

TO BE BIG STRUGGLE

Steel Corporation and Employees Fail to Agree.

A DEATH FIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO

President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers Given Absolute Power and May Close Every Mill.

"Within a week every union man and every union man at heart in the employ of the United States Steel corporation will be asked to join in the strike now being waged by the amalgamated association. We must settle whether unionism is to stand or fall. There will be no more conferences with the United States Steel corporation unless the meeting is asked for by the officials of that corporation. The amalgamated association will not request a peace meeting."

These and several other significant statements were made Sunday night by Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the amalgamated association of iron, steel and tin workers upon his return to Pittsburgh from the fruitless conference with J. Pierpont Morgan and others in New York. It is now a fight to the bitter finish between the great billion dollar steel trust and organized labor. Mr. Shaffer says that he is ready to employ every peaceable means within power of man to win a victory. No quarter is to be given and none will be requested. The entire management of the battle has been placed in the hands of President Shaffer. He has absolute power to call out every man who is connected with the organization and he intends to do it. He is satisfied with the progress of the fight to date. He finds that none of his battle lines have been broken. Promise is made by Mr. Shaffer that the trust will find that the amalgamated association has strong roots in many of its mills.

CONVICT IS RUN DOWN.

One of Lincoln Trio Captured Near Grand Island—Bloodhounds Play Part.

Sheriff Pollard and several local officers, Sheriff Pollard also being assisted by several men from Hamilton county, captured one of the men who escaped from the penitentiary last Friday night. The men went to Phillips on a train where they changed clothing. They were traced to Grand Island, and Sheriff Pollard with the Lincoln bloodhounds was put on the trail. The bloodhounds tracked the men to a point near Lion Grove, a picnicking resort about a mile south of Grand Island in the Wood river valley. One Adair, sent from Omaha for four years on the charge of forgery, was captured and is now in jail. The officers were hot upon the trail of the other two men near Sand Krog, several miles from where the first man was caught, but later returned to Grand Island, having given up the chase. The trail of the men was followed for quite a distance through the dry channel of Wood river, but the men got into a pasture where there were many horses, cattle and campers and here the dogs repeatedly lost the trail and threw up their heads. During the chase Sheriff Taylor's horse fell rolling on his limb, but no injuries resulted.

CALLS WILSON TO ACCOUNT

Kansas Man Objects to Statement of the Secretary.

F. D. Coburn, state secretary of agriculture of Topeka, Kas., has given out an interview severely criticizing Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for the latter's recent reference to Kansas as a "semi-arid region."

Mr. Coburn said Mr. Wilson had defined the corn belt as composed of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Mr. Wilson is further quoted as saying that Kansas and Nebraska can never be counted upon. The Kansas secretary presents many facts and figures showing how, in his estimation, Kansas and Nebraska far overshadow the other states mentioned in the way of corn-growing.

TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

Insane Prisoner at Fremont Severs Artery of Wrist.

Fred Dunker, the man who was examined for insanity at Fremont Saturday and ordered to the asylum at Norfolk, attempted to commit suicide in the Dodge county jail Sunday afternoon by cutting open the large artery in his right wrist with a pocket knife. Dunker is about 50 years old and resides at Dodge.

Last winter he was taken to the Norfolk asylum, from which he was released about two months ago, as it was thought he was entirely recovered. It is said that this recurrence of his mental malady was brought about by the fact that of late he has been drinking rather heavily.

Woman Kills Herself.

Mrs. A. H. McKinney, supposed to be from Shelbyville, Ill., committed suicide in a Kansas City hotel by taking morphine. On her person was found a diploma from the Shelbyville high school to Miss A. H. Park.

Davitt at New York.

Michael Davitt, the Irish nationalist who resigned his seat in the British parliament some time ago, as a protest against the Boer war, has arrived at New York on the St. Paul from Southampton.

SECRETARY WILSON.

Stops in Lincoln and Calls on Board of Agriculture.

Secretary James Wilson of the department of agriculture was in Lincoln the latter part of last week inspecting the university experiment station and state farm east of the city. He visited with the state board of agriculture which was in session at the time.

The object of the visit was to make a personal inspection of the corn crop in the west. Secretary Wilson said he was able form a very accurate idea of the condition of the crop from reports received by him but he wanted to see for himself the effects of the unprecedented drought. He had heard unusual reports from his own state, Iowa, also the states of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, but he desired to see for himself.

In company with others he inspected the state farm and experiment station. The dairy school and everything connected with the experiment station was highly praised by Mr. Wilson.

SHOOTS SON-IN-LAW DEAD

Former Nebraskans Parties to a Tragedy in Montana.

Ira Turner was shot and killed in a wood-chopper's cabin in Dead Man's Gulch, eight miles from Missoula, Mont., by Henry Nudson, his father-in-law. Nudson and his family came west from their former home in Norfolk, Neb., a year ago. Nudson and his son-in-law had taken up timber claims in Dead Man's Gulch. Nudson says that after having returned from town to the claims he found Turner beating his wife. He went to his own cabin, a short distance away, and got his shotgun, and through an open window he blazed away, the charge striking Turner in the left lung, killing him instantly. Nudson gave himself up. The girl takes her husband's part.

RAID OF GAME WARDEN.

Elkhorn River Yields Richly in Unlawful Devices.

Chief Game Warden Simpkins has received word of a successful raid of game wardens along the Elkhorn river. The raid was made under the direction of Superintendent W. J. O'Brien of the fish hatcheries. From the town of West Point to the mouth of the Elkhorn river the search was kept up two days, and as a result, a large amount of illegal fishing tackle confiscated. The implements confiscated include seventeen hoop nets, 11 large and one small seine, four framed fish traps, three wooden traps, three wooden traps and spears. This proves the truth of various reports that the Elkhorn and other rivers of the state are full of unlawful devices for catching fish. It is difficult to find the owners of the devices, and probably no prosecution will follow.

STATE FAIR TIME COM

Board of Managers Cleaning House, Expected Guests.

The state fair will be held August 2 to September 6. The officers of the association are pushing all improvements along rapidly, and will have a new home in which to receive the people they expect to entertain that. All exhibits will be well cared for as new live stock barns and implements are going up. The people of the state will be proud of both ground and exposition.

Quarantine For Anthrax.

At Springfield, Ill., the state of live stock commissioners have established quarantine upon a herd of cattle in Lake county which are suffering from anthrax. During the few days twenty-one cattle have died and one Cox, a butcher, contracted the disease while skinning a diseased steer, and also died. A large number of cattle in Lake county have for some time been afflicted with this disease.

Grain Elevators Burned.

Fire broke out recently one night in the top of the Grand Trunk railway's grain elevators at Fifty-first street and Central park avenue, Chicago. Damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused before the flames were brought under control. The occupants of a frame hotel close to the elevator were driven out and the building was partly destroyed.

Three Killed by Explosion.

Three men were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion on the Rock Island extension, twenty-five miles east Santa Rosa, at Montgomery's camp, recently. The four men—Francisco Lopez, Cecilio Reol, Pablo Lucoo and Calixto Gurule—were engaged in blasting rocks on the railway right of way.

Woman Convict Dies.

Mrs. Effie Crakall died Friday morning last at the Nebraska penitentiary of peritonitis. She had been ill for several weeks. She was one of the few women convicts at the penitentiary, and has been in prison since May 1, 1891.

Word comes from Ogalala, Neb., that Al Owen, representing McCloud & Love of South Omaha in this territory, was drowned in Stansbury Lake. The body was not recovered until sometime later and reports are conflicting as to how the accident happened.

A young herder near Dustin, Neb., named Lovquist, went to the pasture to get the cows, was thrown by his horse and remained unconscious several hours before being found. He was in a comatose condition forty-eight hours as a result of concussion of the brain. His recovery is doubtful.

VICTIMS PENNED IN

Nearly a Score of People Meet Death in Fire.

WAS A DEADLY EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE

Six Buildings Wrecked in Philadelphia and Full Extent of Disaster is Not Known—the Explosion Comes at Night—Many are Injured.

A terrific explosion in a block of six buildings on Locust street, above Tenth at Philadelphia, Pa., completely wrecked five of the structures and caused the death of from ten to twenty or more persons. Over two score of others were more or less seriously injured. Some of those taken to the hospital will die. It is estimated that at least thirty-five persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred, and the exact number of the dead will probably not be known for some time.

The explosion occurred about 6:30 p. m. What exploded and how it happened is not known but it is believed to have been a barrel of gasoline in one of the grocery stores. With the explosion of 1008 the front wall of the buildings were blown outward into the street, while the floors and roof were blown upward and fell straight to the ground. Almost every building in a radius of two blocks about the scene of the explosion had window panes badly shattered and were otherwise damaged. Every building on the opposite side of Locust street, was more or less wrecked, but none of them fell.

A terrible cry went up from the ruins the moment the explosion occurred. Women, children and men, occupants of the wrecked houses, could be seen crawling from the debris, while the agonizing cries of others were heard in the wreckage. From all the surrounding buildings injured people came running and fell into the street unconscious. To add to the horror fire broke out in the debris the moment it settled to the ground and in less than five minutes the great pile was burning fiercely from end to end. It is supposed to go overland.

Will Lindley of Burr Oak who has been sick for some time has arrived in the city and will make this place his home.

H. B. Simons of Inavale was one of the lucky ones to draw land in the Lawton district having secured number 1751.

Grandma Boyd last Sunday trip, and fell on the sidewalk at J. M. Chaffin's residence and broke one of her lower limbs between the hip and knee joints.

If a dealer asks you to take something said to be "just as good as Rocky Mountain Tea made by Madison Medicine Company," ask him if he makes more money. C. L. Cotting.

George Hall of Kansas City, Missouri, an expert upholsterer is at Albright Bros. furniture store for a few days. Any person wishing upholstering done can see him by calling. All work guaranteed. Hair mattresses renovated.

The musical entertainment at the opera house last evening was largely attended and highly appreciated by all. Miss Beatrix Mizer certainly is a vocalist of whom Red Cloud people can be proud. The other participants of the program rendered their numbers in a very satisfactory manner. It was the most successful home entertainment since the empress was somewhat sudden. At 4 o'clock her physicians reported no change in her condition. Emperor William and her majesty's other children were in the sick room most of the day.

The dowager empress was the youngest child of Queen Victoria, and slowly died of cancer. She has been called the most unhappy woman in all Europe. She was heart broken at the death of her husband, Frederick, the Noble, himself a victim of cancer, and her last days were full of bitterness. Her health had been rapidly failing for some time, and she was too ill to go to her dying mother's bedside. She was not yet sixty-one years old.

Throws Himself in Furnace.

James M. Wilson, a patient at the insane asylum, at Provo, Utah, threw himself headfirst into the open door of a furnace. He was badly burned before being pulled out. While bandages were being prepared for him, Wilson broke away and again threw himself into the furnace, this time being so frightfully burned that he died within a short time.

Street Car Men Strike.

The conductors and motormen of the Lexington, Ky., Street Railway company struck for an increase of 1 cent per hour. Cars are being run by non-union men.

Ted After Coyotes.

Vice President Theodore Roosevelt with a party of five, left Colorado Springs Monday for a three days' coyote chase in the vicinity of Fountain, a dozen miles south of Colorado Springs.

Much Broomcorn Burned.

A warehouse belonging to the broomcorn trust, and filled with broomcorn, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$150,000. Several firemen were overcom by smoke.

GOOD IRRIGATED CROPS.

Corn and Garden Truck an Immense Crop.

A Monroe, Neb., dispatch says: Farmers who have land under the Great Eastern canal now appreciate irrigation. While a considerable area in this valley is planted to garden truck and seeds, there is considerable corn under irrigation that will yield from sixty-five to eighty bushels per acre.

This is the first year that irrigation in the east central part of Nebraska has had a fair test and the results are all that its friends had hoped for. Ever since its introduction, in 1896, the seasons have been favorable for crops without its aid, but this year water is worth to farmers anyway from one-half to two-thirds the value of the land. Dry weather makes converts for irrigation and as a result it has made many friends this year.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Happenings at Home and Abroad Shortened to Readable Length.

The steel trust and the steel workers could not agree.

The wheat crop in the United Kingdom is not up to the average.

Frank Collier, a well-known politician of Chicago died in a hospital there of typhoid fever.

Adelina Patti has arrived at Stockholm, and has rented a summer palace at Saltsjo Baren.

The national miners federation of France proposes a general strike in France November 1.

A terrible fire is raging in the extensive pine forests near Kalden Kirchen, on the Dutch-Prussian frontier.

Rount & Brodie's dry goods store at West Newton, Pa., was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000.

A heavy rain fell in Kansas on the 3d inst., being pretty general. Good showers also visited portions of Iowa and Nebraska.

The First National Bank of Austin, Tex., is in the hands of Federal Bank Inspector J. M. Logan. The bank has made bad loans.

For July the Lincoln, Neb., mortality record shows thirty-six deaths, eight of which were violent, and six due to heat prostrations.

Thomas Hyland, engineer, and Geo. Webb, a trainman, were killed in a collision on the New York Central, near Lockport, N. Y.

News has been received from Macon, Ga., that ex-Congressman James H. Blount has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a critical condition.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Viper struck a rock off the Island of Alderney, in the English channel and was totally wrecked. No lives were lost.

Warren Lewis of New York, one of the most widely known sporting men of the country, committed suicide by jumping from a steamer into the ocean near New York.

It is stated in Washington that this government will not intervene in the Venezuela-Columbian imbroglio unless it becomes serious enough to jeopardize American interests.

Poundmaster James Lennon of Crystal, Mich., was shot dead by Captain Bennett a prominent and wealthy mining man. Bennett became angry at Lennon for having impounded his cow.

The geological survey has issued a report on iron and steel at the close of the nineteenth century. It shows that the United States leads all other countries in the production of these articles.

Frank C. Zehring, manager of the Oliver and Funke play houses of Lincoln, Neb., was robbed of \$900 at Coney Island, where he had gone for pleasure after booking attractions for next season.

The first ore train over the new Stonybrook cutoff of the Eastern Minnesota road, went through the bridge over the St. Louis river near Stonybrook. Jerry O'Reilly, a brakeman, was killed.

Near Bloomington, Ind., John J. Moore and wife were aroused early by whitecaps and unmercifully beaten. No reason is given for the assault. Moore recognized the leader and arrest may follow.

Mrs. A. H. McKinney, supposed to be from Shelbyville, Ill., committed suicide at Kansas City by taking morphine. On her person was found a diploma from the Shelbyville high school to Miss A. H. Park.

A young man of twenty-three, committed suicide at the Hamilton hotel in Wichita, Kan., by taking laudanum. He tore his name off all his garments and left an unsigned note asking that his body be kept three days, when Elmer Scriptures, of West Port, Ind., would take charge of it.

The Humboldt has arrived at Seattle Wash., from Skagway with \$300,000 of Klondyke gold. According to the advices brought down by the Humboldt, the Newport reached Juneau July 30, and reported five men killed by Indians about 200 miles west of Valdez Island. No particulars could be learned.

At Omaha, Thad Brookin shot Mrs. Millie Lighthawk, probably fatally, and then killed himself at a room in the house at 1037 Capitol avenue. The deed was the result of a failure to win the affections of the woman over the superior attractions of Bart Adams.

At Moscow, Idaho, Dr. W. W. Watkins was shot and instantly killed while riding in his buggy. George Creighton was shot through the arm, and Deputy Sheriff Cool through the shoulder, by William Steffen, who became suddenly insane. Steffen was pursued and killed.

STRIKE IS ORDERED

Amalgamated Association Casts the Die.

UNION BURNS BRIDGES BEHIND IT.

President Shaffer Issues Call and Men to Quit—Will Enter on Bitter Struggle That Will Mean Loss of Money and Possible Bloodshed.

The die is cast. The battle of the giants is on in earnest, whether to ignominious defeat of one side or the other, or compromise, remains to be seen. Up to Tuesday night it has been merely a skirmish, each trying to find the vulnerable spot in the other's armor. Now it is different, brought about by the actual issuance by President Shaffer of the long-talked-of general strike order. This order was promulgated August 6 to take effect after the last turn of the mills on August 10. What the result will be no man can foretell, but judging by the expressed determination of both parties to the controversy the battle will be waged fast and furiously. Much money will be lost, thousands upon thousands of men will be idle, great suffering is looked for, even bloodshed and death are possible and feared.

The strike call includes practically all amalgamated men in the United States Steel corporation's employ not now on strike. It was issued from the amalgamated association headquarters and mailed to all amalgamated lodge officials who are expected to call their men into the strike.

The text of the call follows: "Brethren: The officials of the United States Steel trust have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striving for the right to organize. The executive board has authorized me to issue a call upon all amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join in the movement to fight for labor's rights. "We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties. "You will be told that you have signed contracts, but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel corporation. Its officers think you were sold to them, just as the mills were, contracts and all. "Remember, before you agreed to any contract you took an obligation to the amalgamated association. It now calls you to help in this hour of need. Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, August 10, 1901, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day. "Brethren, this is a call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come and help us and may right come to a just cause. Fraternally yours. "T. J. SHAFFER."

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

Victim of an Explosion of Gasoline—No One Near to Help.

Mrs. Minnie Knapp, wife of E. H. Knapp of Nemaha, Neb., was fatally burned Tuesday afternoon. She went into the cave to refill the tank of the gasoline stove. In pouring out the gasoline she spilled some on her clothing. She took the tank to the house, put it on the stove, changed her dress and went back to the cave and lit a match to see about the gasoline. The cave was filled with the gas and in an instant her clothing was afire. She ran out of the cave tearing her clothing from her body and fighting the fire. Her clothing was burned off her and her body was burned to a crisp. There was no one near by at the time except her six-year-old daughter, and this child ran to a neighbor's for assistance. Mrs. Knapp's burns will prove fatal.

Surplus Products.

Labor Commissioner Watson has completed a tabulation of shipments of surplus Nebraska products. The shipments of grain and live stock for last year, together with the value of the products, can not be compared with the year 1899 for the reason that no report was issued by the labor commissioner for 1899. The following are the principal items in the compilation for 1900:

Corn, bu. 77,418,950 \$21,267,381.57
Wheat, bu. 20,180,794 10,695,829.92
Oats, bu. 14,681,699 3,670,424.75
Barley, bu. 673,793 209,481.39
Rye, bu. 1,199,242 532,436.16
Flour, lbs. 106,876,093 1,879,331.75
Mill feed, lbs. 51,409,949 359,870.09
Hay, tons 221,780 1,663,350.09
Cattle, head. 897,052 34,218,863.40
Hogs, head. 2,788,524 37,645,076.00
Sheep, head. 805,392 3,221,568.00
Horses, Mules. 35,738 1,250,830.00

Accident May Cause Death.

While engaged in work on the sewer extension at Grand Island, Neb., Bert Ferris slipped, a few days ago, and in falling grabbed a picket, which resulted in the bruising of his hand and the dislocation of a finger joint. He was otherwise uninjured. Tuesday blood-poisoning and lockjaw set in, and the attending physicians say there is no hope whatever for recovery.

Tramp Killed in Wreck.

In clearing away the Bowen freight wreck that occurred Sunday evening near Arlington, Neb., the remains of a man, presumably a tramp, was found Wednesday. The coroner has decided to hold an inquest.

Standard Oil Dividend.

The directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey have declared a quarterly dividend of 8 per cent. This compares with a declaration of 12 per cent in June and 20 per cent in March.

CONDITIONS OF TREASURY

State Auditor Makes Public Report and Shows How Finances Stand.

Auditor Weston has given out the balance sheet for the month of July, showing the condition of the various funds of the Nebraska treasury at the close of business July 31. It is as follows:

FUNDS.		July 31.	
General.	Receipts.	On Hand.	Payments.
General fund.	\$83,317.01	\$141,197.00	\$74,880.83
Permanent school.	231,573.57	126,692.10	104,881.47
Permanent university.	124,904.10	105,030.10	19,874.00
Permanent college endowment.	12,907.00	74,877.37	12,113.19
Agricultural experiment station.	55,824.00	28,257.28	27,566.72
University cash.	51,853.29	3,231.36	48,621.93
Temporary cash.	11,123.16	3,206.97	7,916.19
Hospital for insane.	361.79	51.78	309.91
Normal fund.	2,827.72	321.00	2,506.72
Normal endowment.	2,796.84	81.74	2,715.10
State library.	23,002.39	4,304.29	18,698.10
Veterinary special labor.	4,878.24	9,289.94	4,411.70
Agricultural and mechanic arts fund.	2,411.02	42,000.00	39,588.98
Apprentice fund.	1,009.21	1,173.41	164.20
Penitentiary land fund.	2,678.00	2,678.00	0.00
Total.	\$591,631.99	\$423,011.24	\$368,484.30

During the month State Treasurer Stuefer has purchased a total of \$95,630.10 worth of state warrants and has invested in bonds \$80,000.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN

Slight Improvement in Corn as Result of Showers.

The United States department of agriculture, Nebraska section, climate and crop service of the weather bureau sends out this general summary of the weekly crop bulletin dated University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Aug. 6.—General summary: The past week was the coolest since the middle of June, but was still slightly warmer than normal. The maximum temperatures averaged one degree above the normal. The maximum temperatures for the week generally exceed 100 degrees on August 1 in southern and eastern counties.

Scattered showers occurring during the week, but the rainfall was generally less than an inch, except in the northeastern part of the state, where on August 2 and 3 a rainfall exceeding an inch occurred in several counties.

Threshing and haying have progressed nicely. The condition of corn has not changed materially during the week; the lower temperature has caused the corn to deteriorate less rapidly and the showers have in some localities caused a slight improvement in the late corn, especially in northern counties. Some corn is being cut for fodder and generally there will be plenty of fodder and food for stock. Peaches have been improved by the rain, but the crop will be short. Fall plowing has begun, but the ground is generally too dry to plow to advantage.

TAKES BEST HE CAN FIND

John Wood Falls to Act Gallantly in the Land Drawing.

A special from Fort Sill, O. T., says: John Wood of Weatherford, Texas, who drew No. 1 in the Lawton land district, created a sensation at the land office, when, in filing for his claim, he chose 169 acres running the entire length of the township on the south. According to the government plat, the two most valuable sections in the reservation were made to adjoin the township on the south.

Miss Mattie Beals, the Wichita, Kan., telephone girl, who had drawn No. 3 from the wheel, had counted on selecting one of these, but when Wood made the selection noted, she had to content herself with a tract south of Wood's and two sections away from the townsite. Wood's claim is valued at about \$50,000.

Howison Chosen.

Admiral Henry L. Howison has been selected to fill the vacancy on the Shelby board of inquiry caused by the inability of Admiral Kimberly to serve. Admiral Howison's name is one of the several officers whom Admiral Schley notified the department are satisfactory to Captain Parker, Admiral Schley's assistant counsel.

Have Falling Out.

Trouble is brewing on the Flathead Indian reservation between Indians and half-breeds. Tuesday near Roman station, six Indians and three half-breeds exchanged a number of shots, and one Indian was shot in the arm. The Indians object to the half-breeds picking up cattle. Both sides are reinforcing and more trouble is anticipated.

Appeals in U. S. Courts.

There is no "United States Court of Appeals" but within a few years a United States "Circuit Court of Appeals" has been formed in each circuit, to relieve the Supreme Court of the United States of some of the less important cases that used to reach it.

Throws Himself in River.

William Lang of Pana, Ill., committed suicide late Monday afternoon by throwing himself in the Ohio river at Evansville, Ind. He was despondent.