OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1892.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Frightful Fatal Accident Happens to An Omaha and Council Bluffs Motor Train.

DERAILED WHILE GOING AT TOP SPEED

Heavily Loaded Coach Jumps the Track While Yet on the Bridge.

MAN AND WIFE WERE INSTANTLY KILLED

Terrible Fate Which Befell Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole of Omaha.

MANY OTHERS WERE BADLY INJURED

What Passengers on the Train Say About the Affair-Caused by Fast Running-No Other Fatalities Probable-The Coroner's Actions.

Making up time by a Council Bluffs and Omaha motor train was the cause of the most serious and distressing accident ever recorded since the establishment of the electric car system in Omaha. The eastbound Council Bluffs train, which carried a heavy load of passengers, was wrecked and partially demolished on the Douglas street bridge about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two lives were lost and several people more or less injured.

The killed were: MR and MRS. CHARLES COLE, 1709 North Twentieth street, Omaha. The injured were:

LEWIS WEHRIL, hostler at Neumayer's stables, Council Bluffs.

ANNA EIRSLING, Commercial hotel, Omaha. ANDY FREIBURG, 821 North Twentieth street, Omaha.

N. A. Tyson, High School avenue, Council, Bluffs. DR. WILLIAM O'GORMAN, WIFE AND CHILD.

Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. None of the injured are hurt seriously except Dr. O'Gorman and Lewis Wehril, both of whom complain of internal pains.

Story of the Witnesses. From what could be learned from wit nesses the story of the accident is as fol-

lows: On account of the heavy travel the train was a little behind time as it climbed the grade at the west end of the big bridge, and just as soon as the level was reached the motorman, W. E. Hoyt, turned on the full current to increase the speed and make up the lost time on a level track. When within seventy-five or 100 feet of the first truss on the channel span of the bridge the trailer jumped the track and bumped along on the block pavement. Evidently the train crew was not aware of this fact, for the speed was not diminished. Just as the span was the heavy truss on the south side of the bridge.

Thrown to Death.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole, who occupied front seats on the right hand side of the trailer, were thrown out and against the iron ratiing which guards the footpath. The force of the sbock of crashing against the iron pillar was so great that the bodies, when they struck the railing, bounded back and feli beneath the front end of the car and directly across the track. The couplings broke and the front end of

the trailer remained slightly elevated and leaning against the truss.

After the shock every passenger jumped to the ground and gathered around two bleeding bodies. Some one ran to the toll gate at the west end and telephoned to the city jail and to the coroner.

The news of the wreck spread rapidly and hundreds of people flocked toward the bridge from each end and crossed to the center to take a look at the demolished car and the

Before the arrival of the coroner a couple of city detectives and the police officers on the Douglas street beat arrived on the scene and at once placed Conductor T. J. Smith and Motorman Hoyt under arrest and sent them to police headquarters.

Several doctors were hastily called an promptly responded, but one look at the forms lying under the car was enough for the medical men. They saw at once that lift was extinct. Willing hands raised the bodies from the readway, laid them on the footpath and somebody kindly denated a shawl to cover the mutilated corpses.

Coroner Maul was the first person to identify Mr. Cole, and after hearing the story of the wreck the coroner ordered the bodies removed to the morgue. Cleared the Track and Away.

A crew was sent out from the power house and the train resumed its eastward journey to the power house, where the passenger: were transferred to another train.

C. S. Moore and N. E. Tyson of Councit Bluffs were subposned by the coroner as witnesses at the inquest. These men, as weil as everyone else on the train, stated that the cars were running unusually fast in order to make the east end switch in time so as not to delay the west bound train, which lay on the sidetrack waiting for the east bound cars to pass.

What the Crew Said.

After his arrest Conductor Smith declined to talk about the affair beyond staticg that he was not aware that the rear car had left the track until it had struck the overhead truss support. Motorman Hoyt claimed that he was not running at an unusually high rate of speed and could not see how any blame could be attached to him. At police headquarters the conductor and motorman were turned over to the officer in charge and were neither booked per charged with any offense. An official of the Council Bluffs motor line followed his men to the jall and had them released at once. They were ordered to appear before the coroner's jury at 2 p. m. today.

Were Terribly Injured.

An examination at the morgue showed that Mr. Cole had suffered a severe fracture of the skull just behind the right ear. A piece of fiesh nearly as large as a man's hand had been torn away and the skuli was cracked, from which wound the brain was slowly cozing out. The left arm was also broken, besides bruises all over the body.

Mrs. Cole had a great hole in the left side of her head, her face was bruised almost beyond recognition and her right arm was

morgue and asked to be admitted to the dead room, but such requests were denied by

order of the coroner. Coroner Maul, accompanied by a Ben representative, visited the nome of the deceased couple to break the sad news to the children. The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cole, who is a fine looking young lady about 20 years of age, was found at home. When asked where her parents were the young lady replied that they had gone to Council Bluffs.

At this moment neighbors who had heard of the accident came in and a kind-hearted matronly lady took the daughter to one side and told her the awful truth. One great sob from the inner room reached the waiting friends in the hall and then it was known that the truth had been told to the daughter who had been waiting so patiently for her parenta' return.

Hoping Against Hope, After a moment's reflection Miss Cole suggested to her friends that perhaps there was some mistake, that possibly the couple who lay dead at the morgue were not her parents, but this ray of hope was almost instantly

To make sure, however, Mr. J. B. West and W. S. Asswith, both neighbors, drove to the coroner's office, viewed the bodies and positively identified them as Mr. and Mrs.

Besides the daughter. Agnes, who is employed at the telephone exchange, the deceased leave a son 22 years of age who is a telegraph operator in the employ of the Western Union company.

Mr. Cole has lived in Omaha for many years and was well known and highly respected. He was formerly an engineer and worked for the Union Pacific railway company. For some time he has been janitor at the Lake street school. Mr. Cole was a member of several secret orders, among them the Modern Woodmen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grand Army of the Republic. It is probable that the societies to which

the deceased belonged will take charge of the remains after the inquest today.

MISUNDERSTOOD ORDERS. Fatal Collision on the Nashville & Owens-

boro Railroad. Louisville, Ky., June 5.—Near South Carrolltown today the regular north-bound passenger train on the Nashville & Owensboro railway collided with an excursion train il led with negroes going south. Four were ki led outright and twenty-five were njured, several dangerously. The dead are: HUGH BARCLAY of Russellville, fireman

of the excursion train.
HENRY EASLEY, colored, Owensboro. DAN GREENWOOD, colored, Ovensboro. HENRY FIELD, colored, Owensboro, How the Accident Happened,

The collision was caused by a misunderstanding of a change in the time table. The excursion train conductor and engineer supposed a changed bulletin had gone into effect at 7 o'clock this morning, when it was to go into effect at 7 o'clock tonight. They ran beyond the point where they were to meet the passenger. The passenger engineer saw the excursion train in time to put on brakes and for the crew to jump. The passengers were badly shaken up, but nobody was killed and only one or two badly hurt. Both engines were completely wrecked and the front cars on both trains telescoped. The property loss will be \$40,000. List of the Injured,

JEROME HELM, colored; both feet cut off. WOODFORD GRIFFIN, leg fractured J. T. Wood, colored; leg broken; all of PAT FAHEY, Russellville, engineer excur-

sion train; leg distocated.

Ep Discoun, Owensboro; leg crushed off. WILLIE SANDERS, Owensboro, colored back hurt. THOMAS MEARMAN, colored, Owensboro; leg hurt.
Eva Orr, colored, of Owensboro; head

WILLIAM SCOTT, editor Central City Weekly paper; internally injured. Jin Newman, white, Russellville, brake-man; ankle sprained. R. W. Bonn, colored, Owensboro; leg

JEROME HILLMAN, Owensboro; both legs Joe Bell, colored, Owensboro; interna injuries. EUGENE GASSER, colored, Owensboro bruised. HERRY Bowers, white, traveling salesman Falls City Cracker company, Louisville:

CHARLES CALDWELL, Russellville, baggagemaster; head cut.
L. Mohan, brakeman, Russellville, back burt. W. H. Powell, white, Owensboro, head R. BLACKLOCK, colored, Owensboro,

LILLIE CLARK, colored, Owensboro, head FRANK BUCKNER, colored, leg broken. HENRY WEBSTER, colored, Owensboro, leg

Amos Smedly, colored, Owensboro, leg ALBERT BUDEROR, leg broken below the MARY MENTON and JIM BELL, colored, Owensboro, slight cuts.

NO CHANCE FOR LICENSE.

Sloux City's Mayor Will Enforce the Pro-

hibitory Law. Sloux City, Ia., June 5 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-One more effort was made yesterday by Sioux City property owners to get the mayor, who was elected as an independent, to agree to some measure for securing a license from the saloons, which have been only partially closed under his administration. A meeting of thirty leading citizens was held, most of them men who supported the present mayor, and he was presented with resolutions urging a re-turn to some form of liceuse, but he persisted in his course and says that so lon he is mayor he will enforce the law. will settle all attempts to secure a relaxation

Tabor's Commencement Exercises TABOR, Ia., June 5 .- (Special to THE BEE. |-Tabor college commencement occurs this year June 19 to 29. Besides the usual exercises by students there will be addresses by Rev. George Herron of Burlington and Rev. L. L. West of Winona, Mian.; inaug-ural by Vice President Rev. R. C. Hughes; a concert by a quartet from Omaha and scussion between the literary societies,

Mormon Elders in Iowa. FORT DODGE, Is., June 5 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -A couple of Mormon elders are holding revivals nightly at Colville, a town near here. The village and country people are attending it in large numbers, out of curiosity, but very few converts have been made. It is understood that the Mormons will make a vigorous campaign for recruits all over this section during the sum-

He Rode on Top of a Steeper. Hor Spaines, S. D., June 5.- Specia l'elegram to Tue Bes.]-Harry Kale, who has been driving a dray in this city for some has been driving a dray in this city for some time past, Friday quit and started for Alliance, Neo., considerably under influence of bad whisky. At Edgemont, on the B. & M. road, he was noticed on top of a sleeper after the train started. Yesterday morning his body was found about two miles south of that place, by the side of the railroad track, with scarcely an unbroken bone in it. In his intoxicated condition he doubtless rolled off the car while the train was running at As soon as possible the bodies were laid out in order to let a few friends fo the family Philadelphia.

view them. The usual crowd of curious people gathered about the entrance to the BYFIRE AND BY FLOOD

Pennsylvania Towns Almost Completely Wiped Out of Existence.

AWFUL COMBINATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Titusville and Oil City the Theaters of Destruction and Death.

RAGING TORRENTS OF BURNING OIL Peculiar and Terrible Culmination of

Fierce Storm. KILLED AND INJURED IN THE DISASTER

Panic Stricken Multitudes Mad with Terror-Frightfully Grand Scenes of Devastation-A Sunday of Cala mity-Jima town, Colo., Goes Up in Smoke.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 5.-Never before in the history of Oil City and the oil country has there been such disaster, excitement and turmoil as this city is now witnessing.

At 11:45 o'clock this morning the city and country for miles around was startled by two explosions, occurring almost simultaneously. The Associated Press correspondent was standing on Center streat, in front of the Derrick office and on the approach to Oil creek bridge. The creek is a raging torrent and Center street, for one square, was solid mass of humanity, and 500 or 1,000 people had approached this point of vantage, watching the muddy waters rolling by.

A Stream of Liquid Fire,

At about 11:30, upon the opposite side of the street, a greenish fluid floating on the water was noticeable. This increased rapidly in quantity and extent, and at last covered almost entirely the yellow, muddy waters of the creek. A smell of gas was perceptible and several gentlemen back of me were discussing the danger should the oil catch fire. Hardly were the words uttered when, about 200 yards up the stream, a mass of flame was seen to shoot heaven-

"Run!" yelled a hundred voices, and the people turned like stampeded cattle or started for the hills.

Hardly had they started, when a terrific explosion rent the air and the entire creek and for hundreds of feet on each side seemed one seething mass of flame and smoke. The panic stricken crowd shricked wildly in their efforts to escape. Women and children were trampled under foot and about twenty were severely bruised and had to be picked up by a few of the cooler heads and carried out of harm's way.

Usually a Gentle Rivulet. Oil creek usually is not more than a foot leep at this point, where it empties into the Allegbeny river, and about 100 yards wide. Directly at its mouth is the Coon bridge of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio road. About two squares up the stream is the iron and wooden bridge of the city, connecting the Third ward with the city proper. On the cast side of the creek is Trinity Methodist church, on one side of Center street, and the Derrick office and Oil exchange opposite. Across the creek, and built up squarely from the water's edge, was the hotel and livery stable of J. Reinbold and the furniture house of Paul & Sons. These

tween the creek and the hills, which rise precipitously immediately back of them. Witnessed a Fearful Sight. About a mile from the postoffice, northward from here, on the Western New York & Pennsylvania railway, was a tank filled with oil. Some people passing noticed that the tank was leaking, and knowing the explosive nature and seeing an engine approaching, ran up the hill, where they turned and looked down, and as the engine passed, witnessed a fearful sight. A mass of flames shot hundreds of feet up into the air, and the earth seemed to shake with an awful tremor. The engineer and fireman were seen tumping from the cab, and it is supposed at this writing

buildings were built on a narrow steppe be-

they were burned to death or killed by th force of the explosion. In an instant the flames sweet madly over the entire upper part of the city, which is flooded by the oily waters of the creek, and men, women and children who were moving from their houses were caught by the deadly dames, and if not burned to death outright

were drowned in the raging flood. At this writing seven ghastly bodies have been taken from the flood and are lying on the railroad track unrecognized waiting for their friends to come and claim them.

Fighting Against Fearful Odds. At this end of the city was another iro and wooden bridge, which went down five minutes after the first explosion, the hage structure being broken and swept away like so much kindling wood. From this bridge, southward, for a quarter of a mile, the en tire town is destroyed and the fire is still raging. The fire department is making heroic efforts to stop the flames and risking their lives every instant, as it is not known what moment many of the immense oil tanks above here will burst and send their burning contents down upon them. The Imperial Refining company's large tanks are visible from here and are burning, and it is greatly feared that the burning oil will again com down the creek.

Paul & Sons' furniture house, an immense four-story building, was swept away with \$30,000 worth of stock, furniture, etc. Reinbold's hotel and livery stable were de

stroyed in a few minutes, and Mr. Reinbold and two others who have not been identified were burned to death. These three bodies have been recovered, and it is not known how many more are lost at this writing. Words Inadequate to Describe the Scene.

About baif the Third ward has been destroyed and the fire is still doing its awful work in this part of the city. People are panie-stricken all over the town and parents are searching for their children and endeavoring to get them all together in a place of safety. It is almost impossible to find words to describe this awful calamity, and at this time there are a number missing. For miles up the creek, on both sides, everything is in ruins and hundreds of families have been rendered homeless. The fire came so suddenly and unexpectedly that very little, if any, property has been saved along the stream, and the sky is still black with the smoke from burning dwellings and oil tanks. When the two explosions occurred many seople were snocked down by the force of the shock. Every window along Center

Trambled Upon By the Crowd. One young girl was picked upout of the mud on this street after the crowd had

street was broken.

passed over her. She was badly bruised and cut, but not seriously injured. It was some-thing remarkable that no one was killed by the mob, as it was a case of every one for himself. Smoke covered the entire lower part of the city, and it seemed that the en-

tire city was doomed to destruction.

The water in Oil creek is falling slowly at this time, and it is hoped the worst is over. The creek is about fifteen feet deep here now and 100 yards wide, and in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has never been so high before.

In the upper part of town about 1,000 dwellings have been destroyed by fire and the fire department can do little to stop the flames. Seneca street, up to within four squares of the postoffice, is blocked with lumber sheds and roofs of houses which have floated down. Nothing seems to be bxaggerated and the loss of life is appalling. Andy Schaffer's body has been taken to

the undertaking establishment, where many Franklin people have visited it. The body is hardly recognizable except from the name on the watch charm. John Reinbold's body has just been recov

ered and is but slightly mutilated.

The sight from the hill above town is almost beyond description. The loss to property is estimated from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Up to 5 o'clock fifteen to twenty bodies have been recovered and identified, and the death list will figure up much larger, some placing it as high as fifty. The Third ward up to the Seneca street bridge, within nearly square of the Lake Shore depot, is as level

List of the Identified Dead. At midnight searchers are still finding bodies. The following bodies have been re

covered and are in improvised morgues.
ANDY SCHAFFER, Franklin. JOHN REINBOLD, OH City. CHARLES DILLEY, Oll City,
MISS MINNIE RUSSELL, Pottsville, Pa. DANIEL SULLIVAN, engineer, Oll City. JAMES HOLMES, barber, Oll City. MRS. WILLIAM BRIGGS, Oll City. MISS EMMA BRIGGS, OH City. WILLIAM MORAN, OH City. ED KEATING, section boss, Oil City. MR. TERWILLIGER. MR. BAKER, SHERIDAN WICK-

MR. BAKER, book agent, stopping at Exhange hotel. MR. JOHN ROACH AND SON. FRANK WATSON, ared 14 years, missing, MR. EAKIN and TWO FONS, D. KOPLING, WIFE and SONS. TWO SONS of MR. RASSENFRITZ.

WILLIAM ATKING and his TWO SONS, FRANK and EDWARD. MRS. BRIGGS and THERE DAUGHTERS, JOHN O'LEARY and MOTHER. MR. and MRS. HAWKES and DAUGHTER MATTHEW LYONS, WIFE and TWO CHIL-

FRANK PLANK JAMES ROGERS. JAMES ASKINS. WILLIAM WHITE JOHN ROACH. FRANK GOODRICH. CHARLES MILLER. JOHN STHEAK. JOHN RAAMBO. HUMPHREY STEWART. WILLIAM STEWART. WILLIAM MADONIE WILLIAM BAKER

W. L. DAUGHERTY.
EDWARD MILLS and FOUR CHILDREN.
MRS. COPELAND 2nd BABY.
MRS. LEVI FITT. A.S.
There are fifteen boutes at the undertaking rooms of Britting, McCracken & Co., twen-

ty-five at the city hall and a number were taken to their homes. There are still a number of persons missing. Seriously Injured.

Louis HAZENFRETZ, badly burned and can not recover. Five children, unknown, badly burned and two will die. MRS. FENNEY AND SIX CHILDREN, badly burned.

MATT LYONS, missing, supposed lost. MRS. HAWKS AND DAUGHTER, burned, one will probably recover. The Oil City Greys, New Jersey, and the

Fourteenth regiment are out in full on guard duty and will remain on duty all night. Many wild rumors are affoat but the above are the best that can be learned.

The Worst Has Passed.

Nothing so terrible has visited Oil City for many years. At this writing (6 p. m.) the worst is perhaps over and a heavy rain is falling. The Alleghony river is about stationary, but so far not receding. The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio company placed ome cars on their bridge over Oil crees for protectionand it sems intact, although in a crippled condition. The Sycamore street bridge is in good shape except small damage on the west end.

Burning material can be seen as far down the river as the old Moran house, about one mile below town. Paul & Sons' loss estimated at \$100,000; not

fully insured. R. D. Naylor, loss \$3,000; no insurance. William Loots, petroleum house, totally destroyed, \$5,000; partially insured.

It is reported that Sam Yearlee of Rouseville saved about twenty-five persons floating down the creek. He used his boat during the height of the flood, and great praise is due him.

Nothing can be heard from Titusville here as yet. All is an uncertainty, the wires are down in all directions. The loss of life here will probably reach

Emlenton, another oil town between Oil City and Titusville, is also reported to have suffered greatly from the flood.

TITUSVILLE'S DISASTER.

Fire and Water Bring Death and Destruc-tion to That City, Also, Titusville, Pa., June 5.—The city of Titusville has been visited during the past

wenty-four hours by one of the most disastrous fires and floods in all the history of the region. Oil creek has overflowed its banks from the west and above the water works to the city line below, and for hours assumed the proportions of an almost resistless flood, reaching nearly up to the line of Spring street. The city is without fuel, street car service or electric lights, the water works and gas works are surrounded by water and

The Perry street and Franklin street iron

inundated.

and the fismes leaped from one vacant space to another and only stopped for the want of bridges have been swept-away, scores of cheap dwelling houses in the lower part of the city, on Mechanic street and vicinity, have been destroyed and scores of lives have been lost, some being burned, but the majority perishing by drowning. The scene pre sented by the rushing waters surging through the lower part of the city, as witnessed by thousands of citizens, was one of utter desolation. When morning broke hundreds of anxious people looked out of the windows or stood on the roofs of houses, waiting for a helping hand and trombling for their fate. Strong and heave men by means of boots and and brave men by means of boats and ropes succeeded in reaching and saving those who and a secure position until help arrived or until the waters began to recede.

Torrents of Burning Oil. To add to the horror of the scene rain fell

in torrents and fire broke out in the refineries at different points and the burning oil, sweeping down the current, was communicated to other manufacturing plants and establishments and the destruction was increased a hundred fold.

Among the losses by fire are the International Oil works, the Hiram Blow Cooper shops, the Rice & Robinson refineries, the Titusville Radiator works, the New York & Pennsylvania Railroad freight works, the Western New & Penusylvania freight offices, Casper Sons' Furniture works, store and residence, Jack Cullens' hotel and Crescent Oil works of John Shwarz & Co. The Western New York & Pennsylvania passenger depot, built of brick and somewhat elevated on the site, escaped with little damage. The freight offices of the railroad were burned with their contents, including all the books and papers of the freight office and \$10,000 worth of merchandise received for delivery and a large amount of furniture awaiting shipment. A large number of loaded oil cars on its tracks were burned. The Dankirk & Allegheny Valley depot was flooded to a depth of four feet and injured. It was well filled with merchandise, but a lot of cars loaded with merchandise which arrived Saturday night was burned upon its tracks.

Churches Remain Closed. A large amount of loss to the stores, residences and manufactories will probably be covered by insurance, but in the confusion it is almost impossible to give any detailed estimate.

The churches have not opened today for divine service. Rev. Mr. Stevenson of the Presbyterian church and Dr. Hary Burdon of the Episcopa! church were out of town, having joined an excursion party at Canadosta lake. Many of our leading citi-zens and their wives and children were on the excursion to the take and are still detained there. They can neither reach the city by railroad nor by the turnpike, nor can the citizens reach them, as there are washouts on the railroad at Riceville and the bridges on the turnpike have been swept away. Among the citizens detained at Canadosta at this crisis when their presence are desired are: Mayor Emerson, C. N. Payne, manager of the National Transit; Superintendent Steeler of the public schools and all the teachers of the High school, M. E. Luce, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company; Lawyer Byles of the Galena works, W. T. Scheide, M. E. Hoage, cashier of the Commercial bank, and a score of others and their families.

The Galena Oil company, the Titusville Refining company, the Western Refining company, the American Refining company and the Oil Creek refineries are intact or slightly damaged by the water. The Titusville iron works were flooded, but only slightly damaged.

The T. C. Joy Radiator company, Cyclops steel works and the Acms Extract company had a narrow escape, with only slight damage by water. The Queen City tannery, which was in the sweep of the flood, sustained no other loss except the spoiling of tanning liquor in 300 vats, and will resume operations imme diately.

Measures Taken for Relieving Distress. A meeting of the citizens was held at 13 at the city hall and subscribed at once \$4,003 for the immediate relief of the destitut e Joseph Stip and J. E. McKinney heading the list with \$500 each. Millar & Sibley of Franklin wired \$500.

Quarters have been obtained for the poor city are on hand to render all possible relief at company Kiarmory, Music hall and Masonic hall, which have been secured for the purpose. Fifteen dead bodies have been recovered, and the search continues. The following is the list of dead as far as ascer-

List of the Dead. JOHN QUINN, mail carrier, and WIFE and TWO CHILDREN. JACOB BERGENGHAMER and WIFE and NINE CHILDREN.

DREN-three daughters, Gertrude, Mary and Clara-and one son. MRS. M. M'KENZIE. JOHN M'FADDEN ann SISTER, MRS

MRS. MARY HAYNE and FOUR CHIL

CAMPBELL, and TWO CHILDREN. MR. COPPOE. FRED REID, butcher, WIFE an

CHILD. JOHN O'MARA and WIFE. MRS. C. CARPENSON.

TWO VEIGEL BOYS.

FOUR, names unknown. It is generally believed that most of the works destroyed will be rebuilt at once as soon as the insurance is settled. Titusville gave \$15,000 to Chicago, \$5,000 to Johnstown sufferers and \$2,000 to the south at the time of the yellow fever epidemic, also \$1,500 to Russian relief and has always responded to all demands of distress.

Titusville Appeals for Aid Our suffering and destitution is terrible, there has been a great loss of life and destruction of property, a large portion of cur manufacturing interests have been wiped out by flood and fire, hundreds of families are homeless and destitute. In the absence of our mayor, we appeal to a generous public for

help in this, our time of distress. The above is signed by William McLaughlof, president of the select council; W. B. Benedict, president of the common council saac Westheimer, president of the school board; H. C. Bloss, editor of the Herald, and several others.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Jimtown, Colorado, Wiped Out of Exist-DENVER, Colo., June 5 .- The mining camp of Jimtown, which is separated from the mining town of Creede by a mile and a half. was almost totally destroyed by fige, which started at half past 5 o'clock this morning.

The flames were started by an explosion of

coal oil with which a family living in the

Kinneavy block were starting a fire to prepare breakfast. As there was no fire department the flames had it all their way, and in a short time they burnt through the rows of frame buildings for a distance of a mile in the narrow guich in which the town is situated. Many houses were blown up with glant powder in an attempt to step the fire, but this had no effect,

Little of the contents of the buildings were saved, and there are hundreds of homeless, but they will be provided for by the people of Creede.

While the fire was in progress the numerous saloons were thrown open to the crowd and liquor was free to all who might desire it. The result was that many drunken men were on the streets, but they did no damage. One hundred deputy sheriffs have been sworn in and they will protect the town from any attempt at thieving by persons who would take ad antage of the distress.

The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, the hoaviest losers being Alexander Heitler & Ca., saloon building and stock, \$22,000; Shackelford & Foster, Albany hotel block, \$6,000; Shimer & Morse. \$7,500; Tomkins Hard ware company, \$20,000; Willoughby &

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Tide of Public Sentiment is Rapidly Receding from the Blaine Shore.

SUNDAY QUIET BRINGS SOBER THOUGHT

Calm Reflection Puts a Different Appear-

ance on the Maine Man's Acts. NEBRASKA'S DELEGATION ARRIVES

Headquarters Established and Arrangements Made to Open for Business.

WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Efforts to Take a Preliminary Ballot Causes

Trouble. HARRISON'S STRENGTH IS INCREASING

Many Uninstructed Delegates Promise to Give Him Their Support.

REACTED AGAINST THE MAN FROM MAINE His Resignation at the Eleventh Hour Has Lost Him Many Friends.

HOPES BASED ON POOR FOUNDATIONS

Blaine Men Claim Delegations Who Wil Not Support Their Man-President Harrison Attends Divine Worship Unperturbed,

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 5 .- The sanctity of the American Sabbath was not sacred to man today.

In the mad whiripool of political parties

and affairs, men forgot their Christian faith and remembered only their political creeds; forgot their Maker and their Saviour and worshipped only at the shrine of their political idols. At 11 o'clock when the tolling tells called

the devout to Christian worship, the lobbies of the leading hotels were filled with a surging, seething mass of excited humanity, and when the minister in the neighboring church led the opening prayer the corridors of the notels were resounding with the cheers and counter cheers for Benjamin Harrison and

James G. Biaine, All day long this excitement continued and continues with increasing vigor.

It has been a day of kaleidoscopic changes The situation has been constantly shifting, constantly varying and the wave of sentiment that swept over the assemblage in one hour would be followed by a wave of reaction the next until in the end it was difficult, lead to sum un the intal of politic ment to ascertain the measure of the ebb and flow, the true political sentiment.

Harrison Sentiment Growing. In one respect the day has been a surprise and the significance of that surprise can only be weighed by the events of the future. The Harrison leaders have rallied their forces and the demoralization of last night has given place to vigor and resolution tonight. indeed, of the two great factions into which the republican party is divided, the administration element is as strong in leadership, political sagacity and organization as even the experienced leaders who head the opposition. All this has been a surprise for those who have kept aloof from both factions, fully expectant that the wave of Blaine sentiment that swept over the land at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon would be irresistible in its force and that today would find, gathered in its embrace, all the scattered uninstructed delegates of the re-publican party. But such has not been the Indeed, to a close observer, it is an parent that the Harrison forces are as strong today as they were twenty-four hours ago.

Boasts of the Blaine Men. The Biaine people say that all this is the result of organization; that the Harrison managers are fielding the stable and file of the delegations loyally to their leader, but that when the decisive battle comes the Bising enthusiasm will carry all before it

and the distinguished son of Maine will be nominated on the first ballot. The Harrison leaders laugh at these pre-dictions of their opponents and say that they are stronger today than they have ever been, and the reason for the increased strength is that the delegates to the national convention have become weary of the temporizing of the ex-secretary, and have found in his retirement from the cabinet and his cutrance into the contest at this laid hour an evidence of

bad faith, disloyalty and dispicity toward the president of the United States, Men whose fortune it has been to attend ail the republican conventions of the last twenty five years; men who have observed every shifting of the political atmosphere, and have become pilots of politics, say tonight that the convection of 1892 is unique in the discrepancy which it presents between the

Claims of the Leading Candidates. There will be 902 desegates in the conven tion. Of this number the Harrison mana-gers of the city announce that the chief will receive the votes of 550, while the Blaine leaders, though scorning to descend to de-tails, maintain with lefty confidence that their candidate will receive at least threefifths of the votes of the convention and be nominated on the first ballot.

Of course these counter claims cannot possi biy both be accurate, and this very discrepancy leads many to suppose tonight that both are widely extravagant in their assertions. Nat-urally, therefore, there is a feeling of great incredulity among those who are mitted to either candidate. Of one thing only is the casual political observer sure, and that is that bitter feeling is being ongendered with every passing and that with Blaine or Harrison field the result of the tenth republican na tional convention-whatever that result may be-will leave behind it regrets, bitter disappointments and a hard feeling of hostility toward the successful candidate. It is all this, rather than the usual scottment for the favorite sons that gives rise tonight to all the rumors of dark horses and compromise candidates. There is no doubt that the desire for a third candidate, for a man unwedded to and unidentified with either of these political factions, is growing in the public mind, and against this growing sentiment both facti feel that they must now compete.

McKinley a Favorite Dark Horse.

The name most frequently mentioned mong the list of dark horses is that o among the list of dark horses is that of William McKinley, jr., governor of Ohio. Inquiries are already being made as to his ability to receive the solid support of the Ohio delegation in case the great leaders turn to a dark horse for a candidate. The turn to a dark horse for a candidate. The sensational quarrels of Ohio republicans are proverbial, and the vital-question is: "Would Foraxer and his friends favor McKinley!" This question is answered in the affirmative tonight by many of Foraker's friends, but the ex-governor himself maintains a discreet

It is rumored that John Sherman, the great

Ohio senator, would be Foraker's favorite in case the Buckeye delegation was called upon to furnish a candidate, as Foraker would almost certainly succeed Sherman in the senate should the latter be called to the presidency on the 4th of March.

Sherman, too, has bests of friends in other state delegations, but he is no more popular than the young Napoleon of protection, as the splender of sentiment which is given to the McKinley bill makes its author a particularly fitting candidate just at this time.

Michigan's Watchword and lowe's Hope

Michigan's Watchword and Iowa's, Hope, The name of Alger is still the watchword of the Michigan delegation, and his name will certainly be presented to the convention. Most of the delegates from his state are for Biaine for second choice, but the general's closest friends are rather cherishing the hope that recent developments may be such that the Blaine pe pie will rally to Alger as sec-

ond choice.

There is no solid on the part of certain of the lowa delegates that they are looking longingly for an occasion which will justify the presentation of Senator Allison as the candidate of the Hawkeye state, and the gravity of the political situation in their state adds to the general availability of their candidate.

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Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, Hon, Jeremiah Rusk of Wisconsin and Whitelaw Reld of New York are also freely discussed, and it is believed each would receive the votes of his state delegation in case of the retirement of both Harrison and Blaine. Cullom is the only one of these men on the ground, and he is a delegate at large from Illinois and an avowed Harrison man. He is evidently sincere in his loyalty to the president, but he was kept rather busy this evening denying the rumors of his candidacy and insisting that Harrison must be the man. sisting that Harrison must be the man

BLAINE MERCURY FALLING.

Enthusiasm for the Ex-Secretary of State

CONVENTION HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Minneapolis has never seen such a Sunday. The clamor of church bells was drowned by the braving of brass bands and the cheers of arriving delegates. The pew gave place to the hotel lobby, the exhorter to the buttonholer. Crowds patrolled the streets with gripsack and banner. The high license law was temporarily suspended for the benefit of thirsty strangers, and the little cards announcing free church services went unnoticed when brought into competition with

convention manuals at 50 cents apiece. The Blaine mercury, which rose in the thermometer to blood heat point last night, dropped steadily after midnight. The late dispatches from the east, indicating that Mr. Blaine's resignation had not helped the hopes of the anti-Harrison men, gave renewed confidence to the president's supporters. As delegates began to pour in and conferences were held with leaders of delegations the friends of the administration rallied to their old position of vantage. They denied emphatically that the combination whose cry is "anything to beat Harrison" had won a point by Blaine's withdrawal from the cabinet. Michener and New and Chauncey Depew, Hiscock and Carter and Leech, Ramsaell and Carey, and a score of other advocates of Hurrison's renomination, pointed to figures of instructed and pledged delegates which footed up 455 votes as evidence of their belief that the president would be renominated on the first ballot.

First Uniformed Club. At noon the first uniformed Harrison club At noon the first uniformed Harrison club made an appearance. It was the Columbia club of Indianapolis. Its obsers for the president were infectious. They were taken up in corridor and lobby and re-echoed through the halls of the great hetels. Many delegates who came in during the day cor-reporated the figures of the Harrison

The promised stampede of the colored

this evening. Still there were scarcely enough actual voters in the coming conven-tion present to make a complete tally, and the estimates and statements and assurances tonight are as yet based only on claims. The situation is still the field against Harrison. The men whose disappointed presidential ambitions are impelling them to attempt to defeat the president are straining every nerve to concentrate upon the most formid

able possible opponent. They look upon Mr. Blaine's name as their sheet anchor. It is fair to say that up to the time of writing they have made no serious inroads upon the Harrison forces. Alger has evidently got tired of being used as a catspaw. Allison, Sherman and Mc-Kinley are not in the field, Jerry Rusk never plays double as a cabinet officer and a presidential candidate. The situation, therefore, assuming Mr. Blaine's popular candidacy, resolves itself into a duel between the friends of the president and the advocates of the ex-secretary of state. It is anything to

the best one to conjure with.

Tomorrow, we are told, the Blaine shouters will arrive in full force. They are not yet here. There are more cheers for Harrison at any point than for Blaine and more ardent workers for the candidate of 1893 than for the defeated candidate of 1888. Nebraska's Delegation Arrives, The special car containing the Nebrasia delegation, with the exception of Hon. E. D. Webster, Judge Scott and A. Hart, who had arrived here before, reached the city this morning. Several Nebraskans accompanied

the delegates on the same train, which left Omaha at 5:45 last evening.
The delegation, after breakfasting, at once opened the Nebraska headquarters in room 30 in the Nicollet house. The parlor is a large, well furnished room on the second floor and it was soon alive with delegates, friends and visitors, ... All the delegates were handsome blue silk

padges and a Harrison smile. The delega-tion was decidedly for Harrison. The Blaine letter of resignation had not changed the sit letter of resignation had not changed the studion so far as the members were concerned. The delegation and alternates mot at 2:30 this afternoon. They decided to defer the election of a national committeeman until after the nomination. They then selected John L. Webster chairman of the delegation, Atlee Hart permanent secretary, and Hon. L. D. Richards of Fremont treasurer. They choose for Napermanent treasurer. They choose for Ne-braska's secretary of the convention Hon. C. P. R. Williams of Grand Island and for vice president Judge Amasa Cobb of Lincoln. For committeeman on credentials, C. A. Mo-Leod of York; for committeeman on per-manent organization, George W. Holland; for committeeman on rules and order of busiident Judge Amasa Cobb of ness, E. B. Warner; on resolutions, C. H. Gere of Lincoln; committee to notify the successful candidate for president, Atlee Hart; committee to notify vice president, W. E. Babcock of Cambridge.

Scott's Object at Minneapolis. An attempt to take a ballot for president resulted in a disagreement. Judge Scott of Omaha protested against such a reflection on an instructed delegation and E. D. Webster said that the delegation had no right to force the bands of the uninstructed delegates. The same snag was struck when a proposi-tion to poll the delegation for vice presiden was ordered.

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Judge Scott of Omaha announced that his chief business in Minneapolis was to beat Rosewater for national committeeman, and he did not care who knew it. Most of the delegation expressed pleasure at their trip up from Omaha. No one was ready openly to commit himself against President Harrison's candidacy.

E. D. Webster is said to be shaky on Harrison. He was interviewed as follows by

rison. He was interviewed as follows by George Alfred Townsend this moraing in a syndicate of papers throughout the country, one of which is the Globe of this city: "One of the prominent delegates from Nebraska said to me: Four of us here are tied up with instructions for Harrison, pressed upon us by office holders, but the delegation is for Biaine, because we know well that Harrison cannot carry one state in the northwest. The elections which have taken place since his term began are, as much as anything, ex-pressive of the suspicion the frontiersmen at-tach to this Wall street convention. The only men high in the government who have not exposed their Wall street bias have been Blaine and Rusk. With Blaine we be leve