

STATE NEWS.

NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.
-Tokamah's water bonds, \$13,000, sold at a premium of \$350.

-Kimball county reports the best crop prospects ever known.

-The republican state convention will be held at Lincoln Sept. 24.

-A boating club has been organized at St. Paul, Howard county.

-Religious excitement caused Cass W. Hill of North Loup to go insane.

-The deputy sheriff of Lancaster county has handed in his resignation.

-The A. O. U. W. lodge at Salem will hold a picnic on or about Aug. 7.

-The Richardson county fair will be held at Salem September 22 to 25.

-The house of Jacob Buhner, Falls City, was destroyed by fire last week.

-A mad dog has been creating contention in the vicinity of St. Edwards.

-One dealer sold seven binders and one mow in one day at the little town of Lindsay.

-The Burt county soldiers' reunion will be held at Lyons September 15, 16 and 17.

-The Cortland creamery company are shipping a weekly average of 3,000 pounds of butter.

-About thirty feet of the dam at Red Cloud mill was swept out by the recent high water.

-George Struher, the left fielder, has been chosen manager of the Nebraska City ball club.

-A company has been organized by Burwell capitalists to build and operate irrigating ditches.

-Twenty-five of Dodge county's school teachers will attend the meeting of teachers in Toronto.

-The first annual reunion of the pioneers of Richardson county will be held at Verdon August 19 and 20.

-Gus Wilson has been sent to the penitentiary from Elwood to serve a term of three years for horse stealing.

-William Williams was brought to Omaha last week from Chadron, on the charge of giving whisky to an Indian.

-The Lancaster county fair will be held this year from the 4th to the 11th of September in connection with the state.

-Officers of the Dodge county agricultural society are putting forth great exertions to make the coming fair a success.

-Mrs. Mary Willoughby of Lincoln was a divorcee from her husband because he is in the penitentiary for hog stealing.

-A vicious stallion attacked H. Elwanger of Rushville, bit off one of his ears and took a chunk of flesh from his arm.

-The Sanford postoffice in Keya Paha county was discontinued July 1, and the effects turned over to the Norden office.

-A. Kent, the oldest exclusive shoe dealer in Hastings, was closed by eastern creditors. Uncovered liabilities, about \$8,500.

-Louis Smithberger has been appointed county clerk of Stanton county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. T. Shapp.

-Dr. Houtz has accepted the position of physician at the state penitentiary. He has had the matter under consideration for some time.

-Mary Limes, 18 years old, was killed in bed by a bolt of lightning, which struck her father's house, fourteen miles from Beatrice.

-N. L. Talbot, a Sherman county farmer, has an apple tree on which is a single branch two feet in length, bearing eighty-four apples.

-The Russell hotel at Tilden was badly damaged by lightning. V. Crue of Madison and Jay Russell were rendered insensible by the shock.

-The Beatrice Chautauqua was a brilliant success. The attendance was good throughout and the exercises highly interesting and instructive.

-The Furnas county agricultural society offers \$30 in premiums to the three precincts in the county taking the most premiums at the state fair.

-W. T. Sharp, county clerk of Stanton county, was drowned last week in Muskratine creek. He is supposed to have fell off a bridge in the dark.

-The Fremont Tribune says the man who wants a farm in Dodge county will have to pay five dollars an acre more than if he had bought one year ago.

-At a picnic in Guilbert's grove, Polk county, Archie Stearns of Clark was overcome with heat and for some time was in a dangerous condition. He will recover.

-William C. Smith of Beatrice was being awarded the new contract for building the two new school houses for which \$15,000 bonds were recently voted by that city.

-R. R. House, who was nearly killed at Downs, Kas., by a bully while umpiring a game of ball, is a Crete boy. He has just recovered sufficiently to be brought home.

-Major Daniel W. Benham, inspector of small arms practice of the department of the Platte, has succeeded in having the rifle competition for the department of Platte, the east and California, called at Bellevue range.

-W. A. Schwab, a young man who has been learning the jewelry trade at Chadron, has skipped out leaving several creditors to mourn his absence. He had mortgaged his father's team to Dr. Ronnie and Gus Record for \$160.

-The assessed valuation of Thurston county is \$242,326.86; population 8,476, a gain during the past year of 800.

-A half dozen horses owned by Bellevue parties have recently been crazed by eating the loco weed, which is unusually abundant on the river bottoms this wet season.

-A gentleman from the vicinity of McCook tells a Lincoln correspondent that the people of that section have quit building irrigation ditches and gone to draining swamps.

-The sugar manufactory men at Norfolk claim that they will disburse to the farmers in that vicinity for beets and in the payment of manufacturing this season's crop over \$288,000.

-Three of Cuming county's girls brought home gold medals from the St. Francis college at Quincy, Ill., viz: Miss Hannah Clancey of West Point, and Misses Aggie and Mary McNamara of Beemer.

-Mrs. Grakall, who was sentenced from Superior to twenty years in the penitentiary for assisting her husband to defile little girls, has been removed to the Milford home, as she is about to become a mother.

-The Chamberlain-Atwood church trial at Fremont ended in a verdict of acquittal. The defendants were charged with swindling an eastern clergyman by making fictitious investments for him in western mining property.

-W. T. Sharp, county clerk of Stanton county, was accidentally drowned in Muskratine creek while on his way home from the depot where he had gone to meet his wife. The creek was swollen by the rains and was ten feet higher than usual.

-Linda M. Lowrey petitions the county court of Lancaster county for the appointment of a guardian for her son Geo. W. Lowrey, whom she says by his immoderate drinking is wasting the \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth of property left him by his deceased father.

-Mary Limes was killed by lightning while asleep in bed at her home, fourteen miles northeast of Beatrice, last week. The bolt struck through the roof of the house. The deceased was aged 18 years and was the daughter of John Limes, a well-known farmer of Gage county.

-Not long since Col. Thos. J. Kerr of Madison applied for a pension and was surprised to learn that Uncle Sam owed him \$363.19. When the colonel was mustered out of service he forgot to collect his last month's pay, and with the interest attached it now reaches that amount.

-George Smith of Persia, Ia., was in Omaha a few days ago to have L. L. Bennow's famous madstone applied to a wound inflicted on his hand by a dog's teeth. In all probability the dog was not mad, for the stone did not adhere and it has never failed to do so when the biter was rabid.

-In a shooting match between Sophia Nethaway and Mrs. Latsch at ten blue rocks, at Wahoo, the fourth, the former won, breaking four to Mrs. Latsch's three. A match has been arranged between the two ladies for \$100 a side at fifty live birds, to take place in the near future.

-The Grand Army post of Greenwood will hold a reunion commencing August 3 and continuing one week, in the beautiful park on the banks of the river. Tents, straw, hay and wood will be furnished free to campers. There will be given every day of the encampment amusements of army life while in camp.

-The committee on railroads of the executive committee having in charge the securing of the national Grand Army encampment at Lincoln returned last week from Chicago. They were fortunate to meet the Western Passenger association in session, and have great assurance of the hearty co-operation of the railroads.

-N. Rank, who lives south of Farnam, in Dawson county, recently lost one of his teams of horses in a singular manner. It was picketed on a hill side and laid down when at the full length of the rope. In attempting to get up it slid down the hill, the rope tightened with its struggles until it choked the horse to death.

-The citizens of this city and county, says a Tecumseh dispatch, are very jubilant over the fact that a vein of soft coal between five and six feet in thickness was found at a depth of 400 feet on the farm of J. D. Russell, one mile south of that city. Mr. Russell has abandoned the idea of boring an artesian well and will investigate to his satisfaction the quality of the coal.

-The Kansas & Colorado Pacific railroad company has brought suit against the Fitzgerald & Mallory construction company, of which John Fitzgerald of Lincoln is at the head, for \$3,000,000, alleging fraud on the part of the defendants in converting stocks and bonds of the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic company to their own use.

-Director General Davis of the world's fair has written Governor Thayer advising that Nebraska take steps at once to secure its location for its building at the world's fair ground. Owing to the fact that the law by which Nebraska is to be represented at the great exposition does not go into effect until after August first the commissioners from this state cannot be appointed till that time.

-Wm. Johnson, working for a farmer near Tekamah, was the victim of a peculiar accident about two weeks ago which caused his death Wednesday. He was unhitching a team of horses when his hand got caught on one of the snaps on the neckyoke strap. The heavy iron snap fastened itself firmly in the cords of his hand, by which the team dragged him fully a mile and a half. Wednesday it was found necessary to amputate one of his little fingers. Convulsions followed and ended in his death.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

AN ENTIRE FAMILY WITH ONE EXCEPTION WIPED OUT.

John H. Putterbaugh Kills His Wife and Children and Then Takes His Own Life-All Shot to Death While Asleep-A Circular From General Master Workman Powderly-Chas. R. Watts, a Sioux City Capitalist, Murdered in Kansas.

A Fearful Tragedy in Nebraska. ELLIS, Neb., July 13.-Some time during Friday night the most horrible tragedy ever enacted in Gage county or this section of Nebraska occurred. About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon Mrs. Dr. Allen of Beatrice came to Ellis on a visit to her brother, John H. Putterbaugh, who lives a mile and a half south of town. She was driven to the farm by Louis Perling, and knocked at the door, but received no response and entered, the door not being locked. As she entered she saw her brother lying on the floor near the door and supposed he was asleep. She spoke to him, but there being no response, she looked more closely and saw blood on her brother's ghastly face. Mrs. Allen called Perling in, who made an investigation and found a horrible state of affairs. In bed in the room in which the husband and father lay was the mother with a bullet through her head; in the bed with her was a 2 year old baby, also shot through the head. In the room above was another bed occupied by two young girls, one 13 and one 15, both dead with bullet holes in their heads. The dead were John Putterbaugh, his wife and four children. How they met their terrible fate is as yet unknown, only by surmises. The general belief is that the terrible deed was the work of the husband and father. The motive is not known, as Putterbaugh was a peaceable man, in comfortable circumstances, and it is believed that no trouble existed in the family.

It seems certain that the terrible crime was committed by Putterbaugh. By his side under his arm lay a .32-caliber six-chamber revolver, with all the chambers empty. The scene in the house was a horrible one and many of the strongest hearted turned away. The faces of the dead, though covered with blood, were as calm as though sleeping. No signs of fear were portrayed on any of them and no evidences of a struggle were visible anywhere. All seemed to have been killed while sleeping and all were shot directly through the skull. In every case the pistol was placed close to the head, as the powder stains were visible upon the pillows or bed clothing.

Putterbaugh was not a drinking man and had the reputation of being an honest man and good and peaceful citizen. He suffered from grip last spring and since then has not been in the best of health, frequently complaining of pain in the head. He was a man of about 38 or 40 years of age. The wife was a year or two younger. The murdered children were aged as follows: Carrie, 15 years; Mabel, 13 years; Charlie, 10 years; Ralph, 2 years. One son, Allen, 17 years of age, survives. He was away from home at work, having left Wednesday last. Putterbaugh was in Beatrice Wednesday, and is said to have purchased the revolver with which the terrible deed was committed. In a barn near the house were two mules and three horses hitched to a wagon. In front of the barn were two more horses and in a field a number of cows. The house was fairly well furnished for a farm house, and in a cupboard was an abundance of good food. Putterbaugh owned three chickens, which he purchased March last from A. Wissel of Beatrice. He was liked by all who knew him here and at his former home in Diller.

DILLER, Neb., July 13.-This vicinity has been thrown into a fever of excitement by the tragedy of the Putterbaugh family. Mr. Putterbaugh was one of the first settlers in this vicinity and had recently sold his farm here and moved to his present home, eight miles north, and the family is known and respected by all here. Mr. Putterbaugh is held responsible for the terrible deed, having shot each member of the family present and then taken his own life. It is believed that financial difficulties have unbalanced his mind. His condition was noticed and commented upon on the Fourth, which he spent here among his old friends and neighbors.

The news of the discovery reached here about 6 o'clock, and every person who could find means of conveyance hurried to the scene as if to confirm the terrible reality. It falls as a local calamity and has moved the people of Diller as nothing before has done.

Declared Off By Powderly.

New York, July 11.-General Master Workman Powderly yesterday issued a special circular to all local assemblies of the Knights of Labor on the question of the proposed industrial conference which was to have been held on July 29 to take up the platform of the farmers' alliance and join hands with the third party. The call has received so little response outside of the knights that Mr. Powderly has deemed it necessary to declare it off for the present and to hold a meeting on Washington's birthday, 1892. In the circular Mr. Powderly says:

"Instructed by the general assembly of the order of the Knights of Labor at Denver, Colo., in November, 1890, to correspond with other labor organizations with a view to holding a convention for the purpose of formulating a platform of principles to be voted on at the polls, I have performed that duty as well as my environments would permit, and up to this time but three officers of other labor organizations have signified a willingness to cooperate in holding such a convention."

After stating that the date named by him for the convention was July 29 and that since then a platform of principles has been adopted at Cincinnati, he continues: "If the convention of July 29 is held, it will have few present who are not members of the order. As that organization has a well defined and excellent platform of principles already before the public it would be folly to call the delegates together again for the purpose of readopting it. In November the general assembly will meet again and if changes are necessary they may be made there. The general officers of the Knights of Labor were instructed to co-operate with the farmers' organization in securing measures of relief and have done so. A confederation of the agricultural and industrial organizations has been formed, is in a declaration of operation, and has adopted a declaration of principles to be voted for at the polls."

He then says it would be a waste of time to call the same men together again, particularly so since the confederation already formed has agreed to meet on Washington's birthday, 1892, and prepare for the coming struggle in selecting the best parts of the various platforms and engraving them in a short and comprehensive declaration of what the industrialists would have at the masthead in a political campaign.

Sioux City Man Murdered.

ELIH, Kan., July 11.-A horrible murder was committed in Thayer, a town on the western edge of this (Nebraska) county on Monday night. Chas. R. Watts, a dentist and capitalist, who has resided in this city for a number of years, some two months ago traded for a stock of drugs in Thayer. He went over to act as a druggist until he could get a purchaser for the business. He was found dead Tuesday morning. Some unknown persons had attacked him while he was in the act of registering a prescription. He had received a blow on the left side of the forehead, a blow on the nose and a blow on the cheek bone and had finally been choked to death. When found his tongue was still protruding. Coroner Lemon held an inquest. The verdict was of murder by unknown persons.

Dr. Watt's family is residing in Sioux City, Ia., where his sons are in business. The body has been forwarded there.

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

The First national bank of Haverden, Ia., capital \$50,000, was authorized to begin business. The treasury department purchased 625,000 ounces of silver. Messrs. Green and Rich, of the commission to select samples of wool to determine the grades at the several ports where wool is imported, were at the treasury department and had a conference with Assistant Secretary Spaulding.

The second comptroller has decided that parallel railroads-one land grant and the other non-aided-both operated by the same company, shall be treated as one railroad company by the government in adjusting the accounts of the railroads for the transportation of troops.

The treasury department has decided that beet sugar refineries may import free of duty the iron columns and other iron used in setting up their machinery, provided that such iron is not the structural iron used in all buildings, but is a necessary portion of the refinery plant.

Prof. A. G. Warner, of Lincoln, recently appointed superintendent of charities for this district, has notified the commissions that it is his intention to recommend a radical change in the methods of spending the charity funds in his first annual report. For this year he recommends the old method, so that any of the institutions that have been aided by the funds in the past may not be embarrassed in their arrangements.

The report of the board of visitors to the United States military academy has been submitted to the secretary of the navy. The board in its report recommends that the age of admission be fixed at from 15 to 18 instead of 15 to 20, according to existing law. The officers in charge of the academy, the report says, are able and deserve the highest commendation, but the odious, brutalizing and un-American habit of hazing has not as yet entirely disappeared from the academy. The efforts that have been made for its extermination, it is gratifying to say, have been largely successful, but there yet lingers among the cadets a degree of class feeling that is extremely determined.

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