yery beavy: The yield on an average, will not fall far short of 35 bushels per acre. It is estimated that fully 2,000 acres more has been planted to corn this year than last. The cool weather of the past few days is looked upon as beneficial for the corn.

Fillmore County Corn. FAIRMONT, Neb., August 24.- Special to the BEE. - The late rains have helped the condition of corn. It is estimated that the yield of coin will average that, or very nearly, of last year, 25 to 45 bushels per acre. The ears and stalks are quite large. Oats in some localities will not yield more than 20 or 25 bushels per acre. In other places they will yield 25 to 50 bushels. Of wheat a very small acreage was sown and the yield is considerable less than last year. Very little rye and barley was sown.

MEXICAN PROGRESS. Arranging Better Mail Facilities With the United States. WASHINGTON, August 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The Mexican government has recently remitted to the Mexican minister here a sum of money with which to secure a supply of rotary locks to be used in transmitting the registered mails between the City of Mexico and the United States. At present the time required to forward registered letters between New York and the City of Mexico is about fourteen days and when this international lock system is inaugurated the time will be reduced to about eight days. The delay in the present system is occasioned by the practice which prevails of checking registered matter at El Paso and Paso del Norte. The former office is one of the four largest in the United States for handling registered matter. When the new system is thoroughly established it will make El Paso but little more than a way station. Mr. Bell, superintendent of the foreign mail division of the postoffice department, says that there will be four offices in this country where registered pouches for Mexico will be made up. They are New York, San Fran-cisco, St. Louis and El Paso. Another re-form of considerable importance to mer-chants in the United States having customchants in the United States having customers in Mexico will probably be adopted by the latter country before very long. At present packages addressed to citizens of Mexico subject to duty are held up at Paso del Norte, where the duties are assessed, then the party addressed is notified and the package is held up until the necessary charges are paid. In this country when a package is received at the border, the contents of which are subject to customs charges, the appraiser at El Paso ascertains the the appraiser at El Paso ascertains the amount of the duties which must be paid and marks it upon the package. It is then forwarded to the address and the postmaster at the point of destination collects the charges and remits at once to the collector of customs at El Paso. By this means annowing delays at El Paso. By this means annoying delays are avoided. The Maxican postal authorities are trying to get this system adopted on their side of the line. Mr. Bell thinks that the at-

but should go across the river to grasp their extended hands." LUCKY BALBOONIST BALDWIN. Narrow Escape From Death of the

tempt will be successful, but it may require an act of the Mexican congress to accomplish Mr. Mr. Bell says that the Mexicans are try-

ing in every possible manner to improve their postal service. They are adopting American customs as rapidly as possible to accomplish this end. He thinks there never

was a time when the feeling in the republic was as friendly towards the United States as it is now and that Americans should "not only extend the hand of friendship to them,

Noted Aironaut. Yonk, August 24 .- | Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-Professor T. IS. Baldwin had a narrow escape from death yesterday at Rockaway Beach, where 4,000 people went to see him drop 5,000 feet from a balloon. The balloon instead of rising as gas does into the air, stretched out horizontally, and with the air, stretched out horizontally, and with the aid of a stiff east wind came down among the crowd. The balloon was righted, the car taken off, and the professor made a fresh start, clinging to the iron ring at the bottom of the netting. Some fifty yards to the west of the starting point stood a telegraph pole and wires and towards these the wind sent the airship at a high state of speed. The crowd saw the danger and became excited, women shricking and men yelling all kinds of advice to the zeronaut. The balloon struck the wires and broke them like threads, the points of contact being but a short distance above the professor's head. The recoil sor's head. threw the balloon downwards. Baldwin jumped to the ground, grabbed the rope, and yelled for help to hold it. The crowd rushed to his assistance and the big sphere was dragged to its anchorage again. After several more attempts to rise the professor gave it up and climbing to the top of an adjacent shed called for attention and commenced a

Shooting at Fort Snelling. ST. PAUL. August 24 .- The conditions and shooting at the Fort Snelling rifle range today were excellent. The day was devoted to skirmish firing and closed the four day's competition for places on the Department of Dakota rifle team. Serceant Mitchell, company D. Third infantry, made the best score to-day-104. The team, as finally selected, to-day—104. The team, as finally selected, with the scores made in the four day's competition, are as follows:

Private Feeney, Co. D. 5th infantry. 500
Sergeant Crew, Co. C, 20th infantry. 485
Sergeant Mitchell, Co. D. 3d infantry. 478
Bergeant Ley, Co. A, 5th infantry. 478
Sergeant Lorger, Co. F, 5th infantry. 469
Lieutenant Clark, 12th infantry. 463
Sergeant Palmer, Co. E, 3d infantry. 462
Corporal Noon. Co. F. 1st cavalry. 477
Sergeant Fields, Co. H, 5th infantry. 446
Corporal Boyle, Co. I, 20th infantry. 446
Corporal Boyle, Co. I, 20th infantry. 448
Sergeant Wood, Co. K, 20th infantry. 438
Alternates: Sergeant Organ, Co. B, 1st
cavalry. 433

Will Repudiate the Inflation. DETROIT, Mich., August 24.-An Evening Journal special from Hancock, Mich., says: The Ives party was entirely eliminated from the Mineral Range management at the annual election of officers yesterday. Ives used \$328,000 worth of Mineral Range bonds and shares and never gave the company credit for a dollar of it. He increased the issue of stock from \$128,000, outstanding a year ago, to \$400,000. The new management will repu-diate the inflation. The present debt of the road is about \$1,000,000.

A Railroad Steeper Robbed. PITTSBURG, August 24.—Passengers o: the Vandalia sleeper, of the Panhandle fasline express, which arrived here this morning from the west, report a robbery on the train during the night. J. M. Critchlow, of this this city, had his pocketbook and gold watch stolen, and Colonel W. C. Starr, of Rich-mond, Ind., lost a gold watch and chain val-ued at \$200. Mr. Critchlow's pocketbook contained \$48 in cash and notes amounting to \$6,500. There is no clue to the thieves.

Barb Wire Men in Secret Session. CHICAGO, August 14.-The northwestern barb wire manufacturers, or rather a dozen of their representatives, met here to-day in secret session. They said they did not want the public or other barb wire men to know what they were doing. When they came to an agreement on a new scale of prices they would make the announcement themselves.

Somewhat Refreshing.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 24.- The Southern Pacific company has decided to reduce the present 4 per cent mile rates to 3 cents; the 5 cents on all the lines throughout the coun-try controlled by the Southern and Central Pacific.

NEW YORK, August 34.-Ives reference case was begun to-day before ex-Judge Noah Davis and Ives placed on the witness stand. lves and Stayner were examined at length regarding the missing books, but up to ad-journment nothing definite about them had been learned.

Commissioner Black Quite III. Writis, N. H., August 21 .- General John C. Black, commissioner of pensions who is a guest of the New Hamoshire Veterans is reported quite ill with inflammatory rheumatism at the residence of Stillson Hutchipson.

IT'S ALL A PART OF THE PLAY

The Pretended Controversy Between the Civil Service Commissioners.

ONLY A SOP FOR THE MUGWUMPS

if Commissioner Oberly Was In Earnest He Would Join With Lyman - Democratic Office Holder Machines.

Dismissals For Cause. WASHINGTON, August 24.—[Special Tele-gram to the BEEL]—There are very strong reasons for believing that the controversy between the civil service commissioners over the matter of civil service dismissals, is in reality nothing but a pre-arranged play. It must astonish anyone who knows Commissioner Oberly to find that gentleman advocating a measure which would make the path of the democratic spoilsmen and officehunters to places in the government service more difficult than it now is, and one is certainly justified to suspect that Mr. Oberly is playing his part to a purpose. His statement that he can see no objection to furnishing reasons for dismissals conflicts so strongly with Commissioner Edgerton's opinion, that if he were in earnest he would undoubtedly if he were in earnest he would undoubtedly insist on the adoption of a rule to carry out his alleged view, which is also that of Commissioner Lyman. But it is evident that he will not go so far, at least not now, and perhaps not until it becomes necessary to better protect democratic employes against an incoming republican administration. The farce played by Oberly and Edgerton has clearly been arranged to please the mugwumps, who are strongly tempted to kick against the civil service methods of the administration, without offending the democratic spoilsmen. It would fending the democratic spoilsmen. It would not have looked well if the democratic com-missioners had pronounced against the re-striction of dismissals by compelling dismissing officials to give reasons for them, and, besides, the course pursued by Oberly paves the sides, the course pursued by Oberly paves the way for such a rule whenever one is deemed necessary to protect democratic civil service employes. If Commissioner Oberly and the president were honest in their civil service reform pretensions, they would doubtless pay some attention to the work of the democratic state associations in this city. These associations flourish, exercise a very great influence in all the departments and precare dismissals and appointments. ments and procure dismissals and appoint-

None of them is a better political machine None of them is a better political machine than that of Maryland, which embraces all the officials and government employes from that state, with just about enough non-of-nicial members to fill the association offices and for the formation of committees to provide spoils. Only yesterday twelve members were added to that association, most of whom are new employes of the navy yard here. This association is very active. Its committee is always on the hunt for places for democratic rounders and strikers and as they are under the patronage and protection for democratic rounders and strikers and as they are under the patronage and protection of Boss Gorman, they are treated with great consideration in all the departments. The Maryland, the Virginia, and other democratic organizations also announce their purpose of serving their party in the election and so leave no room to doubt their power as political machines. In due time there will be democratic associations from all the states consisting of nine-tenths of office holders and of one-tenth of claim agents and other poliof one-tenth of ciaim agents and other poli-ticians. If the administration was a reform administration, it would certainly not recognize these associations in its appoint-

Secretary Failchild is Pleased. WASHINGTON, August 23 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Secretary Fairchild was very well pleased over his bond transactions to-day and as a sign that his mind was at ease, after the bids had been accepted, he indulged in the unusual luxury, for him, of a dulged in the unusual luxury, for him, of a cigar during office hours. In a general talk Mr. Fairchild said that his policy of small redemptions seemed to have a good effect. He believed his acceptance of numerous private small bids to-day would encourage more of the same sort, and the heavy holders, who have been standing off for a big profit out of the government, would soon be glad to unload before they are further underbid. Mr. Fairchild modestly disclaimed having any idea that his bond operations were worthy of comment or commendation. When asked how long he proposed to con-tinue his Wednesday bids he said they would last probably until next January, when con-

Bids For Bonds, WASHINGTON, August 24.—Secretary Fairchild this afternoon accepted the following bids for the sale of bonds: Harvey, Fisk & Sons, \$300,000 registered at \$1.00 flat, \$300,000 coupon at \$1.08 11-16 and \$1,200,000 registered at \$1.08 11-16; Lockwood & Crossman, \$825,-000 coupon at \$1.09; P. V. Hagner, \$2,000 coupon and \$900 registered at \$1.07 and \$9.07; Boston Marine Insurance company, \$100,000 registered at \$1.09 flat: New England Mutual Life Insurance company, \$200,000 at \$107.97. \$200,000 at \$108.267, \$200,000 at \$108.57; Provi dent Institution for Savings, \$300,000 at \$100; New Bedford Institution for Savings, \$150,000 at \$100. The total amount of bonds purchased is \$3,138,400.

A statement prepared at the treasury department shows a profit to the government of \$323,302 by to-day's purchase of \$3,138,400, 414 per cent bonds.

Army News.

WASHINGTON, August 24 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Army orders: Captain Walter N. Fisk, corps of engineers, has been relieved from duty at the United States military academy and ordered to duty in the office of the chief of engineers at Washington; First Lieutenant Eugene L. Swift, as sistant surgeon, has been ordered to duty with the troops at Round Valley, Indian reservation; Captain Washington Matthews, assistant surgeon, has been ordered to pro-

assistant surgeon, has been ordered to proceed from this city to Phenix, Ariz., on public business, and upon the completion thereof to return to his proper station.

Leave of absence for one month has been granted to Captain Julius H. Patski, assistant surgeon, for six months to Captain Abner Haines, jr., Second infantry, and for two months to Second Lieutenant Zebulon B. Vance, jr., Nineteenth infantry. The leave granted to Prof. Charles W. Larned, United States military academy, has been extended one month, and the leave granted Second Lieutenant Ira Haynes has been extended ten days.

Nebrasky and Iowa Pensions. WASHINGTON, August 24,- |Special Telegram to the BEE. [-The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: Wm Thompson, Aurora. Increase: Allen B. Donaldson, Ewing; Joshua Vandervoort, Salem; Robt. J. Eaton, Riverton; David H

Kittle, Hayes Center. Iowa pensions; Mexican war: Jane C. widow of Green Berry, Trov Mills. Origiwidow of Green Berry, Troy Mills, Original invalids: Marion Brown, Rose Hill; Thomas Spicer, Red Oak; John R. Helton, Pleaston; Jackson De Carter, Chariton, Increase; Hugh Macomb, Doud's Station; Robert G. Hurbut, Proscott; Griffin Gage, Kemdallville; Joseph T. Sharp, Senal; Henry S. Glann, Chariton; William A. Hidinger, West Union; Nathau F. Mauro, Ottunwa; Elliott M. Dowell, Surrey; James D. Sargood, Deep River; James T. Spiker, Chariton, Reissue; Ezra D. Johnson, Littleton; John S. B. Nickel, Fairfield, Reissue and increase; Purdy M. Byerly, Fairfield.

A Prominent Lawyer Arrested.

WASHINGTON, August 24.-Allen Rutherford, a lawyer of high standing and extensive practice in this city, and formerly an auditor in the treasury department under President Grant, was arrested to-day upon the charge of receiving certain records stolen from the pension office. Richard Bruner, a clerk in the surviving soldiers' division of the pension office was also arrested, charged with stealing the records in question. The missstealing the records in question. The missing papers were the records of service of surviving soldiers. They had been egged into the books of the pension series and were, therefore, of little race to the government, but their neggession is assumed to be of consequence to a claim agent with an extensive oractice. Bruner said he took the papers, but had no purpose of robbing the government of anything of value, lie claims to have suggested to little-erford and the latter agreed with him that the records would be of great service in little-ford's office. Rutherford denies this story, and says it would be absurd nies this story, and says it would be absord

for a man in his position to put his liberty in jeopardy to get information which he could have for the asking. He thinks the charges were concocted by a discharged clerk.

Postal Changes. WASHINGTON, August 24 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: George Alberts, Lincoln, Grundy county, vice Harm Schlda, declined; Mrs. Kate Putnam, Potter, Tama county, vice Kate Putnam, resigned.

More Proposals For Bonds. WASHINGTON, August 24.-Secretary Fairchild to-day opened a third lot of proposals for the sale of 4% per cent bonds under the terms of the recent treasury circular. The total amount offered was \$7,149,000,mostly by eastern parties.

SPORTING NEWS.

Topeka Shut Out By Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 24.-|Special Telegram to the BEE. |-To the astonishment of everyone Kansas City to-day very neatly shut the Topekas out, the first time the statesmen have experienced such a defeat this season. The home nine played a magnificennt game, far better than the visitors, but there were a great many brilliant plays on both sides. Hengle's splendid one-hand catch of Sneed's line fly in the sixth, and Lillie's sharp handling of Holliday's long fly upon the left field bank, each saved two runs, and were the features of the game. The score by innings is as follows:

Kansas City......1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0-5 Tepeka.......9 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Earned runs—Kansas City 1. Struck out
—By Nichols 2, by Doems 1. Double plays—
Lillie, Nichols and Hengle, Howe, Hengle
and McKeon. Left on bases—Kansas City
8, Topeka 9, Bases on bails—Off Nichols 1,
oif Dooms 5. Passed balls—Graves 1. First
base on errors—Kansas City 3, Topeka 2.
Hit by pitcher—Howe. Time of game—1
hour and 50 minutes. Umpire—Hughes.
Batteries—Kansas City: Nichols and Graves.
Topeka: Dooms and Kenyon.

Wichita 6, Emporia 3. WICHITA, August 24 .- | Special Tetegram to the BEE. |- The Wichitas played without a fielding error to-day and defeated Emporta for the third consecutive time, evening un the record of these two clubs made at Emporia last week. Hendricks and Schneider were the Wichita battery. The latter caught without an error of any kind, and although without an error of any kind, and although Hendricks was wild enough to give three men bases and have six wild pitches, he was lat for only four singles besides and two doubles and struck out two. Meek, Emporia's new catcher, caught without an error. Long was hit for four singles, three doubles, two by Isaacson and one by Whistler, and a three-barger by Hemp hit one and an and three-barger by Hemp hit one and an and the selection. three-bagger by Hemp, hit one man and gave two bases on balls. Emporia had live errors. Score by innings:
Wichita..........4 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-6
Emporia.........1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0-3

Called On Account of Rain. HASTINGS, Neb., August 24.—|Special Telegram to the Bee.|—The Hastings-Omaha game was called on account of rain.

DENVER August 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—No game on account of rain.

Dwyer on Hastings. In a letter from Dick Dwyer at Hastings and received by J. C. Drexel yesterday the following interesting statements are made:
"The report is being circulated on the streets here to the effect that Hastings is on its last legs as a Western league town. The teams' regular days have been on the fifth and twentieth of each month. The players as yet have not received their last balf as yet have not received their last bair month's pay and to-day is the twenty-third. The entire team was given a severe lecture for allowing Omaha to beat them yesterday, and the following players were heavily fined: Whitehead, \$50; Tub Welsh, \$50; Nichols, \$50; Peopies, \$50. Wehrle, \$65, and Ehbright, the great catcher, \$50, Whitehead was also recreated in the control of these work. Suspended indefinitely. All of these men have money coming to them, but not one of them received a cent, even after the inea were deducted. Persons who claimed to be in the position to know say that the Hastings association has no money to give to the players, and the citizens will not go down players, and the citizens will not go down into their pockets any more. Our game was attended by a vast crowd (?), 100 people. The fences and stands here at the ball park have the appearance of corn cribs, or cattle sheds. All the Hastings players swear vengeance and the best of these are wishing they had the good luck to have signed with Omaha, which they pronunce the best town Omaha, which they pronounce the best town in the league."

National League Games. WASHINGTON, August 24.—The game be-tween the Washington and Detroit teams tween the New York and Pittsburg teams to-day resulted as follows:

New York 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 — 1

Pittsburg... ... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 — 2

Pitchers-Keefe and Galvin. Base hits-New York 10, Pittsburg 13. Errors-New York 1, Pittsburg 2. Umpire-Powers. Philadelphia. August 24.—The game between the Philadelphia and Indianapolis teams to-day resulted as follows:

Philadelphia ... 2 4 0 0 3 0 1 0 0—10

Indianapolis ... 2 5 0 1 0 0 1 0 0—9

Pitchers-Ferguson and Maul for Philadelphia and Leitner for Indianapolis. Base hits-Philadelphia 15. Indianapolis 12. Errors-Philadelphia 2, Indianapolis 5.

Errors—Philadelphia 2, Indianapolis 5. Umpire—Sullivan. Boston, August 24.—The game be-tween the Boston and Chicago teams to-

day was postponed on account of rain.

American Association. CINCINNATI, August 24.—The game between the Cincinnati and Metropolitan teams to-day resulted as follows:
Cincinnati. ...3 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 5
Metropolitans....1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—3

The Northwestern League. DES MOINES, Ia., August 24. - Northwestern league games to-day. Des Moines 2, Oshkosh 4, at Oshkosh; Eau Claire 1, St. Paul 4, at St. Paul; Minneapolis 5, Duluta 6, at Duluth.

Saratoga Races.

SARATOGA, August 24.—The weather was cloudy and rainy and the track very heavy. One mile: Harry Glenn won, Littral second, Grey Cloud third. Time—1:474.

Five furlongs—Fauxpas won, Colonel Zeb Maid second, Tatean third. Time—1:034.

One mile and three-sixteenths: Nettle won, Lottery second, Falconer third. Time— 2:114. Three-quarters of a mile: Clonee won, Bixby second, Colonel Owens third, Time— 1:19%. Steeple chase, one mile and a half: Lierch won, Breyfogle second, Bruton third. Time

Brighton Beach Flyers. BRIGHTON BEACH, August 24.—Five furlongs: Neptunus won, John Alexander second, Walter third. Time-1:04%. One mile: Banero won, Warsign second Souvenir third, Time-1:47%, One and one-sixteenth miles: Quancy won, Hazard second, Warder third. Time-One and one-eighth miles: The Bourbon won, King B second, James Ali third. Time Seven-eighths of a mile: Hornpipe won, Count Luna second, Tenor third, Time-1:34%.
Three-quarters of 2 mile: Long Branch won, Kitty Kee:5er second, Goldie Cad third.
Time-1:31%.

A Great Handicap Run. LONBON, August 24.—The great Ebor handicap race for 1,000 sovereigns was run to-day at the York August meeting and was won by Silence, Oliver Twist second, Agitator

Not Yet Out of Danger. FREEPORT, Ill., August 34.-Charles A. Winship, a prominent turfman of Minneapolis, who was shot last night by David Staples, is not vet out of danger. Staples will not assign any motive for the shooting.

BOTH HER MONEY AND HONOR

Babcock Borrowed I from Miss Dodge and Then Ruined Her.

THE STORY OF THE SHOOTING

Details of the Tragedy in Which Prominent Chicago Merchant Met Bis Death at Gardner, litinois.

The Gardner Mystery.
CHICAGO, August 24.—[Special Telegram to the BEE. - The death of Babcock, the wholesole lumber dealer, from the effects of a pistol wound received in the town of Gardner in some manner as yet unascertained, resolves the whole case into one of the most refined mysteries in the history of Illinois crime.

It is now believed that Miss Dodge, who has been arrested for the murder, is the guilty party. Babcock seduced her under promise of marriage, for years spent part of his time with her and borrowed her money without thought of repaying it.

Miss Dodge has been somewhat belied by the press. She is not a homely old maid; she is a fairly good looking woman of somewhat over thirty, well-bred, and apparently well educated. She neither denies nor affirms her guilt, and the authorities have to work without her aid.

Yesterday afternoon the Dodge farmhouse

was searched by Coroner Hertz and Deputy

Barrett of Cook county. They arrived on the noon train from Chicago, and were met by Orrin N. Carter, state's attorney for Grundy county. These gentlemen held a conference with Messrs, Wing and Stough, attorneys for Sarah Donge, and, accompanied by half a dozen correspondents, drove out to the house. Mr. Stough had procured several keys from Miss Dodge, but they failed to unlock any of the outside doors. There is a narrow, roofed-over passage between the old and the new houses, extending back to the pantry. Entering this passage, a door leading into the old building was found ajar. In this old building, coal, broken furniture, and all sorts of rubbish were scattered about, including a washing machine half full of soiled clothing. The door be-tween this room and the kitchen was locked, but a key in Mr. Stough's possession opened it readily. The only thing worthy of notice in the appearance of the kitchen was that it seemed not to have been used for two or three days. There were parts of a pie and a loaf of bread lying on the kitchen

table, and some other evidences of an interruption of the customary actions of the occupants of the house. From the kitchen Mr. Stough led the way into a pantry, which contained no object of interest, and thence into a hall approached from a back door and ending in stairs leading to the upper story. Through a door already open the party entered the back parlor, with reference o the road frontage, though it appeared as if intended to be the best room in the house. The front parlor, occupying half of the main floor next the road, could be seen through an open door, ¿Coroner Hertz barely glanced at the contents of the back parlor but proceeded at once into the next room, followed by the rest of the parly. It was to be seen at a glance that here the chief interest in the house centered. The carpets of both rooms were covered with ray-carpets. both rooms were covered with rag-carpets and the furniture generally was about such as one would expect to find in a farm-house whose occupants had some slight notion regarding the comforts of life. A few articles of furnitures were plainly preserved from the times of the last generation, notably a hair-didth covered sofa in the front paries and one or two oldtion, notably a hair-doth covered sora in the front parlor and one or two old-fashioned chairs. There was an old-style cabinet organ in a corner of the front parlor, and on the walls of both rooms were old-fashioned, oval-framed family portraits. As though governed by a common impulse the eyes of every person in the party sought the floor in front of the bed in the back par-or when the outrance was trade together. for when the entrance was made together. In an instant Coroner Hertz was down upon ils knees by the bedside examining with tense eagerness a dark spot on the carpet the size of a silver half dollar. The spot was plainly visible to the others from where they stood and most of them formed their conclu-

stood and most of them formed their conclusions and examined more closely afterwards. The small area covered by the stain was not disappointing in view of the statements of the doctors who examined Babcock's wound, as it would be very unlikely to bleed more than a few drops externally until the natural reaction set in, which would not be under an hour after the wound was inflicted. But Coroner Hertz jumped at no conclusion. He examined the spot closely and found that for a distance of several inches around it the carpet was damp as thou, h water had been spilled on it. The stain was red—as red as any blood-stain not over four days old ever was. over four days old ever was.

one inquired.
"No one but an expert, aided by proper instruments," replied the coroner, "can tell whether or not this carpet is stained with human blood." There seemed to be a significent emphasis There seemed to be a significent emphasis on the adjective "human," an emphasis that was accepted as meaning that the coroner had no doubt that the spot on the carpet was a blood stain. He took out his knife and ripped apart two breadths of carpet and rolled them back so that the floor beneath the spot was revealed. The floor seemed to be slightly damp, and that was all. The stain barely showed through on the under side of the carpet.

"Does that settle it, Mr. Coroner?" some

the carpet.
The bed was smoothly made up and cov-The bed was smoothly made up and covered with a white counterpane. There were two pillows at its head. The ceroner turned the bed clothing back. There were no stains upon the sheets, though they looked as if they had been slept between a number of times. The coroner was very thorough in his search for signs about the bed of the woman, who has been the only resident of the Dodge house since its aged owners went to St. Charles a year aro. It is notorious that during the time Sarah Dodge has had neither male nor female employe nor relative in the house, and yet plainly outlined on the husk matress when the bed clothing had been removed were the impressions of two human matress when the bed clothing had been removed were the impressions of two human figures. There was no doubt about it. When Sarah Dodge returned to the house, after taking Babcock into town, she replaced the clothing on the bed carefully, but neglected to shake up the husk mattress. She left there the imprint of two human shapes almost as distinct as though the impressions had been taken in molding sand. There were no signs of blood about the bedclothing. In the closet opening from this room, as though hungqup to dry, was a sheet which looked as if it might have been recently washed. There was also a white skirt upon which there were some dark colored stains, very different from that on the carpet, and as to the nature of which there was little dispute. There was also some rubbish that was of no importance.

stains, very different from that on the carpet, and as to the nature of which there was little dispute. There was also some rubbish that was of no importance.

Now began a search for traces of the buillet, which Dr. McMann said Babcock told him was fired into the floor. The search was prosecuted faithfully for nearly an hour, but without result. In neither floor nor wall was discovered a hole that could be unade with a bullet. But yet, the course texture of the rag carpet might have made it not impossible for such a bullet to have left no trace. This was recornized by Coroner Hertz, and he thoughfor taking up the carpet, but finally decided not to do so. During the search a trunk at the foot of the bed was moved, and under one corner of it was found \$2 in half-dollar silver pieces. One strong evidence that the room flad recently been nut to use at least social in its nature waz a plate of cake still standing on the table placed against the east side of the apartment. The cake was baked in a round dish, and was cut into half a dozen segments, one of which was missing and another slightly nibbled. Other interesting objects on this table, which gave soft the mistress of the house, were various yolumes—"Scott's Poems," "Usages of Modern Society." "Latin Grammer," and a treatise on philosophy. The few other books in the house, it may be mentioned here, were of the stereotyped class which are usually found in the dwellings of people of moderate means not of a literary turn.

The examination of the upper rooms developed nothing bearing on the crime. The room fronting the street contained two beds, and both bore evidence of long disase. They were piled high with extra bed clothing and female wearing apparel. The room contained an oid cook stove and a number of antiquated prints and portraits, which supported the conclusion that it had been occupied by the

aged Widow Dodge previous to her removal to St. Charles. The rear upper room was littered up with rags and refuse odds and ends of various kinds, including a couple of old bedsteads. The bid lady's room revealed a distinct desire on the part of its occupant not to devote a cent to its vain adornment. When the search was concluded Attorney Dodge relocked the doors behind the party and there was some general conversation indulged in. Coroner Hertz asked of her counsel that Miss Dodge be taken to Chicago next Friday as a witness at an inquest which he will hold there. The lawyers said they would consult Miss Dodge and let the coroner know her decision in the matter. State's Attorney Carter said he would be present at Mrs. Dodge's examination to morrow, and that in case she waived examination he would not be willing that she be admitted to bail. According to the view of things taken by State's Attorney Carter Miss Sarah Dodge will find herself an inmate of the county jail at Morris before dark to-morrow, where she will await the action of the grand jury, which will meet at Morris Monday. September 5.

The search for bullet holes was not quite so fruitless outside the Dodge house. Some four or five were discovered in the coal shed, though none of them appeared to be of recent origin. They, however, tend to bear out the stories that are told about Sarah Dodge's knowledge of the use of the revolver. Statements which have been made regarding the identification of the revolver in the case as one used by or belonging to Miss Dodge, are not founded on fact. The revolver has not been out of the possession of Dr. McMann, and is very different from the only one which has been seen in the hands of Miss Dodge. The revolver which she has practiced with in the neighborhood of Gardner is described by a business man who has practiced with her as being an ordinary arm with a white horn or ivory handle, whereas the one in Dr. McMann's mosses.

who has practiced with her as being an ordi-nary arm with a white horn or ivory handle, whereas the one in Dr. McMann's posses-sion has a black handle, is self-cocking and

CLEVELAND AND THE WORLD. Grover's Attention Called to the New

York Paper's Article. WASHINGTON, August 24.—The president's attention was called to-day to the matter appearing in the New York World to the effect that he was not properly supporting the commissioners appointed to examine the affairs of the Pacific railroads, and giving as proof of the charges what was alleged to be the contents of the president's an-swer to Chairman Pathson's dispatch proposing the assistance of counsel in proceedings against Leland Stanford. The president said: "I have no time to read or reply to misrepresentations of opposition newspapers, and I am not at all afraid that they will succeed in deceiving the people a to the policy or course of the administratio touching the matters in question; and touching the matters in question; and if
there is a man woman or child
who would feel easier after reading the dispatch which I really sent
to Governor Pattison, they shall have it."
Following is the dispatch sent to Chairman Pattison by the president: "Upon
your statement that in your judgment counsel should be employed, I authorize and approve such employment."

Still Going For the Government. LONDON, August 24 .- An open air meeting was held at Westminster this evening for the purpose of denouncing the government's action in proclaiming the league. Mr. Big-gar, member of parliament for West Cavan, delivered an address, and was followed by Sir William Vernon Harcourt. The government, he said, used the unionists as a cats-paw to pass the coercion bill, and now they treat their advice with contempt and threaten to dissolve parliament and annihilate the party if they withdraw their support from the government.

What Chairman Pattison Says. PHILADELPHIA, August 24.-Ex-Governor Pattison, member of the Pacific railroad commission, said this evening regarding President Cleveland's message about employing council, that the case had been sprung npon the commission so suddenly that they hadn't time to get counsel. The commission expects a decision in the Stanford case next week and proposes to have the injunction re-moved which prevented Attorney Hays from giving certain evidence in the case.

News From Manitoba

WINNIPEG, August 24.-Another injune tion against the Red River Valley road was moved for to-day by a property owner near Morris. The Montreal Gazette, government organ, to-day threatens trouble it Manitoba refuses to obey the order of the courts when Hamilton said that been served with no papers as yet, and work would be pushed as rapidly as possible. He doubted if troops would be sent from the east to enforce the order of the courts. The matter was now purely a legal one. In well-informed Canadian quarters the report of Sir John's threat is discredited.

One Man and Four Horses Cremated. TOPEKA, Kan., August 24.-About 3:30 o'clock this morning the barn in which the horses belonging to the city police force were kept, was set on fire and a man and four horses burned to death. After the flames were extinguished the charred remains were found to be those of Colonel C. C. Cravis. late colonel of the Second Iowa cavalry and brigadier general of the Kansas National guards under the Glick administration.

Heavy Lumber Failure. PITTSBURG, Pa., August 24 .- The Chroniele-Telegraph's Kittanning (Pa.) special says: G. W. Wilkins, an extensive lumberman and boat builder, made an assignment to-day of all bis property. Wilkins has a very large business and was estimated as being worth over \$100,000. His liabilities are not known. It is believed that lumber contracts made some time ago are the cause of the failure.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, August 24.- | Special Telegram the BEE.]-The City of Para from Aspinwall; the Belgianland from Antwerp; the City of Washington from Havanna.

London, August 24.—The City of Rome from New York to Liverpool passed Brow Head to-day.

Mrs. Cleveland in New York. NEW YORK, August 24.-Mrs. Grover Cleveland arrived here early this morning on the Fall River line boat, accompanied by General Greely and wife and several friends.

The Porte Disapproves. CONSTANTINOPLE, August 24.—The porte has telegraphed to Prince Ferdinand that it diapproves of his entry into Bulgaria with-out the sanction of the porte and powers.

Mrs. Cleveland At Home. WASHINGTON, August 24,-Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Folsom, accompanied by General Greely and wife, arrived here this afternoon.

Personal Paragraphs. William Krug left for North Platte las evening.

The eternal revenue receipts collected yesterday amounted to \$8,644.49. . James U. Gridley and wife left for Rapid City, their future home, yesterday. Matthew Berka and wife, of Genesee county, Mich., are the guests of their son, Justice Berka.

Miss Fanny Arnold, the well known vo-calist and organist of St. Philomena's eathedral, is in Boston convalescing from her late serious iliness.

L. P. McCarty, from Sau Francisco, Cal., who has been the guest of his cousin, O. P. McCarty, for a few days, left for his home last evening.
Lieutenant Blunkman, U.S.A., Florida; C. Crow and Aaron Chadrick, of the Omaha Milling and Elevator company, St. Paul; Edward Renard, Oakland; W. Lucraft, Fremont, and D. B. Phelps,

Leavenworth, are at the Millard. A. E. Marriott, late steward of the Millard, has now taken charge of the din-ing room of the Barker hotel in connection with Mr. Balch, and proposes, with the opening of the new addition to that hostelry, to make several important changes in the location and fitting up of

the same. E. Hitchcock, conference board of charities, Amherst; William R. Letch-worth, New York; W. B. Wilson, Phila-delphia; Andrew E. Elmore, Fort How-ard, Wis.; Mrs. Burrows, Miss Parker, Boston; H. W. Shephard, Beatrice; H. A. Taylor, Chicago; Fred H. Mines, Shefield, Mass., and A. B. Shatbuck, U. S. A., are

ANOTHER OMAHA "SCOOP," Natural Gas Spring Discovered of Inexhaustible Capacity.

For sometime parties with a keen

have seen many things in the neighbor-

hood of the Sulphur Springs, north of the city and east of the Saratoga plateau. They were not midnight orgies on the banks of Cut-Off lake, nor loving nymphs, nor the temporary habitations on an imaginary island with a squatter sovereignity gable. It was a spring-a natural gas spring, and these parties commenced to operate by simply seeing whether the gas from the spring would light a cigarette quicker than a cigar, or make a larger flicker by night than a fly. They continued on this way for a time until the attention of more astute men was called to the "burning spring."
These gentlemen were Joseph T. Witherow, Charles J. Menter, John Drexel,
Micnael O. Maul, A. B. Snowden, S. J.
Chambers and William A. Watson. They
immediately secured a local scientist for a correct examination of the spring. report as far as his professional knowledge would allow him was so favorable the gentlemen above named con cluded to purchase to property surround on the map as lot 5, blook 6, Paddock's addition and is just on the edge of the bluff near where Fifteenth and Burdette streets would join. It is a remarkable spring and tests made Tuesday night with a rude tank four feet in diame ter and four feet high caused the flame from the burning waters to rise eighteen inches above the surface. This was with out any machinery whatever. Several tests have been made previous to the last mentioned and all have shown con-clusively the gaseous power of this spring. Scientific gentlemen have been telegraphed to come here from Pittsburg, Pa., and Akron, O., and the prospects are that Omaha will have natural gas for illuminating, cooking and power purposes. Mr. P. E. Her, who has had some considerable experience in sinking his big well, says that this spring is a marvel and its promises are very good When the machinery which has been or-dered reaches here, Omaha will have a

The owners of the newly discovered natural gas spring visited their property again last evening in company with a number of local capitalists, for the purpose of making a further test of both the quality and quantity of the gas. The spring is located at the intersection of Burdette and Fifteenth streets. Shortly after the entire party had reached the spring last evening, Joseph Q. Withrow placed a match to the stop-cock of a very rudely constructed receiver and a bluflame about ten inches high rose into the air. It burned very satisfactorily to all present for fully fifteen minutes and then gradually lowered until the flame was but an inch or two high. The opinion of all present was that the spring could be made a paying enterprise. T. K. Baker, an expert in natural gas wells, was present, and watched the test with considerable interest. At the conclusion of the experiments Mr. Baker stated that there was every in-dication of gas in paying quantities; that he had never seen such strong surface in-dications before, and if he were inter-estd in the matter he would bore a well at once. P. E. Her stated that the gas appeared to be of a superior quality to any that he had seen in Ohio or other places. Mr. Iler filled a rubber bag with the gas for the purpose of submitting it to Prof. Riggy, of Creighton college. Mr Her received a letter yesterday from Prof. Edward Orton, of the Ohio state geological survey, stating that he would be in Omaha about September 5 and submit the gas to a rigid examination.

big "scoop" on anything this side of

It is intended by the owners of the property to erect all necessary machinery for the boring of a well immediately, and learn without delay whether or not their hopes are founded upon facts, or if their gas discovery will go with the coal discovery into the whence,

Among those present last evening to view the test were William A. Paxton, J. A. McShane, Lewis Hill, Charles Shiverick, Captain Rustin, S. J. Clarksion, Frank Ramge and Thomas Tuttle.

A FESTAL NIGHT,

The Douglas County Teachers Enjoy Themselves Last Evening. A most pleasant sociable given by the teachers of Douglas county was held at the rooms of the county superintendent at the court house last evening. About two hundred persons were present, including total visitors and educators from neighboring cities.

J. S. Cooley, who made the opening address, spoke in the highest terms of the labors of the Douglas county teachers. The work in the Omaha schools, he thought, equalled that of any eastern city.

He was followed by D. W. Warner, who gave a humorous rendition of "Young Lochinvar;" Vena Wells, who recited "Jimmie Bradshaw's SantaClaus' most happily, and F. Gifford with "Paddy's Excelsior." The recitations were all received, and worked up those present to such a degree of good humor as to make the sociable that next followed a most charming affair. Prof. Bruner was probably the happiest man present and seemed wonderfully at ease among his school ma'ams. Refreshments were served, and the sociable broke up at a late hour.

Yesterday at noon a bank caved in the excavation for P. E. Iler's new building at Sixteenth and Jones streets, and buried two men for a short time. They were not greatly injured.

President Chase, of the Nebraska Humane society, has appointed as delegates to the national conference of charities and correction Rev. William E. Copeland and Mrs. Hon. John M. Thurston. Harry W. Barrows and Annie Kader were licensed to wed yesterday. Both are residents of the city. George W. Vaughn comes from Culpepper, Va., to

claim as his bride, Laura Hargrave. The merchants on the different streets are already beginning to make prepara-tions for decorating their stores, erecting

arches over the streets and make other elaborate arrangements for reunion and The newspaper business has taken a

boom in Nebraska. Daring the past week five outlits far weekly papers have been furnished by a printers' supply house of this city. One of the new estab-lishments is to be in Omaha, one in Imperial, one in Columbus, one in York and one in Burnell. Articles of incorporation were filed

resterday for the South Omaha Real Estate and Investment company. The in-corporators are Howard H. Baldrige, George A. Joplin, George M. Southmayd, Robert P. Bosworth and Willard W. Slabough. The capital stock is 25,000. There was a cake of ice deposited in front of Thompson & Donnelly's saloon

yesterday. An employe took up the first pail he found behind the bar filled, as he supposed, with water to wash it. He did the washing, but later Mr. Thompson dis-covered that it was done with three gallons of his best whisky, which stood in the pail awaiting straining. Through the recommendation of R. R. Ringwalt the Pennsylvania radway has offered to ship free from Salem, O., to Chicago the statue of Liberty at the former place, which is to be used in the re-

union exercises here next month

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha

railway will ship it free from Chicago to Omaha. The statue is of heroic s.ze.

eight feet high, and weig is nearly 1,000

Conrad Eggerts, who lost his reason about two weeks ago, and has since been confined in the county fail, was sent to the insane hospital at Lincoln last even-

The new jail record, procured by the chief of police, is an improvement over the old one. Besides the usual blanks for the name of the prisoner, cause of ar-rest and by whom arrested, it has also blanks for his nativity, occupation, when arrested, money taken from prisoner, description of other property, complaining witness, and how the case was dis-posed of, whether fined, discharged or bound over, and the amount of bonds.

A Postal Clerk Arrested. John B. Stanley, a postal clerk on the

Missouri Pacific road between Omaha and Kansas City, was arrested by Inspector George H. Waterbury near Atchison and vesterday arraigned before Commissioner Anderson charged with larceny of the mails. He stole eight money orders for sums under \$50 each and cashed them at Oxford, Atchison and other points. He was pentent and waived examination, being held to the United States court under \$1,000, in default of which he went to jail.

A Flour Mill.

John Crow, of the firm of Crow & eftwich, millers, of St. Paul, is in town taking the preliminary steps for the erection of a 400-barrel flour mill. The structure is to be of brick and will, it is expected, be completed by the close of the present season. It is to be erected on Sixteenth street, north of Nicholas, upon a site which was given at reason able terms by the Missouri Pacific road

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Not the Party.

A paragraph appeared in the BEE Tues day to the effect that the name of the woman who was convicted of shoplifting in Falconer's some time ago was Mrs Lytle instead of Garwood, as was there given. It also stated that the womas lived on Burt street. Mrs. N. E. Lytle, who resides on the latter street, has experienced some annoyance because some people have unjustly suspected she is the Mrs. Garwood referred to and yesterday called at this office to say that she is not the party referred to.



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