WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS

Some Testimony Presented to the Coroner's Jury in This Line.

INQUIRY INTO THE ROCK ISLAND HORROR

Expert Testifies that Two Men at Least Must Have Been Concerned in the Devilish Deed—Other Witnesses Before the Coroner.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The inquest into the death of the eleven persons who perished in the Rock Island wreck was resumed this morning at the court house. D. J. Bishop, who had charge of the construction of the bridge, was the first witness called. He said the bridge was built about two years ago and the timbers ought to last at least seven or eight years. He thought it impossible that any defect in the construction could cause the wreck.

Daniel Sullivan, roadmaster of the Lincoln Street Railway company, said that had the rails spread the train could not have forced the spikes clear out. The sun could not have expanded the rails sufficiently to loosen the spikes, as the marks on the angle plate showed that the joint was a very loose one. After examining the crowbar, he said that it had been used recently, as marks on it showed this. A bolt was handed him which had been found with the fish plate. He said the nut had been unscrewed with a wrench, and examining the plate marks of the corner of the wrench as it had been turned around were plainly visible. In his opinion it was the work of two or more men. One of them must have pulled the spikes, while the other loosened the bolts. He said that the west rail showed that some one had attempted to draw the spikes and to loosen the bolts, and he thought that one man, after he found he could not pry out the spikes, would not have attempted to loosen the bolts, and that they then both proceeded to work on the other side. He continued that he was at the scene of the wreck about twenty minutes, and this time was sufficient to satisfy him that the rail had been removed. Mr. Sullivan said he had had twenty-two years of experience, and his testimony was introduced as that of an expert in the matter.

Two other witnesses, Saxton and Fowler, were examined, but nothing was developed. An adjournment was taken at noon until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON'S SESSION.

John G. Sidell was the first witness called to testify in the afternoon. He said he lived about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the disaster and was one of the first spectators there. He saw a colored man there. Had never seen him before and would not recognize him again if he saw him. He noticed that he did everything that he was told, but did not act for himself. It took him about twenty minutes to reach the wreck and he thought it would take any one at least an hour to come from the city with a good horse.

J. C. Richardson said that he was a section foreman on the Rock Island road, with headquarters at Rokeby, a small station northeast of the city. The bridge in question was not in his territory, but he was on the bridge about 8 o'clock on a handcar. He was out with his crew, just passing the time, and went swimming with two of his men. He said that they pushed their handcar out about 100 feet to watch the Union Pacific passenger train pass. He did not notice anything wrong with the track on the bridge as they passed over it. He examined the crowbar introduced before and compared it with one of the kind used by the Rock Island workmen, and showed wherein it differed.

Continuing, Richardson said that he was notified of the wreck about 11 o'clock and went immediately to the scene. Concerning the loosened rail nothing new developed from his testimony.

F. S. Clark and Manager Humpe of the Lincoln street railway took the stand, but they were present at the wreck merely as spectators and could throw no new light on the subject.

W. P. Flannigan, a section hand, testified that he was present at the wreck and guarded the track on the bridge until next morning.

Mr. Saxton was recalled and said he and Brakeman Foote had examined the track for 100 yards back and found it in perfect condition. Adjournment was then taken until tomorrow.

DAVIS' PROSECUTION.

The county attorney says he thinks it will take nearly two more days to complete the testimony and he will not institute proceedings against Davis until the jury has rendered its verdict and then he will direct his attention to the evidence against him.

The negro Davis refuses to talk with the newspaper men, saying that his lawyers have forbidden him and if it was not for this he would be willing to tell all he knows about the wreck. He still denies that he was ever confined in the state penitentiary, though he has been recognized by both John and Will Dorgan and several of the guards. Despite this, he has all the marks that were noted on him when he entered that institution, including a bad scar under the eye and the crook in his little finger. He neither affirms nor denies anything and has never said a word about being imprisoned falsely or made any complaint to any one.

To a reporter he said: "There are several who are trying to stick me, and they may do it, but I think I will get out all right." This is considered by some to be the most damaging statement that he has made, as he did not say it in the manner an innocent man would, and on the whole has conducted himself in a way that would not allay the suspicions against him.

NO STATE REWARD.

Governor Crounse returned from Long Island at noon today, where he has been taking a week's rest. He says that he enjoyed himself immensely and was sorry he could not stay longer, but he thought that he was needed at the capitol in view of the trouble that has been in progress during the past week. He said he felt much troubled when he heard of the wreck, but has not had much time to look into it yet and does not know whether he will offer any reward for the arrest and conviction of the supposed wreckers or not.

Farmer Saxton says he intends to put in a claim for the reward for the arrest of Davis, as he thinks he has as much right to it as Lonsdale. He says that he was the first one to suspect the negro and told Malone to arrest him. Davis, he says, applied to him for work about three weeks ago, but he referred him to a farmer named Reynolds, who lives just south of him. He had not seen him again until the night of the wreck.

The funeral of E. H. Zernecke was held this afternoon at the residence, 1118 Wood street. Rev. Byron Beal officiated. The funeral procession was led by a body of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The remains of Peters will be shipped tomorrow to Sprague, Neb.

DEADWOOD FAMILY AFFLICTED.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Mourning for the victims of the terrible railroad accident near Lincoln Thursday night finds an echo in the Black Hills and brings an additional burden of sorrow to a family already sadly afflicted. A. S. Hanson of McPherson county, Nebraska, who was among the killed, was hastening to Deadwood in response to a telegram from his sister, whose husband, John Haltiner, an old and respected citizen of the Black Hills, had committed suicide Friday last. Hanson was expected to arrive in the city Saturday and the funeral of his brother-in-law had been postponed, awaiting his arrival.

Fremont Affairs.

FREMONT, Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—The arriving delegates to the Young Men's Christian association meeting made quite a stir around the depots this morning, among whom were Rev. J. P. D. Llwyd of Omaha, C. M. Copeland and Rev. N. P. Haridon. The parties were escorted to the Chautauqua hotel at 8 o'clock a. m. The exercises of the week's meeting were begun by an eloquent lecture by Rev. Mr. Llwyd on the subject of "The Call of the Day."

A barn and corn crib belonging to John Pascoe, three miles west of the city, was struck by lightning and burned down this morning. The building contained 1,000 bushels of corn, 600 bushels of oats, several tons of baled hay and a number of farm implements, with no insurance except on the implements.

Quite a shadow of gloom was thrown over the city this morning by the vague rumor of the probability of E. H. Morris being a victim of the Lincoln railroad accident. Morris is a well known citizen of Fremont and has been traveling for some time for the Lever Woolen Mill company. He left on August 5 for the "Beatrice route," and has not been heard from since, which circumstance, together with the reported indentification of the body of E. H. Morse, led to the almost groundless suspicion.

At the late annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union it was stated by the treasurer that the temple is paid for and the union free from debt, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. H. Clemmons; vice president, Miss Lucy Griswold; secretary, Mrs. L. S. Moe; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Ferrigo.

OMAHA AND LINCOLN COMBINE.

To Pull Together in a Commercial Way for Mutual Advantage.

LINCOLN, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The members of the Lincoln Commercial club and the board of managers of the State Fair association met in joint session tonight to join their efforts in making the state fair a success. A general discussion over the motion to the effect that the club should use every effort to dispose of 20,000 tickets was held, and it was decided to furnish the club that number of tickets of special form to bear whatever words the club should desire. All members present were earnest in their desire to have the fair held under any circumstances, but were very conservative in making any pledges that could not be fulfilled, and the word "guarantee" in the motion was erased and "use every effort" substituted.

J. C. Utt of the Omaha club was present and when called upon stated that his business there was to arrange for a meeting between a committee of the Lincoln club and Omaha club to confer with the railroad managers and induce them to make special rates during fair week. The popular sentiment seemed to be that the railroads ought to do as much for the state fair as they have done for a couple of summer resorts. Mr. Utt thought that the members of both clubs ought to pull together, not only in regard to the fair, but other business matters of interest to the state, and extended an invitation to a delegation of its members to be present next week at the meeting of the various commercial clubs of the west. A committee was appointed to leave for Omaha tomorrow morning for the purpose of conferring with the railroads.

VETERANS AT TECUMSEH.

Annual Reunion of Southeastern Nebraska in Full Blast.

CAMP WASHINGTON, TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The annual reunion of the southeastern Nebraska district was formally opened in this city today. Incoming trains all brought large delegations, besides many arrived overland. The quartermaster and assistants were kept busy locating the delegations in their proper tents. The outlook is flattering for a very sucessful gathering, despite the dry weather.

Camp Washington is a very pleasant place, being a beautiful grove, well out of the dust. No program was provided for today, as the entire day was spent in getting things in working order. Tonight a campfire was held and Commander W. G. Swan delivered an address of welcome, which was followed by responses from several prominent grand army men. Tomorrow will be Sons of Veterans' day and the exercises will be under charge of that order. District Commander James C. Elliott, Past Commander William W. B. McAuthur and others will speak. Several bands are on the grounds, including the Ladies Martial band of York. All cornet bands that expect to contest for the $150 prize must be on the grounds tomorrow. Among those that will report are Pawnee City, Humboldt, Wilber, Syracuse, Beatrice and Tecumseh.

In the way of sports tomorrow will be a game of base ball between the Cook Giants and Lincoln Swifts.

MANY IRRIGATION COMPANIES.

Three File Articles of Incorporation and More Are Contemplated.

LINCOLN, Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—The continued hot weather has given rise to the formation of several irrigation companies. No less than three filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state today. Farmers' and Merchants' Irrigation and Land company of North Platte starts out with a capital stock of $50,000. The principal business will be to construct a series of aqueducts and canals for the purpose of watering the lands in and about Lincoln county. The Farmers' Irrigation company and the Farmers' and Merchants' Irrigation company are the names of the other two. Their object will be to use the water of the Platte river for this purpose by means of canals in and about Dawson county. The capital stock is placed at $6,000 and $25,000 respectively.

Rain in Burt County.

OAKLAND, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—A delightful rain fell here Saturday and last night. This will do great good to pastures and the millet crop and guarantees a part of a corn crop on some pieces, though most of Burt county's corn is past redemption.

A. D. Peterson was tried for breaking the village ordinance regulating the water system Saturday. He had taken a few bucketfuls from a public hydrant. The jury found him not guilty on account of defects in the ordinance.

Corn is being shipped into Oakland to be sold to feeders. This is the first time such has been the case for years.

Pierce County Educators Meet.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Pierce County Teachers institute opened in this city today with nearly 100 on the enrollment. Prof. John Bland and G. E. Stevenson are the instructors and are ably assisted by County Superintendent Turner. Judge Morris will deliver a lecture before the institute Tuesday evening. State Superintendent Goudy will be present some time during the week.

Syracuse Citizens Pleased.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—At the special election held here today to decide whether the town will build water works or not the question was decided in the affirmative, only ten votes being cast against it, and tonight the town is brilliantly illuminated. The military band is discoursing its sweetest music and everybody is jubilant.

Will Make Starch of Wheat.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—After a shut-down of several weeks, the starch factory resumed operations this morning. Mr. Weigand, the company's chemist, proposes to make starch out of wheat. He says he has a process whereby more starch can be made at less cost from a bushel of wheat than from the same amount of corn.

Improving the Court House.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Work was begun this morning on the two wings to the court house. Contractor W. B. Schmucker will rush the work. George R. Grunstead, the supervisor from Humboldt, will be on the ground during the erection of the wings to see that the county gets everything according to contract.

North Platte Woman's Skull Fractured.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—This morning Mrs. G. P. Harris, wife of a farmer living near here, was dangerously injured in a runaway. She was thrown over the dashboard and under the horses' heels. Her skull was fractured, but she may recover.

Death Caused by Heat.

JUNIATA, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Grandfather Stethens was overcome with heat Saturday afternoon while returning from town and died after reaching home. He was well known and much liked by all. He was buried yesterday.

Whisky Dealer Jailed.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Mark Wheaton, charged with selling liquor without a license, was fined $100 and costs, and not being able to pay, was lodged in jail, where he will serve out his fine.

WILL BE A WARM CONTEST

First District Republican Congressional Convention Will Be Held Tonight.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES ON THE GROUND

Judge Chapman, Church Howe and Judge Strode Open Headquarters and Prepare to Capture Delegates—Exciting Much Interest.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—The First district congressional convention will meet at the opera house in this city at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening. Speculation is rife as to the outcome of the convention, but every one seems to feel satisfied that there will be a pretty warm fight waged, and the successful party will have to do some tall hustling. It is utterly impossible to forecast even the first ballot with any degree of accuracy. Judge Chapman was the first candidate to arrive. The judge is going to make a struggle for the place, and has lots of friends who will stay with him.

Church Howe and Judge Strode arrived this evening, the former making his headquarters at the Grand Pacific hotel and the latter at the Watson. Several Nemaha and Lancaster delegates accompanied the two leaders and many little knots of earnest politicians were to be seen during the evening.

NO INSTRUCTIONS IN GAGE.

State Delegates and a Full County Ticket Selected.

BEATRICE, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—At the republican county convention today the following ticket was nominated: State senator, Alexander Groham; representatives, J. C. Burch, J. H. Merrick, E. B. Hinds; county attorney, Geogre A. Murphy.

The delegates to the state convention are: S. B. Grant, A. W. Bradt, George Emery, H. H. Norcross, G. H. Johnson, J. E. Weatherwax, Harry Jackson, George Maurer, John Ashenfelter, N. N. Brumback, E. E. McCorkle, George Jones, W. C. Hill, Henry Steinmeyer, C. H. Mudge, C. H. Israel, H. Glasscock, A. B. McNickle, L. L. Darris, J. M. Wardlow, William McMichael, J. W. Cole, H. J. Olmstead, E. E. Hardin, E. J. Roderick, Harry Tweedy, John Dodds, N. Blakely, C. W. McCullough, Andrew Kerr, C. B. Rogers, R. W. Laffin, A. Davidson, Joseph Kilpatrick. The convention refused to give the delegates any instructions in view of the fact that Gage county has two candidates for state offices, C. G. Pearse for superintendent of public instruction and W. S. Summers for attorney general, both of whom have warm supporters on the delegation.

The congressional delegates are: J. E. Cobbey, J. I. Shaw, William Whyman, Philip Bindernagle, E. S. Gillett, J. H. Steinmeyer, F. E. Hale, P. T. Lewelen, John W. Williams, Pete Nelson, W. J. Blizzard, John Yohe, Thad Trimmer, N. E. Spencer, John Rossell, C. M. Rigg, James M. Duncan, I. W. Funk, A. H. Swiler, J. B. M. Laughlin, E. L. Reed, James Schlosser, Ed Ryan, A. D. McCandless, Adam M. Mullen, G. L. Cole, Samuel Bivens, C. J. Schmidt, Orlando Graham, Luther Reed, H. H. Mason.

A resolution strongly endorsing Hon. E. J. Hainer and instructing the delegates to support that gentleman for renomination was adopted. The delegation to the float convention was instructed to support Frank W. Miles of DeWitt for the nomination for representative. The report of the committee to select delegates to the state convention was twice referred back to the committee for correction, it being found that certain precincts were left without representation, while others were given more than their share. In each instance a Summers man was taken off and a Pearse man substituted.

Seward County Republicans.

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The republican convention to elect delegates to the state and congressional conventions met in Seward today. The delegates to the state convention are favorable to Majors for governor. A resolution was adopted instructing the delegates to the congressional convention for Hon. E. J. Hainer. All townships were fully represented and the convention was harmonious and enthusiastic.

Powers on the Populists.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Hon. John H. Powers opened the political battle in behalf of the independents in Elba Friday, where he spoke to a good-sized audience. Saturday afternoon he spoke in the court house here for about two hours. The old gentleman made a good speech, from an independent standpoint, but his audience was small, only about 100 people being in attendance.

Juniata Republicans Caucus.

JUNIATA, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—The republicans of Juniata township met in Caucus Saturday afternoon and nominated a full ticket and fifteen delegates to the county convention. A large attendance and much interest was manifest.

TWO THOUSAND PRESENT.

Educational Day at the Interstate Chautauqua Well Attended.

SALEM, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—This was education day of the Salem Interstate Chautauqua. Nothwithstanding that the mercury was at 103 and the exercises were held under a canvass, nearly 2,000 people were in attendance, so great is the interest manifested. The several schools were organized at 9 o'clock. Ministerial institute under the direction of Rev. John Sallagher, Ph. D.; normal school work conducted by Prof. C. E. Powell, musical institute in charge of Dr. David R. Francis and the kindergarten under Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock. At 10 o'clock Prof. P. R. Corbett of York lectured upon the "Contrasts of Nature." As chairman of the executive committee of the State Teachers' association Prof. Corbett was given a good reception.

The oratorical intercollegiate contest for a gold medal prize, participated in by various students, was won by Louis Daeschner of Nebraska. The contest for prizes culminated this afternoon in a musical contest among several Sunday schools and drew together a large number of interested spectators. Morrill school of Kansas carried off the prize which was a fine cabinet organ.

The women of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at 4 o'clock held a school of methods under the leadership of Mrs. Wakelin, president of the organization in Nebraska. President Sam W. Small conducted a Chautauqua round table at 5 o'clock and outlined the new university movement at present under consideration, by which a collegiate education may be obtained by a system of home reading covering a course of four years.

This evening, after a concert by the Apollo quartet, Dr. Small of Georgia delivered his great lecture, "From the Barroom to the Pulpit," before an immense audience, and was enthusiastically received. Governor Northen of Georgia and Prof. Hicks of St. Louis arrived today and will address the Chautauqua tomorrow. The governor of Nebraska wired tonight that he will be present in the morning and welcome the distinguished guests and present them to the people of this state.

Methodist Camp Meeting at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Each day adds increased interest to the first annual camp meeting of the Methodists of Norfolk district of Nebraska, which opened last Thursday. Yesterday over 1,000 people assembled at the forenoon and evening services. Chancellor Crook of the Wesleyan university of Lincoln delivered an excellent sermon in the forenoon. Ex-Governor Thayer was present, and at the close of the chancellor's sermon addressed the assembly. He referred to the time, thirty-four years ago, when his command captured the Pawnee Indians near Norfolk, the city which now evidenced such civilization and prosperity. Dr. Barker from Ocean Grove, N. J., who has charge of the revival work, is maintaining his reputation as a most successful worker.

The attendance so far is largely in excess of the hopes and expectations of the management. The meetings will close next Sunday evening. In the forenoon of next Sunday Dr. J. B. Maxfield will preach. The showers of the last few days placed the roads and grounds in splendid condition.

California Man Commits Suicide.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—B. C. Chase of California committed suicide at the Windsor hotel this evening at 5 o'clock by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a four-inch sheath knife. The town in California from which he came cannot be learned, and no cause can be assigned for the act. He came here ten days ago and since then has been loooking around for some property which he could buy for ranch purposes. He was apparently in good circumstances, was 28 years old and has never acted in any way suspicious or deranged. Last Saturday a young woman came from the west whom he registered as his wife, and she was down town when he committed the act. At 11 o'clock tonight the coroner's jury is still taking testimony behind closed doors.

Colic Promptly Cured.

A few days ago when I had an attack of colic in the bowels, I took a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and within ten minutes all of my colic pains had disappeared. I am highly pleased with the remedy and take pleasure in recommending it. Z. Bearse, Chatham, Mass. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by druggists.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT IN KANSAS.

Fletcher Morris Killed and His Sister Dangerously Hurt.

NARKA, Kan., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—A frightful accident, resulting in one death already, with the chances largely in favor of another, occurred here yesterday evening. While driving home from town with his sister and another young lady, Fletcher Morris drove around a team driven by Homer Hicks. A few minutes later, when they had nearly reached home, young Hicks attempted to repass them. When opposite the roadway leading to their residence the horse driven by Morris turned suddenly and the occupants were thrown out of the buggy upon the ground. Hicks' team, immediately behind them, could not be stopped, and ran over them, trampling them in a frightful manner. The wagon also passed over them. The injuries were so severe that young Morris died this morning, and it is thought his sister cannot survive the day. The second young lady had a shoulder dislocated and was badly bruised, but will survive. Hicks has been arrested and will have his preliminary trial this afternoon.

Oregon Kidney Tea cures nervous headaches. Trial size, 25 cents. All druggists.

WESTERN PENSIONS.

Veterans of the Late War Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Pensions granted, issue of August 2, were:

Nebraska—Original—Abraham Pelham (deceased), Omaha, Douglas. Reissue—Benjamin F. Hyde, Fairfield, Clay; Clara A. Rubel, Omaha, Douglas.

Iowa—Original—Jacob Miller, Hampton, Franklin; George W. Mendenhall, New Sharon, Mahaska; Hiram Booth, Monona, Clayton. Supplemental—William J. Hiles, Boone, Boone; Henry C. Hydock, Eldon, Wapello. Increase—Michael Lynch, Des Moines, Polk. Reissue—Hudson C. Adams (deceased), Troy Mills, Linn; George H. Simmons, Luther, Boone. Mexican war survivors—Increase—Zachariah J. Vontrees, Boonesboro, Boone.

South Dakota — Original — Abraham B. Swain, Arlington, Kingsbury. Reissue—Samuel A. Wheeler, Minnesela, Butte.

Colorado—Original—Reuben Durham, Salida, Chaffee. Reissue—Theodore Pilloud, Lamar, Prowers.

Oregon Kidney Tea cures all kidney troubles. Trial size, 25 cents. All druggists.

HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE.

Fletcher Robbins May Yet Recover from the Effects of the Mill.

PLATTSMOUTH, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Fletcher Robbins' condition at noon today was not as favorable as it was at 6 o'clock this morning. During the night he continued to improve, good strong pulse, respiration normal and resting quietly most of the time. Between 6 and 7 this morning he suffered with vomiting. Since that time he has been restless and somewhat delirious. The doctors do not consider his case hopeless.

THE FINAL CRASH

AT THE

Columbia Clothing Co.

MEANS THAT WE HAVE again made reductions to positively close up the business by Aug. 25, so for the next

12 DAYS ONLY

You can buy clothing and furnishings at the cheapest prices that ever saw the light of day in Omaha.

CLOSE WE MUST AND CLOSE WE WILL.

What we are trying to do is to cut down our big stock as much as possible, as the balance left will be sold to a dealer who has agreed to take it, but whose means are such that it is necessary to reduce before he assumes it, but we promise you that the present bargains cannot be had after August 25, as then the

COLUMBIA QUITS FOR GOOD.

The Final Crash---Choice of the very finest Men's or Young Men's Suits in the whole of the big stock $12.50.

Take your pick from suits which have sold heretofore at $18.00, $22.50, $25.00, $28.00

CHOICE OF..... Men's Suits.

An elegant line of all wool cassimere suits, in light shades, sizes 34 to 42, which we close at $3.50.

A line of heavy home spun cheviots, also light shades, at $4.25.

A lot of dark cassimeres and worsted, straight cut sacks, at $6.50.

A lot of assorted clay worsted suits, in sacks as well as cutaways, bound or stitched edges, closing at $7.50.

A line of black and blue tricots, heavy weights, the best cloth manufactured and as nicely trimmed and tailored as any merchant tailor can produce, closing out at $12.50.

A fine line of minester's suits, high cut coats as well as Prince Alberts, in black, tan and gray, closing at $15.00

These are a few of our leaders in men's. See the rest at the store.

Mid Summer Coats.

Alpaca coats and vests, drap d'etes, long and shortcuts, extra sizes short and stout makes, in all imaginable shades, stripes and plaids, at just half last week's closing out prices.

This news too good to be true? Not a bit of it? There's nothing strange about it. We are closing out and the only way to do it is to name prices which will conform to your pockets and the hard times. But if the foregoing is good news, what is the following?

MORE RECORD BREAKERS.

CHOICE OF..... Children's Suits.

Nice line of children suits in three styles, at 75c—ages 4 to 14.

An elegant lot of cheviot suits, ages 4 to 14, at $1.15.

A line of dark and fancy cassimere suits, ages 4 to 14, at $2.00.

A few mancy worsted suits, ages 4 to 14, at $2.50.

All the best grades of black and fancy 2-piece suits, at $3.00 and $3.25.

We have some broken sizes in assorted knee- pants, at 10c a pair, at 20c, 25c and 50c

Furnishing Goods.

We carry the most complete and finest line of men's furnishings, the most popular makes in this city, which have a reputation for perfection—Wilson Bros' goods for instance—in all lines.

A full line of white shirts, negligee shirts, their underwear, their suspenders, their scarfs, their hosiery, at prices less than we paid for them ourselves.

A full size working shirt, made in Omaha enough cloth in it for twice the money we ask for it, our price 25c a shirt.

Umbrellas.

In silk and alpaca, in all styles and sizes, at any price to close.

Hats and Gloves.

We will give an elegant black or brown Derby hat, all the latest shapes, all sizes, at 75c each.

We carry all classes of felt hats, as well as crushes, Stetson makes and other first-class brands. We must sell them and if prices are any inducement, we will come pretty near doing it.

Elegant dress, kid or driving gloves, down to the cheapest mitt or working gloves, at one-half of the regular retail price.

Men's Odd Pants.

A few fancy tweed pants closing out at $1.00 a pair.

All wool cassimere pants taken from suits that costs as high as $8 and $10, light shades will be closed at $1.50 a pair.

A line of the old style Harrison cassimere pants, every thread and fibre wool, at $2.00.

An all worsted pair of pants that are hummers, closing at 2.50 a pair.

Trunks and Valises.

If you intend to go away or stay at home it will pay you to see our line of trunks and valises and get prices, as we have a large stock, and all the modern styles in handbags and telescopes, at one-half the pirce trunk stores ask.

Boys' Suits.

Boys' suits, 14 to 18 years, in cheviot, dark mixed, 3 pieces, at $1.75.

A line of cassimere suits, same ages, in light effects, closing at $2.75.

Good heavy weight woolen suits at $3.00.

Fancy black worsteds, same ages and sizes at $4.25.

If you or your children will need any clothing for six months to come, this is an opportunity to make a paying investment.

Overcoats.

We have 800 heavy and medium weight overcoats, all styles, dark effects, ranging in price from 4.00 to $20.00. They will bear investigation. Of course you don't want one now, but we're closing out, and overcoats will go cheaper than anything else, because they are harder to sell at this time of the year. You can save the price of an overcoat by buying one now.

There is no hocus-pocus dodge about these wonderful bargains. The goods are here exactly at prices named, exactly at prices described. Take our advice, come at your earliest convenience—the sooner the better! Bargains such as we have named will go like wildfire! When gone they cannot be duplicated

Mail Orders must be accompanied with the cash during this sale. Money refunded if the goods are not satisfactory.

THE FINAL CRASH,

Columbia Clothing Co., 13th and Farnam Sts.

ARE AFTER BICYCLE THIEVES

Stealing of Wheels Has Become a System with Enormous Profits.

MANY MACHINES STOLEN FROM OMAHA

Headquarters of the New Business Discovered to Be in Chicago—Police Chiefs Asked to Co-Operate in Catching the Gang.

The advent of the "silent steeds" commonly called bicycles and their general use has almost supplanted the use of the saddle horse for pleasure purposes, but at the same time this fad seems to have opened up a new and profitable field to sneak thieves.

A good wheel is worth all the way from $50 to $175 and can be easily disposed of at any of the second hand stores. It is an easy matter for a sneak thief to make away with a bicycle that has been carelessly left standing in front of some building while the owner has business in some upper story for several minutes. All sorts of precautions have been taken to prevent the stealing of wheels and ample rewards stimulate detectives to endeavor to capture the thief. But the thieves seem to be an up-to-date class and they have been making barrels of money by stealing bikes in one part of the country and shipping them to another part, where the identifying marks are destroyed and the wheels sold at second hand for remunerative prices.

During the present summer and spring more than 100 wheels have been stolen from Omaha and Council Bluffs, and very few of them have been recovered. Not long ago a thief was traced to Pacific Junction by the officers and there it was ascertained that this man had sent a dozen or more wheels to a certain address in Chicago by express, but there all trace of the bicycles was lost. When this thief was arrested he made a desperate fight for liberty and would have escaped the officers only for the assistance of the station agent. Some important facts were discovered by this arrest and the details were at once furnished the Chicago police department and an investigation begun which has resulted in the unearthing of a "bicycle fence" or repository for stolen wheels, and the exposure of a scheme for the wholesale stealing of wheels all over the country by an organized gang of thieves. The Chicago police department has notified Chief Seavey and the other chiefs of large cities of the discovery and now numerous detectives are looking for the secret agents of this gang, whose headquarters are alleged to be in Chicago.

EXTENT OF THE OPERATIONS.

Superintendent Brennan of the Chicago police department detailed some of his best officers on the case, and they succeeded in discovering an alleged bicycle store, which they claim is nothing more nor less than a big store house for stolen wheels, and many of them have been identified through descriptions sent to the chief. The time has not yet arrived for making the arrests, according to Chief Brennan, but they have the place under constant espionage and hope to round up the whole gang this week. The detectives allege that the plan of operations of this gang is an extensive one, and such cities as New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg and Buffalo are distributing points, while Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, and hundreds of smaller places are the contributing points, that is, the bikes are stolen in these cities and shipped to the distributing points.

According to the reports made by the detectives to Superintendent Brennan, the Chicago house has a number of secret agents, on whom it depends for its supply of machines. The firm deals extensively in wheels of all grades and make, and both new and second hand machines are on hand in plenty and are offered at prices far below those fixed by legitimate dealers. The firm has been in business for several months, and, although carrying a large stock, besides having a well filled warehouse, it has been ascertained that they have never bought a wheel from any manufacturer or wholesale dealer. A few old machines have been bought occasionally, but this practice is alleged to be only a blind to the public to cover up the real character of the establishment. The police are confident that the main stock is obtained through secret agents, who mingle with thieves and then pay them to steal the machines, which are taken, or shipped to this place, and the numbers and other identifying marks removed, so that the owner or manufacturer is unable to identify the property, even if he should see it again. Parts of the machines are interchanged, new tires substituted, and the wheels are in some instances made over, so that they present an entirely different appearance, and are then placed on the market for sale at a very cheap price.

Since this suspected firm has been doing business their stock has accumulated faster than it could be disposed of, which fact is alleged to be due to the enlargement of their scope of territory and the extension of the conspiracy. Superintendent Brennan has sent circulars to the chiefs of police of all the cities in the country, asking their co-operation in breaking up this well organized gang of thieves, and to completely expose the gigantic conspiracy.

As a general thing, the chief states, only the most expensive machines are stolen, so that the profits must be large for the leaders of this gang.

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RAINS IN THREE STATES.

Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa Visited by Showers.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—No rain had fallen in southern Colfax county since the 3d day of July until last night, when there was a fall that wet the earth to a depth of an inch and a half. It was but little, yet vegetation looked much revived this morning. All morning there was frequent light showers. Grass in pastures and wherever found has been so dry for many days that it would burn easily, and many incipient blazes have resulted from the carelessness of parties dropping burning matches or cigar stumps, and from children playing with matches. Three times fire was discovered in the dead grass in the court house lawn, the third time it having very nearly reached the buildings. Corn was so badly in need of rain that the little that has fallen will not do it much good, nor has there been enough to revive the pastures, as nothing will do for them short of a rain that will start the grass from the roots.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—The second rain since the long drouth fell last night. It was over half an inch, lasting about an hour. It will materially help out the late corn, of which there is considerable in the county, giving at least a fourth of a crop. Tekamah's local "rainmaker," Postmaster Bardwell, attributes the shower to his little machine, according to the Jewell theory, which has been in operation about fifteen days here.

FORT CALHOUN, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Bee.)—Sunday morning this vicinity was favored with quite a heavy shower, lasting about an hour, and again during the day showers passed northeast and west of the town, cooling the atmosphere and causing all nature to rejoice. Though coming rather late, it will do an immense amount of good.

DES MOINES, Aug. 13.—The heaviest rain for three months began last night, continuing until 9 o'clock this morning. Indications are for no more rain. The rain was accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder. Several buildings were struck.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Aug. 13.—The drouth in this region is now effectually broken. It rained from 3 to 8 a. m., and another steady downpour set in at noon. This will start pastures booming and insures an abundance of late fall feed for stock.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The drouth has been completely broken here by rains Friday night, last night and today.

YANKTON, S. D., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Rain to the depth of an inch fell in all parts of this section of South Dakota last night. It will do late corn a great deal of good and improve hay and pasture to a great extent. Early corn is now being cut and stacked in stalks for winter fodder and farmers are preparing to feed hogs and cattle on wheat. Threshing is in progress and the yield of oats will average sixteen bushels per acre. Wheat yields about six bushels of fair quality and it is the poorest year for crops since 1860.

Suits Instituted.

The Hawkeye Commission company is again the defendant in a suit in the district court. Charles Coffman wants to recover $3,800, which he claims was advanced to the company while it was in business.

Henry Tarrett has sued Alvin C. Smith et al. to foreclose a mortgage on a couple of lots in Orchard Hill, given to secure a note for $1,000.

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