

over its banks and higher than at any time in the past ten years. WAYNE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rain for the last night and today. Farmers are nearly through seeding and are feeling jubilant.

fest, and from present indications cattle will be turned into the pastures in the course of ten days. Grain that was put in early is coming up. IRISHIAW, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Rain began to fall last evening at 7:30 and has kept at it steadily for fifteen hours. Fully eight inches of rain has fallen. The water in (10-30 creek), raising hard, and no prospect of a let up. Wind from the northeast. This makes more than seven inches of rainfall in less than a week.

MCKINLEY MEN MORE MODEST Ohio Pilgrims at Washington Moderate the Major's Boom Somewhat. COLONEL HAHN IS STILL CONFIDENT Announces His Belief in the Ultimate Success of the Ohio Man, While Colonel Conger is Conservative.

Washington, where mostly political rambles do originate, was full of reports of all ebbs and ebulliences during the last week, and from among them all little in the way of fact developed. One thing is certain—the McKinley men who visited the capital, showed more of an inclination to be moderate in their demands. Not that their confidence in the outcome has abated, but they seem less demonstrative in asserting the certainty of their champion's sweeping victory before him. At least this phase of the situation is mirrored in the publication of the utterances of Ohio men. L. B. W. writes to the Inter Ocean from Washington in this wise: "Colonel William M. Hahn of Marshfield, O., came up to the capital today. He says that he is a McKinley man, but that McKinley votes on the first ballot, and that will settle it. Colonel Hahn admits that there have been a great many foolish things said and done by McKinley's friends, but he does not believe that the people are going to hold McKinley responsible for his fool friends. Every popular man has such enemies. He thinks that McKinley will be nominated at St. Louis, not by mugwumps, nor by felicitations in politics, but by the republicans who fought and died for the Union, and by the friends of all other candidates. He has no sympathy with the attempt to discredit other candidates and thinks that McKinley's record and his character are the best evidence of his fitness for the office."

PREPARING FOR WHEELMEN Date Set for the National Meet to Be Held at Louisville. MANY THOUSANDS EXPECTED TO ATTEND In Addition to the Races There Will Be Runs to Points of Interest in the Surrounding Country. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 12.—August 10 to 15, the days asked for by the local organizations for the National League of American Wheelmen meet of 1896 have been sanctioned by Chairman Gleason of the national racing board and preparations for the star cycling event of the year are under full headway. The work is under the general direction of the "96 Meet club," whose officers are the men most prominently connected with cycling in this city. Committees have been appointed to look after all the details of the entertainment of the tens of thousands of wheelmen who are expected to attend. The features of the meet, as it is estimated, will be 25,000 wheelmen in line. In addition, there will be three days of racing for the richest prizes offered this year, runs to all the neighboring points of interest, century runs to Frankfort and other Kentucky towns, railroad excursions to Mammoth cave, river excursions, a manufacturers' pageant and a grand ball.

NO TRACE OF GEORGE TAYLOR Blood Hounds Soon Lose the Trail and Fail to Pick It Up Again. BILL TAYLOR BEING CLOSELY GUARDED Officers Have Little Hope of Capturing the Escaped Murderer—State Officials Call for an Explanation of the Jail Breaking. CARROLLTON, Mo., April 12.—George Taylor, who escaped last night, eleven days before the day set for his execution for the brutal murder of the Meska family, is still at large, with little chance of being recaptured. His brother, William, is still in jail, which is heavily guarded. Fifteen armed men, strangers, have arrived in town, and Deputy Sheriff Shelton, fearing an attempt to lynch the prisoner, has ordered the local militia company to be in readiness to act. Fifty men spent all last night and today trailing George. The bloodhounds traced the trail only a quarter of a mile out of town, where some confederate evidently met him with a vehicle. The dogs next struck the trail four miles from town near the Walsh track, but after following it a short distance, again lost it at a pond near the Santa Fe tracks. Some people believed that George jumped a passing freight train and got out of the county. An unknown man was seen to alight from the hind baggage of a Santa Fe train near Marsden, and bloodhounds have been sent there in hope that a gleam is thus furnished. Although there is talk of storming the jail, it is not thought that an attempt will be made tonight, at least. Today searching parties have been to the homes of the relatives of the Taylors that reside in this county. At one place there was an indication that some one had spent a part of the night there. The house is being closely watched. The people of Brown County are very excited. Some people believe that George Taylor was forwarded last night, but this morning fifteen men came from the north. They were heavily armed, and were prepared for business. Several parties were sent out to search for the man, but no one could give anything definite. George Taylor has two cousins living on the river, southeast of Carrollton, and if he crosses the river, it is thought he would attempt to cross at that point. The attorney general telegraphed here today for an affidavit from Sheriff Stanton about the escape of Taylor. This was forwarded tonight. The motion for a hearing comes up Tuesday, before the supreme court, and this escape will, it is believed, prevent it being heard. It is thought that the attorney general will be satisfied with the motion for a hearing on the 30th. It is now conceded on all hands that George Taylor and Caulsbaum were captured, and that he escaped on the east side of the jail by climbing down the smokestack of the furnace.

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WILSONVILLE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—This section of the country has been blessed with an abundant rain, which began falling at 10 o'clock last night and continued almost continuously during fourteen hours. About three inches of rain has fallen and prospects for more are very bright. This puts the ground in excellent condition for wheat, rye, oats and alfalfa, which was looking fine even before the rain. Corn planting will begin in a few days.

WALLACE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Rain has been falling here during the past few days in an intense storm. Live stock on the range is suffering to some extent, but the rain, the heaviest of the season, is of great benefit to small grain, of which there is an immense acreage. Several more old settlers and families arrived within the past few days. An absence of two or three days. People here are much excited.

BENKLEMAN, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Two inches of rain has fallen here since 8 o'clock last night. The ground is thoroughly soaked. SIDNEY, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy snow has been falling here all day, and the prospects are good for a continuation of the snow during the night.

MARKS, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—About seventeen feet of rain has fallen here in the last eighteen hours, that is, since 8 o'clock, and much water is yet on the surface. DUNCAN, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—All day Saturday night and today it has rained steadily, and then this morning a slight sprinkle, which has continued to a steady rain, which has continued all night and this morning. The wind veered to the northeast, and the best rain for five years has already fallen, and still continues to fall at 11 a. m. Three and one-half inches of rain has fallen and is still coming down steadily ever since. The rain of the fore part of the morning has settled into the ground when this one began. Prospects here are bright.

SOYLER, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—This section has been blessed by a rain during the last eighteen hours, that is, since 8 o'clock, and much water is yet on the surface. GIBBON, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—There has been a steady rain here since 6 o'clock last night, with no appearance of quitting at 11 a. m. Three and one-half inches of rain has fallen and is still coming down steadily ever since. The rain of the fore part of the morning has settled into the ground when this one began. Prospects here are bright.

FAIRMONT, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—It commenced raining here this morning and has rained most of the day, some of the time very hard. The ground is well moistened and in better shape than it has been during the past two years. The grain is growing

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