THE DEMONS WERE HOODOOED

Omaha Receives a Most Unmerciful Drubbing.

IT WAS A VERY ROCKY GAME.

Standing of the Clubs—Second Day of the Grand Circuit Races at Cleveland—Turf and Diamond Notes.

Standing of the Clubs.

Following is the standing of the Western association clubs, up to and including yesterday's games:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Omaha	73	51	21	.708
St. Paul	73	48	25	.658
Minneapolis	74	39	35	.527
Sioux City	71	33	38	.465
Denver	71	32	39	.451
St. Joseph	68	29	39	.426
Des Moines	69	29	40	.420
Milwaukee	70	24	45	.357

Des Moines 15, Omaha 8.

Yesterday was ladies' day at the ball park, and several hundred of the dear creatures were on hand to witness the coming champions receive one of the most unmerciful drubbings they have experienced this year.

Can it be that the fair ones, with their feathers and ribbons and smiles, acted as a hoodoo to the home team?

It is to be hoped not.

Be that as it may, however, we were most ingloriously licked, and by the weakest team in the whole Western association at that.

Willis was put in the box at the last moment, and, while he was hit hard and often, it was not his work alone that defeated the demons, but the general loggy and dispirited play of the whole team.

To be sure, the error column gives no indication of this lamentable fact, but still it is true that not a single member of the team played as if he cared the toss up of a penny which way the game went. Flies were misjudged, bases run like ice wagons, and careless, indifferent work of all kinds marked their playing through the entire nine innings.

Crooks took Strauss' place behind the bat in the last four innings, and caught a regular Dr. Bushong game. He was guyed a good deal from the bleachers, and his monkeyshines in return was about the only life there was to the game.

Big fat Brodiy umpired a vile game. His decision on balls and strikes, against Willis in particular, hadn't the semblance of correctness or justice in them and he seemed to think that because he was being hit pretty hard he might as well give it to him, too, and he did so with a vengeance.

The game is unworthy of more than a passing notice, for it was about the most dreadful specimen of a game seen here this year. The score:

OMAHA.

	AB	R	1B	SH	SB	PO	A	E
Cooney, m	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cleveland, 3b	6	0	2	0	0	2	2	0
Strauss, c&2b	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Crooks, 2b&c	4	1	1	1	0	5	1	1
Walsh, ss	5	1	2	1	0	1	4	0
Andrews, 1b	5	1	2	1	0	10	0	0
Canavan, lf	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Willis, p	4	1	0	0	2	2	6	0
Nichols, rf	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
Totals	48	8	11	4	6	24	14	2

DES MOINES.

	AB	R	1B	SH	SB	PO	A	E
Hennessey, rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Patton, rf	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Maskrey, lf	4	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
Connell, 3b	5	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Smith, 1b	5	0	2	0	0	15	0	1
Cody, c	4	0	1	0	0	4	1	0
Klusman, 2b	4	2	2	0	0	1	4	0
Whitely, m	4	4	3	1	0	1	0	0
Macullar, ss	3	2	0	0	1	3	3	1
Hart, p	4	2	2	0	0	0	10	0
Totals	38	15	14	1	5	27	19	4

BY INNINGS:

Omaha	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	—8
Des Moines	1	4	6	3	0	0	0	1	*	—15

SUMMARY.

Runs earned—Omaha 5, Des Moines 7.

Two-base hits—Strauss, Walsh, Andrews, Klusman.

Three-base hits—Whitely 3.

Double plays—Walsh to Crooks to Andrews.

Bases on called balls—Off Willis 8, off Hart 8.

Struck out—By Willis 4, by Hart 2.

Passed balls—Straus 1.

Wild pitches—Hart 1.

Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

Umpire—Briody.

Minneapolis 10, Sioux City 3.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 31.—Minneapolis won the last game of the series from Sioux City today. Crowell was in the box for the visitors and was pounded all over the lot. The support he received was rather rank, while on the other hand Minneapolis put up a perfect game.

MINNEAPOLIS.	r.	b.	o.	a.	e.	SIOUX CITY.	r.	b.	o.	a.	e.
Dritchel, lf	0	2	2	0	0	Cline, ss	0	0	1	5	2
Miller, 3b	1	0	2	2	0	Glenn, lf	0	0	1	1	0
Foster, cf	4	3	2	0	0	Powell, 1b	1	1	10	0	0
Henkle, 2b	1	1	0	1	0	Brosnan, 2b	0	2	1	2	1
Minnehan, 1b	1	2	6	0	0	Genins, cf	0	0	3	0	0
Morrison, rf	1	1	1	0	0	Bradley, 3b	1	1	1	1	0
Hanrahan, ss	0	0	0	2	0	Crossley, c	1	3	3	0	0
Devlin, p	1	0	0	0	0	Crowell, p	0	0	0	4	1
Duke, p	0	1	0	0	0	Crotty, rf	0	1	1	0	2
Jantzen, c	1	3	10	1	0						
Totals	10	14	21	6	0	Totals	3	8	21	13	6

BY INNINGS.

Minneapolis	1	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	—10
Sioux City	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—3

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Minneapolis 4, Sioux City 1. Two base hits—Henkle, Minnehan, Morrison, Powell and Crossley. Home runs—Foster 2. Stolen bases—By Minnehan, Duke, Bradley and Powell. Double plays—Cline and Powell. Bases on balls—Off Devlin 1, off Duke 4, off Crowell 3. Hit by pitcher—Miller. Struck out—By Devlin 1, by Duke 9, by Crowell 3. Passed ball—Jantzen 1, Crossley 1. Left on bases—Minneapolis 9, Sioux City 9. First base on errors—Minneapolis 4. Time—1 hour and 50 minutes. Umpire—Loescher.

Milwaukee 16, Denver 6.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 31.—Milwaukee won to-day's game by pounding Pitcher Fagan all over the lot.

MILWAUKEE.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.	DENVER.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
Poorman, rf	3	2	2	0	0	Dalrymple, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Sutton, 2b	2	2	0	2	0	McClellan, 2b	1	2	2	1	1
Morrissey, 1b	0	2	9	1	2	Treadway, rf	0	0	0	1	1
Shock, ss	3	2	3	3	1	White, ss	1	1	0	1	2
Lowe, lf	3	2	0	1	0	Rowe, 1b	1	0	8	1	1
Sich, cf	1	2	2	1	0	Kirby, 3b	1	1	2	5	1
Alberts, 3b	2	2	0	1	1	Messitt, cf	0	1	1	0	0
Hurley, c	1	4	8	1	0	Twineham, c	1	1	12	1	1
Davies, p	1	0	0	3	1	Fagan, p	1	1	0	3	3
Totals	16	19	24	13	5	Totals	6	7*	26	14	9

*Morrissey out for not touching base.

BY INNINGS.

Milwaukee	1	2	0	3	2	2	3	1	3	—16
Denver	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	*	—6

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Milwaukee 9, Denver 4. Two-base hits—Poorman, Sutton, Schoch, Alberts, Dalrymple, Kirby, Twineham. Three-base hits—Morrissey. Bases stolen—Poorman 2, Schoch, Lowe 5, Sich 2, Alberts, White, Rowe. Base on balls—Poorman, Schoch, Lowe, Alberts, Davies, McClellan, Twineham, Fagan. Hit by pitched ball—Sich. Struck out—By Davies, 6; by Fagan, 9. Passed balls—Twineham 2. Wild pitches—Davies 2, Fagan 4. Time—Two hours. Umpire—Hurst.

St. Paul 8, St. Joseph 6.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 31.—Daly drove the ball over the fence with three men on bases and won the game. Score:

ST. PAUL.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.	ST. JOSEPH.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e
Hawes, lb	0	1	7	0	0	McGarr, 3b	1	0	3	2	0
Murphy, cf	0	1	3	1	0	Curtis, rf	0	1	3	0	0
Reilly, 3b	1	1	2	2	0	Krieg, lf	1	0	3	2	0
Werrick, 2b	1	0	4	4	0	Ardner, 2b	0	0	3	5	1
Carroll, rf	0	1	1	0	0	Cartwright, 1b	0	1	12	0	0
Miller, ss	0	1	0	0	0	Rotalling, cf	3	1	1	0	1
Daly, lf	2	1	2	1	0	Burks, ss	0	0	1	7	0
Broughton, c	2	1	6	3	0	Schellhasse, c	1	2	4	4	0
Malins, p	1	1	0	0	0	McCarty, p	1	0	1	0	1
Totals	8	9	27	12	2	Totals	6	6	27	19	2

BY INNINGS.

St. Paul	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	—8
St. Joseph	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	—6

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—St. Paul 4, St. Joseph 1. Home runs—Malins, Daly. Two-base hits—Reilly, Curtis, Shellhasse. Double plays—Werrick to Hawes, Burke to Ardner to Cartwright. Bases on balls—Off Malins 11, off McCarty 1. Hit by pitcher—Broughton, Krieg 2. Struck out—By Malins 4, McCarty 5. First base on errors—St. Paul 2, St. Joseph 2. Passed ball—Shellhasse. Time—2 hours. Umpire—McDermott.

Base Ball Gossip.

Billy Holbert, of the old Metropolitans, would be a good man for Omaha. He is out of an engagement and could be signed at a reasonable figure.

Omaha went down and St. Paul up a notch yesterday.

Tom Nagle is rapidly recovering from the injury received Monday.

Jack Crooks makes a first class backstop. That was his regular position in his college days.

The reporters will annihilate the advertising solicitors at the ball park Sunday afternoon next.

Omaha plays in St. Paul to-day, Friday and Saturday and in Milwaukee Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

OTHER BALL GAMES.

The National League.

CLEVELAND, July 31.—Result of to-day's game:

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1

Base hits—Cleveland 2, Indianapolis 4. Errors—Cleveland 1, Indianapolis 0. Batteries—Cleveland, Bakeley and Zimmer. Indianapolis, Boyle and Buckley.

PITTSBURG, July 31.—Result of to-day's game:

Rain stopped the Pittsburg-Chicago game at the end of the second inning to-day. The home team had scored 4 runs and Chicago 2.

NEW YORK, July 31.—New Yorks at Washington, Philadelphias at Boston and Louisvilles at Brooklyn were prevented by rain.

The American Association.

COLUMBUS, July 31.—Result of to-day's game:

Columbus	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	—6
Cincinnati	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	—5

BALTIMORE, July 31.—The Baltimore-Kansas City game was postponed on account of wet grounds.

HIAWATHA, Kas., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Falls City, of Falls City, and Hose Company No. 1, of Hiawatha, played a game of ball at the fair grounds to-day for a purse of $50 and the gate receipts, resulting in a victory for the home team by a score of 19 to 9.

MISSOURI VALLEY, July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Neola ball club played the Missouri Valley ball team this afternoon here, the result being 18 to 4 in favor of Missouri Valley.

O'NEILL, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Stanton played O'Neill here to-day. The score was 6 to 2 in favor of O'Neill.

A Big Wrestling Match.

Evan Lewis, the Strangler, and McMillen, the strong man, will wrestle for a purse of $300 at the Coliseum next Wednesday evening. The two athletes will arrive in this city Saturday. The match will be mixed Styles, best three out of five, and will be a stubbornly contested battle. There is much interest being manifested in the event in sporting circles.

THE SPEED RING.

Cleveland Races.

CLEVELAND, O., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Another favorable day attended the grand circuit races here this afternoon. There was a considerably larger attendance than on the opening day, and the contests were even more exciting. The sensation of the day was the fast heat paced by the stallion, Brown Hal, who lowered the champion record of 2:13 held by himself to 2:12¼. In the same race another stallion, Roy Wilkes, reduced his mark to 2:13.

The first race was the 2:27 class, with ten starters. Sprague Golddust was the choice at about even money against the field, but was not fast enough to beat Jim Fuller in the first heat, and the latter lowered his record to 2:19½. Then Sprague Golddust got a heat and a mark of 2:20, but broke in the third when he looked like a winner, and Annie Wilkes finished first. In the fourth inning Annie H., who had been going fast but steadily, sold down and was first, getting the fifth heat also in faster time. Sprague Golddust tried hard for the sixth heat, but Annie H. was too fast for him, and ended the race in her favor.

A great battle was looked for in the free for all, and it exceeded all expectations. Brown Hal was the first choice. In the early pools, and just before the start he sold at 3 to 5 against the field, Roy Wilkes bringing about the same. The cracks all laid up in the first heat, so that Jewett had it his own way in slow time. The next heat was a duel between Bessemer and Roy Wilkes, both making the quarters first, but the Wilkes stallion outfinished Bessemer in 2:13, making a tie with the best stallion record. Roy was a favorite before the next heat, but Browne Hal was cut loose in this mile, and after Roy had led to the half in 1:06 Hal came so fast that Wilkes tired and the Tennessee flyer reached the stand in 2:12¼. The veteran, Gossip, jr., also got past Roy. This made Brown Hal a strong favorite, but the next heat he was laid up and Roy Wilkes beat Bessemer in 2:15¾. Then the lot were tired and Brown Hal took a heat in much slower time. The sixth heat looked like a victory for Roy Wilkes, but Brown Hal, who was dead lame, came home under the whip, being carried off his feet and winning a great victory by a short head.

The 2:20 trot was not started and goes over till to-morrow. The 2:24 and 2:18 classes are also on, and Axtell will try to beat the stallion record. Guy will show a fast mile during the afternoon.

PURSE $2,000, 2:27 CLASS.

Annie H (Vanmeter)	6	4	2	1	1	1
Sprague Gold Dust (Green)	2	4	1	5	2	4
Annie Wilkes (Ernst)	4	6	1	4	5	3
Katherine S (Irwin)	9	8	8	2	4	3
Tippie (Bever)	10	9	6	3	6	5
Miss Alice (Walter)	8	7	7	9	3	6
Jim Fuller (Stanley)	1	3	9	8	7	7
Mario Janzen (Doble)	3	2	3	7	dist.	
Olmed Wilkes (Dickerson)	5	5	5	6	dist.	
Harrison (Patterson)	7	10	10		dist.	

Time—2:19½, 2:20, 2:21¼, 2:21½, 2:20, 2:21¼.

PURSE $1,000, FREE-FOR-ALL PACE.

Brown Hal (Gears)	5	3	1	5	1	1
Roy Wilkes (Dickerson)	3	1	5	1	2	2
Jewett (Pettit)	1	4	4	4	4	3
Bessemer (Patterson)	2	2	3	2	3	d.
Gossip, jr., (Turner)	4	5	2	3	5	d.

Time—2:19, 2:13, 2:12¼, 2:15¾, 2:19, 2:20¼.

Twin City Races.

ST. PAUL, July 31.—At the Twin City Jockey club races to-day the weather was threatening. The attendance was about eight thousand and the track good. Summary:

Three-year-olds, six furlongs—Entry won, Roderick Dhu second, Vivian third. Time—1:16.

Three-year-olds, seven furlongs—Angelus won, War Peak second, Alphone third. Time—1:29.

Two-year-olds, five furlongs—Morse won, Blarney Stone, jr., second; Lena Ban third. Time—1:03¾.

Three-year-olds and upwards, one mile—Brown Princess won, Nevada second, Kate Malone third. Time—1:42 1-6.

Twin City merchants' handicap sweepstakes for three-year-olds and upwards, mile and seventy yards—Catalpa won, Lavinia Belle second, Woodcraft third. Time—1:46¼.

Hurdle, over five hurdles, mile and a half—No More took two hurdles and then quit running. Nettie Watkins won by two lengths. Time—2:58.

Chicago Races.

CHICAGO, July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—To-day's beautiful weather drew a large crowd to the West Side track to witness a rather unattractive set of races. Summary:

One mile—Brewster won in 1:46¾, Swift Sure second, Charley Shahaw third.

Mile and one-eighth—Lela May won in 1:57¾, Tudor second, J. T. third.

Leland Hotel stakes, mile and a quarter—Little Minch won in 2:11¼, Unite second, Beaconsfield third.

Two-year-old handicap, three-quarters of a mile—Bill Letcher won in 1:17¾, Red Light fecond, Heartsease third.

Handicap hurdle, one mile over four hurdles—Elphin won in 1:51¼, John Reber second, Winslow third.

Murat Halsted Returns.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Murat Halstead arrived on the City of Paris to-day. He said his health had been much benefitted by his stay abroad.

NEWS FROM NEBRASKA TOWNS

Station Agent Ritchey Disappears From Running Water.

SEARCHING PARTIES SENT OUT.

A Creighton Business Man Fatally Shot by Accident—Benkelman Concludes to License Saloons—The Pender Murder.

A Station Agent Disappears.

NIOBRARA, Neb., July 31.—[Special to THE BEE.]—J. E. Ritchey, agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Running Water station, opposite here, has mysteriously disappeared. Yesterday morning he left the station soon after the departure of the train, walking down the track, and has not since been seen. Search was made all the morning and aid from here requested. A large delegation is now scouring the whole country. Fears are entertained that he has committed suicide. He has been a trusted employe of this company since 1880. Ritchey was formerly a resident of Norfolk, this state, and a democratic leader. In 1876 he ran on the democratic ticket for secretary of state. He has many friends and hopes are entertained that all is not as bad as they look.

Accidentally Shot.

CREIGHTON, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A very serious and distressing accident occurred near town this morning. Mr. John Johnson, jr., a member of the implement firm of Burns & Johnson, was the victim, and will probably lose his life. Mr. Johnson was riding to town from his father's place, three miles out, and had in the buggy with him a shotgun and a little boy about six years old. When within a few rods of his father's house the boy accidentally touched the hammer of the gun with his foot and discharged it. The charge entered Johnson's right side, broke one rib and passed through and out at the back. The doctors say there is small chance of his recovery.

Benkelman Will License Saloons.

BENKELMAN, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After a trial of three months, to the detriment of trade, the people of Benkelman have decided to grant licenses, and the saloons will be opened tomorrow. It was found we could not have the required length of school to draw the state apportionment without the saloon license. Benkelman draws $1,000 per year school funds from this source.

Intense Interest Manifested.

PENDER, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The examination of the Indians to-morrow on the charge of murder causes more intense interest as the time draws nearer. Over forty witnesses have already been subpœnaed for the defense and some twenty for the state. Several of the redskins have been loitering around outside the jail this afternoon, and a lively time is anticipated to-morrow. It is believed the examination will occupy at least two days.

A Sad Case.

HAYES CENTER, Neb., July 31.—[Special to THE BEE.]—July 28, while Seth Nedles, aged twenty-three, and Page Moore, aged fourteen, were wrestling, Moore threw Nedles on his back and head. At the time Nedles struck the ground he became unconscious and died within two hours afterwards. Nedles has two sisters living in Franklin county, this state, one being at the point of death with consumption. On this account neither of them can attend the funeral to be held here to-morrow. All the parties are known here and well respected and it casts a gloom over the entire community.

Masonic Officers Installed.

GRANT, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The installation of officers of the grand Masonic lodge took place to-day in the presence of nearly one hundred Masons from different points. Grand Master John P. Mercer, of Omaha, Grand Custodian L. P. Gillette, of Beatrice, and Grand Marshal L. A. Kent, of Minden, were present to assist in the ceremonies. Heretofore the lodge has worked under a dispensation from North Platte. E. B. Woods was installed as grand master. A banquet in honor of visiting members is being held this evening.

Struck By a Windlass and Killed.

GRANT, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A dispatch was received this evening from Elsie, stating that Thomas Tatum, while working at a well, was struck on the back of the head by the crank of a windlass and almost instantly killed. Tatum was among the most prominent men in the eastern part of the county.

Failure of a Hastings Grocer.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—W. T. Spackleford, a grocer doing business in this city, was closed up by creditors to-day. Too much credit is the cause of his failure. Hargreaves Bros., of Lincoln, are his principal creditors.

An Overdose of Morphine.

AUBURN, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Mrs. S. C. Bennett, of Nemaha City, died yesterday from an overdose of morphine. She was accustomed to use the drug, and it is thought her death was accidental.

Burglars at Auburn.

AUBURN, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Burglars effected an entrance through the cellar of J. Roscoe's general merchandise store, last night, and stole over $50 worth of goods. No clue to the robbers.

Fell From an Elevator.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John Scharton, aged fourteen, fell from an elevator at the tile works this evening and broke a leg between the thigh and the knee. He will be crippled for life.

CIRCUS INDIANS SHOT.

A Negro Resents Abuse by Two Drunken Red Men.

STREATOR, Ill., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—T. H. Tolliver, a negro of Nashville, Tenn., shot two Indians connected with Adam Forepaugh's circus this morning. The wounds of one at least will prove fatal. Tolliver was the "horsethief" of the circus, being lassoed by the cowboys and finally hanged to a tree by the cowboys at each performance. All the Indians were on a big spree last night and on the way here abused the negro in various ways, culminating in his shooting two of them this morning. His story is that he acted in self-defense, and it is substantiated by eye witnesses. He is in jail while the two injured Indians are lying at the hospital. Their names are Red Ear and Looks Bad.

Fire Bugs at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, July 31.—Fire bugs made an attempt to burn the boarding house of Albert Smith, at Duquesne, early this morning. A watchman who has been on duty since the attempt was made to burn some houses a few days ago, discovered the fiends at work. They were in the cellar of the house, and he fired on them. They rushed out, and, as they ran away, returned the shots, but none of them took effect. Upon investigation it was found that the miscreants had knocked the head out of a barrel of oil, and with a tin cup had thrown oil over the rafters and other wood work in the cellar. Smith keeps a boarding house for non-union men employed in the Duquesne steel works. He received a communication a few days ago that if he did not close up he would be burned out. There is great excitement over the attempts to burn the town, and a vigilance committee has been formed.

Death of a College President.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 31.—Dr. W. H. Woolery, president of Bethany college, died last night at his home in Bethany.

AT BISMARCK.

The Woman Suffrage Question Comes Up Again.

BISMARCK, N. Dak., July 31.—The report of the committee on elective franchise was considered again to-day and the woman suffrage question came up. The advocates thereof have asked that the legislature be given the power to extend the suffrage to women, and it was upon this point the debate hinged. Several delegates insisted on having the question settled by a vote of the people. The convention agreed to give the legislature power to extend the motion to amend the report of the judiciary committee so that a man may be eligible to the office of judge of the supreme court after living in the state three years instead of five.

This created a lively little row, but the amendment was finally made, and then Roif, who was yesterday defeated in an attempt to have the convention make some provision against foreign voters, moved to strike out all limitation. He thought a candidate for the supreme bench should have all the privileges that are given to a foreign voter. His motion was defeated. The commission from South Dakota, which has been sitting with the North Dakota commission for the division of territorial property, will leave for home to-night.

The Mississippi Editors.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sixty-five Mississippi editors, with their wives, arrived to-day over the Illinois Central, in charge of Associate Passenger Agent Merry. He looked over the city and left on a special train for St. Paul, much pleased with what he has seen of the progressive northwest.

Blew His Head Off.

PIERRE, S. D., July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William Burnes, an aged farmer living near Pierre, blew his head off with a shotgun to-day, scattering his brains about and mutilating his head horribly. Domestic troubles are said to be the cause of the suicide.

Slim Attendance at Sioux Falls.

SIOUX FALLS, S. Dak., July 31.—About a dozen members were in attendance at the constitutional convention to-day, but beyond the adoption of a few reports no business was transacted. By to-morrow evening a majority of the delegates will have returned.

The Preamble Adopted.

OLYMPIA, W. T., July 31.—The preamble was adopted this morning as amended, reciting that, "We, the people of the state of Washington, thanking the Supreme Being of the universe for our liberties, do ordain, etc." The report of the committee on indebtedness was taken up and a clause limiting the debt of the state to $400,000 was passed. The debts of cities, towns and counties and school districts are limited to 1½ per cent of the assessed value of the property in each on a three-fifths vote of the people. A hard fight is being made over the section forbidding the granting of subsidies and strong opposition to it prevails.

The Tax Problem.

HELENA, July 31.—The convention to-day considered the article on revenue and taxation and finally adopted it. It exempts all United States, church, public property and libraries. The legislature may pass general laws to tax any property, mines to be taxed according to the value paid the United States for the same. Machinery is subject to special taxation. Private property is not to be sold for taxes. Public corporations' limit of taxation is 3 mills; if the assessed property is over $100,000, 2½ mills; if over $300,000 1½ mills on the dollar.

SULLIVAN ARRESTED.

Inspector Byrnes Takes Him In on a Mississippi Requisition.

NEW YORK, July 31.—"Good evening, inspector," said John L. Sullivan, as he held out his hand to Chief Inspector Byrnes at the door of his room in the Vanderbilt house to-night, "I heard I was wanted and intended to come and see you. I did not know I had violated any law."

"Well John," socially remarked the chief, "We will go down to the headquarters together."

"Come in a minute and sit down," said Sullivan, as he opened the door a little wider.

Upon his return from his vacation this morning Inspector Byrnes was visited by State Agent Childs, of Mississippi, who handed him a requisition signed by Governor Lowrey and asked for the arrest of Sullivan. The inspector looked for Sullivan all day, but he was off spending the time with friends and did not return to the hotel until evening. About 10 o'clock to-night, with Detective Sergeant Adams, he called at the hotel and was immediately shown up stairs. Sullivan himself opened the door. Accepting his friendly invitation, the detectives took chairs and talked socially with Muldoon and Charlie Johnson, while Sullivan prepared himself for a night in a cell. Then the pugilist was escorted to the street and drove away in a closed carriage which was in waiting. Half an hour later he sat in police headquarters. He wore a dark sack coat, dark trousers and a derby hat. He puffed carelessly at a cigar and was not at all disconcerted by his arrest. He sat quietly by while the inspector told the reporters about his arrest, and said he had nothing to say. Later he was taken to a cell. There he was visited by Muldoon and Johnson, who had followed him down town. They remained until after midnight. Sullivan will be taken to the court of general sessions for a hearing tomorrow.

The Jackson-Lees Trouble.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Parson Davies, who arrived from Buffalo to-day, was much surprised at the reports he read concerning the spat between Peter Jackson and Tom Lees. The trouble was brought about by Lees attempting to leave the combination. Addressing Jackson roughly, he demanded his salary, and Jackson replied that since he (Lees) intended to leave him in the lurch he would make him wait until he got ready to pay him. Lees then called Jackson a foul name. Jackson struck him and a scuffle ensued. As regards Jackson's set-to with Lynch, the Buffalo pugilist, the Parson says that Lynch grabbed Jackson's legs to avoid punishment and win on a foul. The police interfering, the referee declared Jackson the winner.

BILLY BROKE HIS ARM.

The Australian Badly Injured in His Fight With Frank Murphy.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—After the fight between Billy Murphy and Frank Murphy had been postponed last night the two men were examined by a physician. Billy Murphy was found to have sustained a fracture of the radius. Frank asserted that he was badly injured, but the doctor found no fractures. Billy Murphy's condition will preclude all possibility of the fight being continued for some time.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions allowed Nebraskans: Original invalid—Stephen D. Harding, Henry Martin. Increase—Charles Metzger, John Talbot. Original widow, etc.—Christian, father of Ephrias S. Slagle.

Iowans: Original invalid—Daniel E. Clay, Cable C. Wright, Charles H. McCollough, Reuben W. Young, Henry C. Herbert, Nicholas M. Williams, Michael Kennedy, Enoch Farmer, John H. Hankins, William McCollough, Charles W. Wilson, Simon Kyler, Asa Bailey. Increase—Elias M. Hale, Isaac S. Dorn, James Griffith, Evan W. Williams, Thomas E. Sargent, John Q. A. Dehoff, Henry Fry, Jacob Frauzer, John S. Dansbill, Joseph Hudzel, Calvin L. Brock, Milton W. Patterson, John W. Willfong, Charles Charleson, Thomas Murray, Francis L. King, Elliott P. Taylor, Walter Balfour, Isaac N. Funk, Chauncey T. Sixbury. Reissue and increase—Edward H. Toft. Original widows, etc—Joseph H., father of Aaron Riddle.

Fatal Machine Gun Explosion.

PARIS, July 31.—A machine gun exploded on board the training frigate Couronnat Hyerress to-day. Eight persons were killed and seventeen wounded.

THE SOUTH OMAHA BUDGET.

Rumors of a Change in the Stock Yards Management.

THE OFFICIALS DENY THE STORY.

P. D. Armour Said to Have Secured an Option on the Property—McShane and Paxton Interviewed.

The Stock Yards.

It is reported on good authority that a deal is pending which if consummated, will result in a change of ownership of the South Omaha stock yards.

An individual who claims to be familiar with the transaction, states that the property of the South Omaha stock yards company is likely to pass into the hands of a syndicate of pork and beef packers at the head of which is Phillip D. Armour, the well known capitalist. It is said that while Mr. Armour was in Omaha on his recent trip he effected an option for the purchase of a large block of stockyards stock held by William A. Paxton and John A. McShane. Since Mr. Armour returned to Chicago it is reported that the purchase was effected and that the same resulted in the controlling interest being put in the hands of the packers. It is also reported, and the statement comes from a reliable source, that W. A. Paxton, vice president of the stockyards company, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at an early date.

Mr. Paxton was seen by a reporter yesterday, and when asked concerning the matter assumed a Sullivanistic attitude and said: "I have nothing to say. The less said about it now the better. You fellows are always creating trouble." The speaker then retreated through an atmosphere savoring of brimstone. Being pressed for an explanation he positively refused to talk.

Mr. McShane's Statement.

"No, sir," said John A. McShane with emphasis, "there is no truth in the report that the packing houses control the Union Stock Yards or are buying stock to control the yards. The facts are, the packing house companies are selling instead of buying stock. Why, Swift & Co., alone sold $75,000 worth of stock. It is true that Philip D. Armour has bought some stock, but that was done two years ago. Mr. Armour sold $100,000 worth of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad stock, preferring to hold stock of the yards. The packing companies don't own one-sixth of the stock and never can control the yards. There is not a particle of truth in or foundation for the rumor that there is to be a change and reorganization of the yards."

"But has not Mr. Paxton sold his stock, and will his place not have to be filled?" modestly inquired the reporter.

"No, sir. True, Mr. Paxton has sold his stock, but that was six months ago, and a man does not have to be a stockholder to be an officer. There is no contemplated change."

"But, Mr. McShane," queried THE BEE representative, "there is a seemingly well-founded rumor that a syndicate is being organized to obtain control of the stock of the yards. What truth is there in it, or what is the foundation for such a report?"

"There is not a word of truth in the matter, nor is there any foundation for such a report. The truth is that in a large institution like the stock yards more or less stock is being constantly transferred. "No, sir," said Mr. McShane with significant emphasis, "there will be no change in the stock yards, its management or control."

The Forester Picnic.

A special meeting of Court Magic City, No. 168, Independent Order of Foresters, was held Wednesday evening and arrangements were completed for the picnic at Waterloo next Sunday. The special train will leave the depot at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The following appointments and arrangements have been made:

Marshal, James P. Maloney; aides, James H. Fleming, Joseph Moley and Henry Loechner; banner bearer, John Borgerson; color bearer, Robert Farrisee; master of ceremonies, Charles Singer.

Floor—George J. Seltz