

HARMONY AND HIGH TARIFF.

With a Sprinkling of "Genuine, Deep- Reaching Civil Service Reform."

Platform Points to Which the Democracy of Pennsylvania Lie—Proceedings of the State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 1.—The democratic convention assembled at 10.15 this morning, and was called to order by Chairman Hensel in a few remarks. The list of delegates was called, and for the first time in many years no contested seats were announced.

The convention reassembled and Robt. E. James was elected permanent president. The customary vice-presidents and secretaries were elected.

The nominations for auditor-general were as follows: W. Hayes Grier, of Lancaster; John Swan, Allegheny; Geo. R. Guss, Chester; Jacob Seigher, Butler; Robert McCochran, Cumberland; Robert Taggart, Warren; J. K. Duff, Allegheny; J. L. Brown, Elk; Robert J. Nicholson, Jefferson; William N. Hunt, Philadelphia; J. F. McKerran, Armstrong. On the third ballot Robert Taggart, of Warren, was nominated by a vote of 163 to 77.

The nominees for state treasurer were Thos. McKeynolds, of Bucks county; Joseph Powell, Bradford; McCool, of Schuylkill. On the second ballot Powell was nominated, receiving 275 votes.

The nominees were presented to the convention and accepted the nominations in short speeches.

The report of the committee on platform was read and adopted.

It reaffirms the faith of the democracy of Pennsylvania in the true principles of the constitution, and in the right of personal liberty and rights of local self-government; favors genuine deep-reaching civil service reform; advocates such taxation of the people as is requisite for the necessities of the government economically administered; that import duties should be readjusted in their application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive industries at home and afford just compensation to labor, but not create or foster monopoly; denounces the proposition of the republican party that the people should be taxed to raise surplus fund for the federal government to distribute among the states; the existing surplus in the treasury should be applied to the payment of the public debt, and the money not needed for the expenses of the government should remain in the pockets of the people. To this end we favor the entire abolition of the present system of internal taxation as a measure of relief demanded by the people from unnecessary unequal burdens. The platform demands that the government should redress all its implied obligations as to coinage, and insists on the necessity of reserving public lands for actual settlers, not another acre for corporations. The administration of Governor Pattison is heartily endorsed. He has vindicated the pledges of reform upon which he was elected. His upright, intelligent, courageous exercise of the executive power deserves the unqualified approbation of his party and the people of the commonwealth. The platform concludes with a series of ten resolutions commending the administration of Gov. Pattison to the people of Pennsylvania, endorsing the entire session of the legislature and the abolition of reform as it exists in this state. After adoption of the platform the convention adjourned.

THE REFORMERS.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEWPORT. NEWPORT, August 1.—The civil service reform association met in annual convention this morning at the Channing memorial church. A large concourse of distinguished people were in attendance.

George William Curtis delivered his address. In the course of his speech Curtis said: "In the removal of the late naval officer of New York, one of the most efficient and experienced officers in the public service, there was a flagrant disregard of the essential principles of reform, but the ingenious manner in which this disregard was veiled in the apparent desire to promote the interests of reform as it exists in this state of the president's consciousness of public expectation that tried and capable officers shall not be removed under plea of expiration of their terms."

At a business meeting after the oration, Curtis was unanimously re-elected president. Hitchcock, of St. Louis, presented a resolution to admit to membership all civil service reform associations thus applying. The convention soon afterwards adjourned.

POLITICAL NOTES.

BUFFALO COUNTY POLITICS. Special Dispatch to the Bee. KEARNEY, Neb., August 1.—The republican judicial committee for the Tenth district met here to-day and issued a call for a convention at Kearney, September 11th.

The democratic central committee issued their first address to the people to-day. It denounces the republican party roundly and calls upon all voters in favor of good government to co-operate with them.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONTEST. CONCORD, N. H., August 1.—In the 39th ballot for United States senator to-day, Pike gained 9 over yesterday's vote, Burns 10, Marston 2, Chandler lost 9.

A COMBINATION. WASHINGTON, August 1.—A prominent treasury officer to-day received a telegram from Concord reporting a combination

tion was being formed with a view of electing Col. A. F. Howard and State senator.

THE IRISH LEAGUE.

ANTHONY'S MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. NEW YORK, August 1.—The executive council of the Irish National League of America met to-day. There were also present Patrick Egan and Matthew Harris of Ireland, and Rev. Dr. Chas. O'Reilly, of Detroit, treasurer of the national league of America. President Alexander Sullivan occupied the chair. The league disposed of a large amount of routine business, and received reports from various sections of the country.

Among the subjects considered was that of the so-called land grabbing in southern and western states and in the territories by English aristocrats and corporations. A committee was appointed to secure a complete report in each state and territory of the quantity of land purchased, the names of the purchasers, and statements showing whether such purchasers are citizens of the United States. A resolution was adopted declaring the league would give no aid to any lecturer, no matter whence he come, whose lectures were for any other than league purposes, recommending to branches that no invitations be extended to lecturers unless the proceeds of the lectures are given to the National League fund.

A constitutional amendment was adopted at the suggestion of Rev. Father McKenna, of Mass., so as to provide for election by state conventions of a vice president for each county in the several states; also so as to provide that in municipal councils the basis of representation should be from each branch; first, the president of the branch, and then a delegate for each branch having over fifty members and less than two hundred members in good financial standing, and one additional delegate for each one hundred members in excess of two hundred. A resolution was adopted urging state committees to call state conventions to secure a complete organization as practicable.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

RECEIVER APPOINTED. CHICAGO, August 1.—In the matter of the application for receiver for the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railway, made in the federal court yesterday, Judge Drummond today appointed Edward E. Dwight, general manager of the road, receiver. Dwight at once qualified, and has taken possession of property.

THE CHICAGO AND ALTON. CHICAGO, August 1.—The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago and Alton road was held here to-day. A semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared, payable September 1. Transfer books close August 15. The by-laws were amended to allow the exchange of stock certificates to be made in this city as well as in New York. The returns from the vote of the stockholders on the proposition to purchase the St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago railway, now operated as a leased line, showed four-fifths of the entire stock voted affirmatively. The question will next be submitted to the stockholders of the leased line.

SPORTING NOTES.

BASE BALL. CLEVELAND, August 1.—Boston 12, Cleveland 3. CHICAGO, August 1.—New York 5, Chicago 0. BUFFALO, August 1.—Buffalo 3, Providence 1. DETROIT, August 1.—Detroit 7, Philadelphia 2. SARATOGA RACES. SARATOGA, August 1.—First race, mile, for three-year-old fillies, was won by Inogenie, Princess Louise second, Sallie McCoy third; time, 1:46.

Second race, three-quarters mile, heats. First heat won by Capis, Wellington second, Mandamus third; time, 1:17. The second heat and race was won by Capis, Mandamus second, Boz Sedam third; time, 1:17.

Third race, mile and a quarter, was won by Ellis Warfield, Owen Bowling second, Brad third; time, 2:11.

MINNETONKA REGATTA. MINNEAPOLIS, August 2.—Five thousand people gathered at Lake Minnetonka yesterday afternoon to witness the rowing race between Hanlan, Hosmer, Fenner, Lee, Plaisted and Riley. Race course one and one-half miles and turn. Hanlan won in 21 minutes 38 1/2 seconds. Hosmer second, Riley did not finish.

The German Teachers' Convention. CHICAGO, August 1.—At the second day's session of the German-American teachers' association a lecture was given by Prof. H. H. Fick, superintendent of drawing in the public schools of Cincinnati, on poetry in German and American schools. The speaker argued that one of the chief defects of the American school system was the teaching of nothing but practical knowledge to the entire exclusion of cultivation of the beautiful. Prof. Felix Adler's report on behalf of the committee on manual labor as an important educational factor, referred to the system now followed by Prof. Adler's Working Women's School in New York city.

The afternoon session was devoted to discussion of the kindergarten system. The leading points made were that the system should not be used for inculcating any special religious belief; should not be considered preparatory to any course of education, and that all kindergarten schools, public and private, should be subject to supervision by committees of mothers. There was also an exhibition of appliances for kindergarten and manual training, and specimens of work done in the manual school of New York. The evening was spent socially.

Collision of Trains. TROY, August 1.—The Troy and Boston freight trains collided this morning at Pawnee, Vt. The locomotive and train were wrecked. It is reported six men were killed, all employees. One named Sullivan, of this city, another named Barrett. The wreck is on fire.

Convention of Total Abstinents. NEW YORK, August 1.—The thirtieth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union was held in Brooklyn to-day, 580 delegates being present. Rev. B. Coulier of Winona, Minn., presided. Bishop Laughlin delivered the address of welcome. Little beyond the routine order of business was transacted at the initial session.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Huge Vaults of the Nation Overlooking with the "Dollars of the Dads."

The Public Debt Reduced a Trifle—Imported Cattle to be Quarantined—Pension Points and Other Matters.

CAPITAL NOTES.

TOO MUCH SILVER. WASHINGTON, August 1.—The Star says the accumulation of silver dollars has become so great it is now quite a serious question how to dispose of them. All sub-treasuries throughout the country are already over-taxed, and the additional vaults built recently are also full. The last congress appropriated \$100,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of providing additional storage, room. No places have, as yet, been selected where the new vaults will be built and the entire matter is held in abeyance until the supervising architect can report upon the most available places, where extra room in public buildings can be had. It is probable a vault will be built in the basement of the treasury department. The basement under the east wing has never been excavated, and a vault can be built there.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS. From internal revenue during July, \$9,278,535, with an \$3,000,000 less than the total collections of July, 1882.

THE DEBT STATEMENT. Shows a decrease of the public debt during July of \$1,900,590. Cash in the treasury, \$351,534,345; gold certificates \$3,345,204; silver certificates, \$89,271,411; certificates of deposit, \$12,910,000; refunding certificates, \$337,700; legal tenders, \$346,530,926; fractional currency, \$8,999,241. Total interest bearing debt, \$1,338,232,000; total without interest, \$309,372,618; total debt, \$1,647,604,618; cash in treasury \$351,534,345.

THE PENSION OFFICE. sent out during the month of July 115,488 letters, an average of 4,007 per day. July heretofore has been a dull month in the pension office.

Indian Inspector Henry Ward has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Creek Indian commission, caused by Representative Haskell's illness.

CATTLE QUARANTINE. The withdrawal of all neat cattle arriving in the United States from any part of the world, except North and South America, will be subjected to quarantine for 90 days counting from date of shipment. This order does not include Canada.

THE HILL INVESTIGATIONS. WASHINGTON, August 1.—King testified that the specifications for the Chicago custom house boilers called for 37 tubes. There are but 92 tubes in the boilers. He examined the hot water coils of the heating apparatus. They were six inches short. The iron tanks in the other were not as thick as the specifications called for. King described how the heating apparatus utterly failed to heat the building the first winter. All ventilators had to be kept closed in order to insure any comfort to the occupants. Coleman announced he had no more evidence to submit to-day. Totten expressed surprise, and asked why Wolbridge, of Chicago, had not been called. Coleman replied he had not called a fraud without Wolbridge. He did not care to examine him as he feared anything he might draw from him would jeopardize his (Wolbridge's) position as an employee of the government, whereupon Totten called Wolbridge to the stand. The latter testified that the heating apparatus did good service considering the fact that the building had settled, etc. Coleman again demanded that the committee visit Chicago.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY. KEARNEY, Neb., August 1.—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the Buffalo County bank was made last night. An alarm caused the would-be robbers to decamp.

A FATAL FIGHT. ST. LOUIS, August 1.—Mace Jones and Richard T. Eley attempted to drive a man named Wilson out of the colored village of Brooklyn, Ill., near East St. Louis, last evening. Marshal Jones, in protesting, had a quarrel with Jones in which threats of shooting were freely indulged. About 11 o'clock Marshal Green and Jones again met, each being armed. Four shots were fired, one entering Marshal Green's groin, producing death this morning. Jones received two wounds in the arm, one in the head and through the left breast, which are pronounced fatal.

BABY FARMING. BAY CITY, August 1.—This morning the bodies of five dead infants were found in a privy vault in the rear of McCormick's block. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

DEFAUTER CAPTURED. NEW BRUNSWICK, Mich., August 1.—Levi D. Jarted, the missing ex-postmaster and defaulter ex-county collector of \$39,000, was captured at Niagara Falls, Ontario, yesterday.

SUICIDE OF AN ARMY OFFICER. SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—B. F. Senig, assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, was found dead this morning in his room in the Occidental hotel. The deceased was lying on the bed, a bottle labeled "poison" by his side. Army officers reject the theory of suicide and say that death resulted from heart disease. An autopsy will be held. He had a brilliant record and lost a leg in the Meade war.

THE FOWNL WRECK. TROY, August 1.—The names of the six persons killed in the Fowl collision are Mark Sutherland and Charles Martin, engineers of Troy; John Barrett, conductor; Troy; H. H. Bruce, operator, of the Troy and Greenfield railroad. Twelve cars burned. Engines were sent to the rescue from this city and Hoosac Falls. Johnson, night operator at Petersburg Junction, is blamed for the collision. He had been given orders to hold the train at the Junction and neglected to transfer his instructions to the day operator, who, in his ignorance, allowed the train to pass.

ROAD AGENTS CAPTURED. QUINCY, August 1.—The road agents who stopped the Deer Lodge and Helena coach a few days ago, were captured to-day near Gallatin City, Montana. Part of the stolen property was recovered. The robbers were brought here and jailed.

BUSINESS FAILURES. LANCASTER, August 1.—The Lancaster watch company suspended to-day, throwing 250 hands out of employment. The suspension was occasioned by the failure of A. Betner, late manager and principal stockholder of the company. The directors state the suspension is only temporary.

Boston, August 1.—The Journal says Charles H. Ward & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers of Boston and Brockton, to-day made an assignment to M. F. Dickerson for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities in the neighborhood of \$750,000; assets at present unknown. Shaw & Bros. owe the firm about \$200,000. The Spring Vale mill company, Spring Vale, Maine, manufacturers of print cloths, are reported suspended. It was supposed to be making money. E. W. Holbrook, New York, recently assigned, was largely interested.

CAJALS, Me., August 1.—Shaw's tannery suspended employees refusing to work unless wages were paid in full to date. It is expected the Princeton employees will follow. It is feared the bark peelers, who usually remain in until about the last of August, will come out. The managers are endeavoring to compromise with the hands, in order to save stock on hand. This failure is the heaviest blow to Cajals in years. Cajals interests exceed \$100,000. It is thought New Brunswick banks will weather the storm, but holders are anxious to exchange their bills for greenbacks.

THE Reservation Commission. CHICAGO, August 1.—The congressional commission, consisting of Senators Dawes, Logan, Morgan, Vest, and Representatives Haskell, Cameron, and Delegate Maginnis, charged with investigating the condition of reservations Indians in the northwest, and reporting to congress the advisability of opening up to settlement some portion of the lands now reserved to Indians, met here to-day. It was arranged that the commission should leave the city Friday morning for St. Paul, and proceed from that point to the Crow agency, thence to Helena, Montana, where it will divide into sub-commissions and visit all reservations in that section of the country.

Amateur Pugilists. CHICAGO, August 1.—A large representation of the sporting fraternity took hacks at 3 o'clock this morning to witness a prize fight between two ambitious litters, named O'Connor and McClure, and a ring was pitched alongside the tracks of the Panhandle railroad, sixteen miles from the city. The mill was brought to a sudden termination by O'Connor getting a fall in the first round by which his arm was broken. The police pursued the party in patrol wagons, but arrived on the scene after the departure of the contestants and spectators.

Bombed Operators. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., August 1.—Eight operators of the Chicago and Alton railroad at Bloomington were discharged yesterday for refusing to handle commercial business. Their places were filled with non-Brotherhood operators. The superintendent of the Chicago and Alton says every operator on his lines refusing commercial business will be promptly discharged. A number of new operators sent here were captured by the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is sanguine of success.

Preparing for the President. CHICAGO, August 1.—President Arthur and party are expected to arrive here to-morrow forenoon. A committee of citizens will meet the presidential party outside the city, and a reception will be tendered the president at the rooms of the Union club in the evening. First brigade, state troops, will escort the party from the train.

Militia Ordered into Camp. CHICAGO, August 1.—Adjutant General Elliott announces the Third regiment of Illinois National Guard will go into camp at Geneva Lake, Wis., August 3d, and will pitch alongside the tracks of the First regiment. The Fourth regiment will follow the Third in the same camp August 11. Both regiments will rendezvous in this city before leaving for the camp.

Editors on a Junket. CHICAGO, August 1.—The Associated press excursionists to the Yellowstone had a handsome send-off on the Chicago & North-western railroad this morning. Word was received from Harvard that the train was on time and everybody happy. The party is in charge of Mr. H. D. Bickham, of the Dayton Journal.

Prison Reformers. NEW YORK, August 1.—Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, Howard Potter, Theodore W. Dwight and Morris K. Jesup, of New York; Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Ind.; and Fred H. Wines, of Springfield, Ill., unite in a call for all corporate members of the National Prison association, and others interested in prison reform, to meet in Saratoga, September 7th, to reorganize.

Closing the Mills. CHICAGO, August 1.—It is stated this morning, as a result of the strike of the workmen in the rolling mills at South Chicago, where 1,800 men are usually employed, the management has decided to shut down for an indefinite period.

Melted Butter. DEER MOINES, Ia., August 1.—The building on Walnut street occupied by E. S. Todd as a butter warehouse, burned. Loss on building and contents, \$21,000; insurance, \$7,000.

Off for Europe. NEW YORK, August 1.—Gen. Trevino sailed for Europe to-day, accompanied by the surgeon of his staff, Dr. Rocha. He regretted being unable to visit West Point, where he was cordially invited by the secretary of war at the suggestion of Lieut. Gen. Sheridan.

THE OLD WORLD.

The Asiatic Plague Continues Harvesting Humanity in Egypt.

Jurisdiction in the Case of O'Donnell—The Search for the Earthquake Victims—Miscellaneous.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

JURISDICTION IN O'DONNELL'S CASE. LONDON, August 1.—James Carey was shot at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The steamer Melrose, on which the shooting occurred, arrived at Port Elizabeth at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. These facts seem to show that O'Donnell was outside colonial jurisdiction when he committed the crime, and must be tried in England. The press association reports that O'Donnell, before embarking for Africa, boasted he had followed Mrs. Carey from Dublin.

F. Simmons, the aeronaut, in company with Sir Claude Crespiquer, crossed the channel in a balloon, landing in Holland. A SWELL HEAD. BERLIN, August 1.—The head has been placed in the colossal statue of Germania at Ludolfsburg and its completion is assured in time for the imperial unveiling, September 28. Officials of the German universities are preparing rigid measures against dueling.

CHOLERA VICTIMS. LONDON, August 1.—Twelve deaths from cholera among the British troops in Egypt Tuesday. The disease is spreading among the Sudanese regiment at Ismalia, where 20 men, including the captain and doctor, died within three days. Deaths among natives, Tuesday exclusive of those at Cairo, numbered 665, including 27 at Rosetta.

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD. NAPLES, August 1.—King Humbert decided that the search for victims of the earthquake shall continue. Six persons were rescued to-day. Another shock was felt this afternoon. No damage done. Owing to the difficulty of decomposing remains, all but soldiers have ceased searching for bodies.

FATAL SILENCE. BERLIN, August 1.—Private telegrams have been received stating there was a slight earthquake on the island of Ischia on the 23d of July, but the fact was hushed up by the authorities for fear that if the report was sent abroad visitors would be deterred from visiting the island.

ALFONSO AND SPOUSE. MADRID, August 1.—King Alfonso and Queen Christina arrived at the royal palace yesterday evening. The king went to the frontier to meet his royal spouse. This fact dispates whatever may still remain of the theory that the two had quarrelled.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA. LONDON, August 1.—Three deaths from cholera at Alexandria yesterday.

HEAVY FIRE. BERLIN, August 1.—A large building on the Kopenicker Strasse, this city, used for the storage of gunpowder, was burnt last night. Loss heavy. Three firemen were killed by falling walls.

THE LANDLORDS SQUEAL. LONDON, August 1.—The statement signed by Lord Dunsany and Mount, Earl Lifford, Gough, Castletown, Fortalice, and other landlords of Ireland, has been sent to Gladstone, pointing out the losses of rent and depreciation in value in land that has taken place in consequence of the passage of the land act and suggesting state aid in the shape of a loan for the relief of land owners. The agricultural holdings bill passed its third reading in the commons to-day.

ANOTHER Nihilist CONSPIRACY. LONDON, August 1.—The Times says: We are able to state that official news has been received from the Continent that the most dangerous nihilist conspiracy has been discovered in Russia. A great number of people are implicated. Many arrests were made.

THE DEATH OF CAREY. CAPETOWN, August 1.—At the preliminary hearing of O'Donnell, who shot Carey, Mrs. Carey deposed that after the murder she asked O'Donnell: "Did you shoot my husband?" and he replied, "Yes, I was sent to do it." Carey's identity was suspected by the steward and another of the crew of the steamer Kinfrank Castle, who noted his likeness, although shaven, to the portrait of the informer, and the number and names of his children. Carey's demeanor on board the steamer was impudent. He lived very freely. He provoked a row at Capetown hotel by abuse of the English. Before quitting England Carey provided himself with a revolver for self defence. This weapon he persisted in displaying.

PERUVIAN ROWS. LIMA, PERU, August 1.—To-day's papers published particulars from Col. Sanchez of the killed and wounded at Huamochero, giving the names, which are very numerous. Gen. Silva and Col. Antonio Pradegades, are mentioned among the killed. Col. Lomme Prado, who was wounded, is said to have committed suicide on learning that Caceres was defeated.

THE EARTHQUAKE RUMORS. LONDON, August 1.—Latest advices from Cassinovia say a number of English and American correspondents in search of friends and relatives supposed to be victims of the calamity. An American lady reports her aunt missing, it is feared she is buried in the ruins. One family were rescued after being thirty-six hours entombed. A Swiss family, named Paschal, numbering eight, only one daughter survives. She states she had her father's rooming several hours before she herself was rescued. The syndics state 1,000 are dead at Lacco, 1,000 at Forie, and 2,500 at Cassinovia. The damage to property is incalculable. Later dispatches estimates the deaths by the earthquake at 5,000.

APOLLO IN PARIS. PARIS, August 1.—Members of the Apollo commandery, Knights Templar of Chicago, are now here, visiting the various objects of interest in the city.

THE MORTALITY IN CALICO. LONDON, August 1.—A dispatch from

SHOCK-ING EVENTS.

The Reaper Abroad in the Land Devouring Fields of Grain

Progress of the Harvest in Iowa and Nebraska—Corn Still Lags Behind All Competitors.

Special Dispatches to the Bee. NEBRASKA.

FIFTH, LANCASTER Co., July 31.—The outlook for wheat, barley and rye, could not be better. The growth is large, tall and heavy with large and well filled heads, consequently, must yield well and is now all cut and about being gathered here and in Gage county adjoining. A few small pieces of winter wheat were sown here and they are No. 1.

Flax acreage more than usual, with a large growth of straw, but will yield very poor. It has but a few holes on, and they are not filled. Tame and natural meadows are good. There will be an average crop of apples and no such crops. Strawberries, raspberries and blackberries cut off by hail. Potatoes are all o. k.

With favorable weather from now until late in the fall, we may gather two-thirds of a crop of corn, and we have as good a locality for corn as any in Nebraska.

Cheyenne, Polk County, August 1.—Rains during the last week, and especially yesterday and to-day have been without violence or severe wind, but plenty of water. Recent reports from all parts of the county are all indicative of the best crops ever grown in the county and no insects to trouble them. Corn is coming on fast. Rye and barley are being thrashed—good yield. Wheat and oats will mostly be gathered in the next 10 days and is well filled. The present rain, if continued, may injure some in the shock. Plenty of green corn, from the early gardens, is now found on the table.

O'Neill, Holt Co., Neb., July 31.—We are harvesting the best crop of small grain ever produced in Holt county. The corn crop is far better than I expected to see it by this time. A favorable fall would give us a fair crop. The flax crop has received considerable attention in this county the present season. Mr. Russell, about fourteen miles northeast of O'Neill, has fifty acres of an early crop of flax, and says he could wish to see it. He sowed it on new breaking. Many others have patches ranging from five to twenty acres.

Silver City, Mills County, July 31.—Corn is in excellent condition and growing finely; promises to be an average crop. Spring small grain is better than it has been for four years past. The grain is very plump and fine, well filled, and as harvest is pretty well advanced we can say with certainty that wheat will average twenty bushels to the acre, oats 50 bushels and rye about the same. Potatoes are very fine and promise a large yield.

Hancock, July 31, 1883.—Harvest has just begun. Wheat is good. Oats will be fit to cut as soon as wheat harvest is over. There will be a large crop of corn. Corn is doing well. With continued warm weather corn will make a fine crop.

Oberholt, Ia., July 31.—Farmers in this county have commenced harvesting their wheat and oats and prospects are good for a large crop. There is very little blight in the wheat. Corn is beginning to tassel at this time, although there is considerable blight that will not be in tassels for several weeks on account of the replanting that was done this spring, making it very uneven in growth.

Logans, July 31.—The farmers have got about half through harvesting, and all say their grain is good, and wish they had sowed more. Corn is doing well. We had a nice rain Sunday, which corn and late potatoes needed badly. Prospects are improving every day for the corn crop. Farmers all feel good, which makes the merchants smile.

THE BIG SHOW.

OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN EXPOSITION. LOUISVILLE, August 1.—With the first streak of daylight crowds of people began pouring into the city from every point of the compass. Trains were doubled up and then packed and by 9 o'clock the streets were filled. The president and party left the hotel in carriages escorted by a body of police and local military organizations, and moved by the most direct route to the exposition building. There was a perfect ovation the entire distance. The great main building, capable of holding 20,000 people, was filled completely. President Dupont, of the exposition, welcomed the president in a fitting speech. General Arthur graciously responded and concluded by starting the vast machinery and pronouncing the exposition open.

Fires. CHICAGO, August 1.—The Journal's McGrover (Iowa) special says: A fire this morning destroyed a block of buildings opposite the First National bank, which structure was also in great danger for a time. Ten firms in various lines are among the sufferers. Total loss \$35,000; fully covered by insurance.

EAST TAWAS, August 1.—The Oscoda Salt and Lumber company's saw mill burned early yesterday morning. Loss \$80,000; insurance \$50,000.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., August 1.—Dexter's hat factory at Danbury, Conn., burned last evening with contents. Loss nearly \$100,000; partially insured.

Editorial Junketeers. ST. PAUL, August 1.—The members of the associated press bond for Yellowstone Park, arrived this evening at 8:30 in a special train of Wagner sleepers and dining cars. The train is in charge of R. S. Hair, traveling agent of the Northwestern railway.

No Ordinary Strike. Hartford (Conn.) Times. The New York Times says: "This is no ordinary strike." It isn't. Touching about every interest in the country, it strikes more people and more property, including sixty millions of water, called property, than any other twenty strikes could possibly strike. It strikes below the "water line."

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

The coroner's jury is now investigating the Carlton (N. Y.) disaster. Miss Triggs of Salina, also Mrs. E. V. Munday, of Bay City, Mich., are falling. It is doubtful if the latter survives.

A certificate of incorporation of the Exchange Telegraph company was filed in New York yesterday. The line is to run from that city to San Francisco, Cal. Capital stock, \$2,000,000.

The war ship Canad with Prince George on board has arrived at Halifax.

The steamer Butte burned above Ft. Peck, Monday. The boat and cargo are a total loss. The boat was valued at \$20,000. The passengers were all landed safely.

THE STAR-ROUTE CASES.

Civil Suits to be Brought to Recover on Routes Fraudulently Expeditated. National Republican, July 31. The preliminary work on the civil suits which are to be brought against certain of the star-route contractors for the recovery of moneys paid for expedited service, where the order of expedition is alleged to have been obtained through fraudulent representations, is so far advanced that the Second Assistant Postmaster-Gen. Elmer has been able to notify the department of justice that he is ready to state the accounts against these contractors to the solicitor of the treasury. This is in accordance with the provisions of 4,057 of the Revised Statutes, which relates to the method of bringing suit to recover wrongful or fraudulent payments made from the funds of the post-office department. Under the law the second assistant postmaster general has charge of this preliminary work, and under his direction the sixth auditor of the treasury for the post-office department prepares a statement of the amount paid each contractor for expedited service, where such expedition is believed to have been fraudulently obtained, less any deduction from the several accounts that may have been made for failure to perform the expedition. No allowance is made for any expedition that may actually have been made on the route, suit being brought for the entire amount paid for expedition, where the department is convinced a case can be made of fraudulently securing said expedition.

The department has been at work ever since the first star-route criminal trial gathering the evidence on which to bring these civil suits, and has agents in the states & territories where the routes were located obtaining sworn statements in relation to the expedition actually performed on each route, the number of men and horses employed, etc.

The auditor's office has prepared statements of accounts against ten contractors, against whom suit is to be brought. Their accounts aggregate (omitting cents) \$1,073,489, divided among the contractors as follows: Against John W. Peck, on seven routes, in California, Oregon, Nebraska and Utah territory, \$271,216; against John R. Miner, on five routes, in Colorado and Dakota territory, \$129,812; against John W. Dorsey, on six routes, in Colorado, Arizona and Dakota territory, \$112,980; against O. J. Salisbury, on three routes, in Nevada, Montana and California, \$126,046; against O. J. Salisbury and M. V. Nichols, on one route in California, \$83,256; against W. W. Parker, on one route in the Indian territory, \$179,340; against E. W. Parker, on one route in Arkansas, \$38,516; against W. M. Griffith, on one route in Arizona, \$26,244; against B. H. Griffith's contract, route in Louisiana, \$45,679; and against Lake Voorhees on one route in Dakota territory, \$21,399.

In stating these accounts the sixth auditor presents with each contract the names of the sureties being liable where collection from the contractor can not be made. It appears from the auditor's tables that Samuel N. Hoyt of Washington, D. C., and D. W. C. Wheeler of New York city are sureties for John W. Peck, John R. Miner and John W. Dorsey on the eighteen