

# Nebraska Notes

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The officers of the irrigation fair have been notified that Keith county is preparing a very elaborate exhibit.

Miss Dollie Hilton of Bloomfield, in some manner got thrown from a hay rake last week, which resulted in a fractured arm.

John Golden of Nebraska City has received an offer from the university of Pennsylvania to join their football team and to attend school.

Clyde Pinkley, Merle Fairfield and Paul Basick, three Ashley boys, recently left their pleasant homes and kind parents and started east to see the world.

As Clyde Hagleton, a Douglas boy, was throwing corn husks over a fence, a horse bit at one of the husks, and got it, together with the end of one of Clyde's fingers.

The jewelry store of George Davis at Geneva was recently broken into by unknown parties, supposed to be tramps. An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow open the safe.

Numbers of prairie schooners are seen going west through Colfax county. There is only one example in history of greater perseverance than these western settlers display, and that is the Flying Dutchman.

Adams county is going to have the largest corn crop this year that it has had for many years. But somehow Nebraska people are never sure of their corn until it's sold and the cash is in their pocket.

Fred Stevens, a livewoman of Columbus, is sending out circulars trying to locate a team and buggy which he hired to a stranger giving the name of Hennessey. Hennessey claimed to be buying horses for an eastern man.

The Dixon county W. C. T. U. convention was held at Ponca, August 7 and 8. M. S. Walker, state president, was in attendance the entire time there, stayed over the 9th, and in the evening gave a lecture on Christian citizenship.

Earnest Uhlig, a Talmage butcher, repudiated his taxes for number of years, until the powers of Otce county became alarmed at the example he was setting. They got out a distress warrant for \$71.67, and sent the sheriff to collect it. Mr. Uhlig coughed up.

Miss Nora Switzer, a fourteen-year-old girl of Gage county, was bitten on the finger by a rattlesnake while picking up apples. She killed the snake. Before she was relieved by a physician the girl writhed in agony and her tongue shot out and in, in imitation of the snake.

The United States civil service commission has ordered an examination to be held by its local board at Omaha, September 19, for the grades of clerk, deputy collectors and gaugers. Applications must be filed on proper blanks by August 31. For full information apply to W. S. Bocher, Omaha, Neb.

J. B. Anten of Randolph had occasion to use some carbolic acid recently, and put up the cup without washing it. A little while after he filled the cup with water and drank the contents. They gave him castor oil and other emetics and brought him around all right, but he felt very miserable for awhile.

Some teachers near North Platte discovered a peculiar plant known as the "man plant." This plant has a bushy top similar to a tumble weed, the top growing close to the ground. About two feet from the branches is a bulb some two feet in circumference from which protrude long, gnarly roots several feet in length.

A party of Beatrice hunters recently returned reporting that one of their number had been accidentally shot, or drowned. While a searching party was being organized, the missing man returned. He had made a mistake with regard to the meeting place, and it took some time to convince him that his companions had not willfully deserted him.

A smooth patent right swindling scheme is being worked in the southern part of the state. A man comes to a farmer with a patent wagon tongue which he claims to be just the stuff. He has only that one county left and will sell the right to that for \$50. A few days later, while the farmer is thinking over the matter, another man comes along, who has learned that the farmer has the right to the valuable invention, and offers him \$400 for it, paying him \$10 down. The farmer at once sends his note for \$250 to the first party, the second man disappears and the note turns up in a neighboring bank for collection.

What has become of the Russian thistle? Botanists told us a year ago that this thistle was the most noxious weed known to them. The country was thickly populated with it a year ago, but this year we have only seen a few harmless thistles. We believe that the Russian thistle cannot grow in a wet country. It seems that the other weeds kill it out.—Alma Record.

Master Orle Eller of near McCook is suffering with a sore hand, caused by the bite of a cat, some time in July.

## MOB ATTACKS THE ITALIANS

Prince Louis, Nephew of King Humbert Assailed on the Streets.

### POLICE INTERFERENCE SAVES HIS LIFE

An Insult Offered by Chili Which Was Speedily Lamented—Trouble Aroused Over a Sale of Warships

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—News of an attack in the streets of Valparaiso on the 15th of last month by a Chilean mob upon Prince Louis of Savoy, nephew of King Humbert of Italy, and a party of officers and some of the crew of the Italian warship *Christoforo Colombo*, all the facts of which were suppressed by the government, was received here by the steamer *City of Para*, says the Bulletin Sunday evening. The *Christoforo Colombo* sailed from San Francisco for South America via Honolulu some time in February. The object of her visit to Chili was to assure that country that Italy had none but the best of feeling for the southern republic, as much bitterness of feeling has existed in Chili since Italy sold the Argentine Republic two cruisers. The sale was consummated at a very shaky crisis, for Argentine and Chili were on the verge of war over the boundary question.

The *Christoforo Colombo* fulfilled her mission. The "squaring" was well accepted by the better class, but among the rabble the apology was not accepted. Hence the trouble. A party from the *Christoforo Colombo* landed at the Valparaiso pier and proceeded up town. The prince and several lieutenants were in the lead. A number of Italian sailors were immediately behind the officers. A crowd of Chileans followed the man-of-war's men, occasionally jeering the sailors. As the party advanced the crowd grew larger and bolder. Suddenly stones commenced to fly and for safety's sake the prince was hurried into a store out of harm's way.

The able seamen did not fare so well. Several were struck with stones and some knocked down with clubs. They fought back, pulled their knives which they luckily had with them, and held the mob at bay until a body of police came charging down the street. The mob soon scattered. A number of arrests were made. The Chilean authorities lost no time in hurrying an apology to Prince Louis. Every reparations was promised. The *Colombo*'s crew was not used up very badly, and as there were commercial advantages to be obtained for their countrymen, the Italians agreed to accept the apologies.

### To Visit the Distinguished Heavens.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A Herald special from Washington says: President Cleveland has determined not to make any extensive program for 11 Hung Chang's entertainment in the United States, until that diplomat can be consulted personally. The only details that the president is now concerning himself with are those in regard to Li's coming reception on Governor's island.

From reports which have reached the Chinese legation it is expected that some New York organizations will desire to entertain Li. When this has been concluded he will go to Philadelphia as the guest of John Russell Young. From there he will come to Washington. The viceroy will be offered every opportunity to see Washington. He is expected to visit the capitol and all the public buildings and such of the diplomats as may be here will extend to him the hospitality of their homes. It is understood that the Chinese legation intends to fetter Li royally during his stay in this city.

### Steamship Goes Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—The Centennial and Oriental Steamship company was advised yesterday that its steamer *Gaelic*, from Hong Kong, August 8, for San Francisco via Yokohama, which went ashore Sunday near Shimoneski, Japan, was not floated until in the morning. She was towed to Nagasaki and will have to go on the dry dock. Her cargo will probably have to be discharged, for there was twelve feet of water in her forehold and some of the shipments were damaged. The amount of damage to the vessel is not yet known. The *Gaelic* was in charge of Captain Pearne and was to have brought a large cargo of tea to this port.

The impression prevails here that the ship must have been in collision with another steamer. It is the opinion she was beached to prevent sinking.

### Strikers Are Quiet.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The strike of the employes of the Adams Express company continues in this city and Jersey City, but everything was quiet about the yards and offices of the concern. The strikers held no meetings at their headquarters in this city, and none of them gathered there in the course of the day. At the offices of the company, Superintendent Miller gave out a statement in which he said that the company had engaged 130 bright and intelligent young men to take the places of the strikers.

### Oil Well Hoarding.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Aug. 18.—The famous Newbanks oil well, which is also a strong producer of gas, took fire through accident Sunday night, burning the derrick and several thousand barrels of oil. The hills were covered by sightseers who came from all over the region. The loss to the owners is enormous, as the well was producing 2000 barrels a day. There is no way to put out fire, as the gas and oil pressure is constant, and the roaring heat of the flames is terrific.

## Seaman Burned on Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—According to private advices received in this city yesterday ten men of the crew of twenty-one men of the British bark *Flora Stafford*, which was burned at sea several weeks ago, perished. The vessel, although sailing under the British flag, was owned principally in this city. She sailed from Newcastle, N. S., April 22 for Manila with about 2,000 tons of coal, and on June 8, in latitude 6 north she took fire, presumably through spontaneous combustion. The flames soon got beyond control and the crew was compelled to take to the boats.

Capt. O. P. Smith, brother of Captain Smith of this city, took to a boat with ten men, and the mate with nine other members of the crew got in the second. Whether or not the two boats kept company with each other is mere conjecture. Captain Smith, however, with his ten men succeeded in being saved, but nothing has ever been heard from the chief mate and his crew.

The sea at the time was rough and the probabilities are that the boat was capsized and all were lost. There are hopes, however, that the shipwrecked mariners may have been picked up by some passing vessel and will yet be heard from.

### An Anarchist's Plot.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—A plot to destroy the Fifth avenue hotel and as many of its guests as possible has been discovered by police detectives of this city, and the prime conspirator is now a prisoner. The plot was revealed by a woman—a confessed anarchist herself—simply because she feared her own life was in danger.

The man under arrest is new to the world of anarchists. He is Naam Fredman, a druggist of 195 Second avenue. The only person he is known to have taken into his confidence is his wife, who entered fully into his plans. She says she advised against violence because she believed the time to be not ripe. But she was overruled, and went on assisting in preparing the mixture that was to deal death to life and destruction to property.

Captain Westervelt and detectives visited the druggist's rooms. They found a glass bottle eight inches long and two inches in diameter. It was two-thirds full of dark brown powder. Mrs. Fredman said it was a high explosive. She told Captain Westervelt that her husband had made a bomb; that he intended to hire a room in the Fifth avenue hotel, and that when the inmates were asleep he would blow the building up.

Captain Westervelt, after he reached the station house, testing the contents on a sheet of paper, put it in the middle of the big room and lit the paper. There was an explosion louder than that made by a gun. The concussion was plainly felt in all parts of the building.

When questioned by the captain Fredman would make no statement. His wife said that he worked alone. His sole object was to further the cause of anarchy if he had to blow up the whole town.

### Preparing for Old Soldiers.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 19.—But two weeks remain for the preliminary work for the thirtieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the local arrangements are almost completed so far as the local committees are concerned. Letters thus far received warrant the estimate that not less than 20,000 veterans will be in line on the day of the big parade. The parade will be one for the veterans and for the veterans only, the commander-in-chief having ordered positively that there shall be no carriages in line. Many inquiries have been received as to the time Commander-in-Chief Walker will arrive in St. Paul, and the announcement is made officially that he will not arrive until the morning of Tuesday, September 1. Already nearly 200 reunions of various army organizations have been booked to be held during encampment week.

One of the successful features of the week will be the boys' information brigade, an organization having been perfected among the high school boys to patrol the city and give information and directions to visitors, two boys being stationed at each street corner, their marked white caps notifying the veterans that any needed help is to be had free of charge.

The Royal Legion has secured quarters in the Ryan hotel and will keep open house to its companions and friends. The Kitson mansion on Summit avenue has been fitted up as headquarters for the women and there will be held numerous receptions to the women of the various auxiliary societies and their friends. The general Grand Army reception will have the women's headquarters building for a centre and will extend for half a mile along Summit avenue, with numerous stations decorated for the occasion. The week will end with a reception by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the visiting women.

### Factory Closed.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 19.—Because of inability to borrow money to pay employes the Elgin sewing machine and bicycle factory closed yesterday throwing 150 men out of employment.

### The Treasury Gold.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The treasury gold reserve yesterday declined to \$104,834,000, the day's withdrawals being \$155,000. At Philadelphia yesterday the treasury received \$15,000 in gold in exchange for the new \$5 silver certificates. There was deposited at the assay office in Helena, Mont., yesterday \$10,000 in gold bullion, which came from the Yukon river mines in Alaska. It will be coined into eagles.

## KENTUCKY WOMEN ANGRY

A Letter Gets Many of the Blue Blooded Kenucks into Trouble.

### MEN MAY TAKE A HAND IN THE AFFAIR

Blood Likely to Flow in the Blue Grass State—Preparations to Entertain Li Hung Chang Are Under Way.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 20.—The famous letter purporting to have been written by Mrs. J. Fletcher Johnson of this city to Governor Bradley, regarding the appointment of Mrs. Judge Cantrell and Mrs. S. A. Charles as delegates to the Tennessee centennial is developing one of the biggest sensations ever known in Kentucky.

S. A. Charles, husband of the lady who was referred to in the letter to Governor Bradley as being of no more culture than a chambermaid, is pushing the matter to a crisis. He took a photographic copy of the Governor Bradley letter and a letter written by Eugene Dunlap to a newspaper in this city, and showed them to the managing editor. Mrs. Potts is the society editress of this paper, and Mr. Charles expressed surprise to the editor that he should employ Mrs. Potts after the editor had said that the handwriting of the Bradley letter and of one known to have been written by Mrs. Potts was the same.

Judge George Denny, the recent republican nominee for congress, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Potts, says he will not allow Mr. Charles or any other man to traduce any member of his family, that there is not a drop of cowardly blood in the Denny and Dunlap veins, and proposes to defend the honor of his sister-in-law, no matter what the consequences may be. He does not talk of filing suit, and the indications point toward a personal encounter between Mr. Charles and Judge Denny. Both men are recognized as possessing the most daring courage, and the friends of both apprehend a sanguinary encounter.

### To Entertain Li Hung Chang.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—The final arrangement for the reception of Li Hung Chang, during his stay in this country, were announced here yesterday by Maj. George W. Davis, United States army, who came to Philadelphia and conferred with ex-Minister to China John Russell Young, in reference to the entertainment of the distinguished visitor. The ambassador extraordinary, with his suite, will arrive in New York on Friday, the 28th inst., and will be received on the following day at Governor's Island by the president. There will be a naval review and a great showing of pomp. On Sunday Li will visit the tomb of General Grant, and in the evening will dine with John Russell Young, George F. Seward, John E. Ward and other Americans with whom he became acquainted in China.

On Monday, the 31st inst., the party will be taken to West Point, where a military review will be held. Tuesday, September 1, the chamber of commerce of New York will give a reception and dinner in honor of the great man, and on Wednesday he will visit the city of Brooklyn.

Mr. Young will entertain Li as his guest in Philadelphia on Thursday, September 3. He will arrive here in the morning and spend several hours in as pleasant a manner as can be arranged. It is likely that besides his extensive suite, Li will be accompanied by the Chinese ambassador and suite, General Roger, United States army, commanding the department of the Atlantic, with his staff, and a number of naval officers. Mayor Warwick has written to Mr. Young, stating that the city will be pleased to co-operate in the reception of the visitor.

On the evening of Thursday, Li will leave for Washington, where he will spend two days, and from there will go to Niagara Falls, afterwards travelling by the Canadian Pacific railroad to Vancouver, where he will embark for China. It is said that President Cleveland may endeavor to induce Li to travel to the Pacific slope on one of the American transcontinental railroads and visit Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Minneapolis.

### Tramps Get Killed.

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 20.—A Rock Island extra freight carrying stock from the southern part of the state was wrecked at the sugar mills four miles west of this city yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. Four men stealing a ride in the feed box of a stock car were almost instantly killed. Their names are: B. H. Mills, residence unknown. G. T. Canfield, Kansas City, of Jacksonville, Ill. E. H. Mandanah, Sumnerville, Mich.

An unknown man with nothing by which to identify him. The men must have been asleep as the train was slowly pulling into a switch when the box underneath the car dropped down. Six cars in the train were ditched.

### A Dead Brute.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—Frank Biles, a half-breed Nez Perce Indian desperado, waylaid Miss Richardson, an eighteen-year-old girl of Lewiston, Idaho, near the city Tuesday and assaulted her. He was captured a few hours later and lodged in jail at Astoria. Shortly before midnight a mob of 100 masked men broke into the jail, took out the trembling wretch and hanged him to a tree in the jail yard. Miss Richardson is in a critical condition.

## A Queer Case for 1896

WALTHAM, MASS., Aug. 21.—The most unique case ever tried in the district court came up Wednesday before Judge Luce, when an alleged expose was made under oath upon the witness stand of the rite and ordeals through which a candidate must pass to become a full-fledged Orangeman.

Frank A. Prebebe was the first witness. He was one of the candidates who thought the initiatory ceremony was cruel and was seeking legal satisfaction for his experience. It was on the eve of July 25, 1896, that he received his initiatory degree of the Orange lodge of Waltham. He swore that his troubles began on the minute that he passed the mystic portals. He was compelled to discard all raiment except his underwear, which, the night being hot, was of gauzy texture. One arm was stripped of its sleeve, his drawers were rolled above his knees. Then, as he says, he was blindfolded and led into the larger lodge room. There he was compelled to hit and get down upon his knees and repeat the Lord's prayer. Then he had to climb over a lot of rough blocks, was struck several times severely with whips and finally posed upon what seemed to him a ladder. An obligation was imposed, after which the ladder was suddenly pulled from under him and he was pitched into a canvas blanket in which he was bounced around for a while.

Then he was placed on his knees again and several people, he says, literally gave it to him in the neck. Finally one of the conductors told him to raise his hand and try to find the "serpent." Another brother then cried, "You did not find it, but it has found you," and then he states a branding iron was applied twice to his breast. The witness' breast was badly burned and the wounds were raw for ten days. His legs were discolored from the violence of some of the blows he received from the whips. The only time he protested while they were removing his clothing the witness declared he belonged to the Grand Army, the Red Men, the A. P. A. and the Pilgrim Fathers. Prebebe's testimony was corroborated by another witness.

No evidence was put in for the defense, but counsel argued that no proof had been given that any departure had been made from the regular form of initiation sufficient to constitute an assault. Prebebe having applied for initiation and having been willing to abide by the consequences, no crime had been committed. Judge Luce fined six officers of the lodge \$5 each. All appealed and were held in bonds.

### Nansen on His Way.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, Aug. 21.—Dr. Nansen's Arctic exploring sloop came from Fram arrived safely at Skjervoe, a fishing port on the bay near the North Cape. Shortly after receiving the news of the arrival of the Fram at Skjervoe and her intention to sail from that place at once from Tromsø, Dr. Nansen started for the latter place to meet her. Before leaving Hammerfest, Nansen visited Captain Sverdrup, the commander of the Fram, as follows:

"A thousand welcomes to you all, Hurrah for the Fram!"

A dispatch from Skjervoe to the Aftenposten says that on August 14 the Fram called at Dane's island, where a visit was made to M. Andree, the Swedish explorer, whose intention it is to find the north pole by means of a balloon. M. Andree has not yet made his ascension. The Fram sailed from Skjervoe Tromsø yesterday. All on board were well.

The Fram, with Dr. Nansen on board, sailed from Christiana June 24, 1893. Dr. Nansen's plan was to make for the New Siberian islands and then sail directly north until the Fram should be imbedded in the ice, then drift along with it, following the west coast of any land that might be met. Nansen left the Fram in March, 1895, in latitude 84, longitude 10.27, to explore a route to the Franz island route, and her arrival at Skjervoe is strictly in accordance with his prediction that she would eventually arrive at Spitzbergen or some other place in the open sea.

### Keley Graduates Meet.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 21.—The national convention of Keley League met here yesterday afternoon. Capt. A. J. Smith of Davenport, Ia., superintendent of the soldiers' home at that place, was re-elected president. Thomas E. Barry of Massachusetts was re-elected secretary. The executive committee elected is as follows: G. W. Dustin of Illinois, E. A. Trader of Kansas, C. J. Padock of Illinois, L. P. Pritchard of North Dakota, W. F. Gray of Pennsylvania.

### Will Begin the Campaign Work.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Chairman Jones, J. G. Johnson of Kansas, and Daniel J. Campion of Michigan, members of the democratic national campaign committee, arrived this morning at the Sherman home to begin the campaign work for Bryan and Sewall from the Chicago headquarters. Ex-Congressman Towle, who was secretary of the Democratic bimetallic league, will act as chief clerk for the campaign committee under Secretary Walsh, who is expected tomorrow from Iowa.

### Young Man Commits Suicide.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 21.—William Dixon, brother of Alderman Dixon of the Fifth ward, was found on the street early yesterday morning in a dying condition. Two shots fired almost simultaneously had shattered the young man's head. Under the head was a partially loaded revolver. Dixon died before a physician could be called. There is some evidence of murder, but suicide is the generally accepted theory.

## IN THE VALENTINE HOUSE

Miss Gertrude Trying to Effect a Reconciliation Between Father and Son.

### SAN DIEGO AN IMPORTANT SEA PORT

A Japanese Line to Fly Between Japan and America and Meeting an American Terminal—A Burglar in a Hospital at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt is playing the role of peace-maker, according to the statements of near friends of her family, and hopes soon to effect a reconciliation between her father, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and her brother, Cornelius jr., whose recent marriage to Miss Grace Wilson met with so much opposition from the parents that they were not present at his wedding.

Miss Vanderbilt is devoted to her brother, and those who enjoy her confidence say that the breach between him and his father is the only thing which mars the approaching happiness of Miss Vanderbilt's marriage to Harry Payne Whitney at Newport next Tuesday.

Miss Vanderbilt has been ceaseless in her efforts to re-establish peace between the father and son, and during Mr. Vanderbilt's illness is believed to have urged her brother to defer his marriage for at least a year. Knowing her father would deny her nothing, Miss Vanderbilt is said to have asked as her most precious wedding gift her brother's forgiveness. Her friends say this has been promised, and that her brother and his bride will attend Miss Vanderbilt's wedding next week at her urgent request.

The young Vanderbilt couple are expected in Newport soon, and although they will probably visit the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson, it is said they will be received with open arms at the Breakers, the Vanderbilt residence. Mrs. Vanderbilt has received many beautiful wedding presents, some of which are magnificent jewels. From a friend abroad comes a quaint bouquet-holder, such as our grandmothers carried. It is shaped like a cornucopia, and is made of the most delicate gold plated filagree. On the horn-shaped holder the bride's initials are outlined in diamonds and sapphires, and where it meets the chain a butterfly of gold filagree with jeweled wings is delicately poised.

### San Diego Wants the Terminus.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 22.—News was received yesterday from S. Tomioka, who was in San Diego a few weeks ago, as private secretary to President Asano of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship company of Japan, and has been in the City of Mexico for a week securing information as to the running of steamers along the Mexican coast as far south as San Benito. Tomioka was supposed to have gone to Chicago with Asano, who is now in New York, but went directly to Mexico. He was empowered by Asano to enter into negotiations with the government for the establishment of a steamship line to touch at all the principal ports. Tomioka interviewed Sir Whetman Pierson, lessee of the Tehuantepec railway, and is believed to have reached some agreement with that road for handling through freight. The Japanese minister of commerce, Viscount Enomoto, has signified a desire to establish connection with the Tehuantepec road, and a suggestion from him is equivalent to an order, as he controls the government subsidies to steamship companies.

The significance of this move on the part of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha is important to San Diego and tends to corroborate the assertion that the steamers will make San Diego their terminus. If the steamship company enters into a compact with the Tehuantepec railway its nearest and most direct American connection will be San Diego.

### One of the Burglars Wounded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The man who lies wounded in the Long Island hospital in Brooklyn, and is believed to be one of the men engaged in the postoffice burglary at Bedard station, New York, was identified yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant McCauley of this city as John Gilmore, alias John Clare, alias George Price, one of the most notorious postoffice burglars in the country. The man came to the hospital there and was made a prisoner when he could not explain how he got his wound.

### Plenty of Oil.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—It is stated that Michael and John Cudaly, the well-known millionaire packers of this city, have bought the entire plant of the northern Indiana Oil company in Adams and Wells counties, Indiana, and intend building a pipe line from the wells into this city. It is said they have already ordered 170 miles of six-inch pipe and that work will be started on the line as soon as possible. It is understood that the investment, outside of the purchase price of the wells involves about \$1,500,000. No details of the deal have yet been given out.

### Financial Troubles.

SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 23.—Merrill & Ring, one of the largest lumber firms in the Saginaw valley, have asked for an extension of time from their creditors. The firm has more than \$500,000 worth of assets but owing to the recent failures of other large lumbering concerns and the business depression they are unable to care for short time paper. A meeting of the creditors of the firm will be held at Chicago next Tuesday.