## MISTAKEN FOR A POLECAT.

Hiram Schoonover Shoots Down His Mother-in-Law in a Cornfield.

LITTLE BOYS HANG ANOTHER.

A Shooting Affair at Nebraska City-History of Dick Foster's Orime -Thayer Talks to the School Teachers.

Thought She Was a Skunk.

BROWNVILLE, Neb., August 8 .- | Special Correspondence of the BEE. |- The examination of Hiram Schoonover for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sloss, has devel-oped a queer state of facts. Schoonover cultivates a farm near town. For weeks past his melon patch and cornfield have suffered from the depredations of the small boy, and Hiram decided to lay for him. On Saturday

Hiram decided to lay for him. On Saturday night, armed with a shotgun and dog, he waited for the enemy. About 10 o'clock an object appeared in the corn and slowly approached. The dog sprang at the intruder and suddenly retreated. The action of the dog convinced Schoonover that the intruder was a skunk, and as soon as it came within fighting distance he fired. Springing to the place where the victim fell he found that he had shot his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary J. Sloss, an old lady aged seventy. The charge of small shot penetrated her left thigh, producing a frightful wound and causing death in a few hours.

Coroner Operman took charge of the remains, empanelled a jury and held an examination of witnesses on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Schoonover, their son Henry and several neighbors were examined. The only point differing from the facts above related was made by George Sherburn and Colonei S. M. Rich, neighbors. The former testified that Mrs. Sloss complained that she was not well treated by Schoonover and that the people need not be surprised if they should find her dead some day. Sherburn further testified that Schoonover said to him last spring that if Mrs. Sloss would perfect the title to her property and then peg out he would be fixed. Colonel Rich stated that Mrs. Sloss came to him to have her will drawn and expressed the fear that the Schoonovers would kill her. She did not wish to leave her property to them. Schoonover denied the conversation sworn to by Sherburn, and exclaimed, with tears in his wish to leave her property to them. Schoonover denied the conversation sworn to by
Sherburn, and exclaimed, with tears in his
eyes, "I killed the old lady, but I wouldn't
have done it for anything if I had known it
was her. I love her now, and she couldn't
have done anything mean enough to make
me not love her. I would as soon shot myself or any of my children." The moon was
rising when the accident happened. He
could not explain why Mrs. Sloss did not
speak before the shooting. He did not think
of speaking himself. He thought the old
lady did not care whether she was killed or
not, as she was tired of the world. She had
a strange weakness for roaming in the fields
at might and taking things, and near where
the body was found there were several ears
of corn which she had taken from the stalks
that night.

that night.
The jury returned a verdict "that Mrs. The jury returned a verdict "that Mrs. Sloss came to her death by the hands of Hiram Schoonover, who shot her on August 6, 1887, about 10 o'clock p. m., with a smooth bore rifle loaded with fine shot, and we, the jury, find him guilty of mansiaughter."

Schoonover has lived in this vicinity for twenty-one years, and has always borne a fair reputation. All sorts of rumors are now afficial regarding his family troubles, and many are disposed to believe that there was more method than accident in the tragedy.

Another Account. BROWNVILLE, Neb., August 8 .- [Special Telegram to be BEE. |-Hiram Schoonover. a resident of this community, shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sloss, Saturday evening about 10 p. m, mistaking her for skunk. The old lady had been in the ha of taking corn from her son-in-law without leave and usually in the night. It is reported that the parties were not on the best terms The circumstances seem against Schoon over, but he claims to be innocen-

and that it was a mistake.

All parties were church members and active workers, and were supposed to be a harmless family. The coroner held an inquest Sunday evening. The verdict rendered Monday found Schoonover guity of mansiaughter. Schoonover was brought before the justice court yesterday afternoon, waived examination and was bound over in the sum of \$1,000. He could not give ball, so he is now in iail He could not give bail, so he is now in jail awaiting trial.

A Dodge County Sensation.

FREMONT, Neb., August 9,-|Special to the BEE. ]-Another Dodge county sensation, and this time, as usual, it is located in the vicinity of North Bend. The man who furnishes the sensation is a farmer named Alonzo Parrish, living in Cotterell township, five miles northeast of North Bend. He has been a resident of Dodge county for many years, and is well known. A few days ago he came to Fremont and negotiated a loan of \$2,000 on a portion of his farm, inducing his wife to sign the mortgage by promise that a portion of it should be devoted to paying an indebtedness of \$800 on another piece of land. Parrish has not been heard from since Saturday, and it is now surmised that he has jumped the country after realizing all he could from his property, and leaving his family almost penniless. Yesterday Mrs. Parrish came to town and through her attorneys, Frick & Dolezal, began action for divorce. Her petition sets forth that Parrish has brutally treated her for many years, and has made their household a place of discord and unhappiness. It is supposed that Parrish has gone away with a woman named Warren with whom he is charged in the divorce petition as having had illicit relations. five miles northeast of North Bend. He has

Thayer Talks to Teachers.

NORFOLK, Neb., August 9. - | Special to the BEE. |-Governor Thayer was in the city yesterday in response to the invitation of County Superintendent Bohannon to deliver an address before the teachers of the Madison county institute. A committee of the school board and several citizens met him at the train and escorted him to the residence of Colonel Cotton, who entertained him while here, giving an informal reception for his beneiit in the evening. Later in the evening he addressed the teachers and citizens at a public meeting at the opera house. He touched upon the influence of teachers in molding the minds of the young, and dwelt with especial emphasis and at considerable length on the modern tendency to agnosticism. He regarded the efforts of those who were seeking to deatroy christian belief without offering a better substitute as a special evil. Although not a professor of religion himself, the governor paid a warm tribute to christainity, saying that since he had been selected for the high office which he holds, his attention had been drawn more and more to the subject, and from a governmental standpoint he was led to regard the religion of the bible as the basis of all good government, all law and society. school board and several citizens met him at

Shooting at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 9.—[Spec-ial telegram to the BEE.]—Another shooting affair occurred on Main street this evening. The cause leading thereto is said to be prominent grocery man named L. W. Lloyd, who has a number of time s insulted and made indecent proposals to his lady cus-tomers. His last break was, so it is said, at the wife of Mr. Samuel Chaptin, who went to the store to call him to account for it.
Lloyd struck Chaplin several times across
the face with a whip, whereupon the latter
drew a revolver and shot Lloyd through the
fleshy part of his arm. Both parties were
arrested, Lloyd being let of with a line of
4 and costs, while Chaplin was bound
over for hearing to-morrow. Lloyd says he
is innocent of the charge of insult.

Dick Foster's Crime. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 9.—[Special to the BEE.]—Dick Foster, whose pardon and death the BEE made mention of several days ago, was sent up for life from Dies county in 1870 for the murder of Si

Davis, a negro, some time during 1869. During the day of the murder Davis and Foster were engaged in a game of poker in a room at the rear of the old News building, which ended in a quarrel. After separating Davis walked up the street and met several women about town and returned with them down town, passing Foster, and as they did so Davis jostled the women up against Foster, who instantly drew a revolver and pointed it at Davis, who remarked with a defiant laugh that he "ate those things every morning before breakfast," Foster replying "then eat this," and shot him dead on the spot. He then walked leisurely up the street, cracking a whip which he carried, and was greatly surprised when arrested for "simply killing a nigger." His petition for a pardon has been before every governor since that time—Nance and Dawes both having made promises of a favorable consideration of his case though they were never fulfilled. ing the day of the murder Davis and Foster

Militia Officers Elected. FREMONT, Neb., August 9.- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |- A meeting of the officers of the ten companies of the Second regiment, National guards, was held here to-night at the armory of company E, First regiment. There was a full attendance from all the companies. Adjutant General Call presided at the meeting. Captain Franklin presided at the meeting. Captain Franklin Sweet, of Clarks, was unanimously chosen colonel of the Second regiment; Aide-de-Comp McCann, of Hoy Springs, was chosen lieutenant colonel; Captain George Cross, of Fairbury, was elected mayor. Governor Thayer was present and made an interesting address to the officers. Congressman Dorsey also responded to a call and promised his best efforts in promoting the interests of the Nebraska National guards. The best of feelings and general enthusiasm prevailed.

Red Liquor and Red Men. FALLS CITY, Neb., August 9.-A jug of whisky was uncorked by half-breed Indians on the reservation southwest of here, ten days ago, to stimulate a celebration. Amid the festal whoops of the mongrel reds, William Barada dug up the hatchet and carved the scalp of Peter Dedier. The row occurred at the residence of the Knapps. Dedier died of his injuries Sunday, and Barada was ar-rested by the Kansas authorities and will be prosecuted for murder. The crime was com-mitted on the Nebraska side of the line, but victim died on the Kansas side.

Farmers Successfully Co-operate. OAKLAND, Neb., August 9.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Farmers' union of this place is no longer an experiment. It has proven a decided success to the farmers and is fast taking the lead in the corn market. In the last two weeks the union has shipped more corn than was ever shipped from here in the same length of time. Four car loads were shipped to-lay. George Osborn, the manager, is fully determined to make the union take the lead in Burt county for buying grains, and his efforts are appreciated.

Two Boys Hang Another. CREIGHTON, Neb., August 9 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Two of the boys of this town, aged fourteen, wanted to play a practical joke on an eight-year-old boy at 10 o'clock this morning by hanging him to a beam with a rope. They came near making the job perfect, as the victim's eyes were forced slightly out of their sockets and an urly blue mark shows where the rope was around his neck. Dime novels were the prime factor in the way of a cause,

Campmeeting at Fremont. FREMONT, Neb., August 9 .- | Special to the BEE. |-The Omaha District Methodist campmeeting opens here to-morrow. It will be held in Rogers' grove, a mile northeast of town. The place has been nicely prepared for the occasion and it is anticipated that there will be a good attendance. Capacious tents for meetings and a number of private ones are on the grounds.

Appointed Deputy Oil Inspector. gram to the BEE. |-Governor Thayer has appointed O. H. Phillips, of Beatrice, as one of the deputy oil inspectors, with headquarters at Beatrice.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. They will be Built in Chicago by the

W C. T. U.

CHICAGO, August 9 .- On the 13th of July the secretary of state of Illinois issued articles of incorporation to a company at Chicaro, known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Building Association," with a capital of \$10,000, shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are Matilda B. Carse, Francis Williard, Esther Pugh, William Deering and James B. Hobbs. The purpose is for a building in Chicogo to be used as national head-quarters of the W. C. T. U., and as a temperance training school and hali. It is also meant that this enterprise shall become a source of revenue to the national society. The plan is, that while the building is intended, in the first place, to furnish head-quarters of the national W. C. T. U. It is also to be a great office building, and will bring in a rental of \$135,000 a year. The ground has been secured for it in the very heart of the city. The structure will cost about \$600,000 and to cover this \$600,000 worth of bonds will be issued. The committee having the matter in charge, to-day issued a call to all friends of temperance for contributions to aid in carrying out this work. caro, known as "The Woman's Christian

The Drought-Stricken Region. CHICAGO, August 9.—The telegrams re-ceived this morning from central points throughout the entire 75,000 square miles of the drought-stricken northwestern country shows the fearful sun scorching of all vege tation continues unabated. Not a drop of rain has fallen except eight-one hundreths of an inch at Des Moines, a bare sprinkle on the deep dust. observations in various districts give but lit-tile hope of a break within the coming twen-ty-four hours. A trifle cooler weather and scattered light showers are expected in some places, but the conditions are such that if the possible little moisture and coolness are at all delayed their effect will be totally lost in the seeming imminent further general in the seeming imminent further generatise of the temperature from end to end o

drought region.

Never before have farmers and residents of the suburbs about the city suffered so from heat and dry weather. All around vegetables in small gardens have been killed. All along the railroad tracks the prairies are on any and the residents of the suburbs are called out at all hours of the day and night to combat the flames. Water is very scarce. called out at all hours of the day and hight to combat the flames. Water is very scarce. Cisterns and wells are alike empty and the greatest economy of the precious fluid is ob-served. Cattle are suffering greatly. At Washington Heights water has been so scarce that it finds a ready sale at 5 cents a pail.

Suicide of a Magdalen. St. Joseph, Mo., August 9. - | Special Telegram to the BEE] .- Jennie Berkshire, an inmate of a Jules street sporting house, at-tempted to commit suicide this afternoon about 5 o'clock by taking a heavy dose of merphine. A physician was called, but the girl will probably die.

Two Railroaders Killed. BORDE NTOWN, N. J., August 9 .- In a col-

lision between two freight trains on the Pennsylvania railroad, which occurred this prorning, a fireman was killed and a brake-man fatally wounded. Vilas' Vacation.

WASHINGTON, August 9.-Postmaster General Vilas will leave here to-morrow on his summer vacation, a portion of which he will spend at his home in Wisconsin. He expects to be absent several weeks.

Electric Light Men Convene. Boston, August 9 .- The sixth annual meeting of the National Electric Light asso-ciation convened this forenoon.

Death of an Old Merchant. Boston, August 9.—Henry Hastings, one of the oldest merchants of Boston, died this

SWEPT BY SHEETS OF FLAME.

Furious Forest Fires Raging in Sections of Wisconsin.

LOSS OF PROPERTY ENORMOUS.

Fields of Grain and Acres of Timber Annihilated By the Blazing Besom-Rain Comes to the Rescue.

Destructive Forest Fires. NEILSVILLE, Wis., August 9 .- Forest fires have broken out again in this vicinity and are causing considerable damage. The east fork of the logging camp of Charles Squires burned, causing heavy loss. A fire broke out yesterday on Wedges creek near Hewellsville and is spreading radidly. Considerable apprehension is felt here and the city has been thoroughly wet down by the waterworks. Everything is very dry and if there is no rain within the next twenty-four hours greater damage than that inflicted last year may be expected. All day yesterday a heavy gale of wind prevailed, which swept the flames and destroyed everything before it. News has just been received that a large stave mill of Hein & Meyer, on Wedges creek

stave mill of Hein & Meyer, on Wedges creek together with thousands of dollars' worth of staves, is in great danger, and a crew of men have started from this city to fight the flames. A fierce fire is raging in the wood marsh southeast of Portage. A force of men is hard at work fighting the flames. A large amount of hay has been burned and other property is in danger.

Grand Rapids, Mich., August 9.—Forest fires are raging fearfully in the northern part of Kent county. Woods and fields in every direction about Cedar Springs are on fire and nearly everybody is engaged in fighting flames, trying to save farm property. Fences and timber burned is valued at several thousand dollars. Fanned by a brisk breeze the flames spread rapidly. If rain does not come there will be heavy losses. Crops are suffering terribly. A fire broke out in the pineries near Grantville yesterday afternoon and there is danger of the village burning up. Fires are also burning in the marshes near the city and the smoke is thick all about.

Coleman, Mich., August 9.—The Coleman Charcas commany, with 300 cords of wood.

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St. IGNACE, Mich., August 9, 10:30 p. m.—
A change in the wind to the northeast this morning saved the town. All danger is now believed to be past.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 9.—Specials to the Evening Wisconsin say at Green Bay the fire has caused a loss of \$30,000 by the burning of 20,000 cords of wood. In the town of Believue a stable with three teams of horses, harness and farm machinery was town of Bellevue a stable with three teams of horses, harness and farm machinery was destroyed. Farmers at Fond du Lac have turned out en masse to light the flames, which are reported to be spreading rapidly. Muskegon, Mich., August 9.—Stimson & Fay, Hackley & Huine, and F. Alberts are meeting with heavy losses by the destruction of lumber on their mill docks. Several fires occurred test night.

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DETROIT, Mich., August 9.—Nine business houses, the Carson hotel and other property burned at Sandusky, Mich., to-day. No lives were lost. The fire originated in a

DETROIT, Mich., August 9.—A Free Press special from Grand Rapids says: Fires are still raging porth and south of here. At Cedar Springs the fire is still raging and every man who can be had is working heroically. Reports from the south, on the Lake Shore road, say fires are raging in the woods badly and at Grandville is still burning in the lowlands. From the north discouraging the lowlands. From the north discouraging reports are received here to-night. At Craffrom Kalkaska, destroyed a large amount of farm buildings and fences. Around Kingsley miles of fences and many fields were burned over. At Ashton the fires are raging badly. Around Als and west toward Uneboygan the fires are burning large tracts of valuable pine and hard wood.

Heavy Gale in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 9.-About o'clock to-night a gale swept over the city the wind blowing at the rate of a mile minute. The main building and severa minor structures on the state fair grounds a cold spring park were completely wrecked. A heavy rain fell, lastingian hour. Advices received at the railway offices indicate that the rain is pretty general throughout the state, putting an end to the drought that has lasted for sixty days and that has caused thousands of dollars of loss to farmers. Reports from the southern tier of counties are to the effect that wells and creeks are all dried up, and that farmers have been compelled to remove their stock to places where cold spring park were completely wrecked pelled to remove their stock to places where they could secure water. The dry condition of the country caused the fires to spread with great rapidity and for several days farmers hove been plowing large furrows around their hay stacks to prevent their summer's work from going up in fiames. To-night's rain will afford only temporary relief, how-ever, unless there is more of it soon.

Agricultural Subjects Discussed. New York, August 9 .- The American Agricultural association held its first annua ession to-day at Columbia college. Prof Sturtevant, of the New York Experimental Institute at Geneva, presided. The attendance was numerous and was composed of representatives from nearly every part of the state, "Indigenous Locusts" was the sub-ject presented by Clarence M. Weed, state entomologist of Illinois. A paper which commands absorbing interest was one of Prof. Wylie on sorghum as a sugar producing plant. Experience taught him, he said that it was undesirable. Dr. C. V. Reiliy United States entomologist at Washington agreed with Prof. Wylie. Mr. K. Torrence a Japanese gentleman commissioned to study agriculture in this country by his gov-ernment, said the experiment of making sugar from sorghum was successfully tried in Japan.

Among the papers read at the afternoon session was one on "Diseases of Broom Corn," by Prof. T. J. Barrett, of Champaign university, Illinois.

A Murderer Granted a Stay. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 9.- [Special Telegram to the BER.]-A stay of execution was granted to-day by Judge Black, of the supreme court, to Hronek, sentenced to be hung in this city August 19. The stay of execution acts until the case can be called up before the supreme court, which meets the third Tuesday in October. The ground on which the writ of error was allowed was the refusal of the lower court to allow an inter-preter. A great deal of surprise was occa-sioned in this city by the decision, as the murder was an atroclous one and the evi-dence overwhelming.

Foresters and Photographers. CHICAGO, August 9.- The blennial convention, or high court meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters, began here to-day. Five hundred delegates are present from all parts of the United States and Canada. The eighth annual convention of photographers of America opened to-day in the exposition building. A large number of delegates are present. The exhibit comprises nearly 10,000 pictures of virious kinds.

Broke Up the Band. CONCORD, N. H., August 2.-While members of the local brass band were practicing in rooms in the fourth story of a large wooden warehouse, fire broke out below and spread rapidly. The men were compelled to jump from the windows to the ground, a dis-tance of thirty feet, and a number of them were severely injured.

Suicide of a Murderer. St. Louis, August 9.—Jerry Pagels, mur-derer of Samuel Kohn, for which he was under sentence to be hanged August 13, com mitted suicide in his cell last night by cutting an artery in his left arm.

WOMEN MISSIONARIES. Cardinal Lavigerie Will Send Them

to Africa—Belgiss Forest Fires.
[Congright 1887 by James Gorton Bennett.]
BRUSSELS, August 2.—[New York Herald
Cable—Special to the Bre.!—Cardinal
Lavigerie left Brussels to return to Paris this morning. The real object of his visit here as stated by him in an interview with me at the railway station this morning, is to confer with missionary congregations here to establish at Maestrich a seminary for women who will be trained for the Catholic gospel in the French African possessions and all other African territory. It is under Lavigerie's religious jurisdiction. Women have never before been employed as African missionaries so this will constitute a new era in African history. Lavigerie says: "I am convinced that women will be able to civilize and christianize the African youth with far greater success than men and I have taken all the necessary measures to drill them for the work. As regards the free state I will no longer have anything to do with it. The king has requested me courteously to withdraw my missions from the Congo Free State his majesty describing that religious work in the free state is being no longer carried on by independent missions but by a regular clergy depending upon the king and pope alone. A seminary for training priests for the Congo has been established here at Louvain to realize the king's desire and when it has turned out enough priests all foreign missions will be withdrawn from the free

state, only Belgians being utilized there. The forest fires are still raging intensely. The smoke from the woods suffocates people approaching within 300 yards of the conflagration. The gendarmes and forest keep ers are now working with might and main to stop the fire, but a down pour of rain alone can have any effect. It takes seven hours to walk around the burning portion of the forest. The soil for miles around is literally red hot. Children expressing fautastic flames in the foliage exclaim:

"Look at the beautiful golden trees." Carter Defeats Coad. [Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, August 9 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. |-E. C. Carter, of the New York Athletic club, met his old opponent, W. N. Coad, the South London harrier, this evening at the London Athletic club's grounds, Stanford bridge, Chelsea, to decide the supremacy in a four-mile run. About 3,000 spectators came out, including representatives of all the cross-country clubs around London and many Americans. The grand stand held many bookmakers, just back from the Kempton park races, who anxiously asked two to one on Carter. In a select center, set apart of officials and pressmen, Sir John Astley, who is to be referee in the Kilrain-Smith prize fight. Precisely at ? o'clock a cheer denoted that the men were on the ground, which was of cinder, with four laps to the mile. Coad was wearing blue trunks, with crimson stripes. Carter wore the New York scarlet and white and ap peared in fine condition. The tropical-like heat had now cooled and a pleasant breeze sprung up from the northwest as the pisto was fired for the start. Coad led by yards for the first quarter. The race was now anxiously followed by continuous come suddenly weak, but struggled on until thirty yards short of the third mile, when he gave up. Carter being forty vards in front The latter finished his third mile, keeping on with loud cheering, which, now he had won, was transferred from Coad to himself. He broke the tape at 30 minutes and 10 seconds, stopping immediately to shake Coad's proffered hand, when Carter's friends broke into the grounds and carried him shoulders high into the dressing room, where

thought by runners unfair, being uneven and very small. When your correspondent congratulated Carter he seemed pleased. "Do you run again?" I asked.

he had a cold shower bath. Coad challenged

Carter to run again at Ratham grounds, but

the latter declined, as the grounds are

"Yes: at Dublin on the 24th, against F. Conness, the amatuer champion for twenty guineas Ireland, gold medal, and sail for New York in the Italy on the 26th. I shall have a hard job to beat Canneff, but if I succeed I shall have plenty of championships to take back

"What are they, Mr. Carter?" "The four and ten mile championship of England, the championship of Ireland, and the satisfaction of beating Coad to-day, who has already won two southern counties championships himself."

Secured a Tenor. [Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, August 9.— New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. ]-Mr. Gustave Amberg, director of the Thalia theater. New York, succeeded to-day in signing a contract with Herr Boettel, the foremost German tenor, for a series of ten performances to be given at the Thalia October 16-28. Herr Boettel receives \$1,000 per night.

Blaine in Ireland. LONDON, August 9,-James G. Blaine, with his wife and daughters, are in Dublin. They left Glasgow and crossed to Belfast, proceeding thence to Dublin, where they arrived last evening. Blaine intends to spend

some time in Ireland.

DUBLIN, August 9.—Mr. Blaine has gone to Cork, whence he will return to Dublin. A Plucky Woman Evicted. DUBLIN, August 9 .- Alice Barry defied the police who went to execute the writ of eviction against her at Knocklade, county of Antrim, to-day. She defended the house against a large force of officers, but was com-pelled to surrender when they made a charge with fixed bayonets. Many of the officers were badly hurt. Five of the defenders of Alice Barry's house were arrested.

A Blue Book Chapter. LONDON. August Q-The Blue book has been issued containing the correspondence in relation to the admission into the United of destitute aliens and state aided emigrants.

An Arctic Explorer Suicides. ROME, August 9.-Signor Bove, the explorer who was an associate of Nordensk-jold in the latter's arctic expedition, has committed suicide. Steamship Arrivals.

HAMBURG, August 9.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Arrived—The Gillert, from New York. NEW YORK, August 9 .- Arrived -- The State of Nevada, from Glasgow.
QUEENSTOWN, August 9.—Arrived—The
British Princess, from Philadelphia.

of cholera and six deaths have been reported at Malta during the last twenty-four hours. More Floods in Georgia. AUGUSTA, Ga., August 9 .- The river is rising rapidly again and the lower part of the city is once more threatened with inun-

Cholera's Ravages in Malta.

LONDON, August 9.-Fourteen new cases

MAHONE'S CANVASS BEGUN

Virginia Republicans Working Hard to Secure the Little Man's Return.

FIGHTING ON NATIONAL ISSUES.

Invitations Pouring in On President Cleveland From the South and West-Other News From the National Capital.

Old Dominion Politics. WASHINGTON, August 9 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE. ]-Advices from Virginia are to the effect that the campaign has fairly opened. Prominent republicans say that no convention will be called this year. It is unusual to call one except in years when nominations are to be made. One of General Mahone's most confidential friends in the state expresses the belief that his party will confine the issues of the campaign chiefly to national questions. The most prominent among these will probably be the repeal of the international revenue system, the Blair educational bill and the tariff. The expectation is that the republican state committee will appoint a sub-committee to prepare an address to the voters of the state. Hon. John S. to the voters of the state. Hon. John S. Wise and some of the young leaders, who have followed Mahone in other campaigns, will be with him again this year. It is understood that Mahone himself will take part in the approaching canvass. The republicans admit they have little hope of securing a majority in the senate. The fight is to be directed almost entirely towards getting control of the house of delegates to give them a majority of the legislature on joint ballot and elect Mahone to the senate.

Cleveland and His Trip. WASHINGTON, August 9.-Invitations continue to pour in upon President Cleveland and almost the entire time of one of the clerks at the white house is occupied in scheduling and recording them. He has been invited to visit almost every city in the west and south, including San Francisco, New Orleans and Galveston. The president is seriously considering the best use he can make of the limited time he has allotted him-self for his western and southern trip, and he will take a route which will enable him to visit briefly the principal representative of the two sections of country. He has about made up his mind he will not go further west than Kansas City, and very little, if any further south thau Atlanta. He does not desire to be absent from the capital more than twenty days, but delays and unavoidable circumstances may prolong his absence five circumstances may prolong his absence five or ten days more. He will begin the pre-paration of his annual message to congress upon his return to Washington, and that and other important matters which will then claim his personal attention will prevent his extending his visit much beyond the first of November. It is expected that the programme for his trip will be prepared within the next two weeks. None of the invitations not already acted upon will not be answered until that is arranged.

Colonel Batchelder's Account. WASHINGTON, August 9,-An issue has been raised by the accounting officer of the treasury against the quartermaster general's office. The accounts of Colonel Batchelder, late depot quartermaster at Washington, are now in dourse of settlement. Among the now anxiously followed by continuous cheering. Coad seeming to have all the boisterous sympathy and foolishly spurting until the first mile, when both settled down to a better pace, and finished the second with Coad barely leading. On entering the eleventh lap Carter, without exhaust department proper being provided for in department proper being provided for in legislative appropriations. To this Colonel Batchelder replied that the order of the sycretary to purchase horses was the supreme law to him and conclusive upon the accounting officer of the treasury. Third Auditor Williams in a letter to the second comptroller regarding this case says that the theory that an order from a superior or even an army regulation could warrant a disbursing officer in making a disbursement of public funds in direct contravention of the statute finds no countenance in any judicial decision or in any opinion by any recognized or in any opinion by any recognized authority.

Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, August 9.—|Special Telegram to the Bee. |—The following Iowa pensions were granted to-day: Anna S., widow of David B. Winder, Wapello; Peter Best, Franklin Centre. Increase: Samuel L. Nelson, Florenceville; William B. Mathews, Wyman; Joseph Shark. Cambria; Clayton S. Fliners, Grand River; Joseph Huston, Crawfordsville; M. B. Sparks, Batavia; Christopher H. Porter, Colfax; G. F. Luntz, Nebraska pensions, increase: M. P. Bal-lard, Red Cloud.

Officials to Take Outings. WASHINGTON, August 9.-[Special Telegram to the Bee.]-The president is planning a fishing and hunting trip in the mountains of West Virginia with Senator Kenna All the cabinet will be away from Washington within two weeks except Secretary Fairchild. General Vilas leaves for Wisconsin to-morrow. Secretary Endicott roes to his home in Lenox on Friday, and Secretary Lamar goes to the White mountains next

The Treasury Scandal. NEW YORK, August 9.- | Special Telegram to the Bee. |-The Tribune's Washington special says: The treasury department officials are still reticent about the charge that money has been improperly paid on account of public land surveyors. It may be stated, however, on good authority that the matter is regarded as a serious one, both by the secretary of the interior and the secretary of the treasury, and is to-day the subject of ofniclal correspondence between them with every prospect that it will be officially brought to the attention of the president within the next few days. Whatever the rewilt of that may be it is certain that no atsult of that may be, it is certain that no at-tempt to hide facts will be successful.

Patents Granted Westerners. WASHINGTON, August 9,-|Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-The following patents were granted to-day in lowa and Nebraska Louis G. Bastedo, Atlantic, Ia., and H. Thomas, Chicago, Ills., assigners to Bastedo Cash and Package Carrier company, Atlantic, cash and package carrier; George Y. Smith, Cedar Rapids, flour packer; William H. Tibbeis, Crab Orchard, Thill coupling.

Postal Changes. WASHINGTON, August 9.— Special Telegram to the BEE. 1—The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day:Levi W.John-son Lohrville, Calhoun county, vice James M. Arnett, removed; John A. Hoffman, Mt. Carmel, Carroli county, vice Gerhard

Bruggeman, resigned.

The postoffice has been discontinued at Battle Bend, Custer county, Neb.; the mail goes to Tutford. The special service is discontinued at Park Vale, Douglas county from Omaha. Smallpox and Yellow Fever in Havana WASHINGTON, August 9 .- The marine hospital bureau is informed that smallpox

and yellow fever are raging in Havana, Cuba. During the month of July there were 104 deaths from yellow fever and 112 from Applications For Prepayment. WASHINGTON, August 9.-Applications for prepayment of interest under Secretary Fairchild's recent circular were received to-day on bonds amounting to \$1,343,000, making a total to date of \$6,612,250.

Western Men Appointed. WASHINGTON, August 9.—George M. Swaim, of Iowa; Arthur A. Holmes, of Indiana, and Lucien M. Turner, of Illinois, have been appointed special examiners in the pension office under the civil service rules.

COMPLAINTS FROM SHIPPERS. Iowa's Railway Commissioners Hold

an Inquiry at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, la., August 9.—(Special Telegram to the Bre.)—The lowa rallway commissioners held an adjourned meeting in this city to consider the charges brought against the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul for advancing the rate waukee & St. Paul for advancing the rate of switching cars from \$1 to \$2 per car and for refusing to switch cars for the other roads. Prominent railroad officials, including Tucker, of the Milwaukee, and Jeffrey, of the Illinois Central, were present, also many of the prominent business men of this city. Mr. W. I. Knight, attorney for the two roads, represented them, while the shippers were represented by a number of the leading business men of Dubuque. The discussion was continued all day, and the commissioners will give their decision some time in the future. It is the first case of the kind ever submitted to the commissioners and ever submitted to the commissioners and great interest is felt in the outcome, not only by Dubuque, but by other cities as well.

Struck By Lightning. FORT DODGE, Ia., August 9.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The residences of W. H. Plumb and Samuel Tad were struck by lightning during a storm last night. This morning the former residence caught fire and was damaged to the extent of \$300. Not much damage was done to the Tad residence, but Mr. Tad received a severe shock and narrowly escape 1 with his life.

Soldiers Stop Beer Selling. OTTUMWA, Ia., August 9.- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The thermometer at the brigade encampment marks 1000 in the shade. The soldiers in camp suffer greatly with the heat. General Wright yesterday evening found some lemonade stands seiling liquors and ordered the Muscatine company to suppress them. All yielded upon demand but one, when his shanty was leveled to the ground and his beer spilled.

Arrested For Forgery. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., August 9.- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Arthur Howard, bearing letters from Georgia politicians, attempted to pass a forged check for a small amount at the First National bank and was jailed. The young man is evidently, from the papers on his person, an old hand at swindling.

Big Packing House Burned. CEDAR RAPIDS, 1a., August 9.-Fire this morning burned the packing house of T. M. Sinclair & Co., causing a loss of \$90,000; in-surance, about \$80,000.

REORGANIZED THE COMPANY.

Ives and Stayner Step Out of Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. NEW YORK, August 9 .- Shortly before noon to-day the committee appointed to investigate Henry G. Ives' management of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, met to listen to any statement which Ives had to make. At noon Ives had not appeared. His partner Doremus expressed doubts as to whether Ives intended to make any statement, but members of the committee said he distinctly promised to

committee said he distinctly promised to make a full statement of the affairs of the company. They also expected him to resign, and Christopher Meyer said if Ives did not resign to-day the road would be thrown into the hands of a receiver. Meyer says the Cincinnati people are complaining there is a shortage of \$3,000,000, and if this cannot be explained, criminal proceedings will be at once instituted. The committee were compelled to wait until 1:30 until Ives arrived at his office. The first thing done was to receive the resignations of President Stayner and Ives and the election of A. S. Wipslow, of Cincinnati, as president, and Christopher Meyer, of New York, vice president. A committee was then appointed by the creditors to meet a committee of directors to take further steps in the reorganization of the company. The executive committee of the Horse

the company.

The committee adjourned until to-morrow without finishing their work. Ives has turned his property over to Walte, Myers & Dexter, as trustees, and is trying to arrange with his creditors to put their claims in the same hands. The stockholders' committee has finished the count of certificates of preferred stock and find that about \$4,000,000 have been issued. This is said to be much less than was feared. Counsel for the creditors' committee state that their claims creditors' committee state that their claims will not be placed in the trusteeship propose by Ives.

Death of General Doniphan. St. Joseph, Mo., August 9,-General A. W. Doniphan died at his home in Richmond last evening, from the effects of a cold contracted last May. The deceased was a native of Kentucky, born July 9, 1808. His parents were Virginians, the father being a soldier in the revolution. Graduating from Augusta college at the age of eighteen, he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Ohio. In 1830 he moved to Missouri, where he has since resided. He won his military title by distinguished service in the Mexican

title by distinguished service in the Mexican war. General Doniphan was a pronounced democrat, and held a number of important offices during life. Paper Manufacturers Go Down.

BELOIT, Wis., August 9 .- W. T. Randall, an extensive paper manufacturer with a mill at Rockton, Ill., has confessed judgment and his mills are in the hands of the sheriff. The failure of the O. W. Tyler paper company, of Chicago, who were assisting him, wrecked

of Chicago, who were assisting him, wrecked Randali. The liabilities and assets cannot be ascertained at present.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., August 9,—The mortgage held by O. W. Tyler & Co., the broken paper dealers of Chicago, on the paper mill at Plainville, owned by B. F. Lyon & Son, paper dealers of Kalamazoo, was recorded yesterday, and Lyon & Co. suspended. They are liable as endorsers on the paper of O. W. Tyler & Co. for \$40,000 and other debts of \$20,000. Their assets, besides the mill proerty, are no minal. erty, are nominal.

Married After Many Years, St. Joseph, Mo., August 9.- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Mr. Louis Blazer and Miss Ester Rosenblatt were united in marriage in this city to-day, by Rabbi Hurowitz of the Jewish synarogue. The two were enof the Jewish syngrogue. The two were engaged in Austria nineteen years ago by their respective families when the young ladw was only five years of age. A few weeks ago Mr. Blazer, who is a ciothier, sent money for the young lady to come and share his home in America. in America.

Fatal Strike Mob. WILKESBÄRRE, Pa., August 9.-Yesterday fifty striking miners of the Alden Coal com pany, near this city, attacked thirty men who had taken their places in the Alden mines. Many women also took part in the fight.
Michael Christ and Jacob Horton, two
"scabs." were fatally injured. The women
assaulted the "scabs" with fence rails, and
their husbands used stones and pistols.
Fifteen persons were wounded on both sides,
but only the two mentioned will die.

Weather Indications. For Nebraska: Local rains followed by fair weather, cooler in southern portion, stationary temperature in northern portion, variable winds.

For lowa: Fair weather in southern portion, local showers in northern portion, winds becoming variable, slight fall in tem-For central and eastern Dakota: Slightly

Another Prohibition Martyr. GALVESTON, August 9.-Alexander Walker, the colored prohibitionist speaker, who was badly beaten and mangled, after he had made a speech at Prairie Grove, near Web-berville, in this county, last week, died Sun-day from the effects of his injuries.

warmer, fair weather, variable winds,

The Yacht Race. MARBLEHEAD, Mass., August 2.—The Volunteer crossed the line at 7:45 a. m., and s now rounding Point Neck at 9:50. The Mayflower passed Half-Way Rock a full mile ahead of Priscilla and Bedouin. The Mayflower crossed the line three hours and a half behind the Volunteer.

## THE OMAHA TROTTING MEET,

The Great Trials of Speed Which Begin To-Day at the Fair Grounds.

A THREE DAYS' PROGRAMME.

Omaha Drops Another Game to Topeka-Lincoln Again Downs Wichits-Other Sport-

ing Events.

The Races. Everything is in tine shape for the opening of the races at the fair grounds, which will be called at one o'clock sharp this afternoon. These races are made under the auspices of the Nebraska association of trotting horse breeders, and are expected to be the most interesting that were every held in the state, as there is a long list of nomi-nations, embracing the very best stock in Nebraska, and everything has been perfected

nations, embracing the very best stock in Nebraska, and everything has been perfected in a way that assures the fullest success. The track has been sprinkled every night for a week past and this morning was found to be in an exceptionally fine condition, of a hard, springy resistence well calculated for bringing out the horses best speed.

In the 2:38 stallion trot this afternoon Persuader, Le Count, Counsellor and McFarland are down for starters, and owing to the evenness of the match the struggle is expected to be one of an extraordinarily thrilling character, and no man can safely pick the winner. It is one of those races where "tips" don't count. In fact, a "tip" on a stake race is an anomaly, as they are always on the dead square.

The three-year-old trot, too, will be a good one, as the horses are very evenly matched, and eight are sure to go.

The first race will be the two-year-old, with ten starters, as follows:
Romeo, M. T. Patrick, Omaha.
Omega, I. M. Starbuck, McCook.
Orphan Maid, I. F. Carding, Ulysses.
Belleflower, J. G. Smith & Son, Fremont.
Trenton, E. Pyle, Humboldt.
Joe Dandy, A. Thompson, Omaha.
Walter N. D. C. Langford, Tekama.
Lucky Phillips, Frank S. Gay, Fullerton.
Challid, George H. Bailey, Fairbury.
The races to-morrow will be even more attractive still, the programme showing four fine events, as follows:

STAKE NO. 3, FOUR-YEAR-OLDS.
Plutus, James G. Ladd, Filley.

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STAKE NO. 3, FOUR-YEAR-OLDS,
Plutus, James G. Ladd, Filley,
Coppermont, M. Lovitt, Guide Rock,
I. Jay S., I. J. Starbuck, McCook,
Tramp S., same,
Nettie Zulu, P. McElvoy, Elkhorn,
STAKE NO. 4, FIVE-YEAR-OLDS,
Ted McMahon, D. D. Johnson, Minneatre,
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STAKE NO. 5, PACING MARIES.
Annie J., D. D. Johnson, Minneatre. Pet Logan, D. T. Hill, Syracuse,
STAKE NO. 7, FOR STALLIONS,
Ethan Allen, A. Thompson, Omaha.
Cyclone, J. M. Millhoiland, Steele City.
Victor Sprague, F. B. Wood, Omaha.
The pacing race, although there will be but two starters, Annie J. and Pet Logan, will be one of the most exhilarating features of the whole meet, the horses being a dead match, and a rivalry existing between the owners, will cause them to push them for all they are worth.

they are worth.

The management have prepared for a large attendance, and the information is that there will be present an exceedingly large number of horse breeders and turf lovers from abroad, as splendid railroad facilities for getting here have been provided for. Executive Arrangements.

Breeders' association met last evening at the Merchants' hotel. All the members of the committee, twenty in number, were pres-Forty applications for membership were favorably received. Arrangements were made to hold the sale of the fifty fine blooded animals at 9 a. m. each morning of

the races, beginning to-day.

Next followed a general review of the races and the entries as above made. Horse Notes.

Dr. Wade Carey, of Council Bluffs, will start the races. W. S. Barstow, of Crete, and Henry Frey, of York, are the associate judges. Dick Wilde's horse have shown such good work these mornings that they promise to be favorites in the classes for which they are

Tom Gray has several of his own and Jimmy McMichaels' horses in fine form on the track. A favorite mare just purchased by the said parties promises to make things It is understood that Counsellor, Tramp and Persuader, of the 2:38 race, are pretty evenly matched. It is thought that the

winner in this race will have to make the I. A. Hart, of Tecumseh, arrived yesterday with his favorite stallion, Tom Mc-Mahon, who will enter the 2:38 class. He has six horses that he intends to bring to Wednesday's meeting, including the colt,

Jorenzo. Watson, the horseshoer on Harney street, has had to have an extra force of men at work during the present week to attend to the crack steppers that have arrived here. A branch shop will probably be established by him on the grounds during the meetings. Ed Pyle, the old favorite Omahan, is in town. He comes with some good horses. It will be remembered that just one year aco yesterday Mr. Pyle lost \$10,000 worth of blooded stock at the driving park when the stables were struck by lightning and burned. McFarland, one of the horses saved, will trot during the present meeting. Mr. Pyla has some sixty thoroughbreds on his ranch near Humboldt, Neb. that he thinks will add to the speed record

some day. Monmouth Park Races. NEW YORK, August 9.—The weather at Monmouth park was fine, the attendance large and the track somewhat dry and lumpy. The following is the summary:

Three-quarters mile: Eolian won, Brait second, Florence third. Time-1:15. second, Florence third. Time—1:15.
For two-year-olds, three-quarters mile:
Sir Dixon won, Austrienne second, Fordham third, Time—1:16.
One mile: The Bard won, Precosia second, Climax third. Time—1:43%.
One and one-eighth miles; Beloiders
won, Pontico second, Evans third. Time—
1:57%. One and three-sixteenth miles: Gonfallon won, The Bourbon second, Enigma third. Handicap, Hurdle, one and three-quarter miles: Sam Emery won, Mentmore second, Jim McGowan third. Time—3:26.

The Races at Ottawa. OTTAWA, Ills., August 9.-This was the opening day of the Ottawa races at the new driving park. The attendance was good, and the track fast.

Three-year-old stake: Sally Cassack first, March distanced. Best time—2:34. Three minutes: Willie D first, Ottawa Maid second, Typon third, Ego fourth. Best Maid second, 17 plus time—2:3634. 2:25 pace: Nellie B first, Virginia second, Fawnfoot third, J. C. fourth. Best time—

2:21%.

Racing at Saratoga. SARATOGA, N. Y., August 9. - The weather was fine, the track in good condition and the attendance the largest of the season. The following is the summary: One mile: O. Bowies' chestnut gelding won, J. J. Healy second. Time—1:97.

Five furlongs: Emperor of Norfork won, Satan second, King Fish third. Time—

Sain second, Ring
1:03)6.
Mile and a quarter: Wary won, Elkwood
second, Banbury third. Time—2:11.
Three-quarters mile: Ben Thompson won,
Lellex second, Colowens third, Time—1:16.
Two and three-quarters miles: Wheatley
won, Tennessee second, Referee third.
Time—4:27.

The Races at Rochester. ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 9,-The circuit race opened here to day with over 2,000 persous in attendance. The track was in good