[From the Omaha Republican.]

PROF. RILEY'S VIEWS. In closing our report of the conference in this city upon the grasshopper question, the views of Prof. C. V. Riley, state entomologist of Missouri, who undoubtedly stands at the head of the list in scientific research in the insect kingdom, in this country, will be calamity. of general interest. The representative of the Republican called on this gentleman after the session was ended, from whom we obtained the following synopsis of suggestions made in his eighth annual report: REMEDIES AGAINST THE UNFLEDGED

GRASSHOPPERS. The means to be employed against the ravages of this insect in the more fertile country subject to its periodical visitation, but in which it is not indigenous, may be classed under five heads: I. Natural agencies. 2. Artificial means of destroying the eggs. 3. Such means of destroying the unfledged young. 4. Remedies against the matured or winged insects. 5. Prevention. Having considered these measures last year, I shall treat here principally of the second, third and fifth, bringing together the most valuable experiences of the year. In a paper on "The Lo cust Plague; How to avert it," read before the American association for the advancement of science, last August, I wrete as follows:

Artificial Means of Destroying the Eggs-The fact that man can accomplish most in his warfare against locusts by destroying the eggs has long been recognized by European and Asi astic governments liable to suffer from the insects. The eggs are laid in masses just below the surface of the ground seldom to a greater depth than an inch; and high, dry ground is preferred for that purpose. Very often the ground is so completely filled with these egg masses that not a spoon full of the soil can be turned up without exposin; them, and harrowing or shallow plow ing will cause the surface to look quite whitish as the masses break up and bleach from exposure to the atmosphere Great numbers will be destroyed by such harrowing or plowing, as they are not only thereby more liable to the attacks of natural enemies, but they lose vitality through the bleaching and des sicating influence of the dew, and rain and sun. If deeply turned under by the plow, many of them will rot. and the young that chance to hatch will come forth too late the next year to do much harm-providing the ground be not re-turned so as to bring the eggto the surface in the spring. Excess of moisture for a few days is fatal o the eggs, and they may very easily b destroyed where irrigation is practicable. Where stock can be confined and fed upon soil filled with such eggs, ma ny of these will be destroyed by the tramping. All these means are obviously insufficient, however, for the reason that the eggs are too often places where none of them can be destroyed In such they should be collected and be destroyed by the inhabitants, and the State should offer some inducement in the way of bounty for such collection and destruction. Every bushel of eggs destroyed is eqivalent to a hun dred acres of corn saved, and when we consider the amount of destruction caused in some of the western Stateby the locust invasion of 1874, and that in many sections the ground was known to be tilled with eggs; that, it other words, the earth was sown with the seeds of future destruction-it is surprising that the legislatures of those States did not make some effort to aver future injury by offering a liberal price per bushel for the eggs. A few thous and dollars taken out of the state treas mry for this purpose would be wel spent and be distributed among the very people most in need of assistance

-As I have stated in the article a ready alluded to, heavy rolling, where the surface of the soil is sufficiently firm and even destroys the larger por tion of them, but is most advantage ously employed when the insects are most sluggish. They drive almost a readily as sheep, and may be burned in large quantities by being driven in a winrows or piles of burning hay o straw. But the experience of the pres ent year convinces me that by far the most effectual way for man to protect his crops and to do battle to these young locust armies, especially where as in West Missouri, last spring, then was no hay or straw to burn-is by ditching. A ditch two feet wide an two feet deep with perpendicular sides, offers an effectual barrier to the young insects. They tumble into it and ac cumulate, and die at the bottom in large quantities. In a few days the stench becomes great and necessitates the covering up of the mass. In order to keep the main ditch open, thereforit is best to dig pits or deeper side ditches at short intervals, into which the quality is better. Barley, 6 per cen hoppers will accumulate and may be less than last year. Buckwheat, full buried. We hear much talk about the average. On s show a falling off of 2powerlessness of man before this per cent. Every section of the union mighty locust plague; but I am quite confident here we have a remedy that but figures are not yet obtained. To is at once thorough and effectual, whereby the people of some of the approach the heavy yield of 1875. States, at least, may avert in future such evil as that which befel them this spring. There have been a number of partial attempts at ditching by simply turning a couple of furrows with the plow. Even these will often divert the encroaching insects from their at 1,200 lodges, at Painted Rock, near course; but they can never be relied the scene of Capt. Bates' fight in July on, and you may rest assured that whenever you hear a man declare that ditch- Camp Stambaugh. As far as learned ing is no protection, he refers to such slovenly, half-made ditches. No in- "Humpy," escaped. He was the Instance has come to my knowledge dian that saved the life of Captain ed, has failed to keep off the insects. Made around a field about hatching time, few hoppers will get into that field until they acquire wings, and by that time the principal danger is over and the insects are fast disappearing. If any should hatch within the enclos- of Secretary Taffe, Mr. L. Q. Charles, and ure, they are easily driven into the Mr. F. Z. Solomon. The board examditches dug in different parts of the ined the otes passed for representativ

Destruction of the Unfledged Young

have in view the destruction of the in- senate and the republicans nineteen; sects when once they are upon us. The the house has thirty-one republicans incursions of the species into the more | tv-five democrats. The total vote for fertile states in which it is not indige- state senators was 28,492. Of these 15 nous?" In the previous quoted paper 213 were republican and 13,280 demo- AGENTS WANTED read at Detroit, I gave it as my opin- eratic; republican majority 1,923. This ion that "the proper way to deal with may be taken as a representative vote. this insect is to attack it in its native Judge Belford's majority over l'atterbreeding places. It is a fact that does son for the forty-fourth congress was not speak well for some of the coun- 1,038. For the forty-fifth it was 939, tries of the old world subject to locust injuries, that it is to this day not known whence many of the devastating But because the business we furnish, but how with a property of the devastating and the business we furnish, but how with a property of the devastating and the business we furnish, but how with a property of the devastating to work can easily earn to be a property of the devastating to work can easily earn to be a property of the devastating to be a property of the devastation of

The most important results are like- Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup for the cure of Cony to flow frem a thorough study of the Rocky Mountain locust in its na-EXTERMINATING GRASSHOPPERS. tive haunts and breeding places. By learning just when and how to strike the insect, so as to prevent its undue multiplication there-whether by some more extensive system of irrigation, based on improved knowledge of the topography and water supply of the county, or by other means of destroying the eggs-we may hope to protect the fertile states to the east from future

> One of the best means of checking the increase of the species in its native haunts, will be found in the encouragement and increase of its natural enemies, especially the game birds, and the example of Kansas should be followed in enacting stringent laws for their protection. The introduction of the English sparrow has been advised. From what I know of the bird both here and in its native country, I should expect little aid from it in this line, office, corner Sixth and Arch Sts. Philladelphia, every Monday, where all letters for advice must and if it can thrive to the northwest, be addressed. it will room spread there, as it is rapidly multiplying at several points along the Mississippi. We may expect more good from the encouragement of native AGENT locust-feeding species. Prof. Thomas has suggested that inducements be of \$18 A DAYE fered to the Indians to destroy the eggs and young along the west side of the plains. Some system of preventing the extensive prairie fires in the fall that H. A. WATERMAN & SON, are common in the country where the insect naturally breeds, and then sub s-quently firing the country in the pring, after the young ha ch, and he ore the young grass gets too rank, night also be adopted. But whatever the means employed, they must be carried on systematically and on a sufficiently extended and comprehensive

FROM THE EASTERN WAR.

Affairs in Cuba .-- Crop Statistics, etc.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2. An official telegram received here from General Ignaticff, announces that he Porte has accepted a two months armistice, beginning Nov. I, and has ordered immediate cessation of hostil-

BELGRADE, Nov. 2. It is officially announced that both crimes will retain the positions they

LONDON, Nov. 3. The Post publishes in an official form he following paragraph: "Furkey hav ng accepted the armistice, we under tand Russia has taken immediate deps to press forward negotiations for he arrangement of all pending ques ions on the basis of the English pro posals."

v stigation shows that only 3,100 perons were killed by the Turks in Bul

A telegram from Constantinopla ays it is believed that a conference will assemble shortly.

A disputch to the Standard from aris and one to the Dally Pelegrap rom Constantinople also state that a onference will be held, and add that representative of the Porte will be idmitted to it by some such compro nise as that described by the London Post of Oct. 31, according to which he six powers will deliberate on reorms, and the Turkish representativewill only take a seat, when results are to be declared.

HAVANA, Nov. 2. A battalion of troops, 1,000 strong arrived from Spain yesterday. A ca de dispatch from Barcelona, Spain, to aptain General Jovellar, announce he establishment there of a colonia ank, which promises all the necessar, maneial resources for suppressing the isuffection.

Inumdations in the interior of the sland are reported, which have cause reat damage in some of the riches

LONDON, Nov. 3. A Vienna correspondent of the Tim announces that Montenegro has accepted armistice on the same terms a

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. The digest of crop returns for Oct er, as prepared at the department igriculture, indicates a reduction he yield of the wheat crop of he r one-sixth, while the quality is son what superior. Every section of the anion indicates a reduced product. ept the middle states. Figures po o a yield of two hundred and fort dve millions bushels. Rye is reported 4 per cent, less than in 1875, but th is deficient. The corn crop is deficien cotton erop will be large, and likely i

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 2. A report from Camp Stambaugh

Wyoming, says a village of 50 lodges of Shoshones was attacked, Oct. 50th by a large Sioux war party, estimated 1874, and about ninety miles from

The Official Returns to colorado.

We have from the Denver Tribune particulars of the results of the officia in congress, for judges of the supreme SUGGESTIONS AS TO PREVENTIVE MEA- court, for district judges and attorney and for both houses of the Legislature The measures so far recommended | The democrats have seven members of question very nau'rally arises, "can and eighteen democrats, making on something not be done to prevent the joint ballot fifty republicans and twen-

Swarms have their origin. But because European nations have hitherto shown lethargy on the subject, it is no reason why we should. Let us rather in this, as we have in many things, set an example which they will be glad to follow. * Our efforts should be confined to the restriction of the species within its natural limits.

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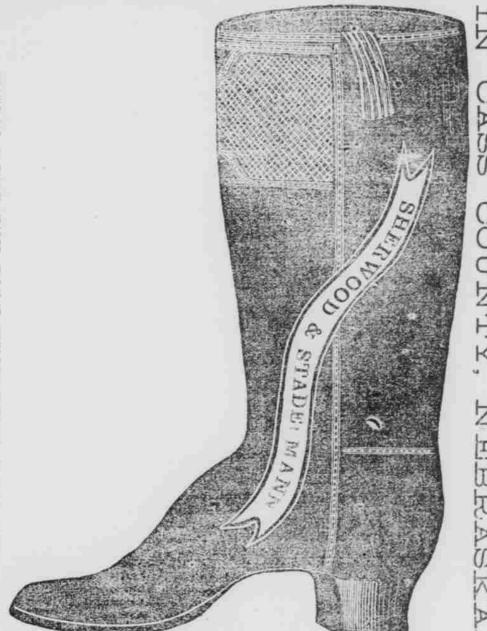
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