WON A MIGHTY CLOSE GAME.

Sioux City and Omaha Have a Tight Tussle for the Ball.

LAMBS LAND ON TOP BY ONE RUN.

Lincoln Maltreated by St. Paul—Milwaukee's Fiendish Assault on Kansas City—Minneapolis Takes In Denver.

Omaha, 2; Sioux City, 1.
St. Paul, 9; Lincoln, 2.
Milwauke, 20; Kansas City, 5.
Minneapolis, 6; Denver, 4.

Forth to the fray went the gallant Sioux.
As gay as a flock of loons.
But they were sore when the sun went down,
For their score was full of prunes.

Sioux City is a great big, colossal, cosmographic cyclopean, multiversaat success from the Garretson house down to the remnants of last year's corn palace.

They are the white article, up there, clean to the marrow, and show more enterprise, get-up and real genuine American activity to the square inch than any city to be found within the shores of the two big herring ponds.

Talk about your live base ball towns, well Sioux City has the banner and is right at the head of the procession.

And last winter they told us that base ball was as dead as Herculaneum up there. But they were off their base. Omaha isn't in it by comparison.

On the opening day last Tuesday, when old Boreas was bearing down from the north with his whiskers full of icicles, they turned out 4,100 paid admissions, and grand stand, bleachers, the carriageway and quarter stretch were tested to their fullest capacity. The mayor actually issued a proclamation calling upon the business men to close their various depots of traffic, and they did so to a man almost; and the schools took a half holiday, and a parade, embracing a line of carriages several blocks long, headed by a band, traversed the principal thoroughfares and altogether the occasion was made a memorable one.

That's what the business men are doing for their ball team in Sioux City.

They know an advertisement when they meet one face to face, every time.

I saw the game there yesterday. It was the opening one of the first series between the Huskers and Shannon's Lambs.

And a superb contest it was.

As early as 2 o'clock a crowd embracing its thousands had assembled at the attractive park and the picturesque effect produced was worth double the price of admission.

The grounds are the largest and finest in the Western association, both in and outfields being as smooth and im naculate as the bosom of your best shirt.

They are situated within the driving park, a ten-minute drive from the Garretson, and the scene is one well calculated to stimulate the fancy and please the eye. To the north, stretching 'round in a sort of a semicircle, is a range of conical bluffs, clad in the softest, brightest green, while to the south are groves of swaying cottonwoods and emerald fields of pasturage, which gives the whole a pastoral aspect that is soothing indeed, and when seen under favoring breezes and in a jocund May sunshine the thought comes that one could dwell there alway and then do but little kicking.

Manager Danny was the first of the white-hosed heroes to step up and face Mr. Hart, and a hush fell over the throng while they waited for developments.

They soon came. He sent a long one to Mr. Swartwood, and the crowd clapped their hands with delight.

Jocko Halligan, however, refused to reach for Billy's deceptive convolutions, and the result was he trotted to first on a present. But it all amounted to nothing, for Old Cy forced him at second, and the Commodore went out to Poorman.

The Corn Huskers' half, which came first, of course, was a dead ringer for Omaha's. Poorman flied out to Griffin, then She, he of everlasting youth, got his base on balls, but he couldn't get an inch further. Nicholson went out to Shannon, and Swattwood, that's what they call him up there in Perry creek, punched three great ragged rents in the ethereal. In the second, after the Huskers had been blanked Griffin fungeed to She, and Walsh's high foul fell into Billy Earle's capacious maw.

Then Papa strode to the plate.

"Whose that?" cried a kid in the grand stand.

"Whose that?" retorted Sheriff Magner, "why that's McCauley, the man who wrote the history of England, and you must keep your eyes on him."

And, as if in response to Sheriff Dave's elocium, the historian caught the ball about midway between the belt and the jugular and sent it singing "Annie Rooney" out into left. It was the initial hit of the game and was liberally cheered.

Donnelly quickly followed with an out, however, and the Huskers came in for their third dance.

Genins hit a high one out toward Twitchell, which, after a hard run, Larry took care of in elegant style and was loudly cheered. Hart followed with a base on balls, but was immediately doubled up with Poorman, Shannon grabbing the latter's fly by the hind legs, tapping second with his foot and firing Tomney out at first.

It was neatly done and deservedly applauded.

Oh, those Sioux City people know how to treat strangers, and you needn't believe all you've heard about them.

But it is getting late and I'll confine the balance of this legend to the way in which the game was won and lost, leaving the details to the reader's imagination.

In the sixth inning Twitchell led of with a base on balls, and was quickly followed thither by Griffin on four more. Walsh forced Sandy at second, Twitchell, of course, moving up another bag, and coming home on Earle's wild throw to catch Walsh burgling second, which also placed Josie on third. On Donnelly's hit to Genins, Walsh ran in, Charlie making a mess of it. Donnelly then followed up this good luck by a steal himself, and was sent to third by a wild pitch. Here he anchored, however, for Eiteljorg flied to She.

In the following inning the Huskers got their one little humpbacked run, but they earned it, and that's something to their credit if they did lose the game.

After Nick had perished, Swatwood smashed out a beautiful three sacker, and amidst the deafening vociferations of the crowd, trotted home on Morrissey's single, and so far as run getting was concerned, the game was over.

The bleachers, in one last wild, weird, spasmodic effort to retrieve the Huskers' fortunes, made a strenuous effort to rattle Eiteljorg in the ninth, but it was love's labor lost.

They could have rattled a hitching post more easily.

While glancing over the score, please don't fail to observe that the Lambs didn't make an error.

Both teams in fact put up a remarkably clean game; the pitchers were at their best and all the men full of drive and push and ginger until all hope was squelched by Van Dyke's high fly to Twitchell.

George J. Common, the debonair and generous sporting caterer of the Corn Palace burg, said that Omaha won the game because Shannon, Donnelly and Griffin attended church in the morning.

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Shannon, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	4	5	0
Halligan, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sutcliffe, c	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Twitchell, lf	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
Griffin, m	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Walsh, ss	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
McCauley, 1b	3	0	1	0	0	10	1	0
Donnelly, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	0
Eiteljorg, p	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	28	2	2	3	2	27	14	0

SIOUX CITY.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Poorman, m	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Scheibeck, ss	3	0	1	0	0	4	5	0
Nicholson, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Swartwood, rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Morrissey, 1b	4	0	1	0	0	8	0	0
Earle, c	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	1
Van Dyke, lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Genins, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hart, p	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Totals	31	1	5	1	0	24	14	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	*—	2
Sioux City	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—	1

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Sioux City, 1. Two-base hits: Earle. Three-base hit: Swartwood. Bases on balls: By Eiteljorg, 3; Hart, 6. Struck out: By Eiteljorg, 2; Hart, 1. Umpire: Emslie. Time of game: One hour and thirty-five minutes.

OTHER WESTERN GAMES.

Contest at St. Paul in Which Lincoln Took Little Part.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Lincoln aggregation was a mark this afternoon, and was never in the game after the first inning, when Cline made a hit, Raymond a sacrifice and Burkett batted the little right fielder home. After this Meekin pitched in grand form, striking out four men in a row in the fifth and sixth innings. He was touched up for three singles in the ninth, however, but good fielding prevented any of the senators from scoring.

The local team did not hit Roach hard, but the five errors of Tomney and Jack Rowe came just at points where they counted heavily for runs, six of the nine tallies coming in on them.

Outside of two fumbles by Conley in the eighth inning, the fielding of the home team was perfect, and at times of a phenomenal character. In the third inning Conley made a remarkable stop and throw. In the second and fourth innings Abbey made great catches in right, in the fourth Hamburg made a phenomenal catch in left and throw to the plate for an out, and in the eighth Goodenough brought down the house with a circus catch at centre.

The heavy and opportune hitting of the game was done by O'Brien and Ely. The contest was witnessed by 3,000 people, a large contingent coming from Minneapolis, that town being the only city in the league in which Sunday games are not permitted.

ST. PAUL.	R	1B	PO	A	E	LINCOLN.	R	1B	PO	A	E
O'Rourke, sb,lf	0	0	0	0	0	Cline, rf	1	1	1	0	0
Abbey, rf	1	0	2	0	0	Raymond, sb	0	0	3	4	1
Baldwin, c	1	1	7	1	0	J. Rowe, ss	0	1	3	0	0
O'Brien, 1b	2	3	9	0	0	Burkett, lf	0	2	2	0	2
Conley, 2b	1	1	1	4	2	H. Rowe, 1b	0	0	11	0	0
Ely, ss	1	4	2	3	0	Tomney, 2b	1	2	1	6	1
Hamburg, lf	0	1	2	1	0	Stafford, cf	0	2	1	0	1
Goodenough, cf	2	1	4	0	0	Rogers, c	0	1	4	3	1
Meekin, p	1	0	3	0	0	Roach, p	0	1	0	4	0
Total	9	12	27	12	2	Total	2	10	27	17	10

SCORE BY INNINGS.

St. Paul	0	0	1	2	0	2	3	0	1—	9
Lincoln	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—	2

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: St. Paul, 2; Lincoln, 2. Two-base hits: J. Rowe, Burkett. Runs batted in: O'Brien, 2; Goodenough. Home runs: Ely, 1; Burkett, Roach. Stolen bases: By Hamburg, O'Brien, Goodenough, Abbey, Conley. Double play: Hamburg to Baldwin; Raymond to D. Rowe. First base on balls: Off Roach, 4. Left on bases: St. Paul, 7; Lincoln, 8. Struck out: By Meekin, 5; Roach, 4. Passed balls: Baldwin, 1; Rogers, 2. Wild pitches: Meekin. Time: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpire: Gaffney.

Poor Old Kansas City.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 10.—The Milwaukees batted Johnson all over the lot today and were assisted in getting runs by a multitude of errors on the part of the Kansas Citys, when were nearly all made with one or more men on bases. The weather was bitterly cold and many of the spectators left the ground early in the game and went home to hug the fire. Score:

MILWAUKEE.	R	1B	PO	A	E	KANSAS CITY.	R	1B	PO	A	E
Burke, cf	4	3	1	0	0	Manning, 2b	1	0	1	1	1
Pettit, 2b	3	1	2	1	0	Hoover, rf	2	3	1	0	0
Shoch, ss	3	3	1	5	1	Smith, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Dalrymple, rf	1	0	0	0	0	Sparrs, 1b	0	1	15	0	0
Dungan, cf	2	4	4	1	0	Pickett, ss	0	1	0	3	0
Schriver, 1b	0	1	12	2	0	Carpenter, 3b	0	1	1	1	0
Alberts, 3b	1	2	0	3	1	Carroll, cf	0	0	4	0	0
Grim, c	3	3	6	1	0	Wilson, c	1	1	4	2	5
Vickery, p	3	2	1	1	1	Johnson, p	1	0	1	3	0
Total	20	18	27	14	3	Total	5	7	27	10	9

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Milwaukee	3	4	3	1	0	0	4	4	1—	20
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0—	5

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Milwaukee, 8. Two-base hits: Burke 3, Shoch, Dungan 2, Alberts 2, Wilson. Three-base hits: Grim. Stolen bases: Burke 4, Pettit 2, Shoch 2, Dalrymple 2, Dungan 2, Grim, Vickery 2, Manning, Pickett. Double plays: Dungan to Schriver. First base on balls: Milwaukee, 6; Kansas City, 5. Hit by pitched ball: Shoch. Struck out: By Vickery, 6; by Johnson, 1. Passed ball: Wilson. Wild pitches: Johnson, 3. Time: One hour and fifty-five minutes. Umpire: Knight.

Tebeau's Costly Talk.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 10.—Minneapolis and Denver played off its postponed game of April 20 here today in the presence of a large crowd. Minneapolis won. The batting of Shugart was the feature. Tebeau was fined $50 for disputing the umpire's decision.

MINNEAPOLIS.	R	1B	PO	A	E	DENVER.	R	1B	PO	A	E
Murphy, cf	0	0	4	0	0	McGlone, 3b	0	1	3	3	0
Shugart, ss	1	3	1	2	0	Tebeau, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Minehan, rf	0	1	0	0	0	O'Brien, 1b	0	2	11	0	0
Ryn, 1b	1	2	3	0	0	Werrick, 2b	1	2	1	0	0
Hengle, 2b	0	1	1	0	0	White, ss	0	3	2	3	0
Earle, 3b	0	0	2	0	0	Curtis, lf	1	1	1	0	0
McQuaid, lf	3	2	0	0	0	Treadway, rf	0	0	2	1	1
Killen, p	0	0	2	1	0	O'Rourke, c	0	2	5	0	2
Dugdale, c	1	0	12	1	0	Keefe, p	0	1	0	5	0
Total	6	7	24	8	0	Total	4	13	27	12	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Minneapolis	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1—	6
Denver	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0—	4

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Minneapolis, 1; Denver, 3. Two base hits: Shugart, 2; Werrick, White, O'Rourke. Runs batted in: Hengle, Shugart, 2, Murphy, White, O'Rourke, 2. Stolen bases: Shugart, Ryn, White, 2. Double plays: Shugart, Hengle and Ryn. First base on balls: Off Killen, 3; off Keefe, 6. Hit by pitched ball: Ryn, McQuaid, Killen. Struck out: By Killen, 10; by Keefe, 2. Passed balls: Dugdale, 1. Time: Two hours. Umpire: Collins.

Western Association Standing.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Minneapolis	19	11	8	.579
Denver	21	12	9	.571
Omaha	19	10	9	.526
Sioux City	19	10	9	.526
Milwaukee	22	11	11	.500
St. Paul	20	10	10	.500
Lincoln	19	8	11	.421
Kansas City	21	8	13	.381

AMATEUR GAMES.

Blair's Cracks Give the South Omahas an Awful Drubbing.

BLAIR, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The home team defeated the South Omahas here today badly. In fact the South Omahas were not in it at all. In the eighth inning the South Omahas made two runs by Geist agreeing to give one of them a base hit.

SOUTH OMAHA.	R	1B	PO	A	E.	BLAIRS.	R	1B	PO	A	E.
Beck, 3b	0	0	5	1	4	Geist, p	2	4	2	1	0
Hart, c	0	0	8	0	1	Graves, 3b	4	2	0	3	0
Hatcher, 1b	0	0	3	3	2	Linnihan, c	4	3	14	1	0
Vaughan, lf	0	2	3	1	1	Tew, ss	2	1	0	2	0
Pierce, 2b	0	0	1	2	0	Keim, 1b	3	1	7	0	0
Murphy, rf	0	1	1	0	0	Quinlan, m	3	3	0	0	0
Adams, ss	0	0	0	1	2	Halstead, rf	2	2	0	0	0
Scott, m	1	1	1	0	3	Bailey, lf	1	1	2	0	0
Payton, p	1	1	2	1	0	Lee, 2b	3	2	2	0	1
Totals	2	5	24	8	13	Totals	24	19	27	7	1

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Blair	4	0	7	2	2	3	6	0	0—	24
South Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0—	2

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Blair, 15. Three-base hits: Keim. Two-base hits: Keim, Linnihan, Halstead. Bases on balls: By Payton, 7. Struck out: By Geist, 10; by Payton, 6. Stolen bases: Blair, 16; South Omaha 4. Hit by pitcher: Lee. Passed balls: Hart, 3. Died on bases: South Omaha, 1; Blair, 2. Time of game: Two hours. Umpire: Cusick.

Couldn't Count the Runs.

The Omaha telegraph operators went over to the Council Bluffs driving park yesterday afternoon determined to wipe up the diamond with the Bluffs operators, but they found that the Bluffs boys knew the game somewhat better than the Omahogs. The scores were large and the batting terrific, but the boys surprised themselves by making some very brilliant plays. Mr. Charley Horse took a prominent part in the game, and accompanied the Omaha boys home. He can be found at home today at the Western Union office.

Nonpareils' Park Opening.

A crowd of nearly one thousand people witnessed the opening of the Nonpareil park at Fifteenth and Vinton. A fine exhibition was given by ten members of the Bohemian turning society. The 100-yard foot race between Stephenson, Jellen, Mahoney and Arnett was won by Jellen in good time, Stephenson second. The programme wound up with a game between the Nonpareils and West Omahas, which was won by the former after a hard fought battle. It would not be out of place to remark that the Nonpareils should grant the visiting team a voice in the selection of umpires. Mr. Brennan is a very nice gentleman, but he should study the rules before attempting to officiate as umpire. His work was poor.

The Nonpareils played a steady fielding game. The West Omahas have as fine an amateur team as was ever gotten up in the state. Stephenson's work in the box was excellent, considering this is his first game this year and that he had no practice whatever. Creighton caught a splendid game, his throwing to bases being much admired. Kleffner on first base is indeed a strong wall. Patterson and Camp's fielding was out of sight, and how they did like 'em out. The outfield did not have much to do, but all played an excellent game.

The Nonpareils can be proud of their new park, and with good management should make a good success of the venture. The following will tell the tale of the struggle:

NONPAREILS.	R	1B	PO	A	E	WEST OMAHA.	R	1B	PO	A	E
Mahoney, 2b	2	0	3	0	1	Conys, 2b	1	2	3	2	1
Shannahan, 3b	3	2	2	3	1	Kleffner, 1b	1	2	11	0	3
Jellen, p	1	1	1	2	0	Patterson, 2b	1	2	3	0	2
Bradford, lf	0	2	0	0	0	Nolan, ss	1	1	0	1	1
Lacey, c	0	1	7	2	2	Stephenson, p	2	1	2	4	0
McAuliff, rf	0	0	2	0	0	Grandjean, lf	1	1	0	0	0
Mahoney, ss	0	0	1	1	1	Creighton, c	1	1	5	5	0
Morey, m	2	0	1	0	0	Harney, m	0	1	0	0	0
Flynn, 1b	1	0	13	0	0	Nelson, rf	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	9	7	27	9	4	Totals	8	10	24	12	8

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Nonpareils	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	4—	9
West Omahas	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3—	8

SUMMARY.

Struck out: By Jellen, 9; by Stephenson, 9. Two-base hits: Shannahan. Home runs, Kleffner. Passed balls: By Creighton, 2; by Lacey, 1. Time of game: Two hours. Umpire: Brennan.

Home Team Won.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Madison and Newman Grove played a fine game of ball here today; score 6 to 5 in favor of Newman Grove. S. Wilberger and John O'Shea umpires.

SPARKS OF SPORT.

At the Grand Tonight.

The best athletic entertainment that has been arranged in Omaha this season will occur at the Grand opera house this evening. "Parson" Davies of Chicago, the widely known sporting man, will arrive here this forenoon, accompanied by Jim Hall, who is matched to fight Fitzsimmons for $12,000 and the world's middleweight championship. "Billy" Woods, the Colorado heavyweight champion, and other stellar ring attractions are with the "Parson." Ed Rothery of this city has arranged to have Jack Davis, always an Omaha favorite, spar four rounds with Hall, and Jim Hightower will do the same with Woods. The event of the evening promises to be the grand wind-up between Hall and Woods. The local aspirants for athletic honors have numerously responded to Mr. Rothery's call, and a very entertaining and exciting programme has been arranged for the pleasure of the many men in Omaha who liberally patronize entertainments of this class and character.

The Wonder Not in It.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 10.—This afternoon a special train left here for Fowler, a small station thirty-eight miles out, which had been selected as the battle grounds for the fight between Robert Dobs, colored, and Reddy Brennen, the "Streater wonder." The wonder was not in it from the start. Dobb's put him to sleep in the fifth round in the presence of about three hundred people.

Teuton Breaks Down.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 10.—Teuton, one of the most promising candidates for the Brooklyn handicap, has broken down here and will not be taken east. The tendon of his left fore leg has given away, but it is not thought that he will be retired for good.

AFFAIRS AT FORTUNE BAY.

Large Number of Bait Smugglers Come to Grief.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 10.—The latest advices about affairs at Fortune Bay, N. F., are to the effect that more than eighty schooners had escaped with bait to St. Pierre. The crews of these schooners disposed of their bait all right, but the question was how they could get home again and escape the law. After much deliberation in St. Pierre thirty-five of them determined to risk it, and accordingly put out for home. They were accompanied by twenty more schooners which were not in the bait traffic, but whose crews sympathized with them. The Tiona, Lady Glover and Favorite hopelessly followed, the men on board the schooners threatening to fire if they were interfered with. The fleet got into St. Jacques at 7 o'clock in the evening and the smugglers soon ascertained the strength of the bait protection squadron as represented by the crews of the Tiona and Lady Glover. They landed with the fixed determination of defying arrest. The men gathered together in an irregular squad, expecting the officers of the Tiona and Lady Glover to make the first move, but the latter, having instructions of reinforcements by the steamer Conscript, remained passive. The men could not realize what move was contemplated and would probably have proceeded to rioting as a relief to the state of affairs, when the Conscript arrived on the scene. They saw that they had overwhelming numbers to contend with and after some parley they gave in. Fifty-five men were at first arrested, but the number was afterwards reduced to eight, who are considered to be the ringleaders of the lawbreakers. These eight men were taken to St. John's.

KILLED A COWBOY.

Shot by the Casper Marshal for Resisting Arrest.

CASPER, Wyo., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This morning William Warren, a cowboy in the employ of Senator Carey, came into town and commenced drinking. Towards noon he wanted to fight, and the town marshal, William Hodge, attempted to arrest him, when he mounted his horse and started towards the ranch. The marshal told him to stop, but he refused, when the marshal fired two shots, hitting him in the back. Warren died almost in an instant. He was a new man in here and lately came from near Laramie, Wyo. There is considerable excitement in the town, and for fear the cowboys might make an attempt to avenge Warren's killing eight extra policemen have been sworn in.

Was Shaky for a Long Time.

LISBON, May 10.—The Lestano bank of this city, which on Friday was reported to be in difficulty, has long been known to be in a doubtful condition. The bank did a highly speculative business in underwriting loans. The government has declined to allow the bank a delay of six months to liquidate, but has referred it to the tribunal of commerce. It is estimated that sufficient money to the value of $1,250,000 was withdrawn from the Lisbon banks on Friday and Saturday. The police kept order at the doors. At the leading banks bills were readily discounted at 7 to 7½ per cent. The crisis is due to the bad political and financial condition of the government, causing distrust to enhance. The fall of exchange on Brazil and the fears of a revolution in Portugal have locked up capital, paralyzing trade, causes a labor crisis and opened markets to German competition. Unless means be found to unlock capital the results will be serious.

Murdered Her Husband.

CHICAGO, May 10.—While in jail in the suburban town of Austin last evening Alfred Townsly, a gambler, was shot and killed by his wife, who has of late been separated from him, residing in Lafayette, Ind. The charge against Townsly was that of manytimes repeated criminal assaults upon his eighteen-year old step-daughter, whose father was Townsly's brother. Mrs. Townsly was arrested. There was no witness to the tragedy.

Argentine Congress Opens.

BUENOS AYRES, May 10.—President Pellegrini opened congress today. His message to congress, which is a lengthy document, deals mainly with the finances. The political situation, he says, is hopeful, and in spite of the decrease of the customs revenue, the state of the treasury is satisfactory. In conclusion the president favors reform of the currency on a silver basis, and announces important financial changes.

Chicago Firemen Injured.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Fire was discovered in a basement on North Clark street yesterday afternoon. A dozen firemen went into the room to extinguish it. A can of gasoline exploded, throwing the men to the floor and against the wall with great force. Two of them are believed to be fatally injured and the others are badly cut and burned.

Transit of Mercury.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Cal., May 10.—The transit of Mercury was successfully observed here. Many photographs were taken.

WANT AN EARLY CONVENTION.

Iowa Republicans Preparing to Institute a Vigorous Campaign.

FARMER CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

Auditor Lyons and an Insurance Company Disagree—Result of the Strike of Iowa Miners—Memorial Day.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—There was a notable gathering of leading republicans of Iowa last Wednesday in conjunction with the meeting of the state central committee to decide upon the time and place for holding the state convention. The decision of the committee was to hold the convention at Cedar Rapids July 1. Since the state convention was put on wheels a year ago it seems destined to go the rounds of the state, and singularly, though probably not intentionally, following in the democratic wake. The Capital city is always glad to entertain such state conventions as see fit to come, but so many do come that the people cannot afford to suspend business and get out with committees and brass bands to welcome them, as the citizens of smaller cities who rarely ever see a convention can afford to do. But to the meeting.

A large number of all shades of republicans were present and an interesting conference was had. The sentiment was unanimous for an early convention and a hard fight all along the line for victory on election day. It was agreed that the platform should be broadened by the abandonment of local or state issues, so that all republicans could stand upon it. This means that the prohibition question will be so treated that neither faction on that issue will have cause to dissent, except, of course, the fanatics who are only pleased with their own ideas. The convention will be composed of 1,085 delegates.

If candidates were discussed, such fact has not come to the surface. It is conceded that some available farmer will be nominated for governor, the choice lying between L. S. Coffin of Fort Dodge, H. C. Wheeler of Odebolt, B. F. Clayton of Macedonia, B. R. Vale of Keosauqua, Samuel McNutt of Muscatine and possibly others.

For lieutenant governor, the present lieutenant, A. H. Poyneer, will have no opposition, unless he should be given first place.

Judge Beck will receive the nomination for his own successor on the supreme bench, and Superintendent Sabin will be renominated, as will also Frank T. Campbell for railway commissioner.

The great battlefield will be in the legislative districts, in the attempt of the democrats to accomplish what they came so near doing two years ago—the election of a majority. In this the fate of prohibition will be involved.

AN INSURANCE CASE.

A petition for a writ of mandamus has been served against State Auditor Lyons by the American casualty insurance and security company of Baltimore to compel him to issue to it a certificate permitting it to do more than one kind of business in Iowa. The auditor considers it contrary to the law to do this, and hence refuses. A certificate has been issued to the company to do an employers' liability business—insuring employers against possible judgment on account of a master's liability to a servant in his employ—but the company also desires to write all the risks of different kinds which their articles of incorporation permit them to do in Maryland. In the Iowa law in regard to fire and casualty companies five kinds of insurance are specified, but no company is permitted to issue policies for more than one of the kinds which they shall choose. The question has never been decided by the courts, and the result of this case will be awaited with interest.

THE IOWA MINERS' STRIKE.

The strike of the miners of this state seems to be a bit of folly for which the leaders of the united mine workers' organization ought to be censured. There was no grievance among the miners anywhere, and most of them were happily at work. There was little thought of a strike, and the men were really given to understand there would be none, but on May 1 the order was issued to the members of the order to cease work, and it was generally obeyed, not only by the united mine workers, but by others in sympathy. No demands were made upon the proprietors, and it was nearly a week before the men themselves knew they were striking for the eight hour day, and before any formal demands were made. If the strike is continued the result will be disastrous. But it is not likely to continue, as in many places there are signs of a break and in others the miners have returned to work. The men and their families were not prepared for a cessation of work, and appeals to an unsympathetic public have failed to bear fruit of a substantial kind. Help must come from the national treasury of the united mine workers, already overburdened by demands of the eastern strikers, or the Iowa strike will collapse from sheer exhaustion. Evidently somebody has blundered in this matter.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Following the lead of Commander-in-Chief Veazey of the Grand Army of the Republic the department commander of Iowa, Captain C. L. Davidson of Hull has issued a general order in regard to Memorial day. He says in part: "As this day has recurred from year to year, it would seem that the attempt of eloquent tongues and facile pens to adequately present its privileges and its sacred duties had left nothing unsaid. Yet has our commander-in-chief found new thoughts and clothed them in the language of a patriotic sincerity that is always eloquent; yet is he able to make new suggestions that will commend themselves to his comrades everywhere, and to which the careful attention of those within the department of Iowa is especially directed. Let, then, the 30th day of May in the year 1891—twenty-six years after the close of the war for liberty and union—be, if possible, more generally and more fully observed by the posts of this department than ever before. Especial attention is again called to the exercises on the preceding Sabbath (May 24), when appropriate religious services should be arranged under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic and attended by its members in a body, and as far as possible in uniform. The union of two or more posts in these services (and, indeed, in those of Memorial day proper) is often an advantage; and the junction of churches in the Sabbath service is always desirable. The co-operation of the school children has long been an established feature with us and it is one of the best—the appearance in each school room of a comrade in uniform to extend an invitation to participate being a most excellent suggestion."

HOMEOPATHISTS TO MEET.

The twenty-second annual session of the Hahnemann Medical association of Iowa will be held here next Tuesday and Wednesday. The officers of the association are: President, J. G. Gilchrist, Iowa City; secretary, A. P. Hanchett, Council Bluffs; treasurer, George Royal, Des Moines. The president's address will be Tuesday afternoon, and the election will take place in the evening. A diversified programme has been arranged and it is expected a hundred or more members will attend.

COAL FAMINE PROBABLE.

Iowa Miners' Strike Will Work Much Hardship There.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There is every prospect of a coal famine in this section. The miners at Foster have come out, thus practically leaving every mine in the state idle. A new contract has been presented to the miners at Hiteman, Neb., Flagler and other places, but the miners refused to sign it, and have been permanently discharged. The mines have been closed and the operators will not make any endeavor to resume work.

The railroads have a good supply on hand and the ill effects of the strike will fall on the manufacturers who must close within a week unless the situation changes. What makes the matter more serious is the fact that Illinois miners have served notices on their employers that no coal can be shipped into this state or they will declare a general strike.

A closing of the manufactories of this city would throw nearly 2,000 people out of employment. The Miners' Bulletin issued at Mystic declares that of the 12,000 miners in Iowa all are out except 700, and these are negroes. It declares the miners will not resume work till the eight hour day is conceded.

Purdy's Jury Disagreed.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The jury in the case of L. C. Purdy, the American express agent at Albia, who was accused of embezzling the funds of the company under the pretense of having been robbed, last Christmas, by three masked men, after two days' deliberation failed to agree. The case will be retried in September.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

No Injury Reported from the Late Frosts.

CRETE, Neb., May 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The United States signal service has issued the following weekly weather crop bulletin for Nebraska:

The week past has been cold and cloudy. No injury from frost has been reported, although a light frost occurred in a few localities and a hard freeze in the extreme northwestern part of the state on the 3d; where, however, the vegetation was not sufficiently advanced to be injured.

Light showers were general throughout the state the first part of the week, but the rainfall has been below the average, except in the southeastern part of the state, where it has been slightly in excess. Although crops are not suffering for moisture, light rains would be beneficial in all parts of the state.

The week has not been one of rapid growth, but small grain is everywhere reported in excellent condition. Corn planting has progressed slowly, many preferring to wait until the ground is warmer before planting, but in a few localities the corn is reported as nearly half planted.

Fruit blooms are unusually numerous, and the promise is for a large crop.

Petty Thieves Arrested.

OVERTON, Neb., May 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—For the past