

### HAVANA GETS A SCARE

#### INSURGENTS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY AQUEDUCTS.

**Dynamic Explosion Cause Excited Throgs to Rush to the Streets—Attempt to Cut Off the Water Supply—Smallpox and Fever.**

#### Havana Gets a Fright.

Havana was startled and alarmed at 9 o'clock the night of the 13th by the noise of two successive explosions which shook the ground for miles around. Consternation prevailed for a time, as it was feared that this was a prelude to an attack. Excited throngs rushed to the streets, while an armed party proceeded in the direction from which the detonations had been heard. It was soon found that the stone bridges of Christina and Concha and the aqueduct of Fernando Septimo were the points that had suffered from the dynamite. The bridges were partially destroyed and the pipes in the aqueduct upon which the city is dependent for its water supply were much damaged. It cannot now be stated how extensive the damage is or how long it will take to remedy it.

The windows in many houses in the city were shattered by the reverberations of the explosion and some structures were also badly damaged. There is no doubt that the dynamite which caused this wreck was placed by agents of the insurgents. It has been their determination, announced some time since, to cut off the water supply of Havana and so serve to make it as nearly uninhabitable as possible.

There is much fever, and smallpox has broken out, and in the unwholesome state of affairs threatens to become epidemic. Many are suffering from measles and there is much intestinal trouble among the inhabitants, owing to poor and insufficient food. The failure of the water supply under these conditions is a dire calamity.

#### COLORED DELEGATE SHOT.

#### Wounded by a Man Who Took Him for a Highwayman.

At St. Louis Charles N. Loze, a colored delegate from Texas, was shot by Robert W. Thiel, aged 21 years. Loze had been stopping at the home of his brother. While on his way there, becoming confused, he halted a pedestrian and inquired the way home. Robert W. Thiel, the gentleman of whom Loze inquired, it is claimed by the latter, drew a pistol and fired five shots, one of which took effect in his right shoulder. Loze was taken to the home of his brother. When his wound was dressed it was pronounced a serious one. Thiel is in jail. He claims he thought he was about to be held up and fired to save himself from personal injury.

#### A Blow at the Timber Trust.

Judge Burnell, at Milwaukee, on motion of Attorney General Myler, granted an order restraining the National Manufacturing Company from doing business, pending a hearing on the motion seeking the dissolution of the company. The attorney general charges that the company was not organized to do a legitimate business, but for the purpose of controlling the sash, door and blind trade, and creating a trust in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Kansas. The attorney general asks for a receiver, and that the franchise be revoked.

#### Rhodes Takes Banishment.

A dispatch to the New York World from Cape Town, South Africa, says John Hays Hammond, Col. Francis Rhodes, Lionel Phillips and George Farrar, the reform leaders released from prison at Pretoria, have arrived at Johannesburg. They paid a fine of \$125,000 each, and all except Rhodes took oath to refrain from taking part in the Transvaal politics for fifteen years, he accepting the alternative of banishment. The Transvaal gets a round \$1,000,000 from the fines imposed upon the sixty-three reformers arrested.

#### More Supplies for Rebels.

The New York World says: The steamship Bermuda was to have left Philadelphia with another cargo of arms and ammunition for the Cuban insurgents. The expedition consists of fifty men, among them being several physicians, who carry with them a full supply of medicines and surgical instruments. Stowed away in the hold of the Bermuda are 10,000 Mauser rifles, four Hotchkiss guns and a large number of machetes.

#### Love Sick Girl Suicides.

Rendered despondent by disappointment in love, Gertrude Melenheimer, 16 years of age, committed suicide near Hillsboro, Ill., by taking carbolic acid. She left the home of a married sister ostensibly to visit a neighbor. Her body was found in the public highway the next morning.

#### Strange Suit Against Women.

Arlington P. Mead filed suit for \$10,000 damages against Rhoda Hoskins and Ella Whitehead at Newark, Ohio, for stealing his wife's affections. Mrs. Hoskins is the plaintiff's mother-in-law.

#### Fatal Pittsburg Fire.

A fire in a tenement at Pittsburg resulted in the death of Mrs. Garbeis, aged 74, by jumping from a window, and Frank Garbeis, aged 5, by suffocation. Two other members of the family were badly burned.

#### Trades Unions to Build a Road.

At a meeting of the trade unions at Milwaukee articles incorporating the Milwaukee Municipal and Suburban Railway Company were adopted. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 200,000 shares.

### PIRATE'S MILLIONS.

#### Treasure of Buccaneer Morgan Said to Have Been Found.

After twenty years spent in organizing and accompanying expeditions to the uninhabited island of Cocos, 400 miles southwest of Panama, where he believed he would find the tens of millions of treasure which the great pirate Morgan is said to have buried there, Richard W. Armstrong of San Francisco has now come east to sue wealthy New York and Boston men, who, he says, stole the maps from him and discovered the treasure. He brought excellent credentials, and has engaged the best legal talent in the city.

While he was sick in San Francisco, Armstrong says an agent of the eastern syndicate stole from him the map which located the pirate treasure. Then the eastern men fitted out an expedition, went to Cocos, and found the treasure, which was worth more than \$20,000,000. Neither Armstrong nor his lawyer will give the names of the persons they intend to sue, but say one of them is a prominent merchant in Pearl Street, that city.

#### CORBETT-SHARKEY GO.

#### Civic Federation Take Steps to Stop the Fight.

Since the announcement that Corbett and Sharkey have been matched to fight, San Francisco has been the Mecca toward which the eyes of all pugilists are turned. Theistic experts are hastening to San Francisco from all parts of the country in expectation of a revival of the glorious times when there were several prize fights a week there. There is a state law prohibiting prize fights, but a complacent board of supervisors has allowed contests for a limited number of rounds under the guise of charity entertainments. Numerous fights have been pulled off during the past four months under this arrangement, but now the Civic Federation has discovered that prize fights are against the law, and its members will endeavor to prevent the Corbett-Sharkey affair.

#### CYCLONE IN ALABAMA.

#### Twenty-five People Hurt and Two Killed at Wyeth City.

A cyclone of unusual severity struck the town of Wyeth City, about thirty miles from Gadsden in northern Alabama. Thirteen houses were literally blown from the face of the earth, but there were only two deaths. It has been reported that a hundred or more persons were injured.

The basket factory, where the greater portion of the inhabitants of the town work, was just out of the storm's path. Had it come an hour later, when the operatives would have been at home the loss of life would have been heavy. A relief committee is now at work. Of five of the structures nothing could be found. The path of the cyclone was about 100 yards wide and total devastation followed it.

#### Cuban Ex-Prisoners Arrive.

Dr. J. G. Delgado and his son, J. M. Delgado, American citizens, reached New York on the 10th, on board the steamer City of Washington from Havana. They were on their way to Washington to make formal statements to the State Department regarding the ill treatment to which they were subjected in Cuba, the elder Delgado having been shot almost to death by Spanish soldiers, his servants murdered and his property destroyed. There was also on board the City of Washington Felix Cabello, an officer in the Spanish service, who is said to be on an important errand to this country.

#### Peoria Fears No Snake Bites.

Representatives of the American Distributing Association, the American Spirits Manufacturing Company, and the independent distillers, were in joint session at Peoria, Ill., on the 10th. Peoria never before held so large a stock of spirits, there being over 10,000,000 gallons now in the warehouses. There is little trade but the price of corn is so low that it is thought best to keep on with the manufacturing of goods. The Manhattan distillery, which shut down some time ago, will resume soon and the other houses will not close this month as had been expected.

#### Indiana Bank Fails.

John A. Thompson's Bank of Edinburg, Ind., has closed its doors. The property of the bank and the Thompson flour mill, as well as the property of the individual members of these firms, has been assigned for the benefit of the creditors. Bad investments and a depletion of deposits, it is said, caused the failure. Liabilities, \$75,000; assets, \$180,000.

#### Robbed Her Parents.

Minnie Osborne, aged 17, of Oakland, City, Ind., is under arrest in New York charged with stealing \$500 from her parents. She was arrested in Bellevue Hospital, where she was taken by two men and a woman, who mysteriously disappeared after registering her as insane.

#### Quarrymen's Strike Spreading.

The quarrymen's strike in Ohio is spreading and there is prospect of serious trouble. 1,600 men are out in fourteen of the quarries of the Cleveland Stone Company at Berea, Westover, Columbia and Oimstead Falls and fifty more will strike at North Amherst.

#### One Killed and Six Hurt.

Two hundred cans of dynamite, stored for use by a contractor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was set off by the premature explosion of a blast, burying seven men beneath sand and rock, near Johnstown, Penn.

#### Forbids Blacklisting.

Judge Collier of the federal court of Albuquerque, N. M., has issued an order forbidding the receiver of the Atlantic and Pacific Railway from blacklisting members of the A. R. U.

#### Fatal Quarrel of Lovers.

At Chillicothe Ohio, Thomas White, after a quarrel with Edith McKeelvey, his sweetheart, shot her fatally and then killed himself. Both were young and favorably known.

#### Boilers Were Defective.

During the official trial of the French ironclad Jaureguiberry at Tonlon, one of her boilers exploded, badly injuring nine men.

### THE WEEK IN TRADE

#### THE BUSINESS WORLD AS SEEN BY DUN & CO.

#### Country is Waiting for the Two Great Parties to Declare Themselves—Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato Seek New Fields.

#### Little Change in Trade.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The speculative reaction has not in the least changed the business outlook. The fictitious prices made for wheat and cotton meant no good except for individuals and the change to prices more nearly in accord with the actual relations of demand and supply only conforms to conditions which have been well known for months.

The Government report as to wheat indicated a much smaller yield than anybody really expects, but that has become so much the rule that the report had no real influence and the principal effect was the serious depression caused by large sales in anticipation of the report, which seemed to be thoroughly known in advance to some speculators. While Atlantic exports for the week were 1,588,158 bushels, flour included, against only 809,539 last year, the comparison is obviously exceptional and significant, while the receipts at western ports of 2,529,365 bushels, against 1,386,231 last year, show the persistence of the conditions which have governed the movements during the whole year. The Government estimate as to cotton was unexpectedly favorable and has caused a decline of more than half a cent in a single week, but it is only just to say that some reaction from artificial prices would have come earlier if information much more reliable than that of the Government had not been persistently discredited.

It is not the time to look for marked improvement in industries, and the best thing that can be said of them is that none have as yet been seriously disturbed by threatened labor difficulties. It seems not improbable that all such difficulties may be averted, except perhaps the controversy about wages of iron puddlers and tin plate workers. The textile manufacturers are making no improvement. The accumulation of notion goods continues, print cloths have declined to the lowest point ever reached and a general stoppage to relieve the market is expected. The sales of wool in two weeks of June have been only 5,829,500 pounds against 12,591,965 last year, and no gain is expected in the manufacture for some time to come.

Failures for the week have been 246 in the United States against 241 last year, and 27 in Canada against 24 last year.

#### CECIL RHODES MAY MOVE.

#### Said He May Go to British Columbia with Barney Barnato.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: The great South African mining kings, Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato, have turned their attention to the newly discovered gold fields in the region lying west and southwest of Lake Kootenai, in British Columbia, just north of the international boundary line. They have sent their own expert out to investigate the prospects and report. He declares that the richness of the Rossland and Trail Creek mining regions far surpasses anything that South Africa could ever have dreamed of. This report will doubtless be followed by the investment of a large amount of capital in that section by those mining magnates and other wealthy Englishmen who follow their lead in such enterprises.

#### A Mysterious Shooting.

A mysterious shooting case in which a Harvard student was the victim took place at Boston. A fellow student ran into the Cambridge manual training school with the information that Jerome Emil Grosh of Toledo, Ohio, had shot himself. The injured man was taken to the Cambridge hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. It is not known whether the shooting was accidental or done with suicidal intent.

#### Need Ferry Boats.

The terrible tornado of two weeks ago destroyed twenty-four ferry boats which plied between St. Louis and East St. Louis, and left only one boat. A representative of the Wiggins Ferry Company arrived in the Sioux City to buy all the boats which are for sale. The Vint Stillings, owned by Seizer Bros., was steamed up, and if terms can be agreed upon she will be allowed to go.

#### Quarter Blood Indians.

The Committee on Indian Affairs reported to the House a bill confirming the title of mixed blood Indians to land. The measure applies to Indians of quarter blood, whom the committee thinks ought to be able to assume the responsibilities of citizenship. It is proposed to allow such Indians to sell their lands, or encumber them, and make them pay taxes.

#### Railroad Sold for \$3,000,000.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway system, exclusive of the Muskegon branch and the land grant, was sold at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the 10th at auction on an order of the United States court for \$3,000,000 and interest. The only bid was by a representative of the Pennsylvania Railway Company.

#### Gen. Whately Dead.

Gen. R. H. Kirkmore Whately of Baltimore is dead, aged 88. He was born at Cambridge, Md., was a graduate of the West Point class of '30 and had been a soldier in three wars. He fought in the Seminole war in Florida, the Mexican and the Civil. He was retired in '75 with the rank of major general.

#### Faithless Lover to Pay \$5,000.

In a breach of promise case in the circuit court at Mexico, Mo., against James Lyons, Miss Emma Sexton was given a verdict for \$5,000 damages.

#### Rides a Mile in 1:50.

W. W. Hamilton rode a mile on the race track at Overland Park, Denver, in 1:50, breaking all previous bicycle records.

### GAVE STRIKING TESTIMONY.

#### Woman Shows a Lawyer How She Was Assaulted with an Parasol.

M. S. Hastings, attorney for the defense in an assault and battery case at Washington, Ind., was severely belabored in Squire Kendall's court by the complaining witness, a woman named McTegart. She was asked to show how she had been assaulted by the wife of Wesley Rolan, a brakeman. Mr. Hastings handed her an umbrella and looked at her in a quizzical manner. She obeyed instructions in a very striking manner. Firmly seizing the umbrella, she brought it down with a resounding whack upon Mr. Hastings' head. She repeated the blow several times, and then her desire to procure a verdict prompted her to turn toward the jurors to impress them with a similar object lesson. She was restrained with difficulty. The incident caused such laughter that it was impossible to proceed with the case, and it was dismissed. The original assault was committed because Mrs. Rolan saw the plaintiff talking with her husband.

#### OMAHA BILL A LAW.

#### Passed by Both Houses and Signed by the President.

Representative Mercer has at last won his fight and secured the passage of the bill making an appropriation of \$200,000 for the trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha in 1897. He took advantage of the temporary absence from the House of Mr. Bailey of Texas, the only member who was disposed to stand in the way of its passage, called the bill up and secured its passage under suspension of the rules. There was a slight amendment, to which the Senate agreed, and the bill was taken to the President by Mr. Mercer and received his signature. Mr. Mercer has been in receipt of numerous congratulations since the bill passed.

#### Postal Swindler Sentenced.

J. R. Landers, implicated in the United States directory swindle, pleaded guilty in the United States court at Oshkosh, Wis., to using the mails for fraud, and was sentenced by Judge Seaman to pay a fine of \$100. He has given information that will lead to the conviction of the prime movers of the scheme. Landers was collector, and claims that the company netted \$500,000. He wore 4,000 worth of diamonds when arrested.

#### Valuable Horses Burned.

Fire destroyed the building of the American Horse Exchange at New York. It is supposed that 125 valuable horses perished in the flames and an unconfirmed rumor has it that one man's life was lost. Estimated loss is \$900,000. Among the horses burned was Elsie G. (2:19½) valued at \$7,500. The exchange has for years been one of the most famous places of its kind in America.

#### Bound, Gagged and Robbed.

Robert B. Taylor and Ernest Reimetz, watchmen in the Cafeteria Catering Company's restaurant at No. 46 Lake Street, Chicago, were bound and gagged by four robbers the other night. The thieves then broke open the vault containing the books and valuables of the company and took a satchel which is supposed to have contained nearly \$1,000.

#### Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., to Wed.

The New York World says: The engagement of Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., and Miss Grace Wilson has been formally announced by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson. The wedding is to be an event of the near future. Miss Wilson has written to her numerous friends during the past few days telling them of her coming marriage.

#### Mean Trick of Burglars.

Burglars at Monmouth, Ill., not only stole a large sum of money and a watch from J. H. Pattee, but so effectually concealed his clothing that he could not pursue them. They escaped.

#### Will Make No Loans to Spain.

A special from Havana says: Dispatches from Madrid say the bankers of Paris and Amsterdam have declined to advance any further loans to Spain before next November.

#### Baby Murderess Hanged.

Annie Dyer, baby farmer, was hanged at Newgate prison, London, for the murder of many infants entrusted to her care.

#### Woman Killed by a Rattlesnake.

Mrs. John Gittner of Athens, Mich., died from the effects of a bite of a rattlesnake, received while picking berries.

### MARKETS.

Sioux City.		
Hogs.....	\$2 85	@ \$2 95
Cattle.....		
Cows and Heifers.....	1 60	@ 3 00
Stockers and Feeders.....	3 00	@ 3 60
Veal Calves.....	3 25	@ 4 50
Butchers' Steers.....	3 50	@ 3 60
Yearlings and Calves.....	3 00	@ 3 75
Sheep.....	3 40	
Wheat.....	45	@ 47
Corn.....	17	@ 19
Oats.....	13½	@ 14
Hay.....	5 00	@ 6 00
Butter.....	10	@ 11
Eggs.....	7	@ 7½

Chicago.		
Hogs.....	\$2 80	@ \$3 40
Cattle.....		
Beef.....	3 40	@ 4 40
Stockers and Feeders.....	2 65	@ 3 85
Wheat.....	57½	@ 57¾
Corn.....	27¼	@ 27½
Oats.....	17¼	@ 17½
Rye.....	32½	
Timothy Seed.....	3 25	
Flax Seed.....	80½	

South Omaha.		
Hogs.....	\$2 85	@ \$3 00
Cattle.....		
Steers.....	3 30	@ 3 90
Cows.....	1 50	@ 3 40
Feeders.....	2 85	@ 3 70

Kansas City.		
Hogs.....	\$2 50	@ \$3 15
Cattle.....		
Beef.....	3 25	@ 4 65
Feeders.....	2 75	@ 3 60
Sheep.....	3 00	@ 5 10

Minneapolis.		
Wheat.....		
June.....	\$0 55½	
July.....	54½	
Flax.....	75	
Oats.....	17¼	

### OF A GREAT STATE

#### NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

#### Governor Holcomb Asked to Intercede in Behalf of the Settlers in the Matter of Prosecutions for Fort Randall Timber Stealing.

#### Appeal to the Governor.

Nine residents of Boyd County, living near the town of Gross, have joined in a complaint to Governor Holcomb. They say that during the rough period two years ago a large number of Boyd County citizens went over onto the Fort Randall reservation in South Dakota and procured some fallen timber for fuel. Within a few weeks a United States marshal appeared in Gross and arrested nine of the number and took them to Omaha, where an examination was held and they were bound over for trial in the federal court. They returned home, the trip having cost them \$17 apiece, and for which expenses they were obliged to borrow money from the bank at an exorbitant rate of interest. Quite a number of others are now threatened with similar arrest, and they believe it to be simply nothing but a piece of petty persecution for the purpose of putting big fees into the hands of officers of the federal court. For twenty-five years this "timber thief" industry has been profitably pursued by attaches of the federal court, with no convictions of any moment—merely a nominal fine, followed by release. The Governor is asked to take some steps which may possibly stop the alleged outrages.

Gov. Holcomb says he will write to the judge of the district of South Dakota, but does not appear to have any faith in securing any redress. He will call attention to the fact that this small quantity of fuel was taken during a period of great destitution in Nebraska, when every nerve was strained to keep body and soul together among settlers of a new county, and that the frivolous punishments meted out plainly indicate that not only are the settlers being put to great expense uselessly, so far as any pretext of sustaining the majesty of the law is concerned, but the Government is severely taxed with no practical results.

#### Epworth League Convention.

The seventh annual convention of the Norfolk district Epworth Leaguers closed its very successful sessions at Wisner on the 10th in the Methodist Church. About 120 were in attendance from abroad and represented 2,400 league members. The meeting was one of enthusiasm and profit, giving great encouragement for future effort. Appropriate papers, discussions, recitations and music filled the program of each day.

A unanimous vote represented the sentiments of the convention as approving of the restrictions of the church discipline against worldly amusements. Wakefield was chosen for the next place of meeting and Rev. E. W. Ericson was elected president.

#### Postoffice Looted.

The general merchandise store of Ed Field and the postoffice were entered by burglars at Eldorado. They took tools from a blacksmith shop with which they twisted the padlocks from the door. Five dollars in pennies were taken from the cash drawer. The safe was blown open with giant powder. Several sacks of flour were piled around it to deaden the sound of the explosion. Fifty-five dollars in stamps were taken from the safe and a registered letter containing a small sum was also opened and the money taken.

#### Burglars Try Several Places.

Burglars broke into Smons & Andrews' meat market at McCool Junction and tore the money drawer out, but got nothing. They attempted to break in at the front and back of E. E. Lincoln's hardware store, but as they left trace, bit and jimmy it is supposed they were scared away. They succeeded in stealing a gold watch out of the vest of R. Newman, night man on the Kansas City & Omaha Railroad, who was in the engine cab.

#### Pierce County's Assessed Wealth.

The assessed valuation of Pierce County for 1896 is as follows: Personal, \$108,465.51; real estate, \$1,190,975.75; Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad Company, \$99,200; Pacific Short Line, \$75,867; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, \$29,600; Western Union Telegraph Company, \$2,443.30; total, \$1,744,605.56.

#### Looking for Counterfeiters.

United States Detective McDonald was in Plattsmouth investigating the report of the circulation of a large number of counterfeit \$10 bills. He failed to locate more than one spurious bill, and came to the conclusion that that city was not the headquarters of a gang of counterfeiters.

#### Otoe County's Assessed Valuation.

The assessors of Otoe County have completed their work and their books have been turned over to the board of equalization. The total value of personal, real and railroad property in the county is \$4,662,914, a decrease of \$42,554 compared with last year.

#### Are Doing More Farming.

The Indians on the Winnebago Reservation are taking more to farming this year than ever before. Many have put in large crops of all kinds. At the last year many went to Lyons paid up their old debts, and laid in a big supply of the necessities of life.

#### Creamery for Winside.

The Harding Creamery Company of Norfolk has closed a deal for putting in a creamery at Winside. Machinery has been ordered, contracts for building let and it is expected to have the plant running in fifteen days.

#### Child Drowned in a Pool.

While Frankie Hewitt, aged 6 years, of Ord, was playing near a pool of water left by a storm, he accidentally slipped, fell in and was drowned.

#### Ex-Judge Found Dead.

Ex-Judge Isaac Maynard of Schobarie was found dead in a room in the Kenecme Hotel at Albany the other morning.

#### Will Not Prosecute Hawkins.

The three informations, two for embezzlement and one for forgery, pending against ex-Water Commissioner George E. Hawkins of Beatrice, were withdrawn by County Attorney Murphy, Hawkins having some time ago made a settlement with the city by the payment of \$250.

#### Suit for Slander Promised.

City Attorney Seymour of Nebraska City has announced his intention to bring suit against Councilman Nelson for slander on account of statements made by the latter during the late stormy session of the council.

### HE IS ON A LONG TRAMP.

#### Pedestrian Schilling Reaches Omaha on His Way to Frisco.

M. Schilling, the one armed athlete, who is tramping from Pittsburg, Pa., to San Francisco a 4 return, arrived in Omaha on the night of the 8th, having been fifty-nine days on the road. The distance to be covered is 7,500 miles, and he is not allowed to bez or spend any money. In addition to these requirements he is expected to make the trip in ten months and return home with \$1,000 he has earned. If he can do this he will receive \$2,500 from the Ellsworth Athletic Club of Pittsburg. He left that city April 20, and arrived in Chicago May 20, where he remained a week. He carries with him a blank book in which the railroad agent leaves his stamp at each place visited, and a morocco bound memorandum in which the editors along the route inscribe their autographs.

All through Iowa he was delayed on account of the rains, but his average is from forty to fifty miles a day. One dog he started out with could not stand the strain and laid down and died. He secured another, which is proving tougher than his predecessor. Schilling is 22 years old, and 6 feet 2 inches in height.

#### THEIR BANKS NO BARRIERS.

#### Platte and Elkhorn Rivers Spreading Over Adjacent Farms.

The Platte and Elkhorn Rivers were on a rampage last week as the result of heavy rains throughout the state. Almost the entire island at the confluence of the rivers, about two miles from Gretna, was inundated and much damage done to the crops. A four-foot head of water came down the river and swept away everything loose. The cut-off was partly washed out and the Platte swept across into the Elkhorn, which was bank full and broke through the new dike, erected this spring, and irrigated about 2,000 acres of the bottom lands before the break could be repaired. Had it not been for the levee the crops on the entire bottom would have been destroyed. As