THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1891

ARE FACING COLD AND HUNGER on the farms. Of these probably 250 are farmers who brought means enough here to carry them through; 250 are in such a con-

How the Blizzard Found Many Families in Western Nebraska Counties.

STATUS OF DROUTH STRICKEN FARMERS.

People Who Are Absolutely Destitute and Must be Cared For Immediately-Farmers and Stockmen Who Have Plenty.

In order to ascertain the exact condition of the people of the drouth-stricken section of the state, both northwest and southwest, Tax BEE made arrangements with a reliable representative who has traveled all over the state, and who is well acquainted with leading citizens in nearly every county that he traversed. Starting out via the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad he stopped over in the counties between Holt and Sioux, and then took the Burlington road at Crawford, making his way back via Alliance and through Box Butte, Grant and other counties. After a five days' trip he returned and made a detailed report, of which the following is a summary.

Inquiries were also made through Ture BEE's correspondents on the line of the Burlington west of Hastings and on the line of the Union Pacific west of Kearney. These, together with the report of our special representative, make a very complete compendium of the situation in the drouth-stricken section. We have omitted all counties from which the reports of our correspondents tally with the reports and estimates heretofore made public by the state commission.

OTHER COUNTIES.

Brief Statements of the Condition of

Various Stricken Localities. For Lincoin county the committee asks for provisions and fuel for 500 families and grain for the same number. The BEE's report claims that there are about two hundred and fifty families in Lincoln county who are in immediate need of provisions and fuel and who will suffer if aid does not reach them soon. The relief board has exhausted nearly all supplies at hand and is overrun with applicants, some of which have been here from remote points of the county, and falling to get fuel, have remained several days in hopes that supplies promised would reach here, saying that it was useless to go home without fuel and food, with starvation star-ing them in the face. Two-thirds of the farmers will need seed.

From Blaine courty the state committee re-ports that there are 115 families in want of provision and fuel, and 125 will need grain. Tub BEs's veport claims that there are at

Tus BEE's ceport claims that there are at least seventy-five families, averaging five to the family, that are destitute of provisions and grain. Fuel is not so badly needed, According to Tus BEE's report there are not less than one hundred farmers in Red Willow county who must be supplied with grain, from four hundred to six hundred who must have fuel, and not less than four hun-dred families who must be supplied with prodred families who must be supplied with pro-visions until next June. These estimates are not in the least overdrawn, as an examina-

not in the least overdrawn, as an examina-tion will soon convince any one. Webster county, according to the state committee's report, has 100 families in need of provisions and fuel, and the same number will need grain. The BER's report claims that there are probably 150 families that are desitute in this county and must be sup-plied with provisions, fuel and seed grain Many people here are in extreme want, it is reported, and unless they receive outside assistance the suffering will be great. The state committee claims that Sherman

The state committee claims that Sherman county has 100 families in need of provisions and fuel and 400 in need of grain. The BEE's report claims that there are destitute families in this county who are being supplied with provisions by the county and nearly six hundred farmers have applied for seed, but the number actually needy is estimated at

Deuel county claims to have 300 families in need of provisions and fuel, and 455 in need

TO SEE THEIR GREAT FATHER dition as to be able to get along this season by using their credit, and appealing to their families and friends east, but at least 5 per cent are absolutely without the means or credit to plant their fields and at least one-half of them have no way to live. No crops were raised in one-half of the county. No work is to be had and destitution, through no fault of theirs, stares many an honest man and many an heroic family in the face so sav-agely that unusual efforts must be resorted

to in their behalf. The county officials are circulating affi-davits for the farmers to sign, setting forth their deplorable condition and urgent neces-sities, but I regret to say that I am informed

that these affidavits are being signed protty generally regardless of the actual conditions of the settlers. To sift these, and separate the false from the true; to gican the worthy from the perjurer will be difficult. But the general estimate of 250 needy farmers and or the output continue is not far from the 25 absolutely destitute is not far from the

It is not, however, drouth alone that has brought about this condition. The merciless greed of the money sharks of this region, who are plundering the settlers by exacting from 3 to 5 per cent a month for money, has had about as much to do toward bringing about the present deplorable condition of affairs in this section—if not more—than the frowns of the elements, and consequent failure of crops. • The country is rich in natural resources. The settlers are composed of about the best bloed of our western life, but no community or business can long live, to say nothing of prosper, and pay infamous rates of interest and excessive railway rates.

A MERE BAGATELLE.

The Five Millions Yet Needed for the

World's Fair Easy of Access. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.-[Special Telegram THE BEE. |-The ways and means committee of the local world's fair directory is occupied with the question of how to raise the extra \$5,000,000 to make up the \$15,000,000 that will he soil be necessary. Treasurer E. R. Seeberger 18 not at all alarmed, and predicts that the extra money will be easily raised in Chicago. "It has never been a secret that we should need \$15,000,000 to run the exposition," said Mr. Seeberger, "and we have long been preparing to scrape together that amount. It will not be necessary to go outside of the city to raise the amount

for there are hundreds of wealthy men whom our solicitors have never reached men whom our solicitors have never reached. We will also call upon men who have large property interests here but who do not live here, and I have no doubt that they will pay up handsomely. Then there are many wealthy men here in the city who have no places of business and who are chiefly occu-pied in tearing off bond coupons. These have not here mondered but they mill be in don as an interpreter for the Rosebud indians. Three Stars, who writes his name in civilized form as Clarence T. Stars, is a full blooded Sloux, who attended school at Carlisle, can talk English and acts as interpreter for the Pine Ridge delegation. All but Richard are not been reached, but they will be in due time. The railroads, or fifteen of them, that enter the city have subscribed \$500,000. cent outbreak, and are among the most pro-gressive of the friendly Indians. Richard talks United States perfectly and

There are six or seven more to hear from and altogether they will probably double the sum. When the building operations begin a great many men who have already subscribed will take more stock, and I have no doubt that the necessary \$15,000,000 will be raised without difficulty." IN NORMAL CONDITION.

stored.

At the time of the battle of Wounded Knee, Richard was between Rosebud and Pine Ridge. During Gen. Crook's campaign he was with that officer, and claims to have been the scout who carried the first news of the Custer massacre to Gen. Crook. He had been sent to Laramie and Fort Fetterman to guide additional troops to reinforce Custer when he heard of

George Harries' Good Work.

on account of the late Indian excitement. Mr. George H. Harries, correspondent of

Sioux Indiana Arrive in Omaha on Their Way to Washington. THEY REPRESENT THE FARMING CLASS.

George Harries' Work at the Agency-Johnny Grinnell's Crime - Railroad Changes and Promotions. -Oth r Local News.

A party of ten Sioux Indians attracted a great deal of attention at the Hotel Casey yesterday. They arrived in the city Sunday night shortly before 12 o'clock from Pine Ridge agency in charge of Mr. T. W. Blackburn, a special agent of the Indian office.

They are en route to Washington to tell the Great Father what they know about the recent outbreak and the causes that led to it. This is their first visit to a large city, and their natural curiosity has found an ample field in which to operate. When they en-tered the spacious hotel rotunda, brilliantly illumniaated with gas and electricity, they stood in open-mouth astonishment gazing at the ceiling and the numerous objects of in terest on every side. There was none of the Indian apathy, stoicism and indifference that you read about but on the contrary they manifested the

keenest interest in everything that was transpiring. During the greater part of the day they occupied a couple of rows of chairs day they occupied a couple of rows of chairs in the rotunda and there was apparently not a move made that escaped their notice. They were dressed in ordinary citizens clothes, and wore either plush caps or black slouch hats. Only two wore indian moccasins. But for their faces, they might easily have passed for a half score of every day tillers of the soil.

These Indians are farmers, and are to give a different phase of the Indian question from that set forth by the hostiles who are already n Washington.

In washington. In the party are the following: Louis Richard, Hollow Horn Bear, He Dog, Good Voice, Quick Bear, Clarence T. Stars, Robert American Horse, Charles Turning Hawk, White Bird and Grass. The first five are from Rosebud agency, and the others from Pine Ridge. Pine Ridge. Richard is a half-breed and is taken alon; as an interpreter for the Rosebud Indians

full bloods and, with the exception of the two above mentioned, none of them can talk English. None of them participated in the re-

is a very intelligent and well informed indi-vidual. He talked very freely about the situation in the Indian country and scored ex-Agent Royer, whom he charged with being responsible for the recent outbreak. He responsible for the recent outbreak. He said that everything is now quiet and affairs have assumed their former phase. The Indians collected at Pine Ridge have been sent back to the agencies and two com-panics of soldiers remain there. Pine Ridge is the only agency that has been placed in the hands of the war department and at all of them peace and quiet are re-stored.

the massacre. He stated that the Indians who participated in the massacre had been defeated by General Crook's command only a few days before and had retreated to the position where they were found by Custer. The party left at 4:30 o'clock yesterday after-nean over the Burdivator for Chinewe and moon over the Burlington for Chicago, and will proceed without delay to the national will capita

the Washington Star, passed through Omaha yesterday en route from Pine Ridge to Washington. Mr. Harries has done some exceptional ewspaper work on the resorvation Drobably

NTINENTAL CLOTHING HOU MEN'S DEPARTMENT. Special Sale of Trousers, \$3.75. We make a point every season to close out heavy weight Trousers

before the arrival of spring goods. This week we will have the biggest bargain sale of fine Trousers we have ever had.

Remember, \$3.75 will buy some of the finest fabrics we have had in stock this season. Sizes are somewhat broken, but so many lots have been consolidated that all sizes can be fitted. They are in fine fancy worsteds, cassimeres and cheviots. Plenty of large pants for big men. Mail orders will be filled with the same care and attention that any customer would receive in making his own purchase. Send mail orders with the understanding that you take no risk; as if goods are not satisfactory they may be returned at our expense.

BOYS' LONG PANTS, \$1.50 AND \$2.00.

We have accumulated a large lot of Boys' Long Pants during the season and will offer them at this sale in two special bargain lines at \$1.50 and \$2,00.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS, 50 AND 75 CENTS.

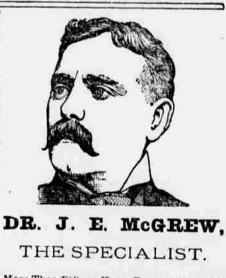
We mean to clothe the smallest as well as the largest, and will offer a bargain line of Knee Pants at 50c and 75c, which are worth a great deal more, but are remnants and must be closed out.

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namently cured.



of grain, according to the state committee's report. The BEE's report says that owing to the provisions, coal, etc., that have been already shipped hato this county, and owing to disbursements made by the county treasurer and justices of the peace, there are but few families entirely destitute, but at present there is one foot of snow and very cold weather and unless assistance is furnished there will be 100 families entirely destinct. All the families must have seed for planting and a great many must have feed for their teams. Quite a number of families have plenty of hay for their stock and will get through the winter all right. The situation in this county is bad enough but it might be worse. The formers are situated for a store of the situation of

Is bad enough, but it might be worse. The farmers are all confident of a good crop next year owing to the heavy snow fall, if they can only secure seed for planting. From Custer county the state committee reports 500 families in need of provisions and 800 in need of grain. Tim BEE report agrees with the above montioned formes

with the above mentioned figures. Thomas county, the state committee re-port 52 families in need of fuel and 73 in need of grain THE BEE's report that the county board of this county places the num-ber of destitute that must be supplied with provisions and fuel at at least sixty families or about three hundred persons families of about three hundred persons all told, and estimate that about seventy-five farmers must be supplied with grain for seed and feed. The great majority of the stock of this county has not had a feed of grain for seven mosths and consequently teams are not in condition to work. The mild, open winter has admitted of graving and earth area winter has admitted of grazing and cattle are in a much better condition than might be ex-

WATCHED BY GRIM WANT.

One Hundred Sloux County Families Destitute.

CRAWFORD, Nob., Feb. 2. - [Special to THE BEE.]-Crops in Sioux county for 1890 were practically a total failure with the exception of huy, which was poor. In 1880 the county had less than a half crop. In 1888 and prior years crops were good.

There are about 300 farmers in the county. Of these probably 100 are stockmen who are able to take care of themselves, 100 never raised much grain, supporting themselves by cutting and selling timber from government land upon which they have made filings for that purpose, leaving 100 families at least absolutely destitute, many of whom are today in they have made whom are today in very poor circumstances, and all of whom will have to be furnished seed grain and other necessaries if they remain here and Cultivate their farms the present season. With few exceptions the well-to-do farm-

ers of which there are some, and even some of the ranchmen are making application for assistance, so that in the distribution of grain and supplies, if any is made, more or less im-position will be perpetrated unless the utmost vigilance is exercised.

It is no very great exaggeration to say that 50 per cent of the settlers of Sioux county are facing the grim spectre of want, caused by conditions entirely beyond their control, and it is siso true that the fine crops of this county during the years prior to 1889 estab-lish the fact that with the ordinary amount of rainfall the soil is fertile and capable of raising excellent come of where the tables raising excellent crops of wheat, oats, barley and grass and fair crops of corn.

DAWES COUNTY DESTITUTION.

Result of Crop Failure and Operations of Money Sharks.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 2.- [Special to THE BEE. |-Dawes county, of which Chadron is the county scat, is the most important county in Northwest Nebraska. It contains over thirty-six government townships of land, or about \$50,000 acres, three-quarters of which is in ordinary seasons excellent farm land. There are nearly 1,000 farms and ranches in the country covering an area of probably 200,000 acres, or nearly one-quarter of the county. The county cast at the last election 1,900 votes, of which probably 900 nearly

were inhabitants of the towns and employes of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, leaving the balance (1,000) located

on account of the late Indian excitement, Rushville having been in some sense the base of military operations. Still there are many cases of individual waat, and it is certain that not less than 150 farmers will be unable to put in crops the coming senson unless as-sisted by the state or other outside source. I am unable to find many cases of suffering the best of it all was when he gathered to from dire want.

gether the hostile chiefs who were soon to start for Washington, and by the aid of an in-terpreter, interviewed each one of them. Thus The great county of Cherry, east of Sheri dan, is devoted almost exclusively to stock raising, and having had rain sufficient to se-Mr. Harries was able to send his paper all the chiefs had to say. The Star made good cure a fair crop of grass is in about fair con-dition and probably able to take care of itself. use of the interviews and printed each one with a cut of the savage chieftain whose

Keya Paha, Brown, Rock,

Cherry and sheridan Counties.

VALENTINE, Neb., Feb. 2,-[Special to THE

BEE.j-Holt, Keya Paha, Rock, Brown and

Cherry counties are in normal condition,

with average crops, and no unusual need of

outside assistance. Holt in particular is, for

that county, in an unusually prosperous con-

dition, and has been contributing supplies to

Sheridan, immediately east of Dawes, of

which Rushville is the county seat, was severely injured by the drouth, but not fatally

so. It is naturally a fine section of country, and contains a first-class community of farm-

ers and stockmen. So far as the country is concerned the loss by drouth is prob-ably more than offset by the money and business unexpectedly brought in by the massing of the military in this section

Holt.

the western sufferers.

MUST HAVE HELP.

Many Farmers in Box Butte County Can't Go It A lone.

With a cut of the savage chieffain whose innguage was quoted the day the party arrived in Washington. Mr. Harries followed this up with something of a revelation to the interior department. He showed conclusively that the Indian chiefs that had been designated to go to Washington and buzz the Groat Father and ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 2.-[Special to THE BEE.]-I have had exceptional facilities for Washington and buzz the Great Father and getting at the real condition of the farmers a new broadcloth suit were from the disgruntled, non-proget in Box Butte county. A large percentage of these are small cattlemen, that is, ranchmen gressive, mischief-making faction, and that not a single one of them had ever been known with from 200 to 1,000 head of stock, and whatto work in any way; had never produced ; ever may be said they are able to take care of crop and had never engaged in the simple pur-suits which have enabled a large number themselves. There are, however, in this county at least 300 farmers, that is, settlers, of good Indians to almost sup-port themselves. Not one of the latter class had been called to Washington and the Inwho depend upon small grain, corn and garden truck, dairy and poultry products for a liv-ing, and this class, (with the exception of a had been called to Washington and the In-dians who were called at once began to taunt the goodie-goodies over this unhappy condition of things. They drew the only moral there was in it, towit: that it dida't pay to work but if every Indian would at once proceed to few upon the Running Water river, who have part of a crop) are in bad condition. The crop was poor in 1889 and a total failure in 1890. Some of them have other means and can live through this season, but fully 50 per cent must have help or starve, and there is a good deal of scrious want now. It has have a monkey and parrot time they would at once receive the attention and respect of the

not all been brought about by drouth, but 3, 4 and 5 per cent a month to the money sharks caused half of the trouble.

How to Break Up a severe Cold. From the Virginia City, Mont., Madiso ian: When we find a medicine we know to nian:

once receive the attention and respect of the Great Father. This fact Mr. Harries sent home to the authorities at Washington and the result was that the Indian office sent Mr. T. W. Blackburn, formerly of Omaha, out from Washington post haster to muster a delegation of industrious, progres-sive Indians in order that they, too, might talk with the Great Father. possess genuine merit, we consider it a duty, and we take pleasure in telling the public what it is. Such a medicine we found Chamtalk with the Great Father. Mr. Harries thinks the war is not over, and that when the weather breaks in the spring berlain's Cough Remedy. By the use of this syrup we have relieved, in a few hours, seit will be necessary to send every soldier back there again. The Indians have not been subdued, and they are continually boasting that the white man is a fraid of the Indians. Their vere colds, and in the course of two or three days, entirely broken them up as has several of our friends to whom we have recommended it. It is all it is represented to be by the manufacturers. If you have a cough and want to stop it, Chamberlain's Cough Remhearts are bent on revenge for the killing of their relatives at Wounded Knee, Every edy will do the work. For sale by all drug-The Indians have not given up one-tenth of their guns.

Oporto in a State of Siege.

Ex-Treasurer Youngs' Statement.

he outbreak.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg. LISBON, Feb. 2 .- The leaders of all the monarchist groups have offered their services Pay for Playing Mayor. to support the government. Oporto has been "When am I going to get my pay for playdeclared in a state of slege for one month. Twenty persons were killed in Saturday's ng mayor of the town?" asked Councilman Osthoff of City Clerk Groves, yesterday

fight. The government, suspecting there was discontent in the Oporto garrison, had issued orders for the transfer of several offimorning. "You'll get it right away-I suppose you're cers there to other regiments. This action, together with the recent imprisonment of the editor of the Republican Portugese, expedited

suffering for it," was the clerk's reply. "Yes I am and you want to stretch it too, all you can," said the ex-acting mayor. "The amount of change we get depends on the extent of the «tretching, don't it?" asked I have a cousin who is a printer, says ex-Mayor J. B. Loughran of North Des Moine Ia. Some years ago he was employed in th city where they were printing circulars f -Chamberlain. He had a deep seated cold and

the extent of the stretching, don't it ?" asked Deputy Giberson. "That's what it does," said Osthoff, "and you may bet that what I say goes. And an-other thing-remember I've been sick and need money badly." And the bill went in fortwo days pay at nearly \$0 a day-just the same that the may or receives \$2,500 a year. terrible cough, and while setting up copy he made up his mind to buy a bottle. It cured him and that was the first I ever knew of

predicts serious trouble in the spring

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for chil-dren teething produces natural quiet sleep. 25 cents a bottle.

him and that was the brst lever knew of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have been strongly in its favor ever since. My own ex-perience and that of my family convinces me that this remedy is the best in the world That may be strong language but that is what I think. For sale by all druggists. As to Dennis' Assistants. The plumbers are taking an active interest a the appointment of inspectors by Major OMAHA, Feb. 2 .- To the Editor of THE Dennis, superintendent of plumbing. BRE: It appears by some of the local papers At a meeting of the Plumbers, Gas and

that I have been sued by the P. S. & E Steam Fitters' United association held/yesterday resolutions were adopted endorsing John Morrissey, Dennis Herman and John Rose as competent men for the positions in question.

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HARVEY S. DENISON, Manager BYRON F. DENISON, Assistant.



union as treasurer for the sum of 854, which I withheld from them some time ago. I wish to state that I was officially ordered to pay bills and otherwise dispose of all money in my possession belonging to the said union, before I, with the majority of our printing pressmen in Omaha, severed our connection with them to join the new printing press-men's union. F. M. YOUNGS. Lord Coleridge writes: "Send me fifteen dozen Cook's Extra Dry Imperial Wine, I tried it while here and find it superior." J. B. Frawley of Kansas City, division passenger agent of the Union Pacific, is in the city.