# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

# NINETEENTH YEAR.

AN AWFUL CYCLONE.

Terrible Tornado.

second second

in the Hundreds.

FLAMES ADD TO THE HORROR.

Imprisoned People Cremated in

Sight of Horrified Hundreds.

DARKNESS AND DESOLATION.

Heartbroken Men and Women Work-

ing Silently and Tearfully With

No Light to Guide Them-

At Other Points.

The Louisville Horror.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 28.-7:30 p.m.-

It is now thought the deaths will number

A large force of men has been sent out to

make a thorough canvass of the devastated

district and to report losses of life and prop-

erty as fully as possible. They will try to

The property loss at present is estimated

The work of rescuing the mangled dead

goes bravely on. Hundreds of nuxious men

are working as they never worked before for

the bodies of friends and relatives that lie

buried in the mass of brick and mortar that

covers the site where yesterday stood Falls

City hall. The cries of the men, women and

children are heard on every side and a surg-

ing crowd of 10,000 people blocks the streets

for squares. It is a sight to strike anguish

the awful scenes that each succeeding min-

ute roll through the ghastly panorama. The

bodies of dead and wounded are being

dragged from beneath the ruins all around

the district and men, women and children

linger about filled with drend lest they might

A DEATH DANCE.

Probably the greatest loss of life occurred

at Falls City hall, which was in the center

of the tornado. In the lower rooms of the

their mothers and other relatives taking

annicing lessons. There were at least 125

persons on the lower floors and seventy-five

more among the lodges meeting on the upper

floor when the terrible wind swooped down

on the building. The entire structure in less

than five minutes was a shapeless mass of

which number few escaped uninjured.

MRS. MARY HASSOM.

MISS ANNIE NILES.

MRS. MCLAUGHEIN.

MRS. BELLE LELLOFE.

are:

TRE IDENTIFIED DEAD.

mains of some relative or friend.

to the soul. The pen is powerless to express

about one hundred and fifty.

make a statement tonight.

at nearly \$1,000,000;

## OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1890.

PROTECTING THE FARMER.

## NUMBER 278.

# CITY OF PARIS OVERDUE.

Some Apprehension Felt for the Safety of the Inman Racer. [Congright 1800 by James Gordon Bennett LIVENPOOL, March 28 .- | New York Herid Cable-Special to THE BEE |-Recated inquiries swere made today at the lees of the Inman company by newspaper presentatives and anxious friends as to ther any tidings had been heard of the

overdue steamer City of Paris. The only reply that could be elicited was to the effect that the owners declined to recognize the City of Paris as overdue at all. She had, future delivery of agricultural products. The bill, it is understood, will come up in they said, certainly made quicker passages, and under more favorable conditions might The bill, it is understood, will come up in the bouse at an early day and there appears to be no doubt of its final adoption. The committee has agreed to an amendment which will protect the farmers. The amend-ment provides that farmers may sell their crops in advance of harvesting and may hypotheticate them in any way which they desire, which is done to help farmers who find it necessary to borrow money upon their crops to sell them in order to meet oblihave arrived, but they entertained no anxiety whatever respecting her. The public, however, while reassured, decline to accept quite so sanguine a view as the owners profess to entertain, arguing that by the average of mer passages she is at least three days behind time. The City of Paris is a magnificently appointed vessel, and it is possible that one crops or to sell them in order to meet obliof those minor mishaps to machinery which The several posts of the Grand Army of ave so common even on vessels of the very the Republic in this city are arranging to have a grand encampment in Washington in 1891 to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of highest class may have somewhat crippled her racing powers without in the least

Ison to cerebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the commencement of the war, and the date of the first battle of Bull Run will probably be decided upon. In 1800 the Grand Army will meet in Boston and the matter will be brought up for consideration at that time. copardizing her safety. It is freely rumored a Liverpool that her captain on the outward assage had indicated his intention of yet arther lowering the record home. This would have been no easy matter even with The paragraph sent out some days ago to Nebraska to the effect that the Fremont public building bill had passed both houses favoring winds and seas, as a glance at her provious performance will show.

public building bill had passed both houses and was only awaiting the president's signa-ture to become a law was insidending. The bill has passed the house and as amended has passed the senate and is at present in a committee of conference. J. N. Lusk was appointed postmaster at Lomax, Custer county, today. Representative Dorsey has recommended the appointment of A. W. Ladd to be post-master at Albion. The recommendation is equivalent to appointment. C. M. Johnson was today appointed a LONDON, March 28.- New York Herald Cable-Special to Two Brs. - The Herald office has been besieged by anxious inquirers. as to whether the City of Paris has yet been sighted from Brow Head or Fastnet. Many New Yorkers are spending their time in traveling from the office of the Inman company to the Herald bureau endeavoring to glean the latest news mgarding the overdue C. M. Johnson was today appointed a fourth class postmaster at Star, Holt county, Nebraska, vice E, E. Cole, resigned. PEDRY S. HEATH. City of Paris as overdue in the generally. accepted sense of the word, and are confident that the delay is caused by some defect n the machinery. Uneasiness, however, is apparent and is plainly indicated in the manner of those who have friends on board the

Nine Men, Killed and Thirteen In-

jured.

Curcago, March 28 .- The search in the

uins of the building wrecked by the ex-

Josion of the sugar refinery yesterday was

that nine men were killed and thirteen in-

ured. All the dead were Inborers. Their

Jurcal All the dead were inforers. Their names are: August Therman, Albert Hass, Frank Wallisch, John Otto, Henry Hubeldt, Michael Hener, Morris Flynn, Albert Willka and Fred Graff. Most of the bodies were partially consumed or terribly mutilated, and some of them could only be identified by the fragments of their clothing remaining infact. Great crowds surrounded the place all day most of them

surrounded the place all day, most of them being anxious relatives and friends, and whenever a body was taken out and identi-

field the lamentations of the immediate rela-tives were heartrending. One or two of the intured may yet die, being very seriously

jurned.

completed this evening and it is now known

 HORRIBLE MURDER. A Woman's Body Found Fearfully iner.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 28.-[Special LONDON, March 28.—A dense for prevails on the Irish coast, and 't is presumed that the steamer City of Paris is proceeding direct to Liverpool without touching Queens-Telegram to THE BEE. - The horribly mutilated body of a woman was found on the river bank about a mile above the city this norning One leg was severed from the trunk and has not yet been found. The

Mutilated.

trunk itself was severed in two sections, the CHICAGO REFINERY EXPLOSION. head, bust and arms lying several rods from the thighs and one leg, which were tied in a sack and weighted with stones. The body was brought to the city. It has been iden-tified as Airs. Mettman, wife of a German miner of this city. A bullet hole near the left ear was discovered. How husband hus been arrested and sensational developments are expected.

## PARTIAL REORGANIZATION. The Western States Passenger Asso-

## ciation's New Agreement.

CHICAGO, March 25.-[Special Telegram to fug Bug -- The agreement of the reorganized Western States Passenger associaion has been adopted by the former memers, but does not become operative until it s signed by the head of the passenger department of each line in the old association. As a consequence the whole reor-ganization is uncertain until the last line has signed. The greatest doubt exists

The coroner's jury met Thuraday. The offl-cials of the sugar refinery still pursue their policy of yesterday of refusing to give any information they may have. in regard to the Wisconsin Central. General Passenger Agent E. K. Stein of that road insisted upon the adoption of a clause allowing withdrawals from the asso-clation on sixty days' notice. On the refusal

# STABBED HIM IN THE BACK.

A Brutal Assault Which May Yet Result in Murder.

THE VICTIM A JEWISH TAILOR.

Simon Rope Rorribly Maltreated Is His Own Dooryard By a Couple of Fiends in Human Form.

## Drake's Cowardly Assault.

Simon Rope, a fine appearing, hard working young Jewish tailor, was horribly butchered up in his own doorward, 1122 Chicago street, last night about 10:30 o'clock, by a man and woman named Martin and Ollie Drake, who live next door east, at No. 1120, and claim to be husband and wife, though the woman is a self confessed prestitute.

It seems that the Drakes, since moving to their present place of abode, two months ago, took it into their heads that Rope and his family have been talking about them. The man Drake is a worthless fellow, and he and his wife are reported to have done little else but get drunk and light.

Last night, at the hour stated. Draze was seen pacing up and nown the walk in front of the two houses, which are but two or three feet npart, intentity watching for some one. One of those who noticed him was Patrolman Burr. At about 10:40 Rope came home from his work at the shop of 1. Kalish, on Sixteenth street. As he was about to enter his house Drake sprang out, dealt him a stunning blow, and as he fell jumped upon him, stabbing him several times with a dirk or butcher knife. Just then B. S. Pelzer, who boards with Robe, came upon the secue, and steamer. The Inman officials here, as at boards with Rope, came upon the scene, and Liverpool, absolutely decline to regard the as no outery was made he thought it simply a common street fight, he says, between strangers. He called for the officer on the beat, and then went nearer to the two men. As he stepped up Drake sprang to his feet and rushed into his house. Pelzer recognizing him.

Nope then staggered to his feet and toward bis door. He had almost entered, when the Drake woman rushed out and, stabbing the tottering man in the back of the neck, she tashed back into her house.

By this time Patrolinan Burr had responded to Pelzer's call, and in a few sen-tences from him took in the whole situation. Counting not to fail in getting both the man and woman, the officer called Captain Mostyn to the place, while he guarded the house. The latter came not a moment too soon, and while Patroman Burr guarded the rear entrance Captain Mostyn demanded admittence at the Patroman front. It was refused, and he crashed in the coor. As he did so the brakes made a rush to escape by the back door, but finding Officer Burr there, the fellow threw up his hand and cried, "We surrender." Both of them were inimediately taken to cells at police station.

Poor Rope seemed, when first viewed, t bo literally cut 10 pieces, and was one great mass of gaping wounds and blood, making mass of gaping wounds and blood, making up as ghavily a sight as human eyes ever looked upon. He was attended by a physi-cian, who found the most fearful and dan-gerous wounds to be as follows: A perpen-dicular shash ranging from the forchend downward, cutting across the in-ner canthus of the right eye to the molar bone; another cut ran diagonally across the entire back of the neck and just hardy missing the local rock and just barely missing the jugular vela; a third was two incles above the right obow, extending a distance of three inches, completely sever-ing the long head of the tricers muscle, and a fourth a deep rip three inches long in the

to of the wounds was necessarily fatal

none of the wounds was necessarily fatal in itself, although he anticipated the gravest results from them as a whole. The unife or weapon used, he says, must have been blant and perhaps rusty, two lacts which in-creased the possibility of fatal results. The weapon could not be found by the offi-cers last night, though the would be nur-derer told them he threw it into the street. Barr and his wife declined to talk further than to say that Rope had accused them of keeping a house of <sup>60</sup> fame. Drake is about thirty five years old short, heavy set

Receiping a noise of "finme. Drake is about thirty five years eld, short, heavy set and has a villamous face. He is said to have attempted the murder of a man in Council Bluffs a a short time area, and that he came from there to Om ha. The woman is about thirty years old and has the

ow prostitute look in her every feature.

She was formerly an inmate of a den in this

The doctor said that

eft arm.

## Louisville, Ky., Devastated By a eyes of the searchers were ten women LOCKED IN BACH OTHER'S ARMS. HOUSES CRUSHED LIKE SHELLS. wounds on their bodies and it is supposed. The Number of the Killed Estimated they all met their death from suffocation. The gas pipes had broken, which caused the

the floor gave way and the ceiling fell.

ruins from fire for the time being, out towering walls of brick are rocking in the flooded the debris with a vapor almost as readly as fire might have proved. Passages | points of danger are guarded by the police were pieced into the breast of the ruins and the bodies taken out dead and dying. One | ing crowds back at the point of the bayonet. portion of the building was reserved for he dead, but the wounded were taken into the stores and houses on the opposite side of the street, where physicians and elergymen ministered to their souls and odies: Along Main street the pathway of the storm extended from Sixth to Eleventh street and

from Seventh to Eleventh, and not a single building was left standing. Occasionally a musaive stone or iron front still stood intact. while the entire structure proper had been swopt away.

This morning was presented the most stupendous spectacle of disaster and ruln ever witnessed. In the course of the storm the large tobacco market of the city and the largelwarehouses, almost the last one, to lay in rains. Thousands of hogsheads of tobacco

FIRE ADDS TO THE HORBOR. At 12 o'clock the opening up of a portion of Falls City hall caused a draught to penctrate through, whereupon a smouldering fire broke out through the windows. It spread rapidly and forced the workers to desert their posts. As soon as the fire gained headway the groans of the people became shricks, and so great was the horror of the momen that the watchers grew frantic and screamed and ran about like wild cats, the sufferings which they were unable to alleviate driving them to despair. Several lines of hose were soon throwing twater on the flames, but it was more than an hour before the work could be proceeded with, and then sit was arried on with much difficulty on account of the heat. Up to 12 o'clock about thirty-five dead bodies and twenty-five wounded and

## A PATHER'S AGONT.

recognize in the shapeless masses the re-At 11:30 the room where the children were dancing was reached. Lewis Symms, jr., had for hours been moving about in agons n front of that portion of the wreck where the room had been, for his wife and four children were there. When the room was hall were fifty or seventy-five children with reached Mrs. Symms was found fatally nurt. Three of Symms' children were recovered. They were unconscious and have only a faint possibility of living. While the father was imploring the workers to get his other child the fire broke out and work was suspended. The last man taken out alive before the flames started was John Hepden. A THRULLING EXPERIENCE.

brick and mortar, burying 200 people, of A thelling experience was that of George H. Capito, who was present at the meeting of the Knights of Honor in the lodge room on The killed, whose bodies "ave been found, the top floor. He says: "The first intimations of danger were two distinct rockings of the building, about which time a window was blown from its casings and immediately ing. A wild rush was made for the ante room, which curried me with it, and I just reached the door when the floor gave way and we were precipitated to the basement, blinded and almost suffocated by a cloud of dust and crushed and jammed by falling timbers. In some way the door frame fell with me and maintained an up right position when it stopped, and I was enabled to extricate myself from the debris and to make my exit to the street through an adjoining house whose doors 1 kicked in. 1 at once returned over the rains with several mon and extinguished the fire that began. By this time the rain was failing in torrents. The lightning mashes only gave momentary views of the position of the ruins and blinded everybody. The entire building collapsed in the front and rear. Of the cast and west side walls nothing is standing above the second story. There were nearly a hundred members present at our lodge meeting. Fully two-thirds of those were ladies. Besides our lodge another order was holding a meeting on the same floor. Bands were rehearsing on the second floor and a party of decorators were at work in the large hall preparing for the entertainment. So far as I could judge there were less than a dozen all told who got out unhurt, and the cries for help and groans that issued from the broken and twistel heap was proof that scores were still there unable to escape."

lights to go out, and probably saved the outer doors. A STUPENDOUS SPECTACLE. and other accidents are looked for moment-

Memphis saw of her friends was just before | the streets that were happy yesterday in the

lay in the mass of brick and mortor.

dying had been taken from the rains.

after the plastering began to drop from the

part of the crowd had gathered. As soon to a building association the last as the roofing was removed and the mass of dollar they owed upon their house brick beneath it, the first sight that met the | and now all that remnins is a confused mass of brick and mortar. There are many other cases almost parallel to this. Not only were They were taken care of and within the bouses dashed to the ground, but the furninext four hours sixty more women and men | ture in many instances was entirely dewere found dead and removed. They had no stroyed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods lay last night upon the business streets. At this time it seems almost impossible to find storeho ses for the vast amount of merchandise. At many places air ready to descend at any moment. The and a military company who drive the surg-At the entrances of the various "dead rooms" stand breathless mobs clamoring for admittance, but it is invariably refused unless it be to identify some relative or friend. Occasionally when one of these enters a sound-half sob and half shrick-reaches the The telephone wires are all down, and it will take ten days to get them up and working again. The search for the victims is going steadily on, and each hour adds largely to the already long list. In many places men labor in great danger of being buried beneath the tottering walls at any moment,

possession of their homes. One woman,

arily, DANGER OF & WATER PAMINE. An inspector of the water works this after oon showed the stand pipe to be completely wrecked. Until repairs are completed no pumping can be done, and there is only about enough water in the resorvoir to last five days. At the end of that time the public will have to depend on wells. It can not be told how long it will take to repair the water works.

Crushed and blackened ruins mark the spot where last evening stood a splendid, large union depot, at Seventh and River streets. When the crash came the Louisille Southern train had just come and the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis was ready to pull out. Both were caught by the falling mass and crushed "like egg shells, About a dozen people were injured, but it is thought none seriously.

The wide river, disturbed by the fury of the tornado, is yet angry and what was left of the depot by the wind is momentarily threatened by the strong waves that surge under and about the platforms. From Seventh street and the river as far down as can be seen one continuous scene of desolation meets the eye and bewilders the spectators, who never areamed of anything so terrible. Everywhere is wreck and ruip.

The Carpenter Annear iron works on Eighth street, a four story building, was blown down and some employes injured. The wholesale liquor establishment of Brown & Son on Eighth and Main streets fell and instantly caught fire. By hard work the firemen managed to control the blaze. The buildings adjacent to it were considerably torn up and it is quite positive that sev coral dead he beneath the runs. The great building, 745 Main street, occupied by S. F. Gunther, tobacco, and H. H. Toewater and James W. Frather was demolished, as was also the immense building occupied by the H. A. Thierman company, wholesale liquor dealers and distillers. In nearly all the business houses wrecked some one was inured and tears are expressed that when the

Market street this evening looks like a runed village. The devastation on this street is nearly complete. For four blocks not a building escaped partial or total demoli-tion. Even redestrianism through the streets is almost impossible because of the wreekage In many buildings families resided over the stores and in nearly every case there are reports from these of broken limbs or severnjaries. At No. 1112 Mrs. Whitman was fatally Injured by jumping from a third floor win-dow. At No. 1120 two of Mrs. Symms' chil-dren were killed, and Mrs. Symmes was was adly injured. From 1116 to 1139, inclusive, was the FATED FALLS CITY HALL.

debris is finally cleared away many bodies will be found.

An excavation was begun in rout of the between her half stifled sobs, told how that building, where it is supposed the greater very evening her husband had paid A Heavy Duty on Hay, Straw, Figs Eggs, Milk, Wheat, Etc. CHEAPER TWINE PROMISED.

> A Duty of a Cent and a Half Put on Binding Cord to Reduce the Price-The Clarkson fics-Ignation Rumors.

## WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, ] 513 FOUSTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28,

The committee on Interstate commerce wants to repeal the long and short haul bill of the interstate commerce law so that the farmer can get his corn to market, and most of the set speeches are intended to suggest gations. measures for his reilef. In the ways and means committee his interests are uppermost and the committee from the Farmers' alliance, which has been here all winter loosing after legislation, has received more attention than the representatives of any other class or industry. The committee consists of John H. Brigham of Delta, O., L. Rhone of Centerhall, Pa., and John Trimble of Washington. They

have an office on F street with a corps of cierks preparing circulars and other printed matter and keeping up an enormous amount of correspondence with local grangers and lodges of the Farmers' alliance throughout the country. This committee has issued an address to the farmers of the country relating to the history of its labors and stating what it has accomplished. It embraces a list of farm pro-

ducts upon which the committee of ways and means in its bill has agreed to protect the farmer, and as most of the articles have heretofore been on the free list it is worth publishing. If the bill is passed the duty upon the following articles will be: Horses and mules, \$30 per head; horses and mules valued at \$150 and over. 30 per cent; cattle more than one year old, \$10; cattle less than one year old, \$20; hogs, 50 per cent; sheep, 150 per cent; all other live animals, 20 per cent; barley, 30 cents per busnel; barley malt, 40 cents per bushe;; busher, barley mail, 40 cents per busher, buckwheat, oats, rye, torn, cornneal, 10 cents per busher; maccaroni, 2 cents per pound; wheat, 20 cents per busher; wheat flour, 20 per cent ad valorem; butter and substitutes and cheese, 6 cents per 10; milk, 5 cents per galbon; milk, preserved or condensed, 3 cents per pound; boans and poas, 49 cents a bushel; onions, solit peas, potatoes, flaxseed, vegetables, apples, 20 cents a bushel; broom corn, 38 per ton; cabbages, each 3 cents; ider, 5 cents per gallon: eggs, 5 cents per lozen; eggs, yolks of, 25 per cent; hay, \$1 dozen; eggs, yolks of, 25 per cent; hay, 84 per ton; honey, 2) cents per gallon; hops, 12 cents per pound; garden seed, 20 per cent; vegetables, propared, 45 per cent; straw, 82 per ton; tobacco, for wrappars, 82 p er pound; barley (hulled), ontmeal, rye, rye flour, dates, grapes, plums, prunes, peanuts, tallow, 1 cent per pound; firs, raisins, dried apples, walnuts, 2 cents per pound; toranges, according to size of per pound; oranges, according to size of package, 25 cents to \$1 per box or case; raisins, fruit, preserves, 20 per cent, almonds, not shelled, 5 cents per pound; al monds, shelled, 75, conts per pound; bacon and ham, 5 cents per peund; beef, mutton and pork, 2 cents par pound; meats of all kinds prepared and preserver, 25 per cent; lard, 2 cents per pounds/ live poultry, 3 cents

per pound; vinegar, 714 cents per gallon. Very few of these articles are ever im ported, but the committee believes that the duty will be a relief to the farmer, and whether the expected result follows or not the committee will have the credit of doing the best it knew how A DULY ON REAFER TWINE. Resper twine and cord made of the same aterial have been placed upon the dutiable list by the republican members of the com mittee of ways and means, to pay 1/4 cents per pound. This is done upon the demand of the manufacturers, who claim that with protection for a short time they will be enabled to supply the demands of the farmers at a reduced rate from that of the imported article. The committee some time ago agreed to make reaper twine and cord pay 1 cent a pound, but a few days ago the western mem bers of the committee working in the inter-est of the farmers secured a promise from a majority of the committee that the duty should be reduced to 1, a cont per bound. It is probable that when the farmers of the begin on a permanent chairman in the lines sign the agreement. Mean country are heard from the committee will reduce the duty to 1 cent per pound, if inthe rules and regulations of the old Western States Passenger association will govern. deed it does not reduce it to 1/2 cent. LORD OF THE LEGISLATORS.

Greggs initiated a contest against i alleging failure to comply with the planting trees, and upon a hearing the local officer the contest was dis The contestant appealed, and the co-sioner of the general land office, fourne the contestee would be required to ai his catry and relinquish eight pres of tract. Both parties appeal a Secret Noble is of the opinion the the catry and did not comply with the law planting tre-and directs that the entry of allowed t stand subject to future compliance with the the law and that the contest be dismissed. the law and that the contest be dismissed. BUTTERWORTH'S SCHEME. The house committee on agriculture took final action upon the Butterworth bill to-day, which prohibits speculation upon the

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tom PUPP: MRS. NI TSHALL. SISTER MARY PLOUS. NICHOLAS J. L. SULLIVAS, WILLIAM DIEMER. B. E. NICHOLS. JOHN E. MEHOHEL. MOODY DAVIS. THADDEUS MASON. W. C. HATHAWAY. CHARLES HESSENBACK. MARY RYAN. MARY E. MCCUNE. MARY MCGINTY. BRIDGET CROWE. MAGGIE CAMPBELL. FRANK PAINE. J. B. SCHMIDT. A small child of GEORGE W. CAS SDIAN. PARK CORNELL. E. R. MCJUE. PAT BRADY: CHARLES JENES. REV. S. E. BARNWELL. POLICE OFFICER WHITE. - BALDWIN. AUGUSTA FISHER. WILLIAM DEMARRIS, A Pullman car conductor. RUDOLPH SENGER. GENEVIEVE SYMMS, HENRY LINGO. JAMES S. STERRENS. JOHN REIHL. CHARLES SEIHERT. J. FLETCHER, MISS MARY SCHATTER. A. S. TRUELBING. ELMEN E. BARNES. CLAHENCE LOESER. ROBBET HAMILTON. Mus. Joux Honay, Four unknown men were found mangled beyond recognition. The injured whose names were obtainable number about sixty, and many will die. AN APPALLING SIGHT.

When the scene of the disaster was reached by the Associated press correspondent it was an appalling sight. Crowds thronged the streets and the heart of the city was a wreck of ruined buildings. Great masses of brick and stone in heaps presented the appearance of having simply crumbled to earth. Ganes of rescuers are at work on the debris in search for victims of the calamity. Policemen are stationed at the street crossings to prevent people from passing through the ruined thoroughfares where partially wrecked walls stand as a menace to life, but their efforts are futile.

immediately after the burst of the cyclone the fire bells sounded and within ten minutes a squad of police appeared at Falls City hall. The walls of the adjoining house were first propped up and then the work of cutting through the heavy roof that covered all began. At first the work was difficult and laborious on account of the sanxious muititude that througed the wreck. The most difficult task was to clear the ruins of women, who were found digging with their fingers, crazed at the groans of the imprisoned victims. After an hour of ccaseless labor the

#### FIRST VICTIM

was taken out. Her name was Sarah Memphis. She was found sitting in an upright position, her head bruised and one arm broken. She said at the first sound of the cyclone the audience made a rush for the women's entrance and knocked down and trampled on her in its mad escape. Seeing the overwhelming jam at the door

Darkness and Desolation. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 28 -- As night closes in its folds the devastated city of Louisville scores of widows and orphans are bowed down with the weight of deepest grief. Wreck and ruin have settled down in its very midst and the specters of the dead, whose funeral pyres are heaps of bricks and mortar, seem to rise up and enshroud in the awful halo of their presence the entire

Bands of brave rescuers continue to work but as the night comes on they seem to work

more silently, though no less arduously Each remnant of the piles of wreckage is lifted up with the anticipation of uncovering to view the lifeless form of some human vic tim of the storm, but there is

NO TIME TO CONSIDER THE DEAD, for the living may yet be buried beneath the mountains of debris, and they turn and delve again with renewed energy.

As the night grows darker the work be omes more awful. Even the advantage of light and its fear dispelling qualities are denied them, for all the electric light wires were torn down by the storm and left the

city enshrouded in deepest gloom. It grows so dark in the shadows of the crumbling walls that stand still as silent sentinels over the dead that every object with the semblance of human form must be grasped to prove it flesh or stone. Still the untiring and strong hearted workers continue to dig in the merchess storm-made graves of the

There is no estimating the number of those who lie buried in the debris. People are still learning of missing members of their families and mothers and fathers stand wildly gazing on the ruins and

### CALLING ON THE ALMIGHTT

to deliver to them at least their dead. Hardened hearts moved with deep sympathy and idle men dug into the dirt and grime.

The streets are thronged with a multitude of sorrowing people. They stand upon the corners with tear-domined eyes solemnly discussing the dreadful catastrophe or move from one point of the wrecked district to another gazing at the scenes of ruin. There several remained behind. The last Miss are at least a hundred families homeless in

where occurred the most awful loss of life, as detailed elsewhere. The storm seemed only to have swept Broadway from Fifteenth to Ninth street, but nearly all the houses on these streets and the intersecting streets were demolished. From Eighteenth to Six-teenth streets were mostly small frame houses occupied by colored families. Many roofs were torn off, but no great amount of damage was done and none of the occupants were hurt. From Sixteenth to Nineteenth streets, however, the destruction was terri-ble. In these three blocks the houses were larger and of a much better quality. Nearly every one of them was demolished, but in most cases the occupants escaped with slight injuries.

The Catholic buildings at Seventeenth and Broadway-five in number-were all blown down and Sister Plus was killed. All the other sisters escaped without injury.

A GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTRE. The board of trade today appointed a gen eral relief committee to at once relieve th poor people who are in a destitute condition. Twenty thousand dollars was subscribed in a short time and a special meeting of the city council appropriated \$2,000 more. Large corps of men have been organized to work on the wreckage unremittingly, the first attention being paid to Falls City hall and other points where great loss of life is feared. Fortunately for the homeless the tened. Fortunately for the homeless the weather is very mid. The relief committee this evening discussed the question of prop-erty loss. Opinions varied considerably from the fragmentary reports received, but it is believed it will reach \$2,500,000. To-night the relief committee prepared the fol-lowing authoritative statement, which was furnished to the Associated press:

furnished to the Associated press: "To the People-The calamity that has overtaken the city of Louisville by the cyclone last night spread over a territory covering a space of round some four hundred yards wide and three miles in hearth through the hearth over the second length through the business and residence portion of the city. The loss of life is in the neighborhood, it is believed, of some sev inty five persons, and the loss to the city i damage to houses and goods is believed to be \$2,000,000. While the calamity is a great one, our citizens feel able to cope with it and are not cast down, but will at once proceed to repair and resume business in the channels now interrupted. In all other portions of the city business will be re-

A DISMAL SCENE.

sumed.

Late tonight the streets, lit only here and there by gas lamps, present a dismal appear-ance. At the street intersections pace to and fro armed militiamen, who keep back the crowds who otherwise would hamper the workmen searching for the dead. The majority of these crowds, however, have dispersed, especially the women, who formed the larger number of the spectators all day. the larger number of the spectators all day. Here and there along the residence streets within the track of the tornado or near it, shine gas lights through windows from which the glass has been shattered, while within may be seen blazing fires heaped up to keep out the cool night air. The less fortunate ones that have no roof to shelter them have piled their furniture, or rather what's left of it, on the curb and are granding it tonight preparatory curb and are guarding it tonight preparatory to socking other homes tomorrow. Add to all this the frequent appearance of ambulances and wagons carrying their dead hu-nuan freight to the hospitals or to the homes of mourning families and you have a slight idea of the and appearance of Louisville to night.

WITHOUT WARNING. Major Galt of the Louisville & Nashville road and his family, who lived in a two story

[Continued on Second Page.]

The farmers have the call in this congress. In the last house of representatives it was the Knights of Labor and it was expected that the Grand Army of the Republic would control legislation in this, but the horny hunded agriculturists appear to be the men whose vote is sought with the greatest energy, and as Senator Vance of North Caro-lina said in a speech the other day, every member of the senate appeared to be trying to mount the highest pedestal and stand as the Farmers' friend. The Farmers' alliance

appears to be as formidable in the southern states as in the west, and the southern senators and members appear to have forgotter all about the poor moonshiner of the moun-tains for whose benefit in the last congress they were trying to secure a removal of the tax on fruit brandles, whisky in small stills for local consumption and a repeal of the internal revenue regulations, but the farmer is having his own way.

## THE CLARKSON RUMORS.

The reports of Mr. Clarkson's resignation s assistant postmaster general have been enewed, and in some quarters it is asserted positively that the document has been written and hunned to the postmaster general, to take effect June I. This is readily believed ecause Mr. Clarkson's desire to leave his filce is well understood, but it is not true. He has not written his resignation, and will not haud it in for some time. His situation and sentiments are well understood both by the president and Postmaster General Wanamiker. Mr. Clarkson does not like the office he holds the fost that the honors has an holds. He feels that the honors he is en-oying do not compensate him for the wear and tear of mind and body. He would like to leave the department by June 1, but it is hardly probable that he will do so, because the president is not now prepared to select his successor and there is certain work to be done that he desires to complete; in other

words, he is ambitious to fill the fourth class offices of the country with republicans, so far as possible, in order to strengthen the organization of that party before he turns over his portfolic to someone else. M'COMAS' GERRYMANDER BILL.

I asked Representative McComas of Mary-land today what would become of his anti-gerrymandering bill, and he said: "The democratic members of the house committee on election of president and vice president have asked that action be delayed in order that they might ascertain the wishes of their people, out there is no doubt that the bill people, out there is no doubt that the bill will be reported to the house shortly. The republicans are, as a body, in favor of the measure, and I confidently believe that it will be passed. The more f investigate its constitutionality and the justice of the measure the stronger I am in favor of it. We must have the Fifty-second congress elected from the districts as at present ar-ranged or we will get through our reappor-tionment at the hands of this congress in such a way that another congressional clossuch a way that another congressional elec-tion will have to be held after the reappor-tionment has been ratified by congress in order that the provisions of the reapp nent are complied with. The proposition is as long as it is short."

#### LAND DECISION.

Secretary Noble today rendered a decision in the case of Niles W. Greggs vs. Orange Halleck, involving timber culture entry for the southeast 14 of section 35, township 31, range 16 west, Niobrara land district. of the other lines to agree Mr. Exstein an nounced that he would not sign the agree-ment until he had consulted with President

Colby, Secretary Thompson of the associa-tion is to announce on April 2 his progress in obtaining signatures, and another meeting is to be held April 4 to complete the or-ganization if possible. A resolution was passed by the meeting that each line should edeem all outstanding mileage and tickets which would interfere with raising rates to the old basis, and the way be made clear for an advance rext Thursday in case the organization is established. General Pressenger Agent Eustis of the Burlington was elected temporary chairman until the first Tuesday in May, when balloting will

## SHOT AT A FUNERAL.

## A Baltimore Priest Badly Wounded by the Church Sexton.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 28 .- While Father enninghan, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, was performing a funeral ceremony, Sexton Richard McNichols, with ut warning, fired five shots at him, three of h took effect and seriously wounded McNichols was seized by the mourners which him. and taken to fail. The prisoner is twenty-five years of age. The cause of the shooting is unknown.

## The Mettmann Murder Case.

LEAVESWORTH, Kan., March 28.- |Special Telegram to THE BEE |-No especially new developments have taken place in the Mettmurder case this afternoon. There is onsiderable feeling against the accused and threats of lynching have been expressed. He told the whole matter very cooliy, as does the son of the murdered woman This af the sol of the full fered woman. This af-ternoon it was discovered that Mettmann's horse had blood on its neck, and a trail of blood leading from the house to a vacant lot was discovered also. The coroner's inquest will take place tomorrow morning, at which t is expected that further developments will be made.

## Favor Free Raw Materials.

Bosrow, March 28.-The Commercial Buletin says a secret meeting of the new Wool Consumers' association today decided that all business experience of this and other nanufacturing countries shows the interests of all classes are favored by free raw mate rial and that the interests of the wool growers, manufacturers, dealers and consumers of this country require that wool and other raw materials shall be free.

## Caught Again.

PONTLAND, Ore., March 28.-The British sailing schooner Pathfinder, which ran away with a one-man prize crew from the cutter Rush in Alaskan waters last year, put into Neigh bay, Washington territory, yesterday to make repairs. The revenue cutter Corben happened along and promptly select the Pathtinder and is now holding her for orders from the treasury department.

## Short and Skipped.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.-P. D. Starr of the insurance firm of Blake & Starr has disappeared. His partner says Starr is short \$3,000 in his accounts with the State ment and insurance company of San Fran isco and the Eurlington of Iowa,

## The Weather Forecast.

For Omaha and vicioity-Fair weather. For Nebraska-Fair, variable winds, sta-

For lowa-Fair, warmer, southerly winds, For South Dakota-Fair, northerly winds, ower temperature.

## Trouble in San Domingo.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- A cable received y a Spanish importing house here from St. Thomas, San Domingo, states that the po-ntical trouble which originated a few days ago has spread all over the island and a battle had been fought at St. Thomas.

BREWERY WALLS COLLAPSE. Three Men Buried and Thought to

By Dead. EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 28.-The two

side walls of the Fulton avenue brewery collapsed this afternoon, letting the roof fall in. S'x mon were at work in the upper story, three of whom escaped, but John Winnger. Charles Tilloy and Edward Kelley were buried in the debris and are believed to be dead. Owing to the dangerous condition dead. Owing to the dangerous condition of the building, it is difficult to get any body to work on the ruins tonight. The firemen are doing what they can. A harbor tug was swamped this morning by a tremendous wave. A crew of six were rescued with Meantime all great difficulty. The severe storm last night unroofed a few buildings, but did no other serious damage.

> Rope is about thirty five years old, the Nebraska, lowa and Dakota Pensions father of a bright, beat appearing little family of three children, and is widely WASHINGTON, March 28 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. - Pensions have been (now as a sobor, industrious and respectable granted as follows to Nebraskans: Original man. nvalid-Wayman J. Crow, Creighton; John L. Sides, Bromfield; Jacob Karl, York. In crease-Francis H. Forbes, Ord; Hugh Hill, Champion; George Hules, Alexandria. Re-

issue and increase-George Thorngale, North Loup. Iowa pensions: Original invalid Nathaniel G. Ganey, Des Moines; Edward Jordan, Guthrie Center; William H. Ken-neuy, Rudd; Unarles F. Marshall, Rockford; William Hughes, Hamourg; Rufus, L. Peas-lee, Little Sioux; John, H. Conery, Maquo-keta, Restoration and increase—George W. ketu, Restoration and increase George W. Peters, Des Moines, Increase Eugena H. Hall, Earlyille; David Sampson, Newton; Augustus C. Stickle, Anamosa; Llewellen Camubell, Waterloo; Arotus F. Loomis, Belle Plains; Albert M. Tuller, Orchard; Benjamin F. Martin, Cen-ter Point; James C. Martin, Fairfield; Cam Billings, Maynard; Isaac Mackey, Wankcon; Scott Lane, Muscatine, Reissue -Chester Wiman, Southerland; Henry Stanbis, Fairfield; John Eckstein, Lamars; Byron C. Bonton, Hartley, Reissue and in-Byron C. Bonton, Hartley. Reissue crease-Lorenzo H. Trask, Renwick. Reissue and in Orig mal widows, etc.-Dorothy, mother of Rum ulus R. Buttolph, Pilot Mound; Susana, widow of William C. Vandewater, Creston

South Dakota pensions: Original invalid - Charles Brand, Big Stone City. Restora-tion and increase-Joseph Woodland, Julian. Increase-Deios G. Bitts, Heights,

Boodlerism Charges Not Proved. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 25.- Specia Telegram to THE BEE. |-The report of the city council committee appointed to investigate the charges of boodlerism made against certain aldermen by the Times, has sub-mitted its report to the effect that the charges were not proved. The conduct of Alderman Stering in regard to the opening

## of a street is severely condemned.

Bought by the Cigarotte Trust. RICHMOND, Va., March 28.-The formal transfer of the large tobacco properties of the Allen & Ginter and the Kinney tobacco companies has been made to the American tobacco company, which is the name of the alleged cigarette trust.

## Father O'Dwver Released.

FERMOY, March 25 .- Eather O'Dwyer, who has been in prison five months for offenses under the crimes net, was released yesterday from Tullamore jail. A great lemonstration was made in his honor.

## English Buying Breweries. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 28 - A morn

\$3,000,000

ionary temperature. ng paper says an English syndicate secured controlling interest in the Philadelphia and inited States brewerles here; consideration,

Delaga Bay Difficulty Settled. LISBON, March 28. - The claims of England and the United States on account of the seigure of the Delagoa Bay railway by the Portuguese is settled except for a few formalities.

SERGEANT DUNN'S WARNING. Lower Mississippi Must Prepare for a Fearlul Flood. New Yong, March 28 .- Sergeant Dunn of he signal service in an interview this afternoon says that one of the greatest culumities the country has ever known is imminent and that it is the duty of the press to warn the people of lower Mississuppi to prepare for the worst. He says:

"The damage will be greater below Memphis. The height of the river at Vicksburg and Chiro has iconained almost stationary at the top of the flood limit. When the wave crest from this new storm comes down the river things are bound to be carried away and the surrounding country covered." This will probably arrive at Cairo in two or three days, but it may be three weeks be-fore it reaches New Orleans.

Sergeant Duon cannot speak with any au-thority except upon New York weather.

## Greely's Opinion

WASHINGTON, March 28.-General Greely, the chief signal officer, reiterates his opinion that the flood in the lower Mississippi valley will continue undiminished ten days or more. The rain fall of Thursday must raise the Mississippi slightly from Cairo southward unless crevasses increase in number. There s no new or important change in the situation since yesterday.

## A Call For Armen Men.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 28.--|Special Teles gram to Tuz Baz. |-The senior order of American mechanics have called for 1.000 armed men to assist them tomorrow in placing the American flag on the public school house at Mucklerate, a small mining town in Sterrett township, this county. The mechanics attempted to raise the flag last Saturday, but were met at the entrance to the school yard by a mob of foreigners, who refused to allow the flag to be placed on the building. Insuiting expressions were made use of and finally the sentiment became so great that the school board urged the committee to with-draw, fearing a resort to violence. The ing the American flag on the public school draw, fearing a resort to violance. The mechanics returned, and after reporting the matter to their council, a circular was is-sued calling for one thousand armed men to see that the flag was placed on the build-ing tomorrow. Feeling is high and there may be trouble.

#### General Sickles Succes is Flack.

ALMANY, March 28 .- Governor Hill has appointed Major General Daniel E. Sickles shoriff of New York, vice Fluck resigned.

## Eond Offering).

WASHINGTON, March 28,-(Special Telegram to Tus Bas. |- Honds offered: \$13,000 at \$1.23; \$600 at \$1.035;

## In the Commons.

Loynon, March 28,-The Lithes bill passed the second reading in the commons tonight