## DEATH OF THOMAS MORTON

The Pioneer Publisher of the State Passes at Nebraska City.

A SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Elmer E. Thompson Dies At Fullerton From the Effects of His Injurics-Mrs. General Kautz' Condition-State News.

A Pioneer Gone.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 10.— |Special Telegram to the BEE.|—Thomas Morton, the pioneer publisher of the state and owner of the News of this city, died this evening at 8 o'clock after confinement to his bed for many months. He has been ailing for over four years. SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Thomas Morton was born in England. March, 17, 1829, and came to America with his parents when an infant. They first located at Columbus, O., in 1830, where he lived until 1844, when he went to Louisville, Ky., and learned the printer's trade in the Democrat office, working there until 1849. From there he went to California and stayed until 1853, engaging in mining. He returned to Columbus and staved a few months, then going to Louislans, where he remained until 1854. He then returned to Ohio, and in July came out to St. Mary's, Iowa, where he worked on the St. Mary's Gazette until November, 1854, and then moved to Bellevue, Neb., where he took charge of the mechanical department of the Nebraska Palladium, setting the first column of reading matter ever set in the then territory of Nebraska, (November 14, 1854). He remained at Bellevue until March, 1855, when he went to Nebraska City and had charge of the Nebraska City News for a year, when he and Hon. J. Sterling Morton purchased it. He did the early territorial printing and was one of the judges of the first election held at Bellevue. He was married in Cincinnati, O. October 31 1859, to Caroline Woodruff, a native of New Jersey. They have three children, Jean, Otoe and Elizabeth. Mr. Morton was treasurer of the Old Settlers' association of Otoe county, and at the time of his death was postmaster of Nebraska City, having been appointed to that position by President

Killed by Lightning. GORDON, Neb., August 10 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-During an electrical storm last evening a farmer named Wesley Hibbs, while engaged around a threshing machine, ten miles northwest of Gordon was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Several others were shocked, but will recover. Hibbs came here from lowa only three months since. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Last Thursday, fourteen miles north of here, on the reservation, a half-breed named Pike Garquiz, together with a horse, was struck by lightning and killed.

Condition of Mrs. Kautz. FORT NIOBRARA, Neb. (via Valentine), Aug. 10 .- | Special to the BEE. ] -- The Valentine dispatch in yesterday's BEE is not true Mrs. Kautz, thanks to Dr. Wilcox, is doing as well as possible and the officers of the post do not blame Lieutenant Hutcheson.

August V. Kautz,

Byt. Maj-Gen.

Saunders County Prohibitionists. 00, Neb., August 10.— Special to the BRE. |-The prohibitionists of baunders county held their county convention here yesterday and nominated a full county ticket There was a large attendance and their actions were characterized by harmony and showed that they were a well organized body. In the evening State Organizer Hawley and Wolfenbarger, of the New Republic, addressed a mass meeting in the open air and arraigned the old parties in the most apand arraigned the old parties in the most approved prohibition style. They are organizing prohibition ciubs in every precinct in the county, and it is believed that they will polia heavier vote this fall than ever before. They assert that they will carry enough votes this fall to defeat the republicans and elect the democrats! The candidates nominated are: For county treasurer, J. L. Magee, of Valparaiso; county clerk, S. M. Hill, of Wahoo; register of deeds, D. S. Ethel; county judge, Truman Knowles, of Ceresco; clerk of district court, J. V. Smith, of Wahoo; county superintendent, J. A.

of Wahoo; county superintendent, J. A. Smith, of Wahoo; county superintendent, J. A. Smith, or Wahoo; sheriff, A. Reasoner; commissioner, S. P. Moyer; coroner, Dr. Mallory, of Cedar Bluffs. Dawes County Crops. CHADRON Neb., August 10 .- | Special to the BEE.]-All crops are better than last year. Harvest is slow, but the small grain yield will be far superior to that of last.

greatest improvement is in corn, which will average 50 per cent over last year's crop. The average is three times that of last year. Oats are the lightest of all small grain crops. Died From His Wounds. FULLERTON. Neb., August 10.- [Special to the BEE. |-Elmer E. Thompson, the young ranchman who was recently wounded by the accidental discharge of his gun, died at 8 a.

m. to-day of hemorrhage. Thompson was a young man of brilliant prospects, owner of an extensive ranch, and was married but a few months ago to Adele Picot, of St. Louis. His wife was a constant attendant at his bedside, and everything that human skill could conceive was done to aid in his recovery, but all without avail. Thompson was about twenty-five years of age. The remains will be taken to Maryville, Mo., for burial.

IRON AND STEEL

Remarkable Increase in Imports the Past Year.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10.—The builetin of the American Iron and Steel association in commenting on the statement of imports and exports of the United States for the fiscal year 1887, ended on the 30th of June, says: "The figures relating to our imports of iron and steel have never been exceeded in magnitude except in the fiscal year 1880. The total imports in 1887 were nearly 100,000 tons greater than in 1885 and 1886 united. In 1887, we imported 1,524,604 gross tons, against 1,445,941 tons in 1885-86. Our imports of iron ore in 1887 were also larger than in both 1885 and 1886, amounting in 1887 to 1,141,774 gross tons, against 1,127,113 tons in 1885 and 1886. The foreign value of the above imports in the fiscal year 1887, amounted to \$42,251,585, but to this foreign cost must be added the cost of freight and insurance, duties and brokers' profits, making a probable addition of 50 per cent to the above figures, making a total of about \$63,000,000, as the actual cost to our people of one year's imports of iron and sieel. It must be noted that the figures we give do not include the imports of machinery, fire arms and other tons greater than in 1885 and imports of machinery, fire arms and other manufactures of iron and steel, the value of which, if given, would very considerably in-crease our last year's contribution to the iron and steel manufacturers of Great Britain and the continent."

The Stamese Princes. NEW YORK, August 10.-Prince De Vawongse and the four little Siamese princes, with their suite, left the city this morning on the Albany day-line boat. From Albany they will go to Niagara Falls, and thence across the continent to San Francisco, stopping at some of the principal cities en route. At San Francisco the party separates, Prince De Vawongse with the four little princes going to Siaus, and the Siamese minister and his suite returning to London to reside. FOOLISH FELLOWS.

A Tory Lord Made But a Commones Lost.

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LONDON, August 10.—[New York Herald
Cable—Special to the BEE.]—The radicals
have to-day a loathsome political scandal in
their mouths. Two months ago Edward Fellowes, a wealthy, aged and indeed dying man, was made a jubilee peer. It was alleged with good reason that the absurdity of placing in the house of lords a dying man was simply a cover for his son, an M. P. for Huntingdonshire, who had married Lord Randolph Churchill's sister. It would, of course, never have done to raise this young M. P. to the lords. The government, in adding one more tory to the upper house, will now undoubtedly lose another member of parliament, because the tory majority at the latest election in the now vacant division was only 365. The new Lord Ramsey's brother is to be the tory candidate, and the scandal will taint him. Spalding, where the Gladstonians lately made such a large gain and won a great victory in a bye election, is a neighboring division to the one now vacant. The Gladstone candidate has run before in the latter division and is popular.

Buffalo Bill Will Not Move Yet. [Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, August 10 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. |-Hearing that a dispatch had been sent to New York asserting that Colonel Cody was about to remove the Wild West exhibition from its present grounds, I interviewed that gentleman, who denied the statement, but both himself and Nate Salisbury expressed themselves desirous that the BEE should state that they would gladly sever connection with Mr. Whittey if their contract did not bind them. Said Colonel Cody: "The Wild West constitutes the whole American exhibition. There is really nothing else to exhibit but that."

Created a Sensation in Paris. [Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] PARIS, August 10.-[New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE|-Leilliere's diary, accounting his extraordinary experiences in Dr. Tairet's mad-house, has been cabled to Paris verbatim and reprinted in Galignant's Messenger, the national Paris Temps, the Sou, and nineteen other papers, causing a sensation, A rigid investigation into the inside history of all Paris mad-houses will be commenced.

The Belgian Fires. [Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] BRUSSELS, August 10.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. |-Some rain having fallen to-day, and the military reinforcements having been dispatched to the scene, the forest fires are checked in progress to-night on the Belgian sides and hopes are entertained of subduing them. Across the German frontier, however, the conflagration is still extending alarmingly northward. Crowds of sight-seers from all parts of Belgium are gathering.

Threaten to Mutilate the Bill. LONDON, August 10,-A number of the tory peers threaten to reject the amendments to the land bill introduced in the commons, especially the clause providing for the revision of judicial rents. They have also warned the government not to attempt to deal with the question of arrears. The at-titude of these lords has paralyzed the cabi-fict's action in further amending the land bill to satisfy Parnellites.

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The Gladstonian usings have sent notice to members in the country to be ready to return if the peers mutilate the bill and the Parnellites have been ordered to remuster in full force. Lord Salisbury and all the ministerialists are exerting the utmost pressure to suppress the revolt of the peers.

Will Proclaim the League. LONDON, August 10 .- The lord mayor's annual banquet to the ministers was given at the Mansion house this evening. Premier Salisbury, in a speech, said that the government had done everything to give effect to the country's mandate to preserve the unity of the empire. Extra powers had been placed at the government's command and the country had a right to complain if these powers were not used discreetly but firmly. This is believed to signify that the government will proclaim the Irish National league.

The Crown Prince's Throat. LONDON, August 10 .- The German crown prince arrived in Edinburgh to-day and spent the day in sight-seeing. Before the prince left London, Dr. MacKenzie per-formed another operation upon his throat. Electricity was applied to the larynx, and the last traces of excrescence in the throat were successfully removed.

Royalty Charged With Shoplifting. Paris, August 10.—The Russian Princes Vranzenski, and her companion, Mile. Fonune, have been tried before a police tribunal for stealing from shops in the Louvre. The princess was discharged, but Mile. Fonune was found guilty and sentenced to one month in prison.

Cholera Ravages. LONDON, August 10 .- Twelve new cases of cholera and twelve deaths were reported at Maita during the past twenty-four hours.

THE CABLE WAR.

A Still Greater Cut Threatened By the Commercial. NEW YORK, August 10 .- Victor De Clastro, vice president of the Commercial Cable company, said to-day to a reporter that his company had decided to wait two weeks longer for other companies to act regarding the pool. If at the end of that period, or say by the close of the month, opposition lines fail to restore cable rates to 40 cents, then the Commercial Cable company will drop to 12 cents per word. This action may cause cents per word. This action may cause others to reduce to 6 cents, and in such event the cable war will become very disastrous. Eckert, Chandler and Barlow, the committee which has been at work calculating on the division of the pool receipts, have also struck an obstacle. It is openly asserted that nothing can be done with the Baltimore & Ohlo, and that the negotiations just as they seemed about to be closed are liable to be declared off. The Postal people blame Garrett for cutting rates and say that the only thing left for them to do is to join with the Western Union and give him all the cut rates he wants.

The Union Labor Party. ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 10 .- The united

labor party convention in this city was called to order at two this afternoon and is attended by delegates from various parts of the state.
The majority of delegates are Knights of
Labor. The object of the convention is to
secure the union all labor organizations in

when the convention was called to order the platform of the Cincinnati convention was read and referred to the committee on resolutions to be appointed. A recess was taken to name the members of the committees.

Scientists in Session NEW YORK, August 10 .- The thirty-sixth meeting of the American association for the advancement of science began this morning in Columbia college. The opening session was held in the great hall of the library and the various class rooms are used as lecture

Steamship Arrivals. QUEENSTOWN, August 10. - | Special Telegram to the BEE. | -- Arrived -- The Italy, from

New York.
SOUTHAMPTON, August 10.—Arrived—The Valentine, from Philadelphia for Antwerp.

DESTRUCTION BY FLAMES:

Forest Fires Temporarily Checked in Wisconsin and Michigan.

OTHER FIRES AND FATALITIES.

Three Persons Killed by a Crumbling Peanut Stand in St. Louis Two People Killed at a Brooklyn, lows, Fire.

Forest Fires. Muskegon, Mich., August 10.—The mill fires in this city yesterday resulted in a loss of over 5,000,000 feet of lumber owned by Stimson & Fay, Mann & Co., Meckley & Co., and others. The losses aggregrate nearly \$120,000, on which there is fair insurance. BELLEVILLE, Mich., August 10 .- Forest fires are raging two miles south of here and many acres of timber have already been destroyed. DETROIT, August 10,-A gentleman who

travelled through the burning "thumb" of the lower peninsula says meadow and bush fires are everywhere. Acres of cut grain and miles of fencing have been destroyed. Several barns and a number of cattle are reported burned in the interior, but definite news has not yet been received. Farmers are suffering greatly. At the straits of Mackinaw the smoke is so dense that much trouble is experienced by vessel men in mak-ing the passage. In many parts of the state area small and scattered, but the total

ing the passage. In many parts of the state ires are small and scattered, but the total loss will be heavy.

MILWAUKEE. August 10,—Last night's storm was pretty general throughout the northwest, according to reports received at the railway offices and government signal stations. At Milwaukee, Green Bay and St. Paul a quarter inch of rain fell. At Puluth and La Crosse only a slight trace of rain was reported. Rain was reported this morning from the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. The long drought in this state may be considered broken.

Reports from lumber districts where forest fires were raging are to the effect that the rain has checked the progress of the fires and given relief for the time being.

The Evening Wisconsin's specials from the interior of the state indicate that the wind storm which accompanied the rain was very violent and that much damage has resulted in consequence. In the vicinity of Waupun haystacks and barns were levelled on all sides and a number of buildings completely destroyed. Frank Johnson, a farmer living two miles south of Waupun, was buried under the debris of his barn and killed. At Portage a number of buildings on the fair grounds were demolished and the corn crop in that section almost ruined. A number of bridges in Fon du Lac county were swept away. At Hericon a number of buildings were unroofed. A regular panie ensued on the Hericon marsh, which was filled with haymakers when the storm struck, and tents, wagons, haystacks, etc., were sent flying in every direction. One report says and tents, wagons, haystacks, etc., were sent flying in every direction. One report says six men were killed. Ignatius Jantz, a farmer, was killed by lightning near Ripon. Apple and other trees in the path of the storm were stripped of their fruit. The rain has swelled streams in Eau Claire county.

A Fatal Fire.

Sr. Louis, August 10 .- At a fire which occurred this morning at 9 o'clock, three firemen were killed and four badly hurt. The walls of Bishop & Spear's peanut warehouse feil at 9 o'clock and carried with them a portion of J. Alkier & Co's wholesale grocery house adjoining. In the ruins were buried a number of firemen, two of whom were taken out dead. Another is buried beneath the debris and beyond all probability dead. A spectator is dying at the city hospital and several firemen at their homes or engine houses suffering from severe injuries. A number of firemen were engaged in raising ladders to get water on smouldering peanuts when all at once the east and west walls of Bishop & Spears' building wavered, crashed, followed by several other walls. As the middle and north walls came down, the front of the peanut warehouse fell eut, and the extra pressure from the sidewalks forced the debris out into the street. There was a great cloud of dust and smoke from the burning peanuts. When the first shock was over it was found that Barney McKernan, Frank McDonald and Chris Hoell were killed, James O'Brien fatally injured and two or three others not so seriously hurt. city hospital and several firemen

Destructive Fire in Chicago. CHICAGO, August 10.—The prairie fire which broke out this evening in the vicinity of Eighty-ninth and Halsted streets resulted in the total destruction of the Weber wagon werks at the corner of Eighty-first and Wallace streets, the Auburn school build-

lace streets, the Auburn school building, and several dwellings near by. The total loss aggregates \$165,000, with about \$75,000 on the wagon works. The prairie fire which started early in the afternoon west of the stock yards burned over a district three-quarters of a mile wide and a mile long, but were subdued by the Lake fire department before any buildings were reached. Just as the firemen were preparing to leave there after a long battle in the terrific heat and dense smoke, the fire started at Eighty-ninth street and soon after communicated to the blacksmith shop of the Weber works. The employes endeavored to check it, but the wind carried the flames to the main building, and when the firemen arrived it was a raging furnace. They had hard work to stop the progress of the flames when they did. Fatal Fire at Brooklyn, Iowa. DES MOINES, la., August 10,-|Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The little city of

Brooklyn, east on the Rock Island, which was so badly burned a year ago, was visited by another severe fire this afternoon, burnoy another severe fire this atternoon, burning a large amount of property, killing one
man and fatally injuring another. King's
new opera house was burned; loss, \$40,000;
no insurance. Stober's harness shop and
building; loss, \$4,000; covered by insurance.
Gwin's office, W. T. Sharp's implement
house, and Roland's barber shop, damaged
to the amount of \$3,000. W. M. Crawford
was killed by a falling building and Warren
Martin was run over by a fire engine and fatally injured. tally injured.

A Blaze at Bloomington. BLOOMINGTON, Neb., August 10 .- The fire vesterday morning destroyed property valued yesterday horning destroyed property valued at \$25,000, with light insurance. The fire started in Summer & Pierson's drug store, which was totally consumed; also, A. K. Frigley's general store, I. A. Sheridan's hardware store, W. O. Robinson's office, in which was also located A. Patch's lewelry store, and Asa Blackledge's harness shop.

Swamp and Forests on Fire. KANKAKEE, Ill., August 10 .- The Kankakee swamp and surrounding forests are on fire and much farm property is being dam-

A Strange Case. CHICAGO, August 10,-Frank Fuller, son of O. F. Fuller, of the Fuller & Fuller Drug company, whose mysterious disappearance last Wednesday caused great anxiety to his

iast Wednesday caused great anxiety to his friends, returned to his father's residence this morning. Beyond the fact that he remembered enough of his identity to find his way home the young man seems to have lost knowledge of himself and his surroundings. It was only by apparent great effort that he recognized members of his father's family, hie can give no account of himself during the past week. The only other noticeable feature is his intense drowsiness. He is now sleeping in his room and physicians believe he will have regained his normal condition when he awakes. The cause seems to be sunstroke received several weeks ago.

Cholera Victims. ROME, August 10 .- The receiver of registers at Aderno and his family have fallen victims to their devotion to choiera patients. Of the whole family only a little child survives.

"THE BROTHERHOOD." A Rival Secret Organization of the Knights of Labor.

OMAHA. THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11: 1887.

Boston, August 10.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A new secret organization of labor known as "The Brotherhood," and in many respects similar to the Knights of Labor, has been formed and has already grown to considerable proportions. The Brotherhood has been in existence now over a year. It was formed in May, 1886, and has gradually extended until it has established local counsels in many of the cities and towns of this and other New England states. towns of this and other New England states. Its organization is kept a profound secret, and when spoken of is never alluded to by its name. In consequence it is impossible to to say who are its officers, where its head-quarters are, or whether it has extended into the west and south. Last night it was ascertained that a local counsel of the Brotherhood was organized Monday evening in one of the western towns of Massachusetts, presumedly Pittsfield, with several heretofore prominent Knights of Labor as charter members. The principals of this new secret organization are contained in a printed circular. The circular begins with the announcement that the organization does not believe in strikes, but uses the ballot and co-operative institutions as weapons of warfate. Then follows a novel and striking demand for the abolition of all laws that tend to create aristocracy of office holders and a demand for the passage of laws compelling corporations to adopt such measures as will protect the lives and health of their employes. It would also provide for the enactment of laws compelling employers and employes to arbitrate all differences and to enforce the decision of the arbitrators. The last plank in the platform provides that the government shall obtain possession by purchase, under right of eminent domain, of all telegraphs, telephones and railroads, and hereafter the government shall issue no charter of license to any corporation for the construction or operation of any means of transporting intelligence, passengers or freight. Its organization is kept a profound secret,

THE DAYTON ROAD. The Work of Straightening Out the Difficulties Begun.
New York, August 10.—The directors' committee and creditors' committee held a joint meeting to-day at the office of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton rellroad for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the exact financial condition of the road. The committee also called upon Messrs, Stayner and Ives. The situation of affairs is said to be much complicated owing to the close relalations which this road had to the Vandalia line, composed of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis road and its branches, the financial transactions of which were carried on

apolls road and its branches, the financial transactions of which were carried on through the banking house of Ives & Co. Members of the committee to-day said that not less than two weeks would be required to straighten out the accounts of all their conflicting interests. The announcement that a block of stock belonging to Ives would be sold at auction drew a number of Wall street men to the real estate exchange to-day. The stocks represented a monetary value of \$533,000. The auctioneer was about offering them for sale when he was requested by a party interested to withdraw them, which was accordingly done. The reasons for the withdrawal were that Ives had made satisfactory arrangements with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton people.

The investigation by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton committees was continued to-day, but the work of tracing preferred stock was suspended and attention turned to the affairs of the Vandalla line. Counsel for the committee states that Ives is indebted to the road for a very large amount of money, but whether \$1,600,000 or not as the street has it, he declines to state. Negotiations are now going on for taring up all Ives' loans secured by Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton collateral, and one creditor—Irving A. Evans—has been paid \$286,000 and left at once for Saratoga. William Fellows, Morgan & Co., who carry the \$2,000,000 loan, were asked to compromise on their claim, but refused. The other creditors are now considering the offers made. It is expected that all Ives' claim will be read to its a superior to the transfer. other creditors are now considering the oners made. It is expected that all Ives' claim will be paid up in a few days, but the largest creditors insist on payment in full.

The English Turf.

London, August 10.-At the Redear meeting to-day the great national breeders' foal stakes for three-year-olds, one mile, straight, was won by R. Vyner's colt Gloriation, H. Smallwood's colt King Milan second, J. Hammond's colt Aintree third. At Kempton park the great international breeders' foal stakes, for three-year-olds, was won by J. H. Houldsworth's coit Cactus, Lord Hartington's coit Isosceles second, Baron de Rothschild's filly Simmons third. There were eight starters.

National Firemen's Association NEW YORK, August 10 .- At its convention to-day the order of American firemen adopted constitution providing for a national association, fraternal and social in its character, but not secret. Any white man, now an ac-tive fireman, or who has been honorably discharged from any fire department, is cligible to membership. The color line was drawn because of the prejudice of southern firemen, among whom it is desired to spread the or-ganization.

Tracts For Smoking Cars. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 10. - | Special Telegram to the BEE] .- W. F. Merrill, general manager of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad, has granted permission to the W. C. T. U. of the Fourth Missouri congressional district to put boxes containing temperance literature on all smoking cars on his road. This is the first railroad in the United States to grant this permis-

The Pacific investigation. SAN FRANCISCO, August 10.—Before Pacific investigation commission Lloyd Tevis, president of the Wells Fargo express, gave the terms of the contracts by which the Pacific express company went out of existence. The one-third of the Wells-Fargo stock mentioned yesterday went to Stan-ford, Bacon, Crocker, Hopkins, iluntington and himself. Since the consolidation the Wells-Fargo company had the exclusive ex-press business over the Central Pacific.

A Hemp Hurrah. CRESTON, Ia., August 10 .- The male residents of Decatur City are scouring the country for the beastly tramp who assaulted and outraged Miss Cooger, Monday morning. He was traced to the timber within two miles of Creston, but has managed, up to this time, to elude his pursuers. If he is caught it is certain that the formality of a trial will be dispensed with.

Sculling Stakes Up. NEW YORK, August 10.—The Turf, Field and Farm has received final deposits for the culling races between Bubear, champion of England, and Wallace Ross, at Saratoga on Friday, and between Turner and Hanlan at

Toronto on Saturday. Fire at Mt. Thomas. Sr. Thomas, Ont., August 10.-The mills of M. & J. Odenell, situated east of Brigden, were ignited by bush fires this morning, and the sheds, together with 2,000,000 feet of matched staves, were burned. Loss, \$150,-

Weather Indications. For Nebraska: Fair weather, northwest winds, becoming variable, stationary temperature, slightly cooler. For Iowa: Slightly cooler, fair weather, preceded in extreme southeast portion by local rains, variable winds, generally from porth to west

Socialistic Knights Win. CHICAGO, August 10.-District Assembly No. 24 Knights of Labor held a convention to-night to elect delegates to the Minneapolis convention. There was a strong contest be-tween the conservatives and socialists. Rob-ert Nelson, George Schilling, Charles Seib and Jack Mahoney were elected delegates.

DIDN'T MAKE GOOD THE LOSS.

Major Bash Suspended From the Army By the Secretary of War.

ORDERED TO RETURN HOME.

Account of the Robbery At Antelope Springs Which Caused the Removal-Other News From the National Capital.

Paymaster Bash Suspended. WASHINGTON, August 10 .- By direction of the secretary of war Major General Bash. paymaster of the United States army, is suspended from duty and is ordered to his home to await further orders. Major Bash is the officer who was robbed of \$7,300 at Antelope Springs, Wyo., March 18, by Charley Parker. a cowboy. It is understood that Paymaster Bash is relieved from duty until the amount is made good to the government, this being the custom in the army in such cases.

is made good to the government, this being the custom in the army in such cases.

[The particulars of the robbery which caused Major Bash's suspension are as follows: Major Bash's suspension are as follows: Major Bash was en route for Fort McKinney to pay off the troops there and stopped at Antelope Springs to eat dinnet, leaving his valise containing the money in the coach, which stood a few steps from the building and in plain view of the major and his escort as they sat at the table, During the progress of the meal a stranger who had arrived at the station that morning and was present when the stage came in, ran to the vehicle and seized the valise, jumped on a horse standing near ard was off like the wind. The paymaster's party sprang for their guns and ran out, firing several shots at the flying desperado without effect. Mounting the stage horses they followed the fugitive, who turned in his saddle and fired several shots, which were returned by his pursuers with interest. The robber's horse, however, was far superior to those on which the paymaster's party was mounted and he was soon lost to sight. Following his trail the valise was found, from which the robber had removed the money, also a pair of pants minus one leg, evidently utilized by the fugitive as a sack in which to carry his cash. The thief was a cowboy named Charles Parker, who has been on a ranche on the Cheyenne river. The money taken amounted to \$7,500, \$250 in silver, the balance in bills. Major Bash offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the robber or the return of the money, but so far Parker has remained at liberty. A court martial was held, and Major Bash's escort, composed of a sergeant and one private, were dismissed from the service, and the major ordered to make good the amount of money stolen.] amount of money stolen.

Pensions Granted Westerners. WASHINGTON, August 10 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The following Nebraska pensions have been granted: L. V. Humphrey, Atkinson; S. L. Leaming, Decatur; J. S. Ingraham, Nea; H. P. Williams, Omaha: George Furlong, Trenton.

Iowa pensions: Wesley Dern, Sigourney; Iowa pensions: Wesley Dern, Sigourney; Charles Sodahunter, Palmyra; John Fry, Monticello; Adam Wassem, Fort Dodge; Rodney S. Brown, Creston, Increase: John L. Williams, Hawarden: Edwin R. Wood, Sanborn; Henry M. Waldsmith, Sanborn; Warren Wait, Fulton; J. A. Wiegins, Stanhope; E. F. Sheldon, Tipton, Reissue and Increase: Adam Bisbee, Osage; John Gesford, Des Moines, Restoration and increase: Eli Ballat, Montrose.

River and Harbor Recommendations. WASHINGTON, August 10 .- Captain W. T. Marshall, United States engineer, recom mends the appropriation of \$35,000 for next year's expenditure upon improvements in the harbor of Waukegan, Ill.; \$20,000 for Kenosha harbor, Wis.; \$10,000 for Racine, Wis., harbor, \$32,000 for Milwaukee; \$200,000 for the harbor of refuge at Milwaukee bay, and Wisconsin rivers, Wisconsin.

The Horse Voucher Disallowed. WASHINGTON, August 10.-Second Comp. troller Butler has disallowed the voucher for \$850 in the account of Lieutenant Colonel Batchelder, of the quartermaster general's department. It is the amount paid for two horses purchased from Hon. Robert T. Lincoln for the use of the quartermaster's de-partment. The horses were appraised by a board of officers and they were purchased by Colonel Batchelder by a direct order from the quartermaster general. Colonel Batchel-der pleads this order in defense of his action.

Two Convicts Pardoned. WASHINGTON, August 10.-The president o-day acted on applications for pardons in three cases. William Sweeny, convicted in February, 1883, for robbery and sentenced to five years in the Albany penitentiary, was pardoned on account of his good war record, his first crime and the fact that he was the support of an aged mother. Leonard Smiley, counterfeiter, sentenced in 1883 to five years in the Detroit house of correction, was pardoned on account of the convict dying from consumption. Application was denied in the case of Oscar J. Bosey, sentenced for stealing money order funds in Texas.

Bonds Offered. WASHINGTON, August 10 .- Four and a half

per cent bonds to the amount of \$5,462,000 were offered at the treasury department to-day at prices ranging from 110 to 112.

The secretary this afternoon accepted the offer of the Suffolk Savings bank of Boston, \$260,000 registered, at \$110 flat. All other proposals were rejected as the rates were not considered favorable. Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, August 10,-- Special Telegram to the BEE. ]—The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: Henry W. Abbey, Knox, Fremont county, vice J. B. Knox, resigned, Ida T. Jeffers, Valley View.

Harrison county, vice Willars H. Griffin, resigned. The post office at Cedar, Wood-bridge county, Iowa, was discontinued to-day. Free Delivery. WASHINGTON, August 10.-The free deivery system has been ordered to be es-

tablished at Janesville, Wis., the service to commence October 1. Cleveland Will Visit Memphis. WASHINGTON, August 10.—The president to-day assured Senator Harris he would visit

Memphis, Tenn., during his western and southern trip this fall. Prepayment of Interest. WASHINGTON, Au b st 10.—The treasury department to-day received applications for the prepayment of interest on bonds amounting lo \$3,310,550, making a total to

At the White House. WASHINGTON, August 10 .- The president spent the day at the white house,

Trotting at Rochester. ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 10 .- The atendance at the driving park to-day was 4,000. The 2:21 class, unfinished from yester-day, was won by Charlie Hogan, Loretta F. second, Skylight Pilot third, others distanced. Time—2:19.

2:27 class: Annie King first, Belle Ogle second, Faro third, Lucelle's Baby fourth. Time—2:2334. Time\_2:2334.
2:23 class: Favornia first, Astral second,
Garnet third, Alroy fourth. Time\_2:204.
2:18 pacing: Only one heat was rup, which
Argyle won. Time\_2:1634.

John Brennan for Chairman DES MOINES, Ia., August 10.—[Special Telegram to the BEE. |- The republican state central committee announce the selection of Hon. John Brennan, the eloquent Irish ora-tor of Sioux City, to be temporary chairman of the republican state convention, which masts in this city August 24 meets in this city August 24.

Died of His Injuries. New London, Conn., Augus3 10.-E. C. Whittlesey, business manager of the Day, who was shot down in his office by Frederick A. S. Perry, the crank, died this afternoon. NEGRO RIGHTS.

They are Vigorously Discussed by the Colored Press Association.
Louisville, August 10.—The National

Colored Press association closed its work today. The discussions of the day brought about a division as to which party the colored people should support and an animated debate ensued. Among other speakers Alexander Clark, of Chicago, said the negro who deserts the republican party is a traitor to the living and the dead. D. A. Ruad said on the contrary the negro owed no allegiance to any party, for every service the republicans had done them they had done

allegiance to any party, for every service the republicans had done them they had done the republicans two in return. Professor P. H. Murray, of St. Louis, severely criticised a St. Louis paper which advocated the unloading of the colored men into the democratic party. He was tired of the negro being a bone of contention between the two parties and this should be read out of politics as an issue.

A resolution endorsing the Blair bill and one extending sympathy and greeting to Ireland were endorsed. The report of the committee on resolutions demands equal and and common privileges for all nationalities in place of public instruction, indiscriminate rights on common carriers and in places of public accommodation and entertainments and denounces the acts of the legislatures of Indiana, Virginia, Tennessee and other states making inter-marriages of colored race with other nationalities, a penal offense, especially whilst crimes committed by white men against colored women are overlooked. The bill recently passed by the Georgia legislature making it a felony for any person to teach a colored child in a white school or vice versa was vigorously denounced. The fourth resolution says that "while organization is the way to utilize strength, we deem it impracticable to attempt national organization of colored people to work politically, but rather favor the commencement of local organizations adapted to the peculiar circumstances of places and people. The establishment of a national bureau of information was recommended, "to ascertain the extent and nature of lawless and mob violence against colored men and adopt means for the betterment of the present unfortunate state of affairs."

NEWS FROM HONOLULU.

The New Party Preparing For the Coming Election.
SAN FRANCISCO, August 10.—The steamship Australia arrived from Honolulu this morning bringing advices from that kingdom down to August 2. No disturbances of any character are reported. The new min-

istry is in complete control and the chief in-

terest centers in the first election under the constitution. The new constitution party has already held a number of caucuses and has already held a number of caucuses and placed in nomination caudidates for the nobles and representatives. Of the nominations thus far made all are men of property or old residents of the island, and generally of American birth or parentage. The king's chamberlain has issued a public notice that after August 1, no debts on account of his majesty King Kalakaua and the royal household will be recognized unless authorized in writing by the chamberlain. Just prior to the sailing of the steamer F. H. Haysclean, son-in-law of ex-Premier Gibson, was arrested on the charge of forgery. The precise nature of the charge against him is not known.

GRAVEYARD DESECRATION. Workmen Dig a Trench Through a

Cemetery in Boston. Boston, August 10.—The Evening Record publishes an article charging that horrible desecration of the graves of the dead in the heart of the city of Boston has been going on for nearly a week. A week ago an electric light company began to dig a trench along Boylston street for the purpose of laying their wires. As the workmen ascended the hill they encountered the tops of graves and vaults which extend from the burial ground on the common under and into Boylston street. The roofs of graves were broken in and their contents thrown out on the side of the street with earth, brick and stones. "Scattered all along the side of the trench," says the Record, "may be seen leg, thigh and arm bones, ribs portions of skulls and other parts of human skeletors. Some of these bones of human skeletons. Some of these bones have been hung upon the fence of the com-mon where they are the subjects of scurrilous jests and are pointed out to the passers-by. Workmen have been selling skulis to whoever wished to purchase.

WILSON CREEK ANNIVERSARY.

Iowa Veterans Commemorate the Event at Muscatine. MUSCATINE, Ia., August 10 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-This is the twenty-sixth anniversary of the battle of Wilson Creek, Mo., and in commemoration of the event the survivors of the First infantry of Iowa are holding their fourth annual reunion at this place. Several hundred veterans are present and a campfire, banquet and oration are among the features of the day. This forenoon Colonel Merritt, postmaster of Des Moines, responded to Mayor Gobble's address Moines, responded to Mayor Gobble's address of welcome, and this afternoon a banquet was given at the Commercial hotel, toasts being arranged as follows: "General Lyons and the First Iowa," General George A. Stone, of Mount Pleasant; "Muscatine County in the War,"Governorex-Kirkwood; "The Memory of Our Departed Comrades," Theodore Guelch, of Burlington; "The Ladles," John H. Stibbs; "The Iowa Cavalryman," Rev. W. G. Wilson.

Brighton Beach Races. NEW YORK, August 10.—The weather at Brighton Beech to-day was pleasant, the track good and the attendance fair. Following is the summary:

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Three-year-olds, five-eighths mile: Dongar won, Young Duke second, Breakdown third. Time—1:04%.
Three-year-olds, five-eighths mile: Georgie C. won, Bonnie Steel second, Kingbird third. Time—1:05%.
Three-quarters mile: Elsie B. Won, Goldstar second, Belleview third, Time—1:18.
One mile: Leonard won, Jim Clare second, Anarchy third. Time—1:43%.
One and one-eighth mile: Adrian won, Willie Palmer second, Neptunus third. Time—1:57%.

One and one-sixteenth mile: Florence M. won, Pink Cottage second, Tolu third. Time -1:49%.

St. Joseph, Mo., August 10 .- | Special Tele

Killed By the Cars.

gram to the BEE. |-This morning a fatal railway accident occurred on the St. Joseph & Grand Island road a short distance from the city, as a result of which Mat Anderson. a farmer, will die. At the place named there is a big cut, and just at the entrance to it a crossing. Anderson was walking along the road on his way home and had a jug of molasses over one shoulder and a gig or mo-lasses over one shoulder and a sack filled with groceries over the other. He did not see or hear the train and was struck and thrown several yards to one side half way down the embankment. His injuries are such that he cannot recover. No blame is attached to the railroad company or employes.

Patriarche Militants.

St. Joseph, Mo., August 10.— Special Telegram to the Bee. |- Colonel E. Wilkinson, of St. Louis, was to-day elected brigadier general commander of the grand department of the Mississippi Patriarchs militants. Colonel H. W. Pond, of Fort Scott, was the opposing candidate. The votes were canvassed in this city to-day by R. M. Aber cromble, assistant adjutant general of the department. The grand department of the Mississippi includes the states of Missouri, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

To Join Mrs. Cleveland. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., August 16 .- It is positively stated that the president will join Mrs. Cleveland at Marion during the last few days of her stay.

## THE AUGUST CROP REPORTS.

The Drought Ravaging Corn and Hay Fields and Potato Patches.

CUTTING DOWN THE AVERAGES

Despairing News of the Terrible Heaf and Drought From the Immense Sections Suffering From the Lack of Rain

The Coming Harvest.

WASHINGTON, August 10.—The prospect month ago was for a heavy crop of corn, and the rate of yield about the average. Its condition in all states of the Atlantic coast is now unimpaired and of very high promise. In Texas and Tennessee the condition de clined materially. In the central corn region however, in the valleys of the Ohio and Missouri, where two-thirds of the crop is grows souri, where two-thirds of the crop is grown and the commercial supply is procured, a very heavy reduction has taken place, which has made the national average 80.7, instead of 97.7 last month. The cause is long continued drought, which has been the severest in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, Nebraska has been scorched on the southern border, and Iowa and Missouri have escaped with comparatively slight loss. The corn surplus stands as follows: Ohio, 82; Indiana, 64; Illinois, 65; Iowa, 90; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 60; Nebraska, 75. The condition of spring wheat, reported very low last month from the ravages of the chinch bugs, is not improved in the August returns, but has fallen off very slightly, the general average being 78.8, two points less than August returns of last year. Dakota has made a slight gain and stands highest in condition. The average for Wisconsin is 73; Minnesota, 74; lowa. 72; Nebraska, 77; Dakota, 88, In the extreme east and on the Pacific coast the condition of spring wheat is high. There is no report of winter wheat, the present month, as it is too early to obtain the results of threshing. In the oats crop there is no change. Part of the breadth was harvested at the last report. The condition averages 85.6, which indicates a crop slightly under the average. The barley crop promises to yield rather better than was expected last month. The average is 86.2, indicating a nearly average yield. The buckwheat area appears and the commercial supply is procured, a very than was expected last month. The average is 80.2, indicating a nearly average yield. The buckwheat area appears be the same as last year and averages about 93 in condition. There is a great reduction since the 1st of July in the condition of potatoes, almost entirely the result of drought. The injury is severe in the west, the loss during the month as reported is fully 20 per cent of the prospective crop. The fruit crop is very poor. The hay crop is also greatly reduced in the west. The general average is 80.

Drought and Despair. CHICAGO, August 10-The telegraph wires crossing and recrossing the vast area of country that has been parching and blackening for lack of rain brought only news of despair this morning. Messages received from all the different sections showed the outlook

the different sections showed the outlook even worse than twenty-four hours before. Then there was word of a slight springle at Des Moines and faint hopes were entertained of a few drops in places elsewhere. To day's telegrams contain information that not a particle of the longed-for rain has descended in all the immense stretch of territory. Added to this the temperature throughout the drought region is rising and the expectation of slight showers anywhere is gradually being reduced to a minimum.

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In reviewing the drought situation the Journal says to-night: "The outlook for agriculturists of Illinois, Indiana, lowa and the southern portions of Michigan and Wisconsin is gloomy in the extreme. Those territories have been subjected for fourteen months to a visitation of drought to which a parallel cannot be found in many years. During the past few weeks this state of things has been intensified in the districts mentioned and much injury to growing crops has resulted. So arid a waste is there around Chicago that for many miles is there around Chicago that for many miles in some directions not a spear of grass is visible and the existence of green vegetables is painfully minute. In many places the fields are absolutely and hopelessiy burned out. The public parks are devastated with dryness. Grass lands have probably suffered most. The destruction is not uniform the public parks are devastated with dryness. suffered most. The destruction is not uniform, though where the crops were planted late in the season the owners will probably not realize the cost of planting. Of necessary food for live stock there will be an appalling death, and prices of milk, meat, butter, cheese and other farm products may be expected to rise to an unprecedented heighth. The effects for a year to come will be felt in all quarters of trade and business as well as in the agricultural districts. The railroads will feel it. Grain will not be there to ship, neither will fattened stock be there to haut to central markets. Already farmers to saip, neither will lattened stock be there to hauf to central markets. Aiready farmers are disposing of herds of half fattened swine and even horses and cows are being disposed of at 25 per cent of their ordinary value. The large burden will fall upon the shoulders of the people next year.

The Drought in Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan., August 10 .- The synopsis of a report of the state board of agriculture for the month ending July 30 gives the following statistics: Wheat, winter and spring, area sown, 1.372,028 acres, a decrease of 28 per cent or 886,765 acres as compared with last year; area harvested, 774,596 acres, about 56 per cent of the area sown, the remaining 44 per cent being abandoned on account of damage by drouth and chinch bugs. The estimated production for the state is 7,470,375 bushels which precludes the possibility of any surplus over

and above the needs of the people of the state for seed and bread. The corn crop has dwindled from a condition of from 100 to 150 per cent at the date of our last month's report to less than 50 per cent of the annual product for five years. cent of the annual product for five years. The continued dry weather and chinch bugs have combined to destroy wheat. It seemed a month ago to be the largest crop of corr Kansas had ever produced. The crop will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of the people within the years. The area seeded was the largest ever recorded, viz. 6,442,923 acres and the estimated product is 75,549,566 bushels, which will transfer Kansas from the list of surpluctorn states for this year.

The area of oats sown is 1,495,903 acres, which is 21 per cent larger than for any former period. The estimated crop per acre is about 28 bushels, which places the product for the state at 41,881,955 bushels, an increase over that for last year of 14 per cent.

Of rye the area sown is 154,822 acres, and the probable product 2,105,636 bushels.

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In Illinois. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 10.-The August report to the state board of agriculture on the corn crop shows a promise of two-thirds of a crop in the northern division, a decrease of 33 per cent during July. In the central division the decrease during July has been 37 per cent, and in the southern division the grospect is for two-thirds of the average yield.

The Heat in Chicago. Chicago, August 10.—The temperature in this city rose 20 degrees in seven hours today, from 760 at 8 a. m. to 960 at 8 p. m. A. stifling hot wind from the prairies south seemed only to aggravate the suffering caused by the heat.

A Heavy Rain at Madison, Wis. Madison, Wis., August 10 .- A heavy rains fell this evening, which refreshed corn and

Henry Clay's Son Dead.

LEXINGTON. Ky., August 10 .- John, the only remaining son of Henry Clay, died at his farm near this city this afternoon of heart disease. He was sixty-seven years old-He had no children. John Clay possessed but few of the characteristics of his illus-trious father, being a plain farmer, devoting much time to raising thoroughbred horses.