# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1893.

#### The population is about as large as that of Grand Isle.

# May Be Some Exaggeration.

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The news from Grand Isle was appailing, but there are many persons in the city familiar with the geographical position of the island and the surrounding country, who are inclined to believe the reports are exaggerated. It is not the first time Grand Isle has been reported to have been washed away. The island is practically cut off from communication, and the only means of obtaining information is through the regular passenger steamer that plies between this city and the island, and the many luggers engaged in the oyster trade. large store at Buras has been lifted from its foundations. A house at Oleander station off in the distance was demolished. At Buras the river steamer Comet. running between there and Port Eads, under the command of Captain H. L. Lang, had a lively experience. Captain Lang told the Associated press reporter that during the night of the storm a man by the name of Casey, who was stationed at the end of the jetties, had been washed overboard and drowned.

Far off to the westward of Buras could be indistinctly seen the masts of a three-masted schooner. During the awful night she had dragged her anchors from Grand Cass and gone ashore on the shoals of Adams bay. She had her flag at half mast as a distress signal and seemed in a dilapidated condition, but the people were too busy looking after their own losses to give her any assistance.

Early in the morning, when the Grand Isle railway hands were clearing the debris from the tracks just above Buras. they found the body of a little girl in a fence corner. It was horribly torn on the barb wires. Clinging to the child were two others, evidently her sisters. All three were in rags, almost naked, and all terribly cut and bruised. An Italian recognized them as children he had seen at Oyster Bayou, but did not know whose they were.

#### One Night of Terror.

Perhaps one of the most thrilling experiences of the storm was a story told by a woman who drifted ashore last night lashed to a log. Her husband and two children had taken refuge on board a schooner outside of Bayou Cook and intended to ride out the gale. When the wind came from the west, followed by a mammoth wave, the husband and two children were washed overboard, and the lugger's mast snapping off at its foot drifted away. The frantic woman jumped on the floating timber and in some way lashed herself on it. All night she drifted through Adams bay and the neighboring bayous, and when day came she was picked up by the lugger. She was maimet and terribly brulsed.

John A. Seput, one of the many unfortunate fishermen who lived on the shore of Bayou Cook, told a reporter of the Assoclated press that there was nothing left on the islands. On Bayou Simon, which is situated in Grand bay, there were fourteen fishermen drowned. It is said everything on Bayou Cook is gone, not a home left, and the Almighty himself only knows how many people are lost.

The family of John Barbier, a fisherman in Bayou Cook, has been washed away. Four children and the wife were rescued, but the husband and two children were drowned

The next house was occupied by a man. wife and two children. The wife and two children were caught in the water and set off at a rapid rate in the darkness and were drowned.

George Cerarochi also lived in the neighborhood and was there on the terrible night with his family. The waves came with a rush, carrying with them the husband and his wife and his youngest child The father was found later in the night with his 6-year old boy.

The next in the neighborhood was a man

ber of stores and small residences. Grand Terre is to the east of Grand island and the two are separated by a channel fifty feet in depth. Old Fort Livingston is on Grand erre, as are also the lighthouse and a num ber of small residences. The Grand Isle road was projected to

run to a point this side of the Grand take, but the route had never been completed. The island has a population of about 700. It is about eleven miles long, and varies m width from a half mile to a mile and a half The largest structure upon it is the Ocean Club hotel, which was finished about two years ago with accommodations for several hundred guests. The hotel is a two-sta structure, is quite strongly built, and 1 about four squares from the beach. The island is sandy, is said to have a rock founda tion, and is confiderably higher at one end than the other. The Kranz property is about five miles from the Livingston light house, and consists of about a dozen small

# cottages lying a half a mile from the beach

Pictures of Desolation. The wind was highest about midnight and continued for a couple of hours. Then it began to abate in severity until 4 o'clock, when it was blowing with only moderate velocity, finally dying out. While the wind was highest rain fell in torrents. When the wind died out the waves began to decreain size and the water that had swept over the land began to run back again into the gulf When daylight broke the picture of desola-tion was awful to behold. Only here and there stood a house. Everywhere there were merely foundations to mark where homes stood. Trees fell prostrate on the ground, great timbers were lodged in plies in indiscriminate confusion, where they had been thrust by the mights rush o waters. Rained chimneys auggested stories of stricken houses. Furniture, bedding, clothing, stoves, kitchen utensils and house-hold goods of all kinds were scattered about in promiscuous confusion wherever the vision was able to reach. And here, there and everywhere were the faces of corpses turned upward to the peaceful skies, now bright and beautiful, and bearing no trace of the awful perils of death. On many of them were still evidences of the terrible agony they had suffered before death came to relieve them of their trouble. Some had lost their lives in the wreck of their homes some had been drowned after escaping from the shells which sholtered them from the blasts of the frightful gale; some had probably given up their lives in a vain effort to save these whom they loved and who were ependent upon them for protection. Man of the poor fellows, many of the women and children had lived through the night, but, mortally wounded and with nothing to quench their thirst and with no medical assistance at hand, had given up the strug-

# and battered bodies, faces slashed out of all Graves of Families.

broken arms and broken legs, bruised

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Many a pile of debris was the temporary grave of a family. Chinier Caminda lie across from Grand Isle and is separated from the island by Chinier bay. Its head a stuck out in the Gulf and when the storn came up the mighty waves of the ocea washed over the face of the stricken hand and swept everything before them. The Chinier settlement was even more thickly populated than was Grand file. It was home of fishermen and storekeepers it comprised a colony of with churches and schools and other evidences of modern civilization Nearly all its residents were white people Hundreds of fishing smacks owned by the residents, and many of these were moored to their landing places on the Chinier lake when the storm came up, were destroyed. Others were on their way to and from the city, or fishing for oysters, which is the great industry of the islands. Dozens of the little craft that were

tied to the posts at the main landing were picked up by the muddy water and beached n the marsh or torn to pieces like the house. of their owners. Hardly any of them es-caped injury, and most of them had been battered to pieces.

#### Told Their Story Amid Tears.

Matthew Wertzez and Dominick Mirgo tich, two sailors, were rescued by one of th luggers. The story they tell of the disaster at Grand island is horrifying in the extreme They went almost wild in giving their de scription of the terrible night, and cried bit The sea was raging all day, they said, and toward night had increased to an alarming degree. About 10 o'clock it had veered to the southwest. Then came the most incredible story. These men said they were living on the island at the west end far out at sea, flashes of lightning would illuminate the darkness and the could see a mammoth wave advancing with great rapidity toward the coast. It brought with it a noise of thunder. On and on came the terrible thing, growing larger each moment. The island was in the stillness of slumber and not a single huma being could be seen any where. These men being too frightened to go to their homes, These men emained in their boats during the night Horrifled, they watched the wave approach the island until, like a flash of lightning struck. Then all was darkness and siand, as far as the eye could see, was covered with water. The next flash ightning found the two fishermen far off to north of the island and looking about in the direction of the island they could othing but a sheet of water. The island otally disappeared. Mr. Matthew Schurts of Gouldsboro, just opposite the city, was one of the survivors of the Chinier Caminda calamity who arrived this morning on the schooner Good Mother. He brought with him a harrowing tale of his experiences and of the loss of life at Chinier. Mr. Schurts went to thed islan about four weeks ago with George Thomas and a negro bricklayer named Louis Roberts. for the purpose of constructing a school house. He engaged board in a house in which there was a very large family, not less than twenty-five in all. The house was a rude establishment of boards, but it had withstood many gales, and the occupants felt reasonably safe in the storm. It turned be the bier of probably twenty-five people.

on to the tree and saved themselves from being washed away in the awful, howling gulf around them. Mr. Schurts told a story that was pitiable

On his way home, his aim being to put the Chinier disaster as far from his sight and recollection as possible, the tug which was bearing him and a party of thirteen to town, was halled by a returning tug. The skipper of the outgoing craft had learned of the storm and was hastening back to h is home When he inquired eagerly for news and was told that his family had been swept from the face of the earth, tears welled up into his eyes and his agony was fearful to con template.

# Destroyed the Church.

The little church is, or was, visible from Grand Isle. It was a frame structure, ex-cellently fitted up, and had stood for several Grand Isle. years. A simple wooden cross adorned its op. A pretty little thatched testled by the side of the church. When the hurricane struck the island it swept the church out of existence and lifted the priest's residence from its foundation and lumped it without ceremony into the water, which was then up to the doorstep. The which was

priest and the housekeeper escaped The fate of Dr. Frye and his family is un-known, but Mr. Schurts says they were missing when he left, and that probably the mtire family, consisting of a wife and everal children, have perished

Miss Annie Douglass of New Orleans had teacher. She was well known in this city and was highly esteemed at the island. On Mon tay morning her body was found among the wreckage. She was quite dead and her remains were buried near where she had met er sudden death. As stated above, the picture was a terrible

As stated above, the prevention of bodies one on Monday. There were scores of bodies lying around and beginning to show signs of decomposition. Under the circumstances, for the safety of the rest of the colony, it became necessary to take steps to bury those who had lost their lives.

#### No Time to Build Coffins.

There was no time to build coffins. If here had been time there were no tools, no boards, no receptacles for the bodies lying everywhere. So the living merely hunted ip spades and commenced the task of dig ging trenches in which to deposit the re-mains. Up to 2 o'clock Mr. Schurts assisted in the gruesome task, and during that time he participated in the interment of no iesa than fifty persons, mon, women and chil dren. Some of them have not a mark upon their persons, while others were badly lacerated. Into one grave Mr. Schurts assisted in placing no less than six people. They were all the grave would hold.

Rebe Rando proved himself a hero. He was the head of a family that besides himself comprised his wife and two children Their house had been torn to pieces by the nurricane and they were in imminent of losing their lives. Just about this time the Weber had started from her moorings

and was sweeping down \*past Chinier with the tide. Many planks had been blown from her deck and were distressing her. Rand, swam about in the water until he had se Rande ured sufficient lumber to make an im promptu raft and with this raft he succeed a saving himself and family from a watery grave.

# Suffered Terribly.

The Valence family suffered terribly. Tom alence is a well known citizen of this city and highly esteemed in Granada and other parts of Jefferson parish. He had a wife and several children and Mr. Schurts leves that every one of them are gone. Tony Valence, his brother, suffered the same fate, and so did Teny's wife. John Valence, still another member of the family, was among the saved, but his wife and three children were among the missing when Mr. Schurts It will never be accurately known just he

nany lives were lost in the storm. The mighty waves swept with irresistible force ver the land and with such a great depth that it is probable that many bodies and many who were still living were carried into the marshes. As previously mentioned, the population

of Chinier was about 1,400. Mr. Schurts thinks 1,000 of these have

been lost, though his calculations may be somewhat overdrawn. No thought has been

given to the monetary damage. Steps were immediately taken for the orcanization of relief parties. It is not un likely many will perish from starvation and thirst. The wind and waves destroyed all the provisions upon Chinier island and

# swept away all the cisterns of the residents. Then a Lancaster delegate moved that t other secretaries be removed and Douglas

# **BRYANBADLY BEATEN**

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the long delay was occasioned by the diffi culty experienced by the credentials commit-tee in settling whe contests from Gage

Saline and Red Willow counties. At 9:05, during the prevailing confusion, Harrington of Part county, a long, lank delegate with Pefferesque whiskers, stepped

delegate with Performance whiskers, stepped into the aisle and made a speech entirely in pantomime. The how is of delight shook the roof and jarred the stars. Then, when the building was treasing, the band struck up "The Star Sgangled Banner," while the Lancaster delegation produced two Amer-can flags and lifflimphantly waved them in the faces of the avoided callering. the faces of the excited galldries.

Then the audience quieted down, while he hand played "After the Bail," Then the band played some more, and, after some more music, after which the band played again, Harrington of Burt made another pantomime speech and the galleries again went into convulsions. The Lancaster county delegation took advantage of the in terminable delay to wreak a little personal vengeance upon Andrew Jackson Sawyer, who represents the county on the state tral committee. They incortinently tral committee. They incortinently fired him and elected in his stead James O'Shea of Lincoln. The vacancy caused by the re-moval of Thomas Keenan was filled by the selection of R. P. R. Millar.

# Report from the Credentia's Committee.

At 9:40 Chairman Mahoney called the convention to order and introduced Dern of Dodge, who offered the report of the commit tee on credentials.

The committee recommended that Wheeler unty's representation be reduced from seven to one. Boyd was increased from four to five and Dixon reduced from five to four The committee recommended the seating of the Cook delegation from Gage county. Pierce county was reduced from five to three. The committee recommended that the administration delegation from Saline county be admitted.

McManigal of Lancaster, the only Bryan nau on the credentials committee, made a minority report. He recommended that the delegation from Gage county headed by A. Hardy be seated, also that the Saline county delegation headed by C. J. Bowiby be admitted. Both delegations are anti-administration. The convention indulged in con-siderable good natured chaff at the expense of the lone fisherman of the committee. Judge Crawford of Cuming stated that McManigal evidently made his report before he had listened to any evidence.

#### No Hearing for the Antis.

McManigal moved that each side be al-McManigal moved that each side be al-lowed thirty minutes in which to present lis cases. C. J. Bowlby, one of the Saline parties to the contest, begged the conven-tion to hear the evidence. Mr. Bryan sec-onded his request and made an earnest plea for fair play. His remarks were greeted with mingled hisses and cheers. Hubner of Otoe amended McManigal's motion by mov-ing that the removed of the conduction com-

ouence to McAniraj's motion by mov-ing that the report of the credentials com-mittee be adopted as read. Matt Miller of Butler made an eloquent and earnest appeal for fair play. He wanted to hear both sides. Little Giant Thompson added the weight of his Hall county elo-ouence to McManiraj's motion. He said ence to McManigal's motion. He said that as democrats delegates could do but one thing, and that was to seat the delegations that were entitled to places They could not vote intelligently until they heard the evidence. Judge Crawford of Cumitg and Judge Batty of Adams de fended the work of the sector. fended the report of the credentials commit-tee. The latter declared that the convention was bound to adopt the report, no matter what the arguments might be. Argument, he said, would simply be crimination and recrimination. A Seward county dele-gate whose name rscaped in the prevailing confusion, moved the previous question. was so ordered, and on the question to adopt the report of the committee Mr. Bryan demanded a call of the counties. The result was inevitable. The report of

the committee on credentials was adopted by a vote of 384 to 106.

# Jumping on Douglas.

The temporary organization was then and permanent and Louis J. Piatti of Douglas county was added to the list of sec-retaries, whereupon a bald headed delegate from a back county moved that if there was anything else that Douglas county wanted, it be given her at once.

county men appointed in their places. Chairman McGrew, also of Douglas county, then presented the report of the

committee on resolutions. It was as follows

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ommittee on resolutions:

The following is the majority report of the

roarious cheers. After reading the resolutions, McGrew moved their adoption. Clegg of Richardson, the one single Bryan man on the resolutions committee, offered plank of the majority report:

We are opposed to the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law and demand that the re-pealing act shall carry out the remainder of the plank is the national democratic platform of 1892 and provide for the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal or charge for mintage.

#### Beautifully Roasted by Bryan.

At 10:35 Bryan took the platform to speak in favor of the minority report. He was at his best. Never before in the political an-nals of Nebraska has a democratic convention received such a merciless castigation at the hands of one of its leaders. With his frame quivering with pent up indignation intensified by the insults after insults that had been heaped upon him by the men massed against him by Tobias Castor and the coterie of democrats who represent the administraion in Nebraska, he applied the lash he applied it with an unreleating hand. His impassioned address was delivered with a ery impetuosity that was entirely new to is hearers. He had the galleries with him his hearers. at teast, and when he reached the climax of his speech and declared that if the conven-tion stultified itself and disgraced the de-mocracy of Nebraska he would leave the party and fight the battle for silver under the basis of the battle for silver under the banner of another party, eyen if he went alone, the hall rocked with the cheers and applause of his friends and resounded with the hisses of his opponents. Mr. Bryan declared that the majority re

port did not represent the sentiments of the democracy of Nebraska; that the administration was seeking an endorsement at the hands of a convention packed with men who were willing to sacrifice the interests of their constituents in the hopes of receiving a postoffice. Concluding, he declared that although the convention might adopt the majority report, the constituents of the dele gates would never accept the judgment until they fad had an opportunity to pass upon the question themselves. Mr. Bryan concluded his remarks at 11 o'clock, having spoken twenty minutes.

#### Farewell to Young Man Eloquent.

R. A. Batty of Hastings arose to reply. He claimed to represent the workingnen, the farmers and the bankers, and claimed that they were all in favor of the repeal of the Sherman act. He paid a glowing tribute to Congressman Bryan, but he said that if to Congressman Bryan, but he said that if Bryan persisted in using his position in con-gress to defend the pernicious legislation adopted to enable President Harrison to dodge a voto of a free coinage measure he would have to go. Batty de-clared that Bryan had been elected to congress by a majority of the independent party of the First district.

Bryan was on his feet in an instant, and, shaking his hand at the excited convention, declared that he ran upon a free coinage platform and that he had run for congress upon a free coinage platform before there

was an independent party. "You never ran for congress before 1890," retorted Betty, "and that was the year the ndependent party came into existence." At the conclusion of Batty's remarks

Roberts of Saunders moved the previous question. It was so ordered. Upon the notion to substitute the minority resolution Mr. Bryan demanded the call of the The vote upon the adoption of the minority

olution was as follows: Total vote, 517; for, 113; against, 403,

The majority report was then adopted. At 11:45 Brogan of Douglas commenced a brief address, in which he placed the name of Judge Frank Irvine before the convention as candidate for judge of the supreme court

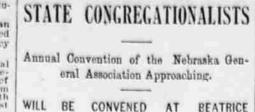
Judge Broady of Lancaster nominated Samuel J. Tuttle. Smythe of Dougtas seconded the nomina-

tion of Judge Irvine. Somebody in the rear of the hall nominated R. A. Batty of Adams, but that gen-

leman modestly declined. There were no further nominations, and the vote proceeded by counties. As the roll call proceeded it was very evident that the Douglas county man was to win. The roll call was arrested by a Lancaster county ielegate, who moved to make Irvine's nomi-

n unanimous. The following candidates for regents of the State university were placed in nomina-tian: For the full term, Milton Doolittle of Holt and J. M. Pyle of Wayne; for the va-

ancy, C. A. Kloman of Custer. The state central committee was authorized to fill any vacancies in its own member-



Some of the Prominent Churchmen to Be Present-Other Well Known Persons Who Will Take Part In the Conference.

BEATRICE, Oct. 4 .- Special to THE BEE. ]-The general association of the Congrega tional churches of Nebraska will hold its annual convention at the Congregational church in this city October 17 to 20 inclusive. The following well known people will take part in the program : Rev. S. W. Butier, D.D., Rev. John Doane, Rev. J. J. Parser. Rev. W. P. Bennett, Rev. M. J. Parker, Rev. W. P. Bennett, Rev. Wilson Demuy, Rov. John Power, Dr. N. S. Whittlesy, Rev. Joseph T. Duryca, D.D., Rev. E. L. Ely, Rev. H. A. French, Rev. H. Bross, Rev. W. H. Buss, Rev. A. R. Thain, D.D., Rev. R. T. Cross, Rev. J. D. Stewart, Rev. T. W. De-Long, Rev. A. G. Washington, Ray, C. W. De-W. Long, Rev. A. G. Washington, Rev. C. W. Preston, Dr. W. A. Duncan, Rev. J. E. Honn, Rev. T. Y. Gardner and others.

Mrs. Cook's Injuries Fatal.

FREMONT, Oct. 4 - [Special to THE BEE.]-Mrs. Laura Cook, who, under temporary aberration, attempted to commit suicide by rutting her throat, died last evening.

Judge Marshall this morning rendered a eclaion in the contempt case, wherein L. A. Russell was charged with spiriting away witnesses in the Carleton muriler case, to the effect that as the witness, Desta, had pot been subponned he was not under the jurisdiction of the court, and, therefore, jurisdiction of the

In the case of the state of Nebraska against C. C. Carleton, for the murder of Gothman, the at-torneys for the defense have submitted an Coroner Martin with prejudice in the case as against the defendant, and asked the court to appoint some competent and suit-able person to act in their places, wherein extra jurors from the regular panel are to be summoned.

# Cass County Mortgage Record.

PLATTSMOUTH, Oct. 4 .- Special to THE BEE. ]-- Cass county's mortgage record for September, as compiled by the register of deeds, is as follows: Farm property filed, \$48,253; released, \$24,005,65; town property filed, \$5,142.89; released, \$3,037.50; chatte mortgages filed, \$19,550.45; released, \$9,

The preliminary examination of W. A. Kurth of Lincoln on the charge of forgery was concluded yesterday and resulted in the prisoner being held for trial to the district ourt. He gave bonds and was released Kurth's usual occupation is that of selling lightning rods and his crime is in forging a note supposedly given by a farmer in pay-ment of a lightning rod contract.

Interesting York Reception. YORR, Neb., Oct. 4.- [Special to THE BEE.] -A reception was given last night at the Methodist church in honor of Rev. Mr. Crosthwaite, presiding elder of the York district, and Rev. Mr. Stewart, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, and their wives. A large crowd of church people of all denominations was present to greet them. The pastors of the different churches of the c ty delivered short addresses of welcome on behalf of their own churches, and President George of York cellege on behalf of the school. Messrs, Crosthwaite and Stewart responded with well chosen words and wer well pleased with their reception.

Washington County Populists. BLAIR, Oct. 4.-[Special to THE BEE.] The alliance party of Washington county aeld its convention at Kennard Tuesday and went through the regular form, but only made four nominations, as follows: T. P.



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named Barton. Mrs. Barton was saved but the daughters were drowned. Rescued but to Die.

The only person who was saved from the Oyster Bayou catastrophe was an old Spanlard. He was found hanging by one hand to a post in an unconscious condition and will

John Stook, a young Italian about 15 years old, was struck in the head by a floating skiff and instantly killed.

Another Italian named Luke Betrovich lost his four daughters, his wife and two of his sailors. They had all taken refuge in his vessel, and as the water grew high their cable was found too short and pulled the lugger beneath the water.

On Simon isle, in Grand bay, there were eighteen inhabitants, who were keepers of oyster camps, and were waiting for the return of the oyster fleet. Sixteen of them were drowned.

The greatest velocity the wind attained in this city was forty-six miles an nour, while the greatest velocity at Port Eads was sixty-five miles an hour. The last bad storm near the mouth of the

Mississippi was in 1888, and there was also a severe one in 1889. In 1888, when there was destruction in this city, the gale was very high at Grand Isle, and the water of the gulf was backed upon the land and residents upon the isle were for a day and a night terror stricken. The storm, however, did no damage of great magnitude and no lives were lost. At that time the regular

steamer running to the island was long overdue, and there were rumors in the city that Grand Isle was destroyed. ports were untrue, but they had created greater anxiety in the city than the reports that were received last night, for the storm of 1888 happened during the month of Au gust, when there was a large number of summer sojourners from the city upon the island.

#### All Were Drowned.

Nearby to Simon isle is another small island called Rayor island. Here a camp of five men were located, who were all drowned. On Bird island, which was situated a little further to the west and is more exposed to the heavy swells, about 150 people lived. They were all drowned. On Grand bank, which borders the Grand

lake, there were eight persons killed. Grand lake lies this side of the island. It ifteen miles across and when the wind is high is very tempestuous. In periods of cyclone it is extremely dangerous. In 1888 boats could not venture across it until the cyclone had subsided, and in 1889 the Joe ber, a steamboat carrying passengers to and from the island, was weather mile from her landings and afraid to venture into the lake. She lost a day and a half in getting away and her detention caused much alarm in this city. That was also in the month of August.

Grand Isie is more fortunately located withstand the effect of a heavy blow than Lost island. Lost island was situated to the westward of Grand island and was more fully exposed to the harricanes of the gulf than her sister. Back in the 50's Lost usland was the summer resort of the planters of south and southwestern Louisiana and

many of the people of New Orleans. It was about 1850 when a tidal wave swept over it and the island sunk into the sea, a large number of lives being lost, including many aple high in social and business life Part of the island is still above the surface of the soa, but it is practically uninhabited.

#### Grand Isle's Location.

Grand Iste hes directly south of New Oricans. It is about sixty miles as the crow flies from the city, and about ninety miles by the tortuous route that is covered in reaching it. There are two ways of getting to the island, one via Socola canal, fifty miles down the river, and the other via Compone canal, which is about opposite the old exposition grounds. By either route Grand lake must be crossed. The trip is made in from fourteen to fifteen hours, ac-cording to the wind and the suced of the Grand lake must be crossed. conting to the which and the sheet of the craft. The island is in Jefferson parish, and it has been a summer resort for many years, not liberally patronized, however, because of its location and the lack of wire communica-tion. Mr. P. F. Herring has considerable property on the island. There are a num-

# One Man's Awful Experience.

Mr. Schurts on Sunday night had an ex perience sufficient to turn a man's hair gray, and when he reached the city this mornin he showed the results of the peril he has passed through. He was almost naked. The othing he had on was torn to shreds. Hi face was bruised, and he had not yet recov ered from the excitement he had undergon and the frightful scenes of death he had witnessee

Mr. Schurts says he estimates the loss o and that a large number have idready been life on Grand island and Chinier, and in the Green bay, and Cook. Chalton and Oyster buried. The country is a scene of wreck and devastation. An arriving passenger this morning said that not fewer than nayou settlements will reach from 1,000 people. When he left Chinier island yesterday he counted but five houses standeighty-seven dead hodles were seen along the route. He said he had witnessed dreadful scenes throughout the Bayou Cook couning out of about 300 before the storm. As the wind increased the houses began

try, and the distress was appailing. It is variously estimated that from 200 to to go to pieces. The wind picked the houses off as though they had been shaved from the ground with a great knife. First the 500 people perished on Bayoa Cook and in that section of the country. The deaths at other points, all the way from Bayou Cook roofs went, and one by one the buildings were torn to pieces, crashing down upon and killing their occupants, and ther rapidly to Grand island and Chinler, will swell total to more than 1,200, according to the pest information now obtainable. drifted away with the terrible current that was sweeping across the land. The shricks and groans of the unfortunate people were At Grand Isle not less than twenty-six On Rosario and Linion islands the loss of heartrending as they were buried in the runs of their frail homes. Mr. Schurts, Mr life has been considerable. It is difficult to establish the correctness of the report that Thompson and the negro bricklayer were i a house in which there were twenty-five people, all huddled together and terror there has been great loss of life on Grand Isle. The houses on Grand Isle are puilt stricken at the mighty agony of the ele-ments. Suddenly there was a fearful crash on a ledge that runs through the middle of the island and, as many of them are sheltered by the rocks, it is difficult to calculate from of tumbers and the roof caved in, burrying nearly every one of the party, only Schurts and the negro escaping. Mr he water what the result of the storm there has been. There are only about 200 resi-dents on the islands and no one has yet ar-Schurts clung to a floating log until he saw rived directly from there. Several boats have already left the city stocked with hun-

#### a light in a house not far away. Torn by the Gale.

the

He swam to the house and was admitted for the sufferers at Chinier, Graud Isle and There were several people in this house. Mr. Schurts had hardly entered, however, when Bayou Cook. the structure went to pieces and out of thos who were in the house, Mrs. Schurts, a lady and a child escaped. Mr. Schurts succeeder was visited by the storm and that twelve or thirteen persons lost their lives. No names in getting the lady and haby to a tree and there the party stayed until 4 o'clock in the morning, when the wind began to abate. are known The negro bricklayer managed to reach the pole to which the fishing smacks are usually tied, and clung to that during the whole of beach, is also reported to have been swept by a tidal wave. It had a population of thirty-five souls and so far as is known none the awful night, finally being reacued. Mr. Thompson, who lived at Harvey's canal, was were left to relate the story of the disaster. Two schooners, owned by Pochevant & Favre, were lost in the Mississippi sound lost sight of, and was probably drowned

Mr. Schurts estimates there were twenty scople in the bouse from which he escaped, it was the residence of Mrs. Ducross. Mr. and the crews of each, numbering altogether ten men, lost their lives. These are the only fatalities that are known to have occured in Schurts is certain no less than 900 to 1,000 persons perished in this awful cyclone and the Mississippi sound. tidal wave."

Mr. Schurts says the night was harrow ag. The wind howled, cabins crashed and ing. The wind howled, cabins crashed and the shricks and groans of the wounded and dying made his blood curdle. While he re-mained in the tree, three waves washed over him, but he and the lady and child hung

e result is that fresh water is so scare that it is not sufficient to relieve the thirst of the hundreds who are witnout anything to eat and scarcely anything to wear and who are as homeless and shelterless as was Robinson Crusoe on his lonely island.

of thir Mr. Schurts was one of the party een that came to the city in the Good Mother, traversing the company roate. Each of them had a thrilling story to relate and on their way up they had no water to drink, but fortunately they saved several ice, with which they quenched their thirst.

# Reports Not Exaggerated.

News received tonight from correspondents on the Picayune's relief steamer, enroute to Bayou Cook, Grand lake and Chinier island fully confirms the reported loss on the south ern Louisiana coast during the storm of Sunday night last. Captain Terrebonne does not think that more than 500 persons were saved on Chinler out of a population estimated by him at 1,300. He thinks that about 800 lives were lost there. The Pica yune also has information from Grand Iste, The Picaindicating that not more than eight lives were lost as follows: Old man Raspia of Bayou Regg, was lost

at Grand Isle with his two daughters. His two boys weres saved. Mme, Raspia, with three or four negroes were also lost. The correspondent was unable to say how many ouses were wrecked. There is today only sadness in the news rom Bayou Cook and the various settle-

Swept by the Tidal Wave.

Caps zed in the storm.

found.

# The following is the majority report of the committee on resolutions: We, the representatives of the democratic party in Nebraska in state convention assembled, send hearty greeting to our president. Grover Cleveland, and renew the expressions of our confidence and pride in his patriotisha, courage and wisdom. We heartily endorse the administration of President Cleveland. We reaffirm the truths so forcibly set forth by the president in his message to the special session of congress. We favor his recommendation to congress, therein made, for the repeal of the sliver purchase clause of the Sherman act, and we call upon the United States senators to speedily pass the pending bill for the prompt repeal of that vicious law. We declare our devolution to the fundamental principles of the democratic party as set forth and embodied in the platform of our party adopted by its national convention in Cheago in 1892. We believe that as soon as the Sherman act is repealed congress is preparing to revise our tariff laws, so that in harmony with the dectrines of our party they will take no more money from the people than is needed in the geople than is needed in the people than is needed in the the dectrine of our givernment, and we commend the nonsprines with which the democratic congress is preparing to revise our tariff laws, so that in harmony with the dectrines of our party they will take no more money from the people than is needed in the economical administration of our givernment, and we commend the action of congress in its endeavor to promptly repeal the federal election laws.

ments that are tributary thereto. There has been a frightful loss of life throughout that section. Houses have been blown all to pieces and smacks destroyed and wrecked. There is no means Disapprove of Some Speeches. We denounce the seditious and inflammatory language used by public speakers of recent days, and all their efforts to stir up strife and dissension and create jealousy and distrust in the different parts of our common country, as unamerican, unpatriotic and fraught with danger to our institutions. The democracy of Nebraska declares that it recognizes in com-mercial and financial affairs no north, no south, no cast, no west: that the interdepend-ence of the states as one people ordains the Disapprove of Some Speeches. of estimating the exact loss which humanity has suffered. Many of the bodies have been carried into the marshes and will never be found. Some of those carried into the marshes are still living, but without food and water, and they will be likely to perish unless assistance is sent them. Strewn with Dead Bodies. Train crews arriving on the Grand Isle road say that the track is strewn with bodies

south, no cast, no west: that the interdepend-ence of the states as one people ordains the closest identity of interests, without recard to section or locality, and that alt teachings to the contrary, by whomsoever disseminated, are false and perinterous. While we favor liberal pensions to the de-serving veterans, we also commend the worthy efforts of Commissioner Lochren in his endeavor to parge the first of those not en-titled to pensions and make it what it should be a roll of honor. Down on the A. P. A.

Down on the A. P. A. We reaffirm the finat-honored doctrine of the democratic party, grunnelated in the first democratic platform, ob which Thomas Jeffer-son was elected president: that we are op-posed to the union of church and state in any form or under any pretext whatever: that the freedom of specchand of the press and the enjoyment of religious liberty shall ever be maintained. That there shall be no religious prejudices, as contrary to the spirit and genius of our institutions, unameri-cian and calculated to breed discord, conten-tion and unseemity stiffs in our American pol-try. We commentate public school system as a means of popular education, and we are op-posed to division of the public school find to sectarian purpose, but we recognize the right of parental control and the right of consciences in the ducation and the right of consciences in the fundamental optimizes of the democratic marks of the public school system with the fundamental optimizes to the solar govern-ments of the school school with the fundamental optimizes the boast govern-ments of others ensures the boast govern-ments of the school school school with the fundamental optimizes the boast govern-tion and unseen the school school school with the fundamental optimizes the boast govern-ments of the school school school with the fundamental optimizes the boast govern-ments of the school school

ment. We declare that the corruption of the re-mubican party of this state, as disclosed by recent legislative investigation and the evi-dence given in the tappachment trial, calls loudy for a change in party control in state affairs. We favor the adoption of an amendment to our state constitution, calling for the election dreds of loaves of bread and other provisions

our state constitutions calling for the election of three railroad commissioners by a direct vote of the people, and in the mannine we demand the strict enforcement of the law fixing transportation rates in this state. It is learned here tonight that Shell beach A small island, St. Malo, just off Shell

This report was signed by all the mem-bers of the committee with the exception of Clegg of Richardson, who submitted minority report in behalf of Bryan. It d It dif. fered from the majority solely on the finan cial question

### Cheere by the Faithfu'.

The reading of the resolutions was punctuated by vigorous applause, at the close of every sentence. The plank endorsing Cieve-

MORGAN CITY, La., Oct. 4 .- The lugger

every sentence. The plank endorsing Cleve-land's message demanding the unconditional repeat of the purchase clause of the Sher-man act, provoked riotous applause from those parts of the hall in which the Bryan men were conspleuous by their absence. The plank relating to church and state, freedom of the press, condemning religious tests for office, condemning secret political societies, etc., was greeted with un-Three Brothers, employed by the Berwick Bay Packing company, capsized near the oyster reefs during the recent storm and Captain Micher, his son Arthur and H. Pezanka, a sailor, were drowned. political secleties, etc., was greeted with up-

A vote of thanks was tendered to Chairman Mahoney, and the convention at 12:35

#### Inclined to Hedge a Little.

In a brief interview with Congressman Bryan before the convention adjourned he expressed himself emphatically in regard to his future course in Nebraska politics. He said

adjourned.

"When I said in the course of my remarks that if this convention adopted the majority resolution and the democratic party of Ne raska endorsed such action I shall fight the battle for silver under another banner meant just that, but I do not believe that the democracy of the state will endorse the action of its representatives in this conven-tion. It has always been true to the interinter ests of the people on this question and I an accined to believe that the desire to court favor with the administration has led many of the delegates to forget both the nd the interests of their people. I know of several instances in which men secured places on the delegation by pledging them-selves to favor silver and who changed front after their arrival in this city."

#### Was Bound to Have Beer.

An exciting episode occurred this after-BEE. - The funeral of Joshua Warren this 1000 a few minutes after the convention adjourned. The doorkeeper at the stage entrance had manifested a surly disposition, while the delegates were assembling. When they attempted to leave after adjournment, gretted. he locked the door. The first people to de-mand egress were Deputy United States Marshal Hubbard and Dr. Dunn, both of this city. The doorkeeper declined to let them out without the payment of beer money. They laughed at him, and attempted to brush past him. tHe at once drew a revolver and placing it under the nose of Hubbard snapped the trigger. Chief Operator Carleton of the Western Union, who was in charge of The Bee's corps of safe pill, best pill. operators in the convention hali, was imme-liately behind the doorkcener. He grabbed his arm and attempted to take the revolver Before he could do so, however, the away. iogrkeeper turaed and snapped the gun at Dr. Dunn. Fortunately it did not explode, and before he could shap it again he was overpowered and placed under arrest. There was a general scattering of delegates when the man drew his gun, Chairman Mahoney and Secretary Sheehan of the state centra ommittee being among the many distinguished democrats within range. At the po ice station the man gave his name as Miller

# Confession of a Cattle Thief.

FREMONT, Oct. 4.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-William Cully was arrested near Elk City sesterday with two cows in his possession belonging to Joe Hammer, near this city, and was brought before Justice Hubb this is afternoon, charged with grand He pleaded guilty and was bound larceny. over to the district court in the sum of \$500, and in default he was committed to the county jail.

#### Franklin County Republicans.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Oct. 4 .- [.3pecial to THE BEE |-The republican county convention met yesterday and nominated the fol-lowing ticket: Treasurer, J. E. Kully; clerk, L. A. Siegel, present incumbent; sheriff, F. L. Daggett; judge, A. H. Bush; superin-tendent, Miss Tilla McClelland; surveyor, Peter Houtz; coroner, Dr. Henry of Upland.

#### Grand Island Gamblers Raided.

GRAND ISLAND, Oct. 4 .- [Special to THE BEE ]-The police made another raid on the gambing houses last night, with the result that six of them were heavily fined. Every one of the places where gambling has been going on has now been caught.

#### Sentences to the Pen.

Hogers.

GRAND ISLAND, Oct. 4 .- | Special to THE Bgg |-One year in the penitentiary was the verdict of Judge Harrison when James Cooper, a young man of 17 years, pleaded guilty to burglary, having broken into a rail-road car about August 15.

# Low Rate Excursions

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licans. The convention then endorsed fellowing candidates nominated by the republicans and democrats: Z. Russell, clerk (rep.); O. K. Lewis, superintendent (dem.)

Butler County's Winning Ticket.

DAVID CITY, Oct. 4 .- [Special to THE BEE.] -The most harmonious republican county convention ever held in the county completed its work of nominating the winning ticket of this campaign yesterday. F. F. Loomis was chosen chairman of the convention. The ticket is: E. W. Hale, judge; C. C. Gei-wick, treasurer; W. B. Blair, clerk; C. W. Derby, sheriff; Charles Stroman, superin-tendent; F. W. Lester, coroner.

#### Two Youthful Burglars.

quantity of jewelry and other things being

taken. The theit was traced to two boys sons of well known citizens, aged about 13

who also confessed to robhing Mr. McLel-lan's wagon shop a few weeks ago, stealing a quantity of tools. Most of the stolen

FRIESD, Oct. 4.- Special Telegram to The

Death of a Friend Citizen.

Cliff Rooser Ouits.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Domestic.

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articles were recovered.

NEBRASKA CITY, Oct. 4 .- |Special Telegram to Tun Ben |-J. H. McLellan's house was robbed yesterday in broad daylight, a

The theft was traced to two boys

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Cor. 1210 and Howsristrat. 40 rooms (2.5) per day. 40 rooms \$100 per day. 50 rooms with bits at \$1 per 117. The entire town of Fulton, Ark., a place of several thousand inhabitants, was descroyed by fire yesterday afterno n. The faculty and students of Princeton col-ege deny the report recently circulated that here has been a fatul case of hazing at that neithing. Strooms with bath at \$1.5) ger 145.

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Usiner was killed at Dogtown, a small Al Coiner was killed at Pogtown, a small and disreputable settlement near Argentine, Kan, last night. His head was almost severed from his body. Two men suspected of the crime have been arrested. In a firse fight at Lemont, III., Tuesday among the laborers on the drainage canal John Ganley received a severe cut on the shoulder and lost so much blood that he may die. BOYD'S NEW THEATER PLOOP EANERSAN. OCT. 5, 6, 7 and 8 die. Fourieen new cases of yellow fever were re-ported at Brunswick, Ga., yesterday and one death. Seven new cases are reported from Jeckyi Island, with a population of only twenty-five. Dr. R. T. L. Baford, who occupies i wenty-five. Dr. R. T. L. Buford, who occupies the place made vacant by the death of sur-geon Branham, is ill with the fever. Governor Jones of Alabama has ordered troops to Decatur, that state, to prevent any rioting on the part of the striking employes of he Louisville & Nashville railroad. Suburbru stations of the Hilmois Central are being robbed of sums aggregating thousands of dollars. A few lights ago the Hyde Park station was broken into, the sufe forced open and about \$3,000 stolen. Tuesday high thre-lars, operating with an oak the as a battering rann, obtained \$500 at the Thirty-duth street station. THE LIMITED MAIL A Four-Act Excursion into the Realms of Realism and Romance. The sale of seats will open Wednesday morning at the usual prices. BOYD'S THEATER KEENE station. The New York democratic state convention will assemble at Saratoga today. The big light of the convention will be on the nomina-tion of Judge Maynard for judge of the court BOMMENCING MONDAY, OCTOBER 9. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of appeals. At the annual meeting of the stockholders pany yesterday the old board of directors was re-clocked, with the exception of licerty Authony, who was elected to take the place made vacent by the resignation of J. S. Borers. THOMAS . W. . KEENEI and his superb company in the following report of a MOSDAY-"RICHARD III." "RICHELIEU." Foreign. The British detective office is again turning its attention toward the Chan-na-Gael. Their spise declare that the organization is again about to resume active operations under the direction of Fai Essin and Pat Ford. The Cologne Gazette declares the German government has asked a syndicate of Paris bankers to take 10,000,000 3 per cent bonds, on which they are to advance a certain sum of money. VEDNESDAY WEDSESDAY MATINEE-"RONEO AND JULIE I." Mr. Box sheets open Saturday money. The large imports of sliver into India is equaling great difficulty. A surgestion that ar import duty is placed on airceis and other questions show the lightheartedness with which the currency scheme was entered upon

# afternoon was one of the largest ever held in this city. Mr. Warren was one of Friend's best citizens and his death is greatly re-At 12:30 last night Officer Rouser, whose beat is on Sixteenth street this month, came MAST CHOWSELLA KURRPATRICK, Southemail, Ohio, Sol: Portugues. to the central station and handed in his star and club and left the service. The officer's sudden action is said to be due The Mercer. to persecution from one of his superiors. DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pills Omaha's Newast Hotal.

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