

SCHOOL BOY HERO DROWNED.

Young Miles Loses His Life After Saving Several Others.

TWO COMPANIONS MET THE SAME FATE.

Narrow Escape of Teacher and Scholars—Water Flowing into the Windows of the Building—Other State News.

Nonprofit, Neb., June 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Word has just been received from West Branch, an inland town in the western part of this Madison county, that three school children were drowned during the storm yesterday while at school. Their names were Miles, Hamlin and Cox, ranging in age from eight to ten years. The school house is situated at the intersection of two small creeks. It appears that the water had risen to such a height that it was pouring into the windows when the teacher and scholars attempted their escape, with the above fatal result. Young Miles saved the life of his teacher and several of the scholars before he was drowned. Another son of Mr. Miles drifted about eighty rods and finally saved his life by clinging to a milldam tower until the water subsided.

Doane College Orators. CHICAGO, June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—There were seven contestants for the Doane college oratorical prizes on Tuesday, and all acquitted themselves with credit. The contest was a close one. H. C. House won first prize, \$25; Miss Bertha Still, second, \$15; L. A. Turner, third, \$10.

The regular class day exercises yesterday were held in the Congregational church on account of rain. In the afternoon, was held the president's reception at Gaylord hall. The commencement concert was held last evening and was a delightful affair. This morning the regular commencement exercises were held. Miss Lillian Tracy was the only graduate in the class. The graduates of the regular courses were: James W. Cooper, Eva Putnam, J. A. Otis, Carrie Cooper, Anna A. Davis, Max Bennett and Gray W. Green. The orators were well delivered and all showed ability and deep study. The diplomas were presented by Prof. Perry.

An Alliance Candidate. HARTINGTON, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—Willbur F. Bryant, an attorney of this city and a prominent prohibitionist who stumped the state for the amendment last fall, is announced as the leading candidate of the farmers' alliance for the position of judge during the coming campaign. Bryant has heretofore been identified with the Republicans and was at one time elected district attorney on that ticket. He is said to be strongly supported for this nomination.

An Engine Crippled. NEPHEW, Neb., June 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Crochran train was coming from Scribner today the side bar of the engine broke, causing quite a commotion. Fireman Murphy jumped from the engine and was severely injured, but nothing serious, however. No further damage is reported.

Syracuse All-Right. SYRACUSE, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—Some papers give Syracuse the credit of having several cases of smallpox. This statement is false, as there is not a case of the disease in the city. The people at Douglas, seventeen miles away, are so carefully quarantined that the spread of the disease seems impossible. The Syracuse paper next week will be glad to see the assurance that the public is taking no chances in attending.

Dawson County Crops. LEAVENWORTH, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—Heavy rains have fallen in western Nebraska for the past ten days, with short intervals, and the situation of the weather has been varying, but averages good. Some hail has fallen, but only in a few small strips of territory. In Dawson county small grain continues to do well, except on very low ground. Corn backward, "diseased" and suffering the worst.

Assaulted by a Tramp. BEATRICE, Neb., June 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Miss Van Buskirk, aged fifteen years, was assaulted by an unknown tramp while out buggy riding at the north limits of the city last evening. The young lady's dress was torn and she was otherwise unharmed. No clue has yet been obtained of her assailant. The city is just now practically overrun with tramps.

Gates College Graduates. NEPHEW, Neb., June 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Gates college closed another successful term last evening, this being commencement week with its exercises. Messrs. Spencer Hasking and Clifford Holt, the latter a son of Rev. Holt, were the graduates in the morning. The orators of Gates graduated in music. The orations of both young men were exceedingly fine and well delivered.

Took an Appeal. BEATRICE, Neb., June 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The appeal bond in the Sixth ward district injunction matter was filed last evening. The bond is for \$2,000 and the signers are C. L. Schell, C. E. White, John Henderson and W. H. Duppette. This carries the case to the supreme court and will consequently involve the postponing the paying of South Fifth street.

Big Rains in Western Nebraska. GIBBS, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—Scotts Bluff county is thoroughly soaked. A continuous rain has been coming down since sunset on Monday evening, and at the end of twenty-four hours it shows no indication of ceasing. The crop is insured, row on grains and farmers are feeling exhilarated.

Too Much Rain. PLAINVIEW, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—Rain has been falling here all day and farmers have commenced to find fault for the wet weather hinders corn planting. Crops are insured, but what late on account of the dry weather in May, but the prospects for the corn crop are too good.

Methodist Conference. NEPHEW, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—The thirty days' session of the Elliptical valley conference closed today. The meeting was largely attended from all over the district and was quite an interesting one.

Crops Not Injured. NEPHEW, Neb., June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—A three days' steady rain has been in progress, flooding bottom and swelling the streams. Crops are not injured in the least.

Lynching Probable. CELINA, O., June 18.—Mary Price was lynched on this morning by two men, who dragged her into a thicket and attempted to outrage her. Her screams brought her brother Elmer. The latter was fatally stabbed by the miscreants, who then escaped. They were captured this afternoon and lodged in jail. Popular excitement is high.

Foster and Proctor Go Home. WASHINGTON, June 18.—Secretary Foster left Washington this morning for a week's visit to his old home in Fosteria, O. Secretary Proctor has gone to Vermont for a week or ten days.

Nicaragua Canal Election. DENVER, Colo., June 18.—The annual meeting of the Nicaragua canal construction company was held today at the office of the company.

DEFEATED THE GOVERNMENT.

Important Amendment to the Factory Bill Adopted in the Commons.

CHILDREN PROHIBITED FROM WORKING.

Home Secretary Matthews Denounced by the Press—The Truth of Signor Corte's Late Report Confirmed.

LONDON, June 18.—In the debate in the house of commons today on the factory bill the amendment of Mr. Sidney Buxton (liberal) to prohibit children under seven years of age from working was adopted by a vote of 202 to 188. The government was thus defeated. The majority raised the few conservative members. Mr. Buxton's amendment will affect 150,000 to 200,000 children in this kingdom now employed in manufacturing districts as half-timers. It is a humanitarian reform and was opposed by the bulk of the operatives who benefit by the labor of their offspring. The liberals argued that the abolishing of child labor would provide more work for adults.

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THIS IS SOMETHING FRESH.

Interstate Commission Listens to Complaints from Rival Salt Dealers.

CHAIRMAN FINLEY AND THE ALTON.

Passenger Agents of the Buffalo Lines Discuss the Scalping of Coupon Tickets from Buffalo to St. Louis.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 18.—The interstate commerce commission, now in session here, today heard the case of the Kansas salt dealers, who charge the railroads with discrimination against the Kansas mines and in favor of the Michigan mines. The Michigan Salt association through its general agent, Jolt Morton, asked to be implemented in the case. The request was granted. This action on the part of the association practically takes the case out of the hands of the railroads and causes the fight to become one between the Michigan and Kansas salt dealers. The taking of evidence in the case occupied the entire time of today's session of the commission.

Bureau of the Basic Victims. BOSTON, June 18.—A public meeting was held for a large number of the victims of Sunday's disaster near Mouchonstien. The entire population attended the services. Many more bodies have been discovered at the scene of Sunday's railway disaster near Mouchonstien. Some of the bodies are headless and others without arms or legs. Today the dismembered body of a beautiful young girl was found. It was identified as the daughter of a family who had been in the canton since 1888. The canton will defray the expenses of the funerals of all the victims of the disaster.

Division of Competitive Traffic. CHICAGO, June 18.—The question of dividing competitive traffic on a percentage basis between the Chicago and St. Louis lines is being discussed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Chicago and St. Louis lines are competing for the business of the Chicago and St. Louis lines. The Chicago and St. Louis lines are competing for the business of the Chicago and St. Louis lines.

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NOT AN EXPENSIVE STATE.

Nebraska Almost Pays Uncle Sam for His Postal Accommodations.

SOME VERY INTERESTING FIGURES.

What It Costs to Handle the Mail—Omaha a Source of Profit—Not a Costly Luxury.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—[Special to The Bee.]—The officials of the postoffice department are making an interesting statistical information connected with the operations of the postal establishment. They claim that the figures made up by them are a good index of the business situation in the country, for when times are good the postal receipts steadily advance, while in "soft" years the showing they can make is not so satisfactory. It is hardly necessary to add that the statistics for the last year are of the prime order. But the present purpose is not to generalize, but rather to give some facts and figures of interest relative to the operations of the postal system in Nebraska.

The total postal receipts in the state during the last year reached the sum of \$7,000,000. Naturally, the largest item in this total fund came from the sales of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards, for it is from "small sales and quick profits" that Uncle Sam gathers in his postal millions, and these realized, \$2,818,353. Another source of revenue is the sale of postage stamps, which yielded \$5,550,959. Even the sales of waste paper secured \$2,278. These are the three sources of revenue. The total amount of postal establishment is considered a distinct institution.

During the year the total expenditures amounted to \$6,000,000. From this it can be seen that the expenditures in the state exceeded the receipts by \$700,000. It is proper to note, however, that this is not a fair statement of the matter, for the largest item in the expense account is for the transportation of the mails on the roads. This is a very large item, and in which, of course, there is little of a local character. But this is all included in the total postal receipts. The total amount of the postal receipts for the year was \$7,000,000. The number of new offices established was seventy-one, but thirty-four were discontinued.

The postmaster, the figures contrast to the old mail matter to officials who claim that "few and none resign," as seven of the Nebraska postmasters resigned during the year and 25 resigned. The removals numbered 123. As it well known it is the business interest of the larger towns and cities that go to swell the postal receipts. This is shown locally from the fact that the postoffice receipts in Omaha are \$2,818,353, or seventy-eight in number, contributed of the aggregate receipts, \$55,019.04. The aggregate salaries of these postoffice postmasters are \$1,800,000, when the appointment of Nebraska postmasters in the present year, amount to \$18,000.

Next we come to the extent of the mail transportation service. Its length, cost and number of miles, of course, still continued to Nebraska. The length of the star mail routes in the state is 3,375 miles, and the total length of all routes is \$1,000,000. The total length of the star mail routes in the state is 3,375 miles, and the total length of all routes is \$1,000,000. The total length of the star mail routes in the state is 3,375 miles, and the total length of all routes is \$1,000,000.

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