GLOOMY GLORIFICATION.

Attorney Burr Devouring Dead Sea Fruit, and Lamenting His Frenchy Ambition.

THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

The Supreme Court Decides Against the Existence of Such an Office—Other Lincoln News.

A BEE reporter called on L. C. Burr yesterday on his return from Kearney. He sat in his office and as the reporter approached him he beckoned him to a chair.

In reply to the question how he had been received at Kearney, he said that there was no excitement so far as he could judge. He got in Kearney Tuesday night at 6 o'clock and left the next morning early. He went before a justice of the peace and gave the bond of $1,000, required of him, it being furnished upon the credentials of his brother C. C. Burr, and John R. Clark of the First National bank. Mr. Burr looks careworn. His usual jaunty and self-conscious air has deserted him, and he doubtless feels that he has made a move which will cost him rather dear. He appears to feel very bitter against the attorney-general, and denies that he ever threatened to injure in any manner that official. Burr said that the Zimmerman case was entirely a charity one, and that he took it at the solicitation of Warden Nobes, of the penitentiary, and some others who had interested themselves in Zimmerman's behalf. According to his statement, Burr has never received any money to speak of out of the case, but has run it entirely for glory. He feels now that the glory which attaches to his name is of a rather negative character, but he will not admit it. He said that Deputy United States Marshal Hastings went with him to Kearney, but that he was not informed of the purpose of the trip until after they had left Hastings, where passengers for Kearney change cars. It was over a game of cards that Mr. Burr first enlightened Mr. Hastings as to the work which would be required of him when the train reached Kearney. There is no record that Mr. Hastings interposed any objection to the proceedings, but, like a lamb, he obeyed the behests of the attorney. Burr denies that Saville, the commissioner, was drunk when the proceedings were had, while Hastings declares directly the contrary.

Burr believes in putting a good face on the matter and he takes the injured innocense dodge to make people believe that he was only working enthusiastically for his client under the laws of the United States. When asked about the bond of $5,000, which was given, he rather hesitated, and then said that Ed Zimmerman, brother to the criminal, had sworn that he owned property to the value of $5,000, over in Wyoming. It was a ranch, Mr. Burr said, but the location he could not make definitely. He believed that it was at the head of some creek, and that the water right was the principal value which attached to the premises. There were horses and cattle on the ranch, but Mr. Burr did not know how many. The location is nowhere near the ranch owned by Judge Dundy, and so far as could be discovered from Mr. Burr's conversation there was a vagueness and delicious uncertainty about the location of Zimmerman's property in Wyoming which if anything makes it more valuable in the eyes of a credulous public. The water right is the principal value, but the creek's name is not known. It is thought that it is the Wyoming branch of Salt creek. The fact is that the bond was worthless even if Zimmerman's brother did own property in Wyoming, which there is no reason to believe he does, for under the law the security has got to be in the county where the bond is taken, and further, the crime of murder is not bailable in Nebraska or the United States, consequently any bond given even by responsible parties would be absolutely void and no recovery could be had on it.

THE COUNTY REGISTERS.

In the supreme court yesterday morning the court denied the writ of mandamus in the case of the state ex rel Hoff vs J. W. McClelland. This was a case to compel the county clerk of Nance county to give notice of election of a register of deeds for that county, the election to be November 3, 1885, the same being the general state and county election. In denying the writ the courts hold that no such office as register of deeds exists; that the pretended act of the legislature creating such an office never passed that body and that the county clerks in the different counties have no authority to publish notice for the election an any person to such position. This affects all candidates throughout the state whether the county has 1,500 or 15,000 or any number of inhabitants. The dispute has been on this matter over the number of inhabitants a county should contain before electing a register of deeds, but the supreme court has done away with all the quibbling in the opinion just rendered. The only law creating a register is the one which has been brought to the notice of the court in the case, and the judges having decided that no such office was created by the legislature the people have no other alternative than to permit the county clerk of the different counties to do the work as he has heretofore, and the register's office is altogether an imaginative creation and the salary of the same is a delusion and a snare.

THE BOND QUESTION.

The citizens of Lincoln are cautioned that certain unscrupulous persons are bringing in residents who live in the country, outside of the corporate limits, and having them register, so that they can vote in favor of the Missouri Pacific bond scheme, and some say that many from Garfield precinct, which is the precinct that encircles the city in the shape of a horseshoe, have put their names dow as legal voters. The people must remember that every crooked device that the old-time gang can call to their aid will be resorted to, and it is thought doubtful if a fair and strictly legal vote can be had. Tom Kennard is around button-holing every one, and he attacks laborers and mechanics with his oily talk in favor of the bonds. The statement he made that he was not interested is too gauzy for anyone but an idiot to believe, and the fact that he does nothing without a large recompense shows plainly that the Missouri Pacific will be willing to divide up the prospective $50,000 among the inside parties, and that the road does not wish to have the whole amount in order to induce it to enter Lincoln and have a good thing.

THE CAMP MEETING.

At the Adventists' camp meeting, under the management of Elder Cudney, no converts as yet have appeared, indeed Mr. Cudney is opposed to religious excitement and believes in the voice of reason and argument to pursuade unbelievers. The elder surprised his audience a night ago by stating that a large per cent of the preachers nowadays were acting as ministers merely for the money there was in it, and taking a $10 bill from pocket he laid it on the Bible, and said take this element out of the preaching of the word of God and but few ministers would remain in the pulpit.

GAMBLERS PULLED.

Yesterday, shortly after 2 o'clock, the gamblers who run the place at the corner of Eleventh and N streets were arrested and taken before the police judge on the charge of keeping and maintaining a gambling house. It was asserted that this move was made by the mayor, who ordered the police to close up the place, which is kept by Hyde, who is not in the municipal ring. The fight between Hyde and the other gamblers promises to be a bitter one and developments of a startling character are promised.

The case was continued until this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

CITY NEWS.

The Nebraska university has 260 students, male and female, as against 282 last year. The collegiate classes proper have increased 50 per cent; the freshman class has fifty-three members, and last year, at this time, it was composed of thirty members.

A cooking school is to be started in a few days in Lincoln by a Miss Ewing, who comes to this city highly recommended. The prospect is that a large class will be organized.

Friday is the last day for voters to register, and those who desire to cast their vote without attaching an affidavit thereto, are requested to attend to the matter immediately.

Lincoln has only seventy-five hydrants with which to supply its 20,000 people with water.

An excursion to San Francisco is being formed in this city, to start October 22.

The supreme court adjourned until Tuesday morning, October 20, at which time the sixth judicial district will be taken up.

The rape case of the state vs. James Sturgeon on complaint of Mary Patrick, pending before Justice Brown, was dismissed. The affair was a disgraceful one, as it included Sturgeon's wife on the charge of complicity in the alleged crime, and many filthy things have been said about the parties connected with the matter during its pendency.

The skating rink craze is still kept up in Lincoln, to the chagrin of many church members.

The special delivery of letters in this city is being carried out by two boys, in accordance with the instructions of the postmaster-general. No instructions as to refusing to deliver special letters on Sunday has yet been received by Postmaster McBride.

George Herdman, one of Lincoln's leading ice dealers, was kicked by a horse a day or two ago, and is suffering very much from his injuries. The brute kicked him some twenty feet in the air.

Considerable fun was created yesterday at the capitol building by a lady calling on one of the deputy state officers and asking him in a very loud voice if he was the man who was going to show her around the town (meaning the building.) The officer was surprised at this break, but cooled down when he learned that a wag in another part of the building had put up the job and had informed the woman that he was the custodian of the building.

The Arion club and the Sasine quartette will give their entertainment Monday night, October 12th and not Wednesday night as heretofore announced through mistake.

Good apples are selling in Lincoln at fifty cents per bushel and the market is flooded with them.

Much complaint is made about parties, especially those of delivery wagons, leaving their horses unhitched in the streets in violation of the city ordinance. At least nine-tenths of all the runaways are occasioned by reason of this carelessness.

STATE ARRIVALS.

G. Copley, Nebraska City; T. H. Draper, Louisville; R. W. J. Reed, Ulysses; G. H. Corcus, Beatrice; G. S. Blaleryett, Wahoo.

Death of T. C. Durant.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Dr. Thomas C. Durant, general manager of the Adirondack railway, died at North Creek at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. He was taken ill with inflammation of the bowels Tuesday last, and this developed into peritonitis, which caused his death.

[Thomas C. Durant was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., in 1820. His father, Thomas Durant was a merchant and manufacturer, and his grandfather, William Durant, was an officer of the revolutionary war, and a member of the Boston Committee of Safety. At an early age he selected medicine and surgery as the field in which he might employ his natural and acquired talents advantageously, and he accordingly entered the Albany Medical college and was graduated therefrom with full honors at the age of 21. After practicing his profession but three years he became a partner in the firm of Durant, Lathrop & Co. of Albany. Mr. Durant had special charge of the New York branch of this house and shipped very largely to all the principal European ports. The knowledge of the resources of the great West obtained in the course of his mercantile career, made him an earnest advocate of internal improvements, and induced him to turn his attention to railway matters. He assisted very materially in promoting the interests on the Michigan Southern railroad, and was the principal contractor in constructing the Bureau Valley, the Chicago & Rock Island, and the Mississippi and Missouri railroads. Some years previous to the organization of the Union Pacific Railroad company under the charter passed by congressin 1862, Mr. Durant in connection with parties with whom he was engaged in constructing railroads in Illinois and Iowa, caused preliminary surveys to be made up the Platte valley, and in 1863 he, at his own expense, sent several corps of engineers to examine the country and make surveys of the route commencing at Omaha and other points on the Missouri river, and embracing the line through Cheyenne pass and Bridger's pass into the basin of the great Salt Lake. Mr. Durant also at the same time sent out a geologist for the purpose of ascertaining the mineral resources of the country. In 1863 he was active in the procuring of the subscriptions of $2,000,000 of stock which was required by the act of congress before the company could be fully organized. Having from the surveys and examinations previously made, obtained a knowledge of the obstacles to be surmounted in constructing the railroad, he devoted the winter 1863-'64 to obtaining important amendments to the charter, which doubled the land grant and made the company mortgage bonds a first lien upon the road, and during the year perfected the financial organization under which the work was carried on to completion. Immediately after laying the last rail upon the Union Pacific railroad Mr. Durant retired from its active management, and shortly after began the construction of the Adirondack railway, of which he was until its death the actual president and general manager.]

Coopers on a Strike.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—About six hundred coopers employed at Armour's and Fowler's packing houses went out on a strike to-day, for an advance in wages from $2.75 to $3 a day. Work was not seriously interfered with as the supply of barrels on hand is large

Lamps cheap at Homer's, 23 Main S

PILES!! PILES!! PILES!

A sure cure for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Ulcerated Piles has been discovered by Dr. Williams, (an Indian remedy), called Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment. A single box has cured the worst chronic cases of 25 or 50 years standing. No one need suffer five minutes after applying this wonderful soothing medicine. Lotions and instruments do more harm than good. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment absorbs the tumors, allays the intense itching, (particularly at night after getting warm in bed), acts as a poultice, gives instant relief, and is prepared only for Piles, Itching of private parts, and for nothing else.

SKIN DISEASES CURED.

Dr. Frazier's Magic Ointment cures as by magic, Pimples, Black Heads or Grubs, Blotches and Eruptions on the face, leaving the skin clear and beautiful. Also cures Itch, Salt Rheum, Sore Nipples, Sore Lips, and Old Obstinate Ulcers.

Sold by druggists, or mailed on receipt of 50 cents.

Retailed by Kuhn & Co., and Schroeter & Becht. At wholesale by C. F. Goodman.

PICKED UP ABOUT THE CITY.

News and Notes About Persons and Things—Idaho's New Governor.

IMPROVING THE CITY'S STREETS.

A Fight Over a Dead Fowl—Police Court News—Local Notes and Personal Paragraphs.

Idaho's Governor.

Hon. E. A. Stevenson, the recently appointed governor of Idaho, was in the city Wednesday, homeward bound from Washington with his commission. He was met and conversed with by a BEE reporter at the Paxton hotel last evening. Mr. Stevenson is a resident of Boise City and has lived in the territory more than twenty years. He was, in consequence, the popular candidate for governor with his own people as it is inherent with the territorial heart as much as in the Irish breast to clamor for home rule. He succeeds Hon. William M. Brown, a Philadelphia gentleman, appointed under the old regime. Mr. Stevenson narrates an interesting circumstance of his appointment. There was a rush for the office and applications were flooded upon the executive at an overwhelming rate. Mr. Cleveland wearied of the annoyance, and selecting three for choice, summoned them to Washington for inspection. Mr. Stevenson is an honest, homespun appearing man of apparently some sixty years; he is engaged in mining, land speculating and ditching, and is one of Idaho's wealthiest citizens. He says that, although the territory is in a flourishing condition, and is rapidly increasing in population and political importance, it is not quite ready to demand admission into the sisterhood of states.

Grading Improvements.

A reporter met City Engineer Rosewater yesterday and questioned him about the proposed grading on Harney and other streets. He said that bids were to be advertised for immediately for grading thoroughfare from Seventeenth to Twentieth streets. The profiles have been drawn up, and so soon as the contract is let the work can commence.

In addition, Seventeenth street, from Farnam to St. Mary's avenue, Eighteenth from Farnam to Harney, Nineteenth from Farnam to Harney, and Twentieth from Farnam to Howard will be graded. The grading will require the removal of about 60,000 cubic yards of dirt.

North Seventeenth, from Paul to Grace, will also be graded; 15,000 cubic yards of dirt will be removed. Burt street from Twenty-third street to a point 300 feet west of Division street. This grading will call for the removal of 10,000 yards of dirt.

"This grading will be commenced this year," said Mr. Rosewater, "and I think that most of it will be finished before winter, if the weather is favorable."

A Bone of Contention.

Two well-known young men about town became involved in a little difficulty last evening at Ed Leeder's saloon, the cause which led to the trouble being the leg of a frieassed fowl. In company with a few convivial companions they had been taking in the city, and were about to go home when they stepped into Leeder's to have something to eat. Chicken was ordered for the party, and while it was being devoured the young men indulged in playful scuffles. During one of these encounters, a chicken's leg was accidentally knocked from the hand of one of the boys, and he became instantly offended and offered to fight the man who deprived him of his appetizing morsel. The challenge was accepted by the offender and the party adjourned to the sidewalk to fight it out, when the police put in an appearance and stopped the mill. The young gentleman who lost his supper by the transaction endeavored to find it again, but his efforts had been forstalled by another member of the party who did not indulge in the mill but stopped and ate the chicken, leaving only the bone.

Tony Denier's "Humpty Dumpty"

The next attraction to appear at Boyd's opera house will be Tony Denier's famous Pantomime Troupe on Saturday afternoon and evening. The simple announcement of "Humpty Dumpty" always draws the little folks as well as a great many children of larger growth, and everybody knows Tony Deniers is the best "Humpty Dumpty" troupe on the road. The specialty features are said to be extraordinary strong this season. C. W. Ravel, of the celebrated Ravel family, is the clown.

Officer Green.

Officer Duff Green has resigned from the Omaha police force to accept the position of special policeman for the Union Pacific at the depot. The railway company has done this in recognition of Mr. Green's efficient service during the past month when detailed by the city to the depot beat. He is one of the best men the force ever had, both as a gentleman and an intelligent, prompt and discriminating officer. He has the record of some very creditable detective work and a character for honesty and sobriety which the local authorities will gladly endorse.

Police Court Docket.

Judge Stenberg disposed of the following cases in police court yesterday morning:

N. Edwards and Oscar Johnson; drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs.

John Smythe and Ed Fitzgerald, drunk and disorderly, discharged.

Ole Knutson, disturbance of peace, $5 and costs.

R. T. Shannon, suspicious character, thirty days in county jail.

John Schultz, vagrant, set to work cleaning out jail and released.

Nebraska at the "Veiled Prophets."

Quite a number of Nebraskans are in attendance at the "Veiled Prophets" at St. Louis. The papers of that city notice the following who were present at the grand ball on Tuesday evening:

Mrs. Gen. Carlin, of Omaha, wore a handsome mourning toilet of heavy lusterless silk, covered with black tulle; corsage square and sleeveless; diamond ornaments.

Hon. Wm. F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill, was one of the most graceful dancers on the floor. His charming and beautiful wife was arrayed in a costly dress of pink silk, Marie Antoinette collar.

Charley Neal, of Edgar, Neb., loomed up like a church steeple in a fog. He was decorated with a quail-feather, which Bob Floyd-Jones shot at while his guest this fall.

Frank Gregg, of Lincoln, Neb., regretted his rashness in being a yoked man before trying his luck in St. Louis. He took a programme, however, as a souvenir for his bride who did not go to the ball.

Buffalo Bill made scores of mashes. A religiously inclined young lady confessed that if it were not for Paul's prescription of long hair she believed she'd like him real well herself.

Miss Arta Cody wore a most beautiful costume of rose pink satin marvellieux silk, white velvet front, richly brocaded in colors; high Marie Stuart collar, ornaments, pearls.

Brevities.

Mr. Andreen wishes to inform the public through the medium of the BEE that he is not a candidate for county commissioner.

Ignace Scherb commenced suit in the district court yesterday against the city, to recover $2,000 for alleged damages to property by grading.

Marshal Cummings has issued notice to the effect that all saloonkeepers who have not paid their license by noon of Oct. 11, will be arrested and prosecuted.

Clark Bros. & Co. received a part of a cargo of tea Wednesday evening, billed to them from Yokahoma, Japan, Aug. 31st.

Mr. Suessenbach informs the BEE that he is not a candidate for the office of county treasurer or any other office, and that he has made no effort in that direction.

The case of Winship vs. Doe was on trial in the district yesterday. It merely involves the possession of a cow and has been twice tried, once in the district court and once in a lower court.

Judge Anderson married yesterday afternoon John Larson and Agnes Berg, of this city. S. S. Felker, Esq., who happened to be present, acted in the dual capacity of bridesmaid and groomsman.

Charles P. Thora, a match merchant of Chicago, instituted suit in the county court yesterday against Henry Ditzen, of this city, to recover on a bill of goods of $70, alleged to have been purchased by the defendant.

The Knights of Pythias begin their series of winter parties on the evening of October 30, at the Metropolitan hall. The Musical Union orchestra has already been engaged, and a brilliant affair is in preparation.

Personal Paragraphs.

M. O. Maul has returned from the east.

James McAdam, of Fort Niobrara, is at the Paxton.

J. S. Everts, of Falls City, is registered at the Paxton.

George Berry, of Chadron, is registered at the Millard.

L. B. Shephard, of Arlington, Neb, is at the Millard.

Mr. McCall, a prominent politician of Plum Creek, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon Avery, of Fremont, are guests at the Millard.

R. J. Carter and F. M. Danielson, of Chadron, are guests at the Paxton.

Rudolf de Dories, of Melbourne, Australia, is quartered at the Millard.

Dr. Mitchell, division surgeon of the Union Pacific at Ogden, is in the city.

John S. Knott, J. B. Hale, and R. J. Coles, of York, Neb., are at the Paxton.

Dr. Galbraith returned this yesterday morning from a business trip to North Platte.

E. W. Murphy and A. D. Buckworth, of North Platte, are stopping at the Paxton.

Elmer D. Frank, United States circuit clerk, has returned from a vacation tour of the west.

W. O. Taylor, local representative of Bradstreet, has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., on a short business trip.

The friends of Lucien Stephens will regret to learn that he is suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

Mrs. D. G. Hull and Miss Flora Thomas return yesterday from visiting the carnival of the Veiled Prophets.

Mrs. E. A. Whitney and daughter, Mrs. J. P. Clark, of Des Moines, are the guests of Mr. C. F. Whitney for a brief stay in Omaha.

Charles Thielpot, W. M. Barbour, W. L. Barrett, Weeping Water; R. Alderson, Plattville; J. Williamson, Wisner; Pat Gibbons, Orleans; R. C. Smith, North Bend, are at the Canfield.

Women's Congress.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 8.—The proceedings of the second day's session of the Women's congress was marked by an increased attendance and interest. In the afternoon session Dr. Anna Dinsmore French, of New York, read a paper on "The comparative effects on health of professional, fashionable and industrial life." This was followed by a paper by the Rev. Antoinette Blackwell, of New Jersey; subject, "Is the law of progress one of harmony or discord?" In the evening Dr. Lida G. Bedell, of Chicago, gave an address on "Human Parasites," and Ada C. Sweet, late pension agent at Chicago, read a paper on "The Ministry of Labor." After the close of the session the ladies of the congress were given a formal reception in the governor's rooms in the new capitol.

The Campaign in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Oct. 8.—The nationalists have decided to contest every Irish parliamentary seat except twelve. The Roman Catholic bishops of Ireland passed a resolution condemning acts of violence and intimidation and warning their respective flocks against indulging in illegal excesses. Such acts, they say, are certain to bring the anger of God upon evil-doers and their families, besides disgracing the Irish people in the eyes of the civilized world.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

A Funeral With no Mourners.

Lewiston (Me.) Journal: An Augusta clergyman was asked to conduct the funeral of a man in an adjoining town, who died with the reputation of having been a miser, a few days ago. He is believed to have been worth $75,000 but his house was bare and mean, and he had no friends. Before the service the clergyman asked some of the traits of the deceased, that he might speak of him appropriately. They told him how snug the miser had been, how he had ground the poor that came into his clutches, and so on.

"But what were his good qualities?" asked the clergyman.

"Didn't have any," was the laconic reply.

"Didn't he have one redeeming trait?"

"Not a d— one," irreverently answered the neighbor.

"It was the most difficult duty that I ever performed," said the clergyman afterward. "There was no Bible in the house, and it was a long time before one could be found. Then the man in charge of the funeral had disappeared. I asked where he was, and my informant said, with a grin, 'Dunno; guess he is hunting for mourners.'"

A "Cross Old Patch."

"Grandma," said a spry five year old, "You're a cross old patch." Grandma looked as if she would bite the boy's head off for this; and so the boy dodged her, and got out of the way. It was thought that grandma's case was one of dyspepsia, total and long continued. For even such tough old cases Brown's Iron Bitters works wonders. Mr. I. I. Cavins, Dinwiddie, Va., writes, "Brown's Iron Bitters made me well of spinal disease and dyspepsia of 20 years' standing."

THE HELL GATE HOIST.

The Most Stupendous Convulsion Ever Designed and Executed by Man.

What Will be the Effect of the Explosion?—No Certainty as to the Result—A Timely Warning.

"The most stupendous convulsion ever designed and perfected by human skill on this old planet of ours," says the New York Mercury, "will be touched off beneath Flood Rock, near Hell Gate, on Saturday morning next at 11 o'clock. Many hundred thousand rounds of dynamite and "rend-rock" powder were employed in blowing up Hallet's Reef, some seven or eight years since, but that famous explosion was a mere infant at the breast, so to speak, to the brawny Hercules whose colossal energies will be suddenly let loose on the 10th instant. Yet the explosion at Hallet's Reef was by far the largest of its kind known to engineering science, and as we all remember nervous New York lay awake several nights trying to imagine and forecast the effects of that cataclysm.

THE EFFECTS OF THAT SUNDAY BLAST

demonstrated that no forecast of even tolerable accuracy can be made of the effects of any great explosion when occurring under water. But the forthcoming explosion beneath Flood Rock does not come under that category. Only a part of the latter rocky island is submerged. A large portion of its hard, bleached turtle-back basks above the boiling waters which lave its sides. There will be six or seven times as much dynamite and rend-rock powder exploded on Saturday morning as there was on the memorable Sunday seven or eight years since. It seems impossible to escape the conclusion that the dry turtle-back of the rock will

LEAP INTO THE AIR

and take a look around the horizon to a distance of thirty miles or so on every side at least before it begins its capricious and probably devastating descent. There are no means by which the range of these terrific fragments can be calculated. No computation within the range of mathematical dynamics can estimate either the force or the direction of the fragments, or whether they will be large in size, weighing tons, or whether small in size, weighing pounds. Anybody who has seen an ordinary blast or had a hundred weight or so of stone come through the walls of his house in consequence of the carelessness of quarrymen knows how little confidence to put in the good behavior of even an infant blast. There will be many hundredweights of dynamite and "rend-rock" used in Saturday morning's blast. When this enormous mass of the most powerful explosive material known to chemistry is flashed off, people within a mile or two's range will be apt to

KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKIES

for the descent of possible fragments. When the back of Flood Rock shoots madly into the air, a fierce paroxysmal spasm will shoot through the rock-ribbed foundations of upper New York and New Jersey. So that the impending convulsion at Flood Rock is likely to resemble a Vesuvian eruption in one aspect and an able-bodied earthquake in the other aspect. While the sky-kissing fragments are paying their respects to the roofs of houses along the New York and Astoria shores, what will the radiate, lateral, underground quiver be doing with their foundations? The reply is, that nobody knows—nobody can even approximately tell. We shall all have to wait and see to wait and see—to hope for the best, but to take every precaution for safety. Lieutenant Derby, the superintendent of the mining operations at Flood Rock, said on Friday, according to a reporter:

"No injurious effects are expected, but it is always well to be on the safe side. It would be much better for a man to take down his French pier glass and lay it on the floor a dozen times than to have it shaken down once."

Being asked if the report was not likely to be much louder than the explosion of Hallett's Reef, Lieut. Derby is reported as saying:

"Yes, probably because part of the rock is out of water, while the other was entirely submarine. The pieces will fly also but not beyond a thousand feet."

LIEUTENANT DERBY IS NOT ALARMIST,

but it is not so safe to avow that he does not err in the opposite extreme which is the more dangerous of the two extremes. It is wiser and more humane to advise measures of caution than to encourage a feeling of security which does not exist. The fragments "will fly" he admits, but he knows no more that the child unborn whether they will fly five hundred, two thousand or five thousand feet, whether they will drop like a shower of Titanic hailstones into the East river, or come prone through the roofs or burst through the sides of dwelling houses in Astoria or the adjoining New York shore. Nor can he tell nor anybody else tell whether pier glassess or walls or

WHOLE HOUSES WILL BE SHAKEN

down, or in what localities; whether the shock will be principally confined to the Long Island side, or to the New York side; whether it will extend to Jersey, or shoot up into Westchester county. But that the people of New York have good reason to expect some of the unpleasant effects of the forthcoming explosion must be sufficiently plain from the fact that Flood Rock is merely one of the several emergent protuberances of the gneiss ridge of rocks which underneath the East river connects Long Island with Manhattan Island. Along this rocky ridge, as sensation courses all along the human vertebræ, the

TERRIBLE PULSATION WILL SHOOT,

and if some houses be toppled down along with the pier-glasses which they may happen to contain, nobody could be greatly surprised. Bear in mind, the human imagination has never heretofore been called to wrestle with more than one-seventh of the same quantity of concentrated energy, and we are utterly without examples or formulas by which to

ESTIMATE ITS RESULTS.

A Mercury reporter yesterday crossed the ferry from Ninety-second street, New York, to Astoria, and took a look at the doomed island, known to navigators as Flood Rock. Above its scarred, polished back, like some Vulcan finger of Fate, pointed the smoky shaft and its oily black gearing, while as from a big wound in its side, the dirty water, urged by the unseen pumps below, ran a heavy stream. As the ferry boat panted and groaned past the unpleasant looking place, the reporter noticed a tall, wiry, sunburnt man leaning over the rail of the boat gazing eagerly at the shaft, the gearing and the stream of water from the big pipe. When the boat reached Astoria the stranger walked slowly along shore till he was opposite Flood Rock and began to gaze with renewed energy and concentration. He told the reporter that he was from the west recently, but a Welshman by birth. He had been a quarryman and been accustomed to

CHARGE BLASTS WITH POWDER

when a mere boy. He had been over seeing the old folks and the old sod and sampling leeks from the old garden. He had left sooner than he intended, because he wanted to reach New York before October 1, when the Flood Rock blast was billed to burst. He had been disappointed, but he made up his mind to remain here till the show came off. He said he would rather see it than a million circuses or almost a million of any other kind of shows.

"How do you expect it will act?" asked the reporter.

"Act!" he said, his blue-gray eye twinkling. "Why, that there island will just spring up into the air quicker'n anything you ever saw in your born days, and you bet your last cent she'll just give things round here a twist and no mistake; she'll give.

THINGS A TWIST AND NO MISTAKE."

Being asked if he thought there would be much of a shake-up in New York, with the instinct of a miner accustomed to follow lodes and veins, he said in substance that he was pretty sure that the blast would occasion something of a panic. He said that, for his part, he intended to look at the explosion from the New York shore, but he "wouldn't stand near any tall house on the heights over yonder. And if my wife'n family lived in any other upper stories over yonder I'd see they were down and out a nice comfortable time before she was touched off. An' I'd tell them to keep a sharp lookout for the skyrocketing pieces coming down, you can gamble; and I'd tell the neighbors to do likewise, for you cannot always just tell for sartin

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when you put ever so many hundreds and hundreds of thousand rounds of dynamite into the inside of a big lump of rock like that there little island just in front of us. But you can gamble on't that it'll just spring up into the air quicker'n anything you've ever seen in your time, and no mistake."

When the reporter left he was still gazing as if fascinated at the black-looking debris-covered island with the young earthquake slumbering beneath. As the scribe crossed the ferryboat to New York he reflected that there might be some wisdom in the western miner's advice. People living along the shores adjoining the mammoth blast will do well to read, mark, learn and act upon his advice. There can be no harm in taking obvious precautions, but there may be danger in neglecting them.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Ladies at Lincoln.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Lutheran synod of Nebraska met in their sixth annual convention in St. Mark's Lutheran church of Lincoln, Neb., Wednesday evening of last week. The delegates commenced arriving at noon, and at 4 p. m. a large number reported at the church and engaged in social concourse and had a general good time. At 6 p. m. the side doors were thrown open and the whole company invited to a rich repast in the church parlors, which was greatly enjoyed by the entire company. At 8 p. m. the pastor, Rev. L. L. Lipe, conducted the opening service and introduced the president, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Kimmel, of Auburn, who took charge of the meeting and entered upon the work with perfect ease.

The programme was then entered upon. The report of the corresponding secretary showed eighteen auxiliary societies and over $240 paid to the general fund for missions.

The treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Ernst, made her report which was perfection in every particular, and the more highly appreciated because of the chaos and unsatisfactory method of the auxiliary reports. The president's report was full of missionary intelligence and delivered with pathos and power. The address of Rev. C. Huber was listened to with interest. Rev. J. N. Lenker made the closing address in his usual earnest manner. The music was conducted by the quartette of Easterday brothers, and added much to the interest of the meeting, which then closed with the doxology and benediction.

On Thursday at 8:30 a. m., committees previously appointed met for solid work. At 9 a. m., the meeting was called to order and opened with devotional exercises led by the president. The session was one of deep interest. The work of extending the auxiliary societies was discussed with zeal and plans laid for success.

The afternoon session lost none of the zeal of the former sessions, and "Children's Work" was discussed with animation.

The report of the nominating committee gave to the society the following officers, who were elected: President, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Kimmel, Auburn; recording secretary, M. Olinger, Tekamah; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln; treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Lincoln; vice-president, Mrs. Jardine, Omaha; vice-president, Mrs. Huber, Yutan.

Parting words from many of the pastors and lady delegates occupied the closing moments of the convention. At 3:30 many left for the annual meeting of the Nebraska synod at Grand Island.

LUTHERAN SYNOD.

The clerical and lay members of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Nebraska met in the German Lutheran church at Grand Island Thursday evening of last week, at 8 o'clock, and at 8:30 listened to the synodical sermon by Rev. C. Huber, of Yutan, the retiring president, which was clear, forcible and practical.

On Friday at 8:30 a. m. devotional service began by Rev. W. L. Wilhelm. The synod opened by the president, Rev. C. Huber, of Yutan, by the use of the ritual and the reading of the twelfth chapter, 1 Cor. and prayer.

The roll was called by the secretaries, when about forty members answered to the call.

Rev. L. L. Lipe, from the Northern Illinois synod; Rev. J. Zimmer, from the Eastern Ohio synod; Rev. Hanson, from the Northern Illinois synod; and Rev. G. W. Spiggle, from the Southern West Virginia synod, were received by letter from their former synods, and their names placed on the roll as members of the synod.

Lay delegates presented their credentials and were received as members of the synod, and the convention was declared constituted.

The president then presented his annual report, showing that much interest has been manifested by the synod and success has attended the work. Work has been pushed westward to Laramie, Wyo., and Denver and Pueblo, Colo., have been occupied by earnest missionaries.

The election of officers being next in order, Rev. S. Detwiler, of Omaha, and Rev. Mellick Woovely were appointed tellers and balloting commenced. First ballot resulted in the re-election of the former president and English secretary; second ballot resulted in the election of Prof. Easterday, of Lincoln, as treasurer; and Rev. William Rosenstenger, of Grand Island. Committees were then appointed. Parochial reports being the order of the day, were called for, the reading of which with remarks on the state of religion by several pastors occupied the time. On motion the synod adjourned.

A Great Calf Case.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Oct., 6.—The law suit known as the "Jones county calf case," was concluded in the circuit court in this city to-day. It was an action brought by Robert Johnson against E. V. Miller and 25 other defendants for $10,000 for malicious prosecution. Eleven years ago John Foreman, of Jones county, Iowa, had four calves stolen, and about the same time Robert Johnson, a neighboring farmer, bought some calves for S. D. Potter, of Green county. These calves proved to be the ones stolen from Foreman, and Johnson gave his note for $45 in payment for them. Soon after Johnson was prosecuted by the Anti Horse Thief association of Jones county for the theft of the calves. He was tried twice and acquitted, and in 1877 brought suit against seven members of the association for malicious prosecution, alleging that they did not have probable cause for commencing the action. The case has been before the courts ever since and has been tried five times—once at Clinton, once at Vinton, and once at Waterloo, and each time except one the plaintiff received a verdict running from $3,000 to $7,000, but each time the verdict has been set aside. The jury to-day awarded $7,000. The costs, attorney's and expenses entailed upon all parties to the litigation growing out of the theft of the calves is estimated at over $20,000, and several prosperous farmers have been rendered bankrupt, while the calves in the first place were not worth over $50.

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