

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

GRINNELL A SCENE OF RUIN.

Fire Causes a Terrible Havoc in the Beautiful College Town.

FORTY-ONE BUILDINGS BURNED.

Nearly the Entire Business Portion of the Place in Ashes—Loss Nearly \$200,000—Other Lows News.

The Grinnell Fire.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—Grinnell, the beautiful college town fifty miles east of here, was visited by a very destructive fire this afternoon. It caught in an elevator south of the Rock Island track, and swept over a large part of the business part of the town, burning forty-one buildings. Grinnell has no waterworks, but has a steam engine that depends upon wells for a supply. Soon after the fire got a headway an appeal for help was sent to Marshalltown, and a special train with hose and trucks came flying down. Brooklyn also responded with a chemical engine, and the united efforts of all three cities succeeded in holding the flames in check, after burning a large part of the business houses.

The fire was kept out of the residence portion of the city, but thousands of dollars worth of dry goods and other goods from the stores were dumped in the public square.

A telegram was sent to Governor Larrabee asking him to order out company G, of the Iowa National guard, located at Grinnell, to protect property. He was absent, but his private secretary replied that the sheriff and his posse must do that unless they were not able to do so, and so the order was not given.

A Red Oak Sensation.

RED OAK, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Rumors of a scandal have been floating through the air for some time and were brought to a focus yesterday by the arrest of P. A. Brownson, a painter and paper hanger, for seduction and attempt to commit abortion on the person of a fifteen-year-old daughter of Andrew Morden, a wagon maker, of this place. Morden is a widower. The only daughter at home, she is alone most of the time. Brownson selected her as his victim when she was twelve years old and accomplished her ruin then. In December last, finding that matters were not moving smoothly no one to a prominent physician in town and represented that Dollie had need care to relieve her from stupor and criticism. He mentioned the name of a prominent merchant of this town as being the author of the trouble.

Republican Central Committee.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Republican State Central committee met here to-day and selected Des Moines as the place for the next convention and August 14 as the date. John Irwin, of Keokuk, was named for temporary chairman. Keeping the old ratio of representation, the next convention will be the largest ever held, the call providing for 1,151 delegates. The convention will nominate candidates for governor, judge of supreme court, and a student of schools and railroad commissioners.

Dickinson-Sherman.

IA WASHINGTON, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Miss Lena Kimball Sherman, only daughter of ex-Governor Buren R. Sherman, was married in this city at 1 o'clock this afternoon to Dr. D. W. Dickinson, of Des Moines. Rev. G. A. Chambers, of Christ Episcopal church, performed the ceremony. A large number of guests were present from Des Moines, Vinton and elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson left this afternoon for Des Moines, their future home.

Superintendent Royce Married.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—General Superintendent H. T. Royce, of the Rock Island railroad, was married here to-day to Mrs. Eva R. Echeberger. The wedding was celebrated in the presence of a few friends, Rev. Van Antwerp, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Royce left by special car for St. Louis, and from there will go to the Pacific coast, spending a month on the trip.

The County Clerks.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The county convention of the county clerks of Iowa met here to-day. Thirty counties were represented and the following officers were elected: President, William Musson, Polk county; vice-president, O. P. Wyland, Shelby county; secretary, E. M. Pank, Carroll county; treasurer, John H. Dorough, Warren county. The clerks will attempt to devise some system by which uniform methods of keeping court records may be used all over the state.

Lightning Strikes.

Much Damage Done in New York and Brooklyn. New York, June 12.—A heavy wind and thunder storm visited New York and Brooklyn last evening. Lightning struck in several places. A building in course of erection in Brooklyn was blown down and six workmen were buried in the ruins, two of whom were killed. A state Catholic church in Brooklyn, which was the cathedral of the diocese until a month ago, was struck by lightning during the storm and inside a few hours was burned, causing a damage of about \$100,000. The Fallender Insulated Wire Works, at East Newark, were struck by lightning and set on fire. The loss is estimated at from \$65,000 to \$100,000.

Arrested for a Heinous Crime.

NOVEMBER, Va., June 12.—Last night a negro and white man were seen together in a house and taken in hand, charged with having set fire to the residence of Rev. F. Clark, near London Bridge, four weeks ago, in which the lives of Clark and four of his family were lost.

UNDER MILITARY RULE.

The State Takes Control of Affairs at Johnston.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 12.—The borough of Johnston and surrounding towns are under military rule. At 7 o'clock this morning General Hastings took charge and soldiers were placed on guard at all the commissary departments and morgues. A slight rain has been falling all the morning and the city presents a dismal appearance. Everything is in turmoil and confusion, and little or no work is being done. However, all the military and relief committees are working hard at work.

General Hastings states that the work of clearing away the debris, under the direction of the state, will commence in earnest to-morrow morning. James McKnight has been selected as one of the contractors, and he will have two thousand men at work to-morrow morning.

For the first time since the calamity, the people are commencing to talk of their financial losses and the means of recovering them. It is anything else. To say that a great number of former merchants are disheartened is putting it mildly. Many wholesale merchants are here trying to comfort them. There are offering old merchants inducements to start up again.

Several hundred special policemen employed by the sheriff were discharged this morning and soldiers put in their places. General Hastings gave orders to permit the military press badges to go any place they wished. The registers who have been making a house to house canvass will be ready to report this evening. After this a second canvass will be made to verify the first, and as this will take over a week there will be no correct list of the living until that time.

But few bodies were recovered this morning, owing to the chaotic condition of affairs pending the transfer of authority. There are only about one hundred and fifty men at work.

Order is coming out of chaos and military discipline has shown its effects at the end of the first day. At 11 o'clock this afternoon a resolution was passed binding the city officials to keep hands off. A grand jury has been organized and is going on all day. As fast as their money was handed out of the paymaster's window the workmen boarded the trains on which their picks and shovels were taken to Johnston without any expressed regrets.

Work upon the ruins has been nearly at a standstill all day, but to-morrow morning the first day's work is expected to be done at work. The new plan of canvassing the city and systematizing the distribution of supplies is meeting with general favor. Orders and supplies continue to come in freely. There is little change in the health situation.

A meeting was held in Alma hall by the citizens of Johnston to-day, at which the leading business men who survived the flood were present. Remarks were made by several of the speakers, and it was decided before then, and the necessity of united and individual action to rebuild the town, and the cultivation of fortitude to bear with patience the inevitable hardships upon them. Resolutions were adopted thanking James Scott for his untiring efforts to bring order out of chaos, the promise of Pittsburgh in particular, and the citizens of the United States generally for their prompt and generous assistance.

The bureau of registration reported to-day that 1,162 bodies had been registered. Many registered twice and some half a dozen times, which showed the list to run up to 21,000. The only body not registered was that of a woman, whose work is approaching completion. The number of bodies recovered is 1,162, of which 628 have been identified.

Contributed Their Mite.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 12.—Steps are being taken here for raising funds for the Johnston sufferers.

HE FAIRLY ROTTED.

Death of a Boy from the Rare Disease. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—George Starmer, aged fourteen years, who died in South Park yesterday, suffered from a disease which has been a puzzle to medical men. About four years ago he awoke one night with a sensation in one of his heels as if some one had picked it with a knife. There was no wound, but soon he began to feel a burning and stinging in the heel, which grew more and more painful. From the heel the affliction spread upward and over the body, until, at one time, every bone in his body was affected with what is termed necrosis, or death of the bone. The disease was finally cured by the use of four pairs of pus being drawn from one of the abscesses. All was done for him that was possible, but with no good results, and he died after suffering four years.

Salt Lake Items.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—C. H. Bender, Omaha; J. W. Clarke and wife, Odessa; and J. B. Little, Hastings, are in the city. The city registration, just completed, shows about six thousand names. The estimated gentile majority, on careful calculations, is placed at one hundred.

Another Montana Gold Find.

MUSKOGEE, Mont., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The state of Montana is being itself with excitement over a big gold find. James Anickbonner, while bathing in Gold Creek, found a dozen large gold nuggets, which he took to Grantsdale and showed to a friend. In three hours every man in town able to go away was on the road to the new discovery. A great deal of money was found along Gold Creek in the early days, but no one had ever before made a find sufficient to justify the erection of a place claim.

More Damage by Water.

HOLYOKE, Mass., June 12.—Three canals supply the water power for the mills here. Yesterday the water broke through the race way at the Cabot street mill, demolishing the southern part of the building and carrying away the railroad bridge. Only for a lower canal for the water to enter into the water would have submerged the entire mill. The damage to the city is estimated at the amount to be about \$100,000, and will necessitate the closing of all the mills until repaired.

Fell Off for Seattle.

BERNARD, Dak., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This was sent \$1,000 to the Seattle sufferers. This was done in answer to a telegram from the chairman of the relief committee, that since the fire the committee has been feeding over seven thousand people, and that fully that number were homeless. The telegram further stated that the work of rebuilding would be commenced within a few weeks, and that the laborers will all be given employment, but it will be months before the homeless can be housed.

The Weather Indications.

For Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota: Fair, cooler winds, becoming northerly.

IOWA'S SHARE OF THE PLUMS.

The Long List of Her Sons Who Enjoy Federal Fruit.

AN ANTI-MAHONE DELEGATION.

President Harrison Listens to the Grievances of the General's Opponents—Sullivan's Arrest a Consoling Topic in Washington.

WASHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMAHA BEE, 518 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.

The Iowa people in Washington who are waiting for political plums to drop from the tree are consulting themselves with the belief that after all the state has secured about as much patronage as any of her sisters. Said one of them to-night: "We have Colonel Clarkson as assistant postmaster-general, Colonel Heppner as solicitor of the treasury, ex-Governor Stone as acting commissioner of the general land office and Colonel Swords as superintendent of furniture in the treasury department, besides both Secretary Noble and Assistant Secretary Bussey were formerly of the Hawkeye state, and we may even claim them if we want to brag over our fellows."

Notwithstanding this there are a number of gentlemen from Iowa still in Washington who are anxiously waiting for some minor place, and while the congressional delegation is not very numerous the indications are that when the batch of appointments, which is expected to precede the close of fiscal year, is announced Iowa will have its full share.

AN ANTI-MAHONE DELEGATION. The two wings of the republican party in Virginia, generally known as the Mahone and anti-Mahone factions, have now presented their sides of the political controversy to the president. Yesterday a delegation from General Mahone's side of the fence visited the white house and laid its case before the president. The delegation consisted of the following gentlemen who were present with them: William Washkoff, Daniel Davis, Samuel Kelley, Perry Mack, James Washburn, John W. Brown, George L. Gregory, Constantin Hinkel, DeWitt C. Cram, Adolph Klein, Original, Edwitt C. Sarah E. Baird, former widow of William R. Workman.

General Meigs' Suggestion. Washington, June 12.—General Meigs, architect of the pension building, has addressed a letter to the commissioner of pensions suggesting that the flags borne in battle by the soldiers of the United States, and those captured by them in the war, be hung around the walls of the pension office. He suggests that the flags be placed in the pension building, and that they be made water-proof. The roof of the building leaks badly in several places.

A SOP TO CERBERUS.

Trying to Get Around the Chicago-St. Paul Freight Out.

CHICAGO, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The break in the Chicago-St. Paul rates is apparently no nearer settled than before. After a strong session of the Western Freight association this morning it was decided to postpone consideration of the issue in later rates until to-morrow afternoon, pending an answer to a proposition made to the lake lines for an advance in through rates to the old basis.

It was given out on the subject that the proposition was made to the lake lines only to gain time, no one believing it would be accepted. It was that the lake lines should be allowed to raise their rates to the old basis, that the through rates be advanced to the old figure, and that no differentials be given any one. The trouble with this proposition is that there is no guarantee of the agreed division of traffic.

A MINE CAVE.

The Earth Settles Under a Street in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 12.—A disastrous cave in took place here late this afternoon. The Hollenbeck and Hellman vein mines of this city, which are a thousand feet deep, and for years past no coal was supposed to be mined in that portion of it underlying the city, for fear the earth would sink. At 4 o'clock a great cave in occurred, and the thoroughfares of the city was filled with crevices from which gas escaped in huge volumes. The owners of the mines had no time to get their families and the principal members of the city were killed. Eight hundred men and boys were thrown out of the mine, and the loss to property owners on the surface will be double that amount.

An Unwelcome Return.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A very interesting divorce case is on the docket of the circuit court here. Laura Cross versus Joseph Cross. Several years ago the plaintiff was married to the defendant, they lived together for some time, when Cross took a notion to leave the city. He did leave, and his loss was mourned by Mrs. Cross for three years, when she came to the conclusion that he was dead, and having a suit for her hand, by the name of the defendant, she married and had a child. The defendant, who was living in the Worrell household up to about two months ago, when one day the long forgotten, and supposed to be dead, man, returned to the city, alive and ready to take possession of his wife, who had been usurped by a stranger. The wife wasn't willing to go, so she threatened to sue for divorce. The defendant's new husband had her, but not to be outdone he swore out a warrant for the arrest of his wife and Worrell, charging them with adultery. The case came up before the court, the complainant failed to appear and the case was dismissed. To get even, Mrs. Cross instituted a suit for divorce, and the defendant, as soon as she gets it she will re-marry Worrell.

A Newspaper Change.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Major John S. Bittinger, of St. Joseph, to-day, purchased the entire stock of the Daily Herald, the morning republican organ, and will assume editorial control next Monday. He was editor and half owner of the same paper for several years, ending in 1878, and from 1881 to 1883 was managing editor of the Kansas City Journal. He is a republican in the state, and one of the oldest newspaper men in the west. There will be no changes in the staff.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Michigan dedicated her monuments on the battle field of Gettysburg, yesterday. Four boys and a horse were killed by a train at Canton, O., yesterday.

Trying For a Committee.

CHICAGO, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The general managers of the Inter-State Commerce Railway association struggled all day to-day in a vain attempt to complete its executive board. Chairman Magier, Faithorn, Abbott and Finley were voted for, but it was found impossible to unite on two of them.

The Old Directors Re-elected.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 12.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western railway company to-day the board of directors were re-elected.

The Bell Telephone Dividend.

BOSTON, June 12.—The directors of the American Bell Telephone company to-day declared a regular dividend of \$3 per share and an extra dividend of \$1 per share.

A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

Issued to Alexander Sullivan by Judge Tuley.

REVIEWING ALL THE EVIDENCE.

The Judge Will Carefully Consider the Testimony Taken Before the Coroner's Jury—Maroney and McDonald.

A Special Grand Jury Impaneled.

CHICAGO, June 12.—The special grand jury to deal with the Cronin case was impaneled this morning in Judge Shepard's court. In addressing the jury Judge Shepard said he expected a full, exhaustive, impartial investigation of the murder of Dr. Cronin. The entire resources of the county, he said, would be at the disposal of the jury, and witnesses who would not testify should be made to do so. The grand jury had it in its power to do so. There are only two Irishmen on the panel—W. J. Quan, a well-known wholesale grocer, and O'Neil, ex-county commissioner.

The special venire jury was returned into court by Sheriff McMillan in person. He stated that he chose the jurors by turning to the business part of the directory and selecting the names of well known particular branches of business, with special care that no one should be drawn who entertained prejudices for or against the Clansmen. The jury was impaneled by Judge Clough foreman of the jury. The greatest precautions were taken to keep the proceedings secret, although the names of the jurors were not kept secret. The jury had organized they listened to the testimony of the witnesses who told what he knew of the Carlson cottage.

Subpoenas were served on Dr. Cronin's former doctor, George W. Brown, and the two Carlsons, father and son; James Mullin, manager of Revell & Co.; E. G. Throckmorton, clerk for Knight & Marshall, real estate agents; Salesman W. P. Field, of Revell & Co.; M. E. McHale, carpenter for Revell & Co.; Joseph Cronin, brother of Dr. Cronin, and Justice Mahoney, real estate agent. The grand jury also issued the writ of the renting of the flat at West Clark street by "J. B. Simmons." It took ten minutes for Mr. Hatfield to read the list of names of the witnesses. He came down in fifteen minutes. Justice Mahoney then entered the room and stayed for two hours, the other witnesses were presently sent home. The magistrate was pressed very hard about the contract P. O. Sullivan had made with Dr. Cronin. It related to the purchase of a house, with a guilty knowledge of that contract, with attempting to suppress a part of the truth about the so-called Washington literary societies, and being a partner in the same, and with attempting to shield his supposed murderers. Mahoney, after a long examination, emerged in a very much excited condition, and the grand jury adjourned until to-morrow.

Alexander Sullivan declined to see any callers this morning except his law partners. He refused to be interviewed by any one on any pretext or another, gained admittance to the cage, were able to get a glimpse of him, he quickly fading away as they tried to get a closer view of him. He was just out of reach of the many pairs of eyes strained in his direction. To a friend who pressed upon him the necessity of his unshaken confidence in his innocence, the famous ex-president of the Irish National league returned the following reply: "I am most grateful for your kind interest. Time and the truth will justify you in your view. Sincerely, Alexander Sullivan."

AMERICAN CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The Party of Two Hundred Who are Doing England.

LONDON, June 12.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The party of two hundred American civil engineers, representing the greatest engineering industry in the United States, arrived in London to-day. All of them were delighted with the reception already accorded them in the north and south, they had enjoyed during the Whitnitsun recess, and they all looked forward with eager expectancy to the long roll of entertainments, dinners, receptions and inspections they are to go through in and about the metropolis.

The reception rooms of the Institute of Civil Engineers, at Westminster, were crowded all day with an ever varying stream of guests, who came in to register their addresses and secure mails from the country over the sea, where they belonged.

The members of the party who had come over by the City of Richmond, were especially anxious to see the big collection of instantaneous photos, which had been taken on board by one of their number, George Weeks, and which were scattered over the table of the outer reception room in bundles in great variety and endless profusion. They were from an instantaneous machine and were taken surreptitiously and otherwise; those of the former class, it need not be said, except for the most ancient, for even engineers they are many things to dissipate the ennui of life on ship board.

Yesterday's gathering, however, was purely an informal affair and the regular round of sightseeing and receptions does not begin until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, after which hour, all their time will be occupied responding to invitations, until the 29th inst., when the party leaves for Paris.

STANLEY HEARD FROM.

A Large Number of His Men Dead from Disease and Famine.

ZANZIBAR, June 12.—A letter received here from Urur, on the southwestern shore of Victoria Nyanza, dated December 2, reports the arrival there of Stanley with a number of invalid members of his force. The letter says Stanley has sustained heavy losses, a large number of his men having died from disease and famine. The explorer had rejoined and left Emin Pasha at Unyara, on the northwestern shore of the lake.

Bank Failure in Dakota.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 12.—The Journal of Wahpeton, Dak., special says the Bank of Wahpeton assigned this morning. There has been a heavy run on the bank. The assets and liabilities are unknown.

Millers Ask a Favor.

MILWAUKEE, June 12.—At the session of the National Millers' association this morning a resolution was adopted asking President Harrison to appoint George Bain, of St. Louis, counsel at Glasgow.

Two Murderers Lynched.

HELIXWOOD, Tenn., June 12.—Last night a mob broke into the jail and took Lloyd and Reynolds, double murderers, and hanged them to a tree by day.

Bob Younger Dying.

ST. PAUL, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bob Younger, the notorious outlaw, is dying at the Stillwater penitentiary.

A SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS.

Fearful Wreck of a Sunday School Excursion in Ireland.

OVER SEVENTY CHILDREN KILLED.

Armagh Suspends All Business and Her People Mourn for the Little Ones Who Are Gone.

The Railroad Officials Arrested.

DUBLIN, June 12.—A train containing 1,300 persons from Armagh, composed of Methodist Sunday school scholars, their teachers and relatives, was wrecked near that place. It was first reported that fifty children were killed, but later dispatches show the accident was far more serious. Seventy bodies have been taken from the wreck, and there are others buried under the debris, over one hundred passengers were injured. The people were going on an excursion to Warren Point. The following particulars were received in regard to the accident to the excursion train; The excursion party left Armagh, this morning, in two trains. The accident occurred at a point where the trains had to ascend a grade on a bank fifty-five feet high. The first train ascended the grade without trouble. The second section attempted to ascend, but the weight proved too much for the engine. Several cars were detached and were allowed to run back toward the level track, but before they reached the level track, a collision occurred. The train from Armagh which was proceeding at a road rate of speed. The excursion cars were completely wrecked. Hart's volunteers were on the train, and the dead and wounded were taken from the wreck and carried down the bank. Medical aid was brought to the scene by a special train from Belfast and a number of medical men from other places. The disaster is unparalleled in the history of the railway in Ireland. All the shops in Armagh were closed this afternoon, and the people are in general mourning. The engineer, Bremen and guard of the train and the driver of the locomotive were summoned before a magistrate and were demanded on a charge of being responsible for the accident.

WESTERN PACKING INTERESTS.

Hogs Marketed Quite Liberally the Past Week.

CINCINNATI, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—To-morrow's Price-Current will say: Hogs have been marketed quite liberally the past week in the west, the aggregate number somewhat exceeding the prevailing expectation. The packing reports show a total of 285,000 for the week, against 253,000 the preceding week, and 215,000 the corresponding week last year, making a total of 3,600,000 since March 1, against 2,645,000 a year ago.

Relief For Johnston—Official Appointments—Omaha Personal.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—About \$5,000 was realized by a concert in the tabernacle last night. One-fourth will go to Seattle, the balance to Johnston.

Sioux Falls University.

ST. PAUL, Dak., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The sixth annual commencement of the Sioux Falls university is in progress this week. This institution is the denominational school for the Baptists of South Dakota. This has been class day, and to-night occurred the speaking for the Morse prize at the Congregational church. There were seven contestants, four of whom were young ladies. The prize was won by Earle V. Pierce.

Brice Succeeds Brice.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Calvin S. Brice has been elected chairman of the democratic national committee. Shortly after noon the committee was called to order. After addresses upon the subject of William H. Brice and Captain W. Dawson, resolutions of regret were adopted and Brice was unanimously elected chairman. At 3 o'clock the committee was still in session behind closed doors.

Forest Fires in Minnesota.

TWO HANNONS, Minn., June 12.—Forest fires have been raging with renewed activity all day, along the Iron Range railroad, in every direction. This city is surrounded by clouds of smoke. The latest report from Lily, Minn., says the most serious fire of the season is raging there, and from twenty to fifteen buildings have been destroyed, and much damage done to railroad property.

The Lutheran Synod.

ROCK ISLAND, June 12.—The Augustana Lutheran synod resumed its session at Rock Island this morning. The new constitution recommended for adoption last year came up, and after a heated discussion William H. Barlow was elected. It was voted down by a decided majority. The new college building was dedicated in the afternoon.

Nine Men Fall from a Scaffold.

CHICAGO, June 12.—A large scaffold thirty feet high, that had been carelessly erected at the new power house which the West Side cable street railway is building at the corner of Rockwell and Madison streets, fell in with a crash this afternoon and buried nine workmen in the ruins. No one was killed outright, but some will probably die.

Bucket Shops Close.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The bucket shops on Main street and Broadway suspended business as soon as it was learned the measure prohibiting their operations had become a law.