### ENTIRELY ON THE SURFACE

Rcal Opposition to President Harrison Scarcely Worth Noticing.

INSTANCES IN HISTORY SIMILAR

Lincoln's Experience with This Element of the Republican Party-General Grant Was Not Out of the Reach of the Chronic Kickers.

> WASHINGTON BURRAU OF THE BEE. 513 FOURTHENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.

There is no opposition to President Harsison really worth mentioning," said the old war governor of Iowa, W. M. Stone, in conversation with THE BEE correspondent today, "compared with the opposition encountered In their day by Lincoln and Grant when they were up for renomination."

"I stopped at Washington on my way to the Baltimore convention in 1854," continued the ex-governor. "I was henored by lown by being named chairman of the delegation to the republican convention that year and my position as governor secured me considerable attention from senators and members of congress during my stay at the capital, and I distinctly remember that, outside of Senator Harlan of Iowa, there was scarcely a senator or representative who was not bitterly opposed to the renomination of Lincoln, and the corridors of the capitol swarmed with politicians vocifer ously decialming against the Lincoln administration. It was common for senators to exclaim in substance, 'For heaven's sake, governor, assist us in saving the country from the disaster of this man's renomina tion; be does not understand politics and has made a failure of the war so far. He is weak, vaciliating, and often frivoious.' Af-ter remaining a day or two in this atmo-sphere it was refreshing to meet delegates from the country, who assembled at Batti-more and renominated Lincoln by acclaima-

### Result of an Investigation.

"It will be remembered that seven days before the Baltimore convention a lot of dis contented radical republicans assembled in Cleveland and nominated John C. Fremont as their candidate for president. After the nomination of Lincoln Horace Greeley, Theodore Tilden and a number of others prominent in republican journalistic circles of New York, addressed letters to the local governors of the north submitting in substance three propositions as follows: 'Do you think we can carry your state with Lin coln at the head of the ticket! If not, what means do you suggest to induce him to with-draw? Assumed that we induce Lincoln to

withdraw, who should the national commit tee submit as the candidate of the party!'
"I replied in behalf of Iowa that I believed President Lincoln could carry the state, and it was, therefore, useless to pay any attention to the remaining questions. Later I learned that all the loval governors replied in the same strain. The result of the election which followed is a matter of history. "The opposition to General Grant was equally pronounced and bitter. He was charged with corruption in office, the appointment of his relatives to fill positions under the government, and with incapacity to administer the affairs of the government

Harrison's Opposition Slight. This disaffection at this time manifested itself in what was known as the 'liberal movement,' headed by men who have been accorded conspicuous places in the country.

As compared with the opposition to these It appears in this case that the opponents of the president have been working for the past six months without being able to get anybody to consent to be their candidate for presi dent. No republican can offer any legiti-mate excuse for faling to support President Harrison at the polls if he is renominated at Minneapolis on the 7th of June."

"Governor, do you think Harrison will be

nominated at Minneapolis!" "Yes, I most certainly do," was the quick reply, "and I think so because I know of no valid reason why he should not be. To cast him aside now would be contrary to the pre-cedents and traditions of the republican If Harrison is renominated it will be third instance in which a republican president has been so complimented when successfully serving a term to which he was elected, and having given the country an acceptable administration. Naturally the minds of the people drift in that direction and, in this instance, they feel that the goveroment has been administered in an able and patriotic manner. In all depart-ments of business, among all in-dustries, and along all the channels and avenues of trade, there is a condition of confidence and conteniment never before distinctly felt in our history. The sun of heaven nowhere shines upon a people so prosperous and happy as this, and the stars

### destiny and that the helm is in the grasp of No Change Desired,

kiss no brighter flag than our honored em

The people feel that the ship of

is moving grandly onward to a still higher

"They do not want a change of administration, and will not ask it. All over the western prairies there is unabated confidence in President Harrison's great abilities, tried integrity and lofty patriotism. They neither want nor expect more than this. I do not doubt the sincerity of those gentlemen who think Harrison is not our strongest man. The conspicuous parties who indulge in this apprehension are good republicans, and earnestly desire the good of our party and the success of the cause. I do not agree with them.

believe Harrison is stronger today than he was in 1888, when he was a comparatively new and untried man. He has not been weakened at any point since, and I firmly believe he is as strong as his party and no

candidate can be stronger. 3
At this point the governor, brightening up, said: "By the way, a significant coincidence occurs to me. The Minneapolis convention is called for Tuesday, the 7th day of June, just four times seven years from the date of the memorable convention that gave Lincoln his second nomination, and which also met on the same day of the month and the same day of the week. It may be regarded as the anniversary of that great historical event, and hailed as an auspicious omen for Harrison and in Napoleonic phrase, 'the sun of Austerlitz.' Yes, I believe the man we nominate at Minneapolis will, if he survives, be the next president of the United States,"

Facts Distorted By Democrats. Today's New York Herald publishes seventy telegrams from as many representa-tive delegates at large to the Minneapolis convention from the various states, giving their opinions as to the scutiment in their delegations on the subject of presidential preference. Since the opinions are signed, the honest beliefs of the delegates are unquestionably given. An epitome of the re-sult gives President Harrison 356 votes from delegates who will obey instructions under any condition, or being uninstructed, have publicly proclaimed themselves in favor of the president; Blaine 255, Alger 28, McKin-ley I (Montana), and doubtful, 238. Dele-gates to the aggregate of 825 announce against free comage, to seventy-three for it.

against free coinage, to seventy-three for it, while all favor a protective tariff.

This effort to review the promises of the Minneapolis convention, while perhaps not intended for that purpose, gives the president the least possible showing. For instance it gives all of Connecticut's twolve votes to Blaine when it is known that the president has a strong following in that state. president has a strong following in that state. It gives all of South Dakota's eight to Blame when all have been given the strongest instructions to vote for Harrison.

Not a Proper Estimate.

It gives all of Virginia and Washington state to Blaine, when haif at least favor the president. But fourteen from Pennsylvania are reported to favor the president, and fifty are given to Blaine, when twice as many

nave indicated a desire to support the president. New York is reported as having six-teen for Harrison and twenty two for Blaine, when at least two of the delegates-at-large from that state say fifty are "dead sure" to support the president from the first ballot. None are given the president from Oregon or California, while Senators Mitchell and Felton say the two states are practically solid for the president on the first ballot. But two are reported for the president from the territories when they are almost sure

the territories when they are almost sure to all support the president. Yet in spite of these and many other facts this showing, which is the most unfavorable yet made for the president, piaces him within eighty-five votes of renomination on the first ballot, even if he should get none of the 233 "doubtful" delegates, while it is known here that he will have at least half of them. Democratic Views of Harrison. "Harrison will never be nominated at Minneapolis, nobody else will be thought of."
"I'll bet any man in the room \$5,000 that

the president rets the nomination."
"I'll take you and raise the bet to \$10,000." "I accept, and will put up the money right now."
The scene was in an uptown hotel, time \$130 p. m. The gentieman who was willing to back Harrison so emphatically and shelled out his money—\$5,000 in cash and \$5,000 in the form of a check—was a United States senator, and a democrat. The gentleman who took the other end of the wager was also a democrat and propulsed in local rail. also a democrat and prominent in local rail-road circles. 'The money was put up and turned over to the safe keeping of a congress-

man, the stakeholder, singularly enough, being also a democrat.

The above incident, related by this morning's Washington Post, is said to refer to a bet made by Senator Vilas of Wisconsin, who was President Cleveland's postmaster general and then secretary of interior. Senator Vilas is considered about as farsee-ing as any democrat in this city today.

Miscellaneous. B. Anderson of Nebraska is at the Metropolitan. Dr. C. W. Sibley of Fairfied, Ia., is at the Ebbitt, W. B. Hoge of Nebraska is at the Randall,

James F. Peavey of Sioux City is at the Cochran. P. S. H. THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Stewart's Free Coinage Bill Will be Considered by the Senate.

Washington, D. C., May 29.-The chief ubject for the consideration of the senate during the coming week will be Mr. Stewnrt's bill for the free comage of gold and silver. It has precedence over all other subjects after the morning hour. Monday, Decoration day, being dies nom

the hall will not open until 2 o'clock on Tuesday. Then Mr. Sherman (in case he will have been put in possession of the information which he has been seeking from the Treasury department) will address the senate in opposition to what he calls "the silver heresy." His speech will probably occupy the whole of Tuesday's session. The depate will be continued on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, after which the matter will probably go over until after the Minneapolis convention. The fact that eight senators including Messrs. Teller and Wolcott) are delegates to that convention and will consequently be absent from Washington, will probably act as a stay of proceedings in the case of silver; and, indeed, it is even questionable whether the final decision will be reached until after the democratic convention at Chicago. In the meantime (should an arrangement be made to preserve to the silver bill its advantageous position as the unfinished business) there are special orders which can be disposed of. These are: The bill for the development and encourage ment of sils culture in the United States the bill fixing the compensation of United States district attorneys, and the bill for the allotment of lands among Indian tribes in Tequapaw agency, Indian Territory.

The committee on appropriations is hard at work on the sundry civil appropriation bill and may have it ready to take the place of the silver bill, when the latter is laid asid temperarily. And there are many public bills on the calendar which may, under like conditions, occupy the attention of the sen-ate, the first of these being Mr. Dolph's bill making an appropriation for the purchase of sites for fortifications.

## In the House,

The sundry civil appropriation bill has at last been passed, and it is expected that the house will now make better progress on the appropriation oilis.

On Tuesday, when the house reassembles, after its Decoration day heliday, consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill wil he resumed and the bill taken up by para graphs, general debate having closed. bill is a short one, and, with the exception o the paragraph regulating the rate of comper sation to be allowed land grant and govern-ment-aided railroads for carrying the mails, and one or two paragraphs, there is nothing in it likely to cause prolonged discussion, se that two more days should certainly suffice to put the bill on its final passage.

A struggle for precedence will then take

place between the appropriations and agricul tural committees, to have the house take up the anti-options bill in accordance with the resolution adopted by the democratic caucus If the appropriations committee wins it will call up the legislative, executive and judicia appropriation bill, reported to the house last Saturday, the majority of the committee be-ing of the opinion that this bill, though subequently reported, should have priority in the house of the fortifications appropriation bill, which has been on the calendar for several to the calendar for eral weeks. Either the anti-options or th legislative bill is sufficiently important and interesting to occupy the house for the remainder of the week, after the postoffice ap propriation bill has been disposed of.

## ITS SANITARY CONDITION.

Report of the Experts Employed to Examine

the Capitol Building. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.-The experts employed to investigate the sanitary condition of the capitol, after a searching examination have handed in their report. It shows that the ventilation is, on the whole, good and sufficient and skilfully controlled to meet the requirements of all conditions except that of overcrowding during interesting debates.

The drainage of the building, its sewers its plumbing appliances, are, on the contrary, very defective and faulty. They combine nearly all the defects of the early stages of art, practically unredeemed its modern improvements. If the ven its plumbing work would make it uninhabita-

ble, and some of this is beyond the power of any general ventilation to make tolerable.

The report concludes: "If the capitol were a private building and were in its present concludes the property of the capitol were a private building and were in its present. ent condition as to its plumbing, the board of health of the district would probably order it closed, as a dangerous nuisance. It is to be remembered, however, that huge fans are constantly at work, forcing fresh air and drawing fout air out, so that there is not much chance for the accumulation what is called "sewer gas," but its produc-tion must be constant, and the condition is one that could not be tolerated in a prison or an asylum, though the patients and con-victs would have no voice in the matter. As those who occupy the capitol are masters of the situation, the situation is soon to be

Italians and the Fair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.-At the fifth meeting of the Italio-American board for the promotion of the World's Columbian exposiion held in this city yesterday Mr. C. F. Caracristi was elected president; Salator Cortez, editor of La Rivista of Rome, Italy, vice president; Francis R. Pava, jr., secre-

Resolutions were passed providing for a joint American and Italian celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus is Washington,

Returned to Washington. FORT MONROE, Va., May 29. - Secretary Foster and Senator Chandler returned to Washington tonight.

## IN KANSAS' RUINED TOWNS

Thousands Visit the Scenes of Destruction and Death.

NOTHING WITHSTOOD THE STORM'S FURY

Burnal of the Dead and Care of the Wounded-A Correct List of the Casualtles-News from the Cyclone Swept Country.

WELLINGTON, Kan., May 29. - Fifteen thousand people from all the towns and cities for 100 miles around came here today to view the ruins caused by Friday night's tornado. Fourteen special trains arrived from all directions, and the demand for transportation was so great that fifteen stock cars were called into service. People rode in these stock cars as thick as sardines in a box and were very glad to pay for such accommodation. The top of every car, both stock and passenger, was absolutely crowded. It is estimated that one train alone, consisting of ten passenger coaches and five stock cars, brought no less than 3,000 people from Wichlta. It was as large a crowd as ever assembled at Wellington before. In it were ladies. It was exceedingly hot and the demand for drink was so great that the council was compelled to put up large barrels of ice water on every corner of the principal streets to prevent the crowd from famishing from thirst.

Terrorized by an Approaching Storm. When the Wichita crowd came in during the early afternoon they reported that a bulletin had been posted by the Eagle that the conditions were favorable for another tornado at 4 o'clock. The sky at this time was a typical Italian sky and the Wichita re-port was treated as a jest. At 4 o'clock, however, a dense cloud came up over the southern horizon which was densely charged with electricity and great alarm spread

among the people.

This alarm was increased to the wildest terror when four or five men came rushing into the main street, shouting to the multitude that a evelnoe was approaching and to fly for places of safety. A fearful rush was made for basements and stairways, and it is a great wonder that scores of people were not crushed to death in the mad stampede. As it was, several were hurt.

The calm minded investigated the report and found it correct, for a small, but well de veloped twister was traveling in a northerly direction. This increased the excitement and terror. The alarm subsided somewhat in a few minutes, when the twister had disappeared entirely. An outside stairway be-tween two buildings, in which about fifteen people sought refuge, yielded beneath their weight. No one, however, was hurt. A heavy rain followed and the alarm subsided entirely when the dense cloud passed over and was followed by sunshine again,

Another Cyclone. Another cyclone passed northwest about a mile west of Corbin, in Sumner county. It did no damage so far as heard from in that vicinity at least. Another evelone, originat

ing in the territory, was seen west of Caldwell, but it was very small and did not touch ground. The pivck and grit the people are manifesting in the rebuilding of the city is phenomenal. Ex-Mayor Speckman, who phenomenal. Ex-alayor speckman, who was absent from the city, arrived today and found he had sustained a loss of \$10,000 by the tornado. He immediately telegraphed for bricklayers to reoulid his three brick buildings that had been destroyed, and work on them will be commenced tomorrow. The owners of Woods' opera house tele graphed from Boston to their agents here to proceed at once to let contracts for the

### respect than it was before. Ten People Killed.

Ten persons are now dead, and all the injured are thought to be out of danger except Mrs. McPhie, who will probably die within the next twenty-four hours

and make it better in

at the Methodist church today. The church was crowded, and the services were very impressive and sad. The funeral services were conducted by what is known as a union in which all the ministers of the

The funeral of young Mr. Hastie was conducted from his father's residence.

The following dispositions were made of the bodies: Prof. James Mayor was sent to Kansas City, where his wife resides.
The body of Ida Jones was sent to Tohis wife resides.

Mert Upson, Miss Kittle Strahn, Mrs. Saster, L. M. Adamson and James Hastie were buried here. The body of Campbell will be shipped

Pennsylvania tomorrow and the body of Ec forsythe will be buried here tomorrow.

The body of Thomas Cornwell was shipped to Belle Plaine last night and was buried

here today.
It is now conceded that all the bodies have been found and the people have abandoned any further search.
The search in the ruins of the Conrad house, from whence some one said he heard grouns proceeding, did not result in the dis

## 'MID HARPER'S RUINS.

covery of any one.

Scenes in the Stricken City-A Corrected List of the Killed.

HARPER, Kan., May 29. - Reports from the country around, through which the tornado of Friday night passed, demonstrate the losses to be greater than at first reported The course of the storm as indicated by its trail represents an imperfect letter "S," and it swept in that form a distance of at least fifteen miles.

In Garden Plaine township two brothers were picked up and carried a distance of 200 yards and laid down almost side by side One of them was badly injured in the fall, while the other escaped without a scratch. Nothing Escaped Its Fury.

Nothing escaped the storm's fury and great damage is not only done to houses and craps and trees, but thousands of dollars' worth of stock have been killed and injured. The nucleus of the tornado began forming few miles west of here at 6:30 and for over an hour the clouds moved about in great agitation, having a northwestern tendency. At :40 the tornado assumed its characteristic shape, and at once commenced its work of destruction, leaving ruin and devastation in its trail. It struck this city a regular broadside. Its greatest force was in the norther portion, where the destruction is complete.

It is impossible at present to estimate the entire loss sustained by the city and surounding country with any degree of curacy, but men who have traveled over urse say that it will not fall far short

but a large majority of them are only slightly Great Was the Destruction.

\$500,000. Not more than six out of 800 or 900 residences of the city have escaped damage,

It has been estimated that nearly 150 bouses are a total wreck while as many more are badly damaged. The Harper Mercantile company building is a complete wreck and nearly all its extensive stock of general mer-chandise is ruined. The amount of evelone insurance in the town is very light, while in the country it is comparatively nothing. Another serious loss was the new \$140,000

school house, which is a total and complete wreces from the foundation to the roof. The storm struck the cemetery and swept down fully two-thirds of the tombstones and monuments, breaking many of them. There is scarcely a residence recognizable as such on Central avenue from the Presbyterian church north. Almost all the stores in the north half of the city are in ruins and their

centcuts greatly damaged.

Many of the people are not only destitute of shelter, but of food and clothing as well.

A relief committee has been organized, with tion, John Watts as chairman, and today a formal prociamation was issued by the mayor, reciting the distress of the people and

calling for aid. Corrected List of the Fatalities.

The correct list of the dead, so far as ascertained up to 6 p. m. today, is as follows: W. L. STRANTHAN, MRS. THOMAS GALLAGHER. MRS. GALLAGHERS3-YEAR-OLD CHILD. LOUIS HARRISON. MRS. HOWARD TOMLIN'S CHILD.

The supposed fatally wounded are as fol

MRS. HOWARD TOMIAN. MR. AND MRS. FELRATH.
PETE GIRARD.
MRS. A. FREY.
MRS. L. HARRISON.
MR. AND MRS. NANCE. MRS. SAYERS. JAMES DICKINSON. S. CHALLIS, WIFE AND BARY. THOMAS GALLAGHER. The seriously injured are: S. E. Cole. ROBERT LIBRECHT. PETER CORBY.

JAMES DICKINSON. A. E. MALLORY AND WIPA. MRS. MINNOR. EZRA EVANS. MRS. BAKER.
WINN BAKER.
MRS. MATHEWS.
W. G. LIND.

### TRACING WELLMAN'S MURDERERS.

Generally Believed That the Guilty Parties

Will Be Apprehended. BUFFALO, Wyo., May 29 .- [Special to THE BEE. ]-The inquest on George Wellman's remains has resulted in a verdict of wilful murder against some parties unknown. Tom Hathaway, who was arrested on suspicion, has been set free, there being no evidence on which to base an indictment against him. The coroner's inquiry was held in private, but a good deal is known of the substance of the evidence, which, taken in connection with the facts previously made public, tends to show that no one man committed the crime. At first some people jumped to the conclusion that Hathaway was the actual murderer, and had done the deed from motives of private jealousy and revenge. There is now no longer ground for believing that this idea is correct. A certain amount of rivalry did andoubtedly exist between himself and the murdered man, and it is probably true that he had hopes that George had left the country for good, and that in default of Frank Laberteaux, now a prisoner at Fort D. A. Russell, he might get to run the Blair. It is now conclusively shown that at least three other parties were concerned in the outrage.

The party of men, led by Sheriff Augus,

who were first on the spot, returned apparently satisfied that no other parties had been in the vicinity of the murder at the time, and also that Tom Hathaway's narrative was un-true. He had stated that his horse had run and pitched him off, and had indicated the place where his tracks might be seen. A thorough search failed in any way to corroborate his story, but marks were found where some one on foot had been standing in a gulch close to where Wellman fell and a 44 caliber shell was picked up near by. Hatha-way had also stated that he had not dared to approach the murdered man, and although he stopped within 300 yards of the place he had seen no one. Yet footsteps were traced to the body and the gun and waten of the murdered man were missing. It was also urged that Wellman's return was quite unexpected and could only be known to the occupants of the Hoe ranch. This afterwards turned out to be erroneous. That Hathaway's story was improbable and ex-tremely suspicous there was no doubt, but on the theory that he had committed the crime for personal motives, it was strange that he should bring the news in himself instead of escaping from the country. The facts now known snow that he could readily have done so had he chosen. A very differ-ent aspect was given to the case when the second search party came back. They had discovered and followed for two miles the trail of three other horses which led diectly to and from the fatal spot, thus

ing that three other parties were at least cognizant of the murder. The movements of three men who were known to have been at the ranch the night before the murder have since been satis-factorily accounted for, and therefore no suspicion attaches to them, but their evidence showed that they left the Hoe ranch the same night, and were therefore not witnesses to the departure of Weilman and Hathaway next morning. They also stated that Hathaway carried no gun, and had not done so all winter. This, of course is mere surmise, but if true, it is strange that at a time when every man in the country was a walking arsenal that he should have gone unarmed. Investigations are being actively pushed, but the authorities are reticent as to the results at present attained. The fact that the victim was United States deputy marshal and also a Mason in good standing, belonging to Buffaio lodge, leads many to hope that the murderer will eventually be discovered. No reward has yet been offered. The feeling in the county is one of great discouragement, and the clumination of dangerous characters from Buffalo only seems to increase the feeling of insecurity in the country.

Wyoming's Bicycle Contest. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 29 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Extreme interest both in Laramie and Cheyenne was aroused in a bicycle contest which came off today. A relay race from Laramie to Cheyenne was first arranged. The distance, following gen erally the railroad, is sixty-one and one-hall miles. The roads are poor and the country broken and hilly. The Chevenno Bicycle club arranged for eight relays. The Laramie club then decided to try and beat the relay record by the Cheyenne pass road to Chey enne, which is eleven miles and a half nearer. Two men were to ride all the way except about twelve miles over a very mountainou part of the road to Sherman, which was to

be done in a wagon.

The start of the contestants was mad-The start of the contestants was made from the Boomerane office at 10 o'clock this morning. The relays consisted of W. D. Rishel, L. L. Dietrick, Fred Defuniack, Harry Griffith, Charley Bristol, Wolcott, Paul Bailey and Fred Chaffin. Almost without exception they beat the time scheduled for them, and arrived at the Leader office in Cheyenne with the message at 2:01 p. m., having been just four bours and one minute on the road. Spaulding of the Laramie team reached here at 3:06, and Van Buskirk, who carried another message, at 3:22. A throng of people was present at the finish and ac corded the contestants an enthusiastic re ception.

## DYING OF THIRST.

Terrible Sufferings of a Party of Travelers in Mexico.

Et. Paso, Tex., May 29.- Last night a party of soldiers, headed by Captain Hyland of Deming, arrived in Juarez, Mex., from Las Paloma, in Mexico, sixty-five miles west of this place, on the Mexico and New Mexico line. They were searching for William G Bailey, a well-to-go citizen of Paloma Battey, wife and Mexican servant boy cam here about ten days ago to buy supplies They left in their wagon for home last Wednesday morning and were lost in the mountains thirty-right miles west of E Paso in Mexico, and were without water. The Mexican boy was sent with the horses to find water. The horses get away from him and Friday night he argot away from him and Friday night he arrived at Palema with clothes torn off and suffering from a woused in the leg. He had shot himself in the leg and sucked the blood from the wound to quench his thirst. The party already mentioned started out to rescue Mr. Bailey and wife. This morning they found Mrs. Bailey with the wagon, and at the sight of the rescuers she fainted from exhaustion. On regaining conactions was she exhaustion. On regaining consciousness she stated that her husband started back Friday for Justes after water and horses. He has

Jack Wade, a Connoil Bluffs Hack Driver, Killed While Engaged in Robbery.

W. M. JONES MAY BE FATALLY WOUNDED

General Western Manager for the Sandwich Company Robbed and Shot.

TWO ROBBERS NOW UNDER ARREST

Jimmy Maher and Tom Crogan Held for Complicity in the Crime.

SURE FLIGHT OF THE FOURTH THUG

He Stole His Employer's Horse and Rode Off Into the Night-Details of a Most Sensational Sunday Night

Robbery.

Just before I o'clock this morning a fusilade of pistol shots disturbed the watches of the policemen who patrolled Broadway in Council Bluffs. Two officers were within 200 yards of the firing, and both ran hurriedly in the direction.

On the pavement near the Ogden house, by his back, was found the dead body of Jack Wade, a back driver, who but a few moments before had telephoned from the hotel office to Welsh's barn for his hack.

Around the corner from the hotel, a little way up Park avenue, was found W. M. Jones, general western manager of the Sandwich Manufacturing company, unconscious and nearly dead from a bullet wound in the

right side of the abdomen. Just beside Wade lay a revolver and clutched in Jones' hand was another. In each of the weapons four chambers were emptied.

### Had Been Garotted.

Mr. Jones was quickly removed to the police station and medical aid summoned. Here ne revived sufficiently to give a clew to the facts concerned in the startling midnight drama.

Though he could talk but little, owing to the intense suffering, Mr. Jones said sufficient to show that he had been the victim of an assault by footpads. While walking up Park avenue he was suddenly set upon from behind by three or four men.

Two chosed him and held his arms while a third searched his pockets for money and valuables. When they came to remove his watch he worked his revolver out with one hand and began firing.

Then he was hit on the head a terrible blow with a billy or club and he remembers no more. He must have continued firing, for four

chambers of his pistol, a self-acting one, were empty and the dead hack driver gave evidence of the accuracy with which at east one of the bullets sped.

Searching for the Perpetrators.

Immediately the whole city police force was alarmed and a thorough search of the city was commenced. Word was telephoned to Omana, and a close watch was set on the river on this side.

It was impossible for Mr. Jones to state accurately how many men were in the party that attacked him. They set upon him so suddenly and so vigorously that he had no chance to gain a view of all, but is certain there were not less that three, and very likely four. There is some quetion, also, as to whether the dead back driver, Jack Wade, was concerned in the assault as an active participant or not. The whole affair was so terribly swift that the nearest persons to the scene could not reach the spot from whence the sound of the shooting came till one of the men wounded in the close was already dead and the other seemingly so.

While the surgeons were busy working over Mr. Jones, to determine if there was a chance to save his life, the police were ransacking the holes where the criminals hid,

## and not without apparent success.

Think They Have One. Jimmy Maher, a well known tough, was taken to the police station within haif an hour. He was very nervous, fairly trembling with excitement, and refusing to talk

His very actions seemed to convict him. When taken to where Jones was lying on a cot Maher was more nervous than ever. The wounded man looked at him, but could not positively identify it was so dark on Park avenue that Jones could not well see his assailants. He said Maner's general appearance strongly resembled that of one of the highwaymen. And when Maher spoke Jones thought he recog nized his voice.

The identification, while not complete, i very strong support to the belief of the police that Maher was concerned in the affair, and the record of the prisoner will not be in his favor.

### Jones Was Popular. At 2 o'clock Mrs. Jones had not been noti-

fied of her husband's condition, though at that time a messenger was sent to apprise her of the situation. It was not then determined whether Mr. Jones should be removed to his apartments in the Merriam block or taken to the hospital. was the physician's opinion, however, that he should be taken to the hospital

Mr. Jones went to Council Biuffs from Fremont, Neb., about a year ago to take charge of the western business of the Sandwich Manufacturing company. He was generally regarded as an excellent business man and was very popular among his ac quaintances. Until a short time ago he made his home with his family at the Grand hotel but lately he removed to rooms in the Mer riam block. Yesterday afternoon he was a Lake Manawa with his wife, and seemed to enjoy the coming of summer and the season of outdoor gatety hugely.

## Had Been Drinking Heavily.

On visiting Mrs. Jones, THE BEE reporter earned that Mr. Jopes had been drinking heavily all day long. During the afternoon she induced him to go to Lake Minnawa in hopes that she would get him to sober up. He resumed his libations on returning to the city, hewever, and at 7 o'clock was considerably intoxicated. At | killed and fourteen injured.

this bour his wife got him their apart-

Enticed to His Just after 7 o'clock Mike K prominent member of the a element, went to the Jones rooms and t Mr. Jones that a man at the Ogden house wanted to see

His wife pleaded with him and begged him not to go out again, but he said he would be gone but a moment and would return immediately be had learned the object of the errand. He then left It was not until the shooting occurred at 12:45 that he was heard from again.

At the station there seemed to be every evidence that Jones had been drugged.

Another Arrest. About 2:15 the police arrested Tom Crogan, another of Weish's back drivers, who drove the back to the Ogden house in answer to Wade's telephone message. Crogan tells

a very singular story. He says when he arrived at the Ogden house Jimmy Maher was robbing Jones. He (Crogan) interfered and Maher, drawing a revolver, chased him up the avenue almost to the reservoir. While they were running

the shots were fired. Crogan's story is not credited by the police, however, although they do not think that the back driver was directly implicated

in it. Gone with a Horse,

One thing which will be against Crogan is the fact, discovered just before 3 o'clock, that one of Welsh's hack drivers, whose identity is not yet established had flown and with him took a horse, undoubtedly to carry him out of the country. Taking this along with the death of Wade makes the case look black for Crogan, as it seems there was an understanding between the three nack drivers, Kildare and Maher, that Jones should be robbed, if not in one way, then in another.

How They Were Shot. Wade's body was taken to the station after Jones had been removed there. After the wounded man had been cared for the dead

one was looked after. It was found that a bullet had passed directly through Wade's heart and his death was almost instantaneous. Jones was shot after falling to the ground

Where the other bullets went can only be conjectured, but it is certain that only two of the eight shots fired took effect.

from the blow given him when he first

One singular circumstance is that only a few feet away from where Jones lay, around the corner on Broadway, Jimmy Maher was given what was at the time thought to be a fatal wound. 11 was two years ago, when Jimmy was Johnny Maher, with others of their gang, undertook to "do up" a policeman who had ordered them to move on. They were then waiting for a good opportunity to pounce upon a drunken man who was making for the Ogden house in search of protection from

### the gang of land pirates.

Taken to the Hospital. At 3 o'clock Jones was taken to the Women's Christian Association hospital. Just before being removed he made a state ment to the corner, denying that he did any shooting. He was then becoming delirious

INVOLVES MILLIONS.

Valuable Property in Sault Ste, Marie in Littigation. SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 29.-Late vesterday a case was filed in the United States court calculated to affect the title to a possession of a piece of property in this city worth nearly \$4,000,000. It is one of the most gigantic cases, measured by the inter ests involved, that has ever come before the

courts in this city. About forty-five years ago, a soldier in th United States army, but whose name is not divulged, received a warrant from the central government entitling him to 16 es of public land wherever he migh ose to locate the same. He was killed in the Indian war and the warrant was held in the United States land office for the benefit of his widow and surviving children. The widow renewed the warrant and subse quently transferred it to a second party, who located the 160 acres on the spot now occupied by the Minnesota Transfer and property immediately adjacent thereto. Numerous transfers of lots have followed,

several hundred holders having been in possession, and the original property is now worth nearly \$4,000,000. The action attack ing the title is brought on behalf of the children of the original grantee of the war rant-namely, the man who was killed in the Mexican war. It is claimed that the children had an interest in the original war rant separate and independent of their mother—the widow. This interest was a vested right, and, according to their conten tion, followed the warrant and rested upo the land which was located authority. Proceedings are instituted against 500 different holders.

## MISSOURI'S CROP OUTLOOK.

Promises of an Average Yield-Deficiency in Rainfall,

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 29.—The weather crop bulletin of the Missouri weather service, State Board of Agriculture, for the week ending May 27, says: This has been the most favorable week this season for agricultural pursuits. Nearly all counties are reporting a deficiency in the rainfall and plenty of sunshine. Four or five days' work has been the average. Considering the material advancement of this week a short continuation of this weather promises a wonderful change in the outlook. Finally sum-

marized the conditions are as follows: Wheat on high ground, though thin and yellow in many places, is heading and promises a fair yield. Oats are doing fairly well, but need heat and sunshine to thicken the stand. Potatoes are coming up fairly, bu on account of rotting promises a small crop Peaches are poor but other tree fruits prom ise fairly, though much is reported dropping Corn planting is being pushed, but on account of the early plant is coming poorly and replanting is necessitated thereby is set as the time of completing the work Then the acreage will be below the average

Unveiled a Monument to Chief Hennessey New ORLEANS, La., May 29 .- The monument erected by the people of this city to the memory of the late superintendent of police, David C. Hennessey, who was assassinated by the Mafia in October, 1890, was un

veiled today at Metare cometery. Addresses were made by Mayor Fitzpat rick and ex-Mayor Shakespeare. There was an immense gathering present, including government officials, city police and fire department.

Three Young Men Drowned.

Sr. Paul, Minn., May 29 .- A Ploneer Press special from Red Wing says: Three young men were arowned in the river here today. They are Gustaf Halgren, Swan Sederlin and John A. Benson. In company with Sam Johnson they went out in a small boat. The cable ferry was crossing and in attempting to cross over the cable the boat was upset. Johnson clung to the upturned

### boat and was saued, but the others were Fatal Wreck on the Santa Fe.

CHICAGO, Itl., May 29.-A wreck is reported on the Santa Fe road at Lemont. One

# LINCOLN'S THIRD HOMICIDE

Three Shocking Tragedies in as Many Weeks at the Capital City.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S COLD-BLOODED AFFAIR

Thomas Started the Row Which Ended in His Sudden Death-His Heart Was Pierced by the Builet-Escape of the Murderer.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 29 .- [Special to Tus Bee |- The murder of Charles Thomas by Green Gaffney last night is the third homicide committed in the city of Lincoln within three weeks. Last night's tragedy was a cold blooded affair, but neither the murderer nor his victim are receiving any sympathy from the people of Lincoln. The man who lost his life last night commenced the quarrel which resulted in his death.

The particulars as gleaned by a Ber rep resentative are briefly as follows: Thomas lives with a woman whom he acknowledges as being his wife, but who has no title to the claim. Friday Gaffney went to the residence of Thomas and demanded favors which she was apparently not willing to grant, for she repulsed him, whereupon he drew a revolver and threatened her life. She told her husband of the affair, and last night the two men met in a billiard room over lvison's saloon on lower P street. Thomas at once com menced a quarrel over Gaffney's treatment of his wife. After a few hot words had passed on both sides. Gaffney drew a revolver and commenced to retreat towards the door. As he stood in the entrance he raised the weapon and fired one shot, with deadly effect. Thomas was leaning over a billiard table at the time the shot was fired, and the bullet struck him at a point below the left shoulder blade, ranged inward and downward, lodging in the heart. Death was almost instantaneous. Eye witnesses state that he was dead almost as soon as he struck the floor.

The murderer was out of the door with a single bound. He disappeared in the darkness and in spite of the most vigilant search of the police he has not yet been apprehended.

Both the murderer and his victim are colored men and both have long borne unenviable reputations. Both have served one or more terms in the penitentiary for killing men and since their release have given the police a great deal of trouble. Thomas was first sent to the penitentiary from Colorado for murder and was released eleven years ago. Since his release he has lived in Lincoln and has been married twice. He and his first wife did not get slong well together and they separated without the formality of a divorce. Afterward he took up with the woman whe now claims to be his wife, although his legal wife is still alive and living in Lincoln.

Gaffnoy was released from the penitentiary on March 16 last, having served a three years' sentence for shooting a man with intent to kill in Dawes county. He was looked upon by the police as an all round bad man and was under constant surveillance.

Ciara Thomas, the woman about which the Clara Thomas, the woman about which the two men quarreled, is also a notorious character. While her alleged husband, Charles Thomas, was serving his second term in the penitentiary she lived with another notorious negro character here as his wife and after-wards became an inmate of a negro dive in

his city.

Raided the Gamblers Again. The police authorities made another raid incoln last night after midnight. Webster block was visited, where six men were found in the clutches of the tiger. They were taken to the station, where the gave their names as John Wilson, Jack Williams, Leonard Burns, Charles Johnson, Frank Jones and John Smith. After they were coked up a suite of rooms over the Little Gold Dust saloon on Eleventh street was visited, where four more of the gamblers were found engaged in a game of poker. They were also arrested. They entered their names in the station register as Charley Jule, James Smith, Fred Williams and Bi Williams. They sil gave bonds for their ap-

pearance tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Danger from Smallpox. Secretary of State Alien has been officially notified by the United States agent of immi-gration at New York that a party of immi-grants have landed at that port nd that their destination is Nebraska Nebraska towns for which these immigrants ire bound are Omaha, Wahoo and Oaklands The stip in which they traversed the Atlan-tic was infected with smallpox, and the notice is sent out in order to prevent all pos-

### sible dauger from the disease spreading in Nebraska towns.

ASSAULTED BY WHITE CAPS. Taylor Hobbs of North English, Ia., Vigors ously Horsewhipped.
Ottumwa, Ia. May 29.—[Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-Last night at North English, about midnight, as Taylor Hobbs was putting his team in the barn, he was attacked by twenty men in white masks who seized him, tied a rope around his neck and vigorously horsewhipped him. A couple of neigh-bors hearing his outery rushed to his rescue and the white caps disappeared. The out-rage was perpetrated, it is alleged, because

of Hopps' inhuman treatment of his 12-year-

Sioux City, Ia., May 29.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The Omaha National bank last night closed the Sioux City store of the Omaha Installment company under a mortgage of \$5,000. A chattel mortgage for \$1,000, given by S. Piegle & Lewis, proprietors of the store, to the Security National bank of this city, was also filed for record late yesterday. Some time ago the firm lost \$10,000 worth of goods by fire on which there was only \$2,000 insurance. It was just recovering from this blow when the flood came and destroyed several thousand dollars worth of furniture it had placed in various houses in the course of business on contracts for monthly payments. On these accounts the firm could not expect to realize, and as a consequence the failure followed. Additional

Crop Prospects Improving. FORT DODGE, In., May 29.- [Special Telegram to The Bee. |-A full week of warm, dry weather has wrought a wonderful change in the crop prospects of north and central lows. All the corn is now in and in many sections it is shooting rapidly from the ground. The average is somewhat less than last year. Small grain is making fine progress, and in only a few very low places has any of that originally sown rotted. acreage of flax will be larger than for sev-The hay crop is certain to break the record in quantity and quantity.

claims will greatly swell the liabilities.

Assaulted an Editor.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 29.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-Editor Guernsey of the Centerville Citizen was assaulted and badly injured by John Barlow yesterday because Guernsey published the statement that Barlow was seen drunk the Saturday pre-

Cedar County Republicans.

RANDOLPH, Neb., May 20 .- [Special to THE BEE. |- The republicans of Randolph and vicinity held an enthusiastic meeting at Boughn's opera house Friday evening. W. 11. Chappell called the meeting to order and read the call. After enthusiastic speeches by several local republicans a lazze club was organized with George W. Wiltse as presi-dent and E. F. Walden as secretary. The republicans of Cedar county are preparing to enter the fight this fall to win.