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Sensational Suicide of a Murderer at Republican City.

PUT A BULLET IN HIS HEART.

TWO LITTLE CHILDREN DROWNED.

Terrible Adventure of a Farmer's Wife-Heavy Rainfalls Over the

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Cheated the Gallows.

REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., May 28.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - This place is in a fever of excitement over a suicide which took place here this morning under most sensational circumstances.

On Friday, the 25th, a cold-blooded murder was committed at Vinton, Ia. A man named Daniel Willford was the victim. All the surroundings of the crime went to show that he had been killed for his money. A man named Dan Ridge, whose home is in Republican City, was in Vinton at the time and immediately after the murder disappeared. As there was strong circumstantial evidence that he was the murderer, the Iowa officials started in search of him, and finally succeeded in tracing him to his home in Republican.

Ridge, who is a desperate character, learned that the officers were after him, and last. Friday locked himself in a room in his house, taking with him a rifle, a revolver and plenty of ammunition, and when asked to surrender of ammunition, and when asked to surrender said he would never be taken alive. No one was willing to risk his life by attempting his capture and the officers and a posse surrounded the house with the intention of starving him out. Friday night, Saturday and the two nights following the siege con-tinued, with no signs of yielding on either side, when, about 7 o'clock this morning, a long senset was heard from the room held by loud report was heard from the room held by Ridge, followed by a heavy fall. After cau-tiously reconnoitering, it was decided that he had killed himself and several men volun teered to go into the house and see. Re assured by the deathlike stillness which pro vailed when they entered, the men made their way cautiously to the room, and still hearing no sound from within, they burst open the door. Ridge was lying on his face with a 52-cali-

Ridge was lying on his face with a 32-cali-bre revolver still grasped in his right hand. Around him was a pool of blood. Upon turning him over a large bul-let wound was found in his left side just above the nipple. That portion of the body was bare, so that it was evident that the desperado, finding escape cut off, and preferring instant death to either hang-ing or starvestion had deliberately haved his ing or starvation, had deliberately bared his left side, placed the weapon over his heart He had apparently determined to and fired. attempted by force, as he had fifty rounds of amunition in the belt which he wore around in his body. A bottle of strychnine was found in his pocket. It is supposed that he in-tended to use this in case the bullet failed to do its work.

Troops Sent to Oelrichs

CHADRON, Neb., May 28 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BRE.]-The Indian scare at Oelrichs, Dak., has been made so much of that to-day a troop of cavalry under Captain Hughes left Fort Robinson en route for that place. Calls had been made upon the governor of Dakota for troops but to-day they were countermanded. There is a large emigration pouring into the country expected to be opened for settlement and they are de-nied admission to the reservation and if they get into the reservation are notified to at

once depart. Four ROBINSON, Neb., May 28.-[Spec

is opening up a large general store and it will be open for business in a few days. J. Lamey of Springfield, Mo., is here ar-ranging to open up a first class dry goods store THURMAN FOR SECOND PLACE. The Old Roman Picked Out By the Eastern men with capital are coming in on every train looking for business openings and investments in lands. Real estate deal-

ers are happy and every one is feeling cheerful.

The News at David City. DAVID CITY, Neb., May 26.-[Correspond-ence of THE BEE.]-The city council of David City, at their meeting on the 24th inst. changed the boundary line of the First ward so as to take in the half block upon which was situated the new hotel property of the David City Improvement association, which

heretofore was in the Second ward. The First ward being under the control of a ma-jority for licensing saloons, and the Second ward having a decided majority against it, made it impossible to establish a saloon on the premises. Hence the move on the part the premises. Hence the move on the part of the city fathers, whose vote stood 4 to 2. The Central Nebraska National bank of David City is now doing business on a paid up capital of \$100,000. This bank becan bus-iness in the fail of 1887 on a capital of \$50,000 and found it necessary to increase their capital to double the amount to meet their fast increasing business. They have one of the best arranged and equipped offices for banking in the state, and the institution has banking it the state, and the institution inter-the confidence and good will of the people generally. Martin Gould, formerly of Omaha, and a man of long experience and acknowledged ability in banking, is its cashier, and William M. Bunting, one of the oldest settlers of that vicinity, its president.

District Court at Ord.

OnD, Neb., May 25.-[Correspondence of THE BEE. |-District court convened here last Tuesday, the 22d inst. Judge B. F. Tiffany and numerous other lawyers arrived in Ord Monday night and Tuesday morning work was commenced on the remains of a long docket left over from the March term, this being only an adjourned term. On Tues day the case of the State vs Henry C. Wolfe, charged with the crime of adultery, was called. The state examined twenty-two wit nesses and the defense examined eighteen The case was closely contested and the evi-dence conflicting. County Attorney Clements and Senator Robbins, both of Ord, repre-sented the state, and ex-Senator Paul, of St. Paul, and Judge Westover and E. M. Coffin. of Ord, represented the defense. A verdict of not guilty was returned and the defendant

discharged Heavy Rain in Butler County.

DAVID CITS, Neb., May 28 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-A very heavy rain fell throughout Butler county on Saturday night, thoroughly wetting the ground, and again on Sunday evening about 5 o'clock another one fell, passing southward through the center of the county, and about two miles east of Garrison a water spout formed which flooded the fields in that vicinity, but no damage is

the fields in that vicinity, but no damage is reported beyond the washing out of some of the crops on the slopes. BRAINARD, Neb., May 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The heaviest rain in a year foll here last Saturday night, the farmers receiving great benefit from it. Many small bridges were washed away. Crops never looked better in this section of the county.

Two Children Drowned.

BRATRICE, Neb., May 28.- | Special Telegram o THE BEE]-Word was received here to-day of the drowing of two children of A.F.Bickett, who lived south of O'Dell on the Oliver farm, one a crippled girl, the other a boy five years old. The father was away from home, a storm came up, and the mother fearing the creek would rise and carry away the house took her five children and started for a neighbor's half a mile away. In the dark they stumbled in a gulley of running water.

FOR GROVER'S RUNNING MATE.

Administration Men.

Clinton B. Fisk Sure of the Empty Honor of the Third Party Nomi-

nation Without Opposition-Cold Water Notes.

Thurman For Vice President, PHILADELPHIA, May 28.- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The Times says to-day: "The democratic ticket to be placed in nomination at the St. Louis convention will be: For president, Grover Cleveland, of New York; for vice president, Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio. Ex-Senator Thurman has been asked if he will accept the nomination and has given his consent to the convention and will go on the ticket. The nomination has been tendered to the Ohio statesman with the full knowledge and approbation of the leading men of the party throughout the country north, east, south and west. For the last ten days there has been a rapid concentration of opinion that Thurman was the man among them to nominate for vice president. The nestor of the democratic party, the sturdiest and acknowledged representative of Jacksonian democratic principles, an advocate of half a century for honest and economical government. and with an integrity above suspicion, loved by his friends and admired by his political opponents, the thinking democrats of the states turned to the Ohio statesman as the best, strongest and in every way mest ac ceptable democrat to make the great battle of 1888 with Grover Cleveland. In the few consultations which have been had on the subject, it was conceded that the nomination of Thurman would keep the republicans busy with preventing him from running away with Ohio; that the old men of the party who had grown

up in the faith and had been fed upon its principles, would give Thurman such sup-port as they would accord no other democrat, and that the young men would rally with unexcelled enthusian around the man they have been taught to accept as one of the

purest, ablest and grandest characters in the democratic party." Congressman Randall was in the city today and when asked as to the probable com-position of the national ticket replied: "Sen-ator Thurman will undoubtly be the nominee for vice president. He is agreed upon by every body, is willing to accept the nomination, and in my judgment is the best and strongest man in the country to place upon the ticket. I think it is a wise selection, the visest that could have been made. The wisest that could have been made. The mention of Thurman's name, it is believed, will lead to the result of there being but two ballots taken in the national convention the first to nomnate Grover Cleveland and the second t make Grover Clevennia and the second to nominate Allen G. Thurman. The south has no candidate and stands ready to do whatever New York may ask for, and that will be Thurman. Pennsylvania will join hands with New York, and there will be no differences of opinion in the Ohio delegation. That much would be enough to nominate, and the thought is that such candidates as have been mentioned will not further press their claims. In the light of recent events the leading democrats feel perfectly safe about Indiana, and the nomination of Thur-man, they think, will sweep away all petty wars and troubles, and cement the party for

 Wars and troubles, and connect the party for for a vigorous campaign."
WASHINGTON, May 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Governor Gray of Indiana is no longer regarded a vice-presidential quan-tity. The name of ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman of Ohio has been substituted by the administration, and it is stated upon the nuthority of a cabinet officer that the old Roman has decided to accept. Last week overtures of the most persuasive character were made to Mr. Thurman by a gentleman directly connected with the administration for him to permit the use of his name at the St. Louis convention. This morning Allen W. Thurman, the ex-senator's son, arrived here from Columbus with the information, it s stated that his father has consented to take the nomination if it is tendered to him unanimously. This can be done and will be ione. It is stated by men closely connect with the administration that Mr. Cleveland has expressed a very earnest lesire to have Mr. Thurman on the ticket with him name of Governor Gray was rejected by Mr. Cleveland and his immediate friends because the Indianian was once a prominent knownothing and it was believed he would lose to the party the state of New York. Then there were very strong objec-tions made to him by democrats from his own state. A democratic member of the house, who calls upon the president almost daily, said to-right that two or three of the leading democratic memhers of the delegation in congress from Indiana have gone to Mr. Cleveland and asked him to exert his influence to keep Gray off the ticket. This di-rected the president's attention to the necessity of investigating Mr. Gray's record a month ago, and the knownothing feature of it led him to say at once that his name must not be on the ticket; that no man who had ever been a knownothing could carry New York, and the machinery was put to vork to select another man. General Black of Illinois, commissioner of pensions, seemed o have the inside track ten days ago, when when Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Morri-son made a protest, and then the president, Secretary Whitney, and others, said if Mr. Thurman could be induced to accept the nomination, he would be the man; that Cleveland and Thurman would be invincible Secretary Whitney undertook the task of securing assent from the aged Ohioan, and this afternoon the secretary of the navy announced that Mr. Thurman would accept. It is stated to night upon excellent authority that the president has in his possession a note from Mr. Thurman permitting the use of his name in the St. Louis convention. This, it is believed, settles the question of who will constitute the democratic ticket-Cleveland and Thurman. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 28.—Judge Thur-man denies the report that he has consented to the use of his name for vice-president. He has not been consulted and is a candidate for no office.

strongest prohibition resolution that can be devised will be adopted, and beneath it will be the clause: 'This is the test of feality to the party.' Following that will come declara-tions in favor of equal suffrage, tariff reform, and civil service purity. The recommenda-tions in the matter of the tariff will not be received but will comercian in favor of a RA specific, but will generalize in favor of a moderate tariff for revenue. The general drift of sentiment in the party,

according to a prominent in the party, according to a prominent prohibitionist, is for tariff reform. "I do not think there is much free trade sentiment," as said, "but there is a strong demand for modifications of the tariff, and my impression is that a plank will be put into the national platform demanding a reform of the tariff as "."

be put into the national platform demanding a reform of the tariff tax." INDIANATOLIS, May 23.—Although the prohibition national convention does not meet until Wednesday morning, the proparations of the local committee are practically complete. The place of meeting, Tomlinson hall, has been neatly decorated with flags, banners and flowers, appropriate mottos being interspersed among the gaily colored ornamentations. Delegates are ar-riving on every train, but the main body will not be here until to-morrow, some even de-laying their arrival multi Wednesday morn-ing. The convention, under call, should inlaying their arrival nutil Wednesday morn-ing. The convention, under call, should in-clude 1,094 members, 515 being regular and 276 provisional. Chairman Samuel Dickie, Albion, Mich., and Trensurer S. D. Hastings, Madison, Wis., of the national committee, are already here. The temporary organi-zation of the convention will not be determined upon until the national com-mittee meets to-morrow, but it is probable mittee meets to-morrow, but it is probable Governor St. John will be the presiding of ficer if he will consent to accept the position Among the delegates who have already ar-rived here there is but one name mentioned for the presidential nominee—that of Clinton B. Fiske, of New Jersey, although a large number would be glad to vote for Governor St. John, who has declared himself in posi-tive terms as out of the field. For vice president a large number of names are men-tioned, among them Green Clay Smith of Kentucky, John A. Brookes of Kansas City, Levi Tanner of Alabama, E. L. Dalhovey of Texas, George W. Bain of Kentucky and Joshua Levering of Baltimore.

Gone Over to Palmer.

CHICAGO, May 28 .- The executive commit ee of the united labor party of Chicago decided to-night that owing to the multiplicity of labor tickets in the field separate action by the labor people would not be effective in the present campaign. It was thereupon voted to throw the strength of the organization to the democratic state ticket, particularly to the nomince for governor, General John M. Palmer.

NORTHWESTERN CROPS.

Favorable Reports From all Parts of the Wheat Country.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 28.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-There is correspondence in from every section of Minnesota, Dakota and northern Iowa. From it it is learned that the average condition of wheat and other small grain is good. Nearly the whole of the great central parts of both Minnesota and Dakota show a very promising prospect with hardly any complaint worth noticing. There are a few points in the timber region of Minnesota about Buffalo and Maple Plain that the acreage is less than last year, due to too much rain at seeding time. There are a few reports around Groton and adjacent stations complaining of lack of sufficient moisture, while others from the same points call the condition good. There is some talk in the Jim river country of weeds getting the start of wheat, as the weather has been right for it. The northern belt has had right for it. The northern bed has had hardly so much rain as needed and sections above the Northern Pacific still need rain. The late rains there covered the whole country, but were too light up near the Manitoba line in the Devil's lake country, about Church's Ferry, on the park river line, the Neche division of the Manitoba road and contiguous territory.

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A Citizen of Sidney Neatly Confi-

denced-The Food Adulteration Sub-Committee-He Won't Go to Des Moines.

A Worthy Measure Delayed. WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BRE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.

After two weeks of earnest effort Mr. Dorsey obtained recognition to-day and took up the bill for rebuilding Forts Robinson, Niobrara and Sidney. When the clerk, in cading the bill, named the amount of the appropriations (\$100,000), Mr. Randall sprang to his feet and objected to further consideration as unanimous consent was necessary. The bill was thus defeated. Mr. Dorsey was very indignant, especially at the objection coming from Mr. Randall, who said that such an important bill should have time for consideration and be taken up in the committee of the whole. Mr. Dorsey replied and said that he urged the chairman of the committee on appropriations to consider the measure and take the appropriations for

these forts in the general fortification bill. but that Mr. Randall had refused, saying it properly belonged to the committee on mili tary affairs. Mr. Townshend, chairman of the committee on military affairs, agreed with Mr. Dorsey that the proper place was in the fortification bill. As neither of the distinguished

chairmen would condescend to consider the bill in their respective committees he introduced the special bill which was thus defeated to-day. Mr. Dorsey told Mr. Randall that the forts would be cared for in the fortification bill in the senate and the conference committee would have to appropriate the amount he asked for. By this action Mr. Randail defeats an immediate appropriation which will defay the robuilding of the forts until late in the fall at increased expense to the government. The general of the army and secretary of war have both earnestly unreal immediate action is favor of the forts

and secretary of war have both earnestly urged immediate action in favor of the forts. A SIDNEY MAN CONFIDENCED. Charles O. Hammer. of Sidney, Neb., has received a good deal of information since arriving in Washington a few days ago. He came here on his way to Europe, formed the acquaintance of a young man named Max Sherman, and was taken in. Sherman chaimed to have received considerable money from friends in Germany, got into the confifrom friends in Germany, got into the confi-dence of Hammer and visited the latter's hotel—the Mt. Vernon house. He staid over night with him and departed early the next norning with the watch and \$35 in cash becomplained to the police and Sherman was ound in Baltimore, brought back to Washington, arraigned in the police court to-day, plead guilty to grand larceny and his case

has gone to the grand jury. PREPARING A FOOD ADULTERATION BILL. In pursuance of the resolution adopted r

couple of weeks ago, Chairman Hatch, of the house committee on agriculture, to day announced a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Burnett of Massachusetts, Stahl-necker of New York, Davidson of Alabama, Connor of Iowa and Laird of Nebraska, to take into consideration all of the bills which have come before the committee on the subject of food adulteration, and propose a new bill covering the whole problem. This is the result of the proposition to tax compound the investigation which followed ht

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He Made It on the Nebraska Fort Rebuilding Bill.
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THE MEASURE IS NOW DELAYED. Postal Changes. WASHINGTON, May 28.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE,]-A postoffice was established at Tremaine, Hamilton county, fowa, A. D. McKinney, postmaster. FIFTIETH CONGRESS. Senate. WASHINGTON, May 28.-In the senate Mr. Frye, from the committee on commerce, reported back the river and harbor appropriation bill. The report of the committee, he said, could not possibly be ready under a week. Whenever it was ready he would call up the bill.

The senate then went into executive session and remained with closed doors till 5 o'clock. Then the doors were reopened and the senate proceeded (still in executive session) to vote on the following resolution, which was agreed to without division : Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy b removed from all proceedings of the senate in reference to the treaty with Great Britain, now under consideration.

The senate then adjourned.

House. WASHINGTON, May 28.-Under the call of states the following bills and resolutions

were introduced and referred: By Mr. Vest of Illinois-Appropriating \$295,000 for rebuilding the government dam at Rock Island arsenal. By Mr. Cheadle of Indiana (by request)—

To reture ex-soldiers and sailors who have been wounded in battle after twenty-one years of service in the civil service. The following bills were introduced and

By Mr. Townshend of Illinois-Providing

or an assistant secretary of war. By Mr. Plumb of Illinois (by request)—To provide for issuing bonds to refund the naional debt.

The house then went into committee of the whole on the legislative, executive and judi-cial appropriation bill. In connection with the action on the salary of the first auditor of the treasury, Mr. Kerr of lowa commented on civil service reform as practiced by the democratic party, and sent to the cluster deals and had read a significant to the clerk's desk and had read a circular letter to the federal office holders in Iowa, written by the secretary of the democratic state committee of Iowa, asking for volun-tary contributions. A sharp interchange on the merits of the civil service law and the at-

titude of the two parties toward it, then took place between Messrs, Weaver of Iowa, Steele of Indiana, Cannon of Illinois, and thers. On motion of Mr. Kerr of Iowa, the salary of the assistant treasurer at New Orlicans was fixed at \$4,000 instead of \$4,500, as proposed by the bill.

After completing consideration of sixty of the 110 pages of the bill, the committee rose, Mr. Townshend of Illinois, from the com-mittee on military affairs, reported the army appropriation bill, and it was referred to the mittee of the whole.

Adjourned.

The Senate Made Some Changes. WASHINGTON, March 28.-The completed river and harbor bill has been reported to the senate. The bill as it came from the house carried an aggregate appropriation of \$19,605,783. As reported to the senate this morning it appropriates \$21,388,783, the increase being \$1,783,000. The principal changes, as compared with the bill previously

SHERIDAN GROWING BETTER The board will visit such locali-

Favorable Turn in the Condition of the General.

HE SAYS HE FEELS SPLENDID.

He May Once More Be Up and About, His Physicians Say, But They Have no Hope of Ultimate Recovery.

A Turn For the Better. WASHINGTON, May 28.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The latest reports from General Sheridan's sick bed indicate a decidedly favorable turn in his condition. At 9 o'clock this evening the physicians in attendance report that that the general was looking and feeling better than he had for forty-eight hours previously. All day yesterday, notwithstanding newspaper reports to the contrary, General Sheridan was delirious. He turned uneasily in his bed and muttered unintelligibly. The swelling in his limbs occasioned by ocdema, as the result of sluggishness of circulation, increased. Later in the night there was a decided turn for the worse and for several hours each moment was expected to be his last. Early this morning the general's pulse became more normal, the swelling in his limbs decreased, and when the consultation of the physicians was held it was universally decided that a turn for the better had taken place. During the day he has been conscious with few exceptions, has recognized friends, and had absolutely no return of the last sinking spells. The house has been besieged to-day with callers and many pedestrians and carriages have turned into Rhode Island avenue, passing the general's house. While there is no expectation that General Sheridan will recover permanently

from the attack from which he has been suffering, some hopes are held out to-night that he will rally sufficiently from the attack under favorable conditions to be once more up and about. "His career, however," said one of the physicians in attendance, "has edned, and whatever the present results may be they cannot be very long delayed."

Bulletins From the Bedside.

WASHINGTON, May 28.-The following bulletin, prepared at 8:30 p. m. and issued at :30 p m., says: Sheridan passed a most comfortable day. He dozed at intervals and about 5 p. m. had a quiet sleep of nearly an hour's duration, from which he awoke feeling refreshed and cheerful. He has slept occasionally since. His mind is perfectly clear. He is stronger. His pulse gained in force and regularity and at no time exceeded 110. His respiration shows great im-provement and the aeration of blood better. Oedema of the legs has entirely disappeared. He takes sufficient food and his tongue, pre-viously much coated, is now clear. His secretions are normal. He says he feels splendid Midnight-There is little to add to the 8:30

o'clock statement. Sheridan's favorable condition continues. He sleeps easily and restfully, wakes occasionally, makes some rational remarks and goes to sleep again.

MERCHANTS OBJECT.

Chicago Jobbers Kick on Burlington & Northern Rates. CHICAGO, May 28 .- A number of local job-

Telegram to THE BEE. -Two troop the Ninth cavalry were ordered to-day by the department comout mander to go to Oelrichs, Dak., to investigate the reported Indian outbreak. Everything is quiet. The excitement was caused by a hunting party under Little, Chief of the

Cheyennes. RAPID CITY, Dak., May 23.—[Special Tele-grain to Tine BEE.]—The Indian scare at Oel-richs has subsided, and settlers who stam-peded have returned to their homes ashamed of the fright they exhibited. No danger of the fright they exhibited. No danger ever existed, and the alarming reports sent out from there were wholly unwarranted by the facts. Colonel Thornby's request for two hundred stand of arms from Bismarch will be disregarded. Not a little sport has been made of the people who allowed their timidity to get the better of their judgment. Parties who have come into this place from along the Cheyenne river bring the Indians whatever. All is quiet as far as be learned, and no more danger of an outbreak exists now than at any time for venrs.

Items From Tecumseh.

TECUMSER, Neb., May 28.-[Correspond-ence of The BEE.]-The opera house was crowded last evening to its utmost capacity, and scores of people were unable to gain admittance. The occasion was the second annual commencement exercises of our high school. The class this year numbered eleven -- six young ladies and five young gentlemen. The efforts of all the graduates were excellent and heartily enjoyed by the large audience. Under the management of Prof. Gardner our schools have reached a much higher standard than ever before, and the school board has retained his services for another year.

The new flouring mill of the Tecumseh Milling company has begun operations, and turning out a large quantity of excellent our. This mill has been recently put up at flour. a cost of nearly \$20,000, and is the best mill f its size in the west. The contract for Johnson county's new

court house has been let to Mr. N. B. chmucker, of Falls City, and work will be a June 1. Mr. Schmucker is the gentle gin June 1. an who built the Christian college at Faireld, this state. Work on the city waterworks system be-

ns within the next fifteen days. The work to be completed by September 15.

Several prominent business men met in Several promited business further and the methods in the several production of the several several state of the s with authority to increase to \$25,000.

Heavy rains the past two days have caused a good deal of damage to crops and fears are entertained of a repetition of the disastrous floods of 1883. Considerable damage has also been done to bridges throughout the country.

Work is being pushed rapidly forward on the canning factory, and it will be ready for business in about three weeks. Hundreds of acres of corn, tomatoes, etc., have been put in erop for this industry, and with the present management will no doubt be a success from the start.

Items From Ogallala.

OGALLALA, Neb., May 26 .- [Correspond ence of THE BEE.]-The sheriff to-day took possession of the furniture store of L. Worthington on several injunctions placed in his hands by creditors. The State Loan and Trust company of this place has also commenced proceedings on a foreclosure of a chattel mortgage of \$1,499. Several Omaha between the provided of the stock of the stock of goods formerly owned by N. H. Wood & Co., and by them sold to the Keith County bank. In three cases tried yesterday in which the right to the posses sion of the property was involved, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the bank and the court rendered judgment for a return of

the court rendered judgment for a return of the property and for costs against the at-taching creditors. The prospect for an abundant crop of all kinds were never better in any county. I. N. Flickinger, a prominent attorney of Council Bluffs, Ia., has been in town the past few days looking ofter his landed inter-tests in this country. A Mr. Hefforman from Toronte, Canada,

the help of the neighbors who responded to their cries, but the other two were swept down the creek and drowned. Their bodies were found this morning.

Two Insane People.

BROKEN Bow, Neb., May 28 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Yesterday a Mr. State, of Dry Valley, some sixteen miles east, became deranged and last night left home very suddenly. He was barefooted and in his shirt sleeves. Officers are on the hunt for him. Now reports are also re-ceived that Mr. J. Livermore, of Sargent, has ecome violently insane and that officers vill soon have him in safe keeping. Mr. livermore is an ex-supervisor from that part of the county.

Will Build a City Hall.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 28.-[Special Telegram to, THE BEE,]-This afternoon the citizens of Broken Bow convened in mass meeting and decided to vote bonds at the earliest possible date to the amount of \$16,000 to aid in the erection of a town hall, which will also be used for court purposes, and before snow flies Broken Bow will be the proud possessor of a magnificent building in the shape of a hall and court house,

The Storm at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 28.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A heavy rain and wind did much damage here last night. Cellars were filled with water and the platforms of the B. & M. and Missouri Pacific depots were flooded. A terrific wind blew down thirty-seven bents of the trestle approach to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy bridge. damaging the structure to the amount of \$5,000. Wagon bridges throughout the county suffered greatly, and considerable young corn was washed out.

Patriotic Fitz.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 27.- |Special to THE BEE.]-Columbus can boast of a patriotic citizen not excelled by any other city of the state. Last Fourth of July, E. D. Fitzpatrick, a prominent business man and veteran of the late war, gave the people a celebration at his own expense, and placed the manage ment of the affair in the hands of the young people, much to their delight. This year he pronoses to do the same, only on a more ex-tensive scale. Every boy and girl in the city tooks upon Fitz as a true friend.

They Want Ingalls.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 20 .- The Young Men's Democratic club of Plattsmouth has a membership of 130, and at their last meeting they adopted a set of resolutions consisting principally of wind, replying to the resolutions of the young republicans admiring Senator Ingalls. Among other things they 'Resolved, That 'our club hope and trust the republican party will be insane enough to nominate the senator from Kansas to some insane enough national position, so that we may have the extreme pleasure of assisting in his defeat."

The Flood Subsiding.

CHADBON, Neb., May 28.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE. - Travel was again re sumed on the Black Hills division of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley rail way to day, a train arriving from the north for the first time since Friday night. The water is fast going down in the swollen rivers. No loss of life has been reported from the effects of the recent water spout, but great loss of property and crops.

Will Nor Take Part.

NEBRASEA CITY, Neb., May 28 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The fire department and Foster Assembly, Knights of Labor, have declined the invitation of the G. A. R. to' participate in Decoration day services. They give as the reason that H. C. Russell, who is to be the orator of the day, was in the ast senatorial contest a traitor to Van Wyck.

Van Wyck at Fremont.

FREMONT, Nub., May 28.-[Special to THE BEE.]-Ex-Senator Van Wyck will speak here on Decoration day.

Fisk Will Be the Candidate.

Cutcago, May 28 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-There were a hundred or so of gentlemen around the different hotels this morning who were delegates to the national prohibition convention at Indianapolis, which meets on Wednesday. The local prohibition forces are active in their preparations for the work of the convention.

"The convention will, in all likelihood nominate Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey for president," said W. F. Singleton, chair man of the Cook county prohibition commit tee, this morning. "He is generally regarded as the proper man and will probably be chosen without opposition. In the west there is a desire to have St. John make the race a second time, but it is not a great movement and will not result in any pronounced de monstrations, inasmuch as everybody recognizes Mr. Fisk's availability. As for Mr. cognizes MF. Fisk's availability. As for MF. St. John himself, he is enthusiastically in favor of Mr. Fisk, and that will settle it. The choice for vice president will be between Green Clay Smith, of Kentucky, and John A. Brooks, of Missouri. The nominations will probably be reached and disposed of on Thursday. Wednesday will be largely de-voted to preliminary business. In the after-noon Decoration day coremonies will engage

noon Deceration day ceremonies will engage the attention of the delegates, and also a parade of the army of the blue and gray. On Wednesday evening a great mass meeting will be held, which will be addressed by vet-erans of both the armies of the north and south. The convention will treat all ques-tions of tariff and other reforms as secondary to the one central idea of prohibition. The

It can hardly be called damage yet, but rains now would do good in those localities. The points mentioned are local as regards the omplaints. With no important exception the whole lines of the Northern Pacific show fine prospects, and the Manitoba lines, with the exceptions noted, are in the same hopeful condition. There has been too much moist-ure in the southern portion. In some cases the acreage has been reduced, and in others there has been damage from water ing on low places, but the trouble has been overstated by interested people, and there is reason to expect a good crop there with or inary weather from now on. The corn planting is late, and on that account will run great danger of hurt from frost in the end.

Forced Payment With a Rope.

TOPERA, Kan., May 25.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A few days ago the firm of Smith Bros. at Dorance failed. Last night some parties went to James Smith's house and called him to the door. When he appeared they demanded that he pay them immediately \$1, which they claimed he owed them, and when he told them he was with out funds they procured a rope and swore they would hang him if he did not give them at once a boul which would secure them. To save the young man's life Squire lay, his father-in-law, made out and signed the paper, after which the belligerent cred itors retired.

Supposed to Be Suicide.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 28.-[Special Tele-gram to THE BEE]-The lifeless body of Mrs. Truesdale, who lived in the north part of the city, was found in the water works reservoir this morning. She had been in poor health and had been receiving treatment at the hands of Professor Reed, a christian science healer who has been oper ating in this city for some time. She is posed to have left the house about midnight hast night and wandered to the reservoir in a fit of mental aberration, leaped from the embankment and drowned.

War in Virginia.

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 28 .- An Advance Abingdon special says the engineers of the Tennessee Steel and Iron company, while surveying in Wise county on the 25th, were attacked by a body of men and two of the party killed. The company guards employed protect the party were routed. Great trouble is expected and settiers in the neigh-borhood have warned the engineers to leave immediately. The cause of the trouble is a

immediately, Th dispute over the dispute over the possession of land which both the settlers and the company claim.

Grain in Sight and Store.

CHICAGO, May 28 .- The visible supply for the week ending May 26, as compiled by the secretary of the Chicago board of trade, is as follows: Wheat...... 27,661,000



to THE BEE. |-A. E. Richlieu, an old man working at Chase's commission house on Main street, attempted to jump on a moving elevator early this morning, and before he could recover himself was caught in the ele-vator guard and his body frightfully man-gled. He died in three minutes.

It Fell On the Judge.

KANSAS CITY, May 28 .- Special to THE BEE.-Judge John F. Philips, justice of the state court of appeals, was to-day badly in-jured by a crane erected along side a new building failing on him. He was hurt in the lead and side

A Wind Storm's Work.

CLINTON, O., May 28 -A wind and rainstorm this afternoon, blew down a portion of the newly creeted factory building of the Dueber Watch Case company causing a loss 01 \$50,000.

the committee a couple of weeks after. The committee refused to report the bill to tax compound lard, and instead adopted a resolu-tion providing that a sub-committee should make a new bill to include not only artificial lard, but everything which would come within the subject of food adulteration which will embrace all kinds of canned goods and condiments, syrups, sugars, teas, coffees and in fact everything that enters into the composition of food, including the dulteration of butter, milk and articles produced on the farm, as well as in factories The committee is so much divided on the sub-ject that it is not probable it will report a bill in this congress, or should it report one would not receive consideration. Chairman Hatch was added to the sub-committee by the sub-committee itself, and he will as

ist in the work. PROF. POWELL AND THE DES MOINES SCHOOLS. A morning newspaper of this city an-nounced to-day that Superintendent of Schools Powell had received an offer to become superintendent of schools at Des Moines, and intimated he would likely accept. Prof. Powell stated to THE BEE correspondent this afternoon that there was no ruth whatever in this announcement; that he had not received a proposition to take charge of the Des Moines schools and that he had no idea of going there as superintendent. He said in explanation that he presumed the newspaper paragraph grew out of the fact that he intended going to Des Moines in the latter part of August to take charge of the Iowa normal institute, which would last a month. He goes to San Francisco in July to participate in educational matters, and upon his return will stop at Des Moines.

REPORTED THE LAND BILL. The senate committee on public lands have reported the bill upon which they have been engaged for three months past for the amend ment of the general land laws. Among the rovisions are those for the repeal of the timber culture pre-emption and desert land acts, but with safeguards by which the rights of present entrymen shall be respected. Senator Paddock had incorporated in the bill as a portion thereof a bill which he introduced ten days ago, providing that in making final proof on timber culture claims, the curht years of cultivation required by the act shall begin to run from the time the ground is prepared and the trees planted. This construction of the law has been the rule of the department for years until a month or so are when Sacratary Vilas do. nonth or so ago, when Secretary Vilas de cided that proof could not be accepted until eight years from the time when the last of he trees required were planted, and thus actually demanded the cultivation of the ground for from ten to fifteen years. MISCELLANROUS

Miscillankous, Miscillankous, Marian Ben Thomas of Papillion, Neb., Marian Woodward of Lenox, Decatur county, Ia., and James M, Kelly of Macedonia, Ia., were to-day admitted to practice before the interior department.

There will be an organization within a few days of the special committee appointed by the president pro tem of the senate under the Vest resolution to investigate the cattle transportation and beef packing trade of the The sub-committee was appointed ountry. on Saturday and consists of Senato chairman, and Senators Plumb, Cullom, Manderson and Coke. Senator Manderson told The Bre correspondent this afternoon that the general outline of the work to be done would be agreed upon at as early a day as possible, so that the members could facilitate work in various ways. The investigation is to be conducted during the recess

Congress this summer or fail. Major A. Clancy and wife, who have been spending a week of their honey moon in Washington, left this afternoon on the con-gressional limited for New York where they will remain until the middle of the week. They will then start for Iowa, stopping over a day en route at Indianapolis and two or three days at Chicago. Their home is at Des Moines. over the state. The major is well known all

over the state. By direction of the secretary of war a board of officers, to consist of Lieutenant Colonel George L. Gillespie, corps of en-gineers, Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Odore, Fifth artillery, Captain Rogers Birbiology in a second sec

reported by the committee and recommittee are the following: The laws creating Missouri river commission are repealed. following provisions, designating localities where the appropriation for the Missour river shall be expended, are inserted, \$75, 000 at or near Kansas City, Mo.; \$75,000 at or near St. Joseph, Mo.; \$50,000 at or near Arrow Rock, Mo.; \$75,000 at or near Leavenworth, Kan.; \$75,000 at or near Atchison. Kan. The total appropriation for the Missouri is increased to \$1,100,000.

Washington Briefs.

After all the tedious investigations and ex-penditures of time and money to arrive at what is regarded as an equitable basis upon which to extend the time for payment to the government of the indebtedness of the Pa ific railroad companies, it is becoming more ad more visible every day that there is very ittle likelihood, if any, that anal action will be taken in this congress. The indebtedness of the Pacific railroads to the government affords a study for the wisest men in congress, and puts their judgment to the high-

These corporations owe somewhere between four and six hundred million dollars. which they borrowed of the government a the time the roads were constructed, and the indebtedness is approaching maturity. There have been so many statements made us to the reason the companies cannot meet their obligations within the time of contract, and so many reports about the treasuries of these corporations having been robbed, and men growing millionaires from them, that the opinions of men in both branches of congress have become transitory, and what one be lieves to-day should be done is transposed into something else to-morrow. The question nust be passed upon by the house first, and

there are various bills upon the subject now A BERLIN CRASH.

on the calendar.

Theater Walls Fail Burying Workmen in the Ruins.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, May 28 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-Imperial bulletins have temporarily retired to-day from public interest in favor of the theatrical calamity this morning at the Schanspiel Haus. This sustains the relation to Berlin that the Theater Francais does to Paris. For some time changes in its structural; relations have been progressing. At ten minutes past 7 this morning a singular crack ing sound was heard, and only very few workmen were able to escape before the entire mass of scaffolding, four stories in height, suddenly fell with a tremenduous crash. Clouds of dust continued to hover over the heap of runs. After the dust subsided the building was found to be filled almost to the height of the stairs with debris, from which loud cries and groans were issuing. After the first alarm the firemen and others came to the rescue. They improvised a sort of ambulance hospital where the wounded were temporarily bandaged. The theater is surrounded by vast crowds. The cause of the accident is believed to be chiefly due to the fall of a heavy beam, weighing several hundred weight. Berliners in America will be

glad to know that the bronze groups by Rauch and the Tiecks famous bronze Pegas sus remain.

Another Cashier Gone Wrong

ST. PARIS, O., May 28.-E. V. Rhodes. cashier of the First National bank, was an rested and gave bond for his appearance before the United States commissioners. is charged with embezzling the funds of the bank.

Dom Pedro's Condition. MILAN, May 28.- The emperor of Brazil

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passed a good night and is stronger this morning. Bosses Declare It Off NEW YORK, May 28.-This was the last day given the striking journeymen brewers to return to work, and as the men have not ne so the boss brewers have declared strike at an end.

dissatisfied with th discrimination against Chicago by the Burlington & Northern road met to-day at the rooms of the Chicago freight bureau to consider the matter. General Freight Agent Hamblin, of that road, and General Freight Agent Morton, of the "Q" road, were present on invitation, and a somewhat animated discussion took place. Hamblin took the position that as his road had no local business to speak of it was justified in meet-

ing the through rates made by the a portion of the business. He said the Burlington & Northern was willing to abandon the business if Chicago merchants will show wherein they would be benefited by it. The claim was made that other Chi-cago roads were cutting rates from the seaboard to Missessippi river points via Chicago, No decisive action was taken, but there is little doubt that the merchants will bring about an investigation of the matter by the inter-state commerce commission,

Tariff Rates on Live Stock.

CHICAGO, May 28 .- The roads between the Missouri river and Chicago have been authorized by Chairman Midgely to make tariff rates on live stock apply to thirty-four foot cars, with proportionate reduction on cars of ess length, pending the settlement of the question.

Blaine Slightly Indisposed.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] PARIS, May 28.- [New York Herald Cable Special to THE BEE. |-Blaine has been ill for several days from influenza. He contracted a chill at Fort German on Saturday afternoon. He was very feverish that even ing. On Saturday his temperature reached an alarming point and two physicians were summoned to the hotel. Binda, one of them, pronounced Mr. Blaine to be suffering from influenza and from malaria. At a late hour to-night Blaine was much better and was ordered a beef steak. He will not be able to leave for London until Friday, when he said he would meet Mr. Andrew Carnegie and go with him. Blaine has been given the refusal of a passage on the Cunard steamer which leaves Liverpool June 30.

Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 28 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE]-The following pensions were granted to Iowans to-day: Original Invalid -Randolph Scoonover, Madrid; Cornelius Squires, Pella; Amos Johnson, Jefferson; David A. Wilkins, Keokuk; James Luther, Farmington; Justus G. Fordyce, Riverside Increase-Calvin N. Anderson, Russell; James F. Rowe, Emmettsburg; Jos. Q. Scoonover, Garrison; Charles Havens, Sid-ney. Reissue-Cain Billings, Maynard. Original widows, etc.-Louisa S., widow of Jos. C. Kern, Clarinda; Harriett, widow of Uriah Johnson, East Des Moines. Mexican Original Widows, Concerno Partice Action: Device Survivors-George Pattee, Ackley; David McGaffey, Pittsburg; Albert Springer, Millville; James Myers, alias Aljoe, Bloomfield, Andrew J. Marshall, Maxwell.

The United Presbyterians.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ja., May 28 .- The United Presbyterian assembly spent the entire day in the consideration of the reports of the committees on the various church boards. Rev. S. J. B. Lee of New York, J. M. French of Ohio, and J. W. Martin of Massachusetts, were appointed a committee to report on the state of religion for the coming year. The question of baptism by immersion was dis-cussed and referred back to the committee. Forty thousand dollars was appropriated to the freedman's mission. At the evening ses missions was considered.

Delighted Over a Railway.

ST. PETENSBURG, May 28 .- The city of Samarcand is the scene of great rejoleing over the opening of the new railway to the Caspian sea. The formal opening will take place on the analycesary of the coronation of Alexander IIL

Bushels 206,000379,000 Crushed By an Elevator.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 28.-[Special Tele-