exploded as so a selt struck the water

LAST SHOT WARRLED SOME. The last test, with a 1,160-pound projectile

it was wheeled but and hoisted into the gun

The scientific men, and the army men examine

it closely and then retired into close confab while the offlihary citizens retired to a little

When the word was given and the ener-

then it began to wabble slightly and the

the point of view of an army officer could not

REBUILDING THE VESUVIUS.

on Shipboard.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.-The transforma-

tion of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius into a

torpedo catcher, which was delayed in order

to profit by the experiments now making

with the new dynamite guns at Sandy Hock,

will at once proceed according to the original

plan. Captain Sampson, chief of the ord-

nance bureau, who personally witnessed the

Sandy Hook tests, has returned to this city,

and while satisfied that the dynamite guns

as they are mounted on train and elevating carriages are all that the inventors claim,

still he has been confirmed in his belief that they are not sultable for use on shipboard.

The drawbacks to such use are the great

weight of the guns and compressers and the valuable space occupied, the short range of

the weapons and the impossibility of aiming them without turning the whole ship. Bo-

sides the ordnance bureau has been meeting

a high measure of success in its efforts to develop the use of high explosive shells in

plished the projection of a six-inch shell charged with a high explosive at a speed of 1,400 feet per second over a distance of four miles, and if the twelve-inch rifle performs

as well with a 200-pound charge of dynamite and its superior accuracy and longer range, it

will be much more efficient for such in

BRAKE FAILED TO WORK.

Motor Car Dashed Down a Heavy Grade

and Jumped the Track.

ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 26 .- An accident

occurred this afternoon on the electric line

of the Suburban Traction company near

Eagle Rock, a well known pleasure resort,

by which a number of persons were injured.

Those hurt are: Johnny Lloyd, 4 years old,

right arm taken off at the elbow; Mrs.

Frank Davis, arm broken; Mrs. John Lloyd,

badly cut, bruised and legs sprained; Mrs. Margaret Hallahan, severely bruised about

the chest; Mrs. Michael Finnigan, severely

sixty feet to the mile. This afternoon, about ten minutes to 5, car No. 8, filled to the

doors with men and women, many of the

down the grade, when the motorman found

the brake would not work. The cars rapidly gained momentum and were soon dashing along at a very rapid rate of speed. The

passengers were not long in finding out that something was wrong, and the women

and children began to scream. Before any one had time to jump the front wheels of

the forward truck struck a bend in the road

The car was going too fast for the wheels to follow the rails and it leaped from the

track, turning completely over. The passen

HE SLID DOWN A POST

Bold Burglar Climbs Into a Room and

Then Climbs Out Again.

sleeping inmates of the Merriam hotel,

Twenty-fifth and Dodge streets, were aroused

by the cry of "Thieves! thieves! help! help!"

The cries were traced to the room of a well

known young man about town, who had been

aroused by a "porch climber" entering his

In a moment or two all of the male

roomers in the house were out in the halls, looking at each other. Some were clad in

night robes, some in overcoats, while other

vore a look of modesty and a toy shooting

After a short parley an alarm was sent in

police headquarters, and the patrol wagon

Upon arriving at the hotel Ormsby found

about a dozen men huddled together in the

of these braves held a gun of some sort in his hand. They also held their breath when

Ormsby opened the door into the room, which

slid down a post in the portico and escaped while the twelve brave young men stood out-

him, as the alarm was given before he has

Courtland and Pompeil Items.

The past week witnessed the largest at-

The "corral" at Courtland was by far to

On "Omaha fright" the picture of the

mayor of Omalia caught fire prematurely by the sparks from Mount Vesuvius, which

were driven toward it by the wind. It was the intention to have this picture displayed as one of the list set pieces.

On account of the condition of the atmos

On account of the condition of the atmosphere yesterday, affernoon the ballon did not go as high as usual. After going up about 500 feet the balloon, began to descend, but Dan Barnell, the arrinaut, did not attempt to cut his parachalle, love. He waited until he reached the ground, just outside of the carriage entrance, then cut his parachate

loose and the balloon arose for over 100 feet when it turned upoide dawn and descended

Tomorrow night is to be "Council Bluffe night" at Pompell. Among the special fea-

tures on this occasion will be a likeness fireworks of the mayor of Council Blu

His Troubles Were Too Numerous

parents' domestic troubles, a love affair

his own and an unpaid board bill, J. J. Me

Names, a presperous Topeka, Kan., com mission merchant, threw himself into the lake on the 15th Today the body was washed up on Minnesota point.

DULUTH, Aug. 26 .- Despondent over his

"Modern Woodman night" for the

side the door waiting for the police to co

Investigation showed that the burgiar had

they were pretending to guard.

accommodation of the vehicles.

a chance to get to work.

beach.

amali on

hall, gazing anxiously at a door. Each or

filled with officers, in charge of Acting Cap

tain Ormsby, made a hurry run to the Mr.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning the

juries.

the windows and doors caused many in-

portant use than any other form of gun.

ordinary rifled guns! It has already accor

view of the shot, they said.

projectiles go off smoothly.

ships to get out of the way.

WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED TODAY

At 5 O'clock in the Afternoon the Camp Will Be Formally Turned Over to the G. A. B. Officials-Camp Fire Tonight.

GRAND ISLAND, Aug. 26.-(Special to The Bee.) Great crowds of visitors were attracted to the reunion grounds this after noon for an inspection of Camp Morrow, and all were a unit in voting the camp con veniently located and laid out with the view of making it a commodious and pleasant meeting place for the boys in blue, who once again are granted by providence the privilege to meet each other face to face, grasp the hands of their comrades in war and review the incidents that are so near and dear to them. The camp is situated on a ridge about three-quarters of a mile from the business center of the city, midway between the latter and the Nebraska Soldiers' and Satlors' home The great majority of veterans of the state will be pleased to learn that the same desirable location has been secured upon which Camp Logan, Camp Sheridan and Camp Sherman of former years were reared.

Around the speakers' stands there has been provided seating capacity for about 1,000, and it is expected that they will almost always be in use, as the committee will this year make an effort to have specially interesting camp fires.

A number of dining halls have been erected on the grounds, the Young Men's Christian association has a reception and reading room; there are fully the usual number of booths and every arrangement looking to the comveterans and visitors. Some the booths, the swing privilege, etc., began to do business today and for the next six days there will be continual activity in Camp

At sunrise tomorrow Master of Salutes Corbin will fire several cannon and the reunion will be opened proper. The veterans sons and daughters of veterans, women of the relief corps and ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be assigned to quarters in camp as fast as they come in, Quarter master Harrison having provided with several assistants for this work.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the chairman of the reunion committee, George F. Dean, will turn the camp over to the con mander of the Grand Army of Nebraska, Church Howe and staff, who are expected on this even ing's or tomorrow morning's trains. Rattling initiative camp fires have been ar-

### TWO WIDOWS AND ONE ESTATE.

This Condition of Affairs Causes a Lively Lawsuit in Iowa.

CRESTON, Ia., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-One of the many interesting cases that will come up in the September term of the district court is that of Kelly against the Kelly estate, wherein the widow asks for an admeasurement of dower of widow. The case is a peculiar one. The history is that Captain Reuben J. Kelly, deceased, of Cromwell, when a young man, married an eastern lady, and after a few years of connubial bliss they were divorced. Kelly then married the widow who is now after a share of his estate, and lived with her five or six years at Afton. Domestic troubles led to their separation, and Mrs. Kelly No. 2 left the home, taking with her her only son, and located in Denver, where she now resides. Subsequently Reuben returned to his first love, Mra. Kelly No. 1, and they were reunited in the holy bonds of matrimony. Before his last marriage, however, Kelly ap-peared in the district court of Union county and asked for and was granted a divorce from Mrs. Kelly No. 2. At the time of se-curing the divorce Attorney N. W. Rowell appeared for Mrs. Kelly, A few years after his last marriage Mrs. Kelly died, and a year ago Reuben himself succumbed to the inevitable. Before his death he made a will, leaving his entire estate, which is worth \$15,-000, to his daughter by the wife whom he married the second time. And here is where Mrs. Kelly No. 2 raises a roar. She wants part of the estate, and in her petition to the court states that when Kelly received a divorce from her she was entirely ignorant She claims that she had not employed Mr. Rowell. For these reasons she prays that the divorce may be set aside, and that she be granted a dower share of the

It is understood that when the case comes up in court an agreement of seperation be-tween Kelly and the Denver widow, wherein she relinquishes all claim on his property, will be exhibited by the defense.

### BURT COUNTY VETERANS MEET.

Old Soldiers Have a Pleasant and Profitable Time Together.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The sixth annual reunion of the Burt County Veterans association closed Friday evening. From the opening to the closing of the reunion it was a pleasing success. The leading speaker for Thursday was Attorney Osborn of Blair, Mr. Osborn's speech was followed by talks from old veterins. The closing day was given to speeches by Revs. W. W. Brown of Tekamah and M. Patrick of Herman, and a sham battle in the after-noon. A lending feature was songs by 100 little girls, dressed in white and decked in the tri-colors and carrying flags. Music was furnished by the Decatur band, Tekamah sextet and quartet and by a drum corps from

The following officers were elected Thursday afternoon for the ensuing year: Colonel, Charles E. Barker of Tekamah; lieutenant, W. L. Ireland of Craig; major, Waldo Lyon of Lyons; sergeant, Kin Handcock of Te-kamah; chaplain, I. C. Jones of Silver Creek.

Tecumseh Notes and Personals. TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The Epworth league of this city gave a pleasant social at the home of D. W. Hotaling, Friday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Headrick and children and

Miss Flora Miller are home from an extended The Misses Mary, Attie and Louise Hawley

Milin are the guests of Tecumseh rela-George Mauldin is in jail on the charge of wife beating. His wife is lying in a

critical condition from injuries he inflicted.
Horace Stover and wife are visiting relatives in Springfield, Ill. C. Woodruff of Custer county is renew-

ing acquaintances in this city. John M. Thayer camp, Sons of Veterans,

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of this city presented the play, "The Girl Spy," to a Table Rock audience Thursday

concert and social was given by our band boys in the court yard last night. George Adams of Auburn and John Flyn of Lincoln have opened a new barber shop

The Misses Mittie Hill and Julia Dew are home from a visit to South Center, Kan.
The scarcity of water in this city is getting to be a serious question. The pumps are required to run night and day at the city pumping station to supply the demand, and many wells about town have gone dry.

SLUGGED AND ROBBED A COMPANION

Two Chadron Men in Jail with a Possible Charge of Murder Against Them. CHADRON, Neb., Aug. 26,-(Special to The Bee.)-Matt McNealney, Charles A. O'Conner and John A. Shannon, three railroad laberers arrived here vesterday and cashed their checks. McNealney drew the most money, about \$45. He was found about 9 o'clock this morning with his head crushed. He cannot live until morning. His companions ar in jail and a good prospect for a long term in stripes or worse hangs over O'Conner. Shannon was in bed at an uptown hotel, and claims O'Connor struck the fatal blow. O'Conner formerly was at Green wood and Seward, Neb. A letter signed by himself and addressed to D. Fitzgerald, 143 Langton avenue, Chicago, was found on him. He refuses to make any statement.

Auburn Personal Mention. AUBURN, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Mrs. Davidson Plasters of Brown ville and her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Lockwood of Vermont, were visiting relatives in Auburn the first of the week. Messrs. Dundas, Crichton, Shull, Watsen, Johnson, Anderson and Wright boarded the B. & M. train Thursday for the grand convention of populists at Grand Island.

Mrs. Moore and granddaughter, Miss Lillie Hedden of Leavenwerth, Kan., are the guests of Agent Wheeldon and family. Skeen of Nemaha City were shopping in Auburn Thursday

Miss Nellie Minick of Nemaha City Sun-

dayed in Auburn. J. K. Collins and daughter have moved to their farm near Howe. Dr. Morris and his estimable family removed to Humboldt Thursday, where hey will make their future home. The reopening of the First Catholic church of this city was attended by many outside

ur vicinity Walt Meson, Nebraska's famous bard, Sundayed in Auburn. Walt has many ad-mirers in our city, and all were anxious to make the acquaintance of so talented a per-

Patrick Daugherty and David Campbell paid their old friend, Tim McLaughlin of Brownville, a visit Monday. Mr. McLaugh-lin is one of the oldest settlers in these parts, but is now lying in a very critical

Mrs. W. C. Beach has gone to Hot Springs S. D., to be treated for rheumatic affinent The camp meeting of the order called "The Church of the Living God," have disbanded and returned to their homes after an encampment of ten days. They profess to have the power of healing and santifica-tion in their own hands. About 100 people were in attendance Prof. James Hosie of Tecumseh is visiting

Auburn friends. H. L. Hobson and children started for Winterset, In., to visit relatives. Mrs. Jacob Snyder of Fullerton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamon, of this city. Joe Redfern of Merrick county is visiting

friends in this locality. Miss' Muta Fisher is visiting friends in Avoca. Jim Hobson and wife of Julian Sundayed

The World-Herald man was circulating among the Auburnites Monday and present ing every one with a sample copy of the World-Herald. But after all "The Bee is the best daily," is the verdict of all. Mr. Rohers, who was shot by Young, is recuperating rapidly and his friends hope

No Occasion for an inquest. FREMONT, Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.) -Coroner Martin was called last evening to examine into the cause of the sudden death of John Cramer and decided it to be

apoplexy. No inquest was held.

A large delegation of Fremonters went to Columbus today to attend the state saenger-fest. Among them was the Mandolin club, which is led by Charley Douglas, The Omaha Bee rustler for this place. The Young Men's Christian association held

an open air meeting this afternoon upon the lawn at the residence of W. E. Smails. Mrs. John Kendrick rode her bicycle to Wahoo and return yesterday.

Master Ray Hammond left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Craig, Burt county. George W. E. Dorsey is home from his summer visit on the Atlantic coast.

Fatal Fall from a Train. TRENTON, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-No. 2, known as the eastbound fiver, passing here at 4 o'clock in the morn ing, lost a passenger about two miles east of this station today. The name of the unfortunate man is Issac Schrock. His resi-dence is Reger, Mo. He is at least 80 years old and when found had a little over \$200 in his pocketbook and \$107 sewed into the inside pocket of his yest. He was not found until three hours after the accident, and then all was done for him that could be by Drs. Hagg and Thomas of this place, but he has lain unconscious all day and grave doubts are entertained of his recovery. supposed the old gentleman was on his way home from the mountains.

Successful Institute at Hastings. HASTINGS, Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.) -The twenty-first annual teachers' institute

of Adams county was brought to a close Friday, and yesterday the examinations for certificates were held. The institute this year has been the most largely attended of any ever held in the county, 140 being enrolled and 160 in attendance. The instructors have been: D. M. Ball, superintendent; E. N. Brown, French, and Miss Bertha Green of Hastings, Prof. Julian of Minden and Miss Nellie Townsend of Des Moines as special instructor in primary work.

Stanton Teachers' Institute. STANTON, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The normal institute is in progress, with a larger attendance than ever before The instructors are D. C. O'Connor of West Point, M. A. Meserve of Stanton, Alfred Softly of Frement, C. H. Beaver of Wisner Miss Gerocke of Stanton and Superintenden C. A. Coney. There are more than sixty names on the roll and the sessions are very interesting. Prof. Saylor of the Lincoln No delivered a fine lecture to the teachers Friday evening.

Ord News Notes. ORD, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.) -Mrs. A. E. Letts of Deadwood, S. D., is isiting with friends in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Beauchamp returned Tuesday evening from a visit with friends in Mary-Valley county's delegates to the state re-

publican convention returned home Thursday Rev. L. P. McDonald of North Platte filled the Episcopal pulpit today

Elkhorn Stock Train Wrecked. CHADRON, Neb., Aug. 26 .- (Special to The Bee.)-A wreck of a stock train at Irwin. caused by a broken flange, delayed the mail train due here at 2:15 until 12 o'clock to-

day. No lives were lost and but three cattle Cotton Crop Damaged by Worms. DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 26.-In the face of a general belief in the magnificent condition of the cotton crop the Garland News, published in the heart of the cotton region of Dallas county, states that in some sections half of the cotton crop has been destroyed by boll worms and that if the showers continue the crop may be entirely destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.-Augustus H. Breckenfeld, one of the handwriting experts in the Martin will case, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself in the head. His wife, who has been alling for some time past, died today, and Brecken-feld concluded that he could not live with-

## DESTRUCTION BY THE TON

Bemarkable Tests of the Pneumatic Gun Made at Eandy Hook Last Weak.

BIGGEST LOAD OF DYNAMITE ON RECORD

Five Hundred Pounds Thrown a Mile and s Raif - Effect of the Immense Charge as it Exploded Out at Sea.

Dispatches gave a meager account of the remarkable tests of the pneumatic dynamite guns off Sandy Hook on the 21st, but did not furnish the details of what is regarded by men versed in the science of armament as the most astounding exhibition of modern gun power. The experiment was only one of five made before the members of the Board of Ordnance and the Board of Fortifications of the United States army, but it was the most important one; in fact, according to the New York Sun, from which the details are gleaned, it was the most important experiment ever attempted in this country, and the success which attended it will probably result in the acceptance by the United States government of the three enormous guns now on Sandy Hook, which were contracted for by the government. No one else has ever dared attempt to explode 500 pounds of dynamite, either from a gun or in any other way, and the experiment of last Tuesday marks the beginning of a new era in the history of explosives.

The idea of the pneumatic gun\*originated some twelve or fourteen years ago, and from the start nothing has been spared to make the invention a success. Lieutenant Zalinski was the first to design the gun, and he formed a company which spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to perfect it. "our or five years ago the gun was so near

com, etion that a contract was made with the government to put three of them at Sandy Hook. For the past few years experiments officers, but the 21st was the day set for the tests which would decide, once and for all, whether the requirements of the government, as per contract, had been filled, and there were present army officers from Washington and other parts of the country, as well as ientific men and gun and dynamite experts The guns were handled by Mr. Creelman, the young West Pointer handled the pneumatic gun on the Nict during the recent Brazilian troubles, whill Captain J. Rapleff, a well known Russian engineer, who designed the perfected pneu-

matic gun, superintended the loading of the huge weapons. The members of the board of ordnance present were Major Phipps, Captain Heath and Captain Crezier, inventor of the Crozier disappearing gun carriage, while the members of the fortifi-Abbott, G. and B. M. Cutcheen, Colone H. W. Closson, Major Phipps and Captain J. C. Ayres. Other army officers at the tests were Major J. W. Reilly and Major Arnold, white among the scientific men and others there were R. T. Kingland, T. S. Darling, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Quimby, Mr. D. B. Wilmet, Mr. Spicer and Mr. John Duffy. VERY EASILY MANIPULATED.

The wonderful mechanism of the pneu guns fairly delighted the sci Only two of the three were used, but both worked with wonderful precision. The and as the name implies the power to send the enormous projectiles is gained from com-pressed air. The guns and gun carriages weigh together fifty-two tons, and are set in a depressed foundation. Beside the gun is a little stand on which the man who works the weapon stands. By means of two cranks and a lever he gains complete control of the enormous mass of iron and steel, and with one twist of one of the former can send the entire gun, carriage and all, noiselessly and smoothly around mplete circle, in fifty-two seconds. Anothe crank will set the gun proper at any angle while a twist of the lever releases the com-pressed sir and sends the projectile flying

into space. At Sandy Hook they have engines constantly generating compressed air and storing it in cellars under the guns. Pipes con-nect with the storage cellars, and, when the lever is pulled, as much compressed air as it | grade. In some parts, the grade is almost has previously been arranged to use is liber-It rushes into the cannon back of the projectile and the expansion furnishes the The gun is run on a mathematical basis, and the inventors say they can drop a projectile within a very few yards of any given point within the range of the gun. They can figure exactly just how much compressed air they must liberate in order to cend a projectile of a certain weight any gi en distance. In all of the tests yesterday Mr. Creelman and Captain Rapieff succeeded in dropping the projectiles within a very short distance of where they said they would A striking feature of the new gun is the absence of smoke and of the proverbial beiching of flame" from the cannon's mouth, while in place of the long drawn out 'boom-m-!" of the regulation heavy gun there is a low, hissing sound when the is pulled, which grows in volume until it suddenly ends up in a deafening report. is, however, not nearly so destructive to the nerves as the roar of the ordinary cannon All of the projectiles can be seen leave the gun, and can easily be followed with the eye as they go flying through the air On a clear day any one possessed of a fairly good pair of eyes can follow the course of the projectile from the moment it leaves the cannon until it strikes the water and ex-The projectiles are fitted out with propeller blades, which keep them in course, and the smaller ones are made to fit the bore of the gun by being encased at either end with wooden frames, which drop out as soon as the gun is discharged.

EFFECT OF AN EXHIBITION SHOT. Men had been at work making ready for the experiments and the guns were in profect condition when the army officers de clared themselves ready. A four of the company's buildings and an examination of the projectiles, the guns, and the air-com pressing machinery took up half an hour or more, and then Mr. Creelman mounted his little stand, while the workmen wheele six-inch sub-calibre projectile, contain fifty pounds of nitro-gelatine and weighing 300 pounds, up to the rear of the and, shoving it in, slammed the door tight. It was explained to the army men and scientists that this first shot was simply an exhibition one, and was not included in the jectile would be sent about three and a half miles, said Mr. Creelman, and then, at a signal from General Abbott, the engineer gave a slight jerk on the lever. There was a hissing sound and a sharp report, and then the projectile went sailing through the air with the regular whistling noise. It was difficult to follow it with the naked eye, on account of its small size, but when it finally sank beneath the water near the Island shore the explosion could be plainly heard, and a column of water, which the dynamite experts said must have been at least 300 feet high, could be seen rising out of the ocean.

The army men nodded their heads sagely when Mr. Creelman looked at them with a "What-d'ye-think-of-that" expression on his face, while the scientific men got out pencits and pads and began mysterious figuring. ordinary citizens enthusiastically d, "Great shot!" and then wished they hadn't, because the army men and the scien tific men looked at them as though they had

committed some crime.

The next shot was with an eight-inch sub calibre projectile containing 100 pounds of nitro-golatine and weighing about 450 pounds. It was explained by Captain Rapieff that the maximum distance the gun could send this cartridge was 5,000 yards. To show its effect better, however, it would only be sent 2,000 yards, or about 1½ miles. This projectile could be plainly seen in its entire course. It sailed through the air as grace-fully as a bird, and exploded the moment struck the water. The water rose to height of about 400 feet, and for several momenta after the explosion the mist bung heavy and fog-like over the spot. This experiment was repeated, much to the delight of the mathematical observers, who figured for ten minutes after the firing, and ther chuckied with gice when they compared results and found that they had all come out the same. Just what it was that came out the same no one seemed to know save the

### tions would have been regarded as nothing GORDON LED A DUAL LIFE short of criminal, The fourth suret was made with a ten-inch sub-cattive projectile containing 200

nch sub-cattors projectile containing 200 counds of nitro-gelatine, and weighing about 25 pounds. The maximum range of the gun Leader of the Chicago Bandit: Identified by with this projectile, it was announced, was 4,200 yards. He was only sent 1,500 yards, however. The flight of this projectile could also be plainly seen, and, like the others, it the Authorities.

WAS AN INSURANCE INSPECTOR BY DAY

ontaining 500 pounds of nitro-gelatine, was In that Role He Went by His Correct the main experiment of the day. The cart-ridge presented a formidable appearance as Name of Griswold-Drew a Handsome Salary and Took to Crime from Cholce.

iound some distance away, to get a better CHICAGO, Aug. 26.-The man giving his name as Gordon, who participated in the mous projectile went sailing away through the heavens, a hundred pair of eyes followed it. For a moment it went straight as a die; Deerfield holdup and subsequent stirring events last Friday night and Saturday morning, and who was indentified as Billy Wil centific men looked serious. On the downliams, a well known character on the Paward course the projectile straightened out cific coast, was again identified today by re again, however, and struck the water head on. Two seconds later the roar which ansponsible parties as H. F. Griswold, a wellto-do local inspector of the Manchester Asnounced the explosion came, and then the water slowly rose in the air. The big prosurance company. Griswold's father is said jectile had been sent 2,400 yards, and the to be a traveling inspector of the Home shot had been a successful one.

Just how successful the tests were from Fire Insurance comp ay of New York, and resides in that city. The people making the identification are officials of the Manchester be learned, as those authorities kept their opinions of the experiment to themselves. Assurance compnay, and they maintain they are not mistaken.

So the only persons whose opinions could be secured were those who worked the guns and It appears to be a case of Dr. Jekyll and the officers of the construction company. They all expressed thems lives as highly Mr. Hyde, Griswold had no need to steal or shoot his fellowmen, but he did it apgratified at the result of the experiments although they did wish that big projectile hadn't given that wabble. Not that it showed any defect in the car'ridge, but that it would parently because he loved the mystery and the excitement of such a life.. Crime has apparently become a pastime with him, and have been better to have the entire set of is supposed to have found an apt pupil The wabble was explained by the fact that the propeller blades at the rear of the proin Lake, a poor unemployed laborer. During the day time Griswold filled the importan jectile must have become bent in some way. Barring this one incident, the experiments position of fire risk inspector, which he used as a cloak for his marauding excurwere a perfect success. There was a perfectly sions during the night. About five years clear field all the time, and no delays were caused by having to wait for stramers or ago Griswold married a country girl and she became Mrs. Gordon, not Griswold, Since then they have lived in various parts of Chicago, their last residence being at No. 13 Curtis street. Today the timid, frightened wife called at the police station and gave Dynamite Guns Have Not Proven a Success her name as Gordon, saying she never knew

husband by any other name. It is believed that the police department, with the help of the railroad companies, are running to earth in this dual arrest a long train of depredations of which Griswold is the center. The story of Griswold's life, so far as known, is unique. Born about 28 years ago, his father tried to give him a fair education. But the boy's instincts wer wild and lawless. He eventually disappeared from home and was next heard of in the west as a cowboy and ranchman. After Several years of adventurous life in Callfornia, Oregon and Idaho, he came to Illinois and secured employment as a brakeman Rock Island. III. While there he married and the influence of his wife caused him to lead a quieter life. His father, noting the improvement in his behavior, used his influence to secure the son a position with the local offce of the Manchester Assurance company. Young Griswold became proficier in his new position and soon drew a handsome salary. It appears, however, the ormation was not complete, but just when Griswold began his double career, while in the employ of the assurance company, is Further disclosures are expected at the

inquest over the remains of Detective Owens, which has been postponed for a week to permit the police to make a full investigation of Griswold's and Lake's careers. William Lake, who was so desperately wounded in the raid, was feeling better today. It is said he came of a good family and that his father is William Lake of Oswego, N y, a traveling man for a New York paper house. Lake is a casket trimmer and had been out of work for months and he and his wife were on the verge of starvation when, in company with Griswold, he at tempted the sensational raid.

WHO OWNS THE RIVER BED? The Court Decides that it Belongs to the State and Not to the Riparian Owner. Hamburg, Ia., was not many years ago a Missouri river town; that is, the river flowed past the town, and in the earlier days when cut; William Floyd, badly cut and bruised.
Eagle Rock is at the top of the Orange
mountain. It is approached by a road two
miles long, with a long and continuous the commerce of the west was done by river navigation steamboats were frequent visitors at Hamburg. But one night in the spring o '67 the big river got reaming mad and left its bed and board and went west, and has never came back. Hamburg is now seven miles east of the river. Prior to the date named the stream formed a large loop, the northern bend or elbow being close to Ham-The bank and steamboat landing l observable. The abscending river burg.. The bank are still observable. left its bed, a strip of land fifteen miles long and one mile wide. For years it lay "out doors," receiving little attention from any one. All the time, however, sunshine and air and drainage were busy preparing it for somebody's use.

Who owns this relicted land? Did it revert to Uncle Sam when the river abandoned Or did the government grant to owners of land bordering the river carry with it to the grantee title to the soil undernesth the

The litigation by which these question were settled in the courts is interesting. It was a long and hard-fought legal contest covering a period of six years. On the one side was a rich corporation of Kansas City and on the other a poor, but plucky and resistent man, who, knowing his rights, darid maintain them against great odds, for the burden of the contest fell almost wholly upon Will S. Golden, who had purchased the rights of his brothers, and his father was too old to stand the strain of such a contest. In onrespect, at least, the decisions in the case have a national bearing, as prier American rivers, though navigable in fact were not navigable in law. This will be mad clear, as the case is briefly stated.

While the river still occurred this bed. bar was formed gradually off the north shore nearest to Hamburg, between which and the bar the main channel of the river flowed This bar became Pole Island, a long, narrow strip of perhaps 100 acres, on which willow and cottonwoods had grown to the height of fifty and sixty feet at the time the old river jumped its tod. This Island had been I the possession of a number of owners, run-ning back to 1861. In 1888 James Golder and his sons bought this island of a Mrs Bird, a widow then living upon it by squatter's right, for the island had never been surveyed. The Goldens also took possession of some 800 acres of the river bed land and sought title from the state, but the state and the national government also disclaimed ownership of the land in question.

Millard F. Cooley, lessee of the Hamilton Land company, brought an action for ejectment against the Goldens, setting up the claim that, as said company owned the bordering the river on either side, owned the soil beneath the river. The trial in the circuit court for Atchison county resulted in a judgment for defendant. Plaintiff appealed and the supreme court of Missour again gave judgment for defendant. Judge MacFarlane read the opinion of the court, the head notes of which are as follows:

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1. A grant from the United Statas of land on a large river like the Missouri, navigable, in fact, though not subject to the ebb and how of the tide, will, even when containing no reservation or condition, pass to the grantee title only to the water's edge, but will vest in the state little to the land beneath the water, though the state has adopted the common law.

2. Where an island springs up in a navigable river, and by accretion to the shores of the island and the mainland they are united, the owner of the mainland is not entitled to the island, but only to such accretion as formed on his land.

3. Where a navigable river suddenly changes its course the owner of the shore does not acquire title to the abandoned channel.

American courts are governed largely by precedent, and English precedent at that. The test of a navigable stream in England is the ebb and flow of the tide. Above the

tidal wave the stream is not navigable in fact. So under the common law the title to land under navigable waters inheres in the The prospects are that "Council Bluffs night" will be one of the best attended during the entire exhibition, and every preparation possible is being made by both the Council Bluffs Motor company and the rown. But Judge MacFarlane saw the ab surdity of applying the English law to American rivers, which are navigable in faci Union Pacific railway to properly handle the people from the Bluffs. by the largest boats a thousand miles away from tidal influence, and he held that the riparian owner does not take title to ine middle of the stream. The plaintiff claimed that as the Missouri river was not a navigable stream in law he took title to the river bed by virtue of grant from government, in case of nonnavigable rivers. The co held to the contrary that the Missour being navigable river in fact the common law

rule gave the riperian owner title to the water's edge only.

Judge MacFarlane also gave the law of ctions. To claim land as accretion accretions must be gradual and imper ceptible. A sudden avuision of a river does not constitute the relicted land accretions. If the river recedes slowly and imperceptibly the riparian owner takes title to the water's edge, no matter how far the water line may extend. But he takes title not because of extend. But he takes title not because of implied government grant, but under the law of accretions. The plaintiff in this case could not claim by "accretions." He set up a claim by prior peasesien, but it was in evidence that the lessor had relinquished whatever right of possession he may have

Mr. Golden won at every point in the case the judgment all being in his favor, and he is therefore secure in the ownership of the land. His title, like that of all er owners of the abandoned river bed, re. is upon possession, occupation and use, decisions in this case establish the principle that the soil undermeath the water of river that are navigable in fact belongs to the state and not to the riparian owner.

Defeated in the courts below, the plaintiffs

carried the same questions to the States circuit court, but Judge Dundy, the principle established by MacFarlane, as here stated, refused to make this same land subject to a mortgage. See case of First National bank of Kansas City Charles West, M. F. Cooley et al No. 47, docket.

### TESTING SMOKE CONSUMERS.

St. Louis Expert Making Elaborate Observa

tions of the Reynolds Furnace. A sharp-featured, alert man clambered up and down a staging set on top of one of the battery of boilers at the American Water Works company's plant at Florence Saturday. He examined queer thermometers, which seemed to be connected with the smoke stack and with the boilers by means of rubber tubing, and he had a set of assistants who appeared to be taking similar observations every few minutes. Before the stokers filled this particular furnace the man stood keeping a record of these success sive weighings. The sharp-featured man with the quick

motions and the bright smile was W. Bryan, a member of the St. Louis Smoke commission, and a consulting engineer of national reputation, and what he was doing was conducting a test upon the immensi boiler plant of the Water Works company se boilers are built in connection with Reynolds furnace or smoke consumer. and the tests were to determine three things: The efficacy of the furnace, first as a steam producer; second, as a smoke consumer, and third, as a coal saver. This furnace is the invention of Captain Reynolds, the chief engineer of the water works at Florence. The fornace as used by The Bee building, the Liuseed Oil works and the Water Works company has proved so great a success that its fame came to Mr. Bryan who has made it his business as smake ed missioner of St. Louis to investigate any thing which promises to eradicate the smoke nulsance. He has just come from a test of another plan for consuming smoke at Kan sas City, and he put in eight hours of hard work at Florence Saturday. The details of the test are very scientific, and the results will not be made known until after M: report, including an analysis of the coal used. He said, however, that the furnace Saturday produced about eight pounds of steam with one pound of coal. The coal used is merely black sand, the cheapest grade of the finest screen coal, and the result was remarkable on that account. As he gazed through a pipe into the white-hot hell in the retort of the furnace, he said: "There is no chance for a particle of soot to exist in there." The huge stack was smokeless all day and yet enough power was being generated in that furnice room to turn every

wheel in Omaha. "St. Louis has gone about the business of shating the smoke nuisance with a great deal of method," said Mr. Bryan, "and we commission have succeeded in doing away with the greater part of what existed there. We have a good ordinance, a disin-terested commission and a Citizen Smoke Abstement society that is relentless in push ing notorious offenders. In fact, St. Louis is away ahead of any other city using bituminous coal. The abatement of smoke is very simple, as Captain Reynolds can tell you. It consists of two things, a high temperature and sir. These two things you you will have smoke. "Now this furnace," he continued, "represents at present a temperature of about 3,500 degrees, and the air, as you see, is

admitted through these apertures. Under these conditions the existence of smoke is impossible. Of course the results of his tests, which ere very exhaustive, will not be known until his return to St. Louis. Yesterday he visited the Nicholas street works, where he furnace placed completely under the boiler showing its adaptability where there is but showing its anaptability whole there is all little room. Today he will put in eight hours at the Poppleton avenue plant, giving

the boilers there a thorough test. Grand Army General Orders. Department Commander Church Howe has issued the following general orders from the headquarters Department of Nebraska, Grand

Army of the Republic: General orders No. 8; 1. The twenty-eighth national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic will convene at Pittsburg Pa., Monday, September 10, at 10 o'clock The department commander has design

a. m.

2. The department commander has designated the following as the official routes to Chicago: The Union Pacific, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley and Northwestern railways for all that territory north of the Platte; the B. & M. and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for all the territory south of the Platte. At Chicago both trains from the north and south Platte country will be consolidated and proceed to Pittsburg over the Lake Shore, Pittsburg and Lake Eric railway vin Cleveland.

Tickets will be good on all trains going September 7 to 8 inclusive. Tickets limited for return to September 28. One stop-over privilege is allowed between Chicago and Pittsburg. Pullman cars will be attached to these trains and berths can be procured at the usual prices. Scats in reclining cars will be free.

The fare from Omaha to Pittsburg and return will be \$22.70. Officers of the religious control of the religious cars will be free.

at the usual prices. Scats in reclining cars will be free.

The fare from Omaha to Pittsburg and return will be \$22.50. Officers of the raliroads will accompany these trains and all comrades and their friends are most cordially invited to accompany us, and all comrades are especially and earnestly requested to loin and take part in the grand parade of Tuesday, September II.

3. The official trains will leave Omaha September 8 at 425 p m. arriving in Chicago Sunday morning, and leaving Chicago Sunday afternoon, reaching Pittsburg Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

4. The headquarters of this department while in Pittsburg will be at the Hotel Wilson, opposite the Monongahela house, where all officers and comrades will report on their arrival in Pittsburg to Comrade George H. Jewett, chief of staff. Delegates and others having business with headquarters will report to the assistant adjutant ters will report to the assistant adjutan

general.

General orders No. 9: The department commander hereby announces the designation of the Tecumreh Military band of Tecumsch, Neb. as the department band of this department, and they will be recognized as such.

Pullman Workmen to Remove to Kansas CHICAGO, Aug. 26 .- A meeting of about forty Pullman mechanics was beld this afternoon to consider the project of moving in a body to Kansas, where it is claimed work has been offered. It was stated again at the meeting the men believed they would be given employment in car works to be built espe cially for them by a capitalist at Hiawatha, Kan. The leaders announced to the men the only step necessary for the ex-employes of the Pullman company wanting work was to secure recommendations from the foremen of their respective departments. A commit-tee was appointed to see that such recommendations were properly made out. It was also determined to send the committee to Hiawatha to look into the scheme carefully.

Deputy Sheriffs Again Responsible. COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 26 .- W. 1 Stratton, the wealthy Cripple Creek mine owner, is very indignant over a plot to iar and feather him, of which he received timely warning. The plot was concected not by the Biue Hill miners, but by ex-deputy sheriffs, who are striving to keep slive the bitter feeling between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek.

Suicided on Account of Bad Health. OTTUMWA, Ia., Aug. 26.-Dr. J. W. campbell, resident medical examiner of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Volunteer Relief association, suicided today by cutting his throat with a razer. It was done on ac-

## ASSAULTED HIS SUPERIOR

Another Row Breaks Out in the Fifteenth United States Infantry.

CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE A MYSTERY

Lieutenant Wetch, at Guard Mount and While All the Officers Were Present, Hit Colonel Crofton a Stinging Blow.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26 .- Colonel R. A. Crof-

on, commanding the Fifteenth United States infantry, was struck in the face today by First Lieutenant B. C. Welch of company E. Fifteenth regiment. Colonel Crofton was engaged in the work of changing guard mount. It is said the attack was entirely unprovoked on the part of Colonel Crofton. Welch was placed under arrest and will be tried before a court martial. The affair created a great sensation throughout army headquarters on the prairie west of Evanston, where the assault took place. At 9 o'clock this morning Colonel Crofton was engaged in performing the duties which devolve upon him as commander of the regiment in connection with the change of guard mount. Officers were crowded about him receiving their orders and formed quite a group near the commandant's tent, Lieutenant Welch suddenly approached Colonel Crofton and addressed him in a low tone. The two walked some distance apart from the others, still conversing in low tones. Suddenly the lieuenant was seen to strike his superior officer blow full in the face with his fist. It was a powerful blaw and Colonel Crofton seemed dazed by it and was seen to stagger, but he quickly recovered, and with blood spurting from his noss ordered Welch under arrest, and then retired to his tent. Welch was surrounded immediately by several solliers and was put in the guard house, where he was closely guarded by four soldiers. The affair was the sale topic of conversation today at army headquarters at Evansten. The men were very reticent about discussing it with civilians. What the conversation was that took place between Crofton and Welch before the blow was struck no one knows. It was noticed by those who saw the affair that the two men were somewhat excited and that the conversation was becoming icated when Welch struck the blow

crime of assaulting a superior officer the United States army is considered one the most serious offenses, and the penalty dismissal from the service. Welch will probably be tried by a general

Sulcide's Body Identified. DENVER, Aug. 26.-The mystery as to the identity of the remains of a man found at the Hotel Hope Friday, under circumstances that indicated suicide, has been apparently cleaned up. The body was identified today as that of Thomas Mahoney, the unfortunate son of a prominent family of Woosfer, Mass., and who for some time has been earning his living as a railroad man.

Charleston Salls for China. VALLEJO, Cal., Aug. 26.—The United States cruiser Charleston left the navy yard this morning for China by way of Honolulu. She had a full complement of officers and

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Domestic. Over 100 hoboes were arrested at Bufface

Saturday and given sentences of from ten to Abe Buzzard, the noted Pennsylvania outlaw, pleaded guilty Saturday to twenty-eight indictments. Mrs. Mary E. Lesse has been obliged to cancel her engagements to speak on ac-count of ill health.

"Young America," the new play of William Young, achieved a decided triumph at the Columbia theater, Bosten.

Prince Komatsu of Japan arrived in Chicago Saturday night and was met at the train by a number of his countrymen. A man who registered as John Smith from Buffalo committed suicide Friday night at the Hotel Barnum in St. Louis. The president has approved the bill authorizing the purchase by a new company of the Chectaw Coal and Raiway company. The unknown man who suicided at ver a few days ago is thought to be Rain-maker Melbourn, who disappeared from

Alonzo Kendall, the Kalamazoo aeronaut, lost his hold on his parachute while giving an exhibition at his home town. He fell 100 feet and was instantly killed.

Foreign.

The cruiser Columbia arrived at Port Limon last Monday. Two deaths from cholera occurred at Amsterdam Saturday. The news of General Saraivas' death is filefally confirmed from Ric. Reports from Russia are to the effect that he cholera is slowly spreading in that ountry.

Reports from Managua, Nicaragua, are hat the bandits are becoming daily more old, and make raids almost into the city. The steamer Paris sailed from South-ampton for New York Saturday, with 1,129 passengers, the largest number ever taken out of that part.



8 Boils at Once Afflicted me-in fact I think no one ever suf-Afficient more from impure blood. Every rimple or soraich would suread, sometimes making sores as large as a dollar. Four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla have thoroughly parified my blood and my skin is smooth as an infant's. I never felt better. 1. O. Tenkham, Newhall, California.

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