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OMAHA, THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1886.

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A MAN KILLED BY A CHESTNUT.

Gossip About Manning, Bayard, and the Margarine Men.

FURIOUS STORMS AND FIRES.

Proceedings of the Encampment and Parade of the Knights in St. Louis.

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HARTFORD'S MIGHTY SWINDLER.

An Aged Rascal Skips the Country One Million Dollars Ahead.

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New York, Sept. 23.—The Post's special from Hartford, Conn., says it has now stated on good authority that George M. Bartholomew has been robbing the companies in which he is interested for several years. The first intimation that this was a fact was the statement made by a friend

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NOTES ON RAILROAD MATTERS.

Police Court—District Court (News)—A Wedding Anniversary—Amusement Notes—General Local.

Mittman's Story.

This morning's BEE contained a telegraphic reference to the shooting of Durham at Millard last night. This morning Deputy Sheriff Grebe went to the scene, and taking C. Mittman, the man who did the shooting, into custody, brought him to this city and had him locked up in the county jail. He was there seen by a BEE reporter this morning.

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It has been many a day since Omaha has witnessed such an influx of homeseekers sound for western Nebraska as occurred this morning. The occasion was the harvest excursion, at reduced rates, for the benefit of those who want to locate in the west. The Rock Island and Northwestern trains together brought in about eight hundred people, while the "Q" brought in several hundred more who were taken west on the B. & M. from Orepolis in a train of twenty-one cars. The Rock Island and Northwestern passengers were transferred to the Union Pacific overland No. 3, which was held one hour and a half waiting for the Northwestern train. This train had been unavoidably delayed in Iowa. Most of these passengers were bound for points in interior and western Nebraska, and the majority of them will doubtless locate in the state. Another "harvest excursion" will occur before the approach of winter.

M. V. Benton, of the Salt Lake office of the Union Pacific, is in the city on his return from St. Louis, where he accompanied the Knights Templar excursion.

Phil Warrack, chief clerk in the general freight office of the Union Pacific, has gone to New York.

As a consequence of the wreck on the Missouri Pacific below Kansas City, last night's Omaha train on that road, due here at about 6 o'clock, did not arrive until 1:30 o'clock this morning. It was compelled to go by way of St. Louis and Lexington in order to reach Kansas City, thus throwing it out of several hours of its schedule.

Andy Borden of the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul road returned this morning from the Odd Fellows' meeting at Boston.

R. S. Hair, general western passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern road, who is well known in this locality, visited this city in the past two years and has just returned with his resignation, to take effect on the first of October. His successor will be E. P. Wilson of Chicago, who has for some time back been road commissioner at that place.

J. A. Murray, traveling agent for the Chicago & Northwestern, returned this morning from Boston, where he went to escort a number of Nebraska delegates to the Odd Fellows' gathering at that place. He reports that his road carried twenty excursion trains from Chicago to Boston, and every one of them was crowded.

Thos. Bolan, who for about a year back has had charge of the switch and telegraph station on the Union Pacific road, immediately this side of the bridge, has been transferred to the position of night operator and ticket agent at the Broadway depot in Council Bluffs. He succeeds Mr. Keizer, who comes to this side of the river.

A. C. Campbell, superintendent of the

GATHERED ABOUT THE CITY.

What Mittman, the Millard Shooter Has to Say.

NOTES ON RAILROAD MATTERS.

Police Court—District Court (News)—A Wedding Anniversary—Amusement Notes—General Local.

Mittman's Story.

This morning's BEE contained a telegraphic reference to the shooting of Durham at Millard last night. This morning Deputy Sheriff Grebe went to the scene, and taking C. Mittman, the man who did the shooting, into custody, brought him to this city and had him locked up in the county jail. He was there seen by a BEE reporter this morning.

Mittman, is a large, heavy German, with a mild round set of features, trim, made