

OVER THE STATE.

PIERCE'S \$5,000 opera house is now under way.

FOUR applications for saloon license are out at Oakland.

A COLORED woman died in Omaha last week at the age of 108 years.

ARBOR day was quite generally observed throughout the state.

OTEO county's crop outlook is as encouraging as could be asked.

THE Cheyenne county Farmers alliance will meet at Sidney May 4.

THE Northeast Nebraska Teacher's association will meet at Randolph on May 4.

A CARLOAD of hogs shipped to South Omaha from Ashland averaged 352.29 pounds.

ALL tramps caught in Grand Island will hereafter be compelled to work on the streets.

IT is estimated that at least 1,200 acres of sugar beets will be raised in Dodge county this season.

THE Pawnee County Teachers' association will hold its annual session at Pawnee City, beginning June 10.

COMPANY C of Nebraska City has received an invitation to take part in the military drill at Memphis, Tenn., next month.

WM. P. STOCKHAM, proprietor of the town of Stockham, died last week at the residence of his son. Mr. Stockham was 80 years old.

E. J. EVANS of Ashland shipped a carload of choice horses to Wisconsin for farm use last week. He will ship all he can buy before leaving.

THE Omaha police have been notified to be on the lookout for a sneak thief wanted in Plattsmouth for robbing a man there of \$25, a watch and some clothing.

CONGRESSMAN W. E. ANDREWS has been invited to address the old soldiers and members of the relief corps at Grand Army hall, Hastings, on memorial Sunday.

A. L. HENNESSEY, a farmer living near Dannebrog, while plowing with three horses last week, was struck by lightning and himself and horses instantly killed.

A KNIFE in a wood forming machine at Neligh worked loose the other day and was thrown through Fred Thornton's wrist, cutting a terrible gash and severing the bone.

THE Methodist church of Syracuse has an orchestra of five pieces for its Sunday evening services, and the Congregational Sunday school of the same town has one of nine pieces.

A LOT of Pender girls had a hen party the other night, and to add zest to the occasion half of the damsels dressed in men's clothes. The doors were kept locked during the festivities.

THE state officers of the Grand Army of the Republic headquarters at Lincoln announce that a new post has been organized at South Omaha under the name of Samuel Dennis post No. 337.

GUNNERS report good success with jackpine and late ducks in the vicinity of Fremont. Fishermen are also having good sport catching bass and pickerel in the lakes of the neighborhood.

DR. FRANK GUNSAULUS, President of the Armour institute in Chicago, is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the Fremont high school during the annual commencement exercises in June.

MISS LAVICIA WATLES of Western, aged 44, has been adjudged insane by the insanity commissioners and ordered to be taken to the state hospital at Lincoln as soon as room for her can be secured.

THE house of C. V. Clark of Stoddard was struck with lightning which shocked Mrs. Clark into unconsciousness. Four years ago the same house was struck and Mr. Clark was badly injured.

THE Fremont Herald says several little girls of Fremont are soliciting small contributions for the purpose of liquidating the indebtedness of the W. C. T. U. Temple in Chicago, which amounts to \$300,000.

DURING a thunder storm lightning struck the Keef school house, near Hendley, demolishing the chimney and making havoc of the ends and floor of the building. School had just closed a few days prior to this.

THE village of Sprague has been haunted with "ghosts" for some time past. The people became tired of the visitations and a committee went to work on the matter. The result was that the "ghost" has quit business.

THE Platte county institute will begin June 10 at Columbus and continue two weeks. An able corps of assistants will be on hand and no doubt the coming institute will prove one of the most interesting and instructive ever held in the county.

THE wife of George L. Dingman of Hastings has left him to get along as best he may and he will take advantage of her absence to enter the Soldier's home at Grand Island. He is a veteran of the war and his wife was twenty years his junior.

A LARGE number of land seekers have been in Ogalala. Reports received indicate that many more will come during the season and that the interest in irrigation is spreading as the natural advantages of the locality in that respect come to be known.

ED AND B. R. LATTA of Tekamah, while fishing on Holman lake captured a 100-year fish net and brought it in. Its owners sat on the opposite shore and saw their net taken from the water to be destroyed according to the law. There are but two nets left now and they will be captured.

THE Review track, probably the finest mile track in the state, which was opened in Syracuse three years ago, is now a thing of the past. The double-decked amphitheater has been removed and the track will be plowed up. Lack of railroad accommodations is said to be the cause.

SILAS CATON, a prominent farmer of Roseland township, Adams county, expired suddenly last week while returning home from church in his carriage with members of the family. Deceased came to Adams county, Illinois, twenty-three years ago, and at the time of his death was the owner of the finest farm in the county, without exception.

Gov. HOLCOMB has appointed Dr. John H. Mackey of Madison to be superintendent of the asylum at Norfolk. Dr. Mackey is a well known free silver democrat and the editor of the Madison Reporter. He is engaged actively in the practice of medicine and is the family physician of Senator W. V. Allen.

THERE was quite a "mad dog" scare about five miles northwest of Table Rock. The dog came along snapping at everything in its way, passed by the school house where were assembled a number of children. It bit several dogs, a goat, and what else nobody knows. It was followed three or four miles and finally killed.

FRED CLIFFORD and Frank Ritzel broke out of the county jail at Hartington by digging through the wall and made their escape. Just last week Clifford was sentenced for two years and Ritzel for one year in the penitentiary. Sheriff Jones had arranged to take them to Lincoln the day succeeding their escape.

THE dog of R. Gilbert of Powell was taken with hydrophobia and before a half dozen men with guns and revolvers could end his "mad career" he had bitten several chickens and snapped at several children. A mad dog was killed in Pawnee City about five weeks ago and it is supposed this dog was bitten at that time.

ONE thousand acres of irrigable lands were sold in Kieth county within the last ten days. Real estate agents from now on will hold special sales weekly. Table land farmers are negotiating for bottom lands in small tracts, and if dry weather continues until May 1 there will be a very small acreage of small grain sown on the table lands.

A MEETING looking toward the division of Knox county was held in Creighton. The proposition agreed upon will leave Niobrara, Bloomfield, Crofton and Wausa in Knox county, while Creighton will be in the set-off. Bloomfield and Creighton are favoring the move, while Niobrara and Wausa are opposed, and a red hot fight will be made on the issue this fall.

WM. LARUE, a rancher living five miles east of Moorefield, is lying in his home in a very precarious condition, the result of a racket with a neighbor, ranchman named Freyer. Larue and Freyer have been having trouble for a long time about stock. Near Freyer's place, Freyer and his son assaulted Larue and left him lying on the ground for dead. He was taken home, but his recovery is doubtful.

ED MILES, living near Tecumseh, is suffering from the result of a recent accident. He was endeavoring to break a colt and the animal ran away with Tenant on its back. The colt ran into a barbed wire fence and the unfortunate man was bruised and lacerated from head to foot. He fell to the ground in an unconscious condition and was found in this state perhaps half an hour after the melee.

MANY valuable dogs have recently been poisoned in the locality in and about Ashland. A case is reported where a 3-year-old child was playing in the front yard, and by the merest chance was prevented from eating poisoned bread. This, with perhaps the loss of about fifteen dogs of more or less value, have put the people of Ashland on a vigilant watch, and if the person is caught he will be severely dealt with.

J. C. HAYES, a well known Valley county farmer, has begun making a test of sub-soiling. He proposes to leave a strip a rod wide, without sub-soiling it, through the center of an alfalfa field which he is sowing, and also to subsoil a strip through the center of his corn field, the balance of which will not be subsoiled. This he thinks will show plainly the effects of subsoiling and will demonstrate whether or not it pays.

REPRESENTATIVES of the public library at Omaha, Beatrice, Crete and Lincoln, with others from the State university, Cotner, Wesleyan and the Western Normal have organized a State Library association. Miss Mary Jones of the State university library was elected president; Miss Allen of the Omaha library, vice president; Prof. James A. Beatty of Cotner, second vice president; J. A. Barrett of the State university, secretary, and Carrie C. Dennis of the Lincoln city library, treasurer.

A MEETING in the interest of the libraries of the state was held in Lincoln a few days ago at the state university. Representatives were present from Omaha, Beatrice, Crete, and from the state library; also from the Wesleyan and Cotner Universities and from the Western Normal. The association was organized for the purpose of working in the interest of the libraries of the state. The meetings of the association will be held at the call of the executive board, which is composed of the officers of the association.

A REMONSTRANCE against the petition for the pardon of John W. West, the defaulting treasurer of Hall county, is now being circulated. The remonstrance says that the pardon of West would be a travesty on justice; that the fact of West's plea of guilty and his confession were considered in the light sentence given him, of only twenty-five months for the embezzlement of \$15,000, and that West not only immediately upon his assumption of the duties of the office began to embezzle, but deliberately continued to do so during the six years of his incumbency.

ARBOR DAY at the home of its founder was not very generally observed. The following telegram from Hon. J. Sterling Morton in response to a telegram sent to him congratulating him upon his sixty-third birthday anniversary: "H. N. Shewell and Others: Sincere and grateful thanks for your kind remembrance. Glad you are all planting trees in Otoe county. May you all live to enjoy their shade. Yearning to return to Arbor Lodge permanently and to again enjoy your confidence and friendship, I am, yours faithfully."

ROY, the 5-year-old son of C. Sutton at Laurel, Cedar county, met with a frightful accident last week. He had climbed a ladder in the barn, and on reaching the top, slipped and fell, at the same time taking hold of a corn knife which was lying blade up, and almost severing four fingers.

THE store and postoffice at Holland in Lancaster county was broken into Sunday night and the safe blown open in a manner that points to the same robbers who lately operated at Eagle. About \$300 in money and \$30 worth of stamps was taken. It is said also that notes and valuable papers to the amount of \$5,000 were taken.

GOOD TONE TO TRADE.

FEWER SIGNS OF HESITATION NOTICED.

Wholesale Gains Notwithstanding that Sales Are Behind Production in Some Branches—Good Trade in Dry Goods—Week's Failures.

New York, April 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Neither the rising speculative markets nor the steady gain in industries has ceased, and it is wholesome that there are fewer signs of hesitation in the productive industries than in speculative prices. Wage strikes grow more numerous and cause some trouble, and retail demand lags behind wholesale and jobbing purchases behind production in some branches, but through many conflicting reports the fact shines out that the industries are gaining, not with a rush and a whirl but more safely. Cotton mills are getting more money for goods and have quite generally advanced wages. Consumption of northern spinners at the maximum would be in eight months 1,350,000 bales, but there has been actually taken 1,550,000 and have a profit on 600,000 bales controlled of over 4,000,000. The consumption is large and advances seem to be warranted. Iron production, stimulated because ore, coke and oil were to be dearer, is retarded by shrinking demand for products, for on the whole new business is said to be smaller than in February or March.

"The structural demand for buildings throughout the country was never larger; the frenzy in oil has started a large demand for pipe and sheets at slight advances. Bessemer pig is lower and sales of southern pig in northern markets have been large at 25 cents advance. Finished products are nearly all at their lowest price.

"Wool has sold at the lowest price on record this week, 16 cents for Ohio and 9 cents for Texas, and offers to clear off stocks before new supplies come forward tempt manufacturers to purchase beyond present needs. Sales of foreign, 8,117,300 pounds in three weeks of April, against 9,232,500 domestic, made the total 17,409,800, against 15,900,000 in 1892, and less of course in '93 and '94.

"The demand for dress goods continues large and improving, but uncertainty in men's wear goods continues, and is somewhat increased by more numerous strikes. Colored flannels are 5 to 7 1/2 cent lower, and an auction sale is to be held and some irregularly appears in price for fine fancy goods.

"Higher prices for wheat—nearly 3 cents above last week's—tend to check Atlantic exports which, flour included, were only 1,888,873 bushels for the week, against 2,629,445 last year, though for the previous two weeks about equal to last year's.

"Cotton touched 7 cents, receding to 6.93; 1,312,306 bales had come into sight last week, and British exports of goods were 120,000,000 yards less in the first quarter this year than last. With such facts the rise does not help to lessen southern acreage.

"The failures for the week have been 220 in the United States against 179 last year, and 37 in Canada against 26 last year."

Will Evict the Flouring Tenants. Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—Judges Dundy and Riner of the federal court have declined to issue the mandatory injunction asked by the government counsel commanding the Flouring Land Company and some 235 other tenants to get off the Indian lands at the Omaha and Winnebago reservations in Thurston county. Agent Beck will continue evictions of the Flouring tenants.

Omaha, Neb., April 27.—Capt. Beck, the Indian agent at the Winnebago reservation, says when he returns to the reservation he will enforce the government regulations, and he will comply with instructions from Washington in the meantime while waiting for the disposition of certain litigation to come up at the May term of the federal court. This will affect about 2,500 persons. He anticipates no trouble.

May Conflict with the Federal Law. Charleston, S. C., April 29.—The dispensary law in this state threatens shortly to assume the proportions of a fight between the federal and state governments. In addition to the temporary injunction heretofore granted by Judge Goff, restraining the state authorities from seizing contraband liquors brought into the state, another injunction was issued by Judge Simonton of the United States circuit court yesterday which promises to hasten matters to immediate issue. Gov. Evans has said he will not obey the injunction, and has instructed the constabulary to go ahead with their seizures.

No Strike Among Illinois Miners. Springfield, Ill., April 29.—Concerning the reports of an impending general strike among the miners ex-State President J. A. Crawford of the United Mine Workers of America has the following to say: "The rumors of a general strike are false. Being in direct communication continually with the national office, if any strike was apparent I would be aware of the facts. Now the only strike features apparent in this state are simply some local matters that we believe we can adjust without any lasting difficulty."

Report That Ten Men Are Drowned. Baltimore, Md., April 29.—A report comes from Burham's wharf, Middlesex County, Va., that during a storm on the Rappahannock ten men (two white and eight colored) were drowned. When the storm broke a number of canoes sought safety under the lee of a vessel. The vessel dragged anchor and the canoes were cut loose. It was the occupants of these boats that were drowned.

Nicaragua Commission at Work. Washington, April 29.—The Nicaragua Canal Commission has left Washington for New York to examine the working drawings and surveys of the canal in the office of the canal company. Secretary Herbert has placed the cruiser Montgomery at their disposal, and on this ship they will sail May 7 from Mobile for Greytown.

Wisconsin Forest Fires Harmless. Ashland, Wis., April 29.—Reports of forest fires in Northern Wisconsin are entirely erroneous. There are small brush fires set by loggers to clear up rubbish made during the winter. They make heavy smoke, however, and are misleading.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Durrant's Attorneys Try to Bring Wolfe Into the Murder Case.

San Francisco, Cal., April 29.—During the early days of Durrant's trial an attempt was made by his counsel to cast suspicions upon the Rev. George Gibson, pastor of Emanuel church. His attorneys have so far failed in developing any tangible evidence. Elmer A. Wolfe, a witness of the prosecution, who corroborated previous testimony concerning Durrant's tardiness and disheveled appearance at the Christian Endeavor meeting of Good Friday evening, yesterday was cross-examined by the defendant's attorney, who endeavored to show that a similarity between the shoes and overcoats of Wolfe and Durrant and the resemblance in statue had led to Durrant's mistaken identification by persons who had really seen Wolfe. He accounted for all his movements. Chief Crowley said in the Lamont case the police would present an even stronger chain of circumstantial evidence against Durrant than in the present case.

CHARGES BIG CANAL STEAL. Scandal Involving \$3,000,000 to Come Up at Ottawa, Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., April 29.—Signs of an impending storm in the house of commons, equal to the scandal session of 1881 are not wanting. Mr. Choquette, a prominent Liberal member, has discovered irregularities connected with the new Sault Ste. Marie canal. The amount involved is over \$3,000,000. Mr. Choquette says the walls of the new canal already show signs of disintegration and are bulging inwards. He also alleges a considerable portion of the original appropriation for the Sault canal was diverted to other purposes. Mr. Choquette declares he is prepared to make the most sweeping charges of political jobbery and corruption against the government.

"There is considerable anxiety among government supporters as to what stand the government will take when the matter comes up in the house next week.

Murder Mystery in Milwaukee. Milwaukee, Wis., April 29.—What will probably prove another murder mystery for the police to solve came to light last night. The victim is Henry Mosher of Rochester, N. Y., 29 years of age, who left his boarding house Thursday morning with about \$10 in his pocket, and whose body was picked up in the lake, near Lakeside Park, in the afternoon minus money and minus a gold watch. When the body was found it was thought to be a case of suicide, but there are heavy bruises on the side of the face.

Woman Kills a Man She Loves. New York, April 29.—Maria Barber killed Dominico Cataldi yesterday, nearly severing his head from his body with a razor. He had deceived her and refused to fulfill his promise of marriage. Maria does not deem it strange that she murdered a man who had deceived her, and when taken to the station-house and charged with the crime she talked about the affair in a cool, unconcerned manner, as if she had done what was natural and right under the circumstances.

Many Cities Suffer by One Failure. Buffalo, N. Y., April 29.—Many bucket shops throughout the United States and Canada are heavy sufferers by the failure of John C. Allen, who ran the Standard Grain and Stock Exchange here. His liabilities will amount to \$250,000. The assets are scattered through various banks in New York, Pennsylvania and Canada, and cannot be figured out for some time. His creditors will undoubtedly suffer a great loss.

Another Plot On Against Hawaii. San Francisco, Cal., April 29.—Consul General C. D. Wilder of Hawaii and United States Secret Service Agent Harris have been warned of a conspiracy on foot in this city to overthrow the Hawaiian government by means of another revolution. Evidence is now being gathered against those implicated in the plot.

Inter-State Commission at Omaha. Omaha, Neb., April 29.—The Interstate Commerce commission is taking testimony here in the case against the Union Pacific, charging discrimination in favor of Missouri river towns against Kearney on sugar, coal, and on California goods. All Kearney's leading business men are being examined. The session will last several days.

Curryville, Mo., Ravaged by Flames. Mexico, Mo., April 29.—Intelligence reached Mexico yesterday that Curryville, a small town in Pike county about thirty miles east of here on the Chicago & Alton road, was almost destroyed by fire Thursday night. Bondurant & Pace, John Tucker, and others whose names were not given in the message were heavy losers.

Germany Is Alarmed. Berlin, April 29.—The National Zeitung declares Japan must not be allowed to drive German trade out of China nor to acquire a permanent military footing in China such as would enable her to shut the door in Germany's face, perhaps in agreement with the United States.

Dr. Carver Wins from Harry Swartz. Scranton, Pa., April 29.—Dr. Carver of Kansas City and Harry Swartz of this city shot the second of their matches yesterday, which resulted in Carver's favor, who killed 99 birds out of 100. He missed the ninety-first bird. Swartz stopped shooting on the seventy-fifth bird, having killed but sixty-two.

Good Fruit Crop. Chicago, April 29.—Reports from the fruit section in Illinois indicate a generally large supply. Strawberries, peaches, pears, apples, plums, blackberries and cherries are all looking well and now that the danger of a late frost is practically ended a heavy crop is predicted.

Look for a Strike in Ohio. Bellaire, Ohio, April 29.—Prominent coal operators in the Fifth district, including the largest coal fields in eastern Ohio, are looking for a general strike of miners after May 1 on account of wages.

Hope of Mrs. Parnell's Recovery. Bordentown, N. J., April 29.—Mrs. Parnell's condition is reported as much improved, and Dr. W. M. Shipp has great hopes of her recovery.

BANK A HEAVY LOSER

BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY AT PLAINFIELD, N. J.

No Clue to the Thieves, Who Are Thought to Be Professionals—Wife Testifies Against Her Husband—Criminal News.

Plainfield, N. J., April 25.—The First National bank was robbed of \$22,765 Monday. It is thought the theft was committed while there were but two clerks in the bank, when a stranger entered and engaged them in conversation, while a confederate reached the vault through the directors' room.

The robbery was discovered when the cashier, Frank S. Runyon, was preparing to close the bank for the day. The money was in two packages. One contained \$20,000 in new bills, ranging in value from \$10 to \$1,000. The other contained \$2,765 in mutilated bills.

All of the bank employees were immediately questioned, and it was found at the noon hour only two clerks had been at their posts. At the front of the bank receiving deposits was David N. Runyon. His window is at the short end of an L-shaped counter and faces the main street. The long end of the L fronts on a narrow passageway, turning to the directors' room in the rear of the bank. The counter is topped with fixtures of scratched glass. Adelbert Vail, a clerk, was alone at the wicket. A stranger came in with a big sheet of paper on which was written a list of notes. He engaged Vail in conversation. It is thought the robbery was committed then. The bank officials believe the robbery was the work of professionals.

FLOODED BY BOGUS MONEY. New York State the Field of Successful Counterfeiting.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 29.—Counterfeit money of all denominations is being circulated to an alarming extent throughout this section of the state, and especially in this city, which comes in for a big share of the bogus money.

United States Marshal Beck said yesterday: "More spurious coins and currency are in circulation now than ever before in my memory. Some of the imitations are very deceptive and gain wide circulation, while a good deal of the stuff is very poor. The latter kind, however, is being passed, as the majority of people seldom examine the money they receive.

"Gangs are apparently working all over the state, and especially in this city. One was captured in Rochester a short time ago, and another haul was made in Niagara Falls. Large quantities of silver dollars are adulterated, but half dollars, quarters and ten cent pieces come in for their share. Bills of from \$1 to \$10 are on the market."

TESTIFIES AGAINST HER HUSBAND. Mrs. Noah Strevell Relates His Alleged Confession of Murder to Her.

Fort Scott, Kas., April 26.—The trial of Noah Strevell, the alleged assassin of his father, Stewart Strevell, near this city March 16, was continued yesterday, and Mrs. Noah Strevell was placed on the stand. She detailed the crime as she alleges it was confessed to her by her husband the night it was committed. Her story agreed with what has been published. She was on the stand nearly four hours, and although subjected to a severe cross-examination, never made a contradiction. The attorneys for the defense say they are ready to meet her evidence, and claim she has a secret motive for accusing her husband.

WARNED BY A PLOT. Missouri Pacific Officials Take Measures to Frustrate Train Robbers.

Atchison, Kan., April 26.—Officials of the Missouri Pacific were given warning of a plot to hold up the incoming passenger train on the central branch between Goffs and Corns, where it passed about midnight. When the train arrived at Frankfort, a flat car was placed between the smoker and mail car, and an armed posse concealed themselves behind the sideboards. As the robbers did not make the attempt it is supposed they got wind of the reception awaiting them and fled. The citizens of Goff were up in arms awaiting to go in pursuit of the robbers if necessary.

SLIGHT FALLING OFF. Hard Times Affect Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions.

Detroit, Mich., April 26.—Nearly 400 women from the northwest were present at the opening session of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest yesterday. The welcoming address of Mrs. D. M. Cooper of this city was responded to by Mrs. George H. Laffin of Chicago. The synodical reports showed in some instances the hard times caused a slight falling off in financial support, but the general average was encouraging. In the afternoon addresses were made by Mrs. Anna Rhea Wilson, missionary to Persia, and Mrs. E. W. McDowell, missionary to Mosul. In the evening the feature was an address on Africa by Rev. R. H. Milligan. The sessions continue through to-day.

Want the Old Soldiers. Cincinnati, April 26.—An invitation was extended by President Glenn of the Cincinnati chamber of commerce, through General J. C. Underwood, to the distinguished guests who will be at Chicago on the occasion of the dedication of the monument to the memory of the confederate dead buried there to return homeward by way of Cincinnati and be the guests of this city for a day or more.

What Must Have Moisture. Cincinnati, O., April 26.—The Price Current summarizes the crop conditions for the past week as follows: "Moisture is increasingly needful in most of the winter wheat area. Many localities are approaching a precarious situation. There has been more serious complaint from Kansas. The oats crop is retarded, but otherwise the conditions are generally encouraging for spring crops, including northwestern wheat, but more moisture soon is essential. The week's packing of hogs amounted to 225,000, against 230,000 for the corresponding week last year."

THE MEMPHIS CONVENTION.

Much Interest Felt in the Movement at Washington.

Washington, April 26.—"Sound" money democrats here are looking forward to the Memphis monetary convention with a great deal of hope. They believe that upon the strength of the showing made by the southern opponents of independent free coinage by the United States will depend in large measure the success or failure of their effort to have the democratic party incorporate in its next national platform a straightforward declaration in favor of "sound" money. It is not expected this convention will indicate that the "sound" money men are in a majority in the south. The silver men have made too much headway in that section for that to be possible. All that is wanted that the south is far from being solid on the question, and that there is a large and influential minority of its citizens in favor of "sound" money.

The convention is to be non-partisan and the "sound" money republicans in the south, of whom there are thought to be a considerable number among the men who have been attracted by the opportunities for profitable investments, will do all in their power to make it a success.

GIBSON ON THE RACK. Pastor Suspected of Marian Williams' Murder.

San Francisco, April 26.—About the only tangible evidence against Durrant, the medical student accused of having killed Marian Williams, that has been added in the preliminary examination so far, is that the prisoner was better acquainted with the dead girl than he at first would acknowledge.

The Rev. John George Gibson, the preacher of the church, against whom suspicions have been publicly expressed as the guilty man, had a long siege in the witness box this morning. The minister was nervous and everybody enjoyed his discomfiture. The length of the cross-examination and the manner of it indicate that Durrant's lawyers propose to throw the preacher forward as the center of their theory of the murders. The undercurrent of opinion among those who doubt Durrant's guilt is that Gibson should be the man under police surveillance.

DONS HUMBLE GARB. Schweinfurth Summoned Before the Grand Jury at Rockford.

Rockford, Ill., April 26.—The time of the grand jury was occupied yesterday in investigating charges against Schweinfurth. The bogus Messiah did not come to town in his luxurious carriage drawn by a prancing team, but appeared in an old wagon drawn by a dilapidated gray horse. A common looking sack coat replaced the immaculate cutaway, and common, substantial boots superseded the habitual patent leathers. William H. Hill, the Chicago attorney who represented George W. Coudrey's case and secured a judgment of \$50,000 for him against Schweinfurth, came out from Chicago bringing with him Dr. A. M. Smith and George W. Ostrander, two important witnesses, who had a story of the life at the Weldon Farm. Both have lived at the place. Dr. Smith was the family physician for a long time. Ostrander, through Attorney Hill, secured \$1,000 in cash out of Schweinfurth a year or so ago in settlement of a suit to recover property—more than he asked for. Both testified in the Coudrey case, and it is believed their evidence alone before the grand jury will be so damaging it can not fail to find an indictment.

LOOKING FOR FRAUDS. Is Said San Francisco Sugar Importers Have Cheated the Government.

San Francisco, Cal., April 26.—For some time it has been whispered about the custom house and appraiser's building that extensive frauds were being committed in the importation of sugar from Hong Kong and that the government was losing thousands of dollars in duties. The alleged frauds consisted in undervaluing the importations. Fully fifteen sugar importers are accused of placing too low a valuation on their importations, and their cases are under investigation by Collector Wise. The importers have been permitted in some instances to withdraw their shipments, but not until after they were notified that they may be called upon to pay an increased amount of duty and perhaps a heavy penalty.

Six Square Miles of Flames. Lakewood, N. J., April 26.—A forest fire covering six square miles and consuming valuable pine timber is raging about two miles southeast of this place. A gang of laborers has been sent out to keep it from spreading. The fire is gaining steadily, however, owing to the high winds. This place is filled with smoke and the roaring of the flames can easily be heard.

Bishops of the World in Convention. Carlisle, Pa., April 26.—The Methodist Episcopal bishops of the entire world are in convention in this city, and will remain here until Thursday of next week. They will look over the various charges in the United States, fix dates for holding all the fall conferences, and designate their presiding officers. The meetings will be strictly private.

Stanford University Will Not Close. San Francisco, Cal., April 26.—For the financial strain on Stanford university has been fixed up so that it will continue to run as usual for at least one year. When the federal government filed its \$15,000,000 railroad claim against the Stanford estate the university received a heavy blow.

All through and local Passenger Trains of the M. & T. Ry. system now arrive and depart from the New Union Station at St. Louis, Mo.

Schulze's Cashier Steps Out. Tacoma, Wash., April 26.—W. F. Cushman, who has been cashier of the Northern Pacific land department since 1888, resigned at the request of Land Agent Cooper. He was in no way connected with the Schulze shortage. C. H. Knapp, chief of the engineering department, will succeed him.

North Carolina for McKinley. Washington, April 26.—United States Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, who is here, says that his state will send a solid McKinley delegation to the next national convention, and that the delegation will be for free silver.