BURDICK PROVED A BERRY.

St. Louis Picked Him 10 Times With a Total of 20.

A CLEAN COMPLETE KNOCKOUT.

Heavy Hitting By St. Louis and Fine Fanning By Omaha Loses the Game-A Tired, Tired Crowd.

St. Louis 7, Omaha 1.

All you who have shirts to tear, here is Yesterday was Friday-black Friday.

And there was a game of base ball between nine young men from Omaha and a ball team from St. Louis.

The Missourians won. Had it been Des Moines we would not cared much, but as it is, oh my, oh my,

It happened in this manner: Sowders of Omaha walked up to the plate and scared Staley so badly that sooner than let him hit the horse hide he gave him a base. Cooney came to bat and as he was small Staley fired them right at him and Cooney paid him back by driving a single out into center field just after Sowders had stolen second. Then Annis and O'Connell fouled out, and Burns

went out at first. Now hold your breath, for behold, after two men were out, Crooks of St. Louis made a hit and Burch made a hit and Burch made run and chased both of them in and the three earned runs coming in so suddenly caused a man in the grand stand to fain dead away. It was afterward learned that

he had \$5 on Omaha.

In the second inning Miller got a base on balls, third on Staley's error and came home on Sowders' hit, which was the only smell Omaha got during the game. In the third Crooks of St. Louis led off with a three-bagger, Herr made a three-bagger, Kenyon a safe hit, Herr and Crooks

In the fifth Buckley made a three-bagger Burch a hit, Herr a hit, Beckley and Burch scoring, and that is what cooked Omahas

"Here is the score, and he who runs may read: OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	. 1
Sowders, rf	3	0	1	2	3	0	
Cooney, 2b	5	0	1	1	1	3	
Annis, c f	4	0 0	1	0	4	0	
O'Connell, 1b	4	0	0	0	9	0	
Burns, If	4	0	1	0	2	0 0 0 0 8 9	
Miller, ss	3	1	0	0	3	3	
Burdick, p	4	0	0	0	0	2	
Doran, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	
Gastfield, c	4	0	1	0	1	1	
The Charles of the Control of the Co	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Totals	34	_1	5	3	24	11	
8	T. L	ouis	5.				
	AB.	H.	18.	SB.	PO.	۸.	

0 0 Nicholson, rf..... 4 Beckley, 1b..... Crooks, 2b..... 2 3 0 0 2 2 3 1 4 0 2 3 1 2 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 0 0 9 0 0 0 0 0 11 Burch, lf Herr, ss...... Kenyon, cf..... Dolan, c..... Staley, p..... Totals...... 36 7 10 3 27 16 8 SCORE BY INNINGS.

Qmaha.......0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 5t. Louis......3 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 7 Runs earned—St. Louis 5. Bases on balls By Staley 6. Struck out—By Staley 7, by Burdick 1. Left on bases—Omaha 12, St. ouis 5. Two-base hits-Crooks 1. Burns 1 Three-base hits—Beckley 1, Crooks 1, Herr 1, Home run—Herr 1. Wild pitches—Bur-dick 1. Passed balls—Gastfield 2. Double plays—Miller to Cooney to O'Connell. Time —1:55. Umpire—Brennan.

Kansas City 4, Des Moines 3. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 18.- [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-The greatest game of ball eyer played in Kansas City was the one contested to-day between the Blues and the Des Moines nine. It took thirteen innings to decide it. Though Kansas City made six errors and her opponents nine, and there was in earned run. the game was sharnly played on both sides and full of interest. The visitors scored in the first inning on Quinn's three bagger and a wild pitch. Kansas City failed to score until the third inning, when Manning hit safely to center, stole second, went to third on Campau's sacrifice, and came home on Quinn's wild throw to first, which gave Hasamaer two bases, the latter scoring on Ardner's hit to left. The score tood 2 to 1 in favor of the home team until the sixth inning, when the visitors filled the bases and Macullar came to bat. He tried to dodge a very swift ball which struck his bat with such force that it rebounded over the third baseman's head. It was, of course, a dead ball, but Umpire Powers called it a safe hit and two men scored. There came very near being a petty row, which was finall, averted and the game continued. In the ninth inning Johnson hit safely to left, made second on a passed ball, third on a sacrifice and scored on a passed ball, tieing the score, and the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. Neither side scored again until the first half of the thirteenth inning, when Campau go first on choice, second on an out and scored on Cushman's wild throw to Stearns at first in an effort to retire Ardner. The visitors were retired in one-two-three order in their half of the thirteenth inning. The score Kansas City.....0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—4 Des Momes.....1 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3

Earned runs-None. Three-base hits-Quinn. Struck-out-By Swartzel 14, by Cushman 7. Wild pitches—Swartzel 1. Cush man 1. Bases on balls—By Cushman 2. Hits—Kansas City 8, Des Moines 7. Errors—Kansas City 6, Des Moines 9. Time of game—2:20. Umpire—Powers. Batteries—Swartzel and Reynolds, Cushman and Traffer.

Western Association Standing. The following table shows the standing of the Western association teams up to and in-

cluding yesterday's ga	mes:	h.	
Play	ea Won	Lost	Pr Ct
Des Moines1	8	3	.800
Kansas City1	3 9	4	.693
Omaha 1	7	4	.636
Milwaukee	4	5	.444
St. Paul	4	5	.444
St. Louis	3 5	8	.384
Chicago 18	3	7	.800
Minneapolis1	8	11	.214

Schedule of Games For To-day. Omaha vs St. Louis at Omaha. Kansas City vs Des Momes at Kansas City Milwaukee vs St. Paul at Milwaukee.

Minneapolis vs Chicago at Minneapolis. No Game at Milwaukee.

Rain again prevented the St. Paul-Mil wankee game at Milwankee. These games, although scheduled for St. Paul, were to be played at Milwaukee, owing to the bad con-dition of the grounds at the former place, the result of the Mississippi spring overflow.

The Lafayettes. Manager Plummer has now signed fifteen players for the Lafayette base ball club. The men are practicing every day when the weather will permit and promise to make a strong team. New suits are being made by J. J. Hardia. They will be cream white, with blue trimmings and light blue caps and stockings. William Lancaster signed with the team as catcher on Monday.

Flashes From the Diamond.

Will the Omahas ever hit-just a little bit. Omaha is now third in the pennant chase. Will they ever get their optics on the ball! Des Moines dropped a notch yesterday. So The game will be called at 3:30 this after-

Come now, boys, brace up and let's see you

Brennan will umpire both to-day and to-

One little run in twenty-seven innings in wery yaller.

Burdick was a builty big berry for the St. Louis gang. Yesterday afternoon's defeat gave Doc

Worley the night sweats.
Sowders played with a vim and a dash that

will win under anywise favorable circum-

There was a cloud a good deal bigger than

a man's hand on Manager Solee's brow last

Burns' fielding yesterday was perfection itself. One of his catches was indeed a pre-

It was crack, smash, bang yesterday as

fast as Burdick could send them in. Every-

Is it possible that all of@Omaha's catchers

are going to have passed balls when there is

Mr. and Mrs. Lovett and Mr. and Mrs.

Shannon took the game in from the grand

The St. Louis fellows are a gentlemanly set of players, anyway. And then, oh my how they did wield the stick.

Joe Herr had on his batting breeches ye

terday. His home run was the longest hit ever made on the local grounds.

Gastfield did not distinguish himself yes

That was a great game in Kansas City yes

terday, the cowboys finally knocking Des Moines out 4 to 3 in the thirteenth inning.

Antelope, Oakland, Nebraska.—The reason the total games won do not balance with the

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Chicago 13, Boston 0.

Chicago and Boston to-day resulted as fol-

Indianapolis-Philadelphia.

Indianapolis, May 18 .- No game to-day-

Pittsburg-New York.

PITTEBURG, May 18 .- No game to-day-

Detroit-Washington.

DETROIT, May 18 .- No game to-day-

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Cincinnati-St. Louis.

CINCINNATI, May 18 .- No game to-day-

TURF AND TRACK.

Entries For To-Day and "Tips" on

the Winners.

day, posted at the Diamond. are:

The entries in the running races for Thurs

AT LOUISVILLE.
First race, one and one-sixteenth miles, handicap—Lela May, Huntress, Swift, Osceola, Glen Hall, Jim Nave, Longlight,

Wary.
Second race, five-eighths miles, selling—Annie Clare, Los Webster, Meta, Champagne

Charley, Albert Stuhl, Irene Dillon, Sallie O., Sunlight.
Third race, one and one-fourth mile, Clark stake—Long Roll, Ed Mack, Gallifit, Alexandria, Glen Fortune, Zeb Ward.

Fourth race, three-fourths mile, selling-

Pohatten Queen, Dan Wood, Blaze Ban, Parish, Laurel, Bachus, Collector, Yough-

ioughmy, Ashland, Antonia, Osberne.

Fifth race, three-fourths mile, selling—
Hottentot, Bonnie King, Balance, Buckeye,

Tips: First race-Swift first, Glen Hall

second. Second race—Annie Clare first, Sallie O second. Third race—Gallifit first, Long Roll second. Fourth race—Parish first, Blaze Ban second. Fifth race—Balance

AT BROOKLYN.

First race, one mile—Ella Smith (colt), Joseph, Lavehmont, Now or Never, Toristan.

Second race, one mile-Eurus, Katoolah,

Portland, Amalgam, Lancaster, Letretia,

Maia, Subaltern.

Third race, three-fourths mile, Bradford stake—Goldfish, French Park, Bob Furey,

Servia, Perigal, Holiday.

Fourth race, one and one-sixteenth mile

Parkway handicap -Favor, Richmond, Fer-mzi, Volanti, Grover Cleveland, Kirkman, Valiant, Oarsman, Victress Filly, Dry Mo-

Fifth race, five eighths mile, selling—Tav

iston, Omega, Sam D., Bravo, Dalesman Darling, Carnot, Little Barefoot.

Sixth race, three-fourths mile-Barnum.

Young Duke, Mute, Letretia, Bonnie Lad

Juggler, Umpire, Rosalie, Tips: First race—Joseph first, Now or

Never second. Second race—Eurus first, Lancaster second. Third race—French Park

first, Holiday second. Fourth race—Rich mond first, Favor second. Fifth race—Little

Barefoot first, Taviston second. Sixth race

The Louisville Races.

Louisville, Ky., May 18 .- The attendance

was large, the weather rainy and the track

For all ages, six furlongs-Orderly won

Emma Johnson second, Full Sail third. Time

For three-year-olds and upwards, one and

three-eighths miles—Terra Cotta won Hypasia second, Nick Finzer third. Time—

For all ages, seven furlongs-Wheeler T. won, Shotover second, Comedy third. Time

For two-year-olds, five furlongs--Specta

tor won, Fan King second, Famous third.

Three-quarters of a mile-Lilbert won

Pugilistic Jockeys.

NEW YORK, May 18 .- [Special Telegram to

THE BEE.]-There was a scrimmage in the

jockeys' dressing-room yesterday before the

Brooklyn races. Snapper Garrison and Fitz-

patrick were chaffing one another and the

wordy war became so hot that they started

to fight. Frank McLaughlin took a hand in

the fray, and things were getting decidedly

lively when a number of people separated

the combatants. A few scratches were the

extent of the bodily injuries received. Frank

McLaughlin, Fitzpatrick and Garrison were

set down for the day, but were not permitted

to ride as a punishment for their share in the

fray. There has been a good deal of rivalry

between the McLaughlin and Garrison fac-tions over the merits of Jimmy and Snapper

as jockeys, and this is not the first skirmist this rivalry has caused. The sentence of the executive committee, later in the day, was that Garrison, Fitzpatrick and F. McLaugh lin be fined \$250 each and forbidden to ride

for any but their own stables for the rest of

The Omaha-ritle club held its first outdoo.

shoot of the season Wednesday afternoon on

the practice range at the foot of Grace street.

Many of the members went to the range is

the Palace stable wagonette, while other

went out in private conveyances or walked

Besides the members there were several

guests who seemed to enjoy the shooting very much. The scores ranged from 25 to 70 out of a possible 100. Mr. W. F. Kinnear won

both medals, but will have to lose one at the next shoot, as under the club rules for shoot

ing it is almost impossible to hold both mea

als on the same score.

The club will shoot next Wednesday on the

practice range and the following Wednesday

Local Sporting Notes.

The John J. Hardin city league team plays at Council Binfs to morrow. On Sunday the Metz Bros. play in the Bluffs and the C. E. Maynes in South Omaha.

The Des Moines news agents ordered over

G. W. Ketcham, John Petty and "Airhole" Billy Townsend are attending a shooting

n the Bellevue range.

urney at Ashland.

Dago second, Tam O'Shanter third. Time-

Barnum first, Young Duke second.

very muddy.

Colamore, Fullsail.

first, Fullsail second.

. Boston 5. Umpire-Lynch.

rain.

CRICAGO, May 18 .- The game between

tice, and will show up all right yet.

However, he has had but little prac-

body hit him.

stand yesterday.

1,000 extra copies of THE BER on the days the rehibitionists played here.

Now Patsey Cardiff is out with a challenge Old Tom Dolan, with his two score years to Pat Killen. Next month challenge Cardiff again.

The Omahogs thought they had a snap yes terday. So much for human prescience. AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS. The ladies' folding chairs will be put in the east end of the grand stand this morning. Twin Sisters Who Were Separated Manager Loftus wore a smile last evening When Babies Meet. that extended clear to the back of his neck. The boys say they will win this afternoon f they have to knock the cover off the ball

TACOMA, W. T., May 18 .- A strange meet ing took place here yesterday. The wife of A. F. Hoska, chief of the fire department, and Mrs. Annie Spencer, of Spencerville, Ont., are twin sisters. Their mother died in New York thirty-two years ago in giving them birth. The babies were separated soon after and adopted by different families, one being taken to Peshtigo, Wis., and the other to Spencerville, Ont, The girls grew to womanhood, neither knowing anything of the whereabouts or fate of the other. Later Mrs. Hoska moved from Wiscon-Later Mrs. Hoska moved from Wisconsia here. Some months ago a newcomer met Mrs. Hoska, and mistaking her
for Mrs. Spencer, of whom she had for years
been a neighbor at the latter's home in
Ontario, addressed her in surprise at seeing
her here. Inquiries that followed led Mrs.
Hoska to write to Mrs. Spencer and proved
her surmise that the latter was her sister to be correct. Correspondence led Mr. and Mrs. Spencer to come out here, and the two sisters who were parted before they knew each other, and each of whom for years had thought the other dead, were united last evening. There was such a scene of joy as moved several spectators to tears. The two ladies bear such a remarkable resemblance to each other, even in their voices and man-ners, that the two husbands are constantly in doubt as to which is his own wife,

total games lost in the Western association table is simply because some of the clubs have played more games than others, Savey! A G. A. R. Post Cornered. PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- From extracts of the general order issued to-day by the com mander of the department of the Pennsyl vania Grand Army of the Republic it is evident that E. F. Baker Post has been taken to task for its action in electing General Jos. E. Johnston, the ex-confederate, a contribut-

The order says the establishment by posts of what they call contributing, honarary or associate memberships is without authority of law, and in conflict with the rules and regu lations, and must be at once discontinued

condition of the grounds.

Pitchers—Borchers and Radbourne. Base
hits—Chicago 12, Boston 4. Errors—Chicago Escaping Gas Causes an Explosion. St. CLOUD, Minn., May 13.-Gas escaping in the basement of the First National bank exploded this evening. The building is a total wreck. The front was blown across the street, shattering buildings on the other side. Many people were on the street and a large number were hurt, the following seriously: E. Keller, J. Kahn, A. L. Huber, F. Talman and J. Whitney. The building caught fire, but the flames were quickly put

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska and Iowa: Fair weather, followed by local rains in Nebraska, warmer, followed by cooler, winds becoming light to fresh southerly.

For Eastern and Southwestern Dakota Warmer, followed by cooler, rains, preceded by fair weather, winds becoming light to fresh, southerly

Virginia Republicans. PETERSBURG, Va., May 18 .- The republican state convention to-day elected as dele gates at large to the Chicago convention General V. D. Grover, Samuel W. Yost, R. A. Paul (colored), and C. A. Herman. On motion of John S. Wise the platform to be adopted at the Chicago convention was adopted as the platform of the party here, and at 2:30 the convention adjourned.

The Moonlighters.

DUBLIN, May 18 .- The moonlighters have posted notices in Drumquin district of County Tyrone, ordering the boycotting of all communication with the police, and warning the people that all those who disregard the order shall be shot.

In the Hands of a Receiver. SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 18 .- The Syracuse Bolt company and the Syracuse Screw company have gone into the hands of a receiver. They were practically under the same man-Their combined liabilities are

about \$77,000. Joseph, Lavehmont, Now or Never, Liverness Refund, Billy Brown, Bullston, Iverness Importing Russian Corn. BERLIN. May 18 - Enormous quantities of Russian corn are being imported into Ger-

many. During the last two days 348 truck

loads of grain have entered German terri-

Steamship Arrivals. NEW YORK, May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-At New York the Germania and Scythia from Liverpool, the Saale from

Bremen, the Rugia from Hamburg.
At Queenstown, the Gallia from New York. The Fire Record. PORTLAND, Ore., May 18 .- A fire broke out last night in Palouse City, Washington Ter ritory, and destroyed a large portion of the business places. Seven blocks in all burned. The total loss will reach \$250,000; total in-

surance \$75,000. Beyond the Political Field. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 17.-Joseph R. Anderson, who was last Wednesday nomi nated for governor of Tennessee by the state prohibition convention, died this morning.

George Goes to the Asylum.

George Langborn, who has been rusticating for some time at the county jail over mental disturbances, has become so vicious and un ruly that it has been thought best to take him to the asylum for the insane at Lincoln To-day a deputy sheriff will start off with

Ladies who value a refined complexion must use Pozzoni's Powder---it produces a soft and beautiful skin.

Grand Concert and Ball. Prof. Shunke's band of eighteen professional musicians give a grand concert at Metz' summer garden and hall to-night. An attractive and entertaining instrumental programme will be rendered, after which there will be a ball with music by the full orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Hulitt, who have been married seventy-one years, dwell in peace at Landisfield, Mass. It is in peace at Landisfield, Mass. It is evident they have never heard of that beautiful burg, Chicago.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Combines, in a manner peculiar to itself, the best blood-purifying and strengthening remedies of the vegetable kingdom. You will find this wonderful remedy effective where other medicines have failed. Try it now. It will purify your blood, regulate the digestion, and give new life and vigor to the entire body. "Hood's Sarsaparilla did me great good I was tired out from overwork, and it toned

me up." MRS. G. E. SIMMONS, Cohoes, N. Y. "I suffered three years from blood poison. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and think I am cured." MRS. M. J. DAVIS, Brockport, N. Y.

Purifies the Blood

Hood's Sarsaparilla is characterized by three peculiarities: 1st, the combination of remedial agents; 2d, the proportion; 3d, the process of securing the active medicinal qualities. The result is a medicine of unusual strength, effecting cures hitherto unknown. Send for book containing additional evidence. "Hood's Sarsavarilla tones up my system, purifies my blood, sharpens my appetite, and seems to make me over." J. P. Thompson, Register of Deeds, Lowell, Mass.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla beats all others, and is worth its weight in gold." I. Bahrington, 130 Bank Street, New York City. Hood's Sarsaparilla Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Made only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.

100 Deses One Dollar.

EARLY SENATORIAL DAYS,

How the Nebraska Legislature Was Run in the Senatorial Days.

SIX-SHOOTERS IN THE HOUSE.

Men Compelled to Talk or Keep Quiet at the Point of the Gun-Bill Hicklin's, Rope - Mason Clears the House.

There are many very interesting stories told of the early pioneer days in the Nebraska legislature by the men who organized the state and were compelled to make their speeches in the territorial legislature to suit the sentiments of the majority in favor of a bill. One of the old ones, in a letter in the San Francisco Examiner on those early days, says: The soil of Nebraska was ever prolific

of political rumpuses. Soon after its admission as a state the bad blood of both parties warmed up with the new responsibilities of statehood, and worked off its unhealthy

humors in sessions of the legislature.

When quite a boy I witnessed some rather remarkable scenes there. A Brownville lawyer, whose name I cannot now recall, represented Nemaha county in the senate. One day he rose cocked and primed with a speech in opposition to a certain nefarious measure that the lobbyists were putting through. It had passed the house with little oppo-position, but the Nemaha county lawyer had certain facts in his possession which would defeat the bill.

He rose in his seat, with his face the picture of astonishment and suppressed indignation, when there came from several directions about him the ominous click, click, click of the old-fashioned Colt's revolvers.

"The member from Nemaha," said the president of the senate. The member looked about him and same the muzzles of three six-shooters about to make a competitive point of him: "I merely wished to remark," said the Nemaha man, "that when we

adjourn we adjourn until 1:30 p. m., in order to give the committee on public schools time to report." The discussion on the merits of the bill went on and the Nemaha member withdrew.

In about fifteen minutes the bill was about to reach a vote, when the Nemaha member was observed in his seat, and his sharp cry of "Mr. President!" rang out with an ominous vigor. As he rose a man named Wilkes Majors, of Otoe county, a noted dead shot, fighter and lobbyists, rose just behind. Majors had a growth of hair like Wild Bill, and he stood six feet two. Majors had a sixshooter in each hand, and with these weapons he covered the senate chamber. "The member from Nemaha—and the

gentleman from Otoe," remarked the president of the senate A titter ran through the chamber and a round of applause came from the yeomanry in the galleries. The Nemaha member opened his batteries on the bill and as he paced up and down the isle the tall form of Wickes Majors hovered close behind and when the senator said anything particularly bitter Majors would cock his weapons and sweep the chamber with the business looking muzzles. As the sharp "click, click" lence of the most painful dimensions. Well, the speech was delivered to a quiet, orderly senate and a gallery that quaked with honest applause. When quaked with honest applause. the roll was called Majors walked over to the first man on the list and the sharp

click, click" came again. The member who had pulled a re volver originally was down for the bill and had his money in his pocket, but after a couple of seconds deliberation he

The bill was unanimously defeated. BILL HICKLIN'S ROPE.

David Butler's second term as governor of Nebraska brought down on his head the wrath of his constituents. His impeachment was made a political issue and several county conventions pledged their legislative nominees to vote for

Colonel Scofield, of Nebraska City, was so pledged, but on his arrival at Lin-coln he became "magnetized" by Butler, and openly declared that he should vote against impeachment. This was telegraphed to Nebraska City and

caused great excitement. Ben Hicklin, an odd character there and publisher of the News, chartered a special train, took 100 anti-Butler men to Lincoln, and finding their receran senator in the billiard room of the Tich nor house, collared him and dragged him into the parlor, where about twenty of his constituents interviewed him with closed doors. It did not last long. Hicklin, grasping him by the throat shook a noose under his chin and vowed that they would hang him if he violated his campaign pledges.

The vote was taken that afternoon and Hicklin, while his 200 men, sat in the gallery.
When Scofield's name was called

Hicklin dropped a rope down over the senate chamber, with a noose at the end. It dangled over Scoffeld's head, and he voted "Aye" on the resolution of impeachment. His vote decided the question and led

to proceedings that caused Butler's retirement from public life. HASKELL'S STATE CONVENTION. In the succeeding legislature a mar

named Haskell was president of the senate. His hobby was the calling of a constitutional convention, and after a bitter fight he lost. ... A few months afterward the governo was temporarily absent from the state. and the lieutenant-governor, who was

rather fond of gin and fiddling, was in duced to cross the river one night and attend a dance. Once across the stream he was in Missouri, and thus left Has kell, by virtue of his position, acting governor. He kept track of the other's move

ments and took care that he was plied with liquor until he could by no possibility get back to Nebraska for fortyeight hours.
Haskell had a confederate to keep

him posted by wire, and, drawing up a proclamation calling for a constitutional convention, he took the document into the secretary of state's office and re-"Say, Billy, how much does that lasted seal of the state of Nebraska

weigh? I have a little bet on the weight and I'd like to win it." The secretary of state handed it over with the suggestion that he had "better

Haskell took the seal, and, after gravely "hefting it" a moment, placed his proclamation between its jaws and, pressing the lever, stamped the seal of the sovereign state of Nebraska on the

paper and walked out. When the Statesman appeared in the afternoon, Acting Governor Haskell's proclamation calling a constitutional convention appeared and was tele-graphed over the state. It ordered an election of delegates within three days, and those favoring the scheme were not slow in availing themselves of the

opportunities afforded to go on a jaunt | the list of verbose denunciations of him-to the capital. Mernwhile Acting Gov- | self, interspersed with comical critiernor James was enjoying himself with merry company in the paw-paw groves of Missouri, and when he realized the march stolen on him by his political adversary, hastened home and issude a

counter-proclamation. The state at once became divided into two factions, favoring, respectively, the old old constitution and the constitution

The election went on in spite of the counter-proclamation, and in due course of time the delegates arrived in at Lincoln, the capital, and assembled in the chamber of the house. Acting Gover-nor James was called upon by a resolution to read a message to the new body outlining his ideas relative to the needs of the state. He promptly replied by a message proroguing the convention. While his secretary was reading the message Block of Beatrice walked up, and, snatching it from his hand, tore it up and threw on the floor amid loud applause. That afternoon James issued a call to the state militia to assemble in the capital for the purpose of mainlaw and order and dispersing the "illegal gathering alleged to be constitutional convention.

All the military companies in the state reported in twenty-four hours' notice. The chance of free transportation to and from the capital and unlimited rations was too good to be lost and every man who had ever marched on a Fourth of July parade brushed up his old gun and knapsack, scoured his canteen with castile soap and white sand and rushed to the train.

A MUSHROOM GENERAL. This was a golden opportunity for Bill Hicklin, of Nebraska City, the gentle-man before alluded to in this article. He called his company together and caused them to elect him brigadier general, and, chartering a car at his own expense, landed over one hundred men in Lincoln before 12 o'clock that night and, calling on the governor with his staff, proffered his services.

There was no regular military head to the troops, and in recognition of the promptness of his movements, Hicklin was duly commissioned commander-in-chief of the Nebraska militia.

Hicklin was a born wag, the most noted practical joker in the state, but he had also a marked aptitude for management of men, and was a leader and strategist in everything he undertook. Although having but little education, just able to read and write, he had a knack of managing and bossing everything he had anything to do with whether a midnight fire, a horse race or a state campaign.

Next day he called on the state for tents, and by noon was in camp with regular military headquarters estab-lished. He began issuing orders in

regular military fashion. General order No. 1 proclaimed the captital under martial law, and, throwing a cordon of troops around the capitol building, he ordered any member of the convention arrested who attempted to pass. One did attempt, and he was promptly brought to Hicklin's tent, tried by drumhead court martial and fined a baket of champagne. Every breech of military etiquet resulted in a heavy fine of champagne and soon Hicklin had his tent stocked with "collected fines." ranging all the way from one bottle to one basket. Reports of these proceedings were written out in the most solemn fashion, signed by Hicklin as commander in chief and attested to by his

These reports were all given to the press and the utter ludicrousness of the situation soon caused a howl of laughter to rock the state. It was easy to see that Hicklin was simply making sport of the governor and also of the convention, and when he issued an order for all hands to go home by common con-sent it was complied with. The farce cost the state about \$50,000, but the taxpayers insisted that the sport was worth it and paid the bills without grumbling.

It was this that enabled the citizens of Missouri to brag that they had a \$50,000 ball in their state while the taxpayers kindly settled Nebraskan with the fiddler.

HE BROKE UP THE MEETING. O. P. Mason, now a supreme judge of Nebraska, was a man of great personal courage. He was very independent and his brains and lack of what people call "policy," earned him many bitter

enemies. When once he got the ear of a meeting his oratory won them over so quickly that to resist was useless. All the movements against Mason had to be done in the dark.

One night several men, all sneaking cowards, met in a little red schoolhouse a couple of miles from Nebraska City for the purpose of holding a "mass meetto denounce Mason, whom they feared was about to receive a lucrative federal appointment. They drew up a series of resolutions beginning with "We, the people of Otoe county, in mass convention assembled, denounce O. P. Mason as an enemy of the human race; a fee of mankind," etc., etc.

These political conspirators, who had no standing whatever in the county. spent an hour drawing up the most inflammatory resolutions in this little red school house in the woods, round the light of the single tallow dip.

Presently there came the sound of horses' hoofs plodding up to the door, and a moment or two later who should walk in but O. P. Mason himself.

As his portly figure appeared at the door, his shaggy locks shaking, there was a dead silence in the little schoolroom. Mason walked deliberately up to the table, threw off his heavy overcoat. laid his hat down on a bench, and, grabbing the resolutions and the candle, walked up behind the teachers's desk and began to read:

"We, the people of Otoe county (who spells county with a K?), in mass conention assembled.' Mason at this point gave a broad grin.

and inquired when the balance of meeting would be there. After reading

self, interspersed with comical criti-cisms of the grammar and spelling, Mason laid down the paper alongside the candle, and pulling a rather over-grown six-shooter out of his pocket, laid it down also, and addressed a few remarks to the meeting.

"Jack, I see you down here as president at this meeting. Isn't it a little odd that a man just two years out of the Kansas penitentiary should come up here and run political mass meetings? Mr. President, there's the door, git! He lifted his six-shooter and the pres-

dent of the meeting walked out. "Bill, I see you are here too. I'm surprised to see you here, after the way worked for you down in Brownsville to save you from the charge of robbing Doc Holiday's hen-roosts. Nine years ago that was, and you owe me the fee yet. Better git!"

The six-shooter was again lifted. "I don't want to expose the balance of this gang. I know your back record, and you well know I do. If I tried long know you'd kill each other in cold blood for the imposition each man practiced in getting acquainted with the other four. It just prolongs your worthless lives for me to keep quiet. Boys, there's room outside, and the meeting's adjourned sine die.'

He lifted the revolver again, then the candle, and blew out the light. The "mass meeting" was thus dispersed in a most orderly manner, and Mason striding his old mare rode into town and ordered the proceedings published in the News, with an explanation of how he came by them. It was the last "mass meeting" ever held against Mason in SAM DAVIS. that county.

A NOTHER FOR THE BURLINGTON An Iowan Strikes Hard and Straight From the Shoulder.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 10 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: In lieu of an extended introductory, I'll shake the usual prefatory racket and get down to the bone and gristle of the subject mat-

Burlington is noted (stress on the "noted") for 'leven or nine different reasons, viz.:

1. The town was cut bias, like a hog' eyes, for reasons known to the "Q." 2. The founder didn't spoil a very good farm in disrupting the country for its location. 3. The Sixth street bridge is a last-

ing monument to the magnanimity of of the once-powerful C., B. & Q. 4. This is-when he is not an at-

tendant at a clam-bake down at Bostonthe home of C. E. Perkins, as also W. C. Brown, H. B. Stone, W. W. Baldwin. Superintendent Stewart, Master Me chanic Joe West, Tom Scholes, and others of lesser light. It is also the home of M. G. Haight, the man with a bass voice who caused the cockroaches in the Madison penitentiary, twenty miles away, to put up their antaenas in holy horror every time he'd say all-a-board for Mad., Keo. and Quin. Here, too, the late lamented T. J. Potter had a residence, and was of and for the rank and file of the "Q" attaches. Would there were more like him. Peace to his ashes.

Apropos of this, I append his declar ation, which borders on the prophetic: Said Mr. Potter: "The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy management is too weak, and it grows weaker with every recurring change in the force. There is trouble brewing, and it is not far off." Rising to his feet and moving about the room he continued: "Mark my prediction, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy will have a strike and the road will go to hell within a year!" These are facts and the reader can

draw his own conclusions. The writer of this is not a strikerneither is he the son of a striker-but is one who ever frowns down, the wrong and upholds the right.

Local news is meagre. Our river is too high-can't get hear enough to it to water a horse. The converging tracks in the yards here are as rusty as a last herring, and the scabs all work

the other side of the street. A commendable dignity and sobriety pervades the ranks of the engineers in my acquaintance. With such men at throttle as Will Wilder, Mike Smith, Fred Karns, Jim Titus, Ab. Par mater, etc., the old Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was in trusty and prosperou

But "there's heaps of trouble on the old man's mind" since the boys got away with the "Q.," as the following attests:

The Wall Street News, which no one will consider other than a corpora tion journal, says: 'The Burlington & Quincy thinks it is winning the fight because it is running more trains. It claims a victory, but it is more expensive than a defeat. France was the richer for paying the indemity to Germany when Germany was the poorer receiving it. The company has alienated its associates, has lost the support of faithful employes, antagonized the railroad system of the country by trying to involve all other roads in the inevitable results of the pig headedness of its managers. It is today a borrower of money to pay its dividends. And yet they expect, or seem to, that other roads which are satisfied with fair returns on capital, will sup-port them in their insane attempt to keep up 8 per cent dividends by squeez ing employes."

That the boys hereaway are a little ore over their treatment at the hands of the Hawkeye, and in fact, at the entire press of the city, is natural, since the O has bought up everthing from Chicago to Denver, (except the Omaha BEE). "Sock et tum." Right is mighty and must prevail.

John Quackenbush, who died at Cornwall, N. Y., on Saturday, was born in 1783.



THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Much Excitement and High Prices in the Wheat Pit.

THE CEREAL FAILING TO SPROUT.

An Alarming Report From the Red River Valley - Corn Even Worse Off-Oats Strong-A Boom

in Provisions.

THE BEE. |- Wheat opened so excited that

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET. CHICAGO, May 18 .- [Special Telegram to

while there were sales of July at 89% con one side of the pit there were bids at 90c on the other. At I o'clock, in spite of the bear ish inclination of the crowd, and in spite of heavy selling by Hutchinson, the same option was above 91c. There was another very large clearance of flour out of Baltimore, over 55,000 barrels, making exports of flour from that port alone over 120,000 barrels in two days. Taking the wheat and flour export together and reducing them, they aggregate for New York and Baltimore for two days over 830,000 bushels, half as much as cleared from all Atlantic ports last week in six days. These figures helped the market as much as anything else, but there was plenty of other news of a bull sort. It was cold and wet all over the west-not only in the northwest but in the west as well. It was freezing at certain places in Nebraska, and colder weather was predicted. One sensational dispatch from the Red river valley said that wheat in that famous district was not sprouting and in some cases it certainly had rotted from cold and wet. The movement was favorable. In the pit Hutchinson, the great buyer of yesterday, was the great realizer. The crowd went home last night convinced that the under-pinning of the pit had gone and that a decisive break in prices was coming. This is the conclusion they had at the opening, but affairs did not turn out that way. Cudahy and his party, having solid above 91c yesterday, were in shape to take a great lot back at about 90c. They bought, however, chiefly for August and December. There was more foreign buying than on any day so far. Baldwin & Farnum and others

day so far. Baldwin & Farnum and others who had been prominent as sellers. Wednesday were prominent on the other side to-day. Hutchinson's selling was done largely by Mc-Henry. Bloom was a seller at the start and then a buyer. It was reported after the tide had turned.
The cold and wet weather had even more influence on corn than on wheat—enough to entirely offset larger receipts than was expected. The out inspection, however, was large—198,881 bushels—and the cash demand was large during the day. The settlement was large during the day. large-198,881 bushels-and the cash de-mand was large during the day. The estimates for Saturday—355 cars—showed some falling off in the movement. A prominent commission house had advices from Iowa that lately planted corn was being spoiled by cold and wet. In the pit operations were not significant. There was a little selling of May and buying of July, but this changing was not on a great scale. May opened at 50%c, sold to 50c and at 1 o'clock stopped at 100 clock stopped at July opened at 5734c and at 1 o'clock

Oats were effected chiefly by the strength in the other pits. Receipts were 256 cars and the estimate for Saturday 200. May opened at 34%c and closed at 1 o'clock at 35c. July opened at 33%c and at 1 o'clock closed at 33%c. Hutchinson was a large seller of August, putting out probably 400,000 bushels, 250,000 bushels in one lot to Fowler at 29c.

The provision trade departed from its well worn rut. The unexpected failing off in re-ceipts of hogs developed a bullish turn, and under the lead of lard, products of all descrip-tions experienced a sharp boom. Trading opened all around at the lowest prices of the day and from start to finish the market pur-sued an ascending course. The highest figures quoted were obtained just before I o'clock. Based on last night's closings, the advance actually established in pork amounted to 231/2/25c, in lard to 171/2/20c, and in short rips to 12%c.
AFTERNOON SESSION—Wheat lower; May

closed at about 88%c; June closing at 89%c; July opened at 91%c, sold at 91%c, down to closed at about \$85,0; June closing at \$94,0; July opened at 91%c, sold at 91%c, down to 90%c, closing at 90%c. Corn was higher early but eased off. May closed at 59%c, June closed at 57%c; July opened at 58%c, off to 58%c, closing at 58%c. August closed at 57%c. Oats fairly active; May was higher and sold and closed at 35%c. Other futures steady; June closing at 33%c. August closed at 29%c, closing at 33%c. August closed at 29%c. September closing at 28%c. Pork declined 7%c and closed at \$14.37% for May and June, \$14.47% for July, \$14.55 for August and \$14.62% for September. Lard was 5c lower. May and June closed at \$8.60, July at \$8.62%, August at \$8.65, September at 8.67% and year at \$8.00. Short ribs closed 5c lower or at \$7.65 for May and June, \$7.72% for July, \$7.80 for August and \$7.87% for September.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- CATTLE-Receipts were rather large for Friday and some dealers seemed to think the tendency of values would be lower. There was a strong demand, however, and the market was quite active on all desirable light and medium weights. Big, ripe cattle of heavy weight sold slowly, however, and at relatively lower prices than the half fat kinds. The general market, however, was at least steady. Good to choice 1400 to 1600-lb. \$4,50@5.00; fair to good 1000 to 1350-lb, \$4.00@ 4.55; slop steers, 1250 lbs, \$4.45@4.55; cows \$1.80@3.60; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.00 Good Texas cattle steady; steers, \$3.00@4.00; ows, \$1.50@2.50.

Hoos-Trade was again active with an upturn of about 5:0010c on all classes. Best heavy made \$5.75:05.80, largely at \$5.75; mixed, \$5.55:005.65; light at \$5.55:005.60; lightlight, \$5.40@5.50.

LIVE STOCK

Chicago, May 18.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows: Cattle-Receipts, 9,000; market strong for ight; heavy steady; steers, \$4.00@5.00; cows,

\$1.80@3.60; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.00;

Fexas cattle, \$1.50@4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market strong, active and 5@10c higher; mixed, \$5.40@5.70; heavy, \$5.55@5.80; light, \$5.40@5.65; skips, \$9.75@5.10. \$3.75(\text{id}a, 10. Sheep--Receipts, 4,000; market steady; good stronger; wooled, \$4.50(\text{id}a, 40; shorn, \$3.00(\text{id}6,00; Texans, shorn, \$2.75(\text{id}5,10; lambs,

Kansas City, May 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,300; shipments, 500; market weak and a shade lower on heavy shipping steers; other grades stronger and active; good to choice corn-fed, \$4.5564.75; common to medium, \$3.25694.20; stockers, \$2.0062.90; feeders, \$3.0062.90

\$5.75@7.00.

Hogs-Receipts, 8,400; shipments, 3,400; market strong and active and 5c higher; common to choice, \$4.75@4.60; skips and pigs,

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, May 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 600; shipments, 1,300; market strong and un-changed; choice heavy native steers, \$4,50@ 5.00; fair to good native steers, \$4.10/24.00 butchers' steers, medium to choice, \$3.10/6 4.25; stockers and feeders, fair to good \$2.30@3.60; rangers, ordinary to good, \$3.20@

Hogs-Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 1,200; market a shade higher; choice heavy and butchers selections, \$5.55@5.65; packing, medium to prime, \$5.40@5.55; light grades, ordinary to best, \$5.20@5.45.

FINANCIAL.

New York, May 18 .- [Special Telegram to Tax Ban. |- Stocks-There was more trading in stocks, sales up to noon being 98,000 shares. The bulk, however, was by prefessionals who, in the absence of outside orders of consequence, have the market to themselves. The feeling among large traders was bearish. They are heavily short and doing all in their power to hammer the market down to cover. Some long stocks have come out in the past few days, but the bulk of the selling was by shorts. Reports from the west state that the St. Paul company had lost money by the recent floods and reduced