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### NEBRASKA AND THE DROUTH.

The present year will be remembered long in Nebraska as an example of the power of the prairie soil to resist drouth and to absorb, without great injury, a superabundance of rain. In the early months the farmers began to think that the crops were surely ruined out. Then dry weather set in, and the way the corn and small grain commenced to resuscitate from the drouth was wonderful. Then the dry weather turned into a scorching drouth, and the strongest agricultural heart began to "cave," and it looked as though everything in the way of vegetation would be cooked to a turn.

When everybody had begun to despair, local rains began to patter here and there, until sooner or later almost everybody got some fraction of a shower and the recuperation commenced anew. In many counties the result has been a fine average crop of small grains and corn is now promising to equal the yield of last year and in the far western counties to surpass the great record of '85.

The fact is Nebraska is going to lead all the rest of her sisters this year in the average yield of corn. The eastern counties will fall short of the western in the matter of corn, but will have probably more than the half crop that was estimated a couple of weeks ago. The result will be a renewal of the Nebraska boom of last year and a better remuneration to the farmers for their season's work. In the shape of advanced prices for products, than has been received since '81, when there was a smaller crop than the average, but more money if not more corn to the acre than usual.—State Journal.

### SENATOR MANDERSON.

Senator Manderison, who has just returned to Nebraska, was seen by a reporter at the Millard. He still retains his rotundity of form, which however, has been slightly increased by exceedingly good digestion and because of the impossibility of taking his customary walk for some time, he has not been able to keep his avoirdupois down, to that figure which he feels to comport well with a gentleman of his formation.

Senator Manderison said that the bill for the relief of the Union Pacific was placed upon the calendar and would be taken up in due time at the next session of congress. The Pacific extension bill was also waiting for later action, in fact, one depended more or less upon the other. The relief bill had been considerably changed in committee, but what would be its fate, he, of course, did not feel able to forecast.—(Omaha Bee.)

### DEATH OF OSCAR PORTER.

Lincoln Correspondence Omaha Republican. A gentleman who was in the city today gave to your correspondent the following account of the killing of little Oscar Porter last Monday by the passenger train on the Columbus road, eleven miles west of here: Childlike and innocent, little Oscar was accustomed to slip away and visit his grandma, who lived across the track from his home. His parents were kept in continual anxiety and fear that an accident to his life might sometime happen. Fate sealed the decree, and the dreaded hour did come at a time least expected. The mother was busy and seemed for a moment to forget her longing for the absent child, which had just toddled from the door and was hastening his little footsteps towards grandma's house. Mr. Porter was busy repairing the granary close by with no thought of imminent danger. The note of warning fell like a death knell on the ears of the parents. The mother rushed to the door only to find her precious baby standing on the crossing facing the rapidly approaching train with childish bravery and admiration. With inexpressible anguish she started for his rescue, but it was impossible, and as the awful crisis came and the sad scene sadly narrowed to death, the mother, now frantic, buried her face in her hands to hide the awful tragedy. In the very presence of father and mother the infant child "was in the smiles and beauty of innocent life cut off." What pen can write or sympathetic friend express the sorrow of such a scene?

### THE CHILD'S LIFE SAVED.

An unusual, and at the same time a very skillful, surgical operation was performed a few days ago by a physician the results of which have been most salutary. It seems that for some time back the little four-year-old son of Newton Callen, living on Division near Burt street, has been suffering from diphtheritic croup. This is one of the most fatal maladies incident to childhood. The victim cannot breathe, and death usually, that is in nine cases out of ten, results from suffocation. Death of course stared Mr. Callen's child, but when the doctor was called he performed the operation mentioned. It consisted not less than making an incision into the little fellow's windpipe. The operation was as painful as it was delicate, and though it required skill and produced a great amount of pain it was yet the means of saving the child's life. The boy is now doing well and the incision has almost healed.—(Omaha Bee.)

### MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

TWO TIMES in the past month Fairmont has narrowly escaped destruction by fire. The last occurred a few days ago and entailed a loss of about \$2,000.

DORCHESTER shipped in one week sixty-five carloads of grain.

THE Juniata Herald says Adams county needs a paper mill, a creamery, a packing house and a cannery factory.

CHEYENNE county proposes to capture the \$65 premium offered by the Omaha interstate fair for the best fifty ears of corn exhibited.

THE Rock Island people have unloaded 300 carloads of ties at Beatrice, and will unload 12,000 carloads before they get through. They propose to build 100 miles of road east and west from that place.

THE railway mail service has established route 34,035, from Chadron to Lusk, on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railway, which will supply the intermediate points of Whitney, Crawford, Ft. Robinson and Harrison. Mail will be carried each way daily except Sunday.

AFTER three days passed in the depressing heat of the crowded court room, the preliminary hearing of Maul, brought from Galesburg for the murder of Eichorn, near Lincoln, was finished, and Justice Brown, who presided at the preliminary, acquitted the young man and gave him his liberty. The state made no case at all.

A HASTINGS special says: The Hon. Jas. Laid, congressman of the Second congressional district, arrived at his home here this evening. He was met at the train by a large number of friends and neighbors of both the democratic and republican parties. The reception given to him was not as a politician, but as a man who has won some distinction and done himself credit. He was escorted to his fine residence by his friends, headed by the band, and was there welcomed back to his home and friends.

THE B. & M. has secured right of way between Hebron and Belvidere.

Om's new driving association offers purses amounting to \$600 to be contested for at the next meeting.

An old settlers' association has been formed at Wayne, with Dr. R. B. Crawford as president.

OMAHA has a set of thieves who rob graves of their flowers, doing their work at night when no one is present to watch their operations.

A DISTRICT lodge of the Knights of Labor has been organized at Hastings.

AN Oakdale man carelessly threw his pitchfork from a hay stack. It lodged against the side of the stack with the business end pointing toward the sky, and when the man slid to the ground there was trouble. The tines of the instrument tore a large piece of flesh from his leg, severing an artery and nearly causing death from loss of blood.

The postmaster general has notified the Omaha postmaster that 25,000 of the new letter sheet envelopes will shortly be forwarded. The local office is given instructions in connection with the invention, which consists of a sheet on one side of which the letter is written, the other side being stamped and containing a place for the address. It is, in fact, a letter, stamp and envelope on one sheet. It is expected to be of great convenience to travelers and persons writing in unexpected places. The invention has been in use in Europe for some time, but is as yet an experiment in America.

THE other day Officer Mike Dempsey, of Omaha, received an official envelope from Washington, D. C., which contained \$60, the fruit of his recent capture of two deserters.

A LARGE cornice factory and an immense flouring mill are two enterprises soon to be credited up to Broken Bow. The mill will have a capacity of one hundred barrels per day.

A COLUMBUS special says: Peter Ring was overtaken and arrested six miles north of this city by Deputy Sheriff Brassfield, of Dakota county, and brought to this city and jailed. Ring stole a team, harness and light wagon last Friday morning from a farmer in the northeastern part of Dixon county. The officers of Dixon and Dakota counties at once started in pursuit and were joined by the sheriffs of Wayne and Madison counties. Sheriff Brassfield was accompanied by Sheriff Davis, of Madison, when the thief was overhauled.

THE Lincoln Democrat learns upon unquestionable authority that the Missouri Pacific has let the contract for building a line of road from Weeping Water to Nebraska City. The contractors are Carlisle Bros., and work will be begun right away with the intention of finishing up this fall ready for business.

THE Nebraska City Press glories over the following Lincoln dispatch: "A special car with Manager S. H. H. Clark and other officials of the Missouri Pacific railroad came in at noon to-day. The surveying party which left this city on Thursday have struck the trail from Avoca to the Missouri river via North Table creek and are driving grade stakes for an extension of the Missouri Pacific to a point near Nebraska City on the north. Settlers in Cass county along the route are invited to show some liberality in furnishing right of way for the proposed line which is to connect the Wabash extension from present terminus at Shenandoah, Ia., with the capital city."

A LINCOLN officer returned to that city the other day from Galesburg, Ill., having in charge one Maul, charged with the murder of Julius Eichorn in Lincoln on the night of August 1st. Maul was seen at the jail, but refused to talk upon the subject. He is a young, smoothly-shaved individual, of small stature, and has a boyish appearance. The circumstantial evidence against him is very damaging. He was known to have no money while in Lincoln, and when he turned up in Galesburg was very well fixed. While en route to Galesburg he stopped in Omaha and tried to get a \$100 bill changed. It is said to be the same bill that Eichorn tried to have a restaurant keeper change in Lincoln on the Sunday of his death.

PRINTERS in the Beatrice Express office "walked out" the other day because the publisher employed a "two-thirder."

THE Fremont Herald says it is expected that the branch road to Lincoln will be in condition for regular traffic by the 1st of October or soon thereafter. The distance varies very little from fifty-two miles. The grade, culverts, bridge timbers and all necessary material are in readiness to be out of the way of track laying.

THE Talmadge Tribune says that one the young men of that place recently advertised for a wife. His sister, who had been from home some time, answered the advertisement. The young man now thinks there is no "balm in Gilead," and the old folks are quite positive that it is too bad to have two fools in one family.

A SMART man in Wilber rode his horse into a saloon, took a drink and crowded the animal out through the side door. It cost him \$15.

IN Beatrice the other day H. W. Giddings delivered to A. Sigman 82 hogs that averaged 283 pounds to the head, that were sold by all who saw them to be the finest lot of hogs ever marketed in that place.

WASHINGTON special: J. B. Coburn, of Lincoln, special agent of the general land office for fraudulent entries, was here today examining the records to secure data upon which large numbers of land frauds will be disposed of in Nebraska. When he reaches home and gets all his evidence in shape his revelations through the district attorney and United States marshal will cause a sensation in the courts, and many prominent and hitherto respected citizens may be implicated in land steals.

THE Lutheran church at Tekamah is undergoing thorough repairs.

THE Hastings Trotting association is preparing for an interesting fall meeting September 21-23. Three thousand one hundred dollars will be distributed in purses.

A GERMAN named Fred Mulke, living at Salem, has been in the habit of cruelly beating his wife and children. After a recent exhibition of this devilry a crowd of one hundred or more citizens caught him and were about to tar and feather him when the officers rescued him on his promise not to repeat his cruelty.

THE Lincoln Land company has just laid out a town at Wray, Colorado, just west of the state line.

THE Nebraska City oratorical society, under the direction of Dr. Saxby of Lincoln, is putting excellent work on the "Creation," which they will render early in October.

THE Iowa authorities have refused the requisition asked by Gov. Dawes for Louis Lundburg, wanted in Omaha for selling mortgaged property.

ARTICLES incorporating the Hebron Building association with a capital of \$100,000 have been filed with the secretary of state.

JOHN MAHONEY, an Omaha boy, was badly bitten in the face by a dog and lies in a precarious condition.

NORTH LOUP saloons are closed, pending trial of the legality of the licenses issued them by the village. The case will come up before the supreme court.

THE Beatrice Express charges unnamed officers of Gage county with unlawfully instituting suits, running up bills of costs, and intimidating people for the purpose of mulcting them out of money.

ONE mile east of Liberty eleven large stacks of wheat belonging to George Sheldon were burned, entailing a loss of \$1,000. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin, and \$500 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

A WARRANT was issued last week by Governor Dawes on requisition from the governor of Kansas for the return to that state of a man named C. H. Brown, who is wanted for grand larceny and embezzlement. He is believed to be somewhere in Hall county.

THE old citizens of Kearney are pained to learn of the death of Mr. W. H. McConnell, of Corning, Iowa. Mr. McConnell was a newspaper man in Kearney in 1874, and had many friends among the old settlers.

RED CLOUD will vote on the question of water works some time next month.

ALMOST every house of prostitution in Hastings has a card, "Dressmaking," tacked on the front door. Respectable dressmakers are thinking of adopting a different sign.

IT is said that two Hastings editors will soon take unto themselves wives.

WITH respect to the bill for the sale of Fort Omaha, Senator Manderison expressed to an Omaha Bee reporter surprise at the action taken by the board of trade of Omaha in opposition to the movement in question. Said he: "If it had not been for that opposition, I feel that in all probability the bill would have passed the house as it had the senate. But then, it is not so much what the people of Omaha or the people of Nebraska want. It is what the war department wants. It requires an act of congress to establish a post, but it requires only an order from the department of war to abolish it."

A MAN by the name of Stone has been bound over to the Lancaster county district court in the sum of \$2,500 for being too much married. He has three wives as far as heard from, and returns are not all in yet.

KATE CONWAY, a young woman, lived alone on a claim near Rushville for several months past. Last week she came to town and soon became stark mad. She was kindly cared for by the people, and will be sent to her home in Illinois. The strain of lonely days and nights on a wilderness of prairie proved too much for her, but it is hoped that careful nursing and home influence will effect a cure.

LINCOLN feels quite elated over the election of its citizen, John Fitzgerald, to the presidency of the Irish National league of America.

THE races at Blair were unusually fine. The purses were good and attendance liberal.

NORFOLK has been declared the county seat of Madison.

KEARNEY seems to be holding up its end of the racket for first place among central Nebraska cities. Improvements now underway will involve the expenditure of at least \$250,000.

R. R. RANDALL, says the Lincoln Democrat, reports that the land department is in receipt of floods of letters asking for information about Nebraska. The Ohio people, whose arrival was noted a few days ago, are enraptured with what they see, and most of them will buy property with a view of early removal. There is every reason to expect a big boom in early fall.

IT is said a survey has been completed and grade stakes driven from Nebraska City to Shenandoah, Ia., for the extension of the Wabash road to that city.

G. L. BROWN, of North Bend, harbored Bill Shubert and his wife for a number of weeks, and sums up the cost as follows: A team of ponies, a lumber wagon, a buggy, a cow and his daughter, Ella Brown, all of which, according to public notice, "the said Shuberts drove off." Mr. Brown will give \$50 for an interview with Shubert.

WHILE a number of young men and boys were bathing in the river near the water works at Omaha the other day, one young man was noticed at some distance out to sink beneath the surface. Before assistance could reach him he was drowned. He is described as being about 22 years of age with a small brown mustache and dark hair. No one about the place at the time knew who he was and a search of clothing failed to throw any light upon the subject.

TWO newspaper men of Hastings, it is reported, will soon become Beaudichts.

SOME days ago while E. Wilhelm was confined in the county jail at Nebraska City he killed a pet wolf belonging to Si Renson. Wilhelm now claims the bounty offered under the law for wolf scalps.

Mrs. GONNOX, of Omaha, would like to know the whereabouts of her husband, who recently ran away, leaving on her hands four children to support.

THE parties who slugged the hack driver, Haynes, and the night policeman at the depot in Lincoln have had their preliminary hearing, resulting in binding three of the four over to the district court under two thousand dollar bonds, and the fourth one under a thousand dollars. It will not be the first introduction to the pen on the part of some of the chaps, and the prospects are the very brightest that they will go over the road with quickness and dispatch when court convenes.

CITIZENS of Hastings are confident of getting the Rock Island at an early day. Prospects are said to be decidedly encouraging.

OMAHA's city council is on a trip to Denver and the mountains of Colorado, and are being wine and dined sumptuously at all points.

HENRY RISSMAN, of Norfolk, in company with a girl of Columbus, hired a lively rig at the latter place and drove to David City, returning at 9:30 at night with the horse in a dying condition, being overheated. It lived but a few minutes thereafter. The young man occupied a cell in the county jail for the night and furnished security for the value of the horse the next day.

THE sudden death is announced, at Saratoga, New York, of Ezra Millard, president of the Commercial National bank of Omaha. Heart disease was the trouble. He was an old and highly respected citizen of the metropolis of the state. He leaves a wife and six children and property worth about \$400,000.

AT Omaha a man named Limberger is under \$700 bonds to appear September 7 to answer to the charge of attempting to kill Charles Kohlmeier.

### WHAT THE FARMERS WANT.

As Forechaired in the Proceedings of the Congress at Minneapolis.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 26.—At the farmers' congress this morning T. S. Coffin of Fort Dodge, Ia., read a paper on the "Great governing power in fixing freight rates on railways in America." He closed by urging the appointment of a national railroad commission.

At the close of his address the committee on resolutions presented a report which was read by the secretary. Resolutions were adopted asking congress to create the office of secretary of agriculture and to make this officer a cabinet member. They also ask the extension of the signal service to all places reached by telegraph; request congress to regulate interstate commerce in such a manner as to protect the productive industries of the country; recommend an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to stamp out contagious diseases among domestic animals; request the secretary of state to instruct the ministers to Germany and France to use all proper means to prevent restrictions upon American farm products properly inspected and shipped; urge upon congress the necessity of a speedy development of the system of waterways, including the Mississippi river; recommend the restoration of the wool tariff of 1867 and the maintenance of the tariff on rice and sugar; ask that state legislatures be earnestly requested to pass laws to prevent what is known as dealing in futures; approve of the oleomargarine law and recommend its strict enforcement; and of the incorporation under the laws of the United States of the farmers' congress.

Two propositions—one to adopt the Cullom interstate bill and the other to adopt the Reagan bill—were postponed.

During the discussion of the tariff resolution speeches took a wide range and it was treated as a question of protection against free trade. The protection sentiment was decidedly in the ascendant and when the vote was announced in favor of the resolution amended there was much applause.

At the afternoon session a lively discussion took place on the resolution recommending the restoration of the wool tariff of 1867, amended to include sugar and rice. The vote was—yeas 152, nays 116, the southern delegates voting solidly no.

The congress endorsed the oleomargarine bill, and urged that glucose be placed on the same footing. It also favored the creation of a new cabinet position with the department of agriculture. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chicago on the first Tuesday before the opening of the fat stock show of 1887.

### BLAINE'S SECOND SPEECH.

Blaine made his second speech of the campaign at North Berwick, Me., on the 25th. He twitted the prohibitionists of inconsistency and ingratitude toward the republican party which had given the state all the prohibitive legislation it had ever had. The prohibitionists did not expect to elect anybody of their own party. They could only defeat the republicans. Passing to the fisheries question, Blaine said: "Canada is in a very peculiar position. She wants to enjoy the pride and sentiment of belonging to the British empire and to pocket the profit and advantage of having an American market at the same time. We don't think that fair."

Blaine read at length from the late treaty with Canada, commenting as he proceeded, and showing by its terms that the United States were placed at great disadvantage.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FORMED.

A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: "The populace and troops quartered in the capital surrounded the palace early this morning. There was no disorder. The populace then assembled and adopted a resolution praying the czar to extend his sympathy to the Bulgarian people. The assembly proceeded to the place of the Russian agent and submitted to him the resolution. The agent assured the following provisional government has been formed: Prime minister, Mons. Clement; metropolitan of Tirnova; minister of foreign affairs, M. Stajonoff; minister of interior, M. Zankoff; minister of finance, M. Kurmoff; minister of war, M. Nikiforoff; minister of justice, M. Radoslawoff."

A QUEER OCCURRENCE.

Detroit dispatch: A queer wrinkle has been given the congressional campaign in this district by the unexpected recovery of Richard Toomey, a member of the Second ward committee, who has just been released from the Pontiac insane asylum.

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### A DESTRUCTIVE SOUTHERN STORM.

Galveston and Other Points in Texas Ravaged by Wind and Water.

Galveston (Tex.) dispatch: As the wind freshened Friday evening there were apprehensions that the night would be a repetition of the night before, but these were put away as the night advanced. By 10 o'clock the rain had ceased and the clouds had broken away. Families who had been driven from their homes by the rapid inroad of the gulf waters the night before returned to their water-logged houses and began the work of reparation, while hundreds of others, whose homes, with all their possessions, had been swept away, sought much-needed rest after the terrors through which they had passed. Morning broke clear and beautiful. The waters, which had inundated one-half of the eastern and southern portions of the city to a depth of from one to seven feet, had subsided except in low places. The beach and adjacent portions of the city for several blocks back from the shore presented a deplorable scene of havoc and desolation as far as the eye could see. The ruins of hundreds of houses, large and small, had been hurled and twisted into every shape, while brick pillars and wooden piling, in every direction contiguous to the beach and exposed to the full force of the gale, indicated where happy homes had stood the night before, but which were swallowed up and destroyed in the awful maelstrom that then prevailed.

All the pleasure resorts along the gulf shore were either swept away or ruined. The plaza in front of the Beach hotel is furrowed by the force of the waves and piled with debris, while all the false work protecting the foundation of the hotel, with the fresh water tanks and outbuildings, swept away and deep furrows were cut under the building itself.

In the menagerie, consisting of a long row of cages on the beach lawn, many birds and animals, were drowned or killed, while others made their escape. Among the mammals that escaped were the Mexican lions, which were on the point of making things lively when they were shot by the night watchman, who received a dangerous wound by the accidental shot of his assistant, passing through his arm.

The heaviest damage to property occurred in the vicinity of the Beach hotel. The wide area devastated by the water makes an approximate of the amount of damage done somewhat difficult, but it is now estimated by close calculations that it will not fall below \$500,000, and may exceed that. The street railways are being repaired and travel has been resumed over some of the lines, but many months will elapse before all traces of the storm are effaced. The majority of the sufferers from the flood are of the poorer class of people. Many of them lost all they had, and are destitute and discouraged, being dependent upon friends for temporary shelter and relief. Private charity has been active in providing for the relief of the sufferers. Much apprehension existed all day Friday as to the safety of the sisters' orphanage, five miles down the island on the gulf side, but it was reached yesterday and found to be intact, the only damage being the washing away of the steps of the building.

News reached the city yesterday afternoon that the schooner J. W. Perry, from Brashear City, with a cargo of cypress piling blocks, founded during the gale fifteen miles off the island. Captain Whitmore and a colored cook were drowned. Two colored sailors clung to some floating timbers and were driven ashore eighteen miles down the island. They were nearly dead from exhaustion when they reached shore. The body of Willie Barnev, eleven years old, residing in the western portion of the city, who was drowned Friday at the foot of Thirty-third street, was recovered at the foot of Forty-ninth street yesterday morning and was buried. This makes the tenth victim of the storm.

AGRICULTURALISTS IN SESSION.

Sixth Session of the Farmers' Congress of the United States.

Over 200 delegates were present at the opening of the sixth session of the farmers' congress of the United States at the state fair grounds at St. Paul, Minn., on the 25th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Col. Robert Beverly, of Virginia, Rev. Henry Wallace, of Iowa, offering a prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by Gov. Hubbard, who spoke approvingly of the farmers' efforts to obtain relief from the unnatural burdens of the monopolist, extortion and oppression. Col. Beverly spoke briefly in reply and a further interchange of oratorical courtesies was made by B. E. Clayton, of Iowa, secretary of the congress, and others.

In the course of his annual address President Beverly, on behalf of the farmers, thanked President Cleveland for his recommendations to congress to inquire whether the tariff might be considered in the interest of agriculture. It is for us to consider whether we shall continue to deliver our surplus on demand at the ballot box for the machine-made candidates of any party unpugged to great measures. We deem it essential to our prosperity and progress. "Organize, organize, I beseech you," concluded Col. Beverly, "not to-morrow, but to-day. Combine and stand together as one man in defence of your interests and in behalf of your general welfare."

Among the members of the committee on resolutions, Illinois, S. W. Ellerton; Dakota, C. A. Biese; Iowa, Ed Campbell; Missouri, Onbridge Horsey; Minnesota, W. C. LeDue; Nebraska, C. Berry; Wisconsin, N. D. Froll.

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### GOVERNMENT PRINTER APPOINTED.

Mr. Benedict, of Albany, a Close Friend of Cleveland, the Lucky Individual.

Middletown (N. Y.) dispatch: The Ellenville Press announces that its former editor, Deputy State Comptroller Thomas E. Benedict, has been tendered by the president and accepted the position of public printer at Washington and will assume the duties at once.

The New York World's Washington special says: It seems now that a public printer has actually been selected and already has his commission in his pocket. Contrary to almost every expectation General Rogers, of Buffalo, has been thrown aside and Thomas Benedict, of Albany, who became a close friend of Cleveland when the latter went to Albany as governor, has been chosen. Persons conversant with the situation and having knowledge of the combination, say that the second day after the president arrived at the Adirondacks he made out the commission of Mr. Benedict. Appointment is to take effect September 15th.

Washington special: Although it is not definitely known here that the president has actually appointed Thomas E. Benedict, of New York, to be public printer, there is reason to believe that that gentleman has been offered the position and that he will receive his commission and assume the duties of the office by the 15th of September. It has been looked upon as certain up to the present time that the president would appoint Gen. Wm. F. Rogers, of Buffalo, to this place. Rogers is an old printer, has an excellent knowledge of the practical workings of the business, and furthermore, in spite of the denials made by the friends of the president, there is every reason to believe that Rogers withdrew from the congressional race and left the field clear to Dan Lockwood two years ago with the distinct understanding that he was to be provided for. In the last six months he has been here two or three times. He has had several consultations with the president, and the last time that he went away he left the impression that he was to have the place. But the Buffalo man has very little chance with the present administration, and it is doubtless true that the president has decided to appoint some one else to this position, in spite of the pledges which Dan Lockwood and other democratic leaders of Buffalo might have had two years ago.

The employees of the government printing office are very much worked up over the alleged appointment of Benedict, not only because they know he will make a great many changes, but also for the reason that he is said to be a non-union man and to have been engaged in conducting a "rat" office.

THE GALVESTON SUFFERERS.

Galveston dispatch: The city council at a meeting last evening, appropriated \$15,000 for the benefit of the storm sufferers of this city. The citizens have subscribed \$5,000 for the same purpose. This will only afford temporary relief, as over 150 families are rendered homeless and destitute by the storm.

The recent storm proved very destructive to small vessels off the Texas coast. It will doubtless be months before the full list of the casualties are known. One sloop has gone to pieces off Pelican island, while another sloop near her is bottom up. The crew of two men are supposed to have been drowned. An unknown vessel and three schooners are reported ashore or overturned at different points along the coast.

Two of the crew of one schooner are lost and the crew of another are supposed also to have been lost. All the small crafts in the bay from the shoal to Edmunds' port are reported lost. A lumber schooner has gone to pieces in the bay and her captain and cook drowned. It is roughly estimated that the damage done shipping in this vicinity during the storm will approximate \$100,000.

The village of Quintana, at the mouth of the Brazos river was entirely swept away and two schooners driven ashore. No lives lost so far as known.