

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

THE DYING APPLE TREES.—The state horticultural society, through its secretary, James T. Allan, deem it important to present the following facts to the fruit growers of the state, which call for decided and immediate action in every orchard, and by this action a disease, of which the cause and cure have been in doubt, may be wiped out. The fire, or twig blight, as it is known, is where the ends of the limbs are killed in summer, as if a fire had swept over them. It is more prevalent in Nebraska this year than it has been during any previous year in the history of Nebraska orchards. The subject has been discussed for years without conclusion as to the cause.

At a meeting of the Farmers' club, held at Lincoln July 13, Prof. Bessey, dean of the industrial college of the university, exhibited some specimens of the bacteria which produce the blight in apple trees. He called attention to little drops of gummy matter which had exuded from the dying twigs, and soaking one of these in water, placed it under a powerful microscope. The water was seen to be swarming with millions of minute bodies of an oval or oblong shape, and for the most part arranged in twos. These the professor ascertained to be the famous blight bacteria, which bear the technical name of "micrococcus amyloporus." They are related to the bacteria which produce small-pox and diphtheria in man, and the same plague in dogs, and it is as much a disease of the club as the disease of sheep and animals.

Healthy trees, which are inoculated with the fluid containing bacteria, soon become affected with the blight. This suggests to us a source of danger hitherto unthought of—that is, we may inoculate our trees while pruning. By cutting through the affected part great numbers of bacteria may adhere to the knife and be carried to the next healthy tree. The knife must be thoroughly cleaned by dipping in carbolic acid after using it on blighted twigs. It must be borne in mind that the disease extends much further down the twig than is shown on the exterior. The professor showed specimens of juice from a blighted twig eight inches below apparent limit of the disease, swarming with the bacteria. It takes a practised eye to tell the real limit of the disease and the limb must be cut again and again until sound wood and bark are reached and the final cut made with a clean knife.

Mr. Masters, the veteran orchardist of the state, was present and said: "If a man will cut off every blighting twig as soon as it appears he can clean his orchard of blight, being careful to burn everything cut off." It is hoped that the fruit growers will give this their immediate attention and report results to Mr. J. T. Allan, Omaha.

WHEAT NOT BLIGHTED.—"What do I know about the report of blighted wheat in Nebraska received in St. Louis and Chicago from private sources?" said Mr. Himebaugh, repeating an Omaha Herald reporter's question.

"Why, it was undoubtedly started in those cities in the interest of a bull movement to sell wheat." Mr. Himebaugh also added that, while the wheat crop of Nebraska is by no means one of its largest products, the spreading of a rumor that the wheat in this state was blighted, following the reports of failures in the south, was intended to have its effect.

His firm received several telegrams on Saturday and yesterday from Chicago and other points inquiring as to the truth of the reports. He had himself recently been on the road as far west as Colorado and as far south as Blue Springs, and had interviewed all of the grain dealers who could be reached after they had been out into the country to see the crops for themselves. In addition to this he had sent out since the reports of the blight had come from Chicago and St. Louis—to two-thirds of the grain dealers in the state, covering nearly every section, and replies from a majority of them had been received. All but one dealer (in Clay county) had reported favorably on wheat. Samples of wheat had been received of fields being cut, the poorest showed no blight and no defect beyond a rather small berry.

As a result of the inquiries the following telegram was sent: July 20, 1885. Secretary Chicago Board of Trade: After traveling many hundred miles through the wheat region of Nebraska and making general inquiries by mail we fail to discover, except from two points, any evidence of blight to the spring wheat. Cutting wheat is generally commenced and danger of blight is passed and nothing but weather can spoil our oats, wheat and barley crop, which promise a fair quality and large yield. Respectfully, HIMEBAUGH & MERRIN.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

SINCE publication of the census report real estate is held firmer in Hastings.

A SEVERE hail storm recently passed over the western and central portions of Nemaha county and great damage was done to the growing crops. In some places the damage to the crops is so great as to cause almost an entire failure, while in others there will be about half a crop, and still in others the damage is comparatively light. Hail fell the size of hens' eggs and lay on the ground to the depth of an inch after the storm.

OMAHA is talking up the great need of a patrol wagon to convey obstreperous prisoners to the lock-up.

MR. COLE, of the Beatrice Express, and Mr. Peters, of the Democrat of the same city, have been appointed a committee to write up reunion notes for the leading papers of the state.

The members of the Baptist church at Tekamah have been investigating one George H. Hastings, who, it is said, was recommended to them as a minister of the church by Rev. J. W. Harris, of Omaha. They found out many naughty things about George, among other things that he never was a minister of the church, and in fact had been expelled from the only Baptist church with which he ever communicated.

MCCORMICK BROTHERS, who are opening up a 1,940-acre stock farm, about six miles west of Valparaiso, have begun the erection of what will probably be the very

largest barn in the state. It is said that this mammoth structure will be 130 by 80 feet, and, that as soon as completed, they will place therein between 75 and 100 brood mares.

HALL county will have one of its most attractive fairs this year ever known in its history. In connection with the coming reunion at Beatrice, it is suggested by the committee having the matter in charge, that the different state organizations procure headquarters tents 16x14 feet to be used by them as state headquarters during the reunion, and that Adjutant General Shirley be requested to correspond with the presidents of such organizations, soliciting their aid in carrying out this idea.

The first practical enforcement in Fremont of the new law passed last winter prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors under sixteen years, occurred last week when Rev. Joel Garner was arrested and fined for the offense.

The Irish-American citizens of Hastings are to have a grand picnic August 15.

The Seventh Day Adventists have decided to hold their camp-meeting this year at Kearney, commencing August 12th.

Quite a number of towns are not satisfied with the showing made by the census enumerators.

The Lincoln carpenter who some days ago was kicked by a horse, died of his injuries.

GOVERNOR DAWES has issued his requisition on the governor of Utah for the person of one Love Green for forgery.

The state school fund appropriation is \$234,000, and the amount paid out to the present time is \$223,000.

ARTICLES of Incorporation of the Coxand manufacturing company of Lincoln have been filed with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$50,000, with \$20,000 paid in. It is for the purpose of manufacturing tanning extracts and for tanning leather.

OLD settlers say the crop prospects in Gage county were never more promising than at this time.

The Beatrice Express says that Mr. James Cady is working upon a large reunion banner. The design is all commemorative of Gen. Grant. In the center a large portrait of the great commander, which is surrounded by smaller sketches representing scenes in his life. The banner is about ten feet square.

BOONE county has organized an agricultural society and will hold a fair the coming fall.

CAPTAIN ALEX. VOORHEES, has just received \$1,400 back pension money and will hereafter draw \$15 per month.

The busy harvest season is at hand and the hungry tramp "looking for a job" is making himself scarce in the rural districts.

THE Omaha courts have issued orders for sale of some of the goods left by the absconding Smith.

TWO young men at Kearney, named McCross and Balright, were thrown from a buggy, falling backwards, their heads striking a stone crossing. Balright will recover, but McCross' condition is dangerous.

An Omaha book agent who took undue liberties with a married woman was overhauled by the irate husband and given severe punishment.

At Juniata Ralph Burr, son of W. H. Burr, aged about four or five years, was killed by falling off a wagon loaded with sand and one of the hind wheels passing over his head. He only lived about ten minutes after the accident occurred.

It is proposed to bridge the Loup at Fullerton. The matter will be definitely settled by a vote of the masses.

EDMUND STEVENS, a young man of David City, has recently been placed in the insane asylum.

THE Iowa and Nebraska packing company, of Nebraska City, proposes erecting twenty-five or thirty cottages for its employees.

RUSSELL BRINGS, while at work in the Hooper flouring mills, had his hand caught and badly crushed in the machinery.

ANTON STANEK, a Bohemian, living three miles north of Table Rock, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed. He was driving home from town and the train struck him on the crossing a mile north of the depot.

THE Fullerton band propose treating the citizens of that place with a series of "open air" concerts.

In the vicinity of Wymore the man who has not been west to take up some land is entirely out of fashion these days.

At the reunion races in Beatrice there is \$1,500 offered in prizes. September 9, a trotting and pacing race, with purse of \$200 each. The 10th, trotting and running, with same purse. The 11th, a free-for-all trot, purse \$400; 2:40 trot, purse \$200, and a half mile dash running for \$75.

THE Catholic people of Wymore will build a house of worship this year providing the required amount of money can be raised.

CHARLES E. BERRY writes to the Lincoln Journal from the Industrial college, office of the dean, that it is proposed to send out from that office short bulletins giving information as to the Industrial college. It is thought that such information will be of sufficient interest to the people of Nebraska to be widely circulated in the press of the state. The condition of the experimental farm, the progress of experiments made thereon, the condition of the crops, together with timely observations upon the disease of plants and animals, etc., will receive special attention.

A BUILDER on a bridge at Antelopeville fell to the ground, a distance of 27 feet, but was not seriously injured.

I. W. SULLIVAN, of Sidney, received notice the other day of his appointment to the position of chief clerk at the Cheyenne agency, on the Missouri river thirty miles north of Fort Pierre, D. T. The position is worth \$1,200 per year.

NEW SYSTEM OF INOCULATION.

What is Said of Ferran's Plan of Dealing With Cholera.

Col. Fisher, United States minister to Spain, has transmitted to the state department a report made to him by E. De LaGranja, a physician of Boston, who accompanied the medical commission recently sent to Valencia by the Spanish government to investigate the cholera epidemic and to report upon the efficiency of the new system of inoculation practiced by Dr. Ferran. The report says: Persons treated by Ferran were found to have inoculated in both arms, but presented no marks or scars other than those made by the hypodermic syringe and now almost obliterated. Some of them stated that they had a little headache and all severe pains in the arms, lasting about twenty-four hours after inoculation. One of the most remarkable things is that none had either vomits or diarrhea as effects of inoculation, excepting the small children, who, according to one of Ferran's assistants, had both. Statistics presented by Ferran cannot be taken as statistics by anybody free from prejudice. The only thing to be said in favor of Ferran's method is that those who have undergone it have lost all fear of the disease. Ferran asserts that the inoculated do not have any immunity until five days after inoculation, but he does not know for how many days after that they are protected. The inoculated, however, do not appear to acquire much immunity because they are attacked by cholera and die like those not inoculated. The commissioner has concluded that the inoculations are ineffective and recommended that Ferran be allowed to continue his experiments. The opposition to the present government of Spain has been making political capital out of the suspension of inoculations pending investigation, thus allowing Ferran and his associates to pose as martyrs for the cause of humanity, science and progress. It is my opinion that Ferran's probaletics will be short-lived and will fall into as much discredit as the treatment of cancer by the use of curandango discovered some years ago by one of our own physicians.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Matters of Interest Touched Upon by Press News Gatherers.

On the public road, just east of Cranberry Plains, Ohio, a few evenings ago, Henry Heiser, one of the wealthiest farmers in Northern Ohio, was assaulted by a tramp who literally hacked him to death with a large knife. The murderer escaped, but is being pursued by a posse of citizens, who propose lynching him.

A Ft. Reno dispatch says: Gen. Sheridan has just had a conference with the Cheyenne chiefs, supposed to represent the disaffected element of whom Stone Calf was the most prominent. They disclaim any warlike intention, but the officials are reticent as to what took place. There are now sixteen companies of soldiers under command of Gen. E. V. Sumner, and if Stone Calf was found to be turbulent Sheridan would make short work of him and all connected with him.

Recently the wife of Abe Dinsar, a wealthy but eccentric farmer, living west of Bloomington, Ill., sued him for a divorce and enjoined him from disposing of his property. This she incensed him that he drove all his stock, including stock worth \$20,000, into the barn, and setting fire to it burned the whole thing to the ground. He is missing and is believed to have purposely perished in the flames.

Frank Williams and Clarke Montgomery, hands on T. J. Gray's plantation, near Butler, Ga., quarreled about a woman. Montgomery spread rat poison on the meat that was rationed out to be eaten by the hands. Williams died from the effects and others are deathly sick. Montgomery fled and has not yet been captured.

In Troy, N. Y., a few nights ago, John Col-lap and Michael Casey, young men, quarreled. The former shot Casey dead. The murderer was arrested and admitted the shooting.

John Guant, the Englishman who murdered his wife at Hoboken, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging himself in the Hudson county jail.

The Governor of Louisiana has ordered the execution of Charles Davis, George and Martha Jones for the murder of Mrs. Henriette Cole, widow of Judge James Cole, in the town of Plaquemine, Aberville parish. The execution will take place on Friday, July 31.

A special brings particulars of a monster mass meeting held by the Mormons of Paris, Idaho, to remonstrate against the test act law recently passed by the Idaho legislature. This law prohibits any person from voting, holding office or serving as a juror, who belongs to an organization that teaches or practices polygamy as a religious institution. Bear Lake county, of which Paris is the capital, is peopled almost exclusively by Mormons, and the test act is a severe blow to the office. The test act attempt to get grand and trial juries failed, and as a consequence court cannot be held. At the mass meeting resolutions were adopted that only one person in thirty is a polygamist, yet the test act, law disfranchises between 1,500 and 2,000 people in Idaho and has produced chaos. A statement of their grievances and a petition will be sent to President Cleveland.

Two ferocious bull dogs attacked a nurse having in her arms a child of John Harning, of Allentown City, Pa., inflicting horrible injuries on the woman and biting the child's leg off above the ankle. The child will die.

Edward Gillan, who shot himself and wife in Cleveland, Ohio, was interred in the potter's field, not a priest consenting to conduct the funeral services, and his daughter refusing to permit a protestant minister to officiate. He left property worth \$50,000.

A fire in Baltimore, destroyed property valued at \$35,000; insurance, \$30,000.

The Kansas and Colorado cattle trouble is not regarded as settled, notwithstanding the order from the Indian and war departments. The secretary of the interior can grant a pass, age of cattle through the public lands, but beyond that he has no authority. When the Texas herd reaches the borders of Kansas and Colorado there is apt to be trouble, as the land is private property, and the owners fear that some of the cattle are diseased with likely refuse them entrance. It is asserted that Lamar cannot compel them to do otherwise, nor can the troops be used to force a passage.

Of all the Lompoc tribe of Indians of whom fifty years ago there were some four thousand in Santa Barbara county California, there is but one survivor, and he is old and feeble, existing upon charity in the city of Santa Barbara.

IN THE VALLEY AND THE SHADOW.

Last Hours of a Great Man Who for Long Months Suffered the Agonies of Disease—Increasing Weakness Which Betokened Rapid Dissolution.

Gen. Grant, as has already been announced, died at Mt. McGregor on the morning of the 23d. A dispatch from that place, dated the 24th, gives the following account of the closing hours in the life of a man who has been honored as no one was ever honored before, and the progress of whose disease the nation had watched for months with the deepest solicitude.

The use of hot applications to keep warmth in Gen. Grant's extremities and vital parts were resorted to early last night. They were of some avail, but artificial warmth was without power to reach the course or stay the results of dissolution which began on Tuesday evening and had been progressing steadily, though gradually. Hypodermics of brandy were frequently given to stimulate the flagging physical powers, but later this failed to affect the patient, whose vitality and whose physical forces were so far spent as to furnish no footing for a rebound. Indeed, the efforts of the medical men were being made because none could stand by inactive and without the trial of an expedient that might prolong life an hour or a minute. The physicians believed the patient might reach the extreme ebb of his strength at 1 o'clock this morning and the approach of that hour was anticipated with intense anxiety at the cottage. It passed, however, and the general, lying upon his back and propped by two pillows lay upon the cot in the parlor and was yet living, though growing weaker. The inevitable close of the general's long sickness seemed more and more imminent. The feeble pulse-beats that fluttered throbbing could not be gauged beneath the fingers of the physicians. His body was being worn out by its own life currents, so rapidly was it coursing through the veins. Repeatedly brandy was injected beneath the skin of the general's arm, but despite the warming influence the respiration had quickened from 44 to the minute during the evening to a point of labored breathing that was painful to the friends who grouped and bent near the sick man. Two o'clock had been passed and the evidences of death were multiplying. The breathing was more shallow. The lungs and heart were giving away, so weak had the general grown at 3 o'clock that though he frequently attempted to do so, he was unable any longer to clear the gathering mucus from his throat. He accumulated and remained and as 4 o'clock drew on and the daylight came a point had been reached when expectoration was impossible. There was not left enough strength, and from 4 o'clock on there was in the throat a filling of the lung and the mucus that was filling the lung and clogging the throat. At 3 o'clock the general asked for water and after that it is not remembered that he uttered any word. The respiration had reached sixty and became more rapid. The hands further evidenced the progress of numbness at the extremities and at every breath the mucus clogging in the throat was growing more noticeable.

A few minutes before 8 o'clock Mrs. Douglas, Shady and Sands stood on the cottage veranda conversing on the condition of Gen. Grant and discussing the probability of his death. The general, who was sitting in a chair, was conversing a little distance away when Henry, the nurse, stepped hastily upon the piazza and spoke quietly to the physicians. He told them that though the general was near his death, thought the general very quietly entered the room and the sick man was lying and approached his side. Instantly, upon scanning the patient's face, Dr. Douglas ordered the family to be summoned to the bedside.

Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jesse Grant and wife, Mrs. S. Grant, Jr., and while Mrs. Col. Grant remained in the room, the doctors and at the sick man's cot. Mrs. Sartoris had followed the doctors in and the whole family was present except Col. Fred Grant. A hasty summons was sent him, but he entered the sick room while the messenger was searching for him. The colonel seated himself at the head of the bed with his left arm resting on the pillow above the head of the general, who was breathing rapidly with slightly gasping respirations. Mrs. Grant bravely suppressing her agitation, took her seat close by the bedside. She leaned slightly upon the cot and gazed with tearful eyes into the general's face. She found there, however, no token of recognition for the sick man was peacefully and painlessly passing away.

Mrs. Sartoris came behind her mother and leaning over her shoulder, witnessed the close of a life in which she had constituted a strong element of pride. Directly behind Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Sartoris, and a little removed, were Dr. Douglas, Shady and Sands. On the other side of the bed and opposite the mother stood Mrs. Grant and U. S. Grant, the general's stenographer and confidential secretary. At the foot of the bed, and gazing directly down into the general's face, were Mrs. Fred Grant, Mrs. U. S. Grant, Jr., Mrs. Grant, while somewhat removed from the family circle Henry, the nurse, and Harrison, the general's body servant, were watching the close of the life of their master. Dr. Newman had repaired to the hotel for breakfast and was not present, and the general's grandchildren were asleep in the nursery room above. Otherwise the entire family and household were gathered at the man's bedside. The group had been summoned not a moment sooner than was prudent for the doctor's presence, announcing final dissolution had appeared beneath the finger nails, and the hand which Dr. Douglas lifted was fast growing cold and the pulse had fluttered beyond the point where it was lost. The doctor distinguished the pulse beats by his own finger. The respiration was very rapid and there was a succession of shallow panting in the inhalations, but the throat seemed to become clearer and as the respirations became quicker and more rapid at the close, they also became less labored, and almost the noiseless. This fact was a comfort to the noiseless. The watchers who were spared a scene of agonizing or other than peaceful death. Mrs. Grant almost constantly stroked the face and forehead and hands of the dying general and at times tenderly kissed the face of the sinking man. Col. Fred Grant sat silently but with evident feeling, though his bearing was that of a soldierly son at the death-bed of his hero father. U. S. Grant, Jr., was deeply moved but Jesse bore the scene steadily and the ladies, while watching with wet cheeks, were silent. It was five minutes past 8 o'clock and not one of the watchers but who could mark the nearness of his life-tide to its final ending. Dr. Douglas noted the nearness of the supreme moment and quietly approached the bedside and bent over it and while he did so the sorrow of the gray-haired physician seemed to be that of a soldierly son at the death-bed of his hero father. U. S. Grant, Jr., was deeply moved but Jesse bore the scene steadily and the ladies, while watching with wet cheeks, were silent. It was five minutes past 8 o'clock and not one of the watchers but who could mark the nearness of his life-tide to its final ending. 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