

NEBRASKA.

THE postmaster at Herman has tendered his resignation.

BROWN county has the largest crop of corn it has ever produced.

A BUSINESS men's fraternity organization has been effected at Valparaiso.

QUITE a spirited fight is on over the Laurel postoffice.

GROVER MANN of Deloit expects to have 20,000 bushels of corn from this year's crop.

THE Plymouth creamery will be ready for business the latter part of this month.

THE McCook band has decided to enter the band contest at the fall festival at Denver.

MRS. J. N. NOTTON of Fremont was last week adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Norfolk.

THE Hamilton county fair was largely attended and the display in all departments exceptionally fine.

A HORSE stepped on the foot of Will Hayes' little daughter at Red Cloud, Tuesday, and smashed the member so badly as to necessitate amputation.

MISS NETTIE E. HARRINGTON has been designated as secretary of the board of civil service examination for the postal service at South Omaha in place of Miss Williams, who resigned from the service.

THE baby that was mysteriously left in the barn of a farmer near Tekamah a couple of weeks ago was claimed from the county authorities by a daughter in the home where it was left, she claiming to be its mother.

ENGINEERS of the state board of irrigation have been measuring the water courses of Pawnee and Sheridan counties for the purpose of determining priority of water rights where there are more claimants than water.

REV. P. H. HINES, populist nominee for county superintendent of Fillmore county, has resigned his pastorate of the Congregational church in Geneva in order that his whole time and attention may be given to the campaign.

A JULY in the district court of Hall county has found Jonas Reynolds guilty of concealing stolen property, but sentence has not as yet been pronounced. The penalty is from one to seven years. Reynolds was arrested last spring.

IN Plattsmouth the other day the people of the Methodist church raised a debt of \$10,000. The debt has been hanging like a heavy pall over the congregation for years and now that it has been lifted off there is great rejoicing.

SPECIAL AGENT MATTHEWS of the general land office has up to date recommended the cancellation of nearly 100 homestead entries in the North Platte land district which were abandoned by entrymen during the times of depression.

As Miss Mary Kemp of St. Edward and her young sisters were driving out of town in a road cart they were run over by a man driving a load of grain. They were both thrown out and Miss Kemp's left arm was broken below the elbow.

SOME unknown man assaulted Miss Minnie Livingston of Lincoln last week. The case was not reported to the police until several hours after its occurrence. Miss Livingston is a fragile girl, and is prostrated from the ill treatment and excitement.

WALTER NITTER living in the south part of Jefferson county, had one of his best horses stolen from the pasture in broad daylight. The thief rode the animal to Fairbury and attempted to sell a forged note for \$35 against the owner of the horse at Goodrich Bros. bank. The cashier detected the forgery, however, and the fellow left town without offering it for sale elsewhere.

DR. H. McCRESENEY, who has been practicing medicine in Nebraska City for the last six weeks, left there last week. He resorted to newspaper advertising to gain practice in such manner as to arouse the disfavor of several physicians of the city, who appeared before the state board at Lincoln and asked that his license to practice in the state be annulled. Rather than face the opposition to him the doctor decided to leave.

J. MILLER, a live stock dealer of Lincoln, had his foot badly crushed in the railroad yards at Omaha. He was standing on the platform of the car of a freight train coming in from Lincoln. Beside him stood two unknown men, who were quarrelling and appeared to be intoxicated. Suddenly they turned upon Miller and pushed him violently. Miller partly fell, and in the endeavor to regain his footing, his foot was caught by the wheel. He was dragged to the ground and his foot was badly crushed.

THE statistical secretary of the Methodist conference, held in York recently, has furnished the church statistics of that conference as follows: The collections are as follows: Missions, \$5,331; church extension, \$642; Sunday school union, \$106; tract society, \$2; Freedman Aid, \$600; public education, \$1,708; children's fund \$452; American Bible society, \$136; women's foreign missions, \$1,242; women's home missions, \$1,773; other benevolences, \$696; general conference expenses, \$3; conference claimants, \$721; total, \$13,532. The statistics of church property show the number of churches to be 237, with an estimated valuation of \$629,500.

THAT \$6 blanket rade from remote points in the state proved a great card in drawing people to the fair. It limited the cost of transportation from any point in the state to Omaha and return to \$6, and from all points where the round trip rate is one fair, unless that should amount to more than \$6.

JOHN ROGERS, living seven miles southwest of Ord, finished threshing Friday evening and cleaned up 6,700 bushels of wheat.

PAUL THIESEN, a German butcher of Omaha, who had lived in that city for many years, became tired of life and sent a bullet through his head. He was 61 years of age.

FOR THE NORTH POLE

PEARY WILL FIND IT OR DIE IN THE ATTEMPT.

Plans Laid for Next Year's Expedition, Which Will Start July, 1898—Conditions Under Which the Journey to be Undertaken—Sanguine of Success.

Lieutenant Peary's Next Trip. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—Lieutenant Peary said to-day, concerning the Arctic trip from which he has just returned:

"In addition to securing the Cape York meteorite, I laid the plans for next year's expedition, and when I leave again, which will be about the end of next July, it will be to remain up there until I reach the pole or lose my life in the attempt, if it takes five years to accomplish this object.

"Next summer I shall take my vessel up to Sherard Osborne Fjord and make that place my base of supplies.

"On the last trip, I made arrangements with Arctic highlanders, a tribe of Eskimos, consisting of 230 men, women and children, known as the most northerly tribe of human beings on earth, to put in this coming winter in obtaining seal, bear and deer skins for our clothing, and in securing all the walrus meat they can for dog food. I have singled out eight young men of the tribe, who, with their wives, canoes, dogs, sledges and tents are to accompany me to Sherard Osborne Fjord, which is about 300 miles further north than their present abode.

"My party will consist of a surgeon, possibly another white man and myself. The rest will be Eskimos. The latter know how to drive dogs, they can go hungry, and know how to get food.

"The conditions under which I shall make the coming expedition are of the most satisfactory character. The American Geographical Society has assured \$150,000 to meet all expenses, and I have been given five years' leave of absence. I shall probably buy a new ship for next year, though we may use the Hope again. Mrs. Peary will not accompany me.

"I am quite sure that I shall succeed in reaching the pole. Nansen got within 260 miles of it, but Andree did not have one chance in 1,000 when he started to drift over the pole. I don't think Andree will accomplish anything, and he may have lost his life long before this in his attempt."

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ENGLAND'S CHANGE

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LOVERS DIE TOGETHER.

A Blacksmith of Shamokin, Pa., Kills His Sweetheart and Himself.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 27.—The bodies of Arthur W. May, aged 24, and Miss Cora Kasman, aged 18, were found in the blacksmith shop of Joseph Smink this morning. May had shot his sweetheart and then himself through the head.

The murderer and suicide was a blacksmith, and up to the time of his death had been employed by Smink. The couple had been lovers for some time, and last week they arranged to go away and be quietly married.

The parents of the young woman objected, and this caused a postponement. Then the pair made up their minds to end their troubles by dying together, and met last night and made all arrangements.

The girl left her home early this morning and went direct to the blacksmith shop where May was waiting for her.

EARTHQUAKE IN MAINE

Ellsworth, Belfast and Other Towns Shaken Up—People Frightened.

ELLSWORTH, Me., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 1:21 o'clock this afternoon with a rumbling from the southward.

Houses were shaken and dishes rattled, and the vibration lasted ten seconds. The sky was clear and the thermometer was 72 above zero.

The shock was also noticed in other towns in the county and in Steuben and Washington counties.

BELFAST, Me., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock was felt in Belfast at 1:05 o'clock to-day. Two rumblings were felt, the first lasting about five seconds and the second about ten seconds.

Houses were shaken and stoves and dishes rattled. People rushed from their houses in many instances.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 27.—Fourteen gold mining claims in the Sum-dum and Benner's Bay districts, in southeastern Alaska, have been sold to New York and Denver men for \$200,000.

There were two separate deals, seven claims in each district being sold. Through ex-collector B. E. Moore, the Sumdum property was sold for \$500,000.

James R. Price, a Denver mining man, placed the other seven with Denver capitalists for \$75,000.

HENRY GEORGE ALSO MAY RUN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—E. H. Curley, a member of a committee said to have been empowered by the Democratic alliance to wait upon Henry George and ask him to be the candidate of the alliance for mayor of Greater New York, says that Mr. George apprised the committee that under one condition, and that was the failure of the regular Democratic organization to stand by the Chicago platform, he would accept the nomination.

GREAT WEALTH FOR A CONVICT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—A fortune of \$250,000 is awaiting W. F. Kasson, who is now serving a ten months' sentence in the county jail here for embezzlement. Kasson is one of the two sons of James Kasson, a mining man of New York, who died a few weeks ago at Austin, Iowa.

GRASSHOPPERS FLYING NEAR HIAWATHA. HIAWATHA, Kan., Sept. 27.—Farmers of Irving township report that myriads of grasshoppers are flying south, some dropping on the way. They fear that the pests are making ready to locate in Brown county and hatch out in the spring.

THE epidemic about as virulent in New Orleans as it was in 1837. NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 27.—Eminent doctors believe that the work of the board of health is productive of good results and that the fever is not spreading, but, on the contrary, is being confined to localities.

Thus far there have been a few less than 100 cases and fifteen deaths. The death rate is in the neighborhood of 15 per cent. It was, in 1878, 16 per cent; so that up to the present time the disease is about as virulent as it was in the last great epidemic New Orleans had.

PERISH IN THE PASS.

EIGHTEEN KLONDIKERS LOST IN A LANDSLIDE.

Only One Body Recovered—Victims Were Packers on the Dyea Trail—Steamer Alki Returns With Many Disappointed Passengers—Suffering Along the Klondike.

BURIED IN AN AVALANCHE.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 25.—The tug Pioneer, which left Puget Sound September 12 with the bark Shirley in tow for Skagway, returned at 1 o'clock this morning, having made the run down in ninety-six hours.

The Pioneer brings a report of a landslide near Sneed camp, on the Chilcoot pass, last Sunday morning, in which eighteen men are said to have lost their lives.

Only one body is said to have been recovered, that of a man named Choyinski, a cousin of Joe Choyinski, the prize fighter. The men supposed to have been lost were packers on the Dyea trail.

The officers of the Pioneer says that the story was brought to Skagway Sunday evening by three men, who told it in such a way as to leave no doubt as to its truthfulness.

They described the avalanche as consisting of rocks, ice and dirt which had been loosened by the rain, which had been falling continuously during the past month.

All the bridges on the Skagway river have been washed out and the river is a raging torrent.

W. W. Sprague, of Tacoma, who started eight weeks ago with a three-years' outfit, returned from Skagway on the schooner.

The steamer Alki, a week overdue from Alaska, arrived this morning at 4 o'clock. It carried a large list of men returning from Skagway who were unable to cross the pass.

The snow was six inches deep at Lake Benton, and three inches fell on the summit of the Chilcoot pass last Saturday.

HURRICANE PREDICTED.

Professor Wiggins Says the Planets Are in Position to Raise a Rumpus.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 25.—Professor Wiggins predicts a great hurricane and says: "The announcement by the marine department that a hurricane is now moving up the Atlantic coast from the West Indies is a meteorological event of more than common interest.

That a great storm is near is a meteorological fact. The moon will be in conjunction with Jupiter and Mercury on the 25th, and Mars on the 27th.

The moon crosses the celestial equator on the 25th, moving southward. She will be in conjunction with the sun on the 26th at 1 o'clock, p. m., London time, and will be at her perigee or nearest point in her orbit to the earth on the 29th.

They are all or nearly all dangerous elements to the mariner, for they indicate a storm on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 29th, with high tides on the North American coast."

LILY'S MARRIAGE PLANS.

Mrs. Langtry Expects to Become Princess Esterhazy in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Henry C. McPike, attorney for Mrs. Lily Langtry when she secured her divorce last May, said yesterday: "I have recently received from my client, Mrs. Langtry, notice of her intention to return to California by the end of November.

Princess Esterhazy will accompany her and immediately upon their arrival here they will be married in Lake county, I presume, for her home is there.

Because they have preferred to be married in this state it must not be argued that either Mrs. Langtry or Princess Esterhazy regard the former divorce as lacking in legality in any other jurisdiction.

On the contrary, they are advised by their solicitors in London that the decree granted at Lakeport has freed her absolutely from Edward Langtry, so that she may marry in any part of the world, if she chooses."

LIVE STOCK MEN SUED.

South Omaha Exchange Made Defendants in Anti-Trust Law Suit.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 25.—Suit has just been brought by the United States against the South Omaha Live Stock exchange and all its members, under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The suit is authorized by Attorney General McKenna. The papers in the suit were filed with him some time ago by Attorney John T. Cathers of this city.

There is little doubt that the suit against the Omaha Live Stock exchange is but one of many to be filed at once in all the states. Attorney General Sawyer, the assistant for this Federal district, declares as much.

TRAIN ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 25.—An attempt to hold up the south bound Santa Fe passenger train near Edmond at 7 o'clock last night was frustrated by deputy marshals and several of Chief Kenney's men.

The outlaws are being chased. Two of them are ex-deputy United States marshals.

FARM HOUSE AND THREE CHILDREN.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 25.—Near New Boston, Bowie county, yesterday, fire destroyed the home of Jefferson Connor, a farmer, and burned his three small children to death during the absence of the rest of the family.

THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.

It Will Educate the Children and Save Money to the Tax-Payers.

The law passed by the last legislature, says a Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee, empowering school boards to provide transportation for pupils to attend school in the same district whenever the distance to the school is impracticable for the pupils to attend without transportation.

is being taken advantage of by several districts of the state. In Lincoln it has been decided to abandon one of the schools in the edge of the town and transport the pupils by street cars to one of the other graded schools.

It is estimated by this the expense of providing an education for these pupils will be reduced 45 per cent. In Fremont and Nebraska City the school boards are also preparing to try the new system.

In many of the western counties there are districts in which the average attendance of pupils is less than five. In some it runs as low as one pupil to the school.

In 1,700 districts the average attendance is below ten pupils to the school. Should districts of this sort agree among themselves and transport the pupils of one district over to the school run by another district, there would be a saving of fully 30 per cent in the furnishing of an education for the pupils.

It is learned by consulting the records at the office of the state superintendent that in one district the expense of maintaining a school from February 2, 1891 to October 8, 1892, was \$1,389.65, although the average attendance during that time was shown to be two pupils.

The teacher was paid \$40 a month and the directors got the balance. In another district the report shows that in 1892 the school house was 14x14 feet in size and was fitted out with nine single seats.

The average daily attendance for that year was three. The expense account, aside from the teacher's salary, shows that \$30 was expended for a map, and that \$508.09 was drawn by the three directors in various amounts of from \$20 to \$75, the vouchers showing that the money was drawn to pay for "attending meetings, work and visiting schools."

The same district in 1893 contained thirteen pupils of school age of whom six attended school. The average attendance was three as on the previous year. The levy for the year was 18 mills.

The expenditures were as follows: Teacher, \$360; repairs and fuel, \$73.75; maps and charts, \$41.40; books and supplies, \$13.30; well and windmill, \$294.45; janitor work, kindling and carrying water, \$100; other purposes, \$90.75.

In 1894 the district contained eleven pupils of school age, the average daily attendance was four. The directors paid the teacher \$120; new school house, \$466.10; repairs and fuel, \$28; books, maps, etc., \$66.73; books and supplies, \$20; janitor and furnishing water, \$90; insurance, \$17.50; all other purposes, \$183.22.

A report of the Peru normal school just made to the state superintendent shows that the total enrollment of the school at the end of the first week is larger than the enrollment at the end of the term of last year.

The enrollment last Friday evening was 572 in the normal and preparatory departments.

A special to the Chicago Times-Herald from Washington says: It was practically decided at a cabinet meeting that the government will not interfere with the proposed foreclosure upon the Union Pacific Railway, and it is therefore morally certain that the syndicate scheme of taking over that great property, as arranged during the closing hours of the Cleveland administration, will be carried out.

While no official announcement to this effect is made, members of the cabinet do not deny that such was the conclusion reached and that there will be no appeal from the decree of foreclosure and sale recently entered by the district court at Omaha.

The syndicate has already deposited a forfeit of \$4,500,000, and has, it is understood, completed all necessary financial arrangements to pay the balance as soon as the road is sold in compliance with the orders of the court.

This arrangement meets with the approval of the subcommittee of the senate committee on Pacific roads, which held a meeting here last week, and as soon as the terms of purchase have been complied with by the syndicate, the government's connection with the road will cease.

NEBRASKA PRODUCTS ABROAD.

The El Paso (Ill.) Journal of September has this to say of the Nebraska agricultural exhibit which is going the rounds of the Illinois county fairs:

"The exhibit made by the gentlemen from Nebraska is a beauty. In point of artistic arrangement it would do credit to our state fair and should be seen by every visitor to the El Paso fair this year."

We judge by the expression from the many who have been to the building in which it is located that the display of farm products is equal in its entirety to any ever shown in this county, despite the fact that Woodford county has the reputation of taking great interest in this department and was successful in carrying off the premiums at the world's fair display in the Illinois building.

A SPLENDID SHOW OF CATTLE.

Elijah Filley, of Gage county, superintendent of the cattle exhibit at the state fair, said that the eyes of man never saw a better display of cattle than was at the state fair. All the cattle barns were full and the stock had to be run over into some of the horse barns.

Everybody acquainted with the history of the state fair united in saying that the cattle show had never been equaled in the state. Stand up for Nebraska.

FATAL SHOOTING BETWEEN FARMERS.

LEXINGTON dispatch: Sylvester Wiseman was shot and killed this afternoon in Kennebec precinct, about fifteen miles from here. Tom Mauldin has given himself up to the sheriff and says he did the shooting in self-defense.

Wiseman had had serious trouble with his wife, leading up to an application for divorce, and blamed Mauldin for advice he had given Mrs. Wiseman. Mauldin says that Wiseman drew a knife and that he shot and killed him self-defense. The bullet went in at the top of the head and came out at the back of the neck. Both were well-to-do farmers.

HANGMAN DOES A BAD JOB.

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 25.—Sylvanus Johnson was hanged here at 11:32 o'clock yesterday for criminal assault. The hangman bungled the execution, the knot slipping under the chin. Johnson struggled violently for ten minutes, and was still alive at the end of twenty-five minutes. He confessed his crime, professed conversion and died forgiving and blessing his enemies. An orderly crowd witnessed the execution.

NIGHT TRAINS IN TEXAS OFF.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Sept. 25.—On account of the yellow fever scare and rigid quarantine regulations by state, county and city authorities, all night trains on the Houston & Texas Central road and other Huntington system lines have been ordered taken off and the day service has been largely curtailed. Travel over the state is almost paralyzed.

ALASKA CUSTOMS INSPECTORS NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The secretary of the treasury has appointed Thomas S. Luke, T. A. Marquam, Emanuel Hermann and Charles I. Roth as customs inspectors at Sitka, Alaska, at \$7 per day each. These appointments were made necessary by the exodus to the Klondike regions.

TROOPS OFF FOR ALASKA.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—A telegram was received at the war department to-day from Lieutenant Colonel Randall at