

CALIFORNIA CROPS. Reports Show the Condition of Wheat to Be Bad.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The produce exchange to-day publishes reports from all the wheat counties in California, giving the actual condition of the growing wheat. The situation is summarized as follows: The acreage sown to winter wheat is considerably below the average, but this part of the crop is generally in good condition, and with any rain will make a good crop. The total acreage seeded is below the amount seeded last year. Late grain, of which there is a large amount, is beginning to suffer for want of moisture, and in some sections is beyond redemption, notably on the west side of the San Joaquin valley, where the acreage seeded is not 25 per cent. of last year's area. From Modesto south, the crops have suffered and are generally in bad condition. The southern counties, with the exception of Ventura, are not encouraging. The acreage in all of them shows more or less of a decrease and they do not promise to do a large harvest. The yield in the north is poor. On the other hand, they have a large acreage in barley, and with a good spring will turn out a large amount of grain. Barley in the north is better than wheat and the acreage shows an increase from last year. Yesterday's showers were quite copious in the northern part of the state, but it was not there they were most needed. The rain ceased at an early hour this morning. Sunny weather again prevails.

The Highway Mystery.

NEW YORK, April 7.—A man gave himself up to the Brooklyn police to-day for the murder of the unknown dead girl at Rahway, N. J. The man's name is J. J. Flah. He is a barber, and a stranger in Brooklyn. The police are investigating.

Blooded Horses Cremated.

FAYETTEVILLE, Mo., April 7.—Jno. Killen's stables in New Liberty, Scott county, burned last night. Thirty-seven head of blooded horses burned, causing a loss of \$50,000, no insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Sherman's Little Spec.

FINDLAY, O., April 7.—Senator Sherman's business agent to-day sold for \$30,000 property for which the senator paid \$10,000 a month ago. The senator refuses \$125,000 for 100 acres for which he paid \$30,000 at the same time.

Root and Shoe House Falls.

NORFOLK, Va., April 7.—The wholesale boot and shoe house of S. N. Brickhouse has assigned. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets are about that amount.

St. Joseph a Reserve City.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—St. Joseph, Mo., was to-day made a national bank reserve city.

AMUSEMENTS. PEOPLE'S THEATER.

To-night Manager Walton, of this theater, takes a benefit. A fine program will be presented. The Puck Comedy company will give an entire change of programme, introducing songs, specialties, etc. Mr. Nathan Franko, the eminent violinist, will render one of his inimitable solos. The Second U. S. Infantry band will appear. A grand pie-eating match for a prize of \$5 will take place, and as there are a large number of entries it will doubtless prove an interesting event. Reserved seats may be obtained at the box office to-day. There is already a large advance sale, and those who wish seats should hurry to them during the day, as there will undoubtedly be a crowded house. Notwithstanding the extra attractions prices will remain as usual, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

The Humane Society at Work.

The Nebraska Humane society won their first case in the police court yesterday afternoon against Peter McLaughlin, a horse clipper employed by Kinney Bros., charged with cruelty to animals. Gen. J. E. Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the Humane society appeared as prosecutor. The prosecution did not claim that the cruelty to the animal in question consisted in the clipping process but in the abusive treatment of the horse. McLaughlin had performed the work. The jury that was asked for by the defense was not called as McLaughlin's employer did not appear at the court room until the case had been called and McLaughlin had already been permitted to admit his guilt. After a brief examination this was done and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs, which McLaughlin paid. The Humane society proposes to conduct a prosecution against the offenders of the laws and ordinances protecting dumb animals. Messrs. Smith, Gifford, Millard, and Bell of the executive committee and their agent S. B. Clark have been appointed by the mayor as special policemen and will make it their special business to see that the laws and rules of the Humane society are enforced.

The New District Judges.

L. C. Groff Esq., of the law firm of Groff & Montgomery of Omaha, has been appointed one of the two additional district court judges. Mr. Groff is a most excellent gentleman and good lawyer and will prove himself the peer, it is believed, of the honor of the bench. He will now be associated with His appointment, while merited, is a high compliment to his capabilities as he is not a young man, not being more than thirty-four or thirty-five years of age. He is a native of Iowa, and was educated at Iowa, and has a long residence in Nebraska and who has a long residence in the state to recommend him for familiarity with the laws, is the other appointee.

A Minister Inside Joliet.

Rev. Mr. Dawson, of North Bend, appeared at the Tenth street M. E. church last evening before an audience of about one hundred and told them how Joliet penitentiary appears to a visitor. His description was graphic and interesting. It did not possess any practically profitable features, however, as none of those who heard him are ever likely to be able to profit by the information.

God's Revelation.

Rev. W. W. Palmer, who delivered a very interesting discourse in the city hall last Sunday evening, will, at the request of a number of those who listened, speak there again on Sunday night. His topic will be, "Revelation of God as it is given in the Scriptures."

Architects and engineers can find a full supply of instruments, paper and tracing cloth, at C. F. Goodman's, 1110 Farnam st.

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CAUGHT ROBBING A CHURCH.

A Burglar Nipped While in the Sacristy of St. Philomena Cathedral.

WILL DODGE GET THE CABLE?

South Omaha Fire—The Council—Salvation Army—Holy Week—The City Boundaries—Ah Say—Other Local.

A Bold Burglar Foisted.

One of the most daring attempts at burglary that has been known in the city was made last night about 9 o'clock at St. Philomena's cathedral on Ninth street. During the progress of the services in the church, the sexton, James Muleahy, stepped inside the sacristy in discharge of his duties and was astonished to find a burglar at work removing the golden and silver chalices from the vault in which they are kept. Mr. Muleahy aimed him by the coat collar and was just going to call for help when a revolver was played against his head and he was told that he would be killed if he said a word. In his alarm he released his hold and the burglar disappeared through the open window by which he had gained access to the apartment. Mr. Muleahy at once gave the alarm and Detective Ormsby, of the police force, was detailed on the case. From the report of the sexton, James Muleahy, Charles Wilson, a well known crackerman, went after him. He found him in a Nick Wallace's notorious den on Douglas street and placed him under arrest. His person was found in a chest which he had used in prying up the window through which he had effected an entrance into the church. Wilson, of course, denied his guilt, but the sexton identifies him and says there can be no question about his being the man. Wilson, it will be remembered, is the crook who was caught by Captain Cornick two months ago while hiding a set of burglar tools under the sidewalk on Howard street. He has just been released from jail, where he has been serving a sixty days' sentence as a suspicious character. It is a crook of the first type and it is believed that he has been working for a long time to get a case against him as they have now. The boldness of the attempted burglary is ascribed to Wilson. Services were held in the church and fully 200 people were almost in reach of the crackersman while he was at his work. The sacristy contained all of the chalices and other articles of value, and the performance of the Catholic ritual valued at several thousand dollars.

THE CABLE.

Property Owners Say Yes—Cable Folks Answer Evasively.

The directors of the Omaha Cable Traction company spent the afternoon yesterday in a business session at the office of the Union Loan and Trust company. Reports that began to issue from the place of meeting early in the session set the real estate men of the city all agog, and at work upon deals that promised a speedy return of millions. Every man who owned property on Dodge street from Ninth to Thirty-sixth street was approached by the enterprising real estate agents and asked to place a price upon his property whether it was on the market or not. The report gained currency and was apparently reasonably well confirmed that the company had decided to locate one of their lines on Dodge street from Ninth street west. It was announced that the company would be buying material to-day for the construction of the Dodge street line west from Ninth street to Twentieth. It was also currently reported that the line will be built on a street to the western and southwestern portion of the city. Members of the cable company, however, deny that any decision has been arrived at by them. They say that they are questioning concerning the matter stated at the meeting of the directors had been for the consideration of other important matters and that they are not yet ready to do anything regarding the matter of location. A committee has been considering the matter and will call a meeting probably in a very few days to report upon the matter. Mr. Lee D. Williams, when questioned concerning the matter, stated that the directors had been for the consideration of other important matters and that they are not yet ready to do anything regarding the matter of location. A committee has been considering the matter and will call a meeting probably in a very few days to report upon the matter. Mr. Lee D. Williams, when questioned concerning the matter, stated that the directors had been for the consideration of other important matters and that they are not yet ready to do anything regarding the matter of location. A committee has been considering the matter and will call a meeting probably in a very few days to report upon the matter.

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The Council Reconsiders Its Action—The Army at Large.

The members of the Salvation Army, who were arrested on Wednesday night for parading the streets in violation of a resolution adopted by the council prohibiting the same, were released by Judge Stenberg yesterday, on their own recognizances, to appear for trial on Tuesday next. Last evening a detail of the army made a skirmish, marched up Farnam street and down Douglas street without music and were consequently not disturbed by the authorities. They have been decided to make no further demonstrations until their case in court has been decided. They have secured counsel and will demand a jury trial. At the meeting of the city council last night, Mr. Lee D. Williams, when called upon to call for a reconsideration of the vote instructing the marshal to prohibit the Salvationists from parading the streets, Mr. Kasper moved that Mr. Goodman's resolution be laid upon the table. An aye and nay vote the motion was lost and the matter taken up for discussion. Councilman Ford didn't want the council to back down from their position. "I have a proper opinion as to the amount of common sense there is in this council if they back down. Let them people get into a room with their parichin' and salvationists and not makin' howlin' nooshances of themselves, but in the 'mberns and poundin' the drums." Mr. Kasper started a laugh by stating that he had just as much religion as any member of the Salvation Army. He makes his prayers in private, however, and does not go out in the streets and cause runaways in the performance of his devotional exercises. He thought the council ought to stand by their former action at least until the case against the Salvationists is decided in the courts. Mr. Goodman thought the Salvationists were no more of a nuisance than the medicine men and other fakirs who infect the street corners. Mr. Lee didn't think the council should be in a hurry about the matter as they had succeeded in getting the case before the courts and made a motion which was adopted, referring the matter to the committee on police for one week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Glad Chimes of Easter Bells. Easter is next Sunday. This is Holy week. Yesterday was Maundy Thursday, and this morning's services in Good Friday. Maundy Thursday, so named from the Latin verb mandare—to command—and having reference to Christ's command to his disciples regarding the holy communion, "This do in remem-

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