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and whatever is done cannot be done too

counties agree in desiring concerted action

Scotts Bluff county is prosperous and in the opinion of the county officials of Banner, Deuel, Dawson, Franklin, Buffalo and Furnas counties these counties are able to cope with

In this county the county commissioners

perceive the necessity of taking action to supply the needs of the approaching winter.

No one has been authorized to solicit aid, but owing to the depleted condition of the

poor fund something will have to be done to

prevent suffering. There is no use in quea-tioning the penury of the people. Outside

irrigation districts many are even now suf-fering for the necessaries of life. Unable to

buy fuel, they are utilizing "buffalo chips," gathered from cattle ranges to cook their

scanty meals. It is, however, difficult to estimate the number who will require help

LOGAN COUNTY.

for state help.

the situation.

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reported, except one family near Alexandria whom the commissioners have provided for. No one is authorized to solicit aid from out-siders for Thayer county people. This county is smply able to take care of itself.

WEBSTER COUNTY.

Interviews with the members of the Board of Supervisors develop the fact that in the opinion of a majority of them no extraor-dinary means will be necessary to enable the hation." Harlan County—County Clerk Mahn agrees that "some action will have to be taken to enable cur people to get work." Custer County—A. W. Hyatt favors state and national ald. county to care for the destitute this winter A proposition to issue bonds for grading the roads and to give the people work and anroads and to give the people work and an-other to ask the legislature to grant county boards additional power in some way that would enable them to supply seed to needy farmers in the spring have met with no en-couragement from the board. The super-visors say that the county will be able to over for its more in the sampler way Sherman County-"Our county is not able to support its poor," is the response of the to support its poor, is the response of weights of the support its poor, is the response of the support of the support of the poor the coming year. We are not able to care for many, and I do not know what will be done." care for its poor in the regular way. No one has been authorized by the board

or any other organization to solicit aid for the poor of the county, and so far as is known Perkins county is not able to take care of its poor, in the opinion of A. B. Wilcox. no one is contemplating such an errand. the county clerk. The replies from the county clerks of Keith, Garfield, Logan, McPherson and Rock In my opinion, while the poor fund may be

somewhat inadequate, the county will care for the destitute and will in no event allow herself to go on record as a begging county. There are many farmers in the county, who have from 500 to 3,000 bushels of old corn left and good judges say there is enough to supply the county.

Charles B. Stivers, having been reap-

of date December 30, 1864. Leave of absence is granted First Lieutenant Frank Eugene L. Loveridge, Fourteenth

owing to the daily exodus of those who can get away. In the opinion of George Ham-mond, chairman of the county commissioners,

is ordered from South Bethlehem, Pa., to the works of the Carpenter Steel company, Reading, Pa., for inspection of arm:r piercing

fantry, is granted leave for two months. The following officers will report to Lieutenant Colonel John Andrews, Twenty-fifth infantry, at Fort Leavenworth, for examination by the board as to their fitness for prolor, Twentleth infantry; Second Lieutenant Alexander L. Dade, Tenth cavalry; Second Lieutenant Archibald A. Cabaniss, Twentleth infantry.

LAWS ARE WELL ENFORCED.

Superintendent Hyrnes Says as a Rule New York's Police Are Efficient.

ment that there had been a hitch in the

the night. The Londonner is known as one of the most dangerous reefs on the New England cosat, and it is very doubtful if anything can be saved from the steamer. TWENTY-THREE DEADINDIANS The Marjorie was built at Essex in 1893 and was owned by A. J. Story of that place. She is insured for \$17,000. Herrible Discovery of a Courier Who Passed

Through the Woods.

COURIER COUNTS CHIPPEWA CORPSES

Forest Fires Swept Over the Reservation and Left No Avenue for Escape-Bodies Lying on the Sands as Prey for Burgards and Wolves.

POKEGAMA, Minn., Sept. 7 .- The bodies of twenty-three Chippewa Indians, bucks, squaws and papooses, 'lie upon the baked sands between here and Opstead, a small settlement on the castern shore of Milleway again, and tamper with any energy, a shall have you and your husband arrested. Tell him to quit his lying. I have plenty of evidence to swing you both into jail, and it will not be long before you land there. You think I am a fool. The best thing you can lacs. They are scattered over ten miles of country and will in all probability prove food for buzzards and wolves, as the country where they died is too far from civilization for burlal coremonies.

Such is the story brought by a courier, who, for three days and nights, has been forcing his way through the tangled skein of charred logs, trunks and roots. Ho passed through the Millelacs reservation and encountered many small blazes, which are destroying what the flery cyclone of Saturday left. The Indians left their reservation two months agd and built a hunting lodge along one of the forks of the Shadridge creek. Chief Waucouta was the "big chief' of the party, and he pershed with his followers. The first body found by the and protruding from the ashes were the fused barrels of rifles and shotguns. Then for five miles the pathway was lined with charred bodies. The courier counted twenty-three.

RELIEF TO BE PERMANENT.

Steps Being Taken to Piace the Fire Vio tims or Farms in the Burned Country. DULUTH, Sept. 7 .- Hospitals have been stablished all over the city. Nearly \$15,000

in actual cash has been paid into the relief funds here, and the subscriptions, including lumber and all supplies, will aggregate \$20,000. Governor Nelson, a member of the state

relief commission and Mayor Eastls of Minneapolis arrived here last night and held a meeting with the local committeemen at the Spaulding. The matter of permanently providing for the refugees was discussed. The owners of the burned towns will be

asked if they will rebuild and if not it is designed to make an agricultural country of the burned territory. Two representatives of the land department of the St. Paul & Duluth road were present and offered to give farms free to all heads of families who to not now own their farms. All heads of families will be sent down as soon as possible and will be furnished with timber for temporary homes, their families in the mean-time being provided for here or wherever

made. The single men will be aided in getting work elsewhere and it is hoped to have most of the orphans adopted by worthy

The commissioners left for the scene of the fires today. The relief register shows 1,234 sufferers to be here, ninety-seven of whom left here today.

AS TOLD BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Cnly in Western Counties Will There Be

> Help will be needed here to a limited extent, but we are in hopes that our de-mands will not be very heavy. extent

The High Price of Corn Will Largely Compensate for Crop Shortage.

ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1871.

-THERE WILL BE SOME ACTUAL SUFFERING

NOTSOBADASPAINTED

Stricken Farmers.

Calls for Relief.

MANY URGENT DEMANDS FOR SEED GRAIN

Special Correspondents of The Bee Throughout the State Report Their Interviews with County Commissioners Showing the Farmers' True Condition.

Recently The Bee sent the following note of inquiry to special correspondents at county seats throughout the state:

See members of your Board of County Com-missioners. Get from them the exact truth of reports of distress among the farmers of your county and the estimated number of onle that will require and are worthy o aid. Has your board done anything, or will it do anything, to provide necessary relief, and if so, what? Has the board authorized any outsider to solicit aid for the poor of your county? Also state of your own knowledge the true condition of the people. Will the county authorities be able, if disposed, to actual suffering among the drouthstricken farmers during the winter?

Reports have been received from about thirty counties. They indicate that the actual condition of the people in the drouthstricken counties is not and does not promise to become as serious as heretofore predicted. It will be noticed that only in the western portion of the state are there likely to be urgent demands for aid.

The Bee's reports, coming as they do from the commissioners of the various countics, are entitled to credence. Obviously there can be no more trustworthy source of information. It is reasonable to assume that county efficials know the true condition of the people of their respective counties, and The Bee has endeavored in the following reports to simply quote their views of the sit-

uation: BLAINE COUNTY.

The farmers of Blaine county are all busy taking care of their hay and corn fodder, and there is being prepared and taken care of more rough feed than ever before since the county was settled. Grass in the sand hills has cured in best condition known for for horses and will furnish splendid winter ranges for horses and cattle. While the corn crop is almost a failure and a loss the farmers that are taking care of winter feed are all sure of a good market and in many instances will be in better shape than with a good crop of 15 or 20-cent corn. It is not ex-pected that Blaine county will need much aid for its people and it is proposed to supply the few needy by giving them employment on irrigation ditches. There has been no call for help as yet and it appears to be the general opinion that it will not be neces-

sary to solicit aid.

putting up large quantities of hay, not only for their own stock, but for stock brought in from drouth-stricken counties in this state and in Iowa. Although the hay crop state and in lowa. Although the hay crop is but half as heavy as usual it is safe to say that there will be twice as much put up this season as any past and cattle are bring brought in in large numbers. Cherry county will soon be the banner cattle county. Hay in stack anywhere within five to seven miles of the railroad is selling at \$3 per ten, and heled and in car \$7 per ten. Present Condition of Nebraska's Drouthper ton, and baled and in car \$7 per ton. Hundreds of cars will be shipped out. There is some talk of trying to vote bonds and build a court house, employing day labor and those actual residents of the county, the material to be of stone taken

taking their stock with them, and are now

from a quarry near here. However, this has taken no definite shape.

CHASE COUNTY. There is considerable destitution among the farmers of this county, caused by crop failures. Our county board is relieving temporary distress by allowances from the general fund. No one is authorized by the board to solicit outside aid. The general sentiment is to pass a law authorizing the

county to pledge its credit to assist deserv-ing poor and all to seed. The county ing poor and all to seed. The county authorities, without some special legislation, will not be abl > to afford theneeded relief. A great many of our peoplehave gone to irrigated districts in Coloradoand are at work laying in supplies for thewinter. Our people have a genuine move on themselves. Feed, fuel and seed are the three things that are the hardest to

secure in the winter season by even our best fixed people. A great many say that they can live, but don't see how to keep their stock. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

There has not been in Franklin county during the past sixty-five days rain enough to lay the dust. As a result, the corn and hay crop is entirely ruined. Where the corn is large enough it is being cut for fodder. Hundreds of emigrants have passed through Hundreds of emigrants have passed through here in covered wagons the past month and more going daily. It is admitted by men who have lived here during the past twenty-two years that there has been no season wherein everything is as much of a total failure as now exists. Owing to the poor crops during the past two years, the farmers' surplus is used, and the chances are excellent for a year of great distress. Everything marketable in the way of stock is being placed on the market. Small plags are worth-less, horses and cattle command no price and the price of feed is advancing daily. Shade trees ten and twelve years old are dying for lack of moisture. Farmers living along the streams are now making efforts to irrigate their land and be preparel for another crop. Just south of Franklin A. B. Gregory has turned Center creek on his land,

FILLMORE COUNTY.

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The county board of Fillmore has taken no definite steps toward relieving the drouth sufferers in the county. The matter will probably be up at the next regular meeting of the board early in October. At the last meeting the proposition to lay pavements in At the last the court house square was tabled because it was urged that the money (between \$700 and \$500) might be sorely needed to relieve the poor next winter. This county has the poor next winter. This county has township organization, and under such or-ganization the supervisor of each township is ex-officio overseer of the poor of his township. Thus the townships are sup-posed to look after their own cases of need, only such as must of necessity be sent to the county poor house. But it is likely that the board will feel that this emergency calls for a more general movement. The matter of voting bonds for public works that the unemployed may have labor has not

been much discussed here. There will be suome cases of destitution in the county, but probably the number will not be large. There are a few such cases in the country and more in the towns and villages. But the aggregate will not be large. Most tillers of the soil raised wheat for breadstuff, a few oats as a relish

possibly would be able to keep people from actual suffering. The farmers are disposing of all their stock, which supplies them with Cherry County-Deputy County Clerk J. C. Pettijohn says: "It is a very grave question whether Cherry county can possi-bly take care of its poor." Hitchcock County-W. P. Filbert, county clerk, replies: "We are in favor of taking action to present the situation to state and means for some time. The consensus of opinion is that there will be no suffering in this county on account of the drouth. GOSPER COUNTY. This county has been considering the ques-tion of bonding the county for building roads, but at a mass meeting held a short time ago it was decided not to do this, but to supply the wants of the needy out of the nation

County general fund. Very few will suffer from want of provi-sions and fuel, but the farmers must be furnished seed to plant and grain to feed in the spring. There will be plenty of roughness for all the stock in this county. for the winter beet crop cannot be put in and work d without grain.

GRANT COUNTY. In this (Grant) county the people will be able to take care of themselves the coming winter.

This being exclusively a stock country and there being hay to sell and to feed our stock, there will be no distress among our people. We cultivate gardens and there is no farming of any consequence, so we have no crop failure. In the year 1890, when other and elder counties were receiving aid from the state, this county did not ask nor receive one cent.

We had only one case of destitution in this county and we took care of that ourselves, and we will be able to do the same this year unless people should come here from other parts destitute. Our county commissioners have done noth-

ing; nor will it be necessary, with our present population, to do anything to provide relief for our people. Our board has not author-'zed any one to solicit aid for the poor of this county, nor will it be necessary for

them to do so. The county authorities will be able to prevent actual suffering among our people unless some unforeseen calamity should get into the program a little farther along in the drama. We have had mare rain in this part of the sand hills this season than we have had in any season in four years last past. As I pen these lines a fine shower is falling, the range is green and the stock doing well.

HITCHCOCK COUNTY. As to the number of the farmers in this county that will need help to get through the winter, it would be impossible for me or any one else to estimate what the number will be, but can safely say that at least one-half of the people of this county will need help to get through the coming winter. We raised no crops last year, but the very mild winter helped the people and stock through with less than was expected, while with another drouth and the expected and with another drouth and the expected and predicted cold and severe winter coming on I know that hundreds of the working people of the county, the poor people, will suffer before Christmas time unless they are helped and, as a result, will have half a crop o by charity from some source. The drouth last year caused hundreds of farmers to fail to pay their taxes, and of course they cannot pay this year's or last year's taxes, and, with only about \$1,200 in the general fund, you can readily see that this amount could be absorbed in a few months by one single precinct of the county. The board of county commissioners, two of whom are populists, called the people together some few weeks ago to devise ways and means of caring for

the needy, but, although every precinct was represented and dozens of different plans were sugested, not one was acted upon, except to ask his exc llency, Governor Crounse, to call the legislature together in extra session, and, if neccessary, for the governor to call upon congress for help. No outsider has been authorized to solicit aid for the poor of the county. In my estimation this county can come as near taking care of the poor, through the coming winter as I

I have made inquiry as to the probable number of people who will, no doubt, before another crop is gathered, require and are worthy of aid in some way. Probably 160

HARLAN COUNTY.

can come to buying Omaha. This may be rough, but it is a good fair estimate of the matter and the facts.

fully two-thirds of the farmers living on nonirrigated lands in this county will need assistance. HITCHCOCK COUNTY. Have seen the commissioners. One hun-dred families in Logan county will need aid during the winter. But little has been done and that has been by orders on the stores. The commissioners have not authorized any outsider to solicit aid for the poor in Logan county. The authorities will do all they can to assist the needy, but very much doubt their being able to help all and prevent suffering.

MERRICK COUNTY.

There will not be to exceed fifty families that will need aid. The board of super-visors will relieve all suffering without vot-ing aid and asking outside assistance. There will be a good deal of corn raised; there is plenty of hay and fodder for stock. Possibly it will require more assistance to procure seed than anything else. Our board was in session when I submitted your questions, and the above is in line with their answers.

NANCE COUNTY.

Nance county will be able to take care of her people the coming winter. Three town-ships out of the eleven have called special elections to vote bands for improve-ment of public highways. This will make work for the unemployed until late in the fall. Farmers, as a rule, have cut and shocked all their corn folder. which will be abundant to carry horses and cattle through. The hogs of our county are being sold and shipped out of the country. The fuel question is one that demands im-mediate attention at the present time, and our county and city officers are doing all they can to provide for any emergency which may arise.

PAWNEE COUNTY. As to the matter of distress among the farmers, we will have no more cases in Pawnee county than of ordinary years, unless it be among those who move in from the western counties, and so far there are no cases from that source. Crops are fairly

do is to turn state's evidence. Go to my lawyer. CORTIE." lawyer. There were a number of other letters also NEWS FOR THE ARMY. Licutenants Ordered to Leavenworth to Be E-amined as to Fitness for Promotion. WASHINGTON, S pt. 7 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The leave of absence granted Captain Paul Clendenin, assistant surgeon, is extended five days.

pointed captain of infantry by recent act of congress, is placed upon the retired list, as

infantry, recently promoted, is extended

three months. three months. Colonel Adelbert R. Buffinton, Ordnance department, is ordered from Rock Island, LL, to Fort Riley, Kan., for examination of carriages of light batteries at that post. Captain Ira McNutt, Ordnance department.

The following changes of stations of officers of the Ordnance department are ord-red: Cap-tain Stanhope E. Blunt, from Springfield armory, Springfield, Mass., to Westervelt ar-senal, West Tr.y, N. Y.; Captain James Rockwell, jr., from Westervelt arsenal to

Springfield armory, Springfield, Mass. Lieutenant Colonei James Henton, Twentythird infantry, is granted one month's exten-

sion of leave. Lieutenant M. K. Smith, Twenty-third inf tion by the board as to their fitness for pro-motion: First Lieutenant Millard F. Waltz, Twelfth infantry; Second Lieutenant John S. Winn, Second cavalry; Second Lieutenant Solomon P. Vestal, Fifth cavalry; Second Lieutenant Charles A. Hedkin, Third cavalry; Second Lieutenant Bard P. Schenck, Twelfth Infantry; Second Lieutenant Samuel A. Smoke, Eighteenth Infantry; Second Lieuten-ant Frank Halbright, Ninth Infantry; Second Lieutenant Frederic D. Evans, Eighteenth Lieutenant Frederic D. Evans, Eighteenth infantry; Second Lieutenant James Baylies. Fifth infantry; Second Lieutenant William Fifth infantry; Second Lieutenant William C. Neary, Third infantry; Second Lieutenant George A. Detchmendy, Sixth infantry; Sec-ond Lieutenant Ear) C. Carnahan, Tweifth infantry; Second Lieutenant Walter L. Tay-

and giving information to the visitors who are quarters.

Spurious souvenir badges have been put in circulation, and the police are hunting for the makers and sellers.

Never Talked With the Russians NEW YORK, Sept. 7.-Manager Waring of

thronging to the encampment head-

the Standard Oil company said today that there was no truth in the published state- families. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.-Superintendent

found. One was addressed to Charles Ritter, Philadelphia. Another was addressed to Cortland, Dorrance street, Providence, R. I. By the side of the body was picked up a bag which contained surgical instruments, several preparations of opium, laudanum and NEW YORK OFFICIALS AT OUTS.

Comptroller Refuses to Pay the Salary of a Brother Official's (lerk.

ALBANY, Sept. 7 .- Secretary of State John Palmer made application to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compet Comptroller Roberts to pay the salary of William E. Ewell of Rochester, appointed William E. Ewell of Rochester, appointed a clerk in the office of the secretary of state hast June. This is the first time in the bis-tory of the state where two officials of the same political faith have gone to law to settle difficulties. Ewell is a veteran of the late and protrading from the sches were the ruins of a half dozen birch word bark shant es, and protrading from the sches were the ruins difficulties. Ewell is a veteran of the late war. Palmer appointed him under the veterans exemption act of last winter, which provides the head of any department may appoint an honorably discharged veteran without any civil service examination when the salary does not exceed \$4 per day. Ewell's position comes within the law. Roberts has refused to pay him his salary until he produces a certificate from the adjutant general showing that he was honorably discharged

SUICIDE IN A NEW YORK PARK.

Strange Letter Found in the Pocket of a

Man Who Shot Himself.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 .- H. T. Cresson, 45

rears old, of 1335 South Seventeenth street,

Philadelphia, a well dressed man over six

fest tall shot himself at the Fourth street

entrance to Bryani park. He was found by

a policeman lying in the grass still breath-

ing. An ambulance was summoned, but be-fore it arrived the man was dead.

In the clothing was a piece of paper on which was writtin in red pencil the follow: ing: "Return that book stolen from my

room at once, and be quick about it, and if you open my trunk with a key or any other

way again, and tamper with my effects,

and the civil service commissioners notifica-tion that he is eligible under the law. FINAL RUSH OF PREPARATIONS.

Advance Guard of the G A. R. Already at Pittsburg-Blue Everywhere.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 7 .- The influx of Grand Army of the Republic men, with their wives and daughters, to attend the national encampment, has commenced. Every train arriving here today had extra sections attached for the accommodation of the increased travel. The people arriving today come from distant points, and are in advance of their organizations. Only one post has arrived so far. It came from Washington, D. C. The streets are rapidly filling up, and the Grand Army of the Republic blue is everywhere in evidence. The local committees are almost rushed to death with putting the final touches on all the arrangements

they are. In order to ascertain what this and the providing of necessaries during the winter will cost a thorough census will at once be

BUFFALO COUNTY.

At the special meeting of the board of supervisors, held for the purpose of devising ways and means for relieving the needy in Buffalo county, it was learned that probably only the northern and northwestern part of the county would require any assistance. There will probably be between 200 and 300 people in the county outside of Kearney who will be in destitute circumstances this winter, but the various townships have taken hold of the matter, and it thought that any outside aid, further than need for next year, will be called for. No outsider has been or will be, so far as own now, asked to solicit help in any way for the drouth-stricken farmers in county. Two or three townships at least will undoubtedly submit the proposition of issuing internal improvement bonds, and where the proposition carries work will be done on the streets and in providing for In the northern half of irrigation. county there have been quite a number of removals, but almost all, if not all, so far, have been renters only, and if the spring opens up favorably they will flocking back as never before.

CASS COUNTY.

The county commissioners have stated that no cases of distress among the farmers of Cass county have been reported to them. Their estimate of the number of people who will require and are worthy of aid for the coming winter is between 400 and 500 The board now makes an allowance of from the board now makes an anowance of rom to \$5 per month for families needing aid. The people of the county, as a rule, are in fair condition, especially among the farmers, many of whom have from one to four years on hand. The street commissioner of attsmouth estimates there to be 1,000 idle in in the city. The city council has the men in the city. The city council has the matter in hand and will plan employment for a great many of these men at work and other forms of municipal im provement

The county and city of Plattsmouth will he able to take care of their own poor. The county board has authorized no out-siders to solicit aid for the poor of the county, nor will they give ear to any such proposition.

CEDAR COUNTY.

No applications for aid have been made by farmers to the county board and they do not anticipate any. The crops here are not total failures. The chairman of the beard was of the opinion (which I certainly believe) that the farmers are perfectly able to get along this winter without relief from any outside sources. They have enough to carry them safely through and will not appeal for or need assistance.

CUMING COUNTY.

No distress exists or will exist in Cum Emory Briggs, the United ing county. Emory Briggs, the United States signal officer and observer for Cuming county, after an exhaustive examina-tion, says: Wheat crop is more than an average; cats slightly below an average; average; cats slightly below an corn, about one-fourth of a crop. as a rule, in this county are comparatively well off. Numbers have old corn in the crib. Banks are well supplied with money. A few isolated cases of distress, or rather inconvenience, may develop later, but not thele Compare county has had an unit Cuming county has had an uninlikely. terrupted season of prosperity for twenty-four years, and consequently its people are in good shape to withstand a shortage in crop. Travelers from other portions of the state pronounce the lower Elkhorn valley as being in better shape than any other portion of the state within their knowledge

CHERRY COUNTY. The county commissioners have not me since June and will not until October, there fore nothing has been done looking to help-ing through of citizens who have a total failure of crops, although likely the ques-tion will be fully considered at that time. In part of the county there is a total failure and these farmers will, in many instances need assistance to help them through until another crop. However, we are not as bad e might be, from the fact that the between the sand hills are filled off as we with hay, which has heretofore been neglected not more than a third of the yield in past seasons having been gathered. This season, as soon as it was apparent that the cereal crops were failures, many of our farmers went to the sand hills,

for work horses, and have an immense crop of splendid corn fodder for cattle. The most suffering will be in the towns. There There will be organized charity in most of places, but that will not wholly meet the needs, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The condition of the poorer class of farm-ers in this county is worse than ever beore. The grain crop is a total failure. The most that can be saved is corn fodder fore. and 50 per cent of that is so badly burned that it contains very little nutritive sub stance. Notwithstanding the fact that a larger

amount of hay than usual will be cut, it is of such inferior quality that two tons will not go as far as one heretofore. From a careful canvas I estimate that

50 per cent of our farmers will require as

Thirty per cent will have to be helped with seed and feed next spring, and 20 per cent will have to be assisted through the winter and furnished seed for next season's farming. There is no labor of any kind to be had, and no arrangements have been made by the county board or otherwise for employment or in any way assisting those

in need. We are now having the only good rain f r nine weeks. A large amount of rye will be sown here in the next few days for winter feed.

FRONTIER COUNTY.

The county commissioners have held special sessions the past two days for the purpose of devising a plan to take care of the destitute of the county. The available funds of the county for this purpose are quite limited, and it becomes necessary to proceed with extreme caution. It is under-stood that a careful canvass will be made of each precinct in the near future, the re-ports to be filed with the county clerk. The instices of the peace are to receive instruc-

tions as to what articles they may give or-ders for, and special contract made with store keepers for honoring these orders. A committee consisting of J. F. Green, A committee consisting of J. F. Green, J. H. Lincoln and L. M. Graham was ap-pointed to act with similar committees from adjoining counties to wait upon the governor and urge the necessity of a special session of legislature to take care of the destitute of this section of the state. Reliable information is not at hand as to the per cent of the population which will require assistance during the coming winter; indications are that it will be quite large. The county will be able to care for the people for the present, but the coming winter will bring great suffering to the destitute of this county even under the most favorable conditions. FURNAS COUNTY.

Many in the country will need aid this winter and will suffer should none be prodi d. Stories of suffering and the killing of torses are much exaggerated. The county commissioners will care for the needy in this county. They have sent to each school board in the county for a report of the exact condition in each school district. No person has been authorized to solicit aid for

private use. GAGE COUNTY.

unds.

There will be no trouble in the matter of caring for the poor of Beatrice and Gage county during the coming winter, as the county is amply able and will see to it that here is no actual suffering, although undoubtedly many will require assistance. The board has not yet taken any special steps in that direction, as none has been deemed necessary.

GREELEY COUNTY.

There is no immediate suffering or distress among the people of this county. A few will need assistance before apring if the winter is severe. The failure of corn means also a failure of cobs, which constitutes fully half of the fuel used by the farmers. At a meeting of the county commissioners a few days ago a committee was appointed to petition the governor for aid, size a committee of two appointed to visit each township and ascertain the num-ber in the county who are entitled to and should receive aid. It is doubtful that the county authorities would be able, if disposed, to do much in the way of relief, but

to live through the winter and get seed for next year's crop, feed for teams, etc., and this number may vary, as it is hard at present to form a very close estimate. Our county board has taken no action as a board toward providing relief. There was a meeting of delegates from each of the sixteen townships of the county, and among the delegates several township supervisors, for the purpose of considering this question, and also to get the feeling of the people on voting bonds, and nearly all of the members of the opinion that each township would were be able to take care of its own poor. There has been no one authorized to solicit help for any one in this county, so far as I have been able to ascertain. From my own observation I think that the poor in the small towns will suffer more than

the farming class, especially day laborers, and with these renters who came here last spring and rented farms. I believe, so far as a living is concerned, the authorities will be able to care for the poor, but when it comes seed time, teams will suffer and seed grain will be short. HOWARD COUNTY.

At a mass meeting here a committee was appointed and is investigating as to the needs of our people. As almost no grain at all has b en raised this year many, perhaps one-half, of our farmers will need some sort of assistance to procure the neces sary seed and feed for next spring. Ou county authorities are disposed to take the necessary steps to assist all who need help

necessary steps to assist an who need help and it is my opinion that they will be able to do so, though it will go hard, this being the second year's failure in succession. Many here are in hopes of our next legis-lature doing something for the people in this part of the state. JOHNSON COUNTY.

Concerning distress among farmers of this

county, the commissioners inform me that they expect very little more call for aid this winter than usual. Our farmers are, as a rule, able to stand the loss of this year's Most of them have old grain on crop. hand, and each of them raised a little despite the drouth. The board has not, as there is no necessity therefor, authorized any out-sider to solicit aid for the poor of the county. On the contrary, it will probably be called on, as well as citizens generally, to extend aid to the farmers of the western portion of the state, who will be compelled o ask for help. Though the loss is a great one to our farmers, they seem disposed make the best of it, and do not feel as forlorn as one would naturally expect They have great confidence in what the

future has in store for them. LINCOLN COUNTY.

The dearth and destitution prevailing in western Nebrasky as the result of this year's drouth superadded to the partial crop failures of 1892-3 is only understood by those who have made the rounds of the country districts. On every hand abandoned home-steads and whitened and withered fields of corn tell the story of discouragement and de-Furnas county. The folly of such solicita-tions was proven in 1890, when irresponsible parties went east and secured supplies and Along the atreams, where irrigation or a seepage has furnished moisture, much of which was diverted to farmers have succeeded in raising crops.

Eleswhere everything has burned. farmers are too poor to move away. With chattel mortgages on all their possessions, they must leave bare-handed or stay to starve unless outside help is furnished. Every day new applications for county charity evi-dence the growing distress. In many coun-ties the funds available for the relief of poverty are neady exhausted. In this county the 1894 levy shows about \$3,000 still in the general fund. Merchants will be slow to accept warrants on the 1895 levy for goods sold. State sid is absolutely necessary. To indicate the urgent need of this assist-To indicate the stated that correspondence locking to the calling of a convention to consider the best methods for securing and ndering aid has been carried on recently between many county officials in these west-

ern counties. In response to a communi-cation addressed by the county clerk of this county to the county clerks of all counties west of Grand Island relative to the sub-ject twenty-three replies have been received. From these replies the following opinions are gleaned: Loup County-F. H. Smith writes: "Our

people see the necessity of doing something

good in this county, there being an abundance of oats, wheat and ryc, a good deal of old corn and about half a crop of new corn. The farmers here are, as a rule, well fixed financially, with but few renters. There is no probability any calls for aid more than is usual will be our county commissioners do not think i will be necessary to take any particular steps to provide aid for the poor. In fact, Pawnee will be amply able to help supply the people of some of the western counties POLK COUNTY.

Polk county commissioners were in session September 3. They say that since their last meeting there have been only two ap plications for relief and they were sent to the county poor farm; that the county will

not find it necessary to call for outside help; that there is no one authorized to solicit for help; that it, will not be nices sary to issue bonds, and if the poor fund should be exhausted they can transfer from some other fund, and thus be able to furnish relief to all the county poor that apply. RICHARDSON COUNTY.

There is no distress in this county, county board has done nothing. A Th half a crop of corn is assured, and, with double price of former years, and with a good id of small grain, Richardson county is the all right. STANTON COUNTY.

There is no suffering in this county, Enough has been raised to keep the people through. It is true there are individual cases where aid will be necessary, but the county is amply able to care for all. Some farmers are in debt, and of course they can-not pay. Most of them, however, are able to live through until another crop is raised. The corn crop will be very short, but there is a good lot of rough feed, such as corn fodder.

SCOTT'S BLUFF COUNTY.

There is no destitution in Scott's Bluff county. Crops are better than they have ever been, a larger acreage than ever was planted. The harvest now in progress is entirely satisfactory, and as there is plenty of hay and grain, and irrigation canal work to do, there will not be an idle man who wants to work in the pounty this fall or winter, except it be some lazybones who prefers to put in his time devising means to save the country from the bow-wows. Since there is no suffering, of course the county board has appointed no solicitors, nor have they taken steps of any kind in any such direction. Irrigation is wealth. SALINE COUNTY.

Saline county can and will look after all her own deserving poor. The increased distress, if any, will be in the towns and not among the farmers, who are fully able to look after thems iven. The worst pinch will be with those who have bought farms at \$50 per acre, mostly on time, of whom there are quite a number.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

It will not be necessary for the commissioners of Sheridan county to furnish aid to more than the usual number of persons the coming winter, and that number is insignificant, confined almost entirely to the towns.

Although the aggregate amount of food product of the county cannot be said to be bountiful, there is ample to feed the people, with considerable to

SARPY COUNTY.

After interviewing members of the Board of County Commissioners, I find there' will be but little distress among farmers, and but very few. If any, that will require aid. The heard has done nothing to provide relief. The condition of the people of this county is in no wise alarming. There may be occasionally a renter of land that will find it a little hard to pull through. As a general thing, they are in fair shape. The authorities have ample means at hand to provide for any suffering that may develop, as the finances of the county are

in good shape. THAYER COUNTY.

will be but very few people, if any, that will require help to carry them through this wister on account of the drouth. Our county commissioners will promptly act in some need help. No suffering has been

Byrnes at a meeting of the police board submitted a report made in compliance with a resolution passed by the police board three months ago directing him to investigate the condition and efficiency of the police force. Superintendent Byrnes tells the committee that the laws to suppress crime are well enforced with the exception of the excise law. He shows that the fact that this law is continually violated is due to the great difficulty encountered by officers in their efforts to procure evidence against offenders. gambling," continues the report, "my in-

vestigations show there is no public gambling in this city at the present time. Isolated cases of gambling in a large city will always exist," says the superintendent. The report speaks similarly of policy and other gambling. The suppression of the h houses of ill-fame and assignation is a difficult prob-lem, according to the report. The superinwith the matter this winter in such manner as it deems fit. As to the discipline of the force Superintendent Byrnes says that while in some respects it is not what it ought to be, yet under the circumstances it is as good as could be expected.

DELEGATES HAD GONE BOME.

Irrigation Congress Failing in Interest Now the Excursions Are Over.

DENVER, Sept. 7 .- The attendance at the rrigation congress today was smaller than heretofore, some delegates having already left for home. Joel Shoemaker of Utah moved that the committee on resolutions be requested to report at once. The chairman announced that the committee would not be ready to report until 2 o'clock. This an-nouncement raised a storm of protests and

Mr. Shoemaker's motion was put and carried a committee being appointed to wait on the ommittee on resolutions and demand its

report. While waiting for the report Thomas R. Cutter of Utah read a paper on beet sugar culture, after which Senor Yberolia of Mexico spoke on the necessity of having an international water commission to settle disputes between Mexico and the United States regarding water privileges.

Raisin Crop Falls Short.

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 7 .- The general re port received throughout the raisin vineyards is to the effect that the first crop, while of a good quality, is failing far short of expectations in the matter of amount. One of the leading vineyards, which had 166 tons of first crop of raisins last year, thrown upon the trays and finds it has will amount to about \$5 tons. The second crop amount to about so tona. The second crop in this instance is also far short of that of last year. It is explained now that with even the most favorable weather for handling the first and second crops the output will be less than for the past three years, and that there will be a glut of the market.

Rought by a Local Syndicate.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Sept. 7 .- The Green Bay and Fort Howard water works plant has been sold by E. Marvin of Indianapolis, George and G. Norman Weaver of Connecticut, to a local syndicate headed by M. Joannes and J. F. Bertles. The consideration is \$300,000, subject to a mortgage of \$150,000 in bonds held by the eastern capitalists.

Hard Times Kills a Bank.

MIDDLETOWN, Pa., Sept. 7 .- The Middletown bank, the oldest institution of its kind in Dauphin county, has failed on account of depression in business. The directors say the institution will resume in a short time and the depositors will not lose a cent. The institution was founded by General Cameron.

Wrecked on a Dangerous Rief.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 7 .- The steamer Mariorie of Essex, Mass., bound from Greens Landing, Me., for Boston with 300 tons of stone, is ashore on the Londonner, a dangerous reef off Rockport, and will probably prove a total loss. It is supposed that the vessel went on the rocks during

his company and a Russian

deal between his company and a Russian oil syndicate. "There could not be a hitch," said Mr. Waring, "because the Standard Oil com-pany has never entered into any negotia-tions with Russians or any other foreigners seeking to control the petroleum market of the world. It is true that Mr. Rockefeller is now in Europe. He went there for his health and nothing else. He has paid no attention to business at all since he went away, and he did not visit Russia. Neither has he met any Russians interested in the oil market. Mr. Rockefeller has regained his health and will sail for home on the 15th inst."

Toox a Shotgun to His Rival.

PARKVILLE, Mo., Sept. 7 .- Near Wal lron, Mo., today A. C. Veach shot and killed Charles Morris on the eve of his marriage to Miss Jane Jones. Both men had been paying attentions to Miss Jones. When Veach this morning heard that Mor-ris and Miss Jones were to be married this evening, he procured a shotgun and going to the home of F. M. Kerns, where Morris was stopping, called the latter to the door and deliberately shot him. Morris died al-most instantly. He was 50 years of age and a widower. Veach is 30 years of the murderer escaped to the woods. He is being diligently searched for, and if cap-tured will doubtless be summarily dealt with. killed Charles Morris on the eve of his

with. Dynamite Gun a Success.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., Sept. 7 .- The en-

durance test at the dynamite battery on Monday last having proved satisfactory to Monday last having proved satisfactory to the board, the test for accuracy of firing of live shells from the 8-inch gun took place this afterneon. Five 8-inch shells, each loaded with 500 pounds of nitro-glycerine, were prepared for the test. Dummies had been fired to obtain the range of 2,000 yards. Of all the shells which have been fired only two have failed to explode. Only a few more shells will be fired and the official test will then be concluded.

Banker Set Free Penniless.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7 .- George F Work, the banker and financier, who was sentenced in February, 1891, to serve four years in the eastern penitentiary for fraud ulently taking and confiscating bank securi ties, was released today, having received under the commutation law for good be havior, the benefit of six months time. ex-banker declares that he has not a dollar in the world and must get to work to sup port himself and family.

Suit Against the Tobacco Trust.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 .- The taking o estimony was begun today at the office of testimony was begun today at the office of Einstein & Townsend in an action brought by Attorney General Stockton of New Jer-sey to annul the charter of the American Tobacco company on the ground that it was operating a trust against the laws of New Jersey. The testimony was taken before Walter Cleary, a commissioner from New Jersey. The first witness called was J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco company. ompany.

Mrs. Coleman Urayton Files No Reply.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 7 .- The answe of Mrs. Coleman Drayton to her husband' petition for divorce has not been filed, al petition for divorce has not been filed, al-though yesterday was the last day for doing so. This failure does not, however, necessarily work a forfeiture of the right to make a defense, as the time for filing the answer can be extended by application to the chancellor or any of the four vice chancellors, or even by a mutual agree-ment of counsel for both sides.

Underwriters Make Recommendations

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 7 .- At the onvention of insurance underwriters of th United States at Alexandria Bay today the committee on laws made a report, which was adopted, recommending the enactment in each state of stringent laws for the in-vestigation of the causes of all fires and providing for the removal of all inflamms-ble material in the buildings and for the prompt and vigorous prosecution of all incendiaries. ncendiaries.

Society Man Faters the Army.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7.-H. Morris Johnston, a well known young society' man of Baltimore, has enlisted in the United States cavalry. Mr. Johnston is 27 years of age. He received a comfortable competence from his father, but it is understood that all this has been spent. This fact and a love affair with a well known young Bal-timore society lady are understood to be the causes of his enlistment,

Worst is Known from Hinckley.

PINE CITY, Sept. 7 .- The worst has been old at Hinckley. There has been but one party of dead discovered since last night's report. They were in a cellar west of Hinck-ley, and it cannot be told whether there are three or four bodies, so badly are they burn d. The work of draining the mill pon progressing slowly, but the opinion is that little will be revealed.

Many Settlers Are Alasing.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 7 .- A large number of settlers on the banks of the Rainy river are still missing, and friends are searching the burned district in the hopes of securing their bodies or finding them alive. The country is so dry from want of rain that whole fields of potatoes been burned.

Fires Starting Out Anew.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Sept. 7 .- Forest fires have started on the north and east side of this city. The damage is confined to standing timber and farm crops. With a strong breeze blowing the fire is spreading rapidly.

EFIDENCE IN CONTRADICTORY.

Some Witnesses Say Goodwin Was Drunk and Others Swear He Wasn't.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 7 .- At the military court at Vancouver barracks, before which Captain W. P. Goodwin was arraigned, charged with drunkenness, Attorney Ceswood of Portland appeared for the defendant. The prosecution called Lientenant Charles H. Martin, first lieutenant of Captain Goodwin's company. He testified that at Spokane, while on duty. Captain Goodwin had appeared drunk on several occasions. On the 24th of July, when the troops were to be boarded on a train for home. Goodwin did not show up at the depot and he was compelled to give orders for the emparkation in his absence. When Goodwin finally did appear he yas very angry and asked by what authority he had loaded the train. Martin answered shortly and threatened

Captain Carter, surgeon of the company,

estified in the same manner. William Alperson of Spokane, a mining an, was emphatic in his statement that Captain Goodwin was sober all the time he was in Spokane. He saw him every day and was sure of it.

On the morning the train left and Captain Goodwin was said to be drunk by Lieutenant Martin witness saw him at the Hotel Spokane with General Carlin and was certain he was not under the influence of liquor.

The ctse will not be concluded for several days.

Woman Jalled for Murdering a Blacksmith. JACKSON, Mo., Sept. 7 .- Mrs. Mary Ellsworth, 50 years of old. has been lodged in jail here for the murder of Henry Stiff, a blacksmith at Oriole and a neighbor of Mrs. Ellsworth. Ead feeling existed on account of certain charges against Stiff and countercharges against a grown daughter of Mrs. Eilsworth. Mrs. Eilsworth, her son Pressley, and the daughter, drove to the home of Stiff. Stiff was called out, and without a word Mrs. Elleworth began firing on him at close range. Stiff ran, pursued by the woman, who emptied her revolver into the helpless man. The son also discharged the contents of his musket into Stiff's back, shooting him to the ground. Pressley Elisworth has not been caught.

Robbers Could Not Reach the Cash

RANDOLPH, N. Y., Sept. 7 .- Robbers en-

red the State bank of Randolph at an early

hour this morning and made an attempt to

rob the safe. They burst off the lock to the

vault with a sledge and punch, and then tried

to blow up the safe with dynamite. They succeeded in drilling through two plates of chilled steel, but were unable to penetrate

the third, and left without securing any booty. The vault is a complete wrick. No

clew to the robbers.