HALF THE TOWN DEMOLISHED

The Deadly Tornado Swoops Down on David City.

ONE MAN KILLED OUTRIGHT.

Others are Crushed and Mangled in the Whirling Blast-A Score of Buildings Destroyed-Loss Over \$200,000.

Wrecked By Wind. COLUMBUS, Neo., July 29.- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |- News has just been received here of a terrible disaster wrought by a tornado at David City this evening. The day had been intensely hot. In fact the thermometer registered over six degrees higher than on any previous day this year. The occasional gusts of wind which came up from the south were like blasts from a furnace and afforded no relief from the burning rays of the sun. Business was almost entirely suspended and the streets were practically deserted. Everybody was engaged in the vain attempt to keep cool. As it drew toward evening the condition of things was but little better, but at this time a few clouds began to roll up in the southwest and people began to feel cheerful at the prospect of a rain for the need of which all kinds of vegetation has been suffering so long. But this expectation was doomed to a fearful disappointment. The clouds grew in volume and rapidly spread along the entire western sky. As they did so they assumed a much darker hue, and it was noticed by several that the appearance of these clouds was very peculiar. Indeed so weird and strange did they seem that many became alarmed. The clouds seemed to consist of three strata. Underneath, and close down to the horizon was a layer of an orange color, next to this was one of a light gray tinge, while above this was a third strata of a blue-black color. Shortly betore 6 o'clock rain began to fall. The were unusually large and fell at intervals of several seconds. A commercial traveler who was in David City at the time and who brought the news to Columbus thus describes the sequel: "I had returned to the hotel from a grocery store where I had been doing some business and had seated myself on the front porch to await supper. The rain had hardly begun to fall when I heard a loud roaring sound. At first I thought it was made by a train of cars,

but it grew louder and rapidly approached

nearer and nearer. Before I could make up

my mind what it was I looked toward the

southwest and the sight that met my eyes

almost made my hair stand on end. The air

was absolutely thick with beams, boards,

shingles and timber of all descrip-

and, to add to the horror of the scene, I

thought I saw a human being whirling about

in the midst of it. In an instant everything

was confusion. Men, women and children

were rushing through the streets like mad,

looking for places of safety. The men were

shouting, the children crying and the women

screaming. The scene was simply beyond

description. The cyclone swept everything

another was crushed under a piece of falling

timber. The lacies of the W. C. T. U. were

having a picule when the storm came up.

As soon as the rain began to fall they tried

to gather up their tablecloths and eatables

and get under shelter, but before they could

do so the wind struck them. The treees

a its path. One man was killed and

tions.

many

They danced about like

straws in a gust of wind,

under which they had spread out the good things were broken, torn and uprooted in every direction and the viands were distributed over fourteen blocks, but strange to say the ladies, though tumbled along for quite a distance and slightly bruised, were not seriously injured. The path of the storm was fully a mile wide and it is thought that about one half the town has been demolished. I only heard of one fatal ity, but it is the greatest wonder in the world if there were not several more. A perfecshower of missles thrown by the whirlwind fell in every part of the town. Paddock's block was blown to atoms, Reinhardt and Churchill's stores were leveled to the ground The brick high school building, a foundry the big brick hotel in course of erection, the elevator, the buildings on the fair grounds the B. & M. and Union Pacific depot, and the Methodist and Congregational churches, besides a large number of stores and dwelling houses were either wrecked so that they will have to be built or else wiped out entirely. It is reported that the damage in the

country surrounding the town is but little less frightful than that done in David City itself, which will reach fully \$200,000.

Storms in the East. NEW YORK, July 29,-Heavy thunder storms occurred this afternoon and evening at many points hereabouts and in New England. In southern New Jersey the electric disturbance was very violent and was accompanied by a downpour of rain. Much damage was done in the rural districts. An unusually heavy thunder storm, accompanied by a severe gale, swept over eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire this afternoon. Lighting struck in many places, but no heavy losses are reported. At Marbiehead, the shipping had some rough experiences. The crew of the sloop Gris. who were here, reported seeing two men in canoes when the storm burst, who were not visible thereafter, and it is believed that

Lightning Strikes a Y. M. C. A. NEW YOUK, July 29,-During a thunder storm of considerable violence accompanied by a torrent of rain, which struck this city at 7 o'clock to-night, the Y. M. C. A. building in Brooklyn was struck by lightning and a number of occupants stunned. The temperature in this city touched 965 this afternoon and there were nive fatal sunstrokes.

SCORCHING SUNS. More Terribly Hot Weather Through-

out the West. CHICAGO, July 29 .- Advices from various points in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska indicate to-day that the heat was excessive, the thermometer ranging 95° to 105° in the shade. Numerous prostrations are reported in Illinois, but no fatalities so far as known.

'At Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., July 20.—The ther mometer here stood at 102° in the shade for three hours this afternoon, which means 1069 or more on the sidewalk. A refreshing breeze afforded some relief, however, and only three or four cases of sunstroke were

Cooler Weather Predicted. For Nebraska: Cooler in eastern portion, slight change in temperature in western por-

tion, winds generally westerly, fair weather For lows: Cooler, fair weather, southerly winds in eastern portion, westerly winds in Western portion.

For Eastern Dakota: Fair weather, warmer in western, nearly stationary temperature in pastern portion, winds generally westerly.

THE LEAGUE GOOD ENOUGH. President Fitzgerald Discountenan-

ces Independent Organizations.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29 .- The attention of President Fitzgerald, of the Irish National league, having been drawn to the announcement of the formation of a new Irish organization in Chicago, to be known as "The Anti-Coercion Society," independent of the Irish National league of America, Mr. Fitzgerald said he could see no necessity for any such organization. On the contrary, he could see ample reason why honest Irishmen should discountenance the movement. The Irish National the movement. The Irish National league of America, he said, is doing all that could possibly be done by any other organization to afford Ireland moral and financial assistance for the constitutional movement of Parnell and his colleagues. The platform is broad enough for men of every shade of opinion, and funds entrusted to its reverend treasurer are placed beyond the breath of mistrust. Furthermore, all branches working with the league receive all the credit that could be obtained by acting in connection with the home organization. Mr. Fitzgerald said that any organization which refuses to work in harmony with the national league stimulates dissension and disintegration. "As a rule." he added, "the originators of these dissident bodies are disappointed factionalists, whose own idea of their importance is not shared by the authorities of the league."

Van Wyck at Shubert. SHUBERT, Neb., July 29 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |- The people of Richardson and Nemaha couties held a harvest home picnic to-day in a beautiful grove one-half mile from this place. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people were present. The Nemaha City and Stella Cornet bands furnished music. General C. H. Van Wyck was present by invitation and delivered a most happy and fitting address. The address of welcome was made by Dr. A. P. Clay, who, in referring to the speaker to follow, said that he was the only man the people of Nebraska have ever had in the United States senate. This remark was greeted with applause by the keneral's many admirers. At the close of his remarks three rousing cheers were given, which made the grove ring for the grand old man. Altogether it was a very pleasant day and long to be remembered by those who at picnic to-day in a beautiful grove one-half long to be remembered by those who at-

Suffocated by Damp. Lyons, Neb., July 29 .- [Special to the BEE. |-Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock James Grenilt, living five miles northeast of Lyons, and his son, Peter, undertook to clean out an old well which had not been in use for some time, and the young man, Peter, descended into the well first. After going down a few feet he was seen to throw up his hands, and he never breathed after-wards. The father, James, seeing that his son was dying, went down into the well to rescue him, but to no purpose, for before he could do anything the damps had taken a firm hold, and in about half an hour he was

dead also. The well had been cleaned out once before, and as there was no foul air in it at that time it was considered safe. Lightning at Long Pine.

LONG PINE, Neb., July 29 .- Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-The lightning last night played havoc with three farm houses near Long Pine and burned them to the ground. The beautiful residence of T. Winter, together with his household goods, were totally destroyed. The family were at the Chautauqua erounds living in tents during the session and thereby escaped with their lives. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000, with only \$1,000 insurance.

Otoe County Terribly Ory. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 29 .- At 2 p m. to-day the thermometer registered 110° with a scorching hot wind from the south A number of persons were overcome by heat, but none fatally. Reports from throughout Otoe county say that nearly all the creeks, wells and cisterns are dried up, and stock is suffering for water. In some localities corn is dried up and ruined. The people here are

Mrs. Deikman is Dismissed. HARVARD, Neb., July 29 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-The trial of Mrs. Deik man as accessory to the crime of murdering her husband, Fred Deikman, was called be-fore Justice Croach to day and she was dis-missed for want of evidence.

Death of Mr. Wetherald. BEATRICE, Neb., July 29 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-H. L. Witherald, who was hurt at his planing mill last Monday, died this morning. His body was taken by his sons to Richmond, Ind., for burial. In the death of Mr. Wetherald Beatrice loses an old citizen, a good man and one who had done much for the good of the town.

Lost a Leg. BEATRICE, NEB., July 29.- | Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-An employe of the Rock Island was run over by a freight train at

Lewiston this morning. He was brought here and his leg amputated. He is resting here and his leg am easy and will recover. Daring Daylight Robbery.

DES MOINES, la., July 29.- [Special Tele gram to the BEE|-A daring and carefully planned robbery was perpetrated at the Chiago, Burlington & Quincy passenger depot this morning, one of the light-fingered genrry getting away with the money in the safe. The assistant ticket agent, Mr. Frank Ershom, stepped out of the ticket office a moment to get a drink, lecking the door, but leaving the east window open. While he was at the lunch counter the thief slipped through the open window and, opening the safe, which was unlocked, abstracted a small safe, which was unlocked, abstracted a small pasteboard box containing the receipts of yesterday's ticket sales, \$350, and made off with it without being seen. On his return Mr. Ershom discovered his loss, but a careful search failed to reveal any trace whatever of

the missing money or the man. Bad Fire at Postville.

POSTVILLE, Ia., July 29 .- (Special Telgram to the BEE. |-A tire was started in Myers' new brick building by the breaking of a kerosene lamp, while Mr. Myers was descending into the cellar at about 1 o'clock vesterday afternoon, setting fire to the build yesternay afternoops, setting are to the building, which was soon completely destroyed with its entire contents. The adjoining buildings of Matt & McAdams, Houston's tailor shop, John Moir's billiard hall, Jake Myers' blacksmith shop, Mary Root's dress making establishment, J. B. Smith's boot and shoe store, and the old Review office, were also a unpletely destroyed with their conalso completely destroyed with their contents. The limited water supply speedily gave out and the firemen could do nothing but stand and look upon the work of destruction. Loss, \$7,500.

Sneak Thieves Captured,

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 29 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE !-- Sinclair Mills, a hay dealer from Williams, Ia., came here this morning. Feeling sleeps he went into a feed store, and taking off his coat, which contained \$500 and valuable notes, lay down to take a nap. While sleeping his coat was taken by two men—Joe Baldwin and Wil. taken by two men—Joe Baldwin and Wil-iial Morris. They were discovered, chased some distance and were captured, but the coat has not yet been found. The thleves

Destroyed by Lightning. DES MOINES, Ia., July 29.- Special Telegram to the BEE -Lightning struck the new barn of Willis Hawkins, eight miles east of here last night, burning it with its contents. Two corn cribs adjoining containing several hundred bushels of corn were also destroyed. Loss, 34,000.

Drowned in the Des Moines DES MOINES, Ia., July 28.- Special Telegram to the BEE. - Will Parrott, a young man aged twenty, was drowned in the river here to-day in an unusual manner. He rode horse into the water for a drink, when and throw its rider, who never came to the surface again.

SHOT DOWN BY DESPERADOES

Missouri Horse Thieves Kill One Man and Seriously Wound Another.

WOULD NOT BE TAKEN ALIVE.

The Notorious Franklin Boys Sur rounded By a Sheriff's Posse Open Fire with Fatal Results-A Lynching Probable.

Shot to Kill.

ROCKPORT, Mo., (via Phelps City), July 29.- Special Telegram to the BEE.]-A desperate tragedy was enacted in this county this afternoon, which resulted in the death of Anthony DeLong and the serious wounding of G. G. Bostwick of Craig, Mo. They were shot by Con Franklin and Charley Franklin, two desperadoes. These men are known to be bad and are wanted in several counties for horse stealing and other offences On Wednesday night they were arrested in Holt county, but they obtained a pistol and fought the officers, getting away again. They were pursued and to-day the pursuing party from Holt county consisting of Authory De-Long, G. G. Bostwick, Wm. Bostwick, and Deputy Sheriff Wilson, found that they were stopping at Vol Meyers near Phelps City, and drove out to make their arrest. As they got in front of the house the Franklins came out and opened fire upon the posse with the above result. Wm. Bostwick was driving the team containing his party. DeLong and G. G. Bostwick had fallen out on the ground when William whiped up the horses and drove back to Phelps City for help. A party was made up at once who started out, but when they reached the scene of the tragedy the Franklins had gone. Now the bluffs and valleys and timbers are being scoured for them by bands of armed men, and if found short work will be made of their career. It is claimed that the Franklins have made the Meyers' a regular stopping place and that they have been harbored there. They were known all the while as desperadoes. Meyers is under arrest, as is also a young boy who had been traveling with the Franklins for some time. They will be held for investigation. The people of the county are very much excited and a determination exists to wipe out this stain. These nien are hard characters, well known in this section of the country, and they have terrorized peaceable citizens quite long enough.

Two Other Accounts. St. Joseph, Mo., July 29 .- Special Telegram to the BEE. I-A special to-night to St. Joseph from Watson, Mo., forty miles north of St. Joe, says: Word was received here at 4:30 p. m. to-day from the conductor of the evening passenger that a gang of horse thieves had been overtaken between Watson and Phelps City by a vigilance committee from Holt county and that the thieves had shot two of the pursuing party. The conductor brought a request that the people of this place arm themselves and join in the pursuit. In an hour's time a packed load of citizens of this city were on the road to the scene of the affray. Arriving, they found that as the pursuing party had driven up to the house in which the thieves were sheltered two of the thieves stepped out and deliberately opened fire, wounding two farmers one of them fatally. Part of the vigilantes fled into a neighboring corn field, the others driving back to Phelps City for more assistance, leaving their wounded companions on the field. The thieves robbed their victims and then rode away The man who had harbored them was after ward taken prisoner by the vigilance committee. The wounded man is still alive but cannot recover. Parties are still in pursui of the thieves, who are armed with Winches ter rifles and revolvers. They are the Sulli van county Franklin boys. When last seen they were going east, making for the hills north of Rockport, Atchison county.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 29.-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-News was brought to this city this evening that one man was killed and one fatally wounded near Craig Mo., this afternoon, while an armed posse of forty men was chasing three horse thieves, by the thieves firing on the party as they entered the woods. The thieves are now in the timber, which is surrounded. It is said that Sheriff Jones, of Fremont county, is the man killed. The thieves will be lynched if caught.

STANFORD WOULDN'T TELL. He Refuses to Unbosom Himself on Legislative Bribery.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.-The examination of President Leland Stanford, of the Southern Pacific railroad, was continued before the Pacific investigating commission this morning. The following questions

were propounded to Stanford:

"Have said companies, or either of them, or their officers or agents, paid any money or other valuable consideration, or done any other act or thing, for the purpose of influencing legislation?"

Answer—"No reduction will be made from

encing legislation?"

Answer—"No reduction will be made from that portion of the net earnings belonging to the United States on account of any expenditures for which detailed and satisfactory vouchers are not furnished. "That is not answering the question," said Governor Pattison, "Has the company spent any money to influence legislation?" Governor Stanford—"I have answered the

question as to what we do with money that the government does not share in as creditor. What we do not charge up to her needs no In answer to other queries, Stanford said "The Central Pacific has spent no money in the construction of other roads or in outside companies. The total amount of stock in the Central Pacific is \$100,000,000, of which \$68,

000,000 has been issued." Senator Stanford repeated his statement that by aiding a parallel road the govern-ment had injured the Central Pacific upwards of \$37,000,000. In reply to a question as to how the indebtedness of the company to the government could be paid, Stanford said it could only be done by increasing rates on traffic in Utah and Nevada 33 per cent.

JOHN TAYLOR BURIED.

Unfeeling Speeches Over the Body of the Dead Mormon.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 29.-John Taylor was buried to-day. Large numbers viewed the corpse as it lay in the tabernacle open to public sight. The coffin was of pine, polished, and the fittings as Taylor had left directions. The speakers dwelt mainly on the certainty that Mormo nism is God's work bound to prevail and fill the earth in spite of the opposition of man. There was no apparent feeling in the remarks. Many people quit the building before the speaking was finished. A son of Taylor's tried to tell the audience how his father had been deceived in the con-stitutional convention, did not know of the adoption of anti-polygamy, but the manage-ment of the programme declined to be inter-rupted and the young man was forced to quit. The speaking lasted over two and a haif hours.

The Canadian Fisheries, NEW YORK, July 29.—A Halifax special says: Reports of wholesale peaching by Americans comes from Prince Edward's Americans comes from Prince Edward's Island. These reports are published in the news columns of the Dominion government organs in the Island, and in the same issues the papers editorially declare the coast is thoroughly protected. The Examiner publishes a letter from North Lake which declares that 100 sail of American vessels have been fishing inside of the limits at that place.

FEARS OF INUNDATION. The City of Mexico Threatened With a Disastrous Flood.

CITY OF MEXICO, (via Galveston), July 29.-Grave fears are felt here regarding the possible inundation of the capital. There have been exceedingly heavy rains for the last few days and last evening many of the streets were submerged, the sewers not being streets were submerged, the sewers not being able to carry off the floods. Lake Tezecoeco is about five centimeters above the level of the plaza, and with very little more rain the lower parts of the city would be inundated. To-day shops in some sections had to be pumped out and the streets are partly flooded. Lake Tezecoeco, in which the drainage of the city is supposed to how, is filling up with dirt and debris, and it is imperative that drainage plans be carried out with expedition. Even a partial inundation would damage to the extent of millions of dollars. Two centuries are an inundation dollars. Two centuries are an inundation here caused the loss of \$40,000,000.

Clause Four Will Stand. LONDON, July 29 .- In the commons this evening, on motion that clause 4 as amended stand as part of the land bill, Dillon moved its rejection. After some debate—the motion

was lost.

Numerous other amendments to the bill being disposed of, clauses 7 to 18 inclusive were agreed to without discussion. Clauses 19 and 20 were eliminated. The consideration of clause 21, dealing with remission of rates, was postponed.

Down With Boulanger.

PARIS, July 29 .- Ferron, minister of war forwarded a circular to different command ers of the army forbidding military bands to play Boulanzist airs. General Boulanger yesterday sent his seconds with a challenge to Ferry to fight a duel, on account of a speech made by Ferry at Epinal recently, attacking Boulanger.

General Boulanger's seconds. Count Dillon and General Faverot, have left Clermont with the challenge to ex-Premier Ferry to fight a duel.

Affairs in Russia. Berlin, July 29 .- The Frankfort Zeitung has advices from St. Petersburg, which reaffirm the reports of an endeavor on the part of Russia to negotiate a loan in Paris. Other Russian advices refer to the proposal to pro mote the production of gold and arrest the depreciation of Russian paper. They also allude to the scheme to tax foreign commercial travelers doing business in Russia, and assert that this measure is directed principally against Germans, who are the chief competitors of the Russians,

The Limerick Riot. LIMERICK, July 29 .- Seven men have been arrested for participating in the riot yesterday of the striking dock men against imported Waterford laborers. Four policemen and many civilians were injured during the riot. The mayor declares he will call troops to the aid of the police if the rioting is renewed.

The Rumor Premature. Soria, July 29.-No official knowledge is possessed here confirmatory of the rumor that Prince Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, has decided to come here and assume possession of the Bulgarian throne, to which the sobranje elected him, and not wait for the powers to confirm his election. The rumor is at least premature.

The Swiss Rifle Contest. GENEVA. July 29.-Van Mens, of Rotter un, took the first prize to the rifle contest which has just been concluded here.

No Extension of Suffrage. BRUSSELS, July 20.-The chamber of deputies has rejected the proposal to extend the

MADAME BLANCHE SKIPS. An Omaha Fortune Teller Does Up

St. Joe. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 29 .- [Special Telegrain to the BEE. |-Last February there came to St. Joseph from Omaha a woman who gave her name as Madame Blauche. She professed to have divine power in revealing the future, and at once commenced to advertise herself extensively in the local papers. She rented an elegant mansion on Fifteenth street, the most fashionable residence street in the city, and fitted it up in the most improved modern style. Since that time she has been the talk of the city, her revelations being indeed wonderful. The most fashionbeing indeed wonderful. The most fashion-able people in the city went to her for in-formation regarding family secrets, stolen property, truant husbands, etc. About a month ago it was given out that she had pur-chased the Hatton house, a private hotel, and would remodel it. She immediately com-menced purchasing handsome furniture, menced purchasing handsome furniture, queensware, silverware, etc., which she had charged to her account. Last Wednesday night she gave an entertainment with a large admission, at which hundreds attended. Thursday morning she left on the early train for parts unknown, taking the proceeds of the concert with her, and shipping her goods to Kansas City. Louis Hax, a furniture dealer, is one of the largest losers. As she had nearly two days' start there is little hope of regaining the property.

of regaining the property. Cotton Takes a Tumble. NEW YORK, July 29.-There was great excitement among brokers in the cotton exchange this morning, and August cotton broke 36 points, carrying the price down to 1.87 cents. The drop was due to a decline of poidts in Liverpool, equal to 12 points here, and heavy selling of long cotton, though the bulls claim that August was raided to some extent. A good many stop orders were caught, and when August reached 10 cents, all support seemed to be withdrawn where-upon there was a wild scramble to sell. Aue center of attraction, and the sales were very heavy.

Railroad Collision. PITTSBURG, July 29,-The express train west bound on the Baltimore & Ohio road. due in this city this morning dashed into a freight train standing on the main track at West Newton, thirty-two miles east of this city. The areman of the freight train was instantly killed and the engineer fatally burt. The engineer and breman of the pas senger train escaped unburt, but a number of passengers were more or less injured by the concussion. The accident was caused by the air brakes refusing to work.

A Postal Find. NEW YORK, July 29.-A car cleaner named

Albert Jones, Friday night found behind the heater in the postal car at the Grand Central depot, six official envelopes containing checks for New York banks aggregating \$2,000. The pouch in which the letters came from Albany contained money packages which were not disturbed. At investigation has been instituted. Another Short Official.

lector for the borrough of Conshochocken, is short in his account to the amount of \$10,000. Last Saturday Rigg disappeared and a pair of shoes found near the river bank point to probable suicide.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 29 .- It has been

discovered that Calvan Rigg, school tax col-

Mrs. Logan Recovering. CHICAGO, July 29.- Mrs. John A. Logan is recovering from the effects of the injuries received in the accident at Carbondale, and travelled to this city to-day in company her son and his wife.

Longshoremen Strike. NEW YORK, July 29.- The strike of the longshorsmen on the North river promises to be a brief one. At a meeting of held last evening a large number of them ex-pressed strong opposition to a continuance.

A Crank Balloonist. Circago, July 24.-Wu. Baldwin who jumped from a balloon at Quincy, Int., last Fourth of July, was refused a license to peat his feat in this city.

HIS LETTER GAVE IT AWAY.

How Little Eva White Was Betrayed By Dr. Crawford.

NO DOUBT LEFT OF HIS GUILT.

The Girl's Brother Intended to Shoot the Brute but was Persuaded to Appeal to the Law-Washington Notes.

A Scoundrel's Letter.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The facts in the case of Surgeon Crawford, of the navy, who was arrested yesterday charged with criminal intimacy with a girl of thirteen years, appear to be very damaging to the doctor. The girl is the daughter of Dr. G. A. White, a well known chiropodist, who has practiced his profession here for twenty-five years and during that time has attended to the feet of most of the statesmen and diplomats residing at the capital. Dr. White's wife died some years ago leaving several children, and Eva has been living at home with her father and two younger children aged five and eight respectively, a servant being employed to keep house. Dr. White has been in the habit of leaving his home at 7 o'clock in the morning and returning at 6 o'clock in the evening. It appears that Dr. Crawford was last spring in the babit of meeting the girl as she was going to and from school, never having had any formal introduction to her by any friend of the family, and he visited the residence of Dr. White a number of times when there was no one there excepting the servant and children. So frequent were his visits, during some of which he remained several hours in a closed room, that the school children commented on it. On July 2 the accused took the girl down the river on an excursion, then took her to the hospital and then to her home at 3 o'clock in the morning and she sat on the steps till her father left the house, teiling him that she had spent the night with a friend. A female neighbor wrote to Mrs. Wright, an aunt of the girl, detailing her suspicions and advising the aunt to visit Washington and look after her niece. Mrs. Wright came here in response to this letter and arranged to take Eva with her to New York. Eva advised Crawford of this fact, and on Tuesday last he sent her a letter a rest but the massenger. a colored how in reply but the messenger, a colored boy employed in the asylum, was made to give it up by Mrs. Wright. This proved to be a four-page epistle commencing: "Darling four-page epistle commencing: "Darling Eva: I am totally wrecked in hearing that you have to go to New York. Promise the old man that you will not speak to or see me old man that you will not speak to or see me and he will let you come back in September. Can't you come over to-night after the old folks are asleep? I enclose you a letter that I shall send to that she devil who has been telling lies on us. I could kill the ——. How do you spell her name and what is her address? You need not worry about the kid business. I am sure you are all right in that dress? You need not worry about the kid business. I am sure you are all right in that regard, but I'll have a long talk with you about it. Piease destroy all our notes as your father might get hold of them. I don't know how I can get along without my Eva. Yours, Willie." The capture of this letter dispelled all doubts in Mrs. Wright's mind and she at once communicated with Eva's brother, now located in Baltimore, and urged him to prosecute Crawford. He at first intended to get satisfaction with a pistol, but

him to prosecute Crawford. He at first intended to get satisfaction with a pistol, but
taking the advice of friends he appealed to
the law. Mrs. Wright in the meantime took
Eva to New York.

The law under which the suit is brought
reads: "If an unmarried man or woman
commit forpication each of them shall be
punished by imprisonment not exceeding six
months or by a fine not exceeding \$100."
There is a diversity of opinion among lawyers as to whether this law applies here, but
the majority seem to be of the opinion that he majority seem to be of the law holds here as in the territories and all other places under the control of the gen-eral government. District Attorney Worthngton some months since gave an opinion that the act was in full force here and the publication of the fact caused much comment. Since then, in a bigamy case in the criminal court, Judge Montgomery ruled that the act was in force here and so admitted the testimony of the first wife against the horsband.

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Tired of Committees, WASHINGTON, July 29 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE, |-The president has determined to call a halt on the delegations which are headed this way to invite him to visit different portions of the union during his western trip. The latest was received today. It came from Minnesota and was signed by the governor of the state, the mayors of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Mr. Kelly, the leader of the Northwestern democracy. Colonel Lamont took the telegram out to Oak View this evening and an answer will be sent to-morrow. It is probable that the invitation will be accepted. but the people of Minnesota will be requested not to send a delegation to present a formal invitation, as the president says the mails accomplish the purpose admirably. The president is advised through the newspapers that it is the intention of the people of Chicago, Detroit and other cities to send delegations to invite him to visit those places. When he is officially notified of the intention of the visitors to start for Washington to bear the formal request for his presence, he will at once send replies in which he will ask to be spared from the necessity of meeting crowds of callers. He would be very happy to see all who call, but if he agrees to see every delegation and junketing party which signifies its intention to start for the capital. signines its intention to start for the capital, he will be confined to the white house all summer, and now that the weather is so hot he prefers to spend all the time that he can

An Ex-Rebel Victory. WASHINGTON, July 29.- Special Telegram to the BEE. The unreconstructed rebels in the postoffice department who set out to get rid of Miss Van Lew, who were aided by Postmoster General Vilas, have gained their object. A month ago Miss Van Lew was removed from a \$1,200 position in the stamp department, which General Grant got for her, to one in the dead letter division which paid \$730. The postmaster general patronizingly said she was really not entitled to anything, but he was willing to let her stay at a beggarly salary. The extent of this condescension on the part of Mr. Vilas can only be appreciated by those who know the large number of able bodied southern incompetents who have been given positions in the postoffice department by the present administration. But this class, while their services are of no value to the government services are of no value to the government are handy men to enrineer the vice-presidential boom and their unitness is no bar to their drawing salaries. Miss Van Lew, however, was not useful to anyone who had a political ax to grind, and it was easy to reduce her as the first step toward forcing her out entirely. She went to her home in Richmond on a leave of absence and the leave being up she has sent in her resignation. It is said this step was advised by friends in Boston and elsewhere, who knew of her services during the war and were not willing that she should submit further to the contunely that was heaped upon her by ex-rebels of the that was heaped upon her by ex-rebels of the

The Colored Man's Complaint. WASHINGTON, July 29 .- in the case of

W. H. Heard, the colored man who complanned to the inter-state commerce commission against the Georgia railroad company that he was refused first-class accommodations and compelled to ride in a "jim-crow" car, the respondent demurs to the complaint's petition upon various grounds, ques-tions the jurisdiction of the commission, and proceeds to answer the commission, and proceeds to answer the complaint at some length. It sets forth that it knows of no such car as a "jim-crow" car, and avers that the cars provided for the use of colored people are equally safe, comfortable, clean and

well ventilated as those provided for whites. The difference, it says, if any, relates to mat-ters esthetical.

A Peculiar Pension Case.

WASHINGTON, July 29,-The secretary of the interior to-day denied the claim of William Hedgepeth, ex-private in the Forty-second Indiana volunteers. The case is an uncommon one and has been the subject of much discussion by pension officials. Hedgepeth was captured in 1863 and confined as a prisoner at Andersonville. After remaining in captivity five months he enlisted in the confederate army, as he says, to escape starvation, and so informed his fellow prisoners, and that at the first opportunity he would desert and if possible make his way back to his old command. After a short service with the confederate army he carried out this intention and finally resched his out this intention and finally reached his old regiment, in which he served until discharged. Some years ago Hedgeuntil discharged. Some years ago Hedge-peth applied for a pension on the ground of disability contracted while in the federal service. This fact was fully sus-tained. The law provides that no one who aided, directly or indirectly, the enemies of the government in the late war shall be per-mitted to draw a pension. Hedgepeth's brief connection with the contederacy made him amenable to law. His motive, it is said, cannot be taken into consideration. Opin-ions by the dozen, some favorable and some unfavorable, have been written upon the unfavorable, have been written upon the case by different officials of the interior de-partment. At last, after a lapse of years, it reached the secretary of the interior for final action. The papers in the case, which are very voluminous, include a strong protest against the payment of the pension by Com-

missioner Black. lowa Pensions. WASHINGTON, July 29 .- | Special Teleto the BEE. |-The following Mexican war pensions were granted to citizens of Iowa

to-day: Mary, widow of Lorenzo D. Hilsinger, Waucoma; Cecelia, widow of Luke Cavanaugh, Vinton. Originals: George Davis, Tama City; William Sabins, Exera; J. B. Parker, Laborville; J. A. Gilford, Newton. Increase: C. Carrail, Creston; Enoch Campbell, Plattsville; M. M. Bean, Rochdale; L. D. Snook, Eldon; E. W. Johnson, Cherokee; J. W. Kinsby, North McGreggor; C. L. Cooper, Thayer; W. W. Blackly, Edon; H. H. Mercer, Albia; J. Weber, Charleston; Eugene Hunt, Mendon; Fred Babcock, Des Molnes; C. Dorman, Newton; M. M. Welton. Osceola; Lewis A. Near, Stratford; H. D. Daffield, Pittsburg; C. D. Gibson, West Liberty; Charles Laton, Hatton. Waucoma: Cecelia, widow of Luke Cayan-

Secured a Gun Factory. WASHINGTON, July 29 .- Secretary Whitnev announces that the negotiations which have been pending for months between the navy department and the Hotchkiss Ordnance company have culminated in a contract, the effect of which will be the establishment of a branch manufactory for Hotchkiss in this country. "Our secondary batteries," the secretary said to-day, "have heretofore been made abroad, and the creation of an establishment for their manufactory in his country will mark another and most important era in the reconstruction of the navy. The company's investigations elicited the fact that, taking the superiority of American machinery into consideration, guns may be made as cheaply here as abroad. It was a matter of necessity with us, either to set up a manufactory of our own, or get the Hotchkiss company to come here since we can no longer company to come here since we can no longer afford to be dependent upon other countries for our war material."

Are They Affected.

WASHINGTON, July 29.-T. C. Platt, president of the United States Express company, informs the Inter-state commerce commission that that company will gladly avail itself of the permission of the commission to present reasons why it conceives that express companies are not subject to the provisions or the inter-state commerce act. W. H. Trego, general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio Express company, says that his company has entertained the view that it was subject to the provisions of the act and does not desire to be heard. It desires, however, o await the results of the hearing given to other companies and the decisions of the commission upon the point before taking any definite steps under the law. W. H. Chand-ler, general manager of the Erie Express company, notifies the commission that hi any voluntarily comes under the rulings of the commission.

The Atlanta's Batteries.

WASHINGTON, July 29 .-- Secretary Whitney has received a report from Captain Bunce, commanding the steamer Atlanta. regarding her accidental grounding off Newport Tuesday during a fog. Captain Bunce says no injury was done to the vessel, with the possible exception of having broken a piece of the end of the temporary cast iron propeller blade. She proceeded to sea next day and the battery was tested to the satis-faction of the inspection board. The authori-ties at the navy department say nothing has been received from the board itself, and they are unable to say whether the test of the bat-tery proved it to be serviceable or not, though the impression drawn from previous reports is that it must have been otherwise.

Increase in the Surplus. WASHINGTON, July 29 .- The revenues of this month amount to over \$32,000,000. The expenditures during the same time, including \$11.500,000 paid for pensions, amount to about \$25,500,000. Treasurer Hyatt reports the surplus to-day as \$45,100,000, an increase

of nearly \$6,000,000 since the same date of ast month. Cleveland Cooling in the Country WASHINGTON, July 29. - The president spent the entire day at his country home, Oak View, where the temperature is said to be at least ten degrees lower than at the white house, and where he is able to endure the present hot spell with decidedly more com-

FATAL FIRE.

fort than is possible at his official residence.

A Chicago Tenement Burns With Several Inmates. CHICAGO, July 29.—A fire this morning in the bakery of Chris Heffen, at 3165 Archer

avenue, resulted in the death of a two-year old child named Mamie Trugo and the injury of ten others occupying the building, five o whom will die. The building is a three-story whom will die. The building is a three-story brick, the basement being occupied by the bakery where the fire started and the upper stories by two families. The fire started about 2:40 this morning and mouldered and shortly after three discovered. A number of people in the building were either dead or dying from the effects of the smoke and flames. They were immediately carried out of the building by the fremen and policemen. While trying to rescue Mrs. Trugo and child, who were being lowered from to rescue Mrs. Trugo and child, who were being lowered from the second story window, Captain Cowan, of truck 11, was badly burned about the face. He also inhaled a large quantity of hot air and is thought to be fatally burned. The mother was so badly burned that she succumbed to her injuries a few minutes later. Four Trugo children are among those not expected to live.

Two bakers, who are believed to be respon-

sible for the neglect which caused the fire, have been arrested. The police said the pair had become drowsy from drink, and instead of watching the stove, tell into a stupor, from which they only awakened when they and the tenants above were at the mercy of

Business Failures BUFFALO, July 29.-The general assignment of Moses A. Shaw as surviving partner of Shaw & Co., lumber dealers, was file bere to-day. Preferences aggregate about

New York, July 29.—Moses A. Shaw, humberman of 120 Broadway and Tonawanda, Pa., made an assignment to-day, both indiidually and as surviving partner of the firm of Shaw & Co., composed of Moses A. Shaw and Nile T. Childs. Preferences are given aggregating \$11,685.

Closed Because of a Strike, Sr. Louis, July 29.-The Little rolling mill, the largest industry in East St. Liouis, closed down to-day on account of the strike among stokers for some minor grievances.

THE SHERMAN RESOLUTION.

It is Receiving Much Attention From New

York Newspapers.

MR. BLAINE SHOULD COME HOME Such is the Opinion of the Journalise tic Nestors of the Metrop-

"Honest John."

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Concerning Political Fences. NEW YORK, July 29.— | Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The Ohio convention received a great deal of attention from the New York

papers. The Times says:
"The most significant thing about the con-

vention of the Ohio republicans at Toledo I the sweeping victory of Senator Sherman in obtaining a unanimous endorsement as the candidate of the republicans of the state for the presidency. It is especially significant because it has been loudly claimed that Blaine was still the favorite of the party there in spite of the claims and prestige of Sherman as an Ohio statesman. Though Governor Foraker, whose popularity wa shown not only by his unanimous re-nomin ation by acclamation but by the enthusiasus with which he was received in the convent tion, was known to be a Blame man and opposed to the unqualified presentation of Sherman as the presipential candidate, that fact was of no avail to stem the tide in favor of the senator. It is safe to predict that if Sherman loses none of his vigor and political cunning in the next year he will go into the national convention with the Ohio delegation solid at his back. This is the first serious set back for Blaine in view of the contest of next year and it is significant because it is the first occasion on which any republican convention has given expression to its preference in regard to the candidate in that contest. Sherman's aspirations are of course but an incident and he has an exceptional strength in his own state, but the incident affords no support for the Blaine sentiment, which has generally been assumed to be overpowering in the west and no less so in Ohio than in other states but it is evidently not so strong as was supposed. It has been on the wane, and men's thoughts have been turning to other leaders. If it could be so easily overcome in Ohio this year it would be the more readily resisted in other states and it would not now be surprising if no serious effort were made to nominate Blains next year. The spell may prove to have been broken. At Toledo, aside from the endorsement of Sherman as a candidate for the presidency and the enthusiastic renomination of Foraker the proceedings of the consention were of small moment. There is

week."
The World says: "The summary suppression of Blaine's followers in and around the convention will leave some soreness, no doubt, but Blaine worshippers are probably reconciled by the fact that the endorsement of Sherman is only for this year."
The Herald says: "Mr. Blaine should leave the picturesque fulls of Scotland and the delights of Mr. Carnegie's four-in-hand and lights of Mr. Carnegie's four-in-hand and come home to look after his fences. His sense of security has been rudely invaded-and his tour of Europe must give way to the necessities of seif-preservation. Senator Sherman was pool-pooled and derided on Thesday by the confident, the over-confident Blaine element at Toledo. On Wednesday the derision gave way to indignation. He was roundly jeered and menaced with a hot-headed opposition, fall of genuine Jacobin braggadocio. Forsker proposed to bin braggadocio. Foraker proposed to squelch, to utterly annihilate him. Toledo was to be the site of a new political ceme-tery, and the only concession of the Blaine strikers was that the ceremonies of sepulstrikers was that the core montes of sepur-ture should be impressive and the monument properly inscribed with the virtues of 'Hon-est John.' On Thursday morning, however, the prestigation act took place; the Blaine boom disappeared up the convention's sleeve and a very robust and vigorous Sherman boom was the only thing in sight. So there was harmony, or its caricature, at Toledo, These two Ohlo conventions, the democratic at Cleveland, for Cleveland, and the republican at Toledo are more significant than state conventions. Usually, for some reason, they have been looked upon as straws to show which way the national wind blows. They

vention were of small moment. There is nothing in the Ohio platform calculated to strengthen the party and it is distinctly lower in tone and in conception of hying

issues than that adopted at Cleveland last

which way the national wind blows. They are a preliminary test of the strength of the two parties, a skirmish to draw fire and develop the principles on which the battle will be fought next year."

The Tribune praises the ticket nominated and says the platform adopted is strong and presultant of the Sherman resolution. and says the platform adopted is strong and unequivocal. Of the Sherman resolution it says: "The resolution expresses the high regard of Ohio republicans for one who has served his country and state and the republican party ever since the birth of that party, and with rare fidelity and usefulness. Very few men have had it in their power to do as much for a great party, or for their country as Senator Sherman has done in the field, in the senate, in charge of the treasury, and especially in guiding the country to specie resumption, and he possesses the qualities which fit him for an exalted trust. The customary endorsement of a lavorite son, as in

this case, is therefore, a much less empty compliment than usual." Blaine in Good Health.

Augusta, Me., July 29.-The Kennebee Journal will say to-morrow that the statement in a telegram from Washington asserting that Blaine is a very sick man and suftering from serious internal disorder, is an error. A letter received in this city this week, written by Mr. Blaine, and dated Bridge at Earn, Scotland, July 15, contains this statement: "Mr. Blaine was never in better health than he has been on this trip. He is enjoying Scotland hugely. He drives and walks daily and has several times danced on the green, a thing he has not done for years.

SLOPTOWN SCORCHED. One Hundred and Fifty Poor Cincinnati families Homeless.

CINCINNATI, July 29 .- Six acres of ground covered by a couple of brick buildings and a number of frame shantles, extending from the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton rallway the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railway to the foot of the bill, and from Gest street north on both sides of State street, was burned over this afternoon. The burned district was known as "Sloptown," and the tenement houses on it were mostly occupied by poor families. The fire burned so hereely and rapidly that not any of the household goods were saved, and fifty cows were cremated in various stables. The fire covered the greatest space ever swent by fire covered the greatest space ever swent by flanes in Cincinnati. The losses probably amount in the aggregate to \$100,000. It is probable that 150 people are homeless to-

Tally Sheet Jury Out. Indianapolis, July 29.- The tally sheet cases are the absorbing topic here. The counsel for the prosecution closed the argument at noon, and at 2 o clock, when the court reassembled, Judge Woods charged the jury. The imige spoke extensoraneously for two hours and received the closest attention throughout and was very sovere on the defendants. The jury relited about 4:30,

Furious Storm. FRANKLIN FALLS, N. H., July 29,-After three weeks' hot weather, unequalled in this state, the most violent thunder and rain storms occurred last night, raging ten hours, washing highways, breaking down crops and doing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Yellow Fever at Key West. Washington, July 29,-Surgeon Hamilton received a telegram from Assistant Surgeon Oulterns, dated Key West, July 28, say-

ing there had been 173 cases of yellow fever and forty one deaths to date.