ABOUT NEBRASKA.

Hall's Maximum Tariff Bill. The maximum tariff bill for the regulation of local freight rates, as amended by the author, was passed by a vote of 54 to 83. The bill fixes a legal classification of freight, being substantially the same as what is known as the western classification. Section 5 contains the essence of the bill, and as amended

reads as follows: Section 5. That the board of transportation are hereby empowered and directed to reduce the rates on any class or commodity in the schedule of rates fixed in this act, and to revise and change said classification of freight, as hereinbefore in this act established, so s to work a reduction in any rate, whenever it shall seem just and reasonable to a majority of said board so as to reduce any rate; and said board of transportation are hereby empowered to raise the rate on any class or commodity in the schedule of rates fixed in this act whenever four-fifths of said board, upon examination and hearing had as in other cases, shall by their votes find and declare that said rate as serein fixed is not compensatory for the service rendered, and said board are also hereby empowered to revise and change said classification of freight, as hereinbefore in this act established. so as to raise any rate, whenever four-fifths of said board shall, upon examination and hearing had as in other ring. Do away with horsewhipping." cases, by their votes find and declare that the said classification of freight, as hereinbefore established, when the rates | trouble is possibly coming. are applied is not compensatory for the service rendered. When any change of rates or in classification shall be made by said board it shall be the duty of published two successive weeks in some public newspaper published in the city | cil. of Lincoln, in this state, which notice shall state the date of the taking effect of such change of rate or classification so made by said board and published in said notice shall take effect at the time so stated in said notice, and said maximum rate within the meaning of section three of this act.

Section 7 provides that any railroad than is fixed by this act, by means of which the rates on such article is increased, or shall make a greater charge than is allowed by this act, said railroad shall forfeit to the party injured the covered as debts of that amount are now recovered by law. -

Arbor Day, Monday, April 22d. annual celebration of "Arbor day" in search has been instituted with the this state, and Governor Thayer has issued the following proclamation relating thereto:

The time is now at hand when attention should be given to the planting of trees and shrubbery. It is a most pleasant duty and one the results of which we hope to enjoy, and which will be ap- and two ladies visiting the family. The preciated by the people of coming generations. This custom, of which this state is the origin, has come to be regarded as a sacred obligation by the timely assistance of a physician The advantageous results of tree planting must be admitted by all. By it we bless ourselves and confer blessings upon our children and children's children. The laws of Nebraska have set aside the 22d of April of each year as Arbor day, and the people generally in the past have observed it as such.

Therefore, in accordance with the statute, and with this bountiful custom, I, John M. Thayer, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue my proclamation, declaring Monday, the 22d of the present month of April, as a day to be observed as Arbor day.

And I do most earnestly invite all the people of the state to observe it as such, and devote the day to this most worthy and benificent purpose, namely, the planting of trees.

People in all ages of the world have appreciated the value and the advantages of trees, and the planting of them is an evidence of culture and refinement. It exerts a purifying influence, and it shows how ready nature is to assist us in extending such influence. Nature is only waiting for us to prepare the way, that she may follow our labors with happy results. We do our part

and nature does the rest. Plant trees and shrubbery; plant them in groves; adorn the homes and highways; plant in parks and places of resort; plant them in cemeteries. It will be a graceful tribute to the dead, and will beautify their silent home. Let all engage in the performance of this duty and they will confer a blessing upon our JOHN M. THAYER By the governor:

G. L. Laws, Secretary.

STATE JOTTINGS IN BRIEF. -Barbers of Omaha have petitioned the mayor to order their shops closed on

-The governor has signed House Roll | named has left the city. No. 95, the bill making the herd law applicable to all parts of the state.

-A test of Central City's system of waterworks was made last week under the supervision of A. A. Richardson, consulting engineer. It was satisfactory in every respect, showing that Central state and at a cost far below what it has cost other cities to construct similar

-The advanced class of the Cambridge school have organized a reading class for the purpose of reading and studying ancient history, says the Ka-

-The Shelton Clipper says that the congregation of the M. E. church pre- vitations will be issued and the affair sented their pastor, Rev. G. H. Mc- will be a notable event in society cir-Adam, with a Webster's unabridged cles. The honeymoon is to be spent in present, on the occasion of his birth-

the school board at Beatrice.

-Bids are out for the building of a

Presbyterian charch at Bennett. -Seward will fight it out on the license and no license issue.

-The test of the new filters for the Beatrice water works demonstrated they would stand a pressure of 125 pounds more than required for fire purposes. A four horse test of capacity was made. The engine made thirty revolutions per minute, and in four hours pumped 190,-424 gallons, or 1,100,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. The Beatrice water works can now furnish over 1,000,000 gallons of pure, clear water every

twenty-four hours. -The Ponca Journal states that Miss | commence at once. Baker, of Iowa, a graduate of Dexter —O'Neill is now a city of the second-college, has been appointed to fill a va-

-The cable and horse car companies of Omaha have consolidated. The capital stock of the new corporation is placed at \$4,000,000, with shares of \$100 each.

-Under the act just passed by the legislature, the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway company has become a domestic corporation of the state by filing articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

-The Ogallala board of trade is using every reasonable effort to get the Sioux City & Denver railroad to cross the Union Pacific at Ogallala, it being on a direct line from Broken Bow to Denver. At a meeting recently a committee was appointed to have a personal in-terview with the officials of that road.

-The entire high license ticket was elected at Tobias.

-A man named Crane, a prominent iveryman of Fairbury, was thrown from a buggy by a runaway team. His left shoulder and left arm were broken, and he was otherwise injured. He is not expected to live.

-On May 1, 1889, the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company will, at old Fort Casper, Wyoming, begin throwing dirt on the new extension from the western terminus of its Fremont, & Missouri Valley line to Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah.

-The Pacific railway investigating ommission, which was expected in Omaha in April, has postponed its trip until October.

-A thousand of the following handbills were thrown on the streets of Fairbury: "Independent voters of Fairbury, select your tickets. Break the whipping of tramps the other night and

-The waterworks constructed by Strang & Co., for Fairbury, were tested by the fire department, and pronounced said board to cause notice thereof to be satisfactory by the citizens' committee. They will now be accepted by the coun-

> -The new state board of transporta tion has selected as secretaries Gilchrist, Gilkeson and Garber, the last the son of ex-Gov. Garber.

-On account of an error in the enchanged rate as in this section made rolled copy of the appropriation bill, and published shall be a reasonable which was discovered last week, the state historical society is deprived of any appropriation for the coming two years, and the state horticultural society that shall classify freight differently is provided for twice. In copying the word "horticultural" was written in place of "historical."

-A Madrid dispatch says: E. C. Maher, formerly of Omaha, left his sum of one thousand dollars, to be re- home in northeastern Chase county last Tuesday a week ago for Imperial, to receive a loan of \$500, which he secured and left for home early the following morning. He has not been heard of On Monday, April 22, will occur the since and foul play is suspected. A

hope of finding a clue to the mystery. -The mental equilibrium of a daughter of Mr. Samuel McConkey who lives south of Plattsmouth is slightly unbalanced and some of her erratic actions are attended with very unpleasant and dangerous results. Her last exploit nearly resulted in the death of a brother ingredients of some pastry partaken of by these people contained poison which made the parties deathly sick and only were they enabled to recover from the

effects. -A masked and armed burglar entered the room of Al Noragon, at the Pacific hotel in Fairmont. Noragon was awakened by the intrusion and sprang from the bed, whereupon the burglar fired an ineffectual shot at him and fled, escaping from the building through the rear door. Noragon is contemplating starting in business at Fairmont and was supposed to have money about him. There is no clue to the

offender. -The governor last week received a telegram that three persons, supposed to be cattle thieves, had been taken from near Springview, Keya Paha county, into Dakota by vigilantes. Instruction was at once wired to the sheriff of that county to summon a posse and rescue these parties. The laws must be enforced and cattle thieves punished, says the governor, but mob violence

cannot be permitted. -The drillers at the coal find at Ulysses brought out a core of ten feet. At fifty-five feet a vein of coal two inches in thickness was penetrated, above which was about twelve inches of slate and shale, and below a stratum of lime-

-The governor has issued his proclamation organizing Thurston county its track. and fixing Pender as the county seat.

-A young woman named Tempest applied to the county judge at Nebraska City last week for a warrant for bastardy. When asked for whom she wanted the warrant issued she named two prominent young men of that city, but said she was not quite certain which one she was after. The warrant was not issued. One of the young men

-Omaha figures by her school cen-

sus that she has a population of 141,701. -Captain E. C. Parkinson, late ser-Congressman Jim Laird several times killing the driver instantly. and had a long talk with him," he re-City has one of the best systems in the marked, "and you can say that there is living four miles southwest of Craig, absolutely no foundation for all these stories about his fatal illness. He is now under the care of competent physicians and is completely in their control.

He is improving every day." -The wedding of Senator F. D. Taggart, of Hastings, and Miss Lulu B. | before they were married. Williams is now announced to take place in Lincoln on the 16th inst. It is

-At Ogallala five tramps broke int the dwelling house of Mike O'Brien -Two ladies have been elected for and robbed the building of over \$300 worth of property, including a gold watch, notes, money and clothing. 'The and nearly all the property recovered. They now languish in jail.

-The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture has just issued a valuable compilation of statistics of Nebraska.

-Maria Atkinson, the wife of the man who was murdered at Daykin last fall by Shiel, the saloon keeper, sued his bondsmen, John Curtin and Mike Higgin, for \$5,000. The jury awarded her damages in the amount of \$3,600.

-Gresham citizens have decided to

cancy in the public school at that place. | 2d. John McBride was chosen.

-Fairbury takes high license in hers. -As Victor Putnam, who mends watches in the establishment of Hallet, of Lincoln, was entering the store of G. B. Chapman, in that city, he saw a man purloining knives. He stopped him and ordered him to return the knives. The only reply was a thrust of one of the knives at Putnam's neck. The blade struck the tall collar worn

wound in his neck. The man then escaped and has not yet been captured. -G. L. Wagner's hardware store at Hampton was burglarized last week. The safe door was blown off and the

by Putnam and glancing made a severe

-Ben Purcell and William Stevens. burglary committed at Palmyra were brought to Palmyra last week. They waived examination and were bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds each.

-About fifty families, says a Niobrara dispatch, have crossed from Dakota during the past three days and are negotiating the renting of farms for the season. They are from Wisconsin and Iowa, and came here with the expectation of finding the Sioux reservation opened to settlement. Being disappointed in this they do not propose to back out and are going to put in their time profitably and be ready for its final opening.

-By a gasoline explosion at Grand Island an Italian was severely burned about the face. -Figuring by the school Quite a little feeling has grown from the Omaha makes out a population of 140,-

> -The residence of Frank Launtchein, in Kearney addition, Nebraska City, was destroyed by fire. The family had a narrow escape. Loss, \$1,800; insurnnce, \$1,200.

-A starch factory company is about to be incorated in Beatrice. -The Omaha board of trade is going to take a trip to the Black Hills country, going on the Elkhorn road.

-The committee from the state firemen's association with whom rested the location of this year's state tournament, met in Red Cloud last week and accepted a proposition from the Red Cloud department and located their tournament there. This date for holding the tournament was decided on and will be July 16th to 19th inclusive.

-Samuel Crockerman, aged 18 years, was attacked by a mad steer on the farm of Hal Stines, near Fairmont, and was fatally injured, dying soon after the accident. -The work of ballasting the main

the earliest possible moment and preparations are already being made for that purpose. -Three men named Bandt, Roth and

Edwards, were severely burned in a prairie fire in Wheeler county. A large number of buildings were burned.

-On the 5th of June a non-partisan convention will be held in Lincoln for the purpose of organizing the state to carry the prohibition amendment.

-The falling off in the earnings of the Burlington route during the last year, owing to the engineers' strike, the adverse legislation and the rate wars, has made retrenchment necessary. The Plattsmouth shops, in which some 900 men are employed, are feeling the effect of the reduction in working eight hours instead of ten, and the force is being reduced

-Wisser brothers, charged with incendiarism in burning the school house at Nenseel, were acquitted recently in the district court at Valentine.

-The Burlington has reduced its train service between Chicago and Lincoln about 6,000 miles per week, a saving of about \$3,000 per week.

-John E. Uleuricy, of Nebraska City, was found dead in a Lincoln hotel last week, having been asphyxiated by gas. He blew out the jet instead of turning it off. The body when found showed no signs of suffering, but lay easily in bed, and hanging to the gas jet was a card saying, "Do not blow out | the gas.

-Both the B. & M. and Union Pacific roads are discharging men all along their lines.

-Some fiend in human form started a prairie fire which swept the entire northeastern portion of Dixon county. It burned up hay stacks, barns and outbuildings, destroyed groves of trees, and in fact everything which came in

-A well-to-do farmer of Webster county last week found his daughter in an Omaha house of ill fame and took her home with him

-It is rumored that the Union Pacifi has in contemplation a line from Omaha to Lincoln vin Golmore, Neb., and a line from Lincoln to McCool Junction, on the Kansas City & Omaha.

-Ekhard Helwig, a young man who worked for Mr. C. Schneider near Snyder, was killed last week. Helwig and another of Mr. Schneider's men drove to the Elkhorn river after some fence geant-at-arms of the senate, last week posts. He drave two young horses, returned from Washington. "I saw which became far htened and ran away,

-Waldermar Hanson and his wife, attempted suicide by taking large doses of horse liniment. They were married about five weeks ago and frequently quarrelled both before and since. This with their poverty was the cause. Hanson made an attempt to end his life once

-The business men of Beemer have established a canning factory with a capital stock of \$10,000.

-The question of erecting a new court house will not be submitted to the | Mahone and the Wise factions. voters of Seward county until the regu-

lar November election. ts this an April Fool Story.

A special dispatch from Washburn, and his brother, Tom Williams, trappers, after they went into camp they found their traps had been visited and the game taken out. The next night Tom remained out to watch for the thieves. In the middle of the night his brother was awakened by several shots, and sprang out of bed to see Tom fall across the doorway a corpse. Fifteen Indians came up and opened fire on the surbuild a \$2,500 school house, work to commence at once.

O'Neill is now a city of the secondseverely wounded, managed to bury his brother and elected her first mayor on the boat to Fort Stevenson.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Washington special: President Harrison has decided to take a couple of days' vacation and get away from the worries and cares which have been forced upon him through the importunities of the crowd of office seekers who still remain in Washington. He will leave early to-morrow morning on a revenue cutter for a trip down the Potamac river and into the Chesapeake bay. The president will be accompanied by the members of his family and possibly Secretary Windom. His absence contents extracted. There was about bly Secretary Windom. His absence counties of South Dakota will feel the \$25 in the safe. The burglars took a will prevent the appointment of any one effects of the storm for years. The lot of knives, razors and revolvers. A until his return, which will be, accordhammer and cold chissel from a neigh- ing to the programme, on Wednesday. boring blacksmith shop was left in the President Harrison has been occupied at his desk almost continuously from morning till late at night since he was who were captured near Lincoln for a inaugurated and the pressure is telling upon him, so that the rest is essential to his health. In taking this trip the President is following the course of President Arthur, who frequently made short trips away from Washington on the United States steamer Dispatch. There are no vessels of the navy at Washington just now, except an old receiving ship, so that a revenue cutter had to be brought into service.

COLORED OFFICE SEEKERS. H. P. Cheatham, of North Carolina, who is the only colored member of the Fifty-first congress, is here with ex-Congresman Smalls, of South Carolina, and the two men are taking an active colored people of the south. They report that their success so far has been confined almost exclusively to the railthe departments. They do not believe that it is the intention of President collectors and other officers in the on the part of the white democrats. They say the administration can recognize the colored vote quite as liberally

SUNDAY MORNING INSPECTION. A great many army officers hope for the good of the army that the proposed general order abolishing Sunday morning inspection will not be pursued. There are no good reasons advanced by its advocates, and there are many why it should remain as it is. Saturday in both the army and navy is looked upon as "cleaning day," so far as the garrisons and ships are concerned, and no military duty other than that absoidea is to have the weekly inspection fixed for Saturday afternoon. This makes Sunday a virtual loafing day, and idleness begets wickedness. Such distinguished veterans as the late General Sheridan and General Sherman were opposed to the proposed change.

On this subject General Sherman very truly said: "Every well regulated famline of the Union Pacific is to begin at | ily provides the children with a bath. a change of clothing and a general polishing up on Sunday morning, and the soldiers being the children of the government should be treated in the same

> POSTAL CHANGES. The following changes have been made in Nebraska, Dakota and Iowa Nebraska-N. Channey appointed at Davey, Lancaster county, vice P. Dore,

> resigned. A new office is established at Perkins, Perkins county, with Miss Maggie Wethnoax as postmistress. Also a new office at Ratcliffberg, Vin-

> ton county, with J. M. Clark post-Also a new office at Otis, Hamilton county, but no postmaster, as there was no candidate. Dakota - E. Hughes appointed a

> intelope, Stark county, vice S. C. Callahan, resigned. J. B. Sprague at Forest River, Washington county, vice J. B. Warren, re A. Sutton at Hillsview, McPherson

> county, vice C. Flanery, resigned. A. J. Porter at Orient, Falk county, vice J. J. Conway, removed. Iowa-S. M. Webster, appointed at Bondies, Howard county, vice F. Shu-

muker, resigned. A. Kaufman at Four Corners, Jeffer son county, vice J. Leafgreen, resigned. at Petersburg. W. J. Lancelot at Gray, Audubon county, vice B. Lebeck, removed. F. G. Martin, at Lexington, Washington county, vice W. Kilpatrick, re-

C. H. Sands at Mallard, Palo Alto county, vice W. McKimberg. C. J. Sample at Mt. Sterling, Van Buren county, vice L. N. Gabbert, re-

J. H. Cast at Prole, Warren county, vice J. C. Shiffler, removed. G. W. Howland at Rockville, Cerro Gordo county, vice H. M. Laughlin, removed W. S. Sloan at Rodman, Palo Alto

county, vice M. S. Fretz, resigned. She May Have it for the Asking. Baltimore (Md.) dispatch: The Sun's Richmond, Va., special says: It is asserted upon the authority of Mr. Blaine's warmest personal friends here that Mrs. Stonewall Jackson has been offered the postoffice at Richmond or Charlotte, N. C. Some days ago, as already telegraphed, Mrs. Jackson was assured upon authority of the same republican leaders that if she would accept it she could have the appointment of postmaster at Lexington, Va. The climate of that section of the state does not agree with this lady, and for that and various other reasons the proffer was declined. The same republican leaders insist that the widow of the distinguished confederate chieftain has only to signify her willingness to accept and she can have her choice of the postoffice at Richmond or at Charlotte, N. C. This assurance has been communicated to Mrs. Jackson by her Richmond friends. She is living with her aged father in Carhart, Lincoln county, N. C. Her home is twenty miles from Char-lotte, the nearest railroad or telegraph station, and it will be a day or two before a reply can be had. The Richmond postoffice is worth \$4,000 a year and is a bone of contention between

Fiendish Attempt to Wreck a Train. Mansfield (O.) dispatch: A fiendish attempt was made to wreck the Penntrain near Canton about midnight. burglars were caught by Sheriff Kizer a few weeks ago went up the Little Pieces of iron were tightly wedged into Minowa trapping. The second morning a switch near a little town. An eastbound passenger train passed safely over the obstruction, but the unusual iolting caused the trainmen to become alarmed and reported the trouble to the operator, who investigated the cause and stopped the limited before it reached the switch. The irons had been placed in the switch with the east ends raised so as to derail the westbound vivor. Williams protected himself as train, while allowing the eastbound to well as he could and opened fire on the pass over only with little jarring. The Indians with two heavy revolvers, and, switch is only sixty feet from a bridge, according to the dispatch, managed to and the momentum would have thrown consequences would have been terrible.

New York.

PLUNGING INTO A PRAIRIE FIRE.

iting Experience of a Train Load of

Passengers in Dakota. Chamberlain (S. D.) special: The great blizzard of 1888 became famous and will be remembered for many years for its destructiveness to life and its length and severity. But the wind storm that visited South Dakota on Tuesday and Wednesday, while probably not having strewn in its path so much pain and death, bas left blackened reminders in the ashes of homes and villages. It was a veritable simoon of fire dust, smoke and destruction. The wind began blowing at 11 o'clock Tuesday, and by 1 o'clock the air was filled

with dust and ashes from the prairies

which had been burned over a few days

previous, and it was next to impossible

to cross the street or live in the storm.

experience two miles east of Mt. Ver-

non. A destructive prairie fire was

raging at that point, and the dust and smoke made the surroundings as dark as night. The engineer plunged the train into the darkness and the first thing he knew he found the ties on fire for nearly a mile ahead. He checked the train fearing to advance lest he should find no track ahead of him, and there in the suffocating smoke and scorehing heat, with blazing ties underneath the train, and flames on each side of the track, the crew sought to extinguish the flames and save the train. part in securing appointments for the The passengers became excited and coaxed to be released from the death by fire or suffocation that seemed so near at hand; children cried from pain and way mail service and minor positions in gasped for fresh air, and strong men became desperate and left the train to fight the flames only to return to the Harrison to appoint many postmasters, coaches exhausted. For a time escape seemed impossible, and several of the south from the colored ranks on account | passengers gave up; several ladies of the deep prejudice against the race | prayed aloud, and some of the male passengers swore at the obtuseness of the engineer for going into that hell of fire and smoke so far that he could and not put them in executive positions. not return, while on all faces were ble losses by the hurricane of fire that them and make them take his 'medicine' only a few moments hence. Hardy delutely necessary is performed. The new road was on fire as far as the eye could Randal and T. M. Howe. that cauldron of fire, and when the sustained los ditch and be a mass of flames in a ville and Huron.

moment. The passengers look back upon the horrors of that hour on a burning track, safety, and when the danger was over, words of praise at the almost miraculous escape of all on board rose on

every lip. MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND NOTES. The postoffice at Oseola, Neb., has been raised from the fourth to the pres-

Herbert Chambers, of Chicago, has been arrested for stealing \$800 from his

Germany has ordered three vessels to Samoa to replace those lost in the recent The Santa Fe road has arranged for

money to carry it over until this year's crops are assured. One man robbed a coach near Mursecured.

It is reported that a conspiracy against the life of the czar has been discovered

The American sugar refinery, of San Eastern sugar trust on the 1st. Betty Shea, of Lexington, Ky., was found in her room with her brains

beaten out. Countess Josephine Radelzki committed suicide in London by shooting herself with a revolver.

The debts of Vandertalen, who recently suicided in Brussels, are said to amount to \$920,000 and assets \$240,000. The committee of the house of commons has approved the proposal for igcreasing the naval strength of England. Lansing Lossing, of Greenwood township, Michigan, is short in his accounts with the township, and is under

Adele Menard, a 17-year-old girl, committed suicide in Minneapolis by shooting. She was undoubtedly insane. The eldest son of John Bright, who is a liberal unionist, will contest the

seat in commons, made vacant by the death of his father. In attempting to ford a stream near Clinton, Mo., on Sunday, the wagon of John Boyle was overturned and four of

his childred were drowned. E. P. Allis, head of the great Reliance works of Milwaukee, died on the 1st. He employed about 1,500 men, with whom he was always on the most friendly terms, even during the labor troubles

of recent years. General Butler lost his temper while argning a case in the supreme court at Washington and referred to Browning. opposing counsel, as a cur, to which the latter replied by saying that he did not payment, the amount due on said cerpropose to be bullied by a bull dog. | tificate to the date of said pensioner's The court called them to order by threatening a fine.

The secretary of the navy has cabled | said amount will be paid to the minor to Anckland that men of the wrecked | child or children of said deceased pennaval vessels who are sent home are to children, then the amount due said de- Ponk... come to San Francisco. Renewed in- ceased pensioner will, in the discretion structions have been sent to San Fran- of the secretary of the interior, be paid cisco to hurry forward the preparations to the executor or administrator of the North Dakota, says that M. A. Williams sylvania limited vestibule passenger of the Charleston and every effort will estate. Minor children as contemplated be made to get her guns and carriages by this act are minors recognized as transported overland at the earliest pos- such by the law of the locality in which sible moment.

Reduction of Telegraph Rates.

Chicago dispatch: On and after April 1 Western Union telegraph rates from the whole train into the creek and the to 75 cents. After April 1 there will be ant. no higher Western Union rate from Chicago for ten words than 75 cents to They say 7,000 bookkeepers are idle in any point in the United States or Can- Ireland, has bought 4,000 acres of land

THE DAKOTA PLAINS SWEPT BY FIRE.

Many Farmers Lose Everything and Nu. merous Towns are Completely Wiped Out Mitchell (Dak.) dispatch: Nobody but a man who has stood before prairie fire and tried to stay its awful rush and roar when it is fanned by a fresh wind, can appreciate its almost resistless force. The fires that have brought so much loss and suffering to southeast Dakota in the last few days were practically irresistible. flames in some instances leaped 100 feet of plowed ground and rushed away on their career of destruction. All ordinary precautions were in vain. The spring has been very dry and the top of the ground has been dusty or baked, and an extremely high wind prevailed during the fires. Under the conditions, whenever the

fire touches the grass it burst out with a flash almost tike powder and shot The train from the east had a terrible its course ever widening. To extinguish it by water, of course, was out of the question. The plowing of fire breaks was slow work, and the high wind often drove the flames across them. the people of Mount Vernon saw the wide spreading prairie northwest of

them break out into a blaze. The rushed after with savage fury. Mitchell was telegraphed to for help, and 100 firemen with hooks and ladders were sent at once. Most of the population of Mount Vernon and the men from Mitchell met the furious flames our the outskirts of the town and fought with burned and 100 families were left homeless. Loss \$20,000.

Outside of the town it is impossible yet to say what the loss is. Lonely little farm houses scattered over the prairie are wiped out by the dozen. Stories of losses of life may come in later. Yankton dispatch: Stories of terrimankind when death appears to be continue to come in. Volin village has only three buildings standing. Olitermined manhood paled at the pros- vet, Hutchinson county, was burned. pect. The train crew and passengers Pukwanna was wiped out. The lesses worked heroically. Men bent forward, in Yanton county are: M. M. Johnson, gasping for breath, would feel their R. Anderson, F. Ott, Mrs. Stockwell, way to the tender and get water to dash R. Pringle, J. F. Olson, David Perley, on the burning ties while others would James Hoxing, John Hundershot, go a few feet ahead of the engine to see Lardy Jencks, M. Holbrook, E. S. whether it was safe to move ahead. It Volin, A. H. Volin, Joseph Beckmeyer, was dangerous to move. Behind the Henry Rake, Charles Steneil, William

see, while ahead all was darkness and Int vicinity of Jamesville, twelve mystery. But it was death to linger in miles . rth of Yankton, eight farmers ranging from \$1,000 to surroundings either meant moving or \$3,000 each. Around Jamesville the death, the effort was worth the attempt, loss will foot up \$10,000. One man vigilantes had harmed him, I would and a start was made. The suspense lost \$1,000 in money which he had in and horror of the few moments required his coat on a piece of plowed ground Burns had paid the penalty. As it is, I to pass over the burning track and 300 feet from the grass. Two new am glad I have a brother who had the through the terrible heat and smoke wagons were burned 100 feet from nerve to stand up before this mob of cannot be expressed. No one knew but the fire. Sixty miles of Western Union what the train would tumble into the wire was blown down between Center-Highmore dispatch: A destructive

prairie fire started on the evening of the 18th, five miles from Highmore, on in a gale nearly equal to a cyclone, as the farm of James Ingram. While he as the most trying scene of their lives. was smoking his pipe his barn caught One such experience is enough for a fire and was destroyed. A fierce wind lifetime. The passage was made in carried the fire to the prairie and the work of destruction began. Houses, barns and stock were burned. Tuesday morning the wind reached a terrific gale. No ordinary fire breaker made any resistance to the sweeping flames. At 3 p. m. the fire reached Ree Heights, fifteen miles east of Highmore, where thirteen residences in the town were destroyed. At sundown on Tuesday another fire started in the northern part of Hyde county, sweeping away six homes and burning to death Miss Annie Sweeny and a five-year-old baby, Eugene Tibbs. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbs and Mrs. Ruby are dangerously burned. The losses will reach many thousand

Scotland dispatch: It would take \$200,000 to cover the loss in this county. The Hutchinson Herald office is burned. The losses amount to \$35,000, with less than \$6,000 insurance. Two phy Station, Cal. Very little booty was farmers near Olivet were completely burned out, and another fire, east of Scotland, destroyed everything on the farms of A. O. Fansky, Gus Evanson and M. Shook. On the stock farm of E. S. Sweet three barns were burned; loss, \$30,000. Twelve miles west of Francisco, was formally sold to the Scotland a prairie fire raged. Twentyfive farmers are known to have lost

Aberdeen dispatch: A terrible story of the complete destruction of Leola, county seat of McPherson county, noted in last night's dispatches, has been brought in by couriers. Leola | was a town of 300 inhabitants, and the | dispatch. country for miles around was well settled with industrious, thrifty people. They saw the surrounding country nearly devastated. Hundreds of farm iouses are in ashes, and the carcasses of ing definite is known about rebuilding. Citizens here will hold a meeting this afternoon to take measure for relief. Scores of farmers are without seed, wheat, stock, buildings or implements

to commence spring work. Hartford dispatch: A raging prairie fire swept down on this town this afternoon and would no doubt have swept it out of existence but for the forethought and energy of the town people yesterday in running fire lines around the town wherever unprotected. Heavy

losses are reported from every direction.

A Circular by Commissioner Tanner. Washington dispatch: Commissioner Tanner of the pension bureau, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, has issued the following ruling: Pursuant to act of congress approved | 0 March 1, 1889, whenever a pension certificate of any character, original, increase, restoration, arrears or otherwise, shall have been issued by the burean and the beneficiary mentioned therein is found to have died before death will be paid to the widow of such pensioner. If there be no widow then sioner. If there be neither widow nor | 0 the pensioner lived.

Garret Returns Home.

Robert Garrett returned to his home, "Uplands," near Cantonville, Baltimore county, Md., on the 4th. A reporter Whear-No. 2 red cash 90 (4 91% and to Chicago will be reduced as fol- who drove out there said that Mr. Gar- Conn-Perbushel 30 6 30% lows: In Alabama, Georgia, Missis- rett looks quite pale and his face is Oats-Per bushel... ippi, North and South Carolina, from thinner and the gray in his beard is Hogs-Mixed packing 4 60 @ 4 65 60 to 50 cents for ten words or less; Colorado, New Brunswick, Texas and Wy-that of a man who has recovered from a KANSAS CITY. oming, from 75 cents to 60 cents; Cali- long and painful illness. Mr. Garrett WHEAT-Per bushel....

> Mr. Balfour, the chief secretary for in New Zealand.

ARRAIGNING THE VIGILANTES.

Long Pine (Neb.) special to

Omaha Bee: George T. Gannon has

returned. He says: "W. Hammond and I have returned from Keva Paha county and found my brother all right; also learned that there was a mob of 'viges' in that country, and they had come to my brother's house in the night and told him the United States commissioner from Rosebud agency was there and wanted him as a witness to go to Rosebud. So he told them all right, he would go, and as soon as he went out the mob, headed by Taylor and Burns, surrounded him and held their guns on him. They told him he must go now but they would not harm. 'his frame.' The United States commissioner, W. C. Curtis, being there, he thought he was safe. They made him the promise that his life was safe in away across the prairie like an arrow, their hands before he would go a step. They (the mob) went from his place to-George Babcock's, a young married man, and he held them off until 9 o'clock in the morning, hoping that some help might arrive. They took It was early in the afternoon when his wife out of the house and were going to set it on fire when he surrendered. Some parties did come, but were driven off by Taylor, Burns & Co. smoke was dashed into and through the The mob then drove fifteen miles in town on wings of wind. The flames Dakota and camped northeast of Turtle Butes,' in a deep canon where there were some tall trees. Then being dark the mob proceeded with the trial and cast a vote to hang these men. Twelvevotes to hang and fifteen to not hang. There was no trial; they merely voted. I talked with some 'viges' in Springview desperation, but in vain. No lives were and asked them about my brother. lost, but forty-five buildings were Their reply was that he was a straight man and that the reason he was rounded up was because he knew them (the viges) and knew their actions, and had told them if they ever came to his house in a mob he would defend himself. So they took to the strategem they did toget him. He knew them all, and will do all in his power to try the law on pictured the fright so natural to swept over the country north of here this time. When I left Keya Paha county there were 100 men armed to the teeth with all kinds of guns, and they said if any more men were molested and taken away from their homes, they (the citizens) would shoot them down like dogs. The 'anti-viges' were in the Pine last night, and received a double wagonbox full of guns and ammunition, and have ordered more. Friends of the boys that the mob took are arriving hereevery day from Iowa and Nebraska. I went to Keya Paha county to investigate this matter, and if my brother was guilty of any crime I wanted him turned over to the law, as I uphold no man who is a thief, but, if not so and the never had returned until Taylor and outlaws, and when they told him if would tell them things to suit them about certain men in that county, that he said he was not there to lie about his neighbors to save his neck and satisfy them; also that his wife showed her courage by getting one of her ponies and making an attempt to follow them, and when her pony was taken away by the mob, she slashed one of their horses with a corn knife and went and got a team and buggy and went to see the sheriff, John Coble, to have him disperse the mob. But he would not act, for fear of his life. I think the day has arrived in this country when cowboys and 'viges' can not take the people by storm, and that law and order will prevail. Mr. Coble's wife died the morning I arrived there, and I had no personal conversation with him. Bismarck Would Like to Know, You Know.

New York dispatch: The World's Washington special says the German minister yesterday received a telegram in cipher from Prince Bismarck instructing him to cable at the earliest moment the names of the vessels ordered by the secretary of the navy to proceed to Samoa to take the place of those wrecked there March 15; also the number of men and officers carried by each ship, its tonnage and horse power, the number, size and kind of guns; whether the vessels are equipped with torpedoes and whether the sending of reinforcements to Samoa will weaken the American navy in any other part of the world to any considerable extent. The minister was also instructed to find out and report to the German foreign office without loss of time the condition of new vessels in process of construction. The World correspondent is able to vouch for the absolute accuracy of the

Boycotting the Bagging Trust

At a meeting of the Georgia State alliance, representing nearly every counburned stock are lying along the road- ty in the state, called to take some acways. It is probable that one-tenth of | tion on the jute bagging trust, a resoluthe damage is not yet reported. Noth- tion was unanimously adopted that every bale of cotton made by alliance men in Georgia shall be covered by cotton cloth, instead of jute bagging. This action affects nearly 100,000 farmers, and will result in the establishment of new cotton manufactories in Georgia.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS. Quotations from New York, Chicago, Omaha,

and Elsewher	·e.			
OMAHA.				
VHEAT-No. 2	80	K TO	80%	
orn-No. 2 mixed		(0)	20	
ATS-No. 2	22		221/2	
YE	28	(0)	28%	
UTTER-Creamery	24		26	
UTTER-Choice roll	17		19	
ggs-Fresh	8	(0)	9	
HICKENS-dressed	12	(4	13	
URKEYS	14	(0)	15	
EMONS-Choice, per box	3 75	(0)	4 50	
RANGES-Per box	3 25	(0)	4 00	
NIONS-Per bu	50	(0)	55	
OTATOES-Nebraska	25	14	30	
PPLES-Per bbl	2 50	(0)	3 25	
EANS-Navies	2 10	(a)	2 20	
ootFine, per th	16	(4)	18	
ONEY	15	(4)	16	
ogs-Mixed packing	4 40	64	4 45	
ogs-Henvy weights	4 50	0	4 55-	
EEVES-Choice steers	3 25	(0)	3 65	
HEEP-Choice Western	3 80	0	4.30	
NEW YORK	4			
пкат-No. 2 red	87	60	88%	
onn-No. 2	425	(0)	43	
ATS-Mixed western	30	60	33	

13 75 @14 00 CHICAGO. WHEAT-Per bushel ... Conn-Per bushel..... 34 @ 24 @ OATS-Per bushel ... Ропк..... ..12 35 (0 12 50 LARD-6 92%@ 7 00 Hogs-Packing &shipping. 4 70 @ 4 95 CATTLE-Stockers 2 45 @ 3 55

SHEEP-Natives 3 75 @ 5 50

..... 25 @ 25% Hogs-Good to choice 4 25 @ 4 57% SIOUX CITY.

CATTLE-Feeders..... 2 35 @ 2 75 | Hogs-Mixed..... 4 55 @ 4 62%