

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

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The Task of Resolving Him Proves Very Difficult.

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How the Unfortunate Man Satisfies His Thirst—A Pathetic Appeal—'Let Me See the Light'—Other State News.

The Treacherous Earth Caves In.

Anderson, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—John Anderson is still imprisoned in the well. The diggers were confident of getting him out last night, but at 2 o'clock this morning, just as James Warren was about ready to take up the boards that are projecting Anderson in, he was compelled to leave the well for his own safety. Others went down, but would not move the boards for fear of killing Anderson, as well as themselves by the curbing sinking. They were so near the man that Anderson said he could see their light and asked them not to extinguish it but leave it there for him to look at. As no one was willing to work longer in the well the 200 people were discouraged and for a few minutes lost all hope. Mr. Archer, another experienced work digger living ten miles away, was sent for and on his arrival went into the well to talk with Anderson and find out how he was situated. Anderson says he is all right and thinks he can stand it twenty-four hours longer. He has a supply of tobacco and to relieve his thirst sucks the moisture from the damp rotten boards that lay near him.

Chadron Captures the College.

Chadron, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—The Northwestern Association of Congregational Churches, consisting of thirteen delegates, met in Chadron today to receive proposals from different towns to secure the location of a college to be under the auspices of the association. There were a number of towns which had delegations here competing for the prize. Among the more prominent were Hemingford, Rushville and Chadron. Hemingford offered a section of land adjoining the town. Rushville offered \$10,000 in cash and forty acres of land to be donated to the college. Chadron offered \$10,000 in cash, \$10,000 in land, and the offer of a company of fifty lots, valued at \$200,000, making a total of \$175,000. The buildings, when completed, will cost \$25,000, with grounds estimated to be worth \$100,000. An interest was taken by the leading citizens of Chadron in the enterprise and by prompt action and liberal donations captured the prize.

The Winnabogs and the Herders.

Winnabog, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—Lieutenant Mallery and a detachment of soldiers, who were detailed about a month ago to investigate the complaints made by the Winnabog Indians that the herders on the reservation were trespassing on unleased lands, have completed their investigations. Some of the smaller herders whose stock were allowed to run promiscuously over the reservation, had been ordered to remove their herds to the larger herds which remain for the present unleased. The leases for which are approved by the interior department will not be granted. Parties running these herds should be extremely careful not to allow their cattle to trespass on the leased lands, as a good deal of trouble would probably be caused by the herds, which would be very distressing to the herders, but to stock raising brought to a halt. The western portion of Nebraska and western Iowa.

A Big Day at Tecumseh.

Tecumseh, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—This has probably been the biggest day in the history of Tecumseh county and the town has been full of people all day who gathered to witness and participate in the exercises of laying the corner stone of the new court house. Governor Thayer, Attorney General Leese and Hon. J. M. Hill, the governor's private secretary, were present and made addresses. The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by Governor Thayer. A slight rain the early part of the day did not prevent the people from attending. The clouds breaking away, the people returned to the square and spent the afternoon in the most enjoyable and sociable time generally. All our people are well pleased with the governor who has devoted his whole time to their entertainment. He goes from here with the well wishes of all citizens irrespective of party.

They Painted Him Red.

Dakota, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—J. L. Dunham, who has been in the employ of Colonel C. D. Martin, on the Argus of this place, and formerly working on the Jackson Criterion, paid his respects to his former associates in the latter named town last night. While sitting in front of a saloon there a man came along and took off his hat, while another behind passed a two gallon can of red barn paint on his head. Papers are now being issued for the arrest of the guilty parties. Dunham has four witnesses to prove that William T. Bartlett, editor of the Jackson Criterion, was the instigator of the trick.

Prohibitionists at Geneva.

Geneva, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—The prohibitionists met here in mass convention today to nominate delegates to the congressional convention at Omaha. Fourteen delegates and alternates were elected. T. J. Beals and John Riefern were nominated for representatives. For county attorney A. A. Whitman was named. The nominations for state senator, and J. S. Billings, J. M. Russell and W. A. Hollenback for representatives. The nomination of county attorney was left with the executive committee, who were also to furnish funds and get speakers for campaign work.

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Beatrice, Neb., July 24.—[Special Telegram to The Free.]—The prohibition mass county convention met today with about seventy-five delegates. Twenty-seven delegates were elected to the congressional convention at Nebraska City on July 26 and 27 and to the state convention at Omaha August 15. William Craig of Blue Springs was nominated for state senator, and J. S. Billings, J. M. Russell and W. A. Hollenback for representatives. The nomination of county attorney was left with the executive committee, who were also to furnish funds and get speakers for campaign work.

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