CONGRESS MERELY IN NAME.

Little Business Being Done for Want of a Quorum.

THE YELLOW FEVER REFUGEES.

They Are Flocking to the National Capital by Thousands-An Enemy of Union Soldiers-Democrats in Virginia.

No Matter When They Adjourn. WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTBENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.

country whether congress adjourns next week or next March. There is not a quorum present in either house, and no material legslation can be enacted in the absence of a quorum, as a single objection defeats the consideration of anything. There will be a lot of little private bills passed which are of interest only to the individuals whose names are mentioned, and the rest of the time will be occupied by the senate in the discussion of its tariff bill. It has been demonstrated that there will be no action at this session, or before next December, upon bills of genersl importance now pending, like the land laws, amendments to the inter-state commerce act, forfeiture of land grants, food adulteration, etc. If there is any special general interest attached to the remainder of this session of congress, it should be in the political debate over the tariff which the sentitive should be approximately in the sentity of the sentity in the sentity is a sentity in the sentity in the sentity in the sentity is sentity in the sentity in the sentity in the sentity is sentity in the sentity in the sentity in the sentity is sentity in the sentity in the sentity in the sentity is sentity in the ate is about to commence. YELLOW FEVER REFUGEES PLOCKING TO THE

Washington is receiving a very large numwashington is receiving a very large num-ber of the yellow fever refugees who are leaving the infected districts in Florida by the thousands daily. The hotels have begun to fill up rapidly, and more strangers have arrived this week than during the preceding two weeks. The weather in Washington is cool, bright and pleasant. It is estimated that within Washington and a distance of seventy-five miles there are 50,000 yellow fever refugees to-night. AN UNREGENERATE REBEL.

One reconstructed confederate, Representative Kilgore, who was conspicuous for his services in the confederate army during the late war, has been set up by the democratic side of the house to object to all legislation in favor of ex-union soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and for the perpetuation of the memory of the men who fell in de-fense of the union a quarter of a century ago. To-day Kilgore objected to the appropriation of \$10,000 for the establishment of a cemetery at Saulsbury, N. C., for the interment of the bones of the union soldiers who were buried in trenches in that locality during the war, and for the burial of ex-union soldiers who may die hereafter. Some of his more patri-otic democratic friends attempted to shame him out of his position but he declared that he would oppose all such legislation and all legislation discriminating between union and confederate soldiers dead or alive. tion of the memory of the men who fell in de-

FOR THE YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS. Senator Paddock received to-night the fol-lowing telegram from the First National bank of Lincoln. "Lincoln Lodge No. 80, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, have deposited with us \$110.50 for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers. Draw on us for that amount and forward to the place where most needed." Senator Paddock will confer with Surgeon General Hamilton, of the marine hospital service, to morrow as to the best distribution to be made of this con-

DEMOCRATIC TACTICS IN VIRGINIA. Realizing the hopelessness of the Virginia fighting, the democratic campaign committee has determined upon a neat little scheme which may be effective in reducing majorities to such an extent in several instances as to insure the return of a democrat. Mahone has been nominated in the Petersburg district after a hard fight and by fair political methods. Mahone could carry that district with only one opponent, as it is normally republican by a good majority, but the demo-crats induced Langston, ex-minister to Hayti, to stir up the colored voters to insist upon his nomination. They paid all Langston's preliminary expenses, even going so far as to engage special trains to take the voters to the rump convention, and the result is that Langston will play second fiddle to the democratic party, and, perhaps, draw enough col-ored republican votes away from Mahone to insure the election of a democrat from that

The Norfolk district is now represented by a republican, and it is normally a republican district. The present incumbent, who has been re-nominated, has made an excellent member, but by the same tactics that have prevailed in Petersburg he will have a warn ight to secure his return. In fact, the dem ocrats have induced another colored man to enter the lists against him, and there will be three candidates for congress in this district also. It is their settled policy to enter into this species of political warfare in every re-publican district in the south where there is a large black population. The president's tariff policy and his determination to hold on to the internal revenue laws has threatened to disrupt the democratic party in Virginia, and if the republicans can be kept together they will secure the electoral vote of that state for Harrison and Morton; but the democratic managers are moving heaven and earth to stir up strife among the colored voters, and as they find a few purchasable men to act as their tools they may be successful in their efforts to break up the repub

MISCELLANEOUS MATTER. J. W. Knox, of Lincoln, is at the Hotel bhnson. Hon. W. H. B. Stout, of Lincoln, is also in the city.

Mrs. Paddock, wife of Senator Paddock has returned to Washington for a short visit and is at the Portland with her husband.

PERRY S. HEATH. Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Pensions granted Nebraskans: Increase - Calmar McCune. Stromsburg: A. Nelson Errly, Gilead: Henry Cooper, Table Rock; Charles Hatton, Lin coln; James Hawthorne, Superior; Jacob Slege, Madison; Albert Hadley, Libby; John Garmony, Endicott; George W. Grounse. Re-issue-Aaron P. Cox, Weeping Water.

Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid-Noah Brock, Mount Ayr. Increase-William A. Hale, Moulton; Oscar A. Clark, Ran-dolph; John J. Paynes, Des Moines; Hans Knudson, St. Ansgar; George Thompson, Creston; Brittin Van Ness, Sutherland; John A. Johnson, Lineville; John T. Hackey, (deceased), Keckuk. Re-issue—Samuel Yeadon, Prescott; James Bailey, Weliman: Martin Hammersly, Colfax. Re-issue and increase—Frederick G. Schultz, Burlington; Peter Best, Franklin Center. Original wildows etc. Physika A. wildow of Loh. T. -Phoebe A., widow of John T. Mackey, Keokuk.

Iowa Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: Frank McKim. Haglers, Marion county, vice George B. Nail, resigned; Miss Eleanor Press, Myran, Alamakee county, vice John Press, deceased, and John A. McDonald, Rhodes, Marshall county, vice E. J. Booth, deceased. name of the post office at Plum Hollow, Fremont county, has been changed to

A Dakota Town Scorched Canton, Dak., Sept. 26 .- Last night a fire started in the Syndicate block in the heart of the city. The flames spread rapidly. In less than two hours one whole block was de stroyed, including the Dakota Loan and Trust company, postoffice, fourteen business houses and the Merchants hotel. Loss,

\$100,000; insurance, light.

WESTON AT LIBERTY. The Well Known Chicagoan Released

From the Penitentiary.
Pittsburg, Sept. 26,-Milton Weston, a well known Chicago capitalist, after an in carceration of two years and eight months in the Western penitentiary, was released this morning. Upon realizing the extent of his good fortune he was moved to tears. To a reporter he said that he did not know what he would do in the immediate future. He also said that if he were at liberty to tell what he knew he could open some people's eyes. Mr. Weston was sentenced January 26, 1886, for five years in the penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter. The case grew out of a dispute between Weston and Obediah Haymaker for the possession of valuable oil lands at Murraysville, Westmoreland county. The controversy culminated in a personal encounter of the forces representing opposing interests, in which Haymaker was killed. Weston did not iniliet the fatal wound, but was convicted because he was present and was alleged to have aided and abetted his friends in their fight with Haymaker's forces. A petition signed by thous-ands of prominent citizens of Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York was sent to the board of pardons and letters were written in his behalf by Governor Oglesby, of Illinois, Sen-ators Logan and Cullom and others.

THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE FIRES. Many Miles of Territory Laid Bare by

the Flames. St. Paul, Sept. 26.-A Jamestown, Dak. special says that one of the most extensive prairie fires that ever visited that section occurred vesterday and last night. All of the western part of Lamoure county and much of the southern and western parts of Stutsman county were burned over. A strong wind drove the flames before it at unprecedented velocity. Instances of where the fire ran faster than a horse and wagon are narrated. Reports of losses are coming in. Many farmers will lose everything and much distress will be experienced. The fire seems to have originated in Get-aux county, about thirty miles west. The fire was extinguished to-day in many places, but is still raging ficreely in many directions. Passengers on the James River Valley train say that the prairie from Lamoure to within a few miles of Jamestown, a distance of fifty miles, was of the city. As yet no reports of the loss of lives have come in. Insufficient fire breaks are the cause of loss in many cases. The prairie grass is thick and dry, and ordinary fire breaks were ineffectual in the face of the gale that drove the fire on.

St. Joseph Unduly Excited. St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 26,-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Considerable excitement was occasioned on the street to-day by the appearance of the Kansas City Times in which appeared a Washington dispatch stating that R. E. Culver had been appointed postmaster for St. Joseph, as the present postmaster, John C. Evans, is one of the present administration appointments and a life long democrat. Postmaster Evans, when seen to-day, only laughed at the rumor. Mr. Culver is a prominent young lawyer, recently moved to St. Joseph from Clinton county. In an interview he said: "A queer mistake has crept into the dispatches some way. I have never applied for a government position of any kind, but the other day received a letter from the department of the interior in ter from the department of the interior informing me that permission to practice in all the patent departments had been granted. Some reporter has gotten things wonderfully

and fearfully mixed. The Waldron-Bidwell Sensation. QUINCY, Mich., Sept. 26 .- Every day adds fresh interest to the Waldron-Bidwell affair, and the sharp practice of the "woman in the case" has provoked considerable merriment. There is a report here that Mrs. Bidwell wrote several spicy letters to her husband during her journey with Waldron. Shortly after the arrival of Bidwell at Hillsdale last night in custody of the sheriff, Ezra L. Koon, who intended to push the charges against Bidwell, acceded to an interview with the accused, and, Bidwell promising to assist in the effort to arrest Mrs. Bidwell, Koon permitted his release. Bidwell immediately took the train for Quincy, and late last night news came from Fremont, Ind., that the fugitives were there together. Sheriff Wood left Angola, Ind., this morning and there arrested the woman, she and Bidwell having ceached there at an early hour. awaiting extradition papers.

A Talk With Chairman Hoge. DENVER, Col., Sept. 26.—[Special Telegram to The Bre.]—Chairman J. W. Hoge, of the grievance committee of the Burlington strikers, has returned from Chicago. To a re porter he stated: "There is absolutely nothing new regarding strike matters. have heard that it is reported that another strike is to be inaugurated, this time by the scab engineers, but such a report is, so far as am aware, absolutely false. It certainly did not come from us, and I never heard i mentioned by one of our men, either directly or by intimation. I don't believe it. It would be suicidal for the company to attempt a revision of wages now with a large amount of freight in sight which they will have to Of course, I would be glad to see it ut I don't expect it. It would be too good i thing for us.

The Passenger Rate War. St. Louis, Sept. 26.—There is no cessation in the east bound passenger rate war, and there was another general cut all around today. The rates to New York by the various lines now are: Vandalia, \$16; Bee Line, \$14.50; Wubash, \$13.50; Ohio & Mississippi, \$12.50. The Bee Line, Wabash and Ohio & Mississippi are determined to retain the old differentials, and the Vandalia is equally determined that they shall not. All are stubbern, and a \$1 rate to New York is coked for as an outcome of the war.

A Murderer Gets Ten Years. CHICAGO, Sept. 26 .- Mrs. Lena Schreiner who poured kerosene on her husbaud while he was drunk and set him on fire, pleaded guilty to-day to a charge of murdering him. With her baby on her knee she listened stolidly while Judge Tuthill pronounced a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The judge said that in fixing the sentence he had taken into consideration that Senreiner was a wife beater of the most brutal variety

Incendiary Fires at Wabasha. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 26 .- A Waba sha, Minn., special says that an incendiary fire which started at 4 a. m. to-day in a busi ness block on Maiu street, swept the street as far as the Diamond Jo docks. The Milwaukee railroad's elevator was among the ouildings burned. The total loss is estimated

Sullivan's Condition Critical. Boston, Sept. 26 .- John L. Sullivan shows no improvement and his friends are beginning to feel anxious about him. His physi cians consider his condition critical. Dr. Rush, when asked if he expected Sullivan to reco; er, said: "Yes; he has a chance, but it would not surprise me in the least to receive a hasty summens to his bedside."

Grover Receives Our Bill. Washington, Sept. 26.-The president gave a special reception at noon to day to William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and the men? bers of his Wild West show, including the

Indians, who appeared in their most brilliant

native costumes. Blown Up By Dynamite. WERELING, W. Va., Sept. 25 .- On Saturday night last the house of Dr. J. P. Gorrell, who lives in Moons, Tyler county, W. Va. was blown up by dynamite. Dr. Gorrell and one of his children were badly injured and a visitor named Campbell, who resided near Henron, was instantly killed.

DON DICKINSON AT DETROIT.

The Residents of His Old Home Extend a Cordial Greeting.

HE SOUNDS HIS CHIEF'S PRAISES.

A Highly Colored Account of the Many Admirable Qualities Supposed to be Possessed by Cleveland.

The Wolverine Democrats. DETROIT, Sept. 26 .- The campaign in this rity was opened to-night by the democracy with a big demonstration in honor of the visit of Postmaster General Dickinson, General John C. Black, ex-Senator Joseph E. McDonald, and other distinguished guests. The train bearing the Washington party was over two hours late, and the programme for the afternoon, which included a visit to Recreation park, where the Ancient Order of Hibernians were holding an annual picnic, was abandoned. At 8 o'clock a parade, composed of numerous ward clubs, first voters, visiting delegations, etc., was reviewed from the balcony of the Russell house, and then the guests were driven to the Larned street rink, where they were greeted by an audirink, where they were greeted by an audience that filled every inch of available space.
The rink was finely decorated.
Large lithographic pictures of Cleveland, Thurman, Burt and Dickinson
adorned the speaker's stand. Postmaster
General Dickinson was the first speaker.
He had unexpectedly been called upon to
preside at this great meeting. He had told
the committee on arrangements that it would the committee on arrangements that it would not be just to the other guests for him to make any extended remarks. The committee had insisted, however, that he should say something about the president, and this he would proceed to do.

In the course of his speech Dickinson spoke of the president as follows: "I have been asked to tell you something of the president, and in the brief time remaining to me I can say but very little of what is in my mind and say but very little of what is in my mind and heart on the subject. In the first place, he has been all the time since March 4, 1885, president of the United States. No usurpation of executive privileges; no pruning of the powers of the people's chief magistrate; no encroachment upon the official rights of the chosen of 60,000,000 of free men, has been talerated or permitted. Several early attolerated or permitted. Several early at-tempts of the kind were resented with a power and virile force still respectfully borne power and virile force still respectfully borne in minds by the upper house of congress. His rugged, masterful personality since he took his seat; his robust patriotism, like the heart of a great system, has sent a vital current of health and honesty pulsing through all the arteries of the public service. 'A public office is a public trust' has not as used by him been merely a smooth phrase—a catch-word of the stump and cauvass. Consistently squaring his official action by the spirit of the maxim and the comby the spirit of the maxim and the com mandment, he has made it a rule of conduct of every-day use in all public business, in every department, and in the highways and byways of executive and administrative

"In the political atmosphere of the capital the president was for a long time a phenom-canon, a puzzle and an enigma to those accus-tomed to the old conditions. At one time in the history of Zululand there was an abnor-mal season of rainy weather; the heavens were overcast for weeks and months, and life had settled down to accommodate itself in its ordinary avocations to the change. Suddenly one day there was a remarkable appearance in the west; a light like fire streamed up to the zenith and down to the horizon from a common center. The king and court, awestricken at what seemed a portend, summoned the wise men from all over the land to interpret the sign or to ac-count for it. Some gave one explanation; some another. Some said that it was the be ginning of the end of the world; some that the moon had fallen. At last, in a confusion of counsels and contradictory theories, a plain old fellow from the back woods came along, took a look at the wonder, and said it's just simply going to clear off;' and that what they saw was the old-fashioned, familiar God's sunshine and a glimpse of the olue vault of heaven.

"Dickens tells us that at one time there was great excitement among the learned men of England over the discovery of strange figures and characters upon frag-ments of stone which came to light in some excavations. Archaeologists, students of Koman antiquities in Britain, scholars and eaders of ancient Egyptian inscriptions. Sanscrit scholars, and others, gathered from far and near to view and if possible decipner this message from a pre-historic age. The scholars quarrelled; theories conflicted. Several societies went pieces for opinion's sake. The world of culture was in an uproar, when a very com-mon person came along, looked ever the fragments and broken letters, changed then about and made the pieces fit, and spelled out: 'Tom Nokes; his mark.'

And so the politicians of the country, accustomed to perverted statesmanship and perverted methods and perverted policies, those who were trained for a generation to consider public men and politics as a game and gamesters, did not first make out this president of ours. As he started on his way the senate attempted to crowd him. chariot of the American house of lords drove against him and was ditched. The senators then said, 'This man treats us as if we were the common council of Buffalo, and he is an insignificant, though stubborn man, only fit to be mayor of a small town.' Later on they said that he was possessed of ability of a certain kind, and a sort of low cunning, nd he is a bold bad man. Later on he ros in their vocabulary of epithets to the dignity of a usurper. Some republican politicians praised him for awhile, looking at his acts their own notions, because they thought be was about to betray his party. A few demowas about to betray his party. crats who learned politics in republican chools, irritated at the changed policies and changed methods, and believing in the doc trine that because his predecessors did il things to favor, he should exercise full liruin his party. Theories continued to mul-tiply about him, his character and his pur-poses. In the midst of the confusion the strong common sense of the people came to the place of interpreter. 'It is a very simple case, gentlemen,' said common sense. 'You are all looking beyond, below, around, anywher but at the simple nature of things.' This curiosity at Washington; this president who seems to you to be inscrutable in his ways and strange in his methods, so rare in this life of yours, is simply an honest man-an honest man with a great brain, intrepid heart and tireless vigor; an honest man of indomitable perseverance, absolute fearlessness and conscious power; an honest man who stands for the right with the firmness and screnity of the Rock of Ages itself. At last known and appreciated of all men, he is hated and reviled with the bitterness of partisan malignity by the hosts of error, and h

still loved for the enemies he has made and is making.

"The anger of his own party soon quieted "The anger of his own party soon quieted down into contemplation; contemplation compelled respect and regard, and these have become affectionate admiration. In private life he is a plain American citizen of simple manners and of singular gentleness and kindness of heart. His consideration for those about him, from the highest to the lowest, has won all hearts. the highest to the lowest, has won all hearts Those who are nearest him love him most. He has an embracing sympathy for distress which can feel for the sufferings of the peo-ple, or, as I know, can take from the pelting storm to the shelter of his carriage, a ragged, barefooted, in thened child from the street. "Irving tells us inst Washington was as riving tells us the warmington was as-salled with more vile sour; it and abuse than any man of his time. Epithets and scandals applied to Jackson, by his defamers, were straight from the gutters and sewers of ife. Yet the names of those two men shine with increasing splendor as time rolls on, and the posterity of those who traduced them thank God that the memories of their ancestors have rotted from the annals of time. Stand-ing out against the horizon of the history of

the age one of the noblest figures in the life of the republic will be that of Grover Cleve-land. It will be written of him that he was an unselfish American statesman and that he

Speeches were also made by Ex-Senator McDonald, United States Pension Commissioner Black, Congressmen Chapman, Tarsney, Whiting and others.

HEAVY STORMS.

The New England Coast Swept by Wind and Rain. Bosrox, Sept. 26.-Rain began to fall in Boston at 1 o'clock this morning, and between 2 and 7:30 it was very heavy. The record at noon was nearly two inches, which is about 65 per cent of the average rainfall for September. The wind reached the force of a gale, and 300 vessels took refuge in Bosof a gale, and 3:0 vessels took refuge in Bos-ton harbor. The telegraph service from Bos-ton to Hull and Highland light is interrupted. It is believed that but a few of the large number of the vessels which left Portland, Booth Bay, Gloucester and neighboring ports on Monday and Tuesday were caught in the bay last night, as the weather has been threat-ening for many hours. The damage in this and neighboring cities was mostly to trees. and neighboring cities was mostly to trees, signs, fences, etc. Telegraph and telephone wires were wrecked in every direction. Communication is being rapidly re-established. In neighboring cities streets were floaded, cellars filled and boats in the harbors blown from their moorings. At Gloucester and Rockport the gale was terrific and the rain was a deluge connecting the streets into rivers. The sea ran higher than was ever known, and spray was thrown hundreds of feet inland. It is felt that if the gale ex-tended to the banks, the fishing fleet must have suffered severely.

WESTERN PACKING INTERESTS.

A Comparative Statement of This Year's Business and That of 1887. CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 26 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-To-morrow's Price Current will say: The packing for the week is 100,000 hogs, which compares with 95,000 for each of the two preceding weeks, and 130,000 for the corresponding week last year; total from March 1 to date, 4,215,000 against 4,685,000 last year; decrease 470,000, which is a falling off of 10 per cent. The quality of nogs average fairly good for the season. Following is a statement of the

| | 48 TABLETONE | |
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| hogs packed from March | 1 to date: | |
| 100 100 | 1888 | 1887 |
| Chicago | 1,460,000 | 1,670,00 |
| Kanses City | CS9,000 | 944,40 |
| Oma n a | 522,000 | 502,00 |
| St. Louis | 222,000 | 283,00 |
| Indianapolis | | 220,00 |
| Cincinnati | | 123,00 |
| Milwaukee | | 169.00 |
| Cedar Rapids | | 145.00 |
| Cleveland | | 135,85 |
| Sioux City | | 19,50 |
| | | |

A TERRIBLE FALL.

A Man Drops 1,000 Feet From a Balloon at Ottawa, Ont.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 26 .- A balloon ascension and parachute drop were advertised at this place to-day. Among the volunteers to hold down the balloon was Tom Winsley, a young butcher, who, with others, grasped the stout rope running round the base of the balloon. When the order to let go was given all released their nold but Winsley, who, reall released their nold but Winsley, who, retaining his hold, was swiftly borne upwards. The areenaut was unable to help him. Winsley was called upon to let go, but still clung to the ropes. The balloon had now gone 1,000 feet upwards and spectators stood paralyzed with fear. Winsley finally let go one hand but clung to the rope with the other. It was only for a moment, however, that he supported himself with his one hand. That was released and down he came like a rocket, executing a series of somersaults in the air as he fell. He struck in a field 100 feet from the grounds, and with the exception of his face was terribly crushed.

Believed in Free Blankets.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26.-United States Special Treasury Agents Hanlon and O'Neill yesterday seized a shipment of ninety-one bales of wool consigned to Thomas Lee & Co., wool merchants, and upon examining the bales several of them were found to contain a couple of fine English blankets. The wool a couple of the English charkets. The wood had been shipped from Toronto, Canada, to Thomas Lee & Co. over the Lehigh Valley railroad by way of Niagara. The duty on the wood is 10 cents per pound, while the duty on woolen blankets is 24 cents per pound and 35 per cent ad valorem. The custom-house offi-cers seized the entire cargo, and notified the district attorney to bring action against the firm of Thomas Lee & Co.

Broderick Makes an Affidavit. CHICAGO, Sept. 26 .- Thomas Broderick, the engineer who has been in jail all summer on a charge of being implicated in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy dynamite conspiracies s chafing under the statements which have been made that he is a Pinkerton detective To-day, when visited by his attorneys, Donshoe & David, Broderick expressed a desire to refute the reports. An affidavit was drawn up and sworn to by Broderick, denying the statements in a most explicit manner. Brod erick is bearing up well under confinement. He never grumbles and is a tractable pris-

No Fears in New Orleans. NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A special from New Orleans says there has been no rush to get out of the city. On the contrary the move ment has been the other way, owing to the large number now returning from the sum mer's outing, and others who have come home to prevent being quarantined. continues healthy and every precaution

is taken to prevent communication with Jackson, Decatur and other infected points. Confidence is felt that the vigilance of the health authorities will prove effective. A Wells-Fargo Robbery FAIRMONT, Neb., Sept 26.—The Wells Fargo express company was robbed Sunday morning of a package containing \$500 in cur rency for the People's bank of this city by the night operator of the Burlington & Mis souri, T. Cooper. The package was received from No. 3 by Cooper, who made no record of it at the office. The next morning he left on the flyer for the west without notifying

the agent of his intention of leaving, and has

not been heard of since. Killed a Train Robber. FLORENSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 26 .- Captain J T. Rankin, United States marshal, and deputies killed Whitely here last night. Whitely was one of the parties who attempted to rob a train near Harwood on the 22d. He was also in the McNeil and Flatonia train rob-beries, and concerned in the robbery of the bank at Cisco. He and Barber killed Deputy Sheriff Stanley of Williamson county. He was considered one of the leaders of a bold

and dangerous gang.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Sept. 26.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The ninth annual exhibition of the Pawnee county fair opened yesterday with entries far in advance of anything yet given, and the finest display speed and farm horses in southeastern ! braska. Every department is full. The fair continues until Friday.

Whisky Makers in Secret Session. CINCINNATI, Sept. 26.-Twelve wholesald whisky dealers and rectifiers of the United States held a secret session here to-day. J. B. Greenhut, of Peoria, president of the whisky trust, was present. He says this

meeting had no connection with the trust. The delegates decline to say what was done. Another meeting will be called at Peoria,

Ill., to secure a larger attendance. Simply a Big Drunk. Мамента, Tenn., Sept. 26.—The physician who visited Binford this morning found him free of fever, and unhesitatingly pronounced his sickness of last evening the after-effects

NEWS OF NEBRASKA TOWNS.

Fertility of the Country Along the North Platte.

THE LOYAL LEGION AT KEARNEY.

Brilliant Banquet Given Under the Auspices of the Order-Sixteenth District Republicans-A Float Convention Postponed.

The North Platte Country. MINIATURE, Neb., Sept. 26 .- | Special to THE BEE.]-The first harvest home of western Nebraska has just closed here and in every respect has proved a wonderful success. The exhibition opened on Wednesday, the 19th, and continued over Thursday, the 20th, and was strictly an exhibit of the products of the North Platte river country. Isaiah's prophecy was never more perfectly realized than here. Two years ago W. A. Paxton's Ogalalla herd roamed this whole land as their undisputed heritage; to-day the thrifty pioneer has demonstrated by the product of his labor the wisdom of his choice. He has proved by practical productions that this North Platte country is one of the greatest farming countries on earth. This county produced and exhibited at this This county produced and exhibited at this fair squashes and pumpkins weighing 8 lbs. each; turnips, 11 lbs.; beets, 14 lbs.; cabbages, 30 lbs.; watermelons, 50 lbs.; sunflowers, 16 inches in diameter and 12 feet high; hard, dry field corn, 14 inches in length and estimated at 80 bushels to the acre; broom corn and cane, 12 feet high; millet, 6 feet high, with heads 14 inches long; alfalfa and clover of the finest quality; clean, smooth, petatoes, weighing over 3 lbs. each; peanuts of the first quality; parsnips, carrots, peanuts of the first quality; parsnips, carrots onions and every known product of the gar-den in profusion and of the most superior quality; wheat, superior No. 2, and yielding 30 bushels; oats, of a fine quality and yielding 50 bushels; buckwheat, field beans and flax 50 bushels; buckwheat, field beans and hax of the finest kind. In fact, the exhibit embraced in a profusive quantity and premium quality every known product of the northern field and farm that could not be excelled in any portion of our great state.

This exhitit has fully verified the most sanguine expectation of this favorable climate and prolific soil of the most extensive, beautiful and prolific valley in the state.

beautiful and prolific valley in the state. This valley and bench land embraces a million acres of farming land whose productiveness speaks for itself through this exhibit.

This great belt of land is now cheap. Much
of it is yet government land and simply
awaits the settlers' occupancy. The average
depth to water in this country is not over 30 feet. A railroad will be built into this country next spring. For irrigation purposes this is the most favorably located tract in the whole west, the North Platte river furnishing plenty of water easy of access to irrigate the entire tract. The Miniature Ditch company now has in operation a ditch seven miles long carrying 60,600 gallons of water per minute, and covering 20,000 acres of land This ditch will be extended this fall so as to embrace 10,000 acres more of the finest of valley land. The Acker's ditch, now under construction, when completed, will cover 50,000 acres. The Miniature Ditch company 50,000 acres. The Miniature Ditch company are negotiating for the construction of a new ditch that will supply water to 100,000 acres more of this tract. I speak of these ditches, simply because they show the wonderful development this country is undergoing, not because these ditches are necessary to the production of crops, for the products enum-erated above were all raised without irrigation, but simply to show that these indus-trious farmers all realize the fact that with irrigation the wonderful crops of this year can and will be doubled. This favorably ocated tract of land allows the construction of cheap ditches, and with ditches the farmers have an absolute certainty of a crop and an increased yield.

The Loyal Legion at Kearney. Kearney, Neb., Sept. 26 .- | Special to The BEE. |-The commandery of Nebraska, military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, gave a banquet at the Midway last night, which was one of the pleasantest social gatherings that has ever occurred at Kearney. The Pennsylvania commandery was represented by Major Butler, Second infantry: Ohio by Lieutenant Burns, Seventeenth infantry; Michigan by General Henry R. Mizener, Seventeenth infantry; Minnesota by Lieutenant Roche, Seventeenth infantry; California by Colonel Egbert, Second infantry, Captain Ebstein, Twenty-first infantry and Captain Green, Seventeenth in fantry. The home commandery of Nebrasks was represented by General Frank Wheaton, General H. A. Morrow, Major N. G. Frank-lin, junior vice commander; Major J. M. Brown, recorder; Captain Ames, Captain Mills, Captain Ulio, Captain Manchester and Lieutenants Sarson, Wright and Aber-Lieutenants Sarson, Wright and Aber-crombie. The Rev. Dr. R. M. Oliver, formcromble. The Rev. Dr. R. M. Ohver, formarely chaplain in the army, opened the evening with prayer, after which Hon. C. B. Finch, mayor of Kearney, delivered an address of welcome. General Mizener and General Morrow followed in a verbal duel in which each tried to use the more flattering terms in speaking of the other. General Wheaton, who at the reother. General Wheaton, who at the request of the junior vice commander, acted as presiding officer, then narrated some of his experiences at Fort Kearney, when stationed there in 1864-5, and was followed by Colonel W. W. Patterson, who located the present city of Kearney. Lieutenant Kenzie then rendered a song in his own unequalled style. Colonel Daggett was then called on, and de scribed the the construction of the pontoor bridge at Fredericksburgh, which was completed in twenty-one minutes after the first boat was in position. This brought Genera Wheaton to his feet, who as colonel of the Second Rhode Island infantry was the first to cross the pontoon, and his graphic de scription of how the assignment of the post of honor was passed through corps, division and brigade commanders until it rested upon himself will not be for-gotten by those present. The toast to otten by those present. The toast to The Press' was responded to by L. B. Cur ningham, of the Kearney Daily Journal, after which Captain Wambaugh told a story of the war and also sang a song. D. A. Dorsey, of Kearney, one of the survivors of that celebrated expedition under Andrews which stole the railroad train at Big Shanty and undertook to burn the bridges from thence to Chattanooga, gave a graphic account of some of the details of the raid and the final escape of those who survived. General Morrow then made the speech of the evening, in which he alluded in the most feeling terms to the fact that brave men fought on both sides, and now that the war was over, no ani mosities remained. He concluded by offer ing for examination one of the greatest curi ordics in the state, belonging to a gentle oraces in the state, belonging to a gentle-man present, who received it on the 3d day of April, 1865, at Jeff. Davis' house from the hands of a member of his family, Mr. Davis himself not being at home just at that time. It was one of the famous "Stonewall" Jackson med-als struck by order of the confederate conals, struck by order of the confederate con gress in commemoration of the services of that gallant officer. The medal is of bronze and the face contains a profile of General Jackson surrounded by these words: "Lieu-tenant General T. J. Jackson (Stonewall), born 1821, died 1863. Dec Vindici." On the obverse are the names of all the battles in which he participated, commencing with Bull Run and ending with the Wilderness, where he met his fate. A story by the junior where he has his vice commander, some comic songs by Lieu-tenant Wright, and a unanimous vote of thanks to the citizens of Kearney for their cind attentions, closed the proceedings, and the members and their guests, after march ing twice around the room to the music of "Tramp! Tramp! Tramp, the boys are marching," concluded one of the pleasantest marching, meetings of the Nebraska commandery yet

Logan Valley Old Settlers. FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 26 .- [Special to THE BRE 1-The third annual picnic and reunion of the Logan Valley Old Settlers' association

three miles southeast of Scribner, this (Dodge) county. It was a gala day for the farmers and citizens of the northern part of the county. The association this year provided itself with a commodious tent, capable of accommodating about eight hundred peo ple, and consequently defied the elements. The day, however, was delightful-one of those bracing, clear and bright autumnal days peculiar to Nebraska at this time of the year. The celebration was held at Mr.

was held on the farm of Herman Meyer,

Meyer's beautiful grove, and it is estimated that 1,500 people were present. A mammoth platform was laid and dancing was indulged platform was laid and dancing was indulged in by young and old during the afternoon and until late at night. At 2 o'clock dinner was begun. A long table, capable of scating ninety persons at a time, was spread and groaned under the wholesome and tempting viands contributed by the good housewives of the region. Serving ninety at a time it took three hours for the company to dine. There were kegs of beer, barrels of lemonade and a profusion of cigars which, with the dinner, were as free as the air. At 2 o'clock the were as free as the air. At 2 o'clock the assembly was called to order by President Haverkost of the association. Several speakers were then called on, among them being Drs. Inches and Abbott, Emil Eichblatt, Max Gentzke and H. Haverkost. Their addresses were for the most part reminiscent and all appropriate to the occasion. At 5 o'clock the old settlers' parade took place. The rules of the association limit the mem-bership to those who have had a residence of fifteen years in the county. Jerry Denslow, of Hooper, had the honor of heading the procession, being the earliest settler on the grounds, having come to the county in 1856. There were about three hundred of the old residents in line, a majority of them having settled here in the '60s.

Sherman County Convention. LOUP CITY, Neb., Sept. 25 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-The republican county convention convened here yesterday at 2 p. m., with W. R. Miller in the chair. Every precinct was fully represented, and although considerable interest was manifested, everything was harmonious. F. W. Fuller, of Paris was nominated for representative over Paris was nominated for representative over S. P. Dillon of Litchfield, and E. C. Gallo-way of Loup City. J. R. Scott was nominated for county atterney over J. Bradley, of Litchfield, and C. H. Epath, the present county attorney. The committee introduced the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: Whereas, General Charles F. Manderson, the

United States senator from Nebraska, has, by his patriotic devotion to the principles of the republican party, won the confidence and respect of the people of his own state as well as the confidence and esteem of the republi-cans of the United States, therefore be it Resolved, By the republicans of Sherman county, Nebraska, in convention assembled, that he is our first choice for United States senator and that we will use all honorable means to secure his election to that high of

Will Hold Another Convention. WEEPING WATER, Neb., Sept. 26 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The republicans of Otoe and Cass counties met to hold their float convention here to-day. The conven tien was called to order at 8 p. m. Dr. M. M. Butler of Cass was elected chairman and Charles Seymour of Otoe secretary. After the report of the committee on credentials had been accepted, David McCaig of Elmwood introduced a resolution condenning the action of the central committee in naming the delegates to the float convention and re commended that this convention adjourn without making a nomination and that dele-gates be elected in the regular way at the county convention at Louisville October 6.

An amendment was made that another float convention be called for October 8 to be held at Weeping Water and the resolution was adopted. After adjournment John Watson of Nebraska City made a short but telling speech for the republican cause.

A Very Tame Rally. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Sept. 26 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-The democratic meeting at the court house here last night was a decidedly tame affair. Hon. E. P. Weatherby, the first speaker, consumed about three-fourths of an hour in an effort to convince the apparently indifferent listeners that Cleveland should b re-elected to office. Mr. Weatherby was fol-lowed by Colonel Warner. The colonel is a very ready and pleasant talker, and one that can present his views to the very best advan-tage, but it was evident from the beginning that the speakers either had the wrong side of the question or the wrong kind of an audience. In short, the meeting was a complete failure as a rally or wakening up of support-

ers of democracy. General Connor for Senator. Lour City, Neb., Sept. 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - The senatorial convention net here at 8 o'clock p. m. in Smith's opera house with Hon. W. H. Conger in the chair and nominated General A. H. Connor, of Kearney, senator for the Sixteenth senatorial district, after which General Connor made an enthusiastic speech, stating in sub-stance that the only difference in the democratic and republican parties of to-day on the free trade question. Excellent music was furnished by the glee club, and the con vention closed with the best of feeling.

Disappeared With the Team. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 26.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Louis Ganzel, farmer living near Berlin, was in the city today to inform the sheriff that his hired man, Gotlieb Bauman, had started for the city several days ago with a valuable team of horses and a buggy belonging to the farm, of which he can find no trace, and he has reason o believe that Gotlieb has stolen them.

The Democrats at Nebraska City. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 26.—[Special relegram to THE BEE. |-The advance guard of the democratic delegates to the congressional convention here to-morrow arrived this evening. There is no pronounced choice but the majority thus far have expressed themselves favorable to Poppleton first and Creighton next. Fitzgerald is not considered as available, while the idea of Jim Boyd's candidacy is laughed at.

A Colored Burglar Captured. PAWNER CITY, Neb., Sept. 26 .- Specia Telegram to THE BEE.]-Deputy Sheriff Leib enderfer returned from Lewiston late last night having a colored prisoner in charge who is wanted here for breaking into the residences of C. T. Edie and S. S. Shannon taking considerable jewelry. All the articles taken were recovered except a gold watch. The thief was a new comer here and i supposed to be the same who has successfull ourglarized houses at other towns. He is now safe in jail.

The Howard County Fair. St. Paul, Neb., Sept. 26 .- [Special Tele ram to Tue Ber. |-The sixth annual fair of Howard county opened under the most favor able circumstances to-day. The vegetable stock and grain displays exceed previous years and the attendance is large. There are fifteen race horses on the ground to compete for the prize money.

Three Indian Truants Captured. ATKINSON, Neb., Sept. 26 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-The three Indian who escaped Saturday night from the Indian school at Genoa, were captured near here to-day and are in jail awaiting the arrival of the superintendent from Genoa. They were making for Rosebud agency.

A Stabbing Affray.

AUBORA, Neb., Sept. 26.—[Special Tele-gram to THE BEE.]—W. H. Strickler was arrested last night for stabbing Webster andon, a B. & M. brakeman, during a melee on the train. Landon got a bad cut in the neck, very close to the juglar vein, and other severe cuts on the breast, though he is not thought to be fatally hurt.

ROBBING THE UNION PACIFIC.

An Extensive Conspiracy Said to Have Been Unearthed.

TWO HUNDRED CARS OF COAL.

The Proceeds Pocketed by an Enterprising Employe of the Company in One Year-The Government Prosecuting the Case.

Unfaithful Servants.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 26 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Considerable excitement was created among the railroad employes to-day by the circulation of a report, which, it is understood, came from reliable sources, that interesting revelations of a conspiracy between employes of the Union Pacific to swindle that company will soon be made. Some time ago the Union Pacific began a series of investigations which resulted in the retirement of a few train men and others otherwise employed. The information was to-day obtained that a conspiracy for systematic robbery had been discovered upon one of the Colorado lines, in which several employes of long standing are said to be

implicated. United States Marshal Hill has been working up the case for some time. It is claimed that he has connected three or four conductors and two or more station agents with the robberies. One of the conductors claimed to be implicated in the affair is said to have been located in Illinois by the marshal, one in Missouri, and the others are still in the state. The station agents named in the conspiracy are yet at their posts unaware of the investigation. It is claimed that one of the areuts has pocketed the proceeds of 200 cars of coal within the past year by making false returns to the company; reporting it as used on locomo-tives or having been sold to customers. Overweights were charged as a part of the weight kept back and the amount represent-

ng the surplus pocketed by the agent. It is also stated that conductors and agents It is also stated that conductors and agents have been engaged in a conspiracy on the old ticket racket. It is claimed that as high as sixteen tickets have been held out by one conductor on one trip and returned to the station and again placed on sale and the proceeds divided between conductor and agent. It is reported that one of the agents has been carrying on this business for a period of a year, and the evidence now in the possession of the United States marshal is sufficient to send him to the penitentiary. The reason that the matter has been placed in the hands of government officials is on account of the United States an interstate railway and the cases will go an interstate railway and the cases will go into the United States court.

A THOUSAND LIVES LOST.

Valparaiso, Chili, Visited By a Terrible

Calamity. New York, Sept. 26,-The Herald's Valparaiso (Chili) special of August 15 says. A fearful calamity occurred here on the 11th inst. An artificial pond, 800 feet above the level of the city, burst, flooding the valley of the Yungai and several streets. The flood came down in an irresistible torrent, bringing down rocks and trunks of trees with it. The stream came rushing through the street of San Juande Dios in a wave twelve feet high. Shops were deluged and the contents destroyed, houses swept away and the inhabitants drowned or bruised to death. Fifty-seven bodies had been buried yesterday of persons killed by this disaster. Three hundred thousand deliars has been voted by the congress in Santiago to relieve the sufferers. The loss of property will be probably \$1,000,-

000 at least. A thousand lives have probably been lost.

Scandal Mongers Disgusted. CHICAGO, Sept. 23 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The case against George Bell, of this city, charged with mayhem, was stricken from the docket when it came up to-day. Bell will be remembered as the man who created a sensation about three months ago by cutting off George Murray's left ear with a razor. Bell charged that Murray had alienated his wife's affections, and that he had chosen to disfigure the Lothario rather than place his own life in jeopardy by shooting him. The coming of the trial has been awaited with anxiety by scandal lovers, who expected to be regard with salacious details, and were much disappointed when the state's attorney asked that the case be stricken off at the request of the prosecutor. He had re-ceived a letter from Murray in which the latter said that he desired to spare the feelings of several people who would suffer severely. "And, besides," he said, "such a prosecution would necessarily be of a sensational character, and, in my judgment, would do more damage to public morals and sentiment than it would do good in any direction. As the party most interested, and as a citizen, I most earnestly advise the dismissal of

A St. Joseph Failure.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Kahn & Furst, wholesale dealers in laces and gents' furnishing goods, closed their doors to-day and a trustee for the local creditors has charge of the stock. Their liabilities are about \$75,000, of which \$29,000 is held by C. F. Burne and the Saxon National bank of this city, both of whom are secured. Their assets are reck-oned at \$40,000. The firm is composed of Abe Furst, of the Furst Distilling company; Ed. Furst, his son, and Jacob Kahn, a sen-in-Ed. Furst, his son, and Jacob Kahn, a son-in-law. The firm claims that it will be able to open up again in a few weeks, and declare that the fallure is due to the fact that a few weeks ago the report was sent out by a mercantile agency that Abe Furst, supposed to be the financial backer of the firm, was not worth a dollar.

The Northwestern Rate Problem. CHICAGO, Sept. 26 .- The traffic managers of the northwestern roads, who were to have

held a meeting to-day, adjourned immediately after assembling. This was to give the transit and non-transit lines an opportunity to adjust their differences by a private conference. The adjournment was regarded as indicating that the roads are now anxious to reach an agreement, and that the north-western rate problem may be solved to-morrow, when the managers meet again.

The Coopers in Convention. CHICAGO, Sept. 26.-The coopers' national union, for the purpose of forming a national trade district of their craft, met here to-day. There are fifty-three assemblies represented and they come from the leading cities in the east, and from St. Louis, Peoria, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Menasha and Moline

in the west. It is expected that the conven-tion will last the remainder of the week.

The Panama Canal. PANAMA, Sept. 26.-As to the completed canal contracts it is learned that several contracts on the canal have been finished, turned over to the canal company and accepted after due inspection. These facts give the lie to the innumerable vague rumors that are in circulation about the canal company shut-ting down work. They are shutting down and just as fast as they can, but only so at the completion of their work.

An \$80,000 Blaze.

TRUCKER, Cala., Sept. 26.-Word reaches here from Verdi, Nov., that Oliver Donkey's planing mill, lumber yard and store burned to-day. Loss \$80,000. The fire was communicated to the depot and other which were in tlames when the informant