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CURRENT COMMENT.

It is announced that the German officers in the Chinese service will resign.

An explosion of fireworks at a factory in Paris recently caused the death of about twelve persons.

An outbreak of black diphtheria was reported at the village of Albany, twenty miles west of St. Cloud, Minn.

Mrs. Burnett's new play "Phyllis," which has been produced in London, is pronounced feeble and unlikely of success by all critics.

A movement is on foot for the organization of an international association of ticket agents at a meeting to be held at Cincinnati.

The Montana Constitutional convention organized at Helena with the election of Democratic officers. Hon. W. A. Clark was elected president.

John Snyder, a poor emigrant from Pennsylvania, died in his wagon near Danville, Ill., the other day, of hydrophobia. His family was left destitute.

President Harrison, while at H. C. Bowen's residence at South Woodstock, Conn., during the festivities of the Fourth of July, planted a tree in memory of the event.

Preliminary legal proceedings recently were adverse to the Chicago Board of Trade in withholding its quotations from the public under the pretense of freezing out the bucket shops.

Dr. William Robinson Finley died at Altoona, Pa., recently, aged seventy-eight. He had practiced medicine over half a century. He was a prominent Mason, widely known throughout Pennsylvania.

A comparison of the business done in the local print cloth market at Fall River, Mass., for the first six months of 1889 shows a considerable increase over the business done during the corresponding period of 1888.

An unknown man was taken suddenly sick recently in Scioto County, O., and expired in a few hours. Two doctors found the patient's limbs cramped and contorted. They pronounced it a genuine case of Asiatic cholera.

The Evening Critic, of Washington, has consolidated with the Sunday Capital, and appears as the Capital and Critic. Evening editions of the new paper will be issued during the week and a morning edition on Sunday.

Uncle Johnny Hanks died at Metlin farm, near Decatur, Ill., recently, aged eighty-eight. He was born in Kentucky and was a full cousin of Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and was a long time friend and companion of the martyred President.

Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, has sent a communication to Mayor Grant, of New York, stating that the relief committee had expended nearly a million dollars for the Johnstown sufferers in food, clothing, shelter and furniture. No distribution of money had been made.

A conference has been held between Lord Salisbury and Minister Lincoln on the subject of the Behring sea question. It is understood that they have practically agreed upon terms which will avoid further controversy over the interests involved in connection with these fisheries.

The fiscal year of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company ended on June 30 and the work of making up the annual reports is in progress. Returns already in show that the company will have a handsome profit from its branch roads based on the whole mileage of freight handled originating on the branches.

In answer to an inquiry whether he would go into the saloon business, as reported in a Chicago evening paper, Joe Mackin, the pardoned election fraud worker, said that he most certainly would not have any thing to do with the saloon business but would go into the real estate business which he left when he fled from Chicago.

In the British House of Commons Sir James Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, in reply to a question as to the terms of the treaty recently concluded on the subject of Samoa, stated that the report that England had agreed to retire from her position as one of the three protecting powers and act solely as the umpire between America and Germany was entirely without foundation.

Judge Bond, of the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore, heard recently the habeas corpus petition of Lewis O. Shaner, of Lynchburg, Va., which turned upon a question of the legality of a tender of Virginia coupons as payment for a fine and costs upon a criminal charge in that State. Shaner was arrested for assault and was fined \$200 and costs. He tendered coupons in payment and the judge refused to accept them. Judge Bond decided that the tender was a legal one and discharged the obligation.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. GENERAL B. P. BUTLER, in speaking upon the annexation of Canada at Waterville, Me., recently said he preferred the alliance of the entire English-speaking races. Such alliance could be accomplished without arousing the antagonisms which would inevitably follow the attempt to break off a fraction of the British Empire.

The Rome correspondent of the London Chronicle says: "In receiving the Spanish Ambassador the Pope alluded to his possible departure from Rome. It is certain that arrangements for his refuge in Spain have been completed."

JOHN RUSKIN, the celebrated author, was reported quite sick at Brantwood, England.

Rev. Dr. THOMAS DAVIES, of Philadelphia, has accepted the Protestant Episcopal bishopric of Michigan, subject to the approval of the general convention.

The Berliner Tagblatt says that England, Germany, France, Portugal, Belgium, the Congo State and Italy are making arrangements for a conference to settle the limits of their respective settlements in Africa.

COLONEL WOODHOUSE and his Egyptian troops defeated the Arabs near Wady Halfa recently, killing and wounding 600 and taking as many more prisoners. Egyptian loss, 70.

The Imparcial of Madrid, asserts that the Government, having received a telegram from the Vatican authorities inquiring whether the Pope would be allowed a place of refuge in Spain in the event of his being obliged to leave Rome, Premier Sagasta, after consultation with the Queen and Ministry, replied in the affirmative, granting the Pope an asylum in Valencia.

Hon. EDWARD RICE, a leading St. Paul citizen and ex-Congressman, lies in a very critical condition at the Spaulding Hotel, at Duluth, Minn. He went there on a fishing trip and was taken sick.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS called on the President to thank him for his appointment as Minister to Hayti, and to recommend Charles S. Morris for Minister to Liberia. Mr. Morris is recommended for this place by General Alger, of Michigan; General Bradley, of Kentucky; General Knapp, of New York, and by several State delegations, besides those of Kentucky. It was expected that he would get the appointment.

The Russian press declares that in the event of war between Russia and Germany, Denmark, Russia's natural ally, would range her forces against Germany. The Danish papers treat the subject very gingerly, but protest in an exceedingly cautious manner against Russia's assumptions.

The English have removed the French flag from the house of Sultan Bounkonko at Grand Bassam, Upper Guinea. France claims a protectorate over the Sultan's territory. Negotiations concerning the matter are proceeding between England and France.

CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY and family were passengers on the steamer Adriatic, which sailed for Liverpool on the 3d.

The delegates to the North Dakota constitutional convention met at the Capitol building, Bismarck, on the 4th and were called to order by Secretary Richards. Temporary organization was effected by the election of F. S. Fancher, of Jamestown, as chairman, and J. A. Rea, of Bismarck as secretary.

PRESIDENT HARRISON was the guest of H. C. Bowen, at Woodstock, Conn., on the 4th. The exercises were marked by an address from the President and the reading of an original poem by Will Carleton.

The South Dakota constitutional convention met at Sioux Falls on the 4th. Judge Edgerton was temporary chairman.

TAMMANY HALL, New York, celebrated its centennial on the 4th.

GHOOLY KHAN, the Persian Minister, has declared his intention to quit the United States. He was in high dudgeon over the flippant criticisms of the American press on his royal master and himself.

THOMAS E. SHERMAN, odest son of the General, was ordained a sub-deacon in the Catholic Church at Philadelphia on the 5th.

A SCHEME hatched out at Chicago recently among certain Irish-Americans to obtain Lower California or some portion of Canada to found an Irish republic. Money was to be obtained by mortgage to equip an army and a navy.

FORTGAL, it is stated, has agreed to submit the Delagoa bay dispute to arbitration.

THERE was such a tumult in the Spanish Chamber of Deputies on the 5th that the police were summoned to quell the disturbances.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Minneapolis flouring mills ran a little stronger last week. The aggregate output was 115,000—averaging 19,167 barrels—against 109,800 barrels the previous week, and 162,500 barrels for the corresponding time in 1888.

An awful colliery accident occurred at St. Etienne, France, on the 3d. Two hundred lives were reported lost.

PRINCE FLEMING and Richard Jordan were hanged for the murder of John Taylor at Quitman, Miss., recently. All the parties were negroes.

THEODORE SCHMIDT, the Dutch Consul at Hamburg, has failed. His liabilities amount to 12,000,000 marks and his assets to 8,000,000.

The German gunboat Wolf has been dispatched to the Marshall Islands to take back King Malietoa to Samoa, whom the Germans carried off a prisoner two years ago.

ABOUT 15,000 people participated in a grand demonstration of twin city laboring men in favor of the eight hour question at St. Paul on the 4th.

EX-CONFEDERATE veterans from all parts of Arkansas met at Little Rock on the 4th and arranged to establish a home for disabled soldiers.

An excursion train on the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road while proceeding to Twin Springs, thirteen miles from Dubuque, Iowa, collided with a freight train on the night of the 4th. A brakeman named Corrigan was instantly killed, and it was reported three others were seriously injured.

Two unknown men were instantly killed recently at Camden Junction by the Chicago express on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Their bodies were taken to Baltimore, Md.

SEVENTY-FIVE people were seriously poisoned at Adair, Iowa, on the 4th by eating ice cream which was made in vessels that had not been properly cleaned. Several, it was thought, would die and all were suffering badly.

JOHN E. MAGUIRE, president of the Marine's cotton mill, New Orleans, was killed by a stroke of lightning the other day at Ocean Springs, Miss. He was well known in New York, being a son-in-law of the late William M. Tweed of that city.

A row occurred at Wheeling, W. Va., on the night of the 4th between Irish, Italian and negro laborers. One man was fatally beaten. All the police of the city were required to suppress the riot.

WILLIE OATES, a young man twenty-five years old, son of Captain Dennis Oates, of steamboat fame, was drowned in Red river, at Texarkana, Ark., recently while floating a raft of logs down the river. The raft struck a snag. He and two other men in a skiff attempted to dislodge the raft, when the boat capsized. Young Oates, being unable to swim, was carried down a stream.

A SERIOUS accident occurred at Oklahoma City, L. T., on the 4th, caused by the collapse of the grand stand. One hundred persons were injured, many of them seriously, a child being instantly killed. The immense Falk brewery at Milwaukee, Wis., was burned on the 4th. The loss was estimated at \$700,000.

THERE was a collision on the C. B. & Q. near Fairfield, Iowa, on the 4th. Much damage was done and William Blackburn, express messenger, was fatally injured.

An excursion steamer was wrecked at Winnipeg, Man., on the 4th. No loss of life occurred.

PROCTOR KNOTT defeated Spokane in hollow style at the races in Washington Park, Chicago, on the 4th.

A PARTY of four girls and two young men were boating on Duck creek, near Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 4th when they were capsized and all of the party but one of the young men were drowned.

FOOTBALL, the American amateur champion, was defeated by Nickalls, of England, in the final race for the diamond sculls at the Henley regatta.

A BILL has been filed in the circuit court objecting to the annexation of the town of Lake to Chicago as declared by the recent election.

The Goodyear Rubber Boot and Shoe Company, of Providence, R. I., has made an assignment, the attachment placed on them by the Sears Commercial Company being followed up until \$116,000 attachments swamped the firm.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended July 4 numbered 292, compared with 215 the previous week and 214 the corresponding week last year.

The statement of earnings and expenses of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for the month of May shows an increase in the net earnings of \$674,742.62 and a decrease in the expenses for the same period of \$315,668.88. The first five months of the year show a net increase of earnings of \$294,106.59.

FRANK HOYT, paying teller of the First National Bank, of Hoboken, N. J., has been arrested on the charge of having stolen \$18,000 from the bank.

FRANK HALL made its appearance in the fall wheat fields of Ontario and threatens to ruin what was before a promising crop.

A SPECIAL from Sumter, S. C., says that four negroes forced an entrance into the dwelling of an unprotected woman in the suburbs of that place and subjected her to the grossest abuse. The assaults were arrested. It was probable that the negroes would be lynched.

SERGEANT KAUCHER and Officer Wardman of the coal and iron police, while attempting to arrest two tramps at Reading, Pa., met with a serious resistance. Wardman was shot and had his leg broken and Kaucher was shot in the head and terribly beaten.

A RECENT fire in the Commercial docks, London, caused a loss of \$300,000.

The principal part of Ellenburg, Wash., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 4th. The loss amounted to \$2,000,000 and many persons were rendered homeless, two hundred houses being burned.

A MRS. WARD, a Mr. Keating, a nurse and a child were killed at a railroad crossing near Long Branch, N. J., recently by coming into collision with an express train. The parties belonged to New York.

An exploding mortar at Salem, Mass., on the night of the 4th killed two boys and badly injured several other children.

WHILE celebrating the Fourth at East Boston a signal bomb exploded in a crowd of children, killing two and shockingly injuring others.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

BANKS closed their doors on the 7th, eighteen banks being wiped out. The loss was \$1,250,000; insurance, \$800,000.

CHARLES IDC and his sweetheart, a Miss Langdon, were drowned while boating near Minneapolis, Minn., recently.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended July 6 showed an average increase of 27.5 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 37.3.

EIGHT persons were killed and eleven injured by a collision near Cologne, Germany, on the 7th, caused by the blunder of a locomotive.

PROF. DAVID P. TODD, of Amherst College observatory, has received from Washington notice of his appointment as chief of the expedition to observe the total eclipse of the sun, visible December 22 in Southwestern Africa. A large party of scientists headed by Prof. Todd will leave New York for St. Paul de Loanda about October 1.

GEORGE O. JONES, chairman of the National Greenback party, has ordered conventions of the party in the various States on or before September 4 next to appoint one delegate and one alternate to attend the National Greenback convention called to meet in Cincinnati September 12.

The Rome correspondent of the Independence Belge says that the Pope at the recent consistory advised that Cardinal Lavergne be selected as his successor.

The laboring men's strike at Duluth, Minn., culminated in a fatal riot on the afternoon of the 6th. The strikers made an onslaught on the men working in the sewer trenches. Revolvers were used and the result was the killing of two men and the wounding of many other persons, several being policemen. The riot was quelled by Company K, State militia.

The other night a party of four young men of Buffalo, N. Y., took the yacht Gannet and started for Dunkirk. Since that time nothing has been heard from them. The party consisted of Richard Tolmie, Leopold Shine and two others named Joslyna and Winna, all of Buffalo. It is feared they are lost.

Miss MILLIE JONES and Miss Nettie Davidson, aged respectively fourteen and sixteen years, were drowned in the Secandaga river at Conklingville, near Saratoga, N. Y., the other night. They were boating with a party of friends when the boat was overturned.

The Inter-State Commerce Railway Association was on the 7th generally believed to be at the point of dissolution. The withdrawal of the Chicago & Alton, notice of a similar action by the Denver & Fort Worth and the prospective withdrawal of the Union Pacific were foundations for this belief.

HENRY and Dick Watson, of Monticello, Ga., recently, upon Warron Waters, who had assaulted their mother, and literally cut him into pieces. The parties were all on their way to church at the time.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

A DESTRUCTIVE wind storm visited Bloomington the other night. The most serious damage was done to the Advent Church, which was blown over and one end and side crushed. William Johnson's residence had the front blown out. A part of the north gable of the new brick butter and cheese factory was blown in and part of the metal roof blown off. A number of barns, out-houses and wind-mills were destroyed. About twenty-five wind mills were blown down between Bloomington and Hildreth.

GERD STEENBECK, who had been accused of complicity in the recent murder of the two Leavitt girls near Gresham, was found hanging in his barn about nine o'clock the other night. He left a letter written in German saying that, as he had a very poor knowledge of English, he had made some blunder in his testimony before the grand jury which might lead his neighbors to suspicion him of the murder, which was more than he could bear.

JUDGE HOPWELL, of Omaha, recently rendered a decision to the effect that the act of 1887, which provides that every party who is believed to be insane, be confined by taking from the person of another without putting him in fear shall be deemed guilty of grand larceny, and upon conviction shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than seven years, is unconstitutional inasmuch as it is in contravention of that section of the Constitution which provides that no law shall be amended unless the new act contains the section or sections so amended.

DAN COUGHLIN, of Grand Island, roadmaster on the second division of the Union Pacific, is believed to be insane. He had a quarrel with his landlady, and one of the boarders taking her part, Coughlin tried to brain him with a hatchet. He was promptly knocked down and is now in jail.

An effort is being made at Kearney to have the Western Union establish an up-town office.

CONTRACTS have been let for a sewerage system at Grand Island to cost \$32,247.

Two unknown men were instantly killed and Frank McElroy fatally injured at Omaha the other morning by being run over by a Missouri Pacific engine.

EMIL SHULTZ, a young blacksmith, was killed at Kenesaw on the Fourth by the explosion of a keg of powder in his shop. The shop was wrecked and the smith was killed.

CONGRESSMAN DORSEY has issued a circular notifying candidates for appointment as cadets at West Point from the Third Congressional district that a committee will be appointed to conduct an examination of such candidates as may attend, which committee will meet at Fremont, July 30, 1889. He will recommend for appointment the candidate who stands first, and as alternate he who stands second in the class. The successful candidate and alternate must report at West Point, N. Y., on the 25th day of August, 1889.

WHILE a herd of 200 steers were recently being driven over the bridge at Grand Rapids, Holt County, the cattle stampeded and the structure fell, precipitating a large number into the river. The cattle were saved, but the bridge was wrecked, entailing a heavy loss to the county.

LETRING a quarrel at Fremont the other evening between Benjamin Josephson and his wife, Mrs. Josephson, after being brutally beaten about the head by her husband until she was covered with blood, drew a revolver from her pocket and shot him. Josephson fell to the floor, where he was found groaning by neighbors who, hearing the shot, called in to see what the difficulty was and found Mrs. Josephson and the five children also in a state of great excitement over the tragedy. The nature of Josephson's wound was not known, but if he recovers when he again undertakes to thrash his wife he will see that no pistol is about the house.

HENRY REED, a prosperous farmer from the vicinity of O'Neill, was recently confined out of \$100 at Omaha by a young rascal who took him around to show him the sights, and who the old farmer said in relating the story, "was so dinged polite that he would have loaned him a thousand dollars had he asked for it."

An extensive programme has been prepared for the summer meeting of the Nebraska Horticultural Society at Fremont July 17 and 18. Many prominent horticulturists will be present from other States, and the meeting promises to be the most successful one in the history of the society.

The total assessed valuation of York County is \$1,188,741, an increase of \$26,064 over last year.

A PETITION has been filed in the Cass County district court contesting the late bond election, alleging frauds of all kinds, illegal voting, bribing, and among other sensational charges, avers that the board of electors in one of the wards of Plattsmouth on election day drank intoxicating liquors.

The annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of North Nebraska will be held at O'Neill from August 18 to 25, and preparations have been made to thoroughly entertain all comers.

NEBRASKA CITY dry goods dealers have recently been troubled with kleptomaniacs, mostly women and children, and some of them members of well known families.

The harness store of D. A. Hopkins, at North Bend, has been closed on a chattel mortgage for \$11,732 in favor of Rome Miller, of Norfolk.

A FRIEND has invented a new style of barbed wire and a company has been formed to manufacture the article at that place.

DR. G. L. SHINKLE committed suicide at Sterling the other day by taking morphine. It was said that trouble of some kind led to drink and finally suicide. He left a wife and two children.

CORPORAL TANNER, Commissioner of Pensions, received an ovation at Omaha and Lincoln during his visit to the State.

WHILE Sperry Ruffner, of Plattsmouth, was recently playing with a toy pistol he shot his little sister Ella. They were playing in the hammock and in scuffing the pistol was accidentally discharged, the ball striking Ella's right thigh, penetrating an inch and rebounding out. It produced a painful flesh wound which bled freely, but was not fatal. Pistols are innocent playthings to give children while amusing themselves.

The dwelling house of John Bucey was totally destroyed by fire the other day near Stephelhurst. Insurance, \$1,200. It caught from a defective fuse.

CHASE COUNTY was recently visited by a most destructive hail-storm. The crops on a strip about ten miles long and four broad were almost utterly destroyed. Much injury was also done to stock.

The contract has been let for erecting a Lutheran college building at Wray. It is to be fifty feet square, a three-story brick and is to be finished in ninety days.

ALFRED KERRER, an employe of the brick yard pit at Howard, who recently engaged in digging sand, was caught by the caving dirt and buried. The deceased left four motherless children.

MAD STRIKERS.

Duluth Strikers Fight With Police—Serious Results—Two Killed and Many Injured.

DULUTH, July 8.—Saturday afternoon at four o'clock the police were at Fifteenth avenue and Michigan street, guarding the men who were at work in the sewer trenches. The strikers started from Twentieth avenue, while another body came down from Third street by Fifteenth avenue and made a rush with clubs and rocks. The police stood their ground and then the carnage began. The strikers did the first firing. As the strikers made a rush a single shot was fired; then crack, crack, crack went the rifles of the police, followed by a fusillade from the strikers' revolvers.

After the first fire came an awful crash, as though the combatants were appalled at the awful result of their work. On the walk in front of Piedmont as it joins Garfield avenue, lay a man shot through the heart and several more bleeding from ghastly wounds.

Then hell broke loose again and the strikers, stationing themselves around the buildings in different parts of the block between Garfield and Eighteenth avenues, poured in a steady fire on the police, who were stationed near the sewer ditch. From four o'clock until after five the horrible work went on and the battle did not withhold its fury long enough for the wounded to leave the field. It was after five when the last shot was fired, and terrible indeed has been the result. Over fifteen are known to have been wounded, and two innocent victims who were only there out of curiosity paid for it with their lives.

Following is a list of the dead and wounded: One striker, shot through the heart; Tom Fitzsimmons, shot through the back, can't live but a short time; Officer Kilgore, shot through the shoulder; George Costin, street car driver, shot through the head; Officer Hee, shot through the hip; Officer Donovan, shot through the face; Officer Konia, shot through the hip; bystander, fingers shot off; Ed Cummings, cut by a bayonet through the groin.

Captain De Witt, of Company K, Second regiment N. G., early in the morning received orders from Governor Murray, in St. Paul, that would allow him to go to the scene whenever needed. The big deep bass whistle of Elevator D. had been chosen as a signal to call the soldiers together, and about 4:30 this was sounded.

In a short time they were hustling for the army, and in ten minutes were hustled into the buses and on their way to the scene of the disturbance. A succession of taps on the fire bell also called them together. By five o'clock they were at the trench where the tragedy had already taken place.

At five o'clock Company K arrived and with bayonets drove the crowds from Michigan street.

At six o'clock the strikers had dispersed. At least thirty-five men are badly wounded, and it is feared, fatally. Five strikers were arrested, all being ring-leaders.

The situation is still ominous. There are rumors that the rioters will be reinforced from neighboring towns and armed with Winchester rifles will again attack the police. There is little foundation for the reports, however. With a hundred well armed special policemen on duty, it is believed the authorities will be able to withstand any attack.

Last evening Sergeant Frank Clements and a firm discovered a box 16 by 10 inches full of dynamite cartridges and fuse, and the report spread that the rioters were going to blow up buildings. However, it is claimed by some that the dynamite was for the legitimate use of the laborers, although the police receive information that much dynamite was secreted over the street car bars.

A search failed to reveal the explosive, but the police have not relaxed their vigilance.

It has been formally decided that no parade of strikers will be hereafter allowed and the police think they have solved much of the difficulty that has met them.

MISSOURI RAILROADS. Assessment Showing an Increase of \$4,500,000 in Value.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 7.—After hearing the representatives of all the railroads and such other persons as were interested in the valuation and assessment of railroad property as well as the representatives of bridge and telegraph companies, the State Board of Equalization has passed finally upon the valuations.

The assessment shows an increase of nearly \$4,500,000. The total railroad, bridge and telegraph assessment for 1889 is \$37,273,194 and the total in 1888 was \$32,773,194. There is a reduction in the bridge assessment this year of \$450,000, by reason of a recent decision of the Supreme Court that the Kansas City bridge was part of the superstructure of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company, and had heretofore been valued as separate bridge property and assessed at \$500,000, the court holding that only the highway feature of the bridge is assessable by the State Board. The valuation of the bridge was fixed at \$30,000 thus accounting for the reduction of \$450,000. The assessment does not include the entire value of railroad property, as machine shops, round houses and warehouses are assessed locally by county assessors and do not appear upon the assessment herein reported.

It will be interesting to the taxpayers of Missouri to note the comparison of the railroad assessments in this State with those of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. In this State last year the average valuation per mile for taxable purposes was \$9,400.70 per mile; in Illinois, \$7,849.15; in Kansas, \$5,536.25; in Nebraska, \$5,829.34; in Iowa, \$5,198. Missouri will be slightly higher in her average this year.

Peace in Samoa. SIDNEY, N. S. W., July 7.—Advices have been received from Apia saying that a treaty of peace has been concluded between Mataafa and Tama-oa. Lieutenant Thurston has concluded his inquiry into the charges made by Germany that assistance had been given Mataafa by the British Consul at Apia. The investigation resulted in the exonerations of the Consul.

At Twine on the String. HIAWATHA, Kan., July 7.—Ah Twine Gosling, a Kickapoo Indian, son of the celebrated Kansas chief, Kookuk, has begun suit against Lotson & Briggs, who he claims, have swindled him out of Brown County lands worth \$10,000. Ah Twine Gosling claims that W. W. Lotson, storekeeper of the Kickapoo, agreed to obtain a United States patent for Ah Twine's land and asked him to sign a paper giving Lotson & Briggs power of attorney. This paper, Ah Twine alleges, if forwarded turned out to be a warranty deed transferring the land to Lotson & Briggs in consideration of \$1,000. Ah Twine has received but \$500 and has been ejected from the land.

ANOTHER BIG BLAZE.

Washington Territory Seems to be Entering Statehood Through a Fiery Ordeal—Another of Her Cities Burned.

ELLENBURG, Wash., July 6.—Ten blocks of the best portion of this city are in ashes and nearly one hundred families are homeless, and what was Thursday a thriving and imposing business center is now a mass of ashes and cinders. Owing to the excitement and confusion that prevailed it was impossible to ascertain how the fire originated, but it is presumed that it was the result of, as it started soon after the inauguration of the display of fireworks Thursday evening.

The flames started on the north side of the city about ten o'clock in the evening, and with a very strong wind blowing from the northeast the fire department could do nothing to check the rapid advance of the conflagration, which within an hour spread to the business center. Help was telegraphed for from the neighboring towns, but long before it could reach the scene the flames had wiped out the heart of the city and had commenced to spread among the residences on the north side.

It was not until the main portion of the food for the fire had been consumed that there were any signs of abatement and it was nearly morning before the firemen secured any result from their ceaseless efforts. The cessation of the wind had a tendency to aid the firemen in checking the progress of the fire.

The district burned embraced Main street from Fifth to First; Fourth street from Main to Pine; Third from Waer to Sprague; Pearl from Fifth to Second—covering an area of ten blocks in the business heart of the city. Two hundred houses were totally destroyed.

The loss is estimated at about \$2,000,000—three quarters of a million in buildings and a million and a quarter in goods. Among the principal buildings destroyed are the Stone Bank, Snipes & Co., the Ashler Hotel, the Oriental Hotel, the Masonic temple, the I. O. O. F. hall, Golden block, the Fish block, the post-office, the Localizer printing office and the Dexter stable. Only four stores were left. There is not a restaurant, hotel or boarding house left and there are about 150 people destitute. Mayor Abraham has called a meeting of citizens to take action for relief.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTY KILLED. Anti-Bald Knobbers Kill the Sheriff of Taney County and His Deputy.

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—A special from Ozark, Mo., says: Granville Vaughn, a thoroughly reliable gentleman, who resides in this county, has just arrived from Kirbysville, Taney County, with the intelligence that at the Fourth of July celebration there the two Miles brothers, Bill and Jim, shot and killed the sheriff of Taney County, G. E. Branson, and his deputy, Ed Fink. The latter was the deputy who assisted Sheriff Branson in the encounter with the burglars at Cumming's store on Bear creek last week, in which the alleged detective, Dennis, was killed by young Combs.