### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

There is a political crisis in Korea, Nearly 27,000 patents were issued the past year.

General Joe Wheeler has asked to be sent to China. All union railway employes of Dal-

las are on a strike. The United Mine Workers have in

their treasury \$70,368. Idaho republicans have placed a

full ticket in the field. Orders have gone forward to rush

army supplies to China. General Wood, now in Washington,

says all is quiet in Cuba. Net earnings of the Union Pacific for the past year were \$20,300,000. On account of yellow fever a quar-

antine has been declared at Callao.

A. W. Scott. a Lincoln attorney, died from an overdose of chl tal. Forest fires are raging in California, attended with great loss of of lumber. Three hundred millions bushels is the predicted corn crop of Nebraska

for 1900. A great heat wave has been over New York city, and many deaths are reported.

A revised estimate places the total loss by the Prescott, Ariz., fire at more than \$1,000,000. Thousands of refuges are getting

out of the interior of China, hurrying for treaty ports.

Leading Chinese merchants in San Francisco express abhorrence of the attack on foreigners. The steamer Magician cleared from

New Orleans for Cape Town with 1,000 mules for the British army. At Greencastle, Ind., Michael Murphy, the oldest citizen of Putnam county, died, aged 104 years.

The gold shipment on the LaBretagne, which sailed for Havre on the 20th, amounted to \$2,028,214, all bars. It is said that \$2,500,000 in g ld 18 oni the way from Australia to the United States mint at San Francisco.

A terrible explosion wrecked Depew's store at Naylor, Ga. Fragments of a man's body were found in the ruins.

John McCullough, well known to the sporting men of Kansas City, is dead. The cause was a paralytic stroke. Secretary Long received a dispatch

from Captain Wilde, stating that the Oregon and Nashville have arrived gafely at Kure. At Rushvile, Ill., George M. Black,

member of the Illinois house of reprecentatives from the Twentieth district, died at his home. James J. Corbett and "Kid" McCoy

have been matched to fight before the Twentieth Century Athletic club, in Madison Square Garden, New York. The government depot in Jeffersonville has received orders from Washington to begin making 150,000 flannel blouses and 300,000 pairs of draw-

As a consequence of the situation in China all exports to that country of American goods, principally heavy sheeting and drills, have practically

Curtis Guild, of Boston, Mass., who was tendered the appointment of first assistant postmaster general to succeed Perry S. Heath, has declined to accept.

James Nicoll, vice president of the Chicago board of trade, was suspended for one year at a meeting of the directors. The charge was for bucket

The total value of exports from the port of Havana the first six months of the year, compared with the same period last year, showed a decrease of \$519,100.

Grain rates west of Chicago are to be materially advanced July 25. The rate will be increased from southwestern Missouri river points to the east. north and south.

The Italian government has received a circular from the French minister of foreign affairs which it is understood has been dispatched to the agreement for joint action in China and the future attitude of the powers. Col. Bilton J. Payne, former mayor of Kansas City, died, aged seventy-

Wm. E. Hull of Peoria, commander of the Illinois division of the Sons of Veterans, tendered an entire regiment to Governor Tanner 1) service

one years.

Former Governor W. O. Bradley declined a formal tender of the Republican congressional nomination of the Eighth Kentucky district.

Judge Advocate General Lemiey has rendered a dec'sion to the eeffet that the president has the authority to appoint sixteen more second lieutenants in the United States marine corps.

When the war in South Africa is over 10,000 Boers, chiefly naturalized citizens of the Transvaal, will emigrate to the United States.

The Austro-Hungarian armored cruiser Kaiser Karl VI., and the torpedo boat Aspern have been ordered to Chinese waters.

The corner stone of the proposed journalist's home at Orange, N. J. was laid on the 19th.

The recruiting station in Kansas City has been busy enlisting men who want to go to the orient. The men are being sent to California, where they will be used to fill up the different regiments now there or en route.

The Joliet stove works, which have been closed down for several weeks, resumed last week.

Consul General Winslow reports from Stockholm that the average wages paid to farm hands in Sweden are \$54.67 a year for men and \$28.14 for women.

Six companies of the Texas state guard have tendered their services to the government in case they are need-

ed in the Chinese war. The war department received a cablegram from General MacArthur, dated Manila, 18, saying that Colonel Liscum's body was buried at Tong Ku on the 17th.

# CHINA IS OUR FRIEND!

And Wants Us to Help in Settling Her Perplexing Difficulties.

### NO ANSWER HAS YET BEEN MADE

State Department is Proceeding Upon the Theory that Legates Are Alive-Points of Difference Between State Department and European Powers.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President McKinley has received what purports to be an appeal from the Chinese imperial government to use his good offices to extricate that government from the difficult position in which it has been placed as a result of the Boxer uprising and ensuing hostile attitude of the great powers. Although the exact text of the appeal made by the emperor of China to France, as outlined in the cable dispatches of yesterday had not been made known it is known that the address to the president is similar in terms to that communication. In our case the communication was made through Minister Wu to the state de-

partment. Thus far a final answer has not been returned. the French government answered at once, but that answer will not serve us. The United States government is conscientiously proceeding upon an entirely different line of policy in the treatment of the case. Unfortunately the state department finds itself alone in this, but nevertheless it is convinced that its plan is the best and it has behind it the consolidated assurance that at present all of the European governments have tacitly admitted that an error was made in the beginning in not following the common sense advice of the

Taku. The point of difference between the state department and the European governments is that the latter are proceeding upon the belief that all the foreign ministers and missionaries having guards at Pekin have been killed and insist upon dealing with the Chinese situation on that basis, thereby assuming a hostile attitude that ends to destroy the last chance of availing of whatever friendly sentiment may yet exist among the powerful Chinese viceroys and the imperial government itself. Thus, the French reply, as indicated in the four conditions laid down by M. Delcasse yesterday, sets an impossible task for the imperial government in its present straits and tends to drive it at once to make terms with the Boxers and

Prince Tuan's party. On the other hand the government of the United States, while not guaranteeing the truth of he advices from the Chinese government as to the safety of the foreign ministers, is willing to accept the statements temporar-11y, in the meantime remitting none of is efforts to get access to Mr. Conger through the use of military force if need be. By following out this polisy the state department argues that it has two chances instead of one. It may reach Mr. Conger with troops and it also may secure his deliverance through the friendly offices of some of the powerful Chinese officials, which the powers are not likely to obtain for their own people by following out their present policy. It may be stated also that the United States government has not and does not intend to relinquish any part of its claim for compensation and reparation in the ultimate settlement. Its position in that respect, it holds, will not be affected unfavorably by prosecuting its efforts to make use of the friendly sentiments of the Chinese officials.

### Seeks to Appease William.

PARIS, July 23 .- The Berlin correspondent of the Temps asserts: "It is asserted in Berlin that the emperor of China has sent a telegram to Emperor William deploring the assassination of Baron von Ketteler by the rebels and declaring that the murderers are being actively sought and will be punished. He also expresses a hope that the relations of China with Germany would not suffer from this state of things."

### HEAVIEST ARTILLEY TO GO.

Seventh Battery Receives Rush Orders

to the Orient. FORT RILEY, Kan., July 23 .- Rush orders have come for the Seventh battery of heavy artillery to proceed with all haste to the Orient, cailing for orders at Nagasaki. General Merriam promulgated the order in Denver.

The battery was organized during the Spanish war and since that time has been idle. The equipment embraces the heaviest caliber guns in the service, with a full complement of mortars, attended by 250 men and ten

Has No Faith in Conger Dispatch. ST. PAUL, Minn, July 23 .- W. N Lovatt, who has spent forty years in the customs service in China, is in the city. In an interview today Mr. Lovatt declared his absolute disbelief in the authority of the telegram received at Washington, signed by Minister Conger. He believes the last authentic information from any of the legationers was the message from the British legation, countersigned Sir Robert Hart, and dated June 18. Mr. come from him means that every foreigner in Pekin has been killed.

### The Philippine Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23 .-The divisions of customs and insular affairs, war department, has made public its regular monthly bulletin on ippine islands for the six months end-

ed December 31, 1899. The total value of merchandise imported into the islands for this period was \$11,456,670, of which \$572,346 worth was admitted free of duty. The total amount of import duty collected was \$2,071,706.

### FLICK HEADS THE TICKET.

Middle-of-the-Road Populists Take a Cus ter County Man.

For Governor-TAYLOR FLICK, Custer. For Lieutenant Governor— H. G. RIGHTER, Buffalo.

For Secretary of State— W. C. STARKEY, Pawnee.

For Auditor of State—SAMUEL LICHTY, Richardson, For Treasurer— A. TIPTON, Otoe,

For Attorney General-F. STEVENS, Clay, For Land Commissioner-JAMES SALMON, Douglas. For Superintendent-MRS. J. T. KELLEY, Buffalo.

For Presidential Electors—

JEROME SHAMP, Lancaster,
A. A. FERRY, Douglas,
JAMES BROOKS, Stanton,
DEWITT Eager, Seward,
JAMES STOCKMAN, Custer,
G. W. RAWORTH, Douglas,
W. O. WOOLMAN, Clay,
D. F. PEARSON, Nemena.

GRAND ISLAND, July 21 .- Middleof-the-road populist convention here nominated a state ticket (as given above), appointed a central committee, adopted a platform and formed a new political party, christening it the 'populist party of Nebraska." convention was called to order by Alfred Fawkner of Omaha and a blessing was invoked by Rev. Mr. Arthur. Mayor Platt welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city and the response was delivered by A. Sott Bledsoe of Otoe. E. F. Morearty of Omaha was

chosen secretary. Among resolutions is the following: We, the populist party of Nebraska, in convention assembled at Grand Island this 20th day of July 1900, heartily affirm the Omaha and Cincinnati platforms and enthusiastically endors the candidacy of Wharton Barker for president and Ignatius Donnelly for

vice president. We demand an irredeemable dollar good for all debts, public and private, assued direct to the people by the government, but until such legislation is secured we are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the existing ratio of 16

We pledge our candidates if elected to use all existing lawful means to introduce the initiative and referendum for the conduct of state affairs and to provide such necessary legislation as may be lacking for its enforcement, but until such legislation is secured we are in favor of enacting the following: Election of president, vice president and United States senators and federal judges by the direct vote of the people.

We demand state or municipal ownership of water works, street railways, telephones and electric light service at cost to the people.

We demand an equality of assessment on all property to the end that corporations may not shift their burden of taxation to the small property owners; that the rich shall pay their just share of government taxes; that the stocks and bonds of all corporations, including railroads, banks, etc., to be registered in the counties in which their value resides and assessed in said county or counties at their full selling value; that all mortgages shall be deducted from the value of property before assessment and that such assessment shall constitute a first lien upon such property assessed.

MADE SENSATION IN LONDON. Message From Conger Revives Hope in

the British Breast. LONDON, July 21 .- (New York World Cablegram.)-Minister Conger's reply to the Washington message created a tremendous sensation here, strengthening the hope of the rescue

of the legation. It is pointed out, however, that it the Chinese had taken the American legation they would have got the cipher and key in Hay's cipher, but the opinion is prevalent in the house of commons tonight that if the reply is a fraud it would have been more hopeful in order to lull the powers into

a sense of security. The example shown by America in getting information is urged for imitation by the British government. which intends to press the Chinese ambassador here to do likewise.

### Marine Batallion Going.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—General Heywood, commandant of the marine corps, and Major Denny, quartermaster, were in consultation with Secretary Long at the navy department today with respect to the immediate transportation of the marine battalion about to be mobilized in this city for service in China. These marines, numbering fifteen officers and 501 men in command of Major Dickins, will leave this city next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for San Francisco. They are scheduled to sail on the transport Hancock, which will leave San Francisco within an hour or two after their arrival, either on the 27th or 28th inst.

### Plans of the Commission.

WASHINGTON, July 21 .- Mr. Rockhill, who has just been appointed special commissioner to China, has gone out of town to a Pennsylvania resort, but will return ...onday. The developments in the Chinese situation will not affect his mission; in fact, they have rather increased its importance for they are taken to presage an earlier settlement in China than had been expected. Mr. Rockhill accordingly wal sail from San Francisco on an Lovatt says that Sir Robert Hart was American steamer on August 3, taking a favorite with the Chinese and the this route instead of going by Vanfact that no letter or message has | couver, as he can thereby save nearly two week's time.

### The Election in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, July 21.-It is understood that the president and General Wood have agreed on September 15 as the time for holding the election in Cuba for delegates to the constituthe subject of the trade of the Phil- tional convention that is to be called for the purpose of formulating a constitution for an independent government for Cuba. On the return of General Wood to Cuba he will confer with the leaders of the Cuban people as to the details of the election and what restrictions, if any, should be placed upon universal suffrage in the island. cinnati convention of that year.

# CONGER IS HEARD FROM

Chinese Minister Receives Reply to Message Sent to American Minister.

# THE NEWS COMES IN CIPHER FORM

Authorities Express Confidence in Genulneness of the Message-Quick Relief Can Prevent Massacre-Legation Under Constant Shell Fire from Chinese.

WASHINGTON, July 21.-Like flash of light out of the dark sky came the intelligence at an early hour yesterday that United States Minister Conger has sent a cipher cablegram from Pekin to the state department at Washington, making known that two days ago he was alive and that the foreigners were fighting for their safety. The Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, received the message.

It was in the state department cipher and was transmitted through the tsung li yamen and the Shanghai taotal. It contained about fifty words and was signed in English with the name "Conger."

At 9:45 Minister Wu handed the

Conger dispatch to Secretary Hay, who immediately called in his assistants and private secretary and work was begun in translating the cipher. Mr. Conger's telegram is as follows: "In British legation, Under continued shot and shell from Chinese

troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre." The message is not dated, but, it is understood, was sent from Pekin on

the 8th. The state department issued the fol-

lowing bulletin: "The secretary of state received this morning a dispatch from Consul Fowler at Che Foo, dated midnight 9, saying a Shanghai paper of the 6th said all foreigners murdered. Fowler wired the governor demanding the truth. The governor replied that his courier left Pekin on the 11th and all then were safe, but Pekin east city had been carried by rebels with intent

to kill." Within an hour the welcome intelligence that Mr. Conger had been heard from, after weeks of silence and evil report, was flashed throughout the country, and, indeed, throughout the world, dispelling the gloom which had prevailed everywhere and bringing to officials and to the public generally a sense of profound relief. The dispatch was in reply to Secretary Hay's cable inquiry to Minister Conger, on July 11, and as both messages were in the American cipher code they were regarded by the officials as above the suspicion of having been tampered with in the course of transmission through Chinese channels. Mr. Wu promptly communicated the dispatch to the state department, where he translation was made from the cipher figures, and soon all Washingon was astir with the intelligence.

### FRIENDLINESS WILL BE TRIED.

This Expedient Will Be Our Policy With Chinese Officials.

WASHINGTON, July 21.-Secretary Root this evening made the positive statement that no more troops had been ordered for Chinese service. He added:

"The chief object of our government just now must be directed to aiding in securing he friendliness of the Chinese officials. It is taken that the Chinese government has been acting in good faith, and on the 18th inst. was still using its best efforts to protect the legations. We must do everything we can to second as efforts. It is hard to say just now whether increased military activity on the part of the powers would have good or evil effect. That must be judged by the officers on the other side. We have not the information here that would enable us to fairly judge."

## THE PRESIDENT NOTIFED.

Minister Conger's Dispatch Promptly Sent to Him.

CANTON, O., July 21 .- The president's first news of Minister Conger's dispatch was handed nim the instant he left the train by the Associated Press correspondent. Scanning the bulletin, he gave evidence of pleasure at the news. Later when the state department's statement first reached him by the Associated Press adding strength to the genuineness of the news, he was more visibly gratified. Those near the president have known for days that he has never given up hope that Minister Conger was alive.

### Fever Checked at Callao.

LIMA, Peru, (via Galveston, Tex.) July 21.-There have been no further deaths from yellow fever on the British steamer Chile, which still remains at Callao. The French steamer Aconcagua, from Caleta Buena for La Pallice, with a foul bill, although without death on board, was ordered to undergo ten days' quarantine at Payta on the very day she was to have sailed for Panama.

Doubts Massacre of Foreigners. MANCHESTER, July 21.-The Guardian says today that its London agent, Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs at Peain, yesterday received a cablegram from Pekin, and thereby much doubt is thrown on the report of the massacre of the foreigners.

### Colonel Grosvenor Dead.

NEW YORK, July 21 .- Colonel Willlam Grosvenor, an editorial writer on the New York Tribune, died at his home in Englewood, N. J., today. He served with distinction in the civil war. Afterward he entered journalism and became in a short time editor of the St. Louis Democrat, then the leading republican newspaper of Missouri. While acting in this capacity he became interested in the liberal republican movement of 1872, which culminated in the nomination of Horace Greeley for the presidency by the Cin-

### THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

and Kansas City.

UNION STOCK YARDS SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle—The supply of cattle was rather limited, and prices in most cases were not materially different from what they were the previous day. Handy weight cattle that suited the buyers sold at fully steady prices, whereas some grades for which there did not happen to be much competition were a little slow and weak. The light supply, however, and fairly good demand brought the market to an early close. There was hardly enough cow stuff on sale to make a test of the market, only about 2 or 3 cars being reported at the yards. The better quality brought fully steady prices, and owing to the light receipts, sold in some owing to the light receipts, sold in some cases a little higher. There was nothing on sale to speak of in the way of stock cattle, but what few there were here met with ready sale, at good, strong prices.

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Hogs—There was a light run of hogs, but buyers started out from the beginning to pound the market. Opening bids were largely at \$4.95, but sellers did not let go at that figure, and as a result packers had to pay \$4.97½ for the bulk of their droves. The choicer hogs sold from that figure up to \$5.10 and the lighter weights sold from \$4.97½ down. After the long string had changed hands prices began to weaken, and it looked as though the wind-up was going to be easier, but finally everything was bought without much change in prices. The bulk went from \$4.9545.00, with the long string at \$4.97½ and the top \$5.10.

Sheep—There was a good demand on the part of local packers and the ewes sold at fully steady prices. The lambs, however, sold lower owing to the big drop in the eastern market. Quotations were: Choice western grass wethers, \$2.8544.00; choice grass yearlings. \$4.000?

drop in the eastern market. Quotations were: Choice western grass wethers, \$2.85@4.00; choice grass yearlings, \$4.00@4.25; choice ewes. \$3.25@3.40; fair to good ewes, \$2.75@3.25; fair to good yearlings, \$3.80@3.390; good to choice clipped lambs, \$4.25@4.60; choice spring lambs, \$5.75@6.00; fair to good spring lambs, \$5.75@6.00; fair to good spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50; feeder wethers, \$3.00@3.50; feeder yearlings, \$3.25@3.50, and feeder lambs, \$3.50@4.50.

KANSAS CITY. Cattle—Market steady; native steers, \$4.00@5.60; Texas steers, \$2.75@5.50; Texas cows, \$2.30@3.20; native cows and helfers, \$1.55@4.80; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.40;

\$1.55\( 94.80\); stockers and feeders, \$2.50\( 94.40\); bulls, \$2.50\( 94.50\). Hogs-Market strong and 5\( 67\)\( 96.60\); bulk of sales \$4.95\( 95.10\); heavy, \$4.90\( 95.15\); packers, \$4.95\( 95.10\); mixed. \$4.85\( 95.07\)\( 95.10\); light, \$4.95\( 95.10\); yorkers, \$5.05\( 95.10\); pigs, \$4.45\( 95.05\). Sheep—Market steady; lambs, \$4.00@6.25; muttons, \$3.00@4.50.

# LI HUNG CHANG AT SHANGHAL.

Chinese Diplomat is Coldly Received by Foreign Consuls.

SHANGHAI, July 23.-Li Hung Chang, who arrived here today on the steamer Anning from Hong Kong, was coldly received. The native officials sent an escort of 300 armed troops, but as the French consul objected to their passage through the French settlement they were withdrawn and Earl Li landed under an escort of twelve French police. Once out of French jurisdiction he was handed over to the Cosmopolitan settlement's police, who escorted him to a place of residence. The Anping, having munitions of war on board, violated the harbor regulations by entering and was compelled to leave the limits.

The consuls have decided not to all upon Li Hung Chang officially,

### Japan Impresses Steamships

VICTORIA, B. C., July 21 .- Word was received here today by the local agent of the Nippon Usen Kaisha line, with the railway, that two of their vessels, the Tosa Maru and Kinshiu Maru, have been impressed by Japan to carry troops to Taku. Rio Jun Maru, which sailed yesterday for the Orient, is the only vessel left in service. It will not be back until September.

France Honors America. PARIS, July 21 .-- Mr. James Hyde of New York has been appointed a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. This decoration has been conferred upon him in recognition of his work for the advancement of French literature in the United States through the Cercle Francaise of Harvard univer-

### Smallpox Under Control.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21 .- The secretary of the treasury has received 'a telegram from Lieutenant Jarvis, acting special treasury agent at Cape Nome, stating that there had been only two new cases of smallpox since last report. The disease, he states, is apparently not spreading. He reports that he is maintaining examinations of vessels and immediate isolation ashore.

### CURE FOR YELLOW FEVER.

Mexican Patient Treated With Bellinxaghi's Scrum.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, July 23 .-The first patient treated with yellow fever serum by the young Brazilian experimenter, Dr. Belinxaghi, now is fully convalescent. Other patients treated are progressing favorably. There is intense interest in the experiments and every facility is afforded the doctor. Patients very low with black vomit have been treated and the effect of the serum is marvelous, astonishing old physicians

## Jack Was a Dull Boy.

The late Admiral "Jack" rhilip, while a religious, conscientious man, was as a boy persistently neglectful of his studies and always in trouble on account of his uncontrollable tendency to mischief. When in the naval academy he only managed to attain the minimum grade necessary to keep him in the institution, and made that only through the grace of his instructors, who knew that he had the making of a fine officer in him.

### Boer Attack Repelled.

LONDON, July 23 .- The war office has received the following dispatch

from Lord Roberts: "PRETORIA, July 22.-The Boers made a determined attack yesterday to destroy a post at the Rail Head, thirteen miles east of Heidelberg, which they attacked with three guns and a 'pompom' and surrrounded the

"They were, however, beaten off after a sharp engagement, before reinforcements summoned from Heidelberg

# STATE BOARD IS DEAD

Judge Munger of the Federal Court

### Rules to This Effect.

REDUCTION OF RATES RESTRAINED

Encouraging Reports From Counties Throughout the State Regarding Crop Outlook-Rural Free Delivery Service in Nebraska-Miscellaneous Notes.

### Says the State Board is Dead.

OMAHA, July 20.-Judge Munger has isued a restraining order preventing Attorney General Smyth and the putting in effect a reduction of freight rates upon certain commodities. The Burlington road has asked the restraining order. In his opinion Judge Munger held that the state board of transportation had no legal existence. He ruled that the title of the act of 1897-creating the state board-as signed by the governor, was not adopted by the legislature.

### Confesses to Cattle Stealing.

ALLIANCE, Neb., July 20 .- Hank Mathews, who is awaiting trial on the charge of murderingg Ed Wait, a jeweler, at this place, has made a confession to cattle rustling which implicates the Watkins brothers, who are prominent and wealthy cattlemen. It is reported that he led several officers to a hiding place in the hills where stolen hides were found. He stated that Watkins was his side partner in the business, William Watkins was arested at Sidney today. The affair has created a great sensation here.

Strange Act of a Convict. LINCOLN, July 19 .- After living for three months on a diet consisting chiefly of plaster, soap, paper, vinegar and other equally indigestible articles, John Galagher, sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for shooting with intent to kill in South Omaha, died at the state penitentiary. This sentence was commuted by Governor Poynter recently to expire November 1, but he hoped by eating large quantities of soap and plaster that he could reduce himself to such a condition that he would be released. His condition has puzzled the prison authorities for some time, but they were not aware until recently what the man had been eating.

About the State Encampment LINCOLN, July 19.-The state military board considered plans for the next annual encampment of the Nebraska National Guard. As the funds available will not pay the expenses of the encampment it was recommended that the officers and men accept 50 per cent of the per diem in the same manner as during the encampment of 1896, and that the matter

## officers and men on these conditions.

of encampment be submitted to the

Free Delivery for Nebraska. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20 .-Rural free delivery service wil- be established in Nebraska on August 1, as follows: Blair, Washington county, one carrier, length of route, twentyfive miles, population served 829, number of houses on route 182, carrier, Jon L. Tracy; Decatur, Burt county, one carrier, length of route twentythree and three-quarters miles, population served 921, number of houses

### on route 184, carrier, John C. Barlow. Nebraska Corn Crop.

OMAHA, Neb., July 18 .- With the bounteous rains throughout Nebraska. Elkhorn railway headquarters gives out an estimate of 300,000,000 bushels of corn in sight for this year. The same road also furnishes these figures for the past four years:

Yield in 1899 was 224,373,000 bushels; in 1898 it was 158,754,000; in 1897. 241,268,000, and in 1896, the banner year, 298,000,000.

Judge Post Starts for Alaska.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 20 .- Ex-Supreme Judge A. M. Post started last night, via Seattle, Skagway and Dawson, to Eagle City, Alaska, which will be his headquarters, as one of the three attorneys for the territory, to which position he was appointed by the president early in June. He will return home in September in time to escape the freeze-up, and will not go

### Wealthy Farmer Drops Dead. FRANKLIN, Neb., July 20.-Wil-

back until warm weather comes again.

liam T. McClure, a wealthy farmer and stock breeder living about seven miles south of this place, dropped dead while at work at his home. Word was sent into town at once for a doctor, but to no avil. He leaves a large family of small children and a wife. He will be buried at this place next Saturday.

### Stabbed With a Knife.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 19 .-O. M. Crawford, Birmingham, Ill., a brother of E. E. Crawford, well known in this city, is dangerously ill suffering from a knife wound inflicted by a bully whom he was trying to prevent from harming a friend. The wound is in the region of the heart.

Ex-Register Kelley Dead. FRANKLIN, Neb., July 18 .- J. E. Kelley, an old citizen of Bloomington and formerly register of the United States land office at this place, died

Saturday night from a stroke or paral-Two Boys Drowned. PIERCE, Neb., July 18.-The two sons of John Polt, aged 10 and 14, respectively, living north of Hadar, were

### drowned in a fish pond in the pasture. Their bodies were found.

Killed by Lightning. BOELUS, Neb., July 16 .- At 8 o'clock ast night a 19-year-old boy was killed by lightning on the farm of Hans Hansen, four miles east of here. The boy began work Friday. Name not known positively, but supposed to be son of John Cullough of Ansley, Neb. He was milking cows. Hansen was