OMAHA, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1892.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Continuation of the Election of Officers for the Auxiliary Departments.

MOST OF THE GOOD PLACES FILLED NOW

Another Discussion on the Proposition to Remove the Time Limit on the Pastors' Work But No Decision Reached Yet.

Some more men were made happy yesterday at the Methodist conference. The election of heads of departments was continued and the results ended the heartache for some and filled the sposoms of others with satisfaction.

The last ballot taken Tuesday upon the election of the second agent for the Cincinnati book concern was reported and showed that Dr. Carts of Chicago had been elected. Dr. J. M. Buckley was elected editor of the

Christian Advocate at New York and Dr. D. H. Moore was elected editor of the Western Advocate at Cincinnati. The result of the ballot for editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate was not announced, but it is generally cate was not announced, but it is generally believed that Dr. Arthur Edwards has been elected. The election of the editor for the Central Advocate at St. Louis will come tomorrow. Dr. C. F. Creighton of the Nebraska Wesleyan university seems to be gaining friends rapidly, and will have a strong support for the position.

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Bishop Fowler was in the chair yesterday The galleries diled up early, as the special order for 10 o'clock, the discussion of the time limit question, was expected to awaken considerable interest.

When the devotional exercises and the minutes had been disposed of the conference

received the fraternal delegate from the Iu-dependent Methodist church. Mr. W. H. Beach of Newark, a layman, presented the visitor. He spoke approvingly of ponest independence in all things. Luther and Wesley and Jesus Christ were independent in their work and life. Mr. Beach said that the honorable gentleman he was about to introduce was a layman, a generous and noble Christian man

in every respect.

Hon. Charles Baker of Baltimore, the fraternal delegate from the Independent Metho-dist churches of Baltimore was then intro-Bishop Foster paid the gentleman a very high tribute as he presented him to the

Mr. Baker read his address. It began with the organization of one independent church in Baltimore thirty years ago. The church now numbers 18,000 members and has 24,000 Sunday-school scholars. The church has always been in close fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hope for Early Unification. A resolution was adopted expressing the satisfaction of the conference upon the visits of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal church south, and that of the independent Methodist church, and expressing a hope that in the near future all branches of the great Methodist church would become

one body in the Lord.

Ex-Governor Evans of Colorado presented a resolution to make the Rocky Mountain Unristian Advocate an official paper and set aside several states in the territory adjacent to Colorado the special district for this paper.

The resolution was discussed at some length. One of the West Nebraska delegates objected to the placing of the West Nebraska conference in the territory as-signed to the Rocky Mountain Advocate. said, preferred to support the Nebraska Ad vocate. The resolution was finally tabled. Bishop Foss requested the privilege of presenting a minute which had been prepared by the bishops and which they desired to have the conference adopt. The resolu-tion expressed great satisfaction upon the fact that the American people and especially the Methodist brothren had liberally assisted in relieving the Russian sufferers. The bishhoped that the good work would continue

and that the famine-stricken people of Russia would be rescued from the perils of famine by swift sailing messengers carrying provisions from America. Proceeded With Election of Officers,

Then there came a collision between th

special order for 10 o'clock and a stated order which was a report from the committee on church extension. A long dispute as o which should be considered first took up the time of the conference. The conference finally decided to proceed with the election of officers for auxiliary de-partments. The first matter was the elec-

tion of a secretary for the Sunday School and Tract society. J. L. Hulburt, the in-cumbent during the past four years, was the only man nominated. Bishop Foster said that the last ballot taken on Tuesday for the second agent of the Cincinnati back concern was reported by the tellers. He then read the result as follows: Whole number of votes

cast, 431; necessary to a choice, 216; Curts, 233; Stowe, 180; rest scattering. Dr. Lewis Curts of Chicago was therefore declared elected as the associate of Dr. Cranston in the management of the Cincinnati book con Dr. Curts is in the prime of life and is considered an able business man as well as a successful preacher. The ballot for the secretary of the Sunday

School and Tract society was then taken and while the tellers retired to count the election of an egitor for the Methodist Review was commenced. J. W. Mendenhali, the present editor, was the only nomince.

The chairman announced that the tellers had struck a snag. They had found bailots with names upon them having different ini from the initials of the candidates. What to do with such ballots was the ques tion that troubled the tellers. They were instructed by the conference to count all the ballots where, in the judgment of the tellers, the inaccuracy of writing the names was

merely a mistake of the voter. On the Itinerancy Problem.

Then came the special order, the consideration of the report on itinerancy, proposing to strike out that section in the discipline providing for the five-year limit on the pastorate, and to allow the bishops and presiding elder to exercise the authority to send a minister back to the same place year after year if their judgment considered such

Dr. Arthur Edwards, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, published at Chicago, was the first speaker. He favored the idea of abolishing the five-year limit. It was held, he said, by some that this would abolish the itinerancy. It would do no such thing. Every pastorate would close at the end of every year just as they do now. This would simply give the bishops and presiding eiders authority to keep men in those places where they could be of the greatest benefit to the church and it would entirely remove the apparent claim of the pastors upon the to be kept in the same place for five

The report from the tellers upon the election of the secretary for the Sunday School and Tract seciety was then announced. J. L. Hulburtt was elected Hulburts was elected almost unani

Dr. Buckley's Splendid Endorsement. Then came the most enthusiastic wave of the day. It was upon the election of an edi-tor for the Christian Advocate of New York. Rev. Dr. Mains of the New York East confer ence, in a neat little speech which had to be short on account of the rules, nominated Dr. J. Al Buckley, who has been editor of this, the chief paper of the church, for twelve years. The nomination was greeted by a general burst of applause all over the house, the galleries joining in the enthusiasm hen the applause had subsided Bishop

"Am I to understand that this is to be the unanimous nomination of the conference!" es, ves," shouted a score of delegates. If the rules of the conference had per-

mitted it Dr. Buckley would undoubtedly have been elected by a rising vote, but the rules provide that a ballot must be taken on all elections. The ballot for editor of the Christian Advocate was then taken

The fact that the conference was trying to carry on two kinds of business at the same time, sandwiching them in, made the session somewhat irregular. The elections moved along as fast as the two sets of tellers could count and return with results, and between ballots the conference took up resolutions and committee reports, cutting them short off whenever the election machinery cleared its cogs for another whirl.

Some Others Elected.

The tellers came in with the result of the election for editor of the Methodist Review. Dr. J. W. Mengenhall was elected by a very large unjority. He has been editor of the Review during the last quadrennium. Dr. D. H. Moore was nominated for the editorship of the Western Christian Advo-cate, published at Cincinnati. His nomination aroused aimost as much enthusiasm as that of Dr. Buckley for the New York editor-

hip.
Dr. Moore has been the special champion of the women in the great discussions that have been waged in the church for several years upon the admission of women as delegates to the general conference. His nomination for the editorship of the Western Advocate was heartily seconded by a score of delegations.

After the ballot was taken the tellers retired and the report of the committee on itin erancy regarding the time limit was again taken up. Rev. Mr. Ackerman of Tennessee made a speech in which he made some pretty lively thrusts at the presiding elders and bishops. The speaker cresiding elders and bishops. ated a good deal of merriment. The confer-ence guved him by yelling 'louder' when he

was yelling at the top of his voice. A minority report from the committee was then presented, opposing the abolishment of the five year limit. Favors Life Pastorates.

Caswell of southern California was in favor of a majority report. He held that the needs of the church and the udgment of the bishops and presiding elders should decide upon the appointments and no the almanae. "What would the country have thought of President Lincoln, if he had removed General Grant, at the end of the second year of the war, to place somebody else at the head simply on account of some trivial rule that called for a change?" the speaker asked.
Such an action as that would have been

just about as wise, the speaker said, as the present method of moving Methodist ministers at the end of every five years without regard to the condition of work they were doing. He believed in keeping men in the places where they could do the most good, regardless of the number of years. He liked the idea of life pastorates.

Then the result of the ballot for editor of

the New York Christian Advocate came in.
It was read as follows: Total number of
votes cast, 462. Dr. J. M. Buckley got 363; Or. J. H. Potts, 31; Frances E. Willard, 15—[applause]—and the rest scattering. There were several frivolous votes cast. One was cast for Amanda Smith. Dr. Buckley was dealered desired. was declared elected.

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The election of an editor for the North-western Christian Advocate came next.

The nominees were Dr. Arthur Edwards and Dr. E. D. Whitlock. Dr. Edwards has been editor of the Northwestern Advocate for twards reserved. for twenty years.

After the ballot was taken, the tellers re-tired and the chairman announced the result of the ballot for editor of the Western Christian Advocate at Cincinnati, Dr. D H. Moore received 395, T. B. Neely 10, J. T loucher 4, and the rest scattering. Dr. D. H. Moore was declared elected.

Conference Gossip.

The contest over the editorship of the Central Christian Advocate will close today in all probability. The fight seems to he between Dr. Creighton of Nebraska and Dr. Bowman Young of Kansas City, although Dr. Goodwin of Illinois is coming round the bend at a rate that is calculated to make the aspirants redouble their efforts. It is claimed by some of Dr. Creighton's riends that Dr. Bowman Young has struck below the belt, by dirging up some old stories about Dr. Creighton that were buried sight years ago because they were false from beginning to end. These old stories reflect upon Dr. Creighton's character, and his friends think it was not exactly the work of a Christian spirit that dug them up at this particular time. Aside from this the cam-paign seems to have been conducted in a very

gentiemanly manner. The committee on episcopacy decided last evening to recommend to the conference that an Episcopal residence be established in Eu The committee also decided to recommend that the bishops be allowed to select their residences from the list in the order of their seniority.

Church Extension.

The subject of discussion at the mass meet ing at Exposition hall last evening was church extension and evangelization in cities John E. Tearles, jr., president of the Brook-John E. Fearles, Jr., presided and Rev. D. H. Lyn Church society, presided and Rev. D. H. Carroll, D.D., of Baltimore offered prayer. Addresses were made by Bishop Foss, Hor-ace Hitchcock of Detroit, Rev. George P. Moines, D.D., of New York, J. H. Hobbs of Chicago and W. A. Beach of Jersey

The speakers called attention to the fact that the population of the country was rapidly concentrating in the great cities. The powers of Satan were making the cities their principal battlefield, and the church must meet the emergency. How to do this suc-cessfully was the great question which con-fronted the church. The churches must unite their energies and efforts in order to attain the desired results.

Chinese Exclusion.

The committee on Chinese exclusion met at the Delione hotel last night and perfected the report which they will make to the general conference. As was expected, the committee will express their unfavorable epinion of the Chinese exclusion bill, and recommend a memorial to President Harrison expressing the sentiment of the confer ence. The report was not agreed on with out some discussion, and it is possible that a minority report may be submitted.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

Lieutenant Gatewood and a Brave Companion Blown Up at Fort McKinney. BUFFALO, Wyo., May 18 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Fire broke out early this morning in the canteen building at Fort McKinney and entirely destroyed the cav airy quarters and the canteen. Lieutenant Gatewood, the captor of Geronimo, and i private of the Sixth cavalry volunteered to enter and plow up the building to arrest the

progress of the fire.
The powder exploded prematurely, blowing Gatewood across the room. A cry was raised that another bag of powder was yet e explode and all were warned back from

the building.
In the face of this a private, whose name could not be learned, dashed forward to rescue Lieutenant Gatewood. The latter emerged from the building as it collapsed and both he and his intended rescuer were crushed by the falling timbers. The latter's arm was broken. Lieutenant Gatewood was much burnt and his left arm badly shattered from the cibow down, but although his in-juries are very severe they are not thought to be dangerous. The two cavairy troops are now under canvas on the parade grounds.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., May 18.—[Special Telegram to The Ber.]—A serious fire occurred here this morning at 2 o'clock in the quarters occupied by Lieutenant Jackson, Ninth cavairy, and Lieutenant Lafitte, Early infantry. Night cavary, and been smoldering under the floor for an indefinite time. Lieutenant Jackson's servant was sleeping in the back of the house and was awakened, nearly sufficiented by the smoke. He seized his carbine and alarmed the garrison. After an hour of hard work they succeeded in conquering the flames, but not until the floor was chopped up in several places. The side walls had to be penetrated in order to get water to the fire, the building being adobe, was pretty thoroughly saturated with water and will probably necessitate the building of a new one. The loss in personal effects of

the two officers was considerable.

## SILVER MEN SAT DOWN ON

Their Attempt to Saddle the Sundry Civil Bill with a Rider Defeated.

SPEAKER CRISP RULES AGAINST THEM

Vesterday's Proceedings in the House-The Senate Passes the House Naval Appropriation Bill with Several Amendments to It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.-The silver question was the feature of interest in the house today, and much to the disappointment of the silverites the speaker sustained the point of order raised against Mr. Bartine's free coinage amendment to the sundry civil bill, and the house clinched, the matter by upholding Mr. Crisp's decision.

Later on Mr. Bland offered an amendment for the coinage of all silver bullion purchased and now in the treasury into standard silver

dollars. Points of order were raised against the amendment and the speaker reserved his decision, which will be awaited with interest by the free coinage men and their opponents

After the transaction of routine business the house then went into committee of the whole (Mr. Lester of Georgia in the chair) on the sundry civil bill.

Mr. Smith of Arizona moved to increase from \$100,000 to \$400,000 the appropriation for surveying the public lands.

After some debate a compromise was ar-

rived at and the appropriation fixed at Ruled Against the Silver Men.

The chairman then proceeded to pass upor the point of order raised by Mr. Tracy of New York, against the clause providing for cleaning and reissue of minor coins. The for the paragraph and overruled the point of

The second part of the same paragraph providing for the coinage of uncurrent coins he ruled to be out of order, being unable to

find any law authorizing such recoinage The chair also overruled the point of order raised against the clause for the recoinage of abrased minor coins. The chair then ruled on the Bartine free coinage amendment. It was plain to him that it was a change of ex-isting law and therefore not in order. He sustained the point of order.

Mr. Bartine appealed from the decision of

Mr. Bartine's appeal was lost by a vote of

Mr. Bland voted with Bartine. Mr. Bland then offered an amendment providing for the coinage of all silver bullion purchased and now in the treasury into standard silver dollars, the cost to be paid out of the seignorage arising from the coinage of bullion, the remainder of the seignorage to be covered into the treasury as

Mr. Dingley's Point of Order. Mr. Dingley of Maine, and later Mr. Tracy of New York, raised points of order against

he amendment, Mr. Dingley, in support of the point of order, said that the new legislation proposed to impose on the silver profit fund in the treasury a new and distinct charge, viz., the cost of coinage of silver dollars, instead of reducing the amounts the bill now covering it increased them to that amount. chair reserved his decision until to-

Mr. Herbert of Alabama moved to strike out (under the head of geological survey) the appropriation for paleontographic re-Agreed to.

ment, providing that \$60,000 of the appro priation for topographic surveys to expended in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma for the purpose of devel ent of the water supply of these states Subsequently, after debate, he modified hi amendment by striking out the words "for the purpose of developing the water supply of these states," and as modified the amend ment was agreed to. Pending further action the committee rose and the house adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Pettigrew Rises to a Point of Order-Passage of the Naval Appropriation Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18 .- President pro tem. Manderson presided today in the enate. Mr. Pettigrew, chairman of the quadro-centennial committee, rising to a personal explanation, sent to the clerk's desk and had read a Washington dispatch to the Chicago Times of April 20 charging that he wanted a \$200,000 public building at Deadwood, S. D., and bad told Representative Newberry of Illinois in the house that if he (Mr. Newberry) did not report that bill favorably in the house be (Mr. Pettigrew) would not report the World's fair bill in the senate. The statement, Mr. Pettigrew continued, was untrue in every respect, and as proof of its falsehood he had read a letter from Mr. Newberry confirming his statement. Navai Appropriation Bill.

The consideration of the naval appropria-tion bill was resumed, and Mr. Cockrell continued his argument against the amendment reported by the senate committee on appropriations for the construction of a seagoing coast line battleship, one harbor de-fense double turret ship of the monitor type, four light draft gun boats and six torped boats. Referring to Mr. Allison's assertion that there would be a surplus of \$25,000,000 in the treasury on the 1st of January next, or any surplus, it would be because the adjust-ment and payment of large items would be delayed and postponed in the Freasury de-partment. He opposed the pending amend-ment as he also opposed the increase proided for in the house bill.

Mr. Butler said he would vote with great leasure for the senate amendment, and it he had his own way he would provide for four battleships.

After a 'ong discussion the question was taken on the senate amendment and it was agreed to. Yeas, 33; uays, 18, as follows:

How They Voted. Yeas-Messrs, Aldrich, Allison, Black-burn, Butler, Casey, Chandler, Cullom, Davis, Dawes, Dolph, Dubois, Felton, Frye, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hansbrough, Haw-les, Higgins, Hiscoca, Manderson, Mitcheli, Morgan, Paddock, Proctor, Ransom, Sawyer. Sanders, Shoup, Stanford, Stockbridge, Teller and Washburn-33.

Nays-Messrs, Berry, Blodgett, Cockrell, Coke, Grav, Hill, Jones of Arkansas, Kyle, McPherson, Mills, Palmer, Pascoe, Peffer, Pugh, Turple, Vilas, Voorhees and Walthall —18.

Mr. Teller offered an amendment, appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of one eight-inch caliber high power steel rifle and eight-inch caliber high power steel rifle and \$5,000 for making trial tests for three or more rapid fire, twisted one-pound breech-loading

rifled guns and an equal number of thre

pounders and thirty-two pounders, and it was agreed to without discussion or division. Mr. Manderson offered an amendment propriating \$100,000 for the purchase of terpedoes and it was agreed to The bill was then reported from the con mittee on the whole to the senate. The

amendments were all agreed to and the bil as passed without a division. Adjourned.

Washington Notes WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18 .- A new de parture in legislation is suggested in a joint resolution today by Mr. Hayes of Iowa, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing that 1.0 pension nor any pay or emolument that does not cease with actual service shall hereafter be granted, allowed or paid to or on account of any soldier or sailor, except under pro-visions of law existing at the time of enlist-

ment, nor unless made within two years

from the time the right to the same accrues under the law.

The orders to the Concord to go to St. Louis were countermanded this afternoon on receipt of information from the pilot of the vessel that the trip was unsafe.

John M. Lackey, private secretary to General Rosecrans, secretary of the treasury, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head, while isboring under tem-

NO FAITH IN CLEVELAND,

Delaware Democrats Not Inclined to Encourage His Candidacy, WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, ) 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.

Delaware democrats have become ararmed over the political outspok in their state. For some days John F. Saulsbury of Wilmington, Del., a nephew of ex-Senator Saulsbury, and an intimate friend of ex-Senator and ex Secretary Bayard, has been here in consultation with Senator Gorman and other prominent democrats. He says Mr. Cleveland caunot carry Delaware and that if he is nominated they will give up all hope, Senator Higgins and other republicans

say that is the true condition and it is the belief among democrats as well as repub-licans that it is extremely doubtful whether the state of Delaware will ever be gotten back into the democratic column. President Harrison's administration has been so acceptable in the state that the mugwump; and conservative business men as well as farmers have come over to him, almost in a

This evening's Star says that the Minne apolis and St. Paul people are responsible to a large degree for the anti-Harrison talk and that they are actuated by mercenary motives. These two cities have raised a large sum of cash with which to meet the expenses of the convention. They therefore want a long session so as to reap the commercial benefit, and have been and are now using all their efforts to disabuse the mind of the public that the president will be renominated by ac-clamation and that the convention will be of very short duration. They are, the Star says, doing all they can to create the impression that the president's renomination i doubtful and the session of the convention will be prolonged by wrangles and contentions so as to draw a large crowd and keet

Upon the recommendation of Senator Pettigrew and others. Ward J. Williams of Watertown, S. D., son of the late General Williams of that city, who was register of the land office at the time of his death, was today appointed a special agent of the Senator Pettigrew has introduced a bill to pension Anna M. Craig of South Dakota.

Dr. A. W. Orchard will be appointed on the pension board at Chadron to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Waller. Interior department.

Today Senator Paddock recommended Or ville R. Reeder as postmuster at Osborne, Frontier county.

Mr. Devin Finckle of this city is in Cedar Rapids, Ia., the guest of his uncle, W. H.

Brady.
The senate committee on appropriations has agreed to add to the sundry civil appro-priation bill an ameadment appropriating \$20,000 for surveying and distinctly marking by suitable and permanent monuments that portion of the boundary line between Nebraska and South Dakota which lies between the Keya Paha and the main channel of the Missouri river. P. S. H. Missouri river.

Western Pensions. WASHINGTON, D. U., May 18.—[Special Telegram to The Ben.]—The following list of pensions granted is reported by Tue Ber and Examiner Bureau of Claums:

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Nebraska: Or ginal Advam Shellbarger, George W. Guldin, A. ... Forbes, G. W. Houts, Joseph M. Whitted, Henry P. Fowler, Jonathan R. Smalley, Henry A. Burch, John Burky, Rasmus Nielson, Michael B. Harp, James H. Ostrander, George O'Connor, Albert R. Benjamin, Charles R. Stimson, Joseph V. Hinchman. Additional—Robert Brock, James M. Cambbell. Paul Litterman, M. Phelps, Townsend B. Huff, Jerome B. Brocks, Jeremiah Sheiter, Increase-James C. Daly, Edward Osmon.

CTAH REPUBLICANS MEET.

President Harrison is Endorsed-Party's Position Upheld. SALT LAKE, U. T., May 18,- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- The liberal republicans of Utah met in convention here tonight and elected Judge C. C. Goodwin, editor of the Tribung, and Hon. Glarence E. Alden of Sait Lake, delegates to the Minneapolis convention. The delegation will go uninstructed There will be a contest in the national convention over the rights of the delegates to a seat. The Mormon republicans met on May 3 and selected A. J. Salsbury of Salt Lake and Frank Cannon of Ogden, and the fight will be as to whom is cutitled to the places The liberal republicans have maintained the

organization for eighteen years, while the new faction is an off-shoot of the people's, or church party. After the usual preliminaries the platform adopted declares in favor of protective tariff, the restoration of silver and the free coinage thereof, denounces the free wool measures and approves the granting of bounties on American made sugar and denounces the Utah legislature for striking down that bounty. The platform further decisres that the Mormon church has been a danger to the American home, waiving the matter of polygamy. The convention declares that it saw no sign of sincerity on the part of the courch in political affairs and that the rule of the priesthood has never been relin-

The platform further says that all true republicans endorse the adverse report of Hon. George D. Perkins of Iows on the Utah home rule bill and declares that so long as present onditions prevail, the party will continue to denounce the transparent conspiracy to dis rupt the loyal republican organization. administration of Mr. Harrison is endorsed in all its details and the convention looks forward to a bright future for the party.

Delaware Delegates for Cleveland. Doven, Del., May 18 .- The democratic state convention held here yesterday, elected the following delegates to the national demoratic convention: Hoa., Thomas F. Bayard, Hiram R. Beerie, Governor Reynolds, Richard H. Kenney, John W. Causay and William L. Sirmau. The resolutions denounce the McKinley bill, oppose the free coinage of silver, and strongly endorse Cleveland. The delegation was not instructed, but all favor the nomination of Cleveland for president.

Selected Cleveland Men. FRESNO, Cal., May 18,-Delegates from four of the seven congressional districts in attendance at the state democratic convention last night selected delegates to the national con

Assaulted an Old Woman, FORT ROBINSON, Nab., May 18.- (Specia

Telogram to Tue Bez .- The first assault in the history of Fort Robinson occurred today within a mile of the parrison. A widow about 50 years of ago has a small ranch about five miles from here and has been accustomed to drive her own team and wagon to the post and loading it with refuse hav from the dump pile to take to her home for her cattle. Today while on one of her usual trips she very kindly took a colored soldier named Middleton of troop F. Ninth cavairy, into the wagon to carry him to the post. When they arrived at a lonely place in the road he suddenly took the lines and stopped the team and choking the old lady back into the wagon, accomplished his purpose. Hearing horsemen approaching he jumped out of the wagon and took to the brush. The horsemen, two soldiers, saw him running through the ravine, and got near enough to recognize him. The woman drove to the post and reported to the commanding officer, who immediately sent out guards, and in a short time had three men in the guard house under suspicion. Upon taking the woman to the guard house, she at once pointed out Middleton as the man. He was also identified by the two soldiers.

## SIOUX CITY STRICKEN

Sudden Rise in the Floyd River Floods a Third of the Town.

MANY PEOPLE CAUGHT IN THE TORRENT

Heven Lives Known to Have Been Lost and

EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS

Other Fatalities Feared.

Two Thousand Head of Cattle Drowned at the Stock Yards.

WORK OF RESCUE NOW IN PROGRESS

Business Buildings Surrounded by Water Which is Still Rising Rapidly and the Extent of the Financial Damage Cannot Yet Be Estimated.

S:oux Ctry, Ia., May 18 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-At the ordinary stage of water the Floyd river is as insignificant a stream as ever meandered in pastoral insignificance. But swollen by the continual rains until its never well defined banks were obliterated, it was in poor condition to carry away the immense flood of water which feil in the cloudburst of last night. A wave, moving as a solid wall of water, swept down the narrow valley of the stream last night, reaching this city early this morning. The Flown flows through the center of Sioux City and along its banks are the homes of thousands. To these the flood brought death and the demolition of their homes,

The wave came a few minutes after 7 o'clock. Warning had been sent a short time before to the inhabitants of the low lands, but only a few of them had been noti fied. The first intimation was a volume of water spreading over the banks to a depth of three feet and throwing a mist of foam before it. In a few minutes the water had risen above the first floors and several thousand people fled in terror to the higher ground, Death Rode the Wave.

The water rose four feet in an hour and half, and from 9 o'clock continued to rise steadily, but not so rapidly. Probably one-third of the inhabitants of the city live on the low ground which is overflowed. So rapid was the rise of the tide that great numbers were unable to escape and the work of rescue engaged every energy

of the people. At 10 o'clock the fire alarm was sounded to

call out more workers. All the boats from the boat houses on the Sloux river have been brought in and are being used to save life and property.

Stock Yards and Railroads Suffer, The Missouri river is very high, and when the flood in the Floyd river struck it the water dammed up and rushed over the adjacent low grounds. The stock yards and packing houses were situated at the confluence of the two rivers, and they were instantly inundated. About two thousand head of live stock were drowned there. Great numbers of dead stock have also been

found floating down the Floyd river. The whole railroad yards and switching track district is under water and there has been immense damage to the roundhouses and other railroad property. The roundhouse of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha is damaged to the extent of \$40,000. That road, the Illinois Central and the Sioux City & Northern enter the city by the Floyd valley and all are stopped. Not a train has left Sloux City

Eight Thousand People Homeless. At 1 o'clock p. m. the water had reached to Jennings street on Fourth street. The Hotel Fowle and the Boston Investment company's building are surrounded with water. The union depot was cut off at 9 o'clock.

It is estimated that 8,000 people have been driven from their homes. All business is suspended. The Champer of Commerce organized this morning for relief work. Before noon the ladies had several soup and lunch houses opened for the flood sufferers. It is impossible yet to estimate the loss of property, but it will be large.

There is only one telegraph wire working out of the city and that runs to Omaha. It is not in good condition, and the work of sending out news is greatly retarded.

LATER REPORTS.

Terrible Loss of Life, and Damage to Property Will Reach Millions.

Sioux City, Ia., May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-8:15 p. m.-The water is slowly receding tonight. A citizens' meeting at the court house is organizing to provide several thousand people with shelter. The damage to property will reach \$1,500,000. The loss of the Sioux City & Northern railroad will exceed \$200,000.

Miles of cedar block paving has been washed out. At noon 375 people had registered for relief, and the applications had then only just begun.

The scenes along the verge of the waters are pitiful. The loss of life will be very large, although it is difficult in this confusion to learn names. At Springdale, a suburb, a woman has stood in the second story of a house 900 yards out, holding her baby out of the waters and is still there at 8 o'clock tonight. Two men have been drowned in the attempt to rescue her. The difficulty has been the gale of wind, which has blown great guns all day. Houses are being broken up all the time.

Funds for Flood Sufferers,

The city council tonight at a special meeting appropriated \$5,000 in aid of flood aufferers. Citizens will raise many times that amount. No appear will be made for outside assistance.

Later accounts show that the loss of life

has been much greater th = t first reported, It will probably be twenty - twenty-five. There is neither gas not 2 ctric light, as

both plants ere under wats Partial List of the E tims. A partial list of the perse thown to be drowned is as follows:

FRANK HENDERSON,

bouse.

Two boatmen, unknown. A. P. MCCLEARAT. An unknown Scandinavian Joung's ice

and child.

MRS. PETER RASMUSSEN and two children. Two unknown men near Fourth street

near Fairmount bridge. Unknown man at Sloux City & Northern

PASSING OF THE STOCK YARDS.

No Time to Rescue the Cattle-How the Employes Escaped.

Sioux City, Ia., May 18 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The first warning of the approach of the flood given the stock yards company was a telephone message warning them to prepare for high water and stating that the Seventh street bridge had gone out. The whole available force of the yards and all bystangers who could be induced to assist were at once put to work in an endeavor to get all stock out of the yards. A long train of empties were sent down to the chutes, but before the cars could be loaded and pulled away a rush of water came and put out the fires in the engines and they were compelled

to remain. The attendants and vardmen who had not time to escape were perched on the roofs of cars, waiting to be rescued or for the sub sidence of the flood. The rush of waters was so great that a number of the commission men and their employes could not escape They took refuge in the third story of the Exchange building, while the water had risen to within an inch of the first floor.

Everything Floated Away. The scene at the yards is almost indescribable. The rush of waters came down across the bottoms, as the overflow of the river at first flowed out on the east bank At 10:30 solid blocks of hog pens were seen swaying with the motion of the wind and waves, and in a short time they began moving down stream. The new division started first, and then almost the whole block started off down street, and the report of the rending and

breaking of timbers sounded almost like the

sharp crack of cannon. At 11 o'clock there

was not a sign of the hog yards left. The large corn cribs, containing severa thousand bushels of corn, were also carried away. Scale houses and all buildings were taken with the flood. The cattle yards at the time mentioned were mostly intact, but the south portion was floating with the evident possibility that it would soon follow the hog pens and sheds, About three loads of hogs were all that were confined in the hog vards. Two double decks of those purchased vesterday by Cudnhy Brothers of Milwaukee were detained last night by washouts. On the approach of high water they were toaded into Mitwaukee doubles, but they were also detained by the

water putting out the fires in the engine. When seen from the south, the engine had careened to the east and one of the cars to the west. The roadbed is composed mostly of ashes, and the engine and cars settled down into the mud. The elevated chutes leading from division No. 3 to the old Booge plant, into which quite a number of cattle away of the supports, and most of the cattle were drowned. It is feared that the walls of the packing houses are badly injured. An

immense amount of stored meat is certainly destroyed.
Watching the Flood.

The elevated road served as a great poin of observation to thousands of onlookers Every car from Jones street to the Leech street station was crowded with refugees and sightseers, and from station to station the tracks were lined with men and boys. Many were armed with ropes and long poles ready to render assistance should the occasion require. And their services were brought into use a great many times and numerous lives were saved in consequence

William Mills, a laboring man, was one of

these. He came sailing down with the tide

in what appeared to be a common dry goods box. Long before he reached the trestle work he had attracted the people's attention and the tife saving crew. A rope was lowered and in waiting. Just before he reached it, however, the box turned and Mills all out missed the rope. He succeeded in grasping hold and was quickly hauled up onto the elevated tracks. A number of lives were saved in the same way. At the Omaha bridge there is piled up on the other side thousands of new railroad ties, and reaching out from each side of the pier for a distance of nearly 200 feet the ties are wedged in solidly up to a height of nearly twenty feet. It was here that the West family met disaster. Mrs. West and her little 5-year-old Nellie were unable to get away from the flood in time. The father and two children were safe and the rescuing party were returning for Mrs. West and her child when the waves swept the house away. They floated down with the roaring current until this bridge was reached. The building was torn asunder, and by the time the stock yards bridge was reached there was scarcely anything left on which to hold. At this bridge an engineer succeeded in saving the woman. But the woman's physical strength was unequal to the mother's love and she was compelled to relinquish her hold on her child. With a despairing cry of "Mamma" the child disappeared beneath

the waves. Many Railroads Damaged.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The worst deluge for many years visited this section last night. Rain commenced falling about 4 p. m. and at 8 something like a succession of cloudbursts came. Water fell in sheets and the city was inundated. The rain continued during the night and by morning six inches had fallen. The Des Moines river rose seven feet during the night, and morning found it a raging torrent. This rise was the most rapid ever seen here. The river is now at a dangerous height and is still slowly rising.

The Rock Island is submerged, and Soldier creek bottom is covered with water. Several families living in small houses on the flat were driven out by water during the night. The oig Heath oat meat mill is again in danger. A dyke has been built, which keeps the backwater away, but a rise of two or three feet will bring the main stream to the mili. All the railroads are suffering. The Illinois Central from here to Sloux City moved today west of Marcus. Superintendent Quimby says 3,000 feet of track is washed out. Between Manson and Pomeroy there is a 800-foot washout. The railroad bridge over the Lizard river threatens to go out every moment. The track cannot be in condition for business for at least two

The town of Cherokee is again flooded, but no serious damage is reported. On the Min-

neapolis & St. Louis bad washouts are reported. No trains ran to or from Des Moines today. The Mason City & Fort Dodge road has some bad washouts on its Lehigh branch.

IN AND ABOUT PLATTSMOUTH.

Swollen Streams Overflow Their Banks

and Do Much Damage. PLATISMOUTH, Neb., May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-For the past twenty-four hours this city has been practically cut off from railway communication with Omaha and the west. Only one train has managed to arrive from the west today. The Burlington's flyer, due here at 5 o'clock last night, got in here at 11 this morning, coming by way of South Omaha and the cut off. The big landslide between Gibson and Believae, on the Burnington's main line, and the washout west of here on the old line

prevented any travel. The recent heavy rains are beginning to be felt very severely at this point. It rained steadily all day yesterday and last night, and the creeks throughout the county are swollen to an enormous extent. Four Mile creek west of here swept away everything in the way of trees and fences and bridges, but so far as heard from there is no loss of life or cattle. The water was higher than ever known before at this point. Where the creek empties into the Platte, some six miles northwest of here, the Burlington bridge was swept away. The Platte, already swollen far peyond its

usual size, refused to carry the water of the Four Mile, and the water rose onto the bridge until the structure was carried out, together with one mile of track. The company has been unable to repair the damage, owing to the continuous high water. There is no prospect of any rain tonight.

The landslide near Gibson is said to be in the same condition as when it occurred. The earth is so wet that it falls in as fast as it is carried out, and it is expected that two days will clapse before any traffic will take place on this line.

The Burlington's No. 1 for Denver reached this place on time at 3 o'clock this morning. but after holding it until 11 the company sent it back to Pacific Junction, and sent it west by way of Rulo.

The Missouri river rose two feet here last night and is still rising tonight. A high north wind prevailed all day and drove the angry waters off the river high over the lowa shore. The water has torn away the Iowa side of the river with savage fury. The wind sent waves dashing over the bank twenty feet high. There is some danger that if the water continues to rise the river will overflow its banks at a point north of Pacific Junction, and if it does it is feared that the town will be swept away.

The B. & M. railway recently changed its division point from this city to the junction, but they are preparing to return to this point. People in the bottoms are preparing to leave for safety. Keg Creek, south of the junction, is badly swollen from rains and the backwater of the Missourl from this place resembles an immense take. . The water in the Platte river tonight is

reported to be level with the top of the aproaches to the Missouri Pacific bridge and t is feared that the structure will go out. South of this place, on the Missouri Pacific, the roadbed is very soft and no trains are running except those positively necessary. The new time card of the road cannot

be put into effect for at least two weeks. LINCOLN AGAIN FLOODED.

esidents of the Salt Creek Bottom Driven from Their Homes. Lincoln, Neb., May 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The floods which last week spread over the Salt creek bottoms were relapsed last night and today. Yesterday the waters rose slowly all day, but most of the people living on the flats, who had returned to their homes, felt secure. Rain commenced falling in a torrent shortly after 4 in the afternoon and the down pour did nob cease ut til after 10 o'clock last night. At midnight the already high waters began to rise still higher. Couriers were sent from house to house to warn the in-habitants of impending danger. In two houses the water had risen as many feet and many people were compelled to fice in their night clothes. The police were

escape by the officers. The wind blew a per-fect hurricane all night and many people were rescued with difficulty. This morning the flood had risen at least two feet higher than it did last week. The waters had crossed the Union Pacific and Burlington tracks and extended as far east as Eighth street. It will be impossible to make an estimate of the damage until the waters recede. Nearly ten blocks of cedar blocks pavement were washed away or undermined so badly that they will have to be relaid. The water invaded the works of the Buckstaff Vitrified Brick company and put out the fires in the half-burned kilns. Mr. Buckstaff estimates his loss at from \$6,000 to \$8,000. Basement stores of severa railroad tracks were badly washed out and trains in and out were abandoned all day. The electric light plant was injured so badly that neither are nor incandescent lights are

notified and many families were assisted to

being furnished tonight. Waterloo in Great Danger.

WATERLOO, Neb., May 18.—[Special to THE EE.]—County Commissioner Van Camp was called here this morning to see to the repairing of the grade just northeast of town where the high water had cut it out. At three and four feet high, and it is feared it will wash out the approaches to the bridge. The Eikhorn river raised another eight inches during the night, and is now backing the water up the ditches in town. It has also cut its way across the street about onehalf mile west of town, and it is feared that if the water still continues to raise as it is at present the river will change its course and run through the southern part of town and join the main channel about two miles below

O'NEILL, Neb., May 18.—[Special to Till BEE.]—The rain still continues and has already greatly interfered with the progress of the season's work on the farms. Small grain is in good condition, but the ground is too wet for corn planting. The Bazzlemans-Hazelet Chicory company made contracts last fall for the planting of about 300 acres of chicory this season, but so far have been unable to get in but a small acreage. If the ground dries sufficiently by the middle of June they will finish the work. The company will erect buildings for drying the chicory and manufacturing it for the market, Cozab. Neb., May 18.—[Special to The Ber.]—The heaviest rain of the season fell Monday evening and a large portion of the town is under water. The farmers here are getting discouraged at the outlook for corn NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., May 18.—[Special

to THE BEE. -The rainy weather the past month culminated in a soaking deluge yesterday and last night.

DUNCAN, Neb., May 18.—[Special to THE
BEE.]—Yesterday it rained all day and everything was floating. Farm houses near the Platte river are completely surrounded. To-day a strong gale is blowing from the north and dust and sand is filling up the houses. A cornerib belonging to John Engel was blown down and completely destroyed. The wind and dust is so bad no one dare venture out of doors. Business is at a complete

CRITE, Neb., May 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The 6-year-old son of Theodoro Linken, a farmer living four miles north of here on the Blue river, was blown in the river by the heavy gale this morning and drawed.

standstill

drowned.

NEBRASEA CITY, Neb., May 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bes.]—The Missouri is qu