M'COOK. - - NEBRASKA.

"The wages of sin is death." And SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR sooner or later every man collects his pay.

Chefu does not guarantee the qual-'ty of its war news, but it makes good on quantity.

A Pennsylvania woman has been killed by a henpeck, which looks like a turning of the table.

will continue to be popular.

Commander Peary feels that he has a few more toes to sacrifice in the great cause of arctic exploration.

the bird's tail adds to its edible qual- said to be precarious. ity.

How queer it must look to a Spaniard to read in the American news-Grande river"!

The Guatemalan ants have not done much so far beyond providing the detectives with another mysterious disappearance case.

The Vancouver Indian who bought didn't need the coffin.

is an imitation. Hoot, mon! You will department lacks confirmation. next be telling us that the Scotch bagpipe is full of hot air.

They haven't got through wonder ing out in the Cream City yet why the battleship Milwaukee was "christ ened" with champagne.

Tobacco is smuggled across the Canadian border in bales of hay Some antidote will have to be discov ered for that tobacco habit.

An Indiana man has invented a folding chair that will go into the hip. pocket. Wonder what he thinks a hir pocket is made for, anyhow?

The news that alcohol is made from honey may lead some gentlemen of *leisure to revise their adverse opinion of the little busy bee.

At the last battle of Bull Run 10,000 | night. militiamen got blistered feet. As Gen. Sherman might have said, but didn't, tory Monday night and which arrived tion had been radically impaired by sham war is a blistering shame.

An African potentate, the alake of Abeakuta, is on his way to this coun- his wife and two children, was try. Our native smart alakes will, of stopped Monday night by a Japanese course, receive him with due honor.

Japan is all ready to dictate terms of peace to Russia, but, like the typewriter with the toothache, Russia began September 19 continued inter-

Chicago reports a growing tendency surprising. Corn and rye products are very heavy and are pressed into have always had a wide vogue in Chi

So "New York crowds stare at William Waldorf Astor." No wonder. They want to see the eccentric person for whom "little old N'York" is not good enough.

The scientists say there'll be no Niagara falls 3,500 years hence. We're very glad now we didn't miss our chance to see the falls on our last vacation.

Gen. Corbin is opposed to army officers marrying without the consent of the war department. This may be all right, but what does Gen. Ma say on the subject?

Before accepting Prof. Metchnikoff's life, will some one kindly ascertain given permission to Lieutenant Dom- Nebraska. He was born in Gainesville, whether the professor is interested in brovski and Midshipman Baron Ad- N. Y., February 18, 1838, and moved any dairy enterprise.

Mr. Chesty Gullett is running for office in one of the southern states. If he doesn't get it in the neck it will be safe to assume that there is abso lutely nothing in a name.

The war department has rightly decided that the bow-legged man is as much out of place in military service as he would be as a shortstopthough not exactly in those words.

It is said that tobacco hidden in hay is being smuggled into the United States from Canada. We have long suspected that most of the campaign cigars we have been smoking were east by rail. largely composed of hay.

The eminent bacteriologists' germkilling bees convince all gentlemen with copper-lined stomachs that they may drink any kind of water with pertect safety. But the trouble is they don't want to pay such a price for safety.

A Utah preacher having sued a ance that the dead man had entered a his loyalty to party and to friends. from Baltimore. happier state.

McCook Tribune AS AN AGGRESSOR

RUSSIANS FIGHTING TO REGAIN LOST POSITIONS.

Czar's Forces Unable to Capture Fort Kouropatkin-Russian and Japanese Forces in Close Contact in the Vicinity of Mukden.

TOKIO-The Russians are reported to be desperately endeavoring to retake their lost positions at Port Arthur, including Fort Kouropatkin, in the hope of restoring the water sup-Dancing masters have decided that ply of Port Arthur. They are said to the two-step must go. The side-step have repeatedly assaulted the Japanese after shelling from neighboring forts and batteries.

The Japanese continue to hold the positions. Both sides are said to have suffered severely. The newly mounted heavy Japanese guns are said to com-Game is reported plenty in the mand the entire harbor. The position woods. A pinch of salt sprinkled on of the remnant of the Russian fleet is

Advices from Manchuria are to the effect that the Japanese and Russian Editor Bok says every woman outposts and scouts continue in close should wear a beauty spot. The wom- contact south, southeast and east of 1851. Though he has written several en, no doubt, will accept the advice on Mukden. Skirmishes are occurring books, it is practically within twenty daily and an aggregate general action | years that Meredith has become fais expected soon.

It is believed that the general en- ly of his literary style. Many sengagement will take place near Tie papers about a flood on "the Rio Pass and that General Kouropatkin is before their meaning becomes clear; holding Mukden and positions along the Hun river merely to temporarily check the Japanese advance. Snow has fallen in the mountains east of Mukden and there has been frost in the valleys.

It is rumored that a Japanese gun boat struck a mine and sunk south of a coffin and a keg of gunpowder sub- the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of sequently discovered that he really its crew reached an island and were rescued. The name of the gun boat is unknown. The navy department does Dr. Wiley says that Scotch whisky not deny the report, but says that the

CHE FOO-Severe fighting, the Russians being the aggressors, occurred September 28 and 29 on the west shore of the Liaoti promontory near Pigeon bay, according to report brought by Chinese who left Port Arthur September 30. The Russians already apparently are attempting to capture the heavy guns which the Japanese have mounted in that vicin-

The Russians were in considerable force and they made several sorties. dragging field artillery with them. They were unsuccessful, however.

RUSSIANS USE NEW WEAPONS

Hurl Huge Bean Cakes Down on

Heads of the Japs. CHE FOO-Two Japanese torpedo boat destroyers were observed outside the harbor of Che Foo Tuesday

A junk which left Lisoti promonhere Tuesday night reports having nearly forty years of fierce parliaseen one torpedo boat near Che Foo. Another junk carrying a Russian,

vessel, but owing to the great distance the treatment which the Russians received could not be observed. Chinese say that the battle which

isn't taking dictation just at present mittently until September 24. In defending one fort the Russians rolled bean cawkes down on the toward vegetarianism. That is not massed Japanese. These bean cakes the shape of circular grindstones.

PORT ARTHUR IS HOPEFUL

Believe Fortress Can Hold Out Until Next Year.

from Port Arthur state that the garri- from a long vacation spent at Spirit of President Roosevelt to President son there is confident of being able Lake, Ia., because of ill health. He did Donnelly of the Butchers' union was to hold out until the beginning of not feel much improved when he re- copied from the Wisconsin Toiler. next year.

Russian mines. All is quiet at Vladi- day night he was again overcome. Mr.

Grand Duke Alexander Michaelominoff to accept the invitation, and | westward after the civil war. they will start for Aitodor shortly.

BUYING WHEAT IN THE WEST.

Eastern Millers Go to Pacific Coast for Supply.

the Examiner, agents of a Chicago covering the right of the La Follette grain house are here buying wheat for the eastern market. It is said that 300,000 bushels of wheat have been bought in Oregon and Washington for shipment east and that 8,000,-000 bushels of wheat have also been purchased in Oregon and Washington, principally in the latter state, by eastern buyers for shipment to the

Memorial For Senator Hoar.

to the late Senator George F. Hoar | tremely grave, Postmaster General of Massachusetts were held Sunday in Payne had a sinking spell at 5 All Souls' Unitarian church, where o'clock Sunday morning. Dr. Grayson the deceased had been a conspicuous was at his bedside and rallied the pamember since his advent in public life tient, but a second spell occurred In Washington. Much feeling was about 7 o'clock which was so severe manifested as Rev. Ulysses B. Pierce. that Dr. Grayson summoned Dr. Mathe pastor read during the services gruder. The two physicians adminiswidow for \$150 for preaching her hus the closing paragraph of Bryant's tered heroic measures for an hour. For band's funeral sermon obtained judg. poem on "The Funeral of an Old a while it was feared the end was imment. Perhaps her disinclination to Man." Dr. Pierce spoke of the de- minent, but the heart finally respondpay was due to a too strenuous assur- ceased senator's valuable services and ed. About 10 o'clock Dr. Other arrived

URGES CONTRACT MARRIAGES.



George Meredith, who believes that contract marriages for limited periods are a possibility of the near future, is a celebrated English litterateur. His mother was Irish, his father Welsh, and he received his education in Germany. He was born in 1828, and published his first volume of poems in mous. Critics have complained severetences have to be read-several times others are unsolvable puzzles; and in many instances he recognizes no rule or grammar or of usage

HARCOURT IS DEAD.

Former Leader of British Liberal

Party Passes Away at Oxford. LONDON-Sir William Vernon Harcourt, "the finest political gladiator of his age," died very suddenly Saturday at Nuneham Park, near Oxford, the country seat which he recently inherited from his nephew. Only his wife, a daughter of the late John Lothrop Motley, the historian and former American minister to Great Britain, was with him. When Sir William went to bed last night he seemed when he was called he replied cheerily: "In a short time." Later a servant entered the room and found Sir William lying dead on his bed. His son, Lewis Vernon-Harcourt, member of Parliament for the Rosendale division of Lancashire, was hastily summoned from London.

Among all classes in the United Kingdom, regardless of party, the unexpected news caused a sensation and genuine regret. The somewhat pathetic announcement in March last of his intended retirement had prepared the public for Sir William's eventual disappearance from the active arena of political strife, but there had been no whisper that his stalwart constitumentary strife.

EDITOR GERE IS DEAD.

Founder of the State Journal Suddenly Passes Away.

LINCOLN, Neb .- C. H. Gere, founder of the State Journal and for more | written no such letter, nor any letter than fifty years its editor, died at his home in this city of neuralgia of the heart shortly after 7 o'clock Friday

cians declared that his condition was | find out whether it is possible to disextremely grave. Neuralgia of the heart was the ailment and it was impossible to arouse Mr. Gere to consciousness. Early in the week the atof the three Japanese torpedo boats | sank unconscious. Stimulants brought and the damaging of a Japanese him out of the stupor and Wednesday cruiser by coming in contact with he was able to leave his bed. Thurs-Gere was 70 years of age.

The aged editor was known throughvitch has telegraphed here, offering out the state as one of its ablest men. the hospitality of a specially con- He made himself known and loved in structed villa on his estate at Aitodor, a large circle in the old days and his in the Crimea, to officers wounded in republicanism was widely influential theory that sour milk is the elixir of sea fighting. Admiral Skrydloff has from the beginning of his residence in

No Decision in Wisconsin.

MADISON, Wis .- Owing presumably to the absence of Chief Justice Cassady, who is detained at his home by illness, no decision was handed SAN FRANCISCO-According to down by the supreme court Tuesday or the "stalwart" faction to be represented on the state ticket at the November election. The court room was crowded by attorneys and politicians anxious to hear the decision and its postponement was a keen disappointment. The condition of the chief justice was reported as much improved.

Gen. Payne Very Low. WASHINGTON-After a bad night WASHINGTON-Memorial services in which his condition continued ex-

JAPS ON DEFENSE [

CHANGE IN THE WAR SITUATION OCCURS.

DESTRIBUTION OF FORCES

Janpanese Fortify Northwest of the Yentai Mines-According to Estimates Strength of the Mikado's Ferces Is 207,000.

MUKDEN.-A great change in the situation has occured. The Japanese now appear anxious to act on the defensive and have fortified a position northwest of the Yental mines.

According to the best estimates obtainable, the Japanese army confronting General Kuropatkin comprises a grand total of 180 battalions. Allowing 800 men to a battalion there are 144,000 infantry. In addition there are 63,000 calvary and 680 guns. The distribution of the Japanese forces is as follows: One division at Bentslat putze, two divisions at the Yentai mines, four divisions on the railway a little further north of Liao Yang, one division northward near Hiameadenz and one division at Sandenu.

Russians estimate the Japanese forces at the following strength:

General Kuroki, with the imperial guards and the Second and Twelfth divisions, a total of thirty-six battalions of infantry, nine squadrons of cavalry, 108 guns and a separate artillery corps of 108 guns; the guards reserve brigade, consisting of eight battalions of infantry, nine squadrons of calvary and twenty-four guns, and the reserve brigade of thirty-two battalions of infantry and thirty-six guns, makig the total of Kuroki's army, seventy-six battalions of infantry, eighteen of cavalry and 276

General Oku's army consists of the Third, Fourth and Sixth divisions, of thirty-six battalions of infantry, nine squadrons of cavalry, 108 guns, one separate cavalry brigade of eight squadrons, a separate artillery brigade of 108 guns, and reserve brigades comprising twenty-four battalions of fairly well, though he had been suffer- infantry, nine squadrons of calvary ing from a light chili. In the morning and twenty-six guns, making the total strength of Oku's army sixty battalions of infantry, twenty-six squadrons of cavalry and 120 guns.

PRESIDENT'S NAME FORGED.

Says He Did Not Write Letter Credited to Him.

Mont.-When Senator Fairbanks and his party arrived here they found the republican leaders much exercised over the publication in the Miners' Magazine, published in Denver by the Western Federation of Miners, of what purported to be a denunciation of labor unions by President Roosevelt, and a denial of its authenticity by the president. The president's contradiction was sent to former Senator Lee Mantle in response to a telegram of inquiry from him and was as follows:

"Your telegram received. The letter you refer to purporting to be addressed by me to Michael Donnelly and printed in the Miners' Magazine of September 22 is, of course, an absurd and impudent forgery. I have even resembling it, to Mr. Donnelly, nor any one else. I have written Mr. Donnelly requesting to know if he has received any such letter and request-During the day the condition of the | ing him, if so, to at once lay it before editor became worse and his physi- the district attorney of Chicago to cover and punish the forgers.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." DENVER, Colo.-Secretary W. D. Haywood of the Western Federation VLADIVOSTOK- Private reports | tack came. Not long ago he returned | of Miners said that the reputed letter turned. Monday while sitting at home | Secretary Haywood said he did not The report is confirmed of the loss | he was attacked by the neuralgia and | know where the Toiler was published.

> NEW YORK PAPER WROTE IT Alleged Letter of President to Don-

nelly Appeared as an Editorial.

NEW YORK-The letter alleged to have been received by Michael Donnelly, the leader of the meat strike, purporting to be one sent by Prevident Roosevelt, was copied from an editorial in the New York Evening Post of August 1. The Evening Post today says:

"The letter appeared as an editorial in the Evening Post of August 1 and was explicitly stated to be a letter which the president "might" have written with advantage to himself and the country. In other words, it was confessedly an imaginary letter, written for the sake of bringing out certain truths in regard to the meat

The Evening Post also says:

"We had no thought, of course, of being able to make even a presentable imitation of the president's literary style, and as the article was, at the time, commented upon and reproduced somewhat extensively in the press we never dreamed of its ever coming to figure as a "campaign for-

Asks for Recognition.

WASHINGTON - The American government has been formally requested to extend its recognition to a new state on this hemisphere, the same being "the free state of the Caunani." This is a small bit of territory formally wedged between the border of French Guiana and Brazil, claimed by both nations, but decided by an arbitrator to belong to Brazil. Upon receiving the appeal from the wouldbe independent state, Acting Secretary Loomis made an investigation and secured reports.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA.

matters lively for coal thieves at Columbus.

A Gage county hog was sold last week for \$490, a Lincoln man being the purchaser.

Henry Markel at Nebraska City and secured a valuable gold watch and a small amount of money.

I. Spencer, colored, languishes in jail at Fremont, waiting results of the one Wardell Cash, also colored.

A telegram was received at Sprague that a John Crow of that place had his legs cut off while stealing a ride on a train in Kansas.

At Kearney William R. Herrick was sentenced by Judge Hostetter to three years at hard labor for committing burglary at Shelton last January. time.

Ed Seeber, employed by a Grand Issquarely on the head. He was uninjured, however.

Lee Etting of Grand Island is the of the leg and will be confined to his bed for a month.

winter in good shape. The grass has goodly amount of nutrition.

The fall session of the district that this last will occur. court of Hall county was begun with a light docket. There are four criminal cases, but it is expected that all of the four will plead guilty.

Diphtheria has broken out in Hold-

age price per head was about \$90.

district court of Douglas county, | lined the following: about to open, carries 1,420 cases, as "Burn the stubble when possible. compared with 1,435 for the May This is particularly desirable when term. Of the total number of cases for any purpose shallow plowing is on the docket, 286 are divorce cases, unavoidable. If the stubble is left or more than one-fifth of them. It is long it will burn more easily. Some figured that there is enough work in farmers are willing to go to the trouthe seven judges busy grinding out over the stubble. thus insuring the divorces, notwithstanding that many burning and at the same time getting of the cases are not contested and rid of some 'flaxseeds' which may the decrees are granted by default.

The following list of delegates has straw pile at the time of threshing. been announced by Governor Mickey to represent the state at the meeting to be held at El Paso, Tex., November 15 to 18: Sam D. Cox, Minatare: Man at Broken Bow Seemingly F. V. Meagley, Lexington; W. H. Wright, Scotts' Bluffs; O. W. Cardner, Gering; C. H. Meeker, McCook; of Ned Baker, a young man employed J. H. Pavne, Omaha; W. H. Fanning, as a teamster, was found on a small Crawford; Adna Dobson, Lincoln; E. bridge near the Burlington yards here. F. Seeberger, North Platte; S. E. Sol- One leg had been severed and was omon, Culbertson; Page T. Francis, lying apart from the trunk. He had Crawford.

etts, waived preliminary hearing in have no knowledge of any accident, the county court at North Platte and and his friends are suspicious of foul was accordingly bound over to the play. County Attorney Humphrey is district court for trial. During the looking into the case and an inquest street fair, which was conducted in will be held. that city a few weeks ago by the Patterson-Brainerd company, Donaker and early in the evening said he was Kid and his pal committed a series of going to join companions in a card depredations. The boys, both of game under the bridge. These comwhom were in the neighborhood of 20 panions are not known. Barker years of age, stole a suit of clothes, afterward hiring a horse and buggy. which they failed to return.

L. B. Walsworth has sold his farm northwest of Cambridge to a gentleman from Missouri for \$4,000. Mr. Walsworth offered this same farm one year ago for \$3,000, which shows how real estate is advancing in that part of the state.

Monday's receipts of sheep, says a South Omaha correspondent, rather over-reached the estimate made by livt stock dealers at the yards. Over 39,000 sheep were received and yarded, breaking the record for heavy receipts. November 10, 1903, comes the had were handled.

Thomas Baty sues the South Omaha stock yards company for \$5,000 for a broken leg. He alleges that he was employed to take care of horses, and saddle and deliver them for the use of the employes of the company. He avers that on January 13 he was thus delivering the animal used by Superintendent James L. Paxton, when it had an attack of blind staggers and fell with him. He contends that he did not know the animal was subject to these attacks. but that the company knew it.

Vaughn Foote, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Foote, residing near Wood River, was kicked in the stomach by a horse and is in a dangerous condi-

At Sidney James Connors, aged 24, pleaded guilty before District Judge Grimes to grand larceny and was sentenced to the penitentlary for eighteen months. At Lodge Pole, July 5, it slipped forward frightening one of Atolf Engler, while drunk in a saloon, the herses, which began to kick and was relieved of \$170 by Conners, who run. The load was overturned, fled to Sidney, where he was arrested throwing the boys to the ground and and the money found in his posses- breaking Claude's neck. The older sion.

HABITS OF HESSIAN FLY

Union Pacific officers are making What Prof. Bruner, Etomologist, Says

of the Insect. LINCOLN-Lawrence Bruner, in a bulletin just issued from the state university agricultural experiment sta-Burglars broke into the home of tion, has given a complete summary of the habits of the Hessian fly and has outlined several remedies for its extinction. He says in the bulletin:

"Although the Hessian fly has been district court for attempting to carve known for a number of years to eccur within the state, it has done comparatively little damage in the past. During recent years, however, it has shown more of a tendency toward multiplying in dangerous numbers. Especially has this been true in Southeastern Nebraska, where con-Scarlet fever was discovered in the siderable injury has already resulted. family of Mr. Schroeder, in Pawnee In order that the wheat growers of City. This makes three or four cases this and adjoining sections may not now and going to school at the same be taken entirely unawares should the insect spread and continue to increase, the experiment station auland pump firm, fell eighteen feet thorities have thought best to disfrom the tower of a windmill, landing tribute this brief circular treating on the subject.

"This insect is a diminutive, dark colored fly, much smaller than a litfirst foot ball victim for this season tle mosquito, to which latter it bears at that point. He received a fracture a general resemblance. Its habit of laying eggs on young plants of wheat, barley and rye renders it a dangerous Stock on the range at Sutherland farm pest. Especially is this true of looks very well and will start the it in regions where winter grains are grown. It may also become a pest at dried up in such a way as to retain a times even where spring wheat alone is raised, but there is little danger

"The fly appears chiefly during spring and fall, but a few of the mature insects may be seen throughout the summer as well. Here in Nebraska the spring brood may be rege in a mild form since the schools found late in April, during May and opened. Only one death has resulted, the first part of June. The autumn however, and but two cases are now flies issue late in August, throughout known, and they have been properly September and the first part of October-appearing later in spring and A joint sale of thoroughbred Short- earlier in fall northward. The eggs horn cattle was held at Wayne by A. are deposited both in spring and fall B. Clark and William Lesseman of on the upper side of the leaves and Wayne and County Judge Hart of the young, as soon as hatched, make Ponca. Forty-four head, mostly their way down the plant to near the young cattle, were sold. The aver- ground, where they lodge beneath the sheaf of leaves."

The docket for the next term of | As remedied Prof. Bruner has out-

this line to more than keep one of ble of spreading straw from threshin; have lodged on the surface of the

MANGLED BODY ON BRIDGE

Struck By Train.

BROKEN BOW-The mangled body apparently been run over by a train, Donaker Kid, alias Charlie Ever. but the railroad men and train crews

> Barker, it is claimed, was drinking came from Fairfield, Neb., where he has relatives. He leaves a wife and young child.

Preparing Assessors' Books.

LINCOLN-Members of the State Board of Equalization have prepared plans and lodged a requisition with the State Printing Board for the annual supply of assessors' books under the law as it now exists. Something like 2,200 books are needed. Members of the board declare that their action in lodging the requisition at this time is not calculated to give an impression of confidence in the can tinuance of the law or an expression closest to the receipts, when 35,000 as to its virtues, but rather a precautionary step to procure the necessary books in time.

> Sugar Factory at Leavitt Opens. LEAVITT-The sugar factory here

has commenced operations. The campaign starts this year earlier than usual on account of favorable weather ripening up the beets. The quality so far has been excellent, running 15 and 16 per cent sugar, with a purity of 80 to 86 per cent.

Richardson county farmers are making war on automobiles because of the fright they give horses.

Killed Under Load of Straw. KEARNEY-Claude Fester, the 14year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Fester, living in Buckeye valley, was instantly killed by the overturning of a load of straw which he and his brother, who is two years his senior. were hauling. The boys were com-

boy was badly bruised.