollar of the monthly dues, also goes to the credit of the stockholders. As soon as \$1,000 is credited to the stockholders it is paid to the person holding the lowest numbered bond on which all dues have been paid. The officer of the company advertises that their scheme has been examined and approved by Governor Humphreys, Insurance Commissioner McBride and Attorney General Vines.

A letter was received by the editor of the Levenworth Time from Insurance Commissioner McBride saying that at one time he had examined the scheme, but instead of approving it had denounced it in unmeasured terms as a palpable fraud, without one redeeming feature. He also says that he has not suppressed the company because the attorney general decided that he had no jurisdiction over the company. Circulars of the company have been sent to the Postoffice department at Washington. It is said that there are many of these companies operating throughout the state.

Fatal Accident while Ballooning.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 4.—George R. Woods of Union Square, this county, met with a frightful accident, at the Oswego county fair grounds yesterday, which resulted in his instant death. One of the attractions was a balloon ascension and parachute jump by Prof. J. J. Friable. Woods was one of a number of volunteers engaged in holding the big gas bag on the ground while it was being inflated with hot air. When everything was in readiness and Prof. Friable was getting his parachute ready smoke was seen issuing from the balloon. The cry was started that the balloon was burning and the volunteers all let go except Woods. In an instant he was whirling in the air and the horrified spectators saw that he was entangled in the ropes. When about twenty-five feet from the earth he partly disengaged himself and let go the ropes. The ropes, however, were entangled around his legs and he was soon shooting rapidly upwards feet first. He was picked up dead. About 10,000 persons were on the grounds and witnessed the accident. Woods was 22 years old. He fell a distance of about seventy feet.

News from Honolulu.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Hon. L. S. Thurston of Honolulu, who is in the city, said to a reporter that the McKinley bill has had the effect of uniting the native and foreign population of Hawaii upon the subject of annexation. He has just received one of the native newspapers, which advocates the formation of a republic or immediate annexation to the United States. This fact is remarkable as it is the first time in Hawaiian history that the natives have publicly favored such a thing. While it is true they are weary of the monarchy, yet nothing but the blow at Hawaii's sugar industry could have brought them to favor annexation. The hope of planters there is that the president will next year exercise the power given him to place a duty again upon beet sugar from such countries as have not reciprocated with the necessary free entries. This would relieve the burden, but at any rate the Hawaiians are preparing to negotiate with the United States for free trade. Thurston says now that the sugar industry is no longer a great source of income, it is intended to bring the islands prominently before the world as a land for tourists.

Eight Lives Lost.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 4.—Eight members of the crew of the British steamer Dunmurry of Belfast, from New York for Antwerp with grain, lost their lives through the capsizing of the vessel in a hurricane. Captain McMarion, her commander, and the other ten survivors, have been landed here by the German oil tank steamer Hanskurt from New York for Rotterdam. The Dunmurry left New York last Wednesday morning, and at 4:15 o'clock on Saturday morning ran into a terrific hurricane from the east southeast. The storm came up with great fury and within a few minutes the steamer was thrown upon her beam ends, in which position she lay until noon, and then sank.

Narrow Escape From Dismal Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 4.—The schooner Ada arrived Tuesday from Cooper river, Alaska, with 18,000 cases of salmon. She brought down Harry Menden and W. E. Boyle, two of the crew of the British sailing schooner Beatrice, which arrived at Victoria a few days ago. The men were lost from the vessel during a gale. Their small boat was overturned and a third man named Scott was drowned. The others succeeded in making land and were cared for by the Indians.

Is Balmaceda Dead?

New York, Sept. 4.—An unconfirmed report reached the city yesterday from Santiago that Balmaceda, ex-dictator of Chili, has been killed in the mountains while trying to effect his escape. According to the story Balmaceda left Santiago on Saturday night before the rioting commenced. He took his family with him and carried a great deal of personal property, including a considerable sum of money and some valuable jewels. When he reached a point a few miles outside the city he and his family abandoned the carriage in which they had been traveling and took a special train which was in waiting to convey them to Los Andes, thirty-two miles northeast of Santiago.

Here Balmaceda left his family and with a companion started on Monday night to make his way across the mountains his ultimate purpose being to reach Buenos Ayres. The weather was bitterly cold and the snow on the ground made travel very difficult. Balmaceda rode a mule, which was the only animal that is of any use in the mountain pass through which he was making his way. Tuesday morning the muleteers began to grumble and wanted to turn back, as the weather was becoming so severe and the snow so deep that they feared they would lose their lives. Balmaceda, knowing that almost certain death awaited him if he returned, refused to turn back, and in a fit of passion struck one of the muleteers, who retaliated by drawing a pistol and shooting the ex-president on the spot. His companions then killed Balmaceda's companion, and after rifling their pockets, made their escape.

The bodies, according to the story sent here, were found by a party of mountaineers and returned to Los Andes. No further particulars could be obtained. The news created great interest in this city, but no one seemed surprised, as it was generally believed that the unfortunate man would either be killed or perish with the cold before he reached a place of safety if he tried to make his escape by crossing the Andes. Mr. Fowler, the manager for W. R. Grace & Co., admitted having heard the report, but said that he had received no confirmation of it.

Held up the Train.

CARON CITY, COL., Sept. 3.—Seven men held up the east bound Rio Grande train Tuesday night near Catopan. The highwaymen compelled the flagman at Texas Creek to give up all the torpedoes in his possession and forced him to flag the train. As soon as it stopped the engineer and fireman were held up at the point of a rifle. The fireman was relieved of his fine gold watch and was then forced to pick the lock and break in the door of the baggage car under a fire from the express messenger. The mail car doors were all broken in, but nothing was taken from the car.

The express messenger made a determined resistance and used his revolver to good advantage, but whether anyone was killed is not known. The fight was a fierce one though it lasted only a few minutes. The masked men then compelled the messenger to open the safe, from which they took \$3,000. Horses were in readiness and as soon as the robbery was accomplished the desperadoes fled to the mountain valley. They did not disturb the passengers.

A posse was summoned and left for the scene at once. Trinidad was wired for the bloodhounds that have been instrumental in running down several criminals. They will be hurried to the scene on a special train and put on the trail as soon as possible. With the efforts being made it is thought the robbers cannot escape.

DENVER, Sept. 3.—A number of Pinkerton detectives were dispatched for the scene of the robbery on the Rio Grande road.

Minister Egan Heard From.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—At last the department of the State has heard directly from Minister Egan. The news came in the form of a cablegram from Santiago dated September 1: Decisive battle Valparaiso twenty-eighth August: Revolution entirely successful. Everything tranquil.

EGAN. The delay in receiving this report is owing to the fact that telegraphic connection between Santiago and Valparaiso, the western cable terminus, has been cut and just restored, and that the line eastward from Santiago to Buenos Ayres was interrupted by the heavy snows in the mountains. Although the telegram indicates the success of what Egan describes as the revolution, he has not yet informed the Department of State whether a government has been set up that may be recognized as the government of the people of the country. Accordingly the department will probably await further detailed information before according formal recognition of the new government.

JAY GOULD has discharged general freight traffic manager Leeds, for a trifling disobedience, but it is claimed that there is an unseen scheme in it and that Leeds will draw his salary as heretofore.

The heavy decline in wheat has caused a dull market for flour, and the big mills are not turning out their usual quantities. The output last week fell off 36,580 barrels. One mill at Minneapolis of a daily capacity of 2,000 barrels has stopped altogether.

LATEST ADVISES FROM CHILI.

Order Egan Restored After the Bloody Battle

Balmaceda's Companion Captured and His Money Confiscated.

EGAN MISUNDERSTOOD.

VALPARAISO, CHILI, Sept. 5.—Balmaceda will not have as much money when he reaches Europe as he thought he would by over \$10,000,000. One of his most ardent supporters and closest friends, Deputy Verduga, was captured today at Falca while he was making his way out of the country with the purpose, it is supposed, of joining his fleeing chief, either at Buenos Ayres or in Europe. He was taken to Santiago and turned over to the authorities. He carried with him \$300,000 in Chilean bank notes and \$800,000 in drafts on London.

This of course was promptly confiscated by the representatives of the junta. It was at first supposed that Senor Verduga had accompanied the late president in his flight over the mountains, but a sharp lookout was kept for him and the funds nevertheless, and his capture followed. There is little doubt but that Balmaceda is making his way over the Andes mountains through the south pass. It would be impossible to stop him now.

Minister Egan's friends are doing their best to dispel the impression that he has acted offensively as a partisan of the late government. One of them an American by the name of Spencer, is largely due to Mr. Egan's efforts that the president decided to turn over the government to General Baquedano and give up the struggle. This was done according to Mr. Spencer's story in the face of the opposition of Balmaceda's ministers, who insisted that the victory of the revolutionists at Placilla was not decisive, and were desirous of keeping up the fight despite the fall of Valparaiso.

Be this as it may, the bitter feeling against Mr. Egan in particular and Americans in general shows no signs of abatement. The congressional leaders profess to be puzzled at the continued refusal of the State department at Washington to recognize their envoys at the capital, and are generally inclined to attribute the tardiness to ulterior motives, though just what they may be they do not say. There are vague rumors of fat contracts and intricate beds in the air, but nothing definite is specified.

No further news has been received here from the mob stricken town of Coronel. I am assured, however, that the provincial government has taken steps which will result in the restoration of order there in a short time. It is altogether probable that it may require some fighting to get the rebellious soldiers and miners under subjection, and it is perfectly safe to say that the ringleaders will be shot as soon as they are captured.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of the members of the junta, who will arrive here on the steamer Arequipa from Iquique. Their arrival will be made the occasion of general rejoicing.

Many of the bodies of the dead which have been lying on the battlefield near Placilla were buried, and the balance of them will be cremated. About all the wounded in the various fights which followed the landing of General Canto's army at Quintero bay have been brought in and are receiving proper attention at the hands of the volunteer ambulance corps. Temporary hospitals had been fitted up wherever possible and room was made for all of them.

Intendente Walker Martinez has got the city government here in fair working order and Valparaiso is gradually settling down into its ante-bellum state. The same is true of Santiago, where the leaders of the government are now waiting the arrival of their confederates. A proclamation has been issued to the effect that any person who is harboring men who were not officials under Balmaceda and fails to give them up to the authorities will be shot.

I have just received word from Santiago that Balmaceda in his flight left his family behind. They are now being cared for by Senor Dominguez Torres, brother-in-law of the fugitive president, but who is himself a strong supporter of the congressionalists.

Many instances of the unreliability of the late government, so far as abiding by its promises is concerned, are coming constantly to light. One of the latest is the killing of the valuable herd of blooded cattle belonging to Senora Edwards. Balmaceda promised Minister Egan and Consul McCreary last June that this herd should not be interfered with, on the ground that nearly all the improved cattle in Chili were bred from it. A dispatch received from Rancho Mailla says that on August 21 an order from Balmaceda was presented, in accordance with which eighty-nine valuable imported cows were killed.

MISSISSIPPI will have a contest for the next United States senatorship from that state. Senator George desires a re-election on the straight-out democratic line, and ex-Congressman Barksdale is antagonizing him on the alliance principles. Each is canvassing the state in behalf of the respective views they espouse. The canvass is becoming very interesting and later on will grow red-hot.

Horrible Prison.

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—An astounding revelation of cruelty at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary has come to light through a discharged convict, who slipped into a hotel in this city and taking off his dusty shoe took from it a letter from James Perry, now serving a seven years' sentence in the institution. Out of the four years he has served, this wretched convict has spent, he declares, no less than twenty-four months in the black hole. This punishment cell is a portion of the cellar of the penitentiary and is so closely shut with iron doors that daylight never reaches the cells in it as long as the convicts are there. The unfortunate prisoner put there is kept on bread and water, being given one regular prison meal every day. He sleeps on straw, and the guard who furnishes him with his scanty food is prohibited from speaking to him. It is perpetual night and unending silence for him. It is the hardest punishment that can be inflicted, and yet this unfortunate man has spent two whole years in this hole, besides being horribly beaten and kicked.

The culminating point was reached on August 23. Perry had been allowed a breath of pure air in the stone yard, when one of the guards came along and ordered him back to the dungeon. Perry refused to go and begged for a few minutes more in the daylight. The guard sprang at him and knocked him down with a blow of his club. The other convicts alleged that he and three others jumped on his chest and body. He lay upon the ground stunned and senseless with blood flowing from his mouth and nose, and yet he was dragged by his throat to the stairs and thrown into the black hole, they state, without medical attendance, though he is known to have been severely injured internally.

A reporter waited on Warden Oulmet. That gentleman while softening the matter all he could, admitted that he had been compelled to fine and suspend some of his guards for cruelty to prisoners. The guard, Henry, who committed the assault on Perry, had been suspended for two days and fined for striking prisoners, and he had to warn others that the men were to be treated as human beings and not as brutes. The story told to him by the guards was that Perry was insubordinate. They claimed that he refused to work and incited the other convicts to mutiny. On the 23rd the chief keeper told him that Perry had refused to work again and he had been sentenced to the black hole. Henry and another guard seized him, when he struggled furiously, and they were compelled to club him into submission, as they were forcing him along to his dismal hole, he turned and struggled until Henry lost his temper and used his club freely on him. Henry admits losing his temper but says Perry's abuses and attempts to strike him fairly maddened him and he could not help it. The warden says that Perry was not so seriously hurt as he says and that he refused medical attendance, and also that it is not true that his mother was not permitted to see him because his head was mashed to a pulp by the clubs of the guards.

But this does not satisfy the relatives of the injured man. Old convicts claim that this case is only one of many, and the fact remains that a man has been placed two years out of four in solitary confinement in a loathsome cell, debarr'd from light, from fresh air and from the companionship of man. The citizens are determined that an investigation shall be made into the affair.

Mellon Stealers Become Murderers.

NEW ALBANY, IND., Sept. 5.—A bloody shooting affray occurred in a remotest part of Crawford county, about forty-five miles southeast of here, Tuesday. It is a wild, thinly settled locality, ten miles away from a railroad. Saul Snyder had a melon patch on his farm and last Friday night unknown persons entered the patch and carried away nearly his entire melon crop. He suspected the crime had been committed by J. W. Falkenburg, George Falkenburg and Jake and Henry Enlow, and commenced a prosecution. The warrants for the arrest of the Falkenburgs and Enlows were placed in the hands of a constable named Snyder, a brother of the man whose melon patch had been despoiled. Tuesday he went to arrest the parties. J. W. Falkenburg crossed over the county line into Crawford county, and when Constable Snyder found and served the warrant on him agreed to answer the summons. The two Enlows came up and Constable Snyder commenced reading the warrant to them.

Snyder's brother Saul, was with him. The Enlows opened fire on the constable, shooting him fatally through the abdomen. Then they turned upon Saul Snyder, shooting him through the right lung, inflicting a fatal wound. The Enlows then fled to the hills. They have a bad reputation and will be lynched when caught.

IT IS reported and is probably reliable, that the last of the Borgias died last week in Germany a poverty-stricken street beggar. This degenerate descendant of an infamous ancestry was a photographer by trade, and his wife a washer woman.

IN Winnipeg they ask \$20 a foot lease for a corner lot than they do for an inside one, because it costs so much to clear off the snow in winter around corner lots that people don't prefer them.

Plowed up Some Skeletons.

CARTHAGE, Ill., Sept. 3.—While plowing in a field on the Sweeney farm, Mr. Felt unearthed a cave containing several skeletons. A number of stones were first discovered. This excited surprise as there are few stones found in that locality. The largest was dug out with difficulty. Mr. Felt found several such stones, but of less size, apparently laid with some regularity, like a floor or covering to some receptacle beneath. On their removal there was revealed an almost perfect skeleton, and near its feet were the skull and decaying fragments of another. A little more digging to the northeast revealed another skeleton, lying partially under the first. The skull of the second was found, and a number of leg and arm bones were taken out and laid beside the excavation and on exposure to the atmosphere they soon fell to pieces. The skeleton in the excavation also showed signs of disintegration. The mound, the stone covering and the skeletons and parts thereof as described were closely examined. The skull of the first or larger skeleton was fairly well preserved, some of the teeth being almost perfect. The skull that had been taken out had crumbled into small pieces, but the cavity in the soil where it had lain was as perfect as a mold for a cast. But little of the third skeleton was exposed, and that in very fragmentary shape. The first skeleton lay on its side, with the face inclined to the east, and the others lay with their faces downward. There did not appear to be any regular interment. Evidently the bodies were thrown in hastily. The stone covering was possibly an after thought, as was also the mound, which leads to the conjecture that the interred persons were dignitaries of some sort. The field has been turned over to the college authorities.

Official Crop Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—The following monthly crop bulletin has been issued by the Weather bureau:—August was warmer than usual on the Atlantic coast, in the lower lake regions, Michigan and all states on the Pacific coast, but cooler than the average temperature for August throughout the central valleys. Frosts occurred in the extreme northwest about the 20th, but the wheat crop was so well advanced that only very slight damage occurred in the extreme northern portions of Minnesota and North Dakota. Frost reached the northern boundary of Iowa, but reports generally indicate no material injury resulted to the corn crop. Preceding the occurrence of these frosts warnings were sent out by this service to the cranberry and tobacco regions of Wisconsin which encouraged farmers to take the usual precautions and prevent injury to these crops. Reports indicate that the frosts were quite severe in exposed localities and the crop injured, although doubtless much benefit must have resulted from the frost warnings.

The rainfall was greater than usual in the interior of New England and middle Atlantic states. The rainfall was also in excess from the lake region westward to the Pacific coast along the Northern boundary of the United States and in the states of the central Mississippi valley. Portions of Texas and Colorado also report limited areas of excessive rain.

The corn crop is late and will probably require about two weeks more of favorable weather to place it beyond injury from frost. Of course this does not apply to the condition of the crop in southern Kansas and thence eastward to Tennessee and Kentucky, where the crop is now well advanced.

Too Many Able Bodied Veterans in the House.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. 4.—Nearly all the old soldiers now in the national soldiers' home who are now able to work will be compelled to leave the institution very shortly. This is the result of action taken recently by the national board having charge of these veterans. The question of pensions will cut no figure and all able bodied men with or without pensions will have to leave. The action of the national board was caused by the discovery that the national houses all over the country were greatly over-crowded and that many of the inmates were vigorous and hardy men, fully able to earn their living. This was especially true of the home near this city. It was decided to order a thorough medical examination of all inmates of the various branches of the home with a view of reducing the number of permanent inmates by having all able bodied men secure outside employment and become independent of the home. It will take some time to make the change as there are 1,940 regular inmates. The rule as to physical examination, it is thought, will reduce the number of all that are actually entitled to care and a home can be properly accommodated.

Short in Accounts.

OTTAWA, GNT., Sept. 4.—The speaker of the commons issued an order for the arrest of Andre Senecal superintendent of the government printing bureau, who failed to appear at the bar of the house as ordered August 27. It is estimated that during his term of office Senecal received \$50,000 from those who supplied goods to the government.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

More business buildings are needed in Hardy.

Professor C. E. Bennett of Beatrice died at Oakland, Cal.

A depot will be built by the Elkhorn company at Minnesela.

A train load of cattle was loaded at Bradshaw and Hampton.

Genoa people will offer inducements for the erection of a new hotel.

A Plattsmouth police arrested seven tramps and one woman in one night.

A son of Dr. Neil of Peru was thrown from a wagon and seriously injured.

Mrs. Moberly of Thedford is likely to lose a finger from the bite of a tarantula.

The contract for the new Indian school building at Genoa has been let for \$ 0.125.

Lightning struck the residence of D. P. Parks and C. E. Swanson of Hamilton county.

Sioux county farmers report that they are harvesting the best crop ever raised in that county.

The grounds reported as in good condition for plowing in nearly all portions of the state.

David Mathers, an old gentleman of Nebraska City, fell under a wagon and was quite badly hurt.

Arthur Bayles the thirteen-year-old son of H. W. Bayles of Fairfield, was drowned at that place.

A new 800 horse power wheel has been received by the Kearney electric street car company.

It is estimated that 7,500 people were in attendance at the old settlers' picnic at Lord's grove, Seward county.

Lightning rod men took in a number of farmers in the vicinity of Falls City to the tune of from \$25 to \$20 each.

A Nebraska City marble dealer offers to give 20 cent off on tombstones as an inducement for people to buy.

G. W. Strangman, living north of Bloomington, had his hand badly injured by the explosion of a gun while shooting at a wolf.

Elmer E. Long a gifted and popular young attorney of Loup City, died on the 2nd at Des Moines whither he had gone for treatment.

Phil Hafer of Tekamah was arrested and fined \$25 and costs, for whipping his four-year-old child. Not being able to pay his fine he was committed to jail.

John Peterson left his team tied in Sowbely canon, near Harrison, and the team ran away in the gulch where they remained three days before they were found.

Judge Stark of Hamilton county allowed the Lewis heirs \$4,000 damages against the Staton estate for the killing of W. W. Lewis at Bromfield. The case will go to the supreme court.

William Harrison of Clay county raised three crops of alfalfa on the same ground this year. The third crop gave the smallest yield and yet its average height was over twenty inches.

An enormous spider was captured at Lyons by Miss Kittie Buehler. Its body was about one inch long and of a light brown color with black spots, its legs when stretched out measured three inches.

It is expected to have Ignatius Donnelly present at the alliance picnic to be given in Fremont on the Chaunauqua grounds sometime early in September—the date to be fixed to suit his convenience.

William Cook, who was so terribly kicked by a horse near Cook, is still very low and his recovery is considered doubtful. It is reported that three of his ribs were broken from his spinal column by the force of the blow.

Conductor Helburg, running between Linwood and Superior, has a female mastiff which recently had ten puppies. Of these her owner has sold nine at \$25 each. He can put on as much wire as a farmer who has a field of rye.

Someone left a handbag containing a lot of odds and ends of woman's attire at the Elkhorn depot in Fremont taking in lieu a much larger one belonging to a preacher. The one carried away contained the manuscript of some old sermons.

Miss Nellie Rogers of Norfolk, Neb., who was taking a course of musical instruction at Dubuque, died there the other day. She was taken with a congestive chill and morphine was administered. She sank into a comatose condition and never awoke.

The culprit, Lewis Eoga, who has been several times under arrest at Holdrege for divers thefts, made his escape from the sheriff the other night about 10 o'clock by jumping through the screen of an open window of a billiard hall. A careful search failed to reveal his fleeing form, and it is hoped he has fled to other fields.

The family of Leander and Mary Bates held their first reunion in twenty-nine years at Weeping Water last week. Eight children, all who grew to manhood and womanhood, were present. The united age of the children was 300 years and eight months. But three of the twenty-five grandchildren were present.