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Western Pensions.

WASHINGTON, July 19 .- | Special Telegram

THE BEE.]-The following list of pensions

granted is reported by Tak Bee and Exam-

Nebraska: Original-Jorgen Jorgenson.

John Stevens, Albert Horn, Richard Bedley,

Fletcher N. Whips, John Strevey, George

Myers, Charles W. Wnitney, Matthew B.

Noel, Samuel McNees, William Flery, Abram H. Salon, Napoleon B. Loomis, Henry Stansberry, John M. Johnson, Patrick But-ler, Leonard N. Watson, William B. Kiver, Gideon T. Harlow, Hingley C. Knight,

George E. Bates, Albert J. Stover, James R.

George E. Bates, Albert J. Stover, James R. Moore, Charles G. Swanson, Samuel Calfahan, Sylvanus L. Hawley, William T. Ireland, Duncan McRae, Loonard Beggs, Gilbert C. Boyce, James F. Hanson, William Kaashaw, David C. Smith, Thomas Paul,

Charles H. Richards, Jacob H. Wyman, James K. P. Yeagley, William Zeigler, Charles F. Winslow, James Duffy, William

Blair, Additional—Alfred Puzer, Increase—Edwin H. H. McKnight, Original widow

-Rosetta D. Powell. Iowa-Original: William Jan, John S. Penfield, Thomas H. Holt, George P. Smith,

Henry L. Smith, Joseph Ridenour, James Munns, jr., Jesse Milliken, David Morrow,

George A. Edmunds, Robert Smith, Calvin

L. Marquis, John W. Louis, Perry Morrison, John Dignas, William L. Lockridge, George H. Akeman, Benjamin W. McFarlin,

Oliver J. Conner, Samuel Coulson, Elenezer McMarshall, John Laporte, Albert Taegood, Thomas L. Willis, Morgan F. Taylor, John F. Wall, Stewart Tuclock, David J. Logan,

Harrison Parker, William White, Samuel Spillers, David C. Watson, William A. Still-well, B. Corner, Agustus H. Cushman, Joseph S. Conklin, John H. Bolton, George L. White, John W. Rama, J. B. D. Place, Samuel Patterson, George Schooling, Oramus

Samuel Patterson, George Schooling, Oramus C. Rowe, Frederick Gooser, Joseph A. T. Baton, George W. Richardson, James E. Krock, John Beatty, Isaac Coffman, Uriah Richards, George W. Teas, Additional—John Birchmiler, Original widows, etc.—Minors of Silas W. Turner; Peru Rawson, Lather; Silva Scott, Catharine Vierling, Catharine W. Traesdell, minor of Frederick D. Stanler

D. Stanley.
The following pensions were issued on the

Nebraska: Original-Nelson Briley, James

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M. Graham, Thomas Brisbano, James H. Barrow, William Hunsell, James Hammond, John W. West, William H. Walker, Thomas

Eberly, Andrew J. Godfrey, Francis H. Por-ter, Jephtha Hopkins, Joseph Oatney, James

Whittingham, John Clarkson, Jacob Haas, Jasper Macumber, William D. Jones, Additional—William Logan.

Haas, Jasper Macumber, William D. Jones, Additional—William Logan, Reissue—Edwin A. Douglass, Anderson Larne, Reissue and Increase—Stephen Mill-

Kansas: Original-Jonas H. Dennis, Wil-

Ransas: Original—Jonas H. Dennis, Wil-liam P. Walker, Christopher C. Grisham (de-ceased), Robert H. McClelland, Daniel D. Ross, Joseph W. Watson, Thomas H. Davis, Napoleon Sharrai, Job Fowler, Theo Poorer-

lein, Francis Yarberry, Jabez D. Taber William S. Snodgrass, George Washington Charles H. Green, James P. Long, Asa O

Cero, David O. Grice, James L. King, William E. Tyron, Thomas Lowe, John E. Trumbuil, Asbery C. Jewett, Emory P. Travis, Noah Petiat, John H. Anderson, George W. Maore, Charles Cook, John Walsh, Hilton H. Cale, John Orth, Jerome

Wash, Hitton H. Care, John Orth, Jerome B. West, Benjamin Jonlin, James H. Wil-liams, James H. White, Seneca Gurney, Closem King, George Boffmer, Joseph Mc-Donald, Thomas Hall, Elwood Coote, James W. Graham, Noah S. Weddle, Frederick P.

Smith, Henry R. Hervey, Thomas G. Laird, James M. Baugnman, Charles Cowler, Fred-erick Phillips, Frederick Hoover, Thomas Phillips, John Riorgan, Ferdinand Glot-hart, Daniel Suiter, John Rhodes, Mel-vin H. Farcham, William Barr, Al-

hart. Daniel Suiter, John Rhodes, Melvin H. Farnham, William Barr, Albert R. Smith, Samuel A. Newhall, William H. Hensley, Albert Diebail, Soloman Sweat, Richard Gifford, Moses S. Teter, John D. Bolton, Samuel P. Garrigan, Leonard B. Pearson, Aaron Dithon, Theodore McD. Price, Riley Page, Frank E. Hawkins, Samuel Gilbert, Benjamin Hatchett, John Crane, George Purvis, Francis Bouletto, David Frailck, Daniel S. Dix, Richard W. Phillips, Leander Frayer, Julius White, Thomas S. Wier, William Wells, William Clark, Henry H. Beach, Oliver H. Allen,

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Theodore Burket, Charles H. Jones, John M. Rice (deceased), Joseph C. Thomas, John C. McCormick. Increase—John A. Everett,

Lucy Berry, Mary C. Grisham. Colorado: Alfred H. Magoon, William

Colorado: Aifred H. Mageen, William Conover, William McCabe, Samuel Shep-herd, Aaron March. Additional—George W. Walters. Increase—William H. Chap-

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LONDON FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Good Demand for Discount During the Past Wesk.

URUGUAY BANKRUPT BEYOND HOPE.

Suspension of the River Platte Bank Will Be Followed by Numerous Other Large Failures-European Situation.

LONDON, July 19 .- During the past week there was a good demand for discount, with money less abundant. Discount was quoted at 1% per cent for three months and % per cent for short. The total amount of gold withdrawn from the Bank of England for the week was £1,100,000, including £805,000 which went to Russia. The Bank of England's reserve is now less than £16,000,000. About £3,000,000 will be wanted for home purposes during the autumn. This, besides continued shipments of gold to the United continued shipments of gold to the Carloe States, gives a certainty of dearer money. The English River Platte bank failure left the stock exchange yesterday in a condition of general depression. The collapse did not surprise people in a position to know the facts, by which they realized it as almost insultain.

The suspension of the River Platte bank will be followed by other windings up, as the way is thoroughly cleared for sound business. Prominent among defaults is the mission of the Uruguay republic's agent, Elliwars, in trying to rearrange loans which proved a dead failure, London and continental financial houses apparently considering the Jruguayan government as bankrupt beyond

The pervading sense of insecurity is affect-The pervading sense of inscourty is affecting the best securities. Consols fell 1/2 rerecent on the week, Rupee paper 1/2 per cent and Indias 3s 11/2 per cent. Among the foreign securities Argentines lost 11/2 to 5 per cent; Urauguay bonds, 2% per cent; Portuguese bonds, 1% per cent and Chillans

English railway securities were weak and the dividends were disappointing. The dividend of the South Eastern was 2½ per cent against a previous 3½ per cent; that of the Great Eastern 1½ per cent against a previous 2 per cent; and that of the Brighton 3½ per cent against a previous 2 per cent against a previous 2 per cent against a previous 2 per cent against a previous 4½ per cent against a previous 2 per cent against a per cent 3¼ per cent against a previous 4¼ per cent; the result being an average fall for the week of 1 to 3)4 per cent. American railway se-curities were dull with a general record of falls in prices. They closed at the lowest

fails in prices. They closed at the lowest quotations yesterday and the street quotations were the worst of the week.

The week's variations in prices include the following: Decreases — Denver & Rio Grande, 5½ per cent; Nortolk & Western preferred, 3½ per cent; Union Pacific and Denver Ordinary, 1½ per cent each; Louisville & Nashville and Northern Pacific 1½ per cent each; Central Pacific Mexican Central Pacif per cent each; Central Pacific, Mexican Central, New York Central and Northwestern, 15 per cent each. Increase-Lake Shore, 134 per cent; Wabash debentures, 1/2 per cent. Canadian securities were flat; Grand Trunk first and second preferred dropped 1% per cent; Grand Trunk third preferred, 1% per cent; Grand Trunk guaranteed, 1 per cent. Mexican railways were pressed for sales, seconds lost 5½ per cent, firsts 4½ per cent, and ordinary 2½ per cent. In bank securities London River Platte dropped 7 per cent, English River Platte £10 per share, which were quoted at £0 last week, were offered yesterday gratis with a bonus of £3, but there were no takers. The liabilities of the bank are estimated at £4,000,000 and the vis-ible assets are £2,000,000, with about £3,000,-000 of doubtful buls due in South America Among miscellaneous securities Guineas dropped 4 per cent, Alsopps 2 and nitrates ¼ per cent, while Beli's asbestos gained ¼ per

Havana Market Review.

HAVANA, July 19 .- Sugar-During the week buyers made enhanced offers. but week buyers made enhanced oners, but sellers held out for higher prices. Molasses sugar, regular to good polarization, \$2.25@ 2.37½ gold per quintal; muscovado, fair to good refining, 85 to 90 degrees, \$2.18¾@ 2.37½; centrifugal, 92 to 96 degrees, polarization, in hogsheads, bags or boxes, \$2.8759

stocks in warehouses at Havana and Matanzes 68 boxes, 1,260,000 bags and 3,300 hogs-heads. Receipts of the week 5,100 bags and 152 horshends. Exports during the week 51,000 bags and 134 hogsheads, of which 43,500 bags and all the hogsheads to the United States. Bacon \$13.50 gold per cwt. Butter, superior American, \$2.60 gold per quintal. Flour, \$1.30 gold per characteristics. bbi for American. Jerked beef, \$9.00 gold per quintal. Hams, American sugar cured, 17c gold per quintal for northern, 23c for southern. Lard in kegs, \$12.50 gold per quintal, in tins, \$14.75.0 Lumber nominal; shooks nominal. White pavy beans, \$6.75 shooks nominal. White navy beans, \$6.75 gold per quintal. Chewing tobacco, 25c gold per quinal. Hoops nominal; freights firm, but not quotably bigham. not quotably higher. Spanish gold, 22,3914 (@2,3914.

Berlin Review. Bernis, July 19.—Dealings on the bourse were limited during the past week, but the tone of the market was firm till the end of the week on reports of London and Argen-

tine failures. The closing quotations of yes-terday include Mexican 6s, 85,60; Deutsche bank, 125; Roubies, 222,50; Bochumers, 1; Harpners, 14; short exchange on London, 20,24; long exchange on London, 20,25)4; private discount, 33 8.

Frankfort Review.

FRANKFORT, July 19.—The past week was a dull one in the bourse; prices were steady and higher, except those of foreign securities which were ¼ per cent yesterday. The closing quotations of the week include, Italians, 91.41; Portugese bonds, 65.10; Rus sians, 97.50; Spanish 4s, 72.16; short ex change on London, 20.34; private discount,

Paris Review. Panis, July 19 .- The bourse was quiet during the week and closed heavy yesterday owing to the depression in London. The declines of the week include: Three per cent rentes, 10c; Credit Fonciers, 54f Rio Pinto, 11f; Bank of France, 20f.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

Issued by the United States Signal Service Bureau.

for the past week is as follows:

Washington, July 19 .- The weather crop bulletin issued by the signal service bureau

Temperature-The week has been cool in

all districts east of the Rocky mountains, except in New England, New York and southern Texas, where the normal temperature prevailed. Over the western and central portions of the cotton region the mean temperature of the week was but slightly below the normal, while in the south Atlantic states and over the whole corn regions of the central valleys the mean temperature for the week was about 6 degrees below the normal. In the spring wheat region the deficiency in temperature was less, amounting to about 3 degrees per day. The same deficiency in temperature prevailed in southern California, but it was slightly warmer in northern California, Oregon and Washington. The temperature for the scanner from January 1 to July 1 continues in excess in the northern states, Tennessee and the Ohio valley and over the spring wheat region, notwithstanding the fact that the current month of July has so far been cooler than any July since the establishment

of the weather bureau.

Rainfall—The areas of excessive rainfalls during the past week are much broken and widely distributed, the largest area extend-ing from Lake Superior westward to Oregon, including she greater portion of the spring wheat region. The rainfall was generally less than usual in that portion of the central valley where barvest work is in progress, extending from the southern portions of the lake region of southern Minnesota. Generally through-out the principal corn producing states the amount of rainfall for the season amounts to from 80 to 90 per cent of the normal and there is apparently a sufficient amount of moisture n most localities to develop the corn crop, which is now in need of warm weather.
South Daketa - Wheat ripeuing; other

grains being barvested; growth of corn re-tarded by cool weather; rain needed in some localities for late crops. Colorado Rain needed; cercals being har-vested in eastern Colorado; in general crops

orogressing well except in eastern Laramic

and western Weld counties, where the hall-storm on Thursday afternoon did much damage.
The Missouri state agricultural board's

crop buildin says corn is growing fast. Wheat is being threshed. Other grains the same as reported last week.

Weekly Crop Bulletin. CRETE, Neb., July 10.-[Special to THE BEE,]-The week has been very favorable for harvesting, and a fine crop of rye and wheat is now practically secured in the southeastern part of the state. Corn has grown well considering the cool weather. There has been about the average amount of sunshine during the week, with the temperature generally from three to six degrees below the normal. Rain has been very light, but enough has fallen everywhere to moisten the surface of the ground. It was lightest in the upper Elkhorn valley, where there was only a trace, and heaviest in Kearney county, where it amounted to nearly three inches. Several local hall storms have done damage, the most destructive one extending along the southern line of Kearney, Adams,

Clay and Filmore counties.

Corn has grown well the past week, but is still backward; some report it from ten days to two weeks behind; it is just tasseling in the southeastern part of the state. The hay crop is unusually large and potatoes an excellent crop.

For Schiltz beer applyto R. R. Grott 112) Farnam.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Nebraska. Work is progressing on the Kearney cotton

Burt county's democratic convention will be held at Texamah July 27. The state line reunion will be held at Hardy August 18, 19 and 20. An alliance picnic will be held on the Crete Chautauqua grounds August 1.

The Broken Bow Horse association will hold a horse fair some time in August. Red Willow county prohibitionists will hold a mass convention at McCook August 1. A tramp riding in a car of lumber was badly squeezed at Weeping Water, but he will recover.

The Boone county reunion will be held at St. Edward September 25, 26 and 37, and a great time is expected. Arrangements are being made for holding

a big shooting tournament in Hastings some time during August or September, Wayne Golden, a young Cass county armer, fell on a seythe and cut his leg so badly that he will probably be a cripple for

Grand Island's chief of police has arrested a tramp loaded down with a lot of new cutlery, for which the officer is hunting up an

A drunken man tried to drive a team across the railroad bridge at Beatrice, but the horses fell between the stringers and the

driver landed in jail. Judge Chapman will be orator of the day at the annual reunion of the old settlers of Cass and adjoining counties which will be held at Union August 22.

The Sulton Advertiser is out in a new dress, and Editor Clark falls into poetry over the event. The Advertiser is bright editorially and its dress now corresponds. The Dakota county alliance has elected officers for the ensuing six months as follows:

President, D. L. Allen; vice-president, George Blessing; secretary, J. F. Leamer. Sugar beet prospects have advanced several points in this section during the last ten days, and the outlook is decidedly encouraging, says the Grand Island Independent. It seems the first two years of the experimenting with the crop represent the extrements, last year being the dryest season known for twenty years, and this season going to the opposite extreme to an extent never before known in Nebraska. If the crop will succeed fairly well under such conditions, what may we expect in an average season? There is every reason to believe that in less than five years the beet crop will be acknowledged the gilt edged product of Nebraska.

W. C. Brauy was sitting in the barber's chair in Hoover's shop at Fremont, where he met with a singular and very painful mis-hap, which for a time almost crazed him with pain. The barber attempted to strike away a large bug which was flying about the chair, and in doing so the bug was knocked into the ear of Mr. Brady, and it could not be extracted for some time. He at once started for the office of Dr. Brown, the started for the office of Dr. Brown, the family physician, suffering the most excruciating pain and screaming in his agony. The doctor was out of town and he was taken to the office of Dr. Martin, and the aid of Drs. McDonald and Smith called in and Mrs. Brady sent for. Under the influence of chloroform, the painful operation of removing the bug was accomplished, be ing necessarily slow, and it was not until it had been partially picked to pieces that it was taken out. It was not removed until about half past ten o'clock. The suffering endured during those two long hours or more can haruly be imagined. The cause of this mi-hap was one of the large red June bugs. and the physicians cannot understand how it managed to enter the car.

Iowa. Oskaloosa will invest in \$41,000 worth of brick paving.

A Sac county farmer is raising eighty acres of buckwheat. The contract has been let for a new \$30,000 hotel at Marengo. Several cows have died in the vicinity of

Lehigh of hydrophobia. A dozen Grinnell college boys are doing service in the dining room of the Arnold

Henry Tobiason, a Jones county farmer, fell from a hay mow in his barn and was killed. He was an old settler, The Ida Grove Era notes that timothy

hotel, Lake Okoboji.

covered by water during the flood is dying, while blue grass is uninjured. The News thinks from the number of begus silver dollars that have been passed in Boone a gang of counterfeiters are operating

The three candidates for governor have been invited to Keokuk to speak on the labor plank in each of their platforms at the Labor

A young fellow of sixteen, near Scranton supplanted his orother in the affections of the latter's wife, and the injured husband sent the foolish woman home to her mother.

A rabid dog was killed on the streets of Tama after it had bitten four horses. The dog was also seen in the town pasture. the citizens are afraid to use the milk from their cows. James W. Smith of Grand township,

Greene county, has a gas well on his farm Stones weighing six ounces were thrown out of the opening, and an artesian well will be the ultimate result. The Calhoun County Agricultural society

has just completed a new half-mile race track at Rockwell City. The fair occurs September 15 to 19, with an interesting speed pro gramme for each day. The Iowa Central Veteran association will its annual reunion at Wornock's grove,

near Avon Junction, August 12, 13 and 14. The last day is old settlers' day. Hon. J. A. T. Hull, Gen. Given and Col. Gatch will be the speakers. "W. S. Renne and Joseph Bower think they should have the old man's champion belt for fast hooing," says a Smithland item in the Correctionville News. "Tuey hood sixty acres of coru in just six days. Mr. Renne is sixty-one years old and Uncle Joe is seventy-eight."

Immense quantities of raspberries and currants have been shipped from Glenwood dur-ing the past two weeks. The average has been about 250 crates per day, and on Mon-day Mr. Towsiec sent to the depot 429 crates, but was unable to get them all shipped. As the crates each contained sixteen quart boxes, a naif bushel, there were 214) bush-els of fruit for that day

els of fruit for that day. Frank Piepgrass of Creda, while walking along a road in that vicinity recently came across a weasel. He gave the animal a kick to scare it out of his way when it set up a cort of his way when it set up a sort of chippering noise and was answered from all directions. Then the animals com-menced to gather around and Piepgrass began to kick, but they soon became so thick that he was glad to give up the fight and take to

A new smoke stack at the Anamosa peni tentiary, 175 feet high, is nearly completed and will be the tallest in the state. The work has been done by convict "Reddy" Winters, serving a sentence of several years for bur-glary, and is said to be a piece of re.narkable workmanship. When the chimney is com-pleted a number of electric lights will be placed on its summit, which will be visible for many miles around.

TALKS ON TRADE SUBJECTS.

The Shrinkare in Business is a Sort of Conservatism.

THE SPECULATIVE SPIRIT IS DORMANT.

In a Great Many Lines of Business the Market May Be Aptly Described as a Waiting One,

A great deal is heard from all parts of the country about "dull times," and business men have offered many reasons for the existing conditions. The New York Bulletin says that it has been remarked for some time that the prevailing characteristic of the present shrinkage in business is a sort of conservatism. To the manufacturers, it appears that the wholesale traders buy with a caution which is quite unusual. To the wholesale dealers, again, it appears that the clothiers and the retail dealers exhibit more caution than is usual, and wait for known and cer-A fludson have been beavy today. The wheat market has a discouraging look for business and improvement in prices.

Cuto S. A. McWhorter: Wheat has exhibited no feature of interest. Trade was mainly local and close up for the week. The undertone seems to gather strength. Quite a number of successful traders favor the long side on soft spois for the present, arging that the market is entitled to a raily after so serious a decline. The report of the American consulat Odessa to Pilisbury, predicting a shortage of over four hundred thousand bushels in Russian wheat and rye crops, undoubted y had a strengthening effect. Kecipts continue to increase, but the demand is excellent and stocks accumulate slowly. It is noticeable that carlots are not hawked about in the cash crowd as in former years. The wheat quietly absorbs without attracting attention to the surprise of speculators. Not much change in the visible is expected. The sharp castern deminal for corn which has been the most striking feature of our market for some time seems to be abating. It is thought stocks here will shertly increase in consequence and that prices will be materially reduced. Oats heavy but not much pressure to Sell. 2 good market, prices now being higher than at any previous time for eighteen months. A strong built increase more being higher than at any previous time for eighteen months. A strong built increase in the milking the market, and we would not be surprised to see provisions 20 somewhat higher temporarily, but we anticipate a bad break when hogs begin to be marketed more fully. Farmers are too busy with their grain harvest to market hogs just now. tain demands of consumers before venturing to take the usual stocks. There is much truth in all this, and it may be profitable to consider somewhat closely what it really A few years ago there came upon the

country an era of over-trading and speculation. Everybody seemed to be just on the point of getting suadenly rich, and was so confident that things were certain to improve that he wanted to buy just as much as he possibly could, straining his credit only too often for that purpose. This made what was called good times. The retail dealers bought without stint, and therefore the wholesale dealers bought still more largely expecting that the same demand would largely, expecting that the same demand would continue and would even increase, and the manufacturers in their turn produced larger quantities of goods, assured that tomorrow would be as today and more also. While this hopeful state of things lasted there was netivity all around, and all sorts of people were making money, on paper, eyen if they did have inconveniently large accounts un-

But a series of events came to test this

somewhat unreal prosperity. Two successive open winters diminished very sharply the consumption of important branches of man-ifactures. The coal consumption was reduced from the same cause, and in many other ways the effect of these open winters was felt in trade. But at the same time there came agitation about the silver question, and a measure of uncertainty regarding the currency of the future, and a consequent curtailment of credits on the part of those who distrusted the tendency of legislation. Then at the same time there came a partial failure of crops, and that compelled large numbers of people to restrict for the time their consumption of many products. Instead of buying new clothes, they were the old a little longer, and instead of buying new supplies for the household, and new farm implements and tools as freely as before, they got on as best they could, waiting for better times. This meant a curtailment of consumption on the part of a very large body of people, and the effect was felt in many places. I happened also that the great speculation in real estate throughout the west and south ended in disastrous decline at a multitude of points about the same time, and this also in creased the enforced economy on the part of many.

Out of all this it came to pass that stocks much larger than usual remained unsold in the hands of retail dealers. As they could not sell, many were unable to pay, and were forced to obtain extensions, so that those who had sold them goods were obliged to carry a larger burden of indebted-ness than usual. Instead of the increased sales by wholesale merchants, there came a shrinkage, and so considerable stocks were left on hand for them, with corresponding burdens of indebtedness to manufacturers. The movement, from first to last, was thus retarded. The volume of business dimin-ished because actual consumption diminished. Failures somewhat increased in number, but if the facts could have been precisely ascertained, it would doubt'ess have appeared that the volume of deferred commercial inlebtedness increased much more largely. There has come a revival of confidence with the prospect of abundant crops. Yet trade does not at once improve in like mea-

sure, and many are surprised thereat. It must be remembered that considerable un-soid stocks had first to be get out of the way, and a considerable body of indebtedness to be liquidated before traders in the different departments could feel free to purchase as largely as usual. Thus it was remarked but a week or two age in one of the trade jour-nals that many of the clothiers were so far mbarrassed by carrying unusual accounts for customers that they were not in position o purchase goods as yet with the old free-lom. Much the same state of things was noticed some time ago in the boot and shoe

But a larger cause of delay is found in the caution which properly follows a season of commercial disappointment. In all depart-ments men remember that their hopes led them not very long ago to push ahead somewhat too fast and too far, and the recollection helps them today to be prudent in their operations. Good crops are coming, they reason, and as a result larger consumption and larger trade, which they mean to share when it comes, but they do not intend to risk everything by purchasing in advance more than they may be able to sell. Hence observers describe the market in most of the trades as a waiting market, and the shrewdest commercial dispatches note a moderate trade now in progress, but at nearly all points a strong and growing confidence that trade will improve in the near future. The phenomena are not nconsistent or contradictory, as some pose, but the conservatism manifested is in the main evidence of commercial soundness and health, and of the absence of that venturesome speculative spirit which so often brings disaster. There is more than ordi-nary reason to expect a large and profitable ousiness during the latter half of this year. The monetary uncertainties have at times seemed quite threatening, but the foreign noney markets have so far improved that little apprehension on that account is now felt, while the condition of domestic money markets warrants the belief that needed supplies of money may be forthcoming for all legitimate business. The very fact that the speculative spirit is dormant renders it the less likely that the natural improvement in business will be checked by failure of ionetary supplies.

Traders' Talk.

St. Louis, Mo., July 18.—Langenburz Brothers to Cockrell Brothers: The following was the range of prices at this point today: OMMODITY | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yest.

82 8214 8196 8196 8134 50% 50% 50 60 60% 30 30 25% 28% 30 Chicago, July 18.—F. G. Lozan & Co. to Toneray & Bryan: The fluctuations in wheat have been narrow. Heavy receipts in this and other markets causes some hesitancy in the minds of our men who are disposed to look on present prices as low. Cables are steady and the demand for eash wheat continues good, all of which is taken for export. Our August wheat seiling at 84c is very low considering freights and foreign values such as our No. 2 is selling at 38s 6d, say August wheat seiling at Mc is very low considering freights and foreign values such as our No. 2 is seiling at 38 fol. Say equal to \$1.15 in Liverpool, which by the way is the lowest market in the kinzdom. Our No. 2 can be land down including a commission and all charges at \$1.5.Seidom is there so handsome a bargin of profit. The growing spring wheat gives great promise, but is a long way from being secured. There have be a little farther decline although we believe there should be none and also believe wheat is a good investment about the present prices. Corn opened up firm at 53c for September. This week the price is high and with the promise of the growing crop we think should sell some cents lower. Oats for September about 25c look low with the price of corn. Hog products at the opening were strong. The demand which was principally by commission houses was met freely by packers.

Chicago, July 18.—Schwartz, Dupce and McCornick to F. C. Swartz & Co.: The wheat market has been duil but everything considered has shown fair strength. Receipts were good at all whiter wheat points but this was offset by the report of forty loads taken for export at Atlantic ports. The clearances at the Atlantic sentoard for the week were 14s 100 bushels of wheat and 14s,000 packages of flour, showing a decrease from last week equal to \$20,000 bushels of wheat. Receipts at eleven primary points were \$33,000 bushels: shipments \$62,000 bushels while continued large receipts may give us a sagging market there is a growing feeling among local opera-

CHECKMATING THE SHARKS.

They Can No Longer Rob Claimants of the Government.

THE BEE'S GREAT BUREAU OF CLAIMS.

It Befriends Settlers, Patentees, Widows, Orphans and Soldiers and is Commended by the Highest Authority.

Men who have had claims against the gov ernment and employed professional agents to represent them before the departments in Washington, tell strange stories of tricks and rascality to which they were subjected at the hands of these merciless creatures. There are of course, some honest men among these agents; but there are so many that are notoriously corrupt, that it is almost impossible for a claimant, unless he be directed by a well-informed individual, to find one in whom he can place implicit confidence. THE BEE has received hundreds of com-

plaints from soldiers and others who had advanced money when so desired and who waited for years and yet failed to receive any information as regards what the sharks had done with either money or claim. THE BER has also been requested to recom-

mend reliable agents and has, in this way, served to protect the people from fraud and robbery. But that did no good to the people who had fallen into the hands of sharks. As rapidly as the latter were shown up, new ones with new tricks and rascality took their places. There was but one means left and that was

to establish a great bureau of claims. This idea was suggested to a number of people but was put into practice first by the San Francisco Examiner. With the Examiner, The Bee has co-opera-

ted in the great work of affording relief to worthy claimants. The Washington correspondent of the Ex acted as private secretary to Senator Hearst, was detailed to organize and take charge of the bureau. His long service in Washington in both these capacities had given him a large acquaintance with government officials and government methods. Knowing the men and the proper procedure to follow, he was chosen as well qualified to push claims through in the shortest time if they were

The best lawyers to be had were then emgaged and a full clerical force put into the bureau. In every instance the men were chosen for their knowledge of the work to be

Congress was not less auxious to protect claimants from robbery. The same kind of complaints and come to THE BEE and gone to the members of congress as well. The committees that had the Indian depredations bill under consideration investigated the operations of the claim agents and attorneys in connection with the Indian depredations claims. They found that the claim agents had demanded 33% to 50 per cent from the men holding the claims, and in hundreds of cases held contracts at these figures. the bill was still in congress, with little ap-parent chance of possage, they were able, by methods dangerously near the line of faise pretenses, to induce the claimants to sign the exorbitant demands.

There appeared to be only one way to pro-ect the claimants. That was to cancel all ontracts by law and limit the fees that atorneys might collect. The claimants would hus be enabled to choose another agent if the one they had first engaged had attempted to defraud them, and the contracts could not demand more than the specified rate, The ninth section of the bill was thus drawn to annul "all sales, transfers or as-signments of claims" and "all contracts heretofore made. The maximum fee to be allowed was put at 15 per cent of the amount

collected except in case of claims under \$500 or where unusual work had to be done, when 20 per cent might be allowed.

The amount of business received immediately after the opening of the bureau is a proof of the confidence in which the people hold it and of the distrust which the ordi nary claim agent has aroused. In the six weeks, from April 1 to May 15, claims to the amount of \$4,905,341,6515 were filed with the bureau on account of Indian depredation claims alone. All these go to the court of claims under the act and are in various stages of preparation and prosecution. Be sides the claims under the Indian depredation act there had been filed at that date treasury claims to the amount of \$23,604; French spoilation claims to the amount of \$255,883; land claims, \$289,350; and patent and other claims to a large amount, that date some \$2,000,000 of claims have beer

over \$5,000,000 of claims. The need for the bureau may well be seen by the fact that it now has on hand more laims than all of the claim attorneys of Washington combined.

filed with the bureau, and it is now attending

The efforts of congress and the establishment of the bureau was not appreciated by the claim agents. They wanted to continue to thrive in their business of fleecing the needy claimant. They accordingly denounced the government and the bureau. They held that the former could not cancel the contract they had made with their victims. But th cancellation was made in the interest and name of the people. And it need not be doubted that the eminent constitutional lawyears who framed the act in question did not do so without knowing what they were doing. The threats of the sharks undoubtedly had an effect upon some men who desired to make new contracts and secure the services of some other attorney, but this effect wil soon be destroyed and the emancipation of the claimant from the tyranny of the shark

will be complete. The amount of money that will be saved to the people by this work of The Bee Bereau or Claims, may not be calculated. It will cer tainly be very great. The work will be as near actual cost as possible. Some of i will not cost more than 5 per cent, while much of it can be done within the 15 and 20 per cent allowed by law. In some cases the 20 per cent may be required. It is the inten-tion, however, to give the claimant the bene-fit of the lowest charges that will cover the

expenses of the service.

The Bee Bureau will prosecute claims in the supreme court of the United States, the court of claims, the several courts of the District of Columbia, before the committees o congress and the executive departments. It will secure the payment of just Indian depre dation claims, land claims, pension claims mining pre-emption and homestead cas obtain patents at minimum cost and the greatest despatch.

There are thousands yet who are entitled to pensions. These should write immedi-

ately to the bureau. There are thousands of heirs, winows, minor children, dependent mothers, fathers and minor dependents, brothers and sisters who are entitled to pen-sions and should write to The Bee bureau concerning them. Under recent legislation of liberal increase in pensions has been allowed and those who are entitled to this should write to The Bee Bureau Claim association All letters will be promptly answered and all information concerning form of applica tions for claims, terms, etc., will be withas little doing as practicable. No letter will be answered unless the sender encloses requisite stamps for reply. No information concerning any particular claim will be in parted until the applicant has become a mem ber of THE BUT Bureau association Parties desiring information should address The BeeBureau of Claims, 600 Bee building, Neb., the manager of which is Ed ward P, Roggen.

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