#### DESTROYED IS

EARTHOUAKE WIPES OUT MEXICAN CITY.

Prof. Andree, the Arctic Balloonist, Will, During the Coming Week, Start for the North Pole in His Airship-Other Items of Interest.

City Destroyed in Old Mexico. Continued earthquake shocks and heavy rains have seriously interrupted telegraphic communication with the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Late advices received are that the official commission sent to the city of Tehuantepec by President Diaz of Mexico to investigate the reported formation volcano and the extent of the earth; damages arrived at its destination .... found the condition of affairs much worse

than it had expected. The town of Tehuantepec contained 15, 000 inhabitants, and is completely destroyed so far as houses and buildings are concerned, not one remaining standing. People are living in tents and in the open air on the outskirts of the place.

Explorer Likely to Launch His Bal-

loon Next Week. According to the program mapped out by Prof. Andree, the Arctic balloonist, at the time he left Gothenburg for Spitzbergen in the latter part of May, he will some time during the coming week launch his airship upon the perilous voyage to the north pole. A number of carrier pigeons were taken by the party from Gothenburg, and the return of one of the birds with a message is looked for daily.

According to the opinions of many who have participated in previous polar evditions, the present venture is the i. reckless and perilous ever undertaken, and it is generally considered that nothing but the merest accident can bear the party to the pole and back in safety.

Circulars have been issued by the Rusnorthern Siberia, and have also been dis-

### TO MAKE WAR ON BUTTERINE three of them severely.

Agitation Begun in Kansas to Se-

eure Antagonistic Legislation. Agitation has been begun in Kansas looking to the passage by the next legislature of a strong anti-butterine bill. This comes as the result of the recent announcement by local Kansas City, Kan., packers that they will immediately begin the manufacture, on a large scale, of butterine for shipment to all states where the laws do not conflict with the sale of that article. Already Kansas City, Kan., produces a great amount of butterine, and by June 1 at least three firms having charters will take their forces there from Chicago to manufacture the stuff. Blanks soliciting aid from farmers in the anti-butterine movement, and which have been sent out by the National Dairy Union, have already been signed by many Kansas farmers.

Shooting Caused by Whisky. A dispatch from Gadsden, Ala., says: Late Monday afternoon Henry Thomas, a negro excursionist from Birmingham, fired into a party of Gadsden negroes just as the train was leaving and wounded Will Garner, a local cabman. A general riot ensued. Thomas was shot in the back and neck and was stabbed twice in the shoulder and will die. Two other Birmingham negroes were shot and another was stabbed. Mean whisky was the cause

of the trouble. Flight of Homing Pigeons. The Hudson District Federation Club, which is composed of the leading fanciers of homing pigeons in New York, held its fifth ally of the season on Saturday. The birds were liberated at Statesville, N. ( at 5 a. m. H. Schmidt's Lightning was the first bird to reach its loft and won the prize band, covering slightly over 500 miles. The distance traveled by the pigeons ranged from 497 to 502 miles.

# Policeman Badly Beaten.

Four drunken Italian laborers participated in a savage fight in South Farmington, Mass., Monday morning. Officers Robert Trace and David Bastion tried to arrest one of the ringleaders, but all the Italians set upon them and Officer Bastion was clubbed with a beer bottle, his skull being fractured. He will die

Texas Legislature Adjourns. The Texas legislature, after being in session nearly six months, has adjourned. It

passed a law to prevent mob violence, providing the same penalty as for murder in the first degree. The legislature also passed a fellow servant bill.

Mckinley's Birthplace Sold. The story and a half building in Niles, Ohio, where President McKinley was born, has been sold to W. C. Allison of Warren, Ohio, for \$800. Mr. Allison is a relative of the president.

Gone to the Carlboo District. Sixty-four teams, with 530 horses, have gone this spring from Clinton, B. C., to the Cariboo district.

Two Thousand Quarrymen Quit. Nearly 2,000 men employed in the Joliet (Ill.) quarry fields have gone out on a strike for an increase of pay from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day. The majority of the operators declare they will not concede the demands of the men, as the state of business does

not justify any increase in pay. Millionaire Must Go to Jail. W. B. Bradbury, the millionaire, will have to serve the sentence of twenty-four hours' imprisonment in the county jail at San Francisco, convicted for the second time Saturday for spitting in street cars.

#### DONE BY TORNADOES.

Four Killed and Five Injured Near Lincoln, Ill.

The tornado which passed over the central and southern portions of Logan County Illinois, Friday afternoon destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property and completely demolished the immense cow barn on the farm of the state institution for the feeble minded. Twenty-six persons seeking refuge from the storm were buried in the debris. Four of the refugees, boy pupils from Chicag o were taken out dead. Five others were severely injured, one of whom, the farm superintendent, will probably die. The tornado passed on to the northeast, doing no great damage.

A small cyclone passed over Rose Hill, a small village in Keokuk County, Iowa, Friday. The damage done was confined to trees and outbuildings. Another cyclone of somewhat greater violence passed six miles east of Oskaloosa. The damage, however, was slight, being confined to fences, trees and outbuildings.

A terrific wind and rain storm struck Norfolk, Neb., Thursday night. Asa K. Leonard and Loomis McKim were eaught on a hundred-foot section of elevated sidewalk when it gave way and was hurled with them upon it clear across the street. A severe windstorm passed over Louis-

ville, Ky., Friday. Considerable damage was done to property, but no lives were lost. In several cases houses were blown down and unroofed. A severe windstorm visited eastern In-

diana at noon Friday. Dispatches from EXPECT TO HEAR FROM ANDREE | Muncie and other points report damage to factories and houses aggregating \$30,000 or \$40,000, but no loss of life.

# TWO HUNDRED TUMBLED.

Temporary Platform Falls at Ottawa, Ill .-- Several Hurt, No Deaths.

down in front of the Baptist church at of Barry and several canons. Ottawa, Ill., Saturday, and nearly 200 persons fell in a confused mass among the broken timbers. They were pupils of county schools from all parts of La Salle County, and had just received diplomas from Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Freeman, when a rural photographer invited them to the platform erected for the purpose of taking a group photograph. The rudely constructed affair was built up against the Mr. Spaulding after the verdict had been when Gen. Weyler was informed of the being fourteen feet above the ground. prise." The specific charges against him been killed it would have been better than sian government to the inhabitants of Many parents of pupils were present, to- was the converting of \$7,000 worth of the to lose that amount of money. gether with the teachers and directors of bonds of Pittsfield school and Lincoln tributed among the people of Alaska and the township schools who were standing school in Pike County. The bonds were other northern regions, directing them to in the background awaiting the comple- hypothecated with the Metropolitan Na- Many People Injured at River Falls extend all possible assistance to the exation of arrangements, and when the scaf- tional Bank of Chicago, to secure a loan plorers in case they should land among fold fell great confusion followed. A of \$6,750. dozen persons were found to be injured,

# COWBOY MILLIONAIRE DROWNS

Sacrifices His Life in Vain in Trying to Save Two Girls.

T. H. King, cashier of the First National Bank of Greenville, Texas, was drowned in a pool six miles west of that city under circumstances of a most sensational character. Kitt and Fred Norsworthy, bookkeeper in the bank; Kate Austin of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Ida Schenk of Sherman, Texas, formerly of Greenville, drove out to the pool on King's ranch after nightfall. At 1 o'clock in the morning Norsworthy came into the city with the information that King and the two girls were drowned. It is believed that the girls ventured beyond their depth, and King, in attempting to save them, went down with them. King was perhaps the wealthiest man in north Texas, being estimated to have been worth more than \$1,000,000. He started out as a cowboy, with no backing, and amassed his great fortune in a few

# BARNEY BARNATO'S BODY.

Remains of the Money King Arrive at Southampton, England.

On the arrival of the British steamship Scott at Southampton Saturday with the body of the late Barney Barnato the coroner's officers went aboard to ascertain as to the necessity of holding an inquest. An inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict of death from drowning while temporarily insane.

The arrival of the remains confirms the Actails already sent out to the press as to the circumstances under which Barney Barnato met his death. He was feeling very poorly when the vessel left Cape Town and often talked quite irrationally. The passengers subscribed £100 as a reward for Mr. Clifford, the officer who tried to rescue him.

# To Pray for Victoria.

Bishop Huntington has authorized the clergymen and laymen readers of the Episcopal diocese of central New York to include in their services on the first Sunday after Trinity a prayer, a copy of which he has issued, for Queen Victoria and the welfare of England. The prayer is to follow that for the president of the United

# Civil Service Hearings.

The senate civil service committee re sumed its hearings Saturday. A letter from W. E. Prescott, president of the International Typographical Union, stated that that body did not favor the application of civil service rules to the government printing office, as the best results were not attained under it.

# Four Suicides.

Four more bodies, supposed to be suitides, have been found in the river Thames in London, making twenty-one bodies found in the river during the last three weeks.

Rainy Season On in India. The monsoon has fully burst in India total loss will be \$100,000. The town has clover seed, \$4.20 to \$4.25.

and it is raining continuously and heavily. Germany's Cotton and Wool Imports. Germany imported cotton last year to the value of 217,000,000 marks. The total value of the wool imports reached 286,000,0000 marks.

According to the most delicate experiments of the most famous scientists, the heat of the lunar rays which reach the earth is scarcely the twelvemillionth part of a degree.

thirty-six books printed on white silk. or less.

## THE JUBILEE BEGINS

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES HELD IN LONDON.

Great Damage Done in California by Earthquake Shocks---The Worst Reported.

Queen's Jubilee Begins.

Queen Victoria began the celebration of her jubilee Sunday, as was befitting her entire career, before the altar of her faith. Throughout London, the United Kingdom and the empire, in every cathedral, church or chapel of the established church of England were held services similar to those at St. George's chapel, Windsor, where her majesty paid her devotions and offered solemn thanks to God.

The announcement that the services at St. George's chapel would be private and for the members of the royal family prevented the gathering of a large crowd. The scene was most impressive and the services were very simple. Her majesty sat in the chair of state immediately in front of the communion rail, and just beside the brass plate whose inscription designates the spot which was the temporary place of interment of the prince consort.

The ladies and gentlemen who are the grand officers of the queen's household entered first, followed by the military Knights of Windsor in the full costume of cocked hats and scarlet coats.

The Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery occupied their stalls as Knights of the Garter. The rest of the church was empty, the seats of the royal family being near the queen's.

The Dean of Windsor, wearing the insignia of chaplain of the Order of the Gar-A poorly constructed scaffold broke ter, officiated, assisted by the Lord Bishop

#### BANKER SPAULDING FREE.

Well, This Is a Surprise!" the Ex-

clamation of Defendant. Charles W. Spaulding, ex-president of the defunct Globe Savings Bank of Chicago and treasurer of the state university, embezzlement. The first words uttered by hard pressed for funds. It is said that church in step fashion, the highest point | read in court were, "Well, this is a sur- affair he declared that if 200 soldiers had

treasurer of the University of Illinois in- the walk below. Many people were in-

## CALIFORNIA BADLY SHAKEN.

The Worst Earthquake Shock Since

1868-Great Damage Done. Shortly after noon Saturday the most severe earthquake shock since 1868 did many thousand dollars' damage to buildings and their contents at Hollister, Cal. most of their plastering. Immediately versy. after the earthquake a fire wall of the Mc-Mahon House fell upon the adjoining buildings. Hundreds of window panes were cracked or broken, and in some instances the entire window sashes were thrown into the street from the second story of the building.

# MAY EMBARRASS KENTUCKY to abandon his estate.

Judge Cantrill Declares \$500,000 Bonds for State Purposes Void. Judge Cantrill at Frankfort has decided llegal and void the Kentucky state statute for the issue of \$500,000 of bonds for state purposes. The decision was rendered in a case brought for the purpose of testing the validity of the issue. The decision will be appealed at once to the court of appeals, which will pass upon the matter. Should Judge Cantrill be sustained, the entire revenue legislation of the late general as-

sembly for 1898 will be defective.

Fears America. The Paris correspondent of the London Times reports a conversation affecting to represent the views of Emperor William, in the course of which, speaking of his anxiety as to the future of Europe, he said that he does not fear Chinese ambition or the anarchists, but he does fear the expansion of one of the great powers and the intervention of the United States in the \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75. affairs of the old world.

# Welded Together.

A consolidation of the interests engaged in manufacturing weldless steel tubing for bicycles has been formed in London with H. A. Losier of Cleveland, Ohio, as the head. A number of wealthy Englishmen | yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c with Arthur Pitkington at their head have invested \$3,000,000 in the new corporation. \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; Three large factories—at Toledo, O., Ell- wheat, No. 2, 81c to 83c; corn, No. 2 wood City, Pa., and Greenville, Pa.-are mixed, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c embraced.

Window Glass Factory Burns. The window glass factory at Orestec, eighteen miles west of Muncie, Ind., burned Sunday. The factory is owned by the United Glass Company, together with like plants at Ottawa and Streator, Ill. corn. No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; oats, No.

Terrible Loss of Life.

no fire protection.

It is announced that over 6,000 lives were 34c; rye, No. 1, 34c to 36c; pork, mess, lost in the earthquake disturbances which \$7.25 to \$7.75. recently visited the province of Assam. A message of condolence has been received \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; from Queen Victoria.

# Big Fire in Texas.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning fire destroyed five brick buildings at White Wright, Texas; loss \$57,000; insurance, 29e to 30e; oats, No. 2 white, 22e to 23c; any particular alarm. The Imperial Library in Paris has \$34,000. Seven persons were injured more butter, creamery, 11: to 16c; eggs, West-

### AS' BRADSTREET SEES IT.

Increased Orders for Staple Goods an Encouraging Feature.

Bradstreets Weekly Review says: There are encouraging features in the general trade situation, the most conspicuous of which is increased orders for staple goods for fall delivery in a few lines, notably clothing, which at Chicago, Baltimore and Since 1868 -- No Casualties as Yet a few other centers promises to exceed the movement of a year ago.

> The more cheerful feeling among the manufacturers of iron and steel is based in part upon expectations of a revival in demand. Encouragement is also derived from the advance in raw cotton and of 1-16 per cent. in print cloths, which marks a close relation to the best price ever had. A decided increase in the demand for cotton is the speculative outcome of the increased possibility of an early settlement of the tariff. Prices this week do not carry out last week's promise of a general advance. There are lower quotations for tea and coffee, flour, wheat and oats, Bessemer pig and steel billets.

## TOASTS THE QUEEN.

Prince of Wales Proposes the

Health of Her Majesty. The Prince of Wales, as president of the imperial institute, presided at a banquet given in London by the institute Friday evening to the colonial premiers. After dinner the Prince of Wales proposed "The Health of the Queen." In a felicitous speech he referred to the approaching jubiled celebration, adding that he had no doubt they would receive the familiar toast with more acclamation than was usually the case. This was followed by prolonged cheering waving of handkerchiefs and cries of "God bless you!" the entire company standing.

#### PAY TRAIN IS CAPTURED.

Dynamite Is Used with Good Effect

by the Cubans. A train carrying \$250,000 was blown up by dynamite by Cuban insurgents near Jaruco, in Havana province. The money was intended to pay the Spanish soldiers captured the train and took all the money | tion. away with them. The loss is felt severely was on Friday acquitted of the charge of by the Spaniards, as the government is

## A BALCONY FALLS.

Wisconsin.

During the street parade by the Lemen Spaulding owes his acquittal to a single Bros.' circus, at River Falls, Wis., Friday, word in the statute. That word is "in- a balcony over a sidewalk occupied by tent." The jurors could not become about twenty people gave way and the reconciled to the proposition that the ex- party was hurled about eighteen feet to tentionally embezzled the bonds of that in- jured. Several children who occupied the walk were also injured. Carrie Anson is There are still twenty-seven indictments believed to be badly hurt. Several Inhanging over him and he will be tried dians received dangerous injuries by fall-

## Transvaal Not Bumptious.

The reply of the Boer Government to the dispatch of Mr. Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies, which dealt with the recent alien immigration act and and other measures which have raised issues affecting the foreign population of the Transvaal, was read in No casualties occurred, though several the volksraad Saturday. It is conciliatory narrow escapes are reported. Every brick in tone and shows that the republic debuilding in town has suffered, and in the sires peace. The government will ask for court house the walls and ceiling have lost arbitration on certain points in the contro-

# Weyler Getting Good.

Capt. Gen. Weyler of Cuba informed Consul Gen. Lee that on the 16th he gave orders to the military commander at Cardenas revoking the previous instructions under which Jos. Duenas, an American planter near Quintina, had been ordered

10,000 Blackberry Pickers. Fully 10,000 blackberry pickers have already arrived at Liberty, Mo. The crop is estimated at 60,000 crates, the largest ever known there. Never in the history of blackberry picking in that section has there been such a crush of humanity there.

Favors State Ownership of Railroads The state council has declared in favor of acquiring the railroads of Switzerland.

# MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 16c; eggs, fresh, Sc to 9c; potatoes, per bushel, 25c to 35c; broom corn, common growth to choice green hurl, \$25 to \$70 per ton.

Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs. \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 82c to 85c; corn, No. 2 to 18c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c. Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs.

to 20c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c.

Detroit-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 82c to 84c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, 34c to 36c. Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 red, 84c to 85c;

The factory employed 400 people and the 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c; Milwaukee-Wheat, No. 2 spring, 71c to 73c; worn, No. 3, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; barley, No. 2, 28c to

> Buffalo-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, wheat, No. 2 red, S6c to S7c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c

to 25c. New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs. \$3.50 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, ern. 19 to 12c.

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

The Red Willow County Fish and Game Association will Prosecute All Violations of the Fish and Game Laws-Other News Notes.

Fish and Game Association.

The Red Willow County Fish and Game Association has been organized at McCook. The association has authorized the paying of a suitable reward for information sufficient to convict for seining or killing fish by danamite or killing game out of season. Monthly meetings will be held. An effort will be made to stock the lakes along the Meeker ditch with game fish from the state hatchery. The association is open to every citizen of Red Willow County and it is expected in time to include in its membership every lover of the rod and gun. It is the determined purpose of the organization to prosecute all violations of the fish and game laws.

Drive the Women Out of Town. A committee appointed by the citizens of Weeping Water has waited upon the proprietors of disorderly houses, to the number of six, and invited them to leave town. Two boys, Lorn Gilmore and Ruben Straub, were escorted to the limits of the city and warned not to return. Young Gilmore has been led into evil by one of the women, and when she had his father and mother arrested for assault and defamation of character, the boy testified against his parents. The testimony was false and a verdict was rendered for Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, but the boy's action so incensed the people that they determined to drive the woman out of the town. More trouble is looked for.

#### Crushed by a Traction Engine. While attempting to cross a bridge in-

he west part of Herman with a traction engine, Frank Wickizer of Blair was seriously if not fatally injured by the giving way of the bridge. He was caught between the engine and supply wagon and horribly scalded and bruised. Several men were in the vicinity and by their aid in Matanzas province, but the insurgents | he was extricated from his perilous posi-

#### Refuses an Appropriation.

The board of equalization refused to nake an appropriation for the Buffalo ounty Agricultural Society, as provided by statute, and the society has commenced mandamus proceedings against the board. The appropriation amounts to \$623.25 and why the board refuses to make it is not known, as it has been made for years without question.

## Carroll's New Creamery.

Contractor Jones has completed the creamery building for the Helm Building and supply Company, which, after a practical test, was turned over to the Carroll Co-operative Creamery Company, which churned the first butter the latter part of the week. The creamery is equipped with all the latest and best of machinery.

## Killed in a Runaway.

Hugh Dever, an old Sarpy county pioneer, met a sad death in a runaway at Papillion a few days ago. His team became unmanageable and ran away and he was thrown out and instantly killed. Coroner Hamilton held an inquest and a verdict was returned that his death was due to his own carelessness. Dever leaves a widow.

Engine Runs Off the Track. Engine No. 771 of an extra freight eastbound ran into an open switch at Schuyler the other evening while running up to the water tank to water, and ran far enough on the ties to carry itself and two cars off the track, which was badly torn up.

Effect of the School Land Law. The new law which goes into effect July repealing the purchasing clause of the school land law, has caused the appraisement and placing under contract for pur-

chase of thousands of acres of the land in Cherry County. A mad dog, after biting three dogs and cow, was killed at Sutton Saturday. The three bitten dogs were also killed and the cow tied up to await the action of the poison. All dogs in the city running loose are being killed as fast as the marshal can

get to them. Register of O'Neill Land Office. The nomination of Stephen J. Weeks to e register of the land office at O'Neill has been confirmed by the national senate.

Chautauqua Grounds Sold. The grounds of the Fremont Chautauqua Association have been sold at foreclosure sale for \$5,800.

# Nebraska Short Notes.

The Christian Endeavor societies of Edgar will have a picnic June 23. Jacob Mauk of Broken Bow was thrown from his wagon and had several ribs

kull fractured last week by a feed grinder ipping over on him. The Watson ranch, south of the Loup, in Nance County, has been sold to Wm.

Oscar Wagner, a Wisner boy, had his

Stark of Thompson, Ill., for \$50,000. The second annual convention of the North Nebraska Conference, Epworth League, will be held at Central City the

latter part of July. In some sections of Nebraska cutworms have done considerable damage to corn. Stromsburg sports indulged in a cocking main one night last week and numerous dollars are said to have changed hands on

Mrs. E. R. Bishop of Beaver City was seriously injured by being struck with pieces of a fly wheel on a corn sheller. which burst while she was standing near. A North Platte man put small pox placards on his house for the purpose, he stated, of keeping tramps away, but the hard-hearted officers made him take them

North Platte is suffering from a potate famine, not a bushel being obtainable in that town last week.

The Langworthy canning factory at Seward will not run this season. Prices of canned vegetables are so low that the proprietors do not feel like investing the large sum that is necessary to carry on the business.

Kangaroo rats are doing considerable damage to corn on the north side of the river, near North Platte, and are also killing trees by eating the roots. These rats are a comparatively new pest to western Nebraska, at least they have not been of such number as to be noticeable or cause

During the month of May the Neligh | to raise him. Benson's neck was broken.

#### DEATH IN THE HEAT.

Suffering Bumanity Succumbs to

Sun's Fierce Rays. The excessively hot weather of the past week, following an unusual cold spring period, has brought no inconsiderable suffering. Many places report the hottest June weather ever known. Wednesday the South was a furnace. In Kansas the earth sizzled under shade trees, which could not keep the mercury from reaching 100 degrees. Only Duluth escaped the hot wave, the thermometer registering a minimum of 46 degrees there, 31 degrees lower than at not far distant St. Paul. The extreme East had a few degrees less warmth. This is an indication of how

the country sweltered: Concordia, Kan. 100 Des Moines ..... 90 Omaha ...... 98 Davenport ..... 90 
 Parkersburg
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 North Platte
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Chicago and vicinity Wednesday afternoon and night was visited by a terrific thunderstorm. Strange visitant with the rain was hail which fell heavily in the south end of the city. Terrifying lightning flashed and played queer freaks, and thunder roared. Fatalities were supplemented by damage to property and by broken and surcharged overhead wires, Persons were shocked and injured by the electric fluid. The rain fell in sheets and choked up sewers and flooded basements

over the city. The electrical display, due to the long drought and the overcharged condition of the air, was something marvelous. It had another side than the spectacular. At the Harrison street bridge the lightning became enamored of the iron girders of the structure, and completing a circuit with the ground wires of the trolley line, turned the bridge into a mighty magnet, George Brown, a driver, urged his horse out upon the bridge in spite of the blue flames that were playing along the iron rods. The animal was hardly upon the structure before the electric fluid leaped through the iron calks of its shoes and it went down in a heap, stone dead. The draw was finally swung open and the circuit broken.

Lightning struck several electric street cars, one of which was thrown from the track by the shock. Lightning ran along the cable in the power house of the Metropolitan elevated electric road and caused a blaze in the repair shop. The rainfall lasted almost incessantly from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight.

#### CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Favoring Weather Conditions and Everything Growing Rapidly. The following bulletin, based on the reports of the directors of the several climate and crop sections, is furnished

for the information of the public:

The weather conditions of the week have been generally favorable to agricultural interests over the greater portion of the country. There has been too much rain, however, in New England and the northern portions of the Middle Atlantic States, where it has also been rather cool, while over portions of the lower Ohio valley, western Tennessee and northeastern Missouri rain is much needed. Except over limited areas rains would also prove generally beneficial to growing crops in the central valleys and Central Gulf States. The latter part of the week was particularly favorable the States of the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys. In Nebraska the week was the most favorable of the season. while generally backward, has made good progress in the principal corn States under the favorable weather conditions of the past week. A marked improvement in the condition of the crop is reported from Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, and generally throughout the central valleys improvement is reported. Cold weather and frosts of previous weeks have caused serious injury in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, and the unseasonable cool weather of the past week in New England and the northern portions of the middle Atlantic States and upper Ohio valley has retarded the progress of corn. In these last named districts the erop is backward and the plant looks yellow, while considerable rotting in the hill is reported from New England. There has been general improvement in the condition of cotton throughout the cotton belt, the improvement being most marked in South Carolina and Georgia. The crop is generally clean and insects less numerous. In Texas the crop needs warm, dry weather over the northern portions of the State, where growth has been slow and some replanting continnes, while showers would prove beneficial in other sections of the State. Winter wheat has, except on the Pacific coast, continued to improve. Harvest is now in progress in the southern portion of Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, and is nearing completion in some of the more southerly States.

# M'KINLEY'S SUMMER HOME.

He Has Found an Ideal Retreat a Few Miles from Washington.

Seven miles southwest of Washington and back of Fort Myer President McKinley has acquired a summer home known as "Cherry Valley," though not perhaps named after the historic incident in the life of George Washington. It is the property of ex-Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri. Here President and Mrs. McKinley, with Secretary and Mrs. Porter, will spend the heated summer

The house is far back from the public road. Situated along a veritable forest of



M'KINLEY'S SUMMER HOME.

fruit and shade trees, the small summe cottage is as completely isolated as though it were a thousand miles from the national capital. One must have a most intimate acquaintance with the geography of the adjacent country in order to find the house at all. It is reached by a narrow lane which turns in from the main road about half a mile below the small village of Ballston.

The official program of the queen's jubilee procession as published, has given umbrage to the Liberals, owing to the utter absence of recognition of the civil and industrial side of the queen's reign, The Daily Chronicle is very outspoken on the subject, especially at the omitting of Mr. Gladstone.

Albert Benson and Thomas Olsen got into a friendly wrestling match at Brooklyn. Olsen lifted Benson off his feet and threw him backward. He did not rise. however, and Olsen walked over and tried