

TWENTIETH YEAR. THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MAIIS

How a Letter Without an Address Safely Reached Its Destination.

SENATOR PADDOCK ON THE TARIFF.

Creating a False Impression in regard to the Election Bill—The Anti-Lottery Bill—Buying Congressional Seats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The high standard of efficiency attained in the work of the postal service is realized by few persons. An instance illustrating this occurred recently. A letter was deposited in the Milwaukee postoffice without an address. The envelope being perfectly blank, except for the business card of the corporation from the office of which it was sent, it was delivered to the person for whom it was intended in his office in New York city without the delay of an hour, reaching its destination by the same delivery as other letters fully addressed and mailed at the same time.

The letter was a part of the eastern mail of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad deposited in the Milwaukee postoffice. The district clerk sent it to the country through the New York, arguing that the probabilities were in favor of that being its intended destination. In the New York office the same doctrine of probabilities sent the undirected advice to the general eastern agent of the company as the one for whom it was intended. It was for him, and as may be imagined, his prompt receipt was the cause of an idea prevailing throughout the country that the election bill has been introduced so far as this session is concerned by a private understanding between the demerits and republican leaders, and that the probabilities were in favor of that being its intended destination. In the New York office the same doctrine of probabilities sent the undirected advice to the general eastern agent of the company as the one for whom it was intended.

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Without Mr. Reed's opposition congress cannot adjourn and even though the senate should agree to an adjournment, the election bill is disposed of, the speaker will have to be brought before the committee on adjournment and the committee will not report until the bill is passed. Notwithstanding this fact, it looks as though the force of legislative circumstances, and the clamor of the crowd the election bill over to next session.

All of the members of the house who are absent after tomorrow will prove very interesting reading to some of the members. All leaves of absence except for sickness have been revoked and it is probable that surface indications will point to an epidemic in the house, as members of absentees are reported in nominating campaigns will secure leaves "on account of sickness." It is expected that as many as fifty members will be absent from their seats at all times during the remainder of the session.

One of the best fights for a successful fight in the interest of the country, the cotton, sugar, and one which will, to some extent, be occupied when it is reached in the discussion of the tariff bill by the senate is the proposed adjustment of the rate of the present duty on cotton bagging. For some unaccountable reason the house reduced the duty on cotton bagging about 35 percent and the senate, on August 1, 1889, reduced the duty on the house almost as much, making the reduction of the present duty nearly one-half. Cotton bagging is a necessary article of commerce and the consumption of flax straw by bagging manufacturers has made the production of flax profitable in the United States. The duty on flax straw has been established flax raising is not profitable and is not indulged in to any considerable extent, as flax is very exhausting to the soil.

The announcement the other day that Ames J. Cummings, the congressman from the Ninth district of New York—the city of New York—would be assessed \$8,000 by the campaign committee, has caused a good many men in the lower house of congress to pause and consider what this thing of being a member of the national legislature costs and is worth. Ames J. Cummings does not secure salary, but he is assessed \$8,000 and he is considered, an aggregate of more than \$100,000 for serving a term of two years in the house. He is to be compelled to pay out in money every dollar of this amount, and it is naturally arises, why does a man go to congress? Mr. Cummings will have to pay his personal expenses, he has to buy his own papers and pushing the sale of his work, and wondering whether or not he was trying to prepare himself for the national banking business, or whether he was taking a vacation and did not care when he retired, as it appeared that he was laying the foundation for a great fortune by dint of hard toil. It is true that Mr. Cummings has prospered by his pen. He is a brilliant newspaper man, and there is always a demand for his work. But the secret of his success is not in his pen, but in his ability to make a canvass, and this will undoubtedly be the case with any other man who is elected to congress.

The San Francisco Trial Trip. SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—The new cruiser San Francisco made her first preliminary trial trip on the bay yesterday, steaming for five hours at an easy rate of speed. According to the statements of her builders the trip was thoroughly successful.

A BIG CROWD DISAPPOINTED.

Four Thousand People Go Out to See Omaha Win Another Game.

BUT THE BLACK SOX COULDN'T DO IT.

Terrible Slugging by the Brewers and Indifferent Work by the Localists Responsible for the Result.

Played. Won. Lost. Per Cent. Milwaukee 29 48 32 66.90. St. Paul 29 48 32 66.90. St. Paul 29 48 32 66.90.

Yesterday was another summer day, and ideal summer days are just the days for baseball. It would have been hotter than equatorial Africa had it not been for the cooling, refreshing breeze that came in over the western plains, down Lake street, and up the city to the ball grounds, which it cooled as well as capital. I believe that the measure of protection afforded specific manufacturers would be a duty sufficient to sustain and not to ruin the industry of the United States.

But the Milwaukee quickly knocked all rhyme and beauty out of earth, air and atmosphere and left everything as dark and somber as the tomb. Before the game opened everybody was happy and everybody worth mentioning is serious, was then, for everybody wanted to see the Black Sox wipe up the earth with the beer jokers from Wisconsin.

There were certainly 4,000 people in the crowd. They filled every inch of available space. The grand stand was packed from end to end, and had there been a second story and balcony they would have been crisscrossed too.

Notwithstanding that was Sunday, the ladies were out in force and gay-colored raincoat and umbrellas. They all looked as if they were in a hurry to get home, and a short distance would perch upon the banners of the Black Sox.

The brewers, why, they looked as if it would be impossible to have driven another human being into them with a pile-driver, so densely were the holes and roasted cranks directed upon them.

The usual contented, showy equipages surrounded the outfield, and the spectacle was indeed an impressive one. The race for the three days was most satisfactory to everybody attending, and should the association give another meeting in this vicinity, they will meet with most favorable reception, for it is a contest of better understood. The next meeting will be given at Lincoln, Neb., on the 9th and 10th.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE COUNTRY FOR THE LAST WEEK. BOSTON, August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The following table, compiled from dispatches from the clearing houses of the cities named, shows the gross exchanges for last week, with rates per cent increase or decrease against the amounts for the corresponding week in 1889.

HIGH LICENSE IN NEBRASKA.

The Number of Licensed Liquor Dealers, Their Location and Revenue Derived.

OFFICIAL FACTS AND FIGURES.

A Revenue Was Derived in 1889 of \$750,818—Seventy-Eight Towns in the State Have No Saloons.

The following is a carefully compiled exhibit of the licensed liquor traffic in Nebraska, procured from city and village clerks. Of the 232 incorporated towns all but also have responded. It will be noted that seventy-eight of the 232 cities and towns are this year without any saloons. Several of those that have voted license this year have no saloons, because the license is so high that no dealer has been able to pay it, or willing to take the risk. The 145 cities and towns that have granted licenses this year have an aggregate of 797 licensed liquor dealers. To this number should be added thirty-eight liquor dealers, licensed directly by county boards, making the total number of licensed liquor dealers for this year 835.

The nine villages from which no reports have been receivable cannot increase this number by more than twelve to fifteen, so that it is safe to assert that the total number of licensed liquor dealers in Nebraska, including brewers, distillers and wholesale and retail dealers, does not exceed 850. The revenue derived from liquor dealers under the high license system for the year 1889 was \$750,818. Of this amount \$49,102 was collected in various towns and cities, and \$701,716 was collected by the various counties for saloons located outside of incorporated towns.

Table with 3 columns: Name of town, No. of saloons, Amount received. Lists towns like Adams, Afton, Albia, etc.

CITIES. CLEANSING.

Table with 3 columns: City, Amount, Per cent. Lists cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

For Omaha and Vicinity—Fair; stationary temperature. For Nebraska—Local rains in eastern, fair in western portion; northerly winds, becoming variable; stationary temperature in eastern; warmer in western portion.

AN ITALIAN ELECTION.

The Bee.—An election was held in this city today for a member of the chamber of deputies. The radicals united in support of Signor Bardelli, an opponent of Austria and of the dreadnaut. The nationalists, taken by surprise, advanced Count Antonelli, who has just returned from a mission to Abyssinia. Anticipated policy of Austria and Bardelli 1,500. Another ballot is necessary.

REPUBLICANS CONGRATULATED.

PATTS, August 3.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—M. Constant, minister of the interior, speaking at a banquet at Rodez, congratulated republicans upon their unity. The republic he said, was strong enough to be conquering. The day was approaching when the enemies of the republic would have general out no soldiers.

MYTTON RECOVERING.

E. J. Mytton, the young man who shot himself because of his unrequited affection for Miss Barry, was resting easily at 1 o'clock this morning, having passed a fairly comfortable day. The prospects are in favor of his recovery.

HOUSE ROCK LIKE CRADLES.

Destructive Wind and Hail Storm at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

HAIL STONES AS LARGE AS APPLES.

Thousands of Panses of Glass Destroyed—Storm Only Lasted Seven Minutes—Loss Can Not Be Approximated. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A violent storm took place here this morning, blowing from the north and lasting only seven minutes, but in that time an amount of damage was done that can scarcely be computed, but is estimated all the way from \$2,000 to \$30,000. Many of the citizens had not yet awoke from their slumbers when the roar of the approaching storm rudely awakened them.

Ominous clouds gathered in the northwest and the dust flew with terrific force, the wind blowing from a velocity of sixty-five miles an hour. The buildings were rocked and bent like trees. The glass had scarcely cleared away when hail as big as apples came pelting down upon the city. Stones eight inches in circumference and weighing three pounds fell in great quantities. The streets were covered with the wreckage of thousands of panses of glass destroyed in the hotels, public schools, private residences, and business blocks. Even the harvest fields were covered with wreckage as if it was so much paper.

Every gas lamp in the city is destroyed, the tops over having been pierced with the hail. The hail was so heavy that a passenger train was coming in at the time and every window pane facing west was broken. The Pullman suffered as badly as the rest. The cars were covered with hail, and the cow feed in her racks and on the exterior of the animal was found to be covered with hail.

The son of Banker Avery was knocked instantly by a hail stone. Hundreds of instances have come to the surface where the hail seemed to have leveled everything in its way. Dealers in glass have been telegraphing for glass all day and houses are virtually without protection. The St. Augusta Cathedral, built by Mrs. John Jacob Astor of New York, window with imported French stained glass, was an exception to the rule, and presents a sorry looking picture. This loss alone will run up into thousands of dollars.

The extent of the storm seems to have been confined to the city. Special telegrams from Sioux Falls reports no damage, but that the hail was very heavy. The hail on the south side of the storm did not extend a mile. On the east reports are more severe. The hail on the north side of the storm was heavy and Bruno all report hail, with slight damage to crops.

With but few instances the small grain is all harvested. The corn crop is very good and the yield is heavy. The city trees were badly and garden truck of every kind has been leveled to the ground. There were very little damage to the city buildings. A new court house, containing a loss of \$2,500, other damage being done to the building.

BECKENRIDGE-CLAYTON CASE.

The House Elections Committee Recommendations Unsettling the Former. WASHINGTON, August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Looney of Iowa has prepared for submission to the house the majority report of the elections committee upon the Clayton-Beckenridge contested election case and the murder of the republican contestant. Commenting on Clayton's murder, the report says: "Rewards were offered and the community of Morrilton passed resolutions of sympathy, but no earnest attempt was made to bring the murderer to justice. The efforts of the governor have been vain."

Next Monday, August 5, the killing of Smith, the negro detective, who was investigating the ballot box theft, and George Bentley, brother of T. Bentley, who was suspected of being the author of the murder, Bentley at the time was negotiating with the Pinkertons to give evidence and expose the guilty party when he was said to have been accidentally shot by his brother. The report says there is no direct evidence to show any criminality in the killing of Bentley, but it is believed that he was shot by his brother about to give evidence to the detectives. "No reasonable explanation of the murder appears. The report is made to the committee by the local authorities. The efforts of the governor have been vain."

FORESTERS' PICNIC.

The Pleasures of the Day Marred by a Disastrous Hail.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—About 11 o'clock this morning a special train of eighteen coaches pulled into Plattsmouth with 1,500 people on board and two brass bands. The great majority of these people were respectable Foresters from Omaha, who had gathered here for a picnic. The picnic was here to peacefully and quietly enjoy a Sunday outing. About two hundred couples, who were with them, spent the pleasure of the day and made this the scene of the most disgraceful rioting and general lawlessness that has ever been witnessed in Plattsmouth. At about 2 o'clock the lightning began and continued more or less until dark. A rain commenced about 7 o'clock and continued to intensify the fighters. Males and females of the worst character were the principals and the officers of the law about the only victims. In the first round the sheriff and his deputies managed to make two arrests. After that only one was made and the rioters had secured about 200 dollars worth of property. Policeman John Denson was knocked down, beaten and his gun taken from him. The sheriff was also leveled by the hail, but he managed to keep his revolver. Edward Fitzgerald and Mr. Clark, who went to the citizens' rescue, were terribly mangled. The man who injured the Policeman Martin of South Omaha was arrested, but afterwards released. The other two prisoners remained in jail until the morning, when the indignation of citizens awoke.

It is the greatest wrong in the world that no lives were lost, considering the desperate nature of the riot. The rioters had a good work by Sunday picnic for some time to come in Plattsmouth.

Improvements at Verdigris. VERDIGRIS, Neb., August 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—Work has just begun here on a large flouring mill, which is to be completed and running within the next four months. We have one of the finest water powers in the state; the dam is being built of solid stone, which is quarried a few miles west of Verdigris; the contract has been let for the machinery, which is to be the best roller process, and all the latest improvements. This portion of the dam is already completed and has good crops for several years. There is an abundance of rain; the small grain is all harvested, and the corn crop is, without a question, the best of any portion of the state.

Penn Matters. PENN., Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—Miss A. K. Looftbauer, an old resident of this place, was cleaning out an old well here to-day, he called for help and was brought up exhausted. On examination it was found that the well contained foul air. Lights lowered into it were immediately extinguished. The well was immediately abandoned.

Residence Struck by Lightning. CHESTER, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A very heavy electric storm passed over this section of the state this evening about 7 o'clock, accompanied by a copious rain. During the storm the farm residence of H. Madison, living one and a half miles east of here, was cleaned out by lightning and burned to the ground. The family only saving the smaller part of their household goods. The rainfall has done great good to late corn and grass land.

Fatally Kicked by a Horse. ALBION, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—George Ward, a farmer eight miles northwest of town, was hitching his team to a load of grain last Friday when the horse kicked him in the head, resulting in his death last night. He was buried today in the Albion cemetery.

Sued for Divorce. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Rudy M. Kraton, of Berlin, this county, has sued for a divorce from her husband, A. H. Kraton, whom she charges with desertion for over a year, \$1,000 and swindling her father out of \$2,000 more and then going to California and deserting her.

Sausage Factory Suspends. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Heller's great sausage factory, which was one of Nebraska City's largest enterprises, has shut down here and the entire plant is being removed to Sioux City. It will be a big loss to Nebraska City.

Five Elevators Sold. FAIRBURY, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Five elevators in this county, belonging to the Edson-Gregg system, have been sold to Charles Chancellor & Co. of Chicago. The deal was completed last night.

The Home Team Won. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The home team again won from the Council Bluffs Models by a score of 11 to 8. Batteries for Models—Jedediah and Lacey, for Nebraska City—Möhler and Sidney.

Poisoned a Whole Family. ATLANTA, Ga., August 3.—The attempt of a colored preacher named W. H. Boone, in Gordon county, to kill by poison a family of ten persons, three of his victims being dead, has created intense excitement, and the prisoner and his wife are carefully guarded in jail. He put rat poison in the food of a young child named Lily. Boone puts the crime on his wife, saying that she was jealous of Mrs. Lilly's affection for him. The wife puts it on her husband, saying he brought to obtain possession of Lily's crop. The other victims are not yet out of danger.

Emperor William Sails for England. LIMA, August 3.—Emperor William and Princess Henry sailed for England today on the Hohenzollern.

Proclaimed President. LIMA, August 3.—Colonel Morales Bermudez has been proclaimed president of the republic, Vice General Coaraz, whose term of office has expired.