TWO MEN INJURED, ONE PERHAPS FATALLY.

The Little Village Again the Victim of the and Manager Hunter and Engineer

Ceresco has again been visited by a lisastrous fire, which completely dis-troyed R. E. Roberts' elevator, office, the large outside wheat bin, cornerib, coal sheds and contents, together with 5,000 bushels of corn stored in the ele-

The fire was discovered Sunday morn ing about 8:30 in the chaff room and was no doubt the result of spontaneous combustion. Every effort was made by citizens to conquer the flames but without success.

As soon as it was seen that the property could not be saved, the attention of citizens was turned to the saving of the Nye-Schneider elevator, corn cribs, lumber yard, stock yards and ten cars which stood on the side track, all of which were saved by the hardest of work. While fighting the flames an explosion of gas occurred in the elevator which badly injured L. F. Hunter, the manager, and J. S. Kelley, the engineer. Mr. Hunter's injuries are face, neck and hands badly burned and badly injured from being thrown by the force of the explosion to the driveway, fifteen feet below. His injuries may prove fatal. Kelley's injuries are not so serious, but are quite puinful, his face, hands and back being badly blistered. Mr. Roberts' loss will be about \$6,000. He has some in-

The Fremont fire department was telegraphed for and responded promptly, but the people had succeeded in getting the fire under control before their arrival, but the thanks of the village are due them for their prompt response to the call in a time of need. The loss of this elevator will be keeuly felt by the farming community, as well as the citizens of the village, as it leaves no competition in the grain business at Ceresco, unless Mr. Roberts should conclude to rebuild, which is not assured at this time.

MISS BURTON HAS A HOME

Beatrice Girl Need Have No Further Fear of Winebrenner.

Clara Burton has at last found a home where she will have every advantage due her and the watchfulness of kind and gentle foster parents. N. H. Olmsted, member of the board of supervisors from Liberty, became interested in the Beatrice girl's fate and said he would take her to his home if allowed to do so. Mrs. Winebrenner was sent for and made application for a guardian for the girl. Mr. Olmsted was at once appointed and Miss Burton was entrusted to his care. She felt greatly relieved when told what had been done and said she would try hard to please her new parents.

TALK OF FOUL PLAY.

Investigation to He Made of the Nebraska City Drowning.

The drowning of George McKee, the colored man who was found in the slough opposite Nebraska City Thursday last week, has caused some excitement among the colored people, some of whom are inclined to believe that there was foul play in connection with his death.

Horticultural Society Meeting.

The state horticultural society met at the Unland hall, Arlington, July 15. The display of fruit consisted of early apples, cherries, apricots, raspberries, black berries, currents and gooseberries. Branches of cherries were also hung on the wall, showing the fruitfulness and characteristics of different varieties. Quite a variety of cherries that were new to the public were also on exhibition, and by comparison and testing the effort was made to see that all were correctly named.

Lieutenant-Governor Harris, president of the Lincoln Normal, has made the necessary showing to the state superintendent to entitle his school to issue life certificates to teachers. One of the requirements is \$100,000 worth of property. A course equal to the course at the state normal school will be required. Superintendent Jackson has the showing under consideration.

Child Injured.

The seven-year-old daughter of Jas. Robertson of Elmwood was playing by the pump when in some manner she caught her hand between the pump and handle and almost severed the third finger between the end and the first joint.

Cloud-Burst at Lodge Pole.

A cloud-burst six miles west of Lodge Pole washed out one mile of railraid track. All trains are tied up. Every dam between that place and Sidney is washed out. It is the worst flood ever experienced in that neighborhood.

BREVITIES.

The city of Bertrand will have no

saloon this year.

A daughter of Peter Stafford of Norfolk ate some poisoned fly paper and died from the effects.

Willie, the eight-year-old son of Fire Chief Mercer, was killed at Fremont Sunday in a runaway accident.

Fritz Beckord, four miles east of Waco, lost his barn, six head of cattle, several sets of harness and a lot of feed by fire recently.

Mrs. Johanna Horrigan died at Exeter Sunday. Her exact age is not known, but she is supposed to be at least ninety years.

Delinquents in Eight Countles Competled to Give Up Land.

The board of educational lands and funds met Monday in the office of Land Commissioner Wolfe at the state house, Fire Flend-Roberts' Elevator Burns Lincoln, and cancelled leases on lands in eight different counties. The can Kelly Hurs, the Former Dangerously So. cellation was made because the lessees were delinquent in payments. The number of acres cancelled were as follows: Antelope county, 9,680; Cheyenne, 48,450; Dakota, 200; Deuel, 53, 020; Garfield, 13,790; Hayes, 14,640; Nemaha, 240; Scotts' Bluff, 12,380.

In addition to the cancellation the following number of acres in the same counties are vacant: Antelope, 1,240; Chevenne, 46,040; Dakota, 476; Deuel, 17,840; Garfield, 5,160; Hayes, 2,360; Nemaha, 128; Scotts' Bluff, 8,558.

The total number of acres of state lands in each of the said counties now open to lease is as follows: Antelope, 10,920; Cheyenne, 94,490; Dakota, 675; Deuel, 70,860; Garfield, 18,950; Hayes, 17,000; Nemahe, 368; Scotts' 'sluff, 20,-

Auctions for the leasing of land will be held in Cheyenne county Friday, August 13, at 10 a. m. and in Deuel county on the same day at 3:30 p. m. An auction will be held in Scotts' Bluff county Tuesday. August 10 at 10 a. m. Land Commissioner Wolfe and his civil engineer, Alex Schlegel, are now in Hoit county looking over indemnity selections. They will inspect the Ft.

KICK ON STATE TAXES.

Randall indemnity selections before re-

Certain Counties Ask to Have Their Valua tion Lowered.

The state board of equalization was n session at Lincoln Monday hearing complaints from representatives of counties who think that the valuation of their property is too high in proportion to that of others, and that they are called upon to pay too large a proportion of the states taxes. Holt and Burt counties made their "kick" on this line. The board passed upon the returns from half a dozen counties and adjourned until Tuesday. The whole list will be gone through with and the work completed by the end of the

The state auditor's record show that the total valuation of the property of the state is about \$1,500,000 less this year than last. The auditor says that the bulk of the decrease is shown to have been in Douglas. Laucaster and Lincoln counties. Several counties show an increase, which has been caused by an agreement of local assessors for the purpose of raising more money for local purposes. Afterward the counties find that if they get this benefit they are charge | up with the larger valuation for state taxation. This they are now seeking to avoid.

Death of Mrs. Sheldon.

Mrs. Jennie D. Sheldon, wife of Represenstative A. E. Sheldon, died at Chadron Tuesday afternoon of consumption. Mrs. Sheldon has been failing for some time and she was brought back to Chadron, not with the hope of saving her life but of pro-She took a short drive with a friend in the morning but after returning began to sink rapidly and died at 2 o'clock. Her body rested in the Signal building, the scene of her labors, where she assisted her husband in the publication of that paper.

Consumptive Dies En Route.

Clarence E. Burton, ticket agent at Sedalia, Kas., died on Burlington passenger train No 3 Monday night between Oxford and McCook. The remains were brought to McCook and prepared for shipment, which was made to Louisville, Kas., Tuesday morning. Deceased was bound for California in care of his mother. He was a victim of consumption at twenty-two years of age.

After Glass Throvers.

The bicycle police of Omaha are watching for the persons who have been throwing glass in the streets. In front of the saloon at Twentieth and Castellar streets several pop bottles were thrown on the pavement and Sunday night two Omaha wheelmen on their way in from South Omaha found their tires punctured at that spot and were compelled to walk home.

Hurt By Runaway Horse.

Mrs. Shabuck Gabert, who lives at 1320 Pierce street. Omaha while passing near Twelth and Jackson streets last evening, was knocked down and run over by a runaway horse. The party name and emblem. The party woman was badly bruised about the head and face and Dr. Ralph was summoned and attended her. She was taken home in a hack.

Funeral of the Runaway Victim. The funeral of Master Willie Mercer, who was killed in a runaway necident for its ticket, and so on, leaving those to crops. Sunday, was held at 2 o'clock Monday candidates whose names appear upon afternoon from the family home, corner the said ballot by petition, to appear Fist street and Maple avenue, Fre- to the right of said ballot and after all Fist street and Maple avenue, Fre-mont and was attended by a large number of friends and firemen. Rev. Mr. Chestnut officiated.

Talmage Forced to Retire. WASHINGTON, July 21 -The Rev. Dr.

Talmage has been forced to sever his connection with the First Presbyterian of the law. The dimensions of the oburch owing to dissension among its members. Dr. Sunderland is now in charge of the church and he has annoursed that Dr. Talmage will not return. return.

An American Flag Tora Down

TORONTO, Ont., July 17 .- Am American flag flying at the city hall in honor of the visiting delegates to the Ep-worth league convention was torn down by an ultra British artisan today. The man was at once arrested

and locked up. Currency Action Delayed.

Washington, July 21.—It was semi-officially announced to-day that President McKinley would withhold his currency message until after the conference report on the tariff bill should be adepted by the Senate.

FEATURES OF THE BLANK-

ET BALLOT LAW.

stend of ink-New Power Given to the Secretary of State.

the recent legislature is now receiving vote. attention, and voters will this fall have an opportunity to practice some of its provisions. The law is a modification of the Australian ballot law passed by the 1891 legislature.

substitution of an indellible pencil for Weekly. a pen and ink in marking, a mark for few precautionary instructions which county."-Indianapolis Journal.

party names and party emblems.

fraud. The coat-of-arms of the United

States, the national flag, nor the like-

ness of any person living or dead thall

The secretary of state may pass on

to certificates, and his decision is final

unless order shall be made by the

The names of candidates for each

office, to be arranged according to par-

ties under the party name, and emblem

party nominee for president, vice presi-

dent, together with the electors shall

polling the highest number of votes at the last general election for the head

of the state ticket shall have the right

to its ticket on the left side of the bal-

lot; the party having the next highest

conform to schedule "A" hereof, which

The appearance of the names of presidential candidates is a new feature

more than one-fourth of an inch in height. The square at the end of each name shall not be less than one-fourth

If you wish to vote a straight ticket,

make a mark in the circle at the top of the tleket, and your ballot will then be counted for every candidate on the

ticket under the circle. If you wish to

vote otherwise tnan the straight ticket.

you place a cross with an indelible

is given reduced in size.

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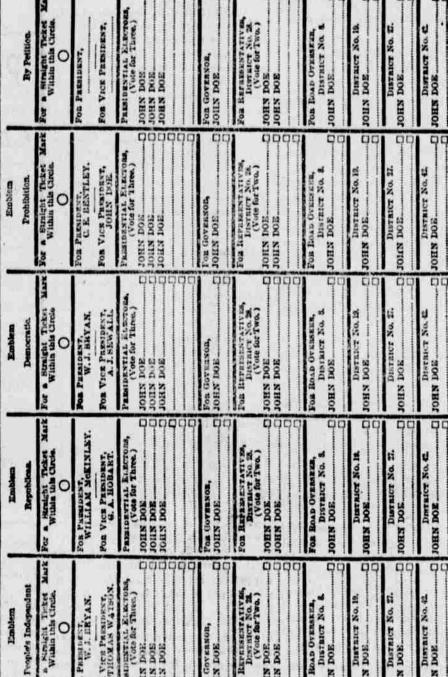
BIG FIRE AT CERESCO LAND LEASES CANCELLED. NEW VOTING SYSTEM posite the names of the candidates you wish to vote for on other tickets. Or when two or more candidates are grouped on the ticket for the same office, as two or more representatives. and the voter wishes to vote for one or more on another ticket or tickets in It Will Be Easy to Vote Straight—Voters cross after each candidate in the group Required to Use Indelible Pencils In- on his own ticket that he wishes to vote for, and also after the names of of each candidate on any other ticket or tickets grouped for the same office he wishes to vote for. Be careful that you do not mark the names of candi-The blanket ballot law passd by the dates for whom you do not wish to

A FEW SMILES.

(Voice from above stairs, to supposed butler)-Thomas, what are you doing in the dining room at this time of Some of the changes made by the night? Thomas Swipsey, the burglarlaw are, the form of the ballot, the At your service, mum,-Harper's

"You do not regret the money you voting a straight ticket. a provision expended on your boy's college educaauthorizing the formation of new par- tion, do you?" "I rather guess I don't," ties, regulations governing decisions of said the old farmer man, with glee and the secretary of state relating to cer- unction. "He learned me a lot of upper tificates of nominations, use of party cuts, short-arm jabs and things that names and emblems, together with a have made me the best man in the

"SCHEDULE A."



SCRAPS.

are intended to govern both the secre-tary of state and the courts whenever The agricultural department of a disputes arise between factions over Texas newspaper is conducted by Green Meadows Brown. It is the duty of each party at its

first state convention to select a party The porch of a temple in the interior emblem to be filed with the certificates of Japan has this inscription: "Neithof nomination, and the party first er horses, cattle nor women admitted adopting an emblem shall have the here." exclusive use of it forever afterward. Its use by another party constitutes a

Transportation of soft-shell crabs alive from the east to Portland, Ore., has just been successfully accomplished for the first time.

The distance from St. Petersburg to the Pacific terminus of the Siberian objections to use of party name or de railway is about twice as great as vice in the same manner as objections that from New York to San Francisco. that from New York to San Francisco.

> Alexandria, Va., has raised the ban which from the early days of the settlement made it unlawful to bring in oysters between April and September.

The West Sullivan (Me.) base ball in seperate columns on the ballot; nine sawed a pile of wood for a resi-otherwise in presidential elections the dent of the place and put the money dent of the place and put the money received for the work in the treasury.

A Kansas City woman who tried in vain to make an honest living gave it up recently and turned fortune teller. Now she has money to burn.-Exchange.

Already grasshoppers are hatching vote shall have second place on the in such numbers in the region of ballot; the party having the third Oakesdale, Wash., that the inhabitants highest vote shall have the third place are alarmed over the threatened injury in such numbers in the region of Lightning struck two hoes that

negro was carrying over his shoulder the other candidates on said ticket near Millington, Md., and passed placed there by nomination. The form through him from his shoulder to his of the ballot shall, as near as possible, feet, killing him. Mrs. Dahlgren-Ah, Mr. Phipps,

saw you in church last Sunday. Mr. Phipps-Yes; it rained, you know. Was that the reason you were there, too?-Cleveland Leader. There is a family of twenty-six per-

sons in Strasburg, every one of whom rides a bicycle. The oldest is sixtytwo, the youngest six months old .-Foreign Letter New York Post. Sycamore trees which for several

years have flourished where they were planted in various sections of Portland, Ore., are dying of some disease which the citizens do not understand.

The Heiress-Papa, buy that Watteau for me. The Hundred Millionaire -But, my dear, this is the Louvre. It you place a cross with an indelible pencil, in the square ou the right margin of the ballot opposite the name of each person for whom you wish to vote; if you wish to vote a straight ticket with the exception of certain offices, place a cross in the circle at the head of the ticket you wish to vote in the main, and then place a cross op-

Furnished by the Government Crop and Weather Bureau.



Lincoln, Neb., July 20, 1897.

The temperature has been below the aormal every day during the past week. The average daily deficiency has been 5°. The maximum temperatures have been about, or slightly above, 90°.

The rainfall has been below the normal a the northwestern counties and a very small area in the southwestern section. Throughout the remainder of the state either no rain fell or the amount was ess than .05 of an inch.

Later-- A good general rain fell throughout the state Monday night, anging from .25 of an inch to over 2 uches and generally exceeding .50 of an

The past week has been an unusually avorable one for having, harvesting and thrashing. In the southern counties harvesting is about completed and thrashing is in progress. In the central counties oats and spring wheat are being cut and in the extreme northern counties rye is being cut. Having has made good progress; in all sections the rop is reported as good. The second rop of alfaifa is being cut. Reports rom winter wheat and rye that have been thrushed are meager, but indicate s good yield of excellent quality.

Corn has grown well and in several outhern counties is reported as fully up to the average in condition and advance ment at this season of the year. Generally, however, it is considered backward. Corn is generally tasseling and averages about a week later than usual. A the end of the week corn was beginning to feel the need of rain in many sections. The general rain of Monday night was very opportune and places the crop in a very promising condition.

Apples are dropping considerably.

REPORT BY COUNTIES

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Butler-Winter wheat, rye and barley in shock and some stacking done; aver age yield and quality; corn making rapid growth, most fields laid by in clean con-

dition; oats not up to the average. Cass-Spring wheat below the average winter wheat and rye excellent in yield and quality; corn in fine condition; early planted in tassel.

Clay-Harvesting completed except late oats: thrashing commenced; wheat turning out well; oats heavy and lodged in places; good rain needed for corn.

Thrashing commenced; yield generally fair to good with some extra fields; potatoes light; corn very fine, mostly laid by.

Gage-A fine week for harvesting and nearly all in shock; corn is looking fine Hamilton-Corn doing well; spring wheat and oats ripening fast and filling well; some early oats harvested; wheat yielding well.

Jefferson—Harvesting almost done, thrashing commenced, yield good. Johnson—Harvest about completed and weather fine for saving the grain;

corn is tasseling out; early apples and penches are on the market; some corn not laid by; good week for having. Lancaster—Oats and spring wheat in

shock and are very short; corn is doing well but is smal! for the time of year. Nemaha-Oats half in shocks; having mostly done; blackberries ripe; thrashing in progress; corn tasseling; peach crop promises to be good.

Nuckolls-Some wheat thrashed, yielding well some are plowing corn yet, it is growing very rapidly in fair shape, it is tasseling. Otoe-Winter wheat being thrashed;

yield and quality good; early oats cut and commenced cutting late oats; early corn in tassel. Pawnee-Wheat and oat thrashing has

begun; wheat yielding well, oats only moderately and quality not extra; corn has made a remarkable growth and is now up to normal.

Polk—Corn has made a good, healthy growth and is mostly laid by; oats seem to be filling well, some fields have been

Richardson-Oats nearly all cut, good crop; apples dropping badly; corn doing well except come fields injured by a worm that enters the stalk and eats its way

Saline-Wheat yielding fairly well; harvesting completed except late onts; corn has made fine progress; apples are falling off. Saunders-Rye and winter wheat har-

vested and some thrashed; spring wheat and oats will be ready to cut next week; corn has made rapid growth; early corn tasseling; apples dropping badly.

Seward—Stacking and thrashing wheat is being pushed, wheat yielding well; oats quite green yet and are filling well; rain is needed for corn, which is now beginning to tassell.

Thayer-Oat harvest well advanced; wheat in shock; corn doing well, the early planted tasseling and silking well; potatoes better than for several years; apples falling off badly.

York-Spring wheat and oats being cut; corn doing well but needs good rain; apples dropping badly; second crop of alfalfa being cut.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION. Antelope-Rye cut and some in shock;

potato erop good. Burt-Corn rolling during the day and needs rain; early planted corn tasseling and most all fields laid by; some hay

Cedar-Oats and wheat filling and ripening very fast; corn tasseling and in fine shape; great deal of wild hay being

Colfax—Weather very favorable for harvest of small grain and hay. Cuming—Wheat and out heads filling good and maturing fast; corn needs rain; late potatoes will be a poor crop. Dakota—Rain needed but no damage

yet apparent from lack of rain.

Dixon—Corn is nearly all laid by and

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN. the earliest is tasseling out: wheat alling well; oats above average; haying u progress.

Dodge-Oats being cut; hay crop will be light; corn cultivation mostly finished, en-'y pieces tasseling, corn in good con-dition.

Douglas-Good growing seek; all

crops in excellent condition. Holt-Small grain generally better than last year; rye and barley harvest almost over; corn looking fine and beginning to tassel, hav, a staple in county, will make a good crop; having has

Madison-Wheat and oats ripening, cutting will begin this week; corn is laid by, tasseling out, and looking remark-Pierce-Grain improving some; corn

doing finely.

Piatte—Some damage to wheat by worms working at the root; corn backward but some tasseling; some small grain cut.

Sarpy-Harvesting of wheat and oats this week; thrushing rye begun, yield good and quality excellent; buckwheat being planted Stantou-live harvest is completed,

yield and quality good; corn is all laid by and is doing well; rain would make wheat fill better.

Thurston-Small grain turning; barley and rye being cut; rain needed. Wayne-Wheat and outs are fairly good and the grain of excellent quality; potatoes not yielding well; corn doing

CENTRAL SECTION.

Boone-Wheat and oats ready to harvest and generally good crop; corn do-

ing well.

Buffalo—Corn has grown rapidly and is catching up; spring wheat and oats have lost considerably by the weather; rain needed. Custer-Wheat injured some by in-

sects; corn is forging ahead fast; corn never looked more promising; early sown oats cut. Dawson-Spring wheat harvest com-

menced; oats nearly ready to cut; corn generally doing well; second crop of alfalfa being cut; rain needed. Hall-Corn is doing finely; wheat and

rye mostly in shock in the best of coudition; a few pieces of oats cut.

Howard-Spring wheat ready to cut;
corn growing rapidly, many fields in tassel; rye and winter wheat being thrashed; rain much needed.

Loup-Wheat and oats somewhat damaged by dry, hot weather; corn doing well; rye harvest in progress, will be a good crop.

Merrick—Too dry for all crops; corn

Nance—Harvesting progressing nicely; corn growing very fast; plenty of moisture; grass making fine growth. Sherman-Spring wheat cutting in full

blast; wheat pretty good; corn and po-tators need rain badly. Valley—Harvesting spring wheat well begun, crop good; corn growing fast.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Adams-Oats partly cut; some spring wheat cut; early corn needs rain; potatoes will be short crop.

Dundy-Small grain being harvested,

the yield will be very light; potatoes will be less than a full crop; corn needs rain. Franklin—Some fall wheat has been thrashed and is yielding well and of the best quality; spring wheat and oats being harvested, a fair crop; corn begin-

ning to need rain.

Frontier—Winter wheat and rye harvested, crop better than expected; spring wheat harvest in full blast; corn growing rapidly.
Furnas-Wheat most all in shock; cor

is beginning to need rain; second crop of alfalfa being cut, good crop. Harlan - Cultivation of corn completed; small grain being harvested; wheat very good quality; crops good outside of district injured by hail.

Hitchcock-Very hot; corn wilting for want of rain; small grain nearly all cut; wheat about one-third of a crop.

Kearney—Spring wheat being cut,
yield will exceed expectations; oats and

barley rapidly maturing; corn tasseling; rain would be beneficial. Lincoln-Some corn burning out and some needing rain very badly; small grain in stack; everything needs rain. Perkins-Farmers will not get seed back on small grain, all dried up; corn

needs rain. Red Willow-Rye and fall wheat harvest about completed, crop good; grass-hoppers will hurt spring wheat some and are enting corn some.

Webster-Wheat and rye in shock;

corn making wemendous growth; oats ripening fast; second crop of alfalfa beng cut. WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN SECTIONS.

Cherry-Wheat almost ready to har west, a good stand and will yield largely; corn doing nicely; haying commenced crop good. Keya Paba-Hot and windy; erop

looks well; grass good. Rock—Corn being laid by; field corn in assel; rye being cut, a fair crop; range fine; wild hay improving.

Scotts Blug—Winter wheat being cut; spring wheat looking well; unirrigated pastures needing rain but stock doing

well still. Thomas-A good week and crops doing well. G. A. LOVELAND,

Section Director, Lincoln, Neb.

Learned Talk About Dress.

It is related that the learned astronomer, Mary Somerville, was once overheard earnestly discussing with the almost equally learned Harriet Martineau as to whether a certain gown should or should not be dyed to match a certain shawl. It somehow seems incongruous to learn of such trivial interests on the part of two such women. And yet, why should it follow that because women educate the brain they must therefore forbear to attempt pleasing? Why, be-

cause they learn science, must they unlearn the arts, and especially the art of

being beautiful and well dressed? There

really isn't the remotest logical se-It is now conceded that even a woman suffragest may be beautiful! A delightful woman speaker of high repute among friends upon one occasion de-clared it to be her conviction that God meant women to adorn the world as much as he meant the birds and flowers to serve that end, and that so far from sin, there was positive virtue in at-tractive dress. The sin lay in giving time, money and thought to it which rightfully belonged elsewhere.

Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Syanish minister, entertained at dinner the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, the newly appointed minister to Spain, and Mra-and Miss Woodford.