FATAL WORK OF LIGHTNING

Three People Instantly Killed and Four Others Injured.

ONE OF THE INJURED ONES MAY DIE

Struck a Church Just as the Worshippers Were Leaving, Killing One—Two Killed at Other Localities.

Three people killed, another dangerously and three more or less severely injured is the record of the thunder storm which visited this section of the country yesterday morning.

The list of dead is as follows:

MRS. J. SEKYRA, Twenty-third and R streets, South Omaha, widow with five children.

LEROY CARTER, aged 19, Council Bluffs.

PETER MOYER, Bellevue, employed at garbage dump; single.

The injured are:

Mrs. J. Cisal, Twenty-third and Milroy streets, South Omaha, dangerously injured and may die.

Mrs. James Vandra, Twenty-second and Milroy streets, South Omaha, badly shocked but not dangerous.

Mrs. Mary Dolezal, Brown Park, slightly injured.

Miss Mamie Sycerka, Twenty-second and S streets, South Omaha, badly shocked but not dangerous.

The storm had been brewing all morning and light showers with some lightning had been in progress at intervals up to about 11 o'clock. The air seemed to be full of electricity and the subtle fluid shot across the sky for immense distances. The usual zig-zag mode of travel adopted by the electric spark seemed to be discarded and the flash assumed a ragged appearance, extending fully twenty degrees across the heavens, standing out brilliantly against the deep blue of the clouds and seeming to appear and disappear for its entire length simultaneously and not in a progressive manner. These rather peculiar flashes recurred frequently and each was followed by a peal of thunder which seemed to shake the earth to its foundation.

STRUCK THE CHURCH.

About 9 o'clock in the morning just as mass had been closed in the Bohemian Catholic church in South Omaha lightning struck the belfry of that structure. There were standing in the vestibule under the belfry a party composed of Father Zak, Mrs. Joseph Sekyra, Mrs. James Vandra, Mrs. Joseph Cisal and Mrs. Mary Dolezal. The whole building was filled for an instant with a sulphurous smoke, and though uninjured himself Father Zak at once noticed his companions had not been so fortunate. Beside him on the floor was lying Mrs. Sekyra and Mrs. Cisal and the others of the party bore evidence of the lightning's visit by slight burns and torn clothing. A hurried investigation showed that Mrs. Sekyra was dead, the only marks of violence being slightly torn clothing and a bright red spot on one ankle, showing where the destructive fluid had left the body. The dead woman had been leaning against the window when the shock came. Her death was instantaneous.

Dr. Slabaugh was called to attend to the injured. Mrs. Cisal was unconscious and in that condition was removed to her home. She is still in a critical condition. At the time of the accident she had a silk handkerchief tied around her head and this was torn to shreds. Her clothing was also torn, there was a gash on her shoulder and her shoe, through which the fluid had escaped, was torn from her foot. The leg was also badly burned.

Miss Mamie Sycerka was looking out of the window of the house across the street from the church when the flash came. She was thrown across the room and badly bruised.

The lightning struck at the base of the cupola, tearing away a quantity of shingles and knocking off a portion of the cornice. It was feared for a time the building had been weakened so the large bell would fall, but examination showed this fear to be groundless. Inside the church the bolt appeared to have followed a stovepipe up to the altar, which was badly damaged and stripped of its decorations.

Leroy Carter, a young man about 19 years of age, was working in a field just south of the transfer depot in Council Bluffs. He was raking hay and when the rain commenced to fall he started for the city. Two pitchforks were carried over his shoulder and the bright points of these attracted the lightning, which passed to the ground through his body, tearing off his clothing and killing him instantly. The only mark left by the electric fluid was a small red spot on the left ankle.

Peter Moyer, an employe at Garbagemaster MacDonald's dump near Bellevue, was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning at 9 o'clock. He was at work upon some tracks, which run to the dump.

The deadly shaft seemed to have struck Moyer directly upon the top of his head. His skull was fractured and one of his ears was badly burned. His death was instantaneous. He dropped without a quiver, as if he had been shot.

The body was taken by the coroner of Sarpy county, who will keep it until Moyer's friends and relatives are heard from. His home was in Jolliett, Ill., to which place Garbagemaster MacDonald has telegraphed. The man has been in MacDonald's employ at the dump for the past two years. He lived at Bellevue. His age was about 30 years.

The telephone company suffered severely from the storm, not less than 100 telephones having been burned out. No reports of persons being injured while using a telephone were received, however. The fire and police alarm telegraph was almost completely demoralized by the electric storm.

Funeral of James Robertson.

LYONS, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—James Robertson, living on the Indian reservation about ten miles northeast of town, was buried in the Lyons cemetery today. He was sick only a few days. Mr. Robertson was born in Scotland. He had traveled to nearly all parts of the world. He visited China, Japan and Australia several years ago. He was a close student and few men had read more and were better informed. He leaves a wife and several grown up children. He was about 65 years old.

An after theater thought, a bottle of Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne and then "sweet sleep."

SINGING FOR THE CHURCH FUND.

Omaha Campers Give a Concert at Valley.

A party of Omaha people, who are camping near Waterloo, on the banks of the Elkhorn, did a neat bit of missionary work Tuesday night by giving an entertainment in the opera house at Valley, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church in that flourishing little village.

The party comprises Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jordan and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kidder and family, Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Gratton, C. R. Davidson, C. H. Davidson, the Misses Edna Williams, Grace Brown and Grace Waterman. J. M. Gillan and the members of one of the campaign quartets joined the party Tuesday night, and the entire company took possession of the opera house, which was completely filled by the residents of the vicinity, and gave an entertainment which compared most favorably with a professional show.

Mr. Jordan gave several dialect recitations, Mr. Gillan recited a number of selections in various lines, the quartet sang several songs and the women of the party appeared in vocal and instrumental numbers.

No Funds to Make Checks Good.

S. A. Lindslay, a collector for the Ak-Sar-Ben Bicycle company, got into trouble yesterday by passing a number of worthless checks upon several business men of the city. Lindslay has been rather short of funds of late and in order to replenish his exchequer issued a check for $2, which was cashed by Gillen & O'Brien; another one for $3 found a taker in the person of A. Nelson; one for $2.50 to D. Costello and several others aggregating $12. The paper was drawn upon the Midland State bank, at which place Lindslay formerly kept an account. He was arrested late last night at his room near Eighteenth and Cass streets and charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Postponed the Trolley Party.

The trolley party that was to have been given to the employes of the W. R. Bennett company last evening was postponed until this evening. Mr. Bennett, who is the author of this little outing for the clerks and salespeople, decided late yesterday afternoon that in view of the threatening weather it would be advisable to postpone it until this evening. He wished to be assured of clear weather so that nothing might mar the happiness of the occasion. The party will occupy twelve cars especially decorated for the occasion, and the music will be furnished by the Seventh Ward band.

Results Tell the Story.

A vast mass of direct, unimpeachable testimony proves beyond any possibility of doubt that Hood's Sarsparilla actually does perfectly and permanently cure diseases caused by impure blood. Its record of cures is unequaled, and these cures have often been accomplished after all other preparations have failed.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, billiousness, jaundice, indigestion, sick headache.

Two Stories at Variance.

Mrs. Harriet Hopkins complained to the police yesterday that she had lent a watch and ring to a waiter named Will Hansen and that he had converted the same to his own uses. The value of the articles is said to be $27. Hansen was arrested last night on a charge of larceny as bailee. He stated that the whole affair came about through jealousy and that he had never refused to return the articles in question. He was released on bail.

Theories of cure may be discussed at length by physicians, but the sufferers want quick relief; and One Minute Cough Cure will give it to them. A safe cure for children. It is "the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. F. Bechel has gone west to be absent several days.

H. J. Smythe of Des Moines, Ia., is a Barker guest.

F. H. Gilchrist of Kearney was in the city yesterday.

Matt Daugherty of Ogallala was in the city last evening.

D. B. Ingraham of Spearfish, S. D., was in the city yesterday.

Theodore Jeter of Marshall, Minn., is registered at the Barker.

Mrs. M. Reinhard of Trenton, N. Y., is stopping at the Barker.

Judge M. R. Hopewell of Tekamah was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

J. Goldstein left for Crescent, Ia., last evening to visit relatives for a short period.

R. F. Kloke, leading business man of West Point, was in the city yesterday.

C. H. Cornell, one of Valentine's prosperous merchants was in the city last night.

T. B. Hoard, a Central City cattle man, was among the Omaha arrivals yesterday.

Louis Kirk and George East of Cheyenne, Wyo., were among the yesterdays arrivals.

L. W. Russell, a merchant from Glenwood, Ia., was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

Robert Byers, manager of the railroad eating house at Holdrige, was in the city yesterday.

Joe Williams of North Platte and William R. Cahill of Grand Island are registered at the Barker.

F. L. Joy, H. W. Bevan and George A. Mead were Fremont representatives in the city yesterday.

E. M. Stickney and wife left yesterday for a short outing among the mountain resorts of Colorado.

John Peters, ex-collector of internal revenue for this district, was in Omaha for a short time yesterday.

Samuel Megeath, sr., left last evening for Denver, accompanied by the wife of his son, S. T. Megeath, jr.

W. E. Peebles of Pender was in Omaha for a few hours yesterday while on his way to Lincoln to attend the meeting of the League of Republican club.

W. F. Allen and Gould Dietz left for Sheridan, Wyo., yesterday to be gone for a week. They will join a camping party on the shores of Dome lake for several days.

Mrs. Woolworth, wife of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, left last night for New York City where she expects to join her husband, who has been absent from the city for some time.

H. Maitland Kersey, eastern agent for the White Star ship line and H. Tenny French, representing the same company, from Chicago are in the city on a short business trip.

Ralph Sunderland has gone west on a trip which will consume several days.

Miss Helen M. Eaton has gone to Laramie, Wyo., where she will visit relatives for short period. She will be joined shortly by Ray Eaton.

HOOVER'S HOURS NUMBERED

Last Appeal to Governor Holcomb as Unavailing as the First.

CONDEMNED IS RECONCILED TO HIS FATE

Preparations for Launching the Murderer of Sam DuBois Into Eternity Are Continued by the Sheriff.

A crowd of men and boys, with a woman now and then, stood about the corner of Eighteenth and Harney streets yesterday watching the grewsome spectacle of erecting the engine of death upon which on Friday Claude Hoover is to pay the penalty for the murder of Sam Dubois.

A tight board fence, eighteen feet high, encloses a space forty feet square in the ell at the southwest corner of the jail. In the southwest corner of this enclosure the scaffold was erected yesterday morning. The scaffold is constructed of heavy timbers, put together with heavy bolts. The "drop" will be seven feet, the trap being held in place by a heavy bolt, which will be released by the pressure of one of three electric push buttons to be operated by the sheriff and two deputies. The machine will be given a thorough test this morning, a 200-pound bag of sand being used for the weight. The rope will not be tested, that matter having been attended to at the factory where it was made.

Cards of admission will be given out by the sheriff today to the few individuals who will be allowed to witness the affair. These cards will be decidedly limited. Any member of the medical profession who makes application will probably be admitted and a number of sheriffs will be present, but the balance of the crowd will be limited to a small number who can show some good reason why they should be present.

Hoover is reported to be completely reconciled to his fate. He has frequently expressed his penitence for his rash act and seeks consolation in religion. He has declined to see representatives of any newspaper, and Judge Baker has given orders to the sheriff not to admit any newspaper representatives to Hoover's cell unless Hoover himself asks to see them. Hoover's mother and half-sister were with him yesterday and Rev. C. W. Savidge spent about an hour in the cell with them. Hoover received a letter yesterday morning from Rev. J. M. Wilson, saying he would return to Omaha today and be with him in the hour of need.

Governor Holcomb returned to Lincoln Tuesday afternoon and before leaving Lincoln for Hastings telegraphed to Hoover's attorneys, informing them that he had as yet seen no reason why he should interfere with the carrying out of the sentence. This message was a great disappointment to the attorneys, who had confidently expected that the governor would grant a reprieve. This news was communicated to Hoover's mother and sister at the jail yesterday morning and they were completely prostrated for a time. An attorney who has taken an active interest in seeking to have the governor intervene in the matter said yesterday that every resource had been exhausted and he could not conceive of any other action which could be taken to persuade the governor that he should grant a reprieve.

An official who has been called in conference by the governor stated that Governor Holcomb had studied the record in the case very carefully and had read the evidence taken at the trial, and had afterwards stated that he could find no reason why he should interfere and that no sufficient reason had been advanced in the arguments made to him why the law should not be allowed to take its course.

SHERIFF IS TAKING NO CHANCES.

George Morgan Placed in the Penitentiary for Safe Keeping.

Sheriff McDonald took George Morgan, the condemned murderer of little Ida Gaskill, to Lincoln yesterday afternoon in order to avoid any possibility of danger from the crowd which might become excited by the execution of Hoover.

Morgan was handcuffed and leg irons connected with a short chain were locked around his ankles. He was then fastened to Deputy Sheriff George Stryker by a pair of handcuffs and was taken to the depot in a hack and placed on the Burlington fast mail. Morgan took the matter very good naturedly, remarking to the sheriff that people would think he had a very dangerous criminal under guard. Morgan characterized the whole proceeding as a piece of foolishness, saying there was not a particle of danger to be feared. The sheriff returned to Omaha last night, but Morgan was left at Lincoln in the custody of the warden of the penitentiary until every vestige of danger has passed.

Marriage Licenses.

Permits to wed have been issued to the following parties by the county judge:

Name and Address.	Age.
Gust F. Peterson, Omaha	34
Anna S. Johnson, Omaha	32
Cyrus I. Benford, Omaha	39
Edith Scott, Omaha	22
John B. Kennedy, Deadwood, S. D.	23
Musadore Meadimber, Omaha	22

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Police Matron Bennett has succeeded in finding a home for Kate Henry, the young woman who came to the station ill and in destitute circumstances. She is with Dr. Leiber at 1912 Leavenworth street.

The condition of Frank Canning, the Union Pacific employe who suffered a sunstroke last Monday, is very much improved and the chances for his recovery are excellent. He will sustain no permanent injury from his prostration.

John B. Vroman has applied for a divorce from Stella Vroman on the ground of desertion. He informs the court that he was married to the defendant at Breakabeen, N. Y., November 27, 1893. July 18, 1894, his wife deserted him, and he alleges that he is ignorant of her present whereabouts.

The executive committee of the McKinley club will meet at republican headquarters Saturday evening for the purpose of deciding upon plans for the organization of a gigantic McKinley club, of which all supporters of the republican nominee, regardless of party affiliations, may become members.

DODGE COUNTY VETERANS' REUNION

Seven Hundred People Attend the North Bend Meeting.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A more beautiful day could not have been had for the second day encampment of the Dodge county veterans' reunion which is being held here. The crowd is estimated at 700. The forenoon was taken up in going over the old war scenes and getting acquainted again. The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps carried out a very fine program in the afternoon. Addresses were made by Post Department President Mrs. Melva Hards. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Patrick Owens and was responded to by Mrs. Stiles of Fremont. Mrs. Dr. Eigler and others made short addresses. This evening Captain Henry talked to the boys. A good many of the old veterans said after the meeting that Captain Henry was a whole crowd himself. George Walz, state commander Sons of Veterans, gave the boys a good talk and was well received. Prof. Saylor of the Lincoln public schools directed his remarks to the young boys and girls, imploring them to always keep in remembrance the love of their country and flag.

RESULT OF THE RAIN IN NEBRASKA

Crop Prospects Continue Excellent Throughout the State.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—It rained steadily for four hours last night. Fully an inch of water fell. During the storm H. Wallen's house was struck by lightning while all were asleep. All were stunned for a few minutes. Damage to the house is slight.

CRAB ORCHARD, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The crop prospects in this section were never better. Wheat is averaging from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre. Oats are a fair crop, while, if nothing happens, corn will run from forty to seventy-five bushels to the acre. The hay crop is unusually heavy. Timothy, clover, alfalfa and wild hay are averaging from two to four tons per acre, while cane and millet will run from four to six tons to the acre.

SHELBY, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—A corn-making rain fell last night. The weather has been very warm for several days and corn has been making rapid strides.

Litigating Over Old Claims.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Gottlieb Bartley has appealed to the district court for a judgment against ex-District Court Clerk Elias Baker in the sum of $2,770.92. Baker is the ex-populist clerk who failed to render a satisfactory account of money in his hands when he turned the office over to his republican successor, Sam E. Low. Bartley and a man named Finney have been litigating over this money for some time. It has been in the hands of the district court clerk twelve years, having been turned over to Baker by Ed Sizer, his predecessor. Bartley claims that Baker has converted the money to his own use. Baker's bondsmen are: J. V. Wolfe of Hull; I. N. Leonard, G. A. Sawyer, R. T. Chambers, H. M. Penn, W. H. Masters, William Aukeman, G. Peabody, E. V. Erickson and W. H. Dignan. They are all made parties defendant in the suit.

Municipal Authority Questioned.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The question as to who is entitled to represent the city in the case of the Nebraska City National bank against the City, to recover the amount due Miller & Egan on their paving contract, will probably have to be settled by the district court. E. F. Warren was appointed by the council to look after the city's interests and has filed his answer. C. W. Seymour, the regular city attorney, is also looking after the case under instructions from the mayor and has filed a demurrer. No progress can be made with the suit until the court decides who is the attorney having authority to defend the case.

Charged with Arson.

FREMONT, Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—W. G. Meanor had his preliminary examination before Judge Plambeck this afternoon on the charge of the larceny of a horse from A. C. Jensen, and was discharged, but his freedom was of very brief duration. Before he left the court room he was arrested on a warrant filed by the sheriff charging him with setting fire to the dwelling house of Mary Wortman on June 30. The house was occupied by Meanor at the time and the origin of the fire is very mysterious.

Butler County Teachers Meet.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The annual teachers' institute of Butler county is now in session, in charge of County Superintendent Murlin. Eighty-five names are enrolled and lectures will be delivered by eminent educators of the state during this week and next, but the dates of each speaker have not been announced.

Kicked by a Horse.

PIERCE, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Yesterday Q. H. Mundorf, while repairing a horse power on the Inez farm, was kicked by a horse and is now laid up with a broken collar bone. Another man who was by the side of Mundorf was also kicked by the same horse and he is a fit candidate for a set of false teeth.

Fine Crop of Sugar Cane.

SHELBY, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Considerable sugar cane is planted about here and will be ready to cut in about three weeks. The cane grew tall and thick this year. One farmer has sixty acres from which he expects to extract 10,000 gallons, or 200 barrels of sorghum. The seed will be used for cattle fodder.

Polk County Mortgage Record.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The record in Polk county shows that for the month of July there were fifteen farm mortgages filed, $10,308; released, ten, $6,739; city mortgages filed, three, $825; released, two, $1,300; chattel mortgages filed, forty-four, $11,526; released, twenty, $5,446.

District Court at Fullerton.

FULLERTON, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Judge Marshall is holding an adjourned term of district court here this week. The court convened last evening and will adjourn today. Many cases have been disposed of, notwithstanding the limited time court has been in session.

Convicted Banker at Liberty.

BEATRICE, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—J. C. Williams, the Blue Sprigns bank president, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for falsifying the books of the bank, is again at liberty, the supreme court having accepted a bond of $2,000 during the pendency of the case in that court.

EYES OPENED IN NEBRASKA

Wise Men of the East See What They Had Never Dreamed Of Before.

BOUNDLESS FIELDS OF SPLENDID CORN

Stories of Drouth and Ruin Discounted by Evidences of Agricultural Thrift Along the Lines of Railway Traffic.

AURORA, Neb., Aug. 5.—After making a four days' trip thus far on a special train through this western country, a party of eastern excursionists have arrived here, thoroughly imbued with the feeling that in affairs relating to agriculture Nebraska can compare most favorably with any state in the union. They are enthusiastic over what they have seen in the shape of immense fields of splendid corn, the like of which they say they had not dreamed of hitherto. In some places they say they have seen fields of corn only limited in apparent extent by the far distant horizon. Shocks of wheat, oats, barley and rye were seen standing thickly on stubble fields, or piled up in big stacks about the prosperous looking farm yards.

These things have excited only ordinary interest that attaches to a goo' year's crop here, but they seemed to be a revelation to the eastern men, who had not heretofore realized the capabilities of this Nebraska soil. They will leave here with new opinions as to the farming possibilities of this country. They are not yet through with their trip of investigation, for they have gone northward to satisfy themselves that the conditions in that part of Nebraska are as favorable as in all the rest of the state they have seen. It is known here that the conditions are just as good, but these eastern men are not taking anybody's word for facts; they are bound to see for themselves

FAIRMONT, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The special train bearing the party of land agents and capitalists from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa arrived here at 2:40 this afternoon. News of their coming reached here in advance and the farmers brought in samples of corn, wheat, rye, millet, fruit and vegetables of all kinds and made a great display. They seemed to be well satisfied that Nebraska could make as good a showing as any state in the union.

HASTINGS, Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The special train containing seventy-five representative real estate men from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan arrived in this city at 5 o'clock this afternoon. It was met at the depot by the mayor, city council, Governor Holcomb and hundreds of citizens. When the train arrived the Hastings Military band rendered a quickstep. The train remained here twenty minutes, during which time short speeches were made by Mayor Evans and Governor Holcomb, which were heartily responded to. Samples of Adams county grain were on exhibition and the excursionists said it was the finest they had seen on the trip. The visitors were treated to refreshments.

NEBRASKA EDITORS IN SESSION.

Northeast Nebraska Press Association in Semi-Annual Convention.

WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—About sixteen members of the Northeast Nebraska Press association assembled in semi-annual session here yesterday afternoon and evening. At the afternoon session matters of interest to the fraternity were discussed and an able paper on the best plan of collecting subscriptions was read by B. W. McKeen of the Randolph Reporter. At the evening session W. M. Wheeler delivered a short but interesting address on "Trade Advertising." Wakefield was selected as the place for holding the next session. At the public session Hon. Frank Fuller delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by President Gibbunt. Next came an address by George W. Wiltse on "Newspaper Men as a Class." It was an able effort and thoroughly appreciated. An address on the "Influence of the Press" was delivered by A. L. Tucker and was well received. At the close light refreshments were served.

River Cutting at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Hon. R. S. Berlin, Missouri river commissioner, ex-Senator Manderson and B. L. Crosby, the latter an engineer from the department at St. Louis, were in the city today and together with Hon. John C. Watson inspected the river at this point to ascertain what is to be done to keep it in its present channel. They discovered that some rip-rap work which was done a few years ago north of the city is in a dangerous condition and needs prompt attention. They will recommend that $25,000 be expended for the protection of that work.

Farmer Fatally Injured.

AUBURN, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—William Hawkins, a farmer living on J. C. Deuser's farm near Glen Rock, in sliding down a wheat stack struck a pitchfork, which was standing against the stack, and run the handle into his body. There is no hope of his recovery.

Colored People Celebrate.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The colored people of this section celebrated Emancipation day at Hinton's park Tuesday. Several colored orators were in attendance as also was a colored band from Lincoln. It is estimated that 8,000 people were upon the grounds.

Ten Years for Assaulting a Child.

AUBURN, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—B. G. Whittemore, an old citizen of this place, yesterday pleaded guilty to assault upon a 13-year-old girl, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Married at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—M. R. Thorp, chief of the carrier force at the postoffice, and Miss Rena Perkins were married today. They left immediately after the ceremony for a month's trip in Colorado.

Columbus Merchant Closed.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Swartsley & Burns, retail grocers, were closed this evening by the Columbus State bank, on a chattel mortgage for $360. It is not thought they will resume. They have been in business here about five years.

Remnants

We can afford to sell them for less in August than later when we get the September rush—We are selling them for less than you've ever bought remnants for before.

Odds and ends of Carpets—made up into rugs—some large some small—some with borders all around — some with borders on one side—some with no border at all—smallest kind of a price.

Remnants of Draperies and Furniture Coverings—hardly any smaller than a yard square.

5c—10c—15c—20c—25c a piece.

Remnants of Linoleums—every piece not large enough to cover a floor is included.

25c to 50c for the 50c and $1.00 yard kind.

Remnants of Oil Cloths—some pieces 20 yards long—price governed more by size than quality—

25c to 40c kind for 15c and 20c yard.

Remnants of Mattings—from 2 to 10 yards long at one-third price—

30c kind for 10c; 40c to 50c kind for 15c.

Remnants of Carpets—short lengths suitable for rugs—

Brussels, 25 to 40c yard; Moquettes 50c to 60c yard; Ingrains, 25c.

Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.,

1416 Douglas Street.

OBSERVATIONS ON FREE COINAGE.

Railroad Man Recities His Experience in Mexico.

James Anderson, local freight agent of the B. & M. road, desiring to secure a reliable and unprejudiced opinion regarding the effect of the free coinage of silver in Mexico, recently wrote to H. C. Dinkins, a personal friend and a fellow railroader, for the desired information. Mr. Dinkins is well known among railway men of this city and they have complete faith in the accuracy of any statements made by him. Until two years ago he represented the Santa Fe road here and before coming to Omaha was stationed in Mexico for the same road. The letter follows:

"Replying to your letter of recent date, inquiring as to conditions in Mexico under free silver and probable effect free silver would have in United States, I would say: The price of flour at retail in this city, which is not as good as our first grade flour, is 8 cents per pound; sugar, 9 cents per pound; coffee, 40 cents per pound; tea, $2 per pound.

"The silver question, I agree with you, is going to cut quite a figure in the United States in the next election. I have had two years in which to study the question in this country, and must say that if the silver standard were adopted in the United States I believe the United States would be forced to go through the same process to arrive at prosperity that it has taken Mexico twenty years to do. During that time I believe that our industries would all suffer, wages of our laboring men would be reduced, our money would be at a discount all over the world, except in the miserable South American republics and in Mexico, and it would be considered by foreign nations, in a measure, as a repudiation of our just debts. I believe our credit would fall below par and the country would pass through a period of depression such as we have never known before.

"The wage of the average laborer in Mexico does not exceed 50 cents per day, Mexican money. The necessaries of life are cheap when you figure it in gold, but as people are paid in silver, they are high; for example, I find that the vegetables which we eat in our house cost fully as much, when calculated in gold, as the same vegetables do in the United States, while our gardeners get double the money in gold that the gardeners here get in silver. Meat is about the same in silver as we buy it in gold in the states, but vastly inferior in quality. There is more poverty and misery in one state in Mexico than there is in the whole United States. The gold standard in the states has forced a great many industries to Mexico that live on the difference in value of gold and silver. The raw material is handled on a silver basis and the finished product is sold on a gold basis, notably the smelters. They produce their silver from the Mexican ores and sell their bullion at its value in gold in the United States or England, and flourish."

STRAW VOTE ON THE FAST MAIL.

Most of the Passengers for McKinley and Hobart.

There was a lively time on the platform of the Union Pacific station at Cheyenne the other day. It was a gold-silver debate that two travelers on the Fast Mail carried from the train with them to the lunch room. The silverite declared that the Chicago nominees would certainly be elected, but was silenced by the offer of a little old man to wager any amount of money that they would not. Not succeeding in securing this bet the little old man offered to bet that not a third of the passengers on the train were for Bryan. A count showed that of the 136 pasengers, only thirty-three were for the Nebraska man. The conductor stated that most of the passengers on the train were from Nebraska and that he knew of only five who came from east of the Missouri river.

Irwin Talks for Colorado.

D. W. Irwin of Colorado, is in Omaha on business. He says: "The republicans of Colorado are organizing to carry the state in the McKinley column in November."

Mr. Irwin was one of the republican state committeemen which at the meeting of the committee last week rebuked the action of the Colorado delegation at St. Louis in bolting and supporting Bryan.

"Colorado has had enough of populism," said Mr. Irwin, "and believes it to the best interests of the state and nation to support McKinley and Hobart, that all this sudden cry for free silver, that you must not talk or think about anything else, is only a popocrat trick to deceive the voters until after election. The election of McKinley means return of business and prosperity and more capital to develop our undeveloped resources. The election of Bryan means disaster and harder times than the country has experienced since 1856."

SOUTH NOT SOLID FOR BRYAN

Many of the Old Time Leaders Deserting the Democratic Party.

COLONEL FORDYCE DISCUSSES POLITICS

Southern Railroad President Predicts that a Large Number of the Confederate Veterans Will Vote for McKinley.

Colonel S. W. Fordyce, president of the St. Louis Southwestern railway system, "the Cotton Belt Route," arrived in Omaha shortly after noon yesterday, accompanied by Messrs. Cooper, Heath and McKee, personal friends of the distinguished southerner. He was met at the depot by Secretary Orr of the Union Pacific's executive department and Mrs. Orr, and with them later lunched at the Omaha club. Colonel Fordyce is enroute from St. Louis to Shoshone, Idaho, where he will join President Clark of the Union Pacific and other prominent railway officials. Two weeks will be spent in enjoying the fishing and hunting for which that region has become famous. The private car of Colonel Fordyce, "the Arkansas Traveler," was attached to the Union Pacific's "Fast Mail" yesterday afternoon.

Colonel Fordyce is one of the most prominent characters in the southwest. He is the head of a railway system that operates over 1,200 miles of road in the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. He has always taken a lively interest in politics, has been a delegate to a large number of national conventions and was for years a member of the national democratic committee. He was in a most genial mood yesterday morning and readily found time to give a few minutes to a Bee reporter.

One of the first questions he asked was whether McKinley would carry Nebraska. He thought it very important that Bryan should be defeated in his own state. He added: "I've voted the straight democratic ticket for over forty years, but I cannot support the nominees of the Chicago convention. The free silver section of the platform is bad enough, but that is by no means its worst feature. No one can view the introduction of populistic and socialistic ideas with anything but alarm.

"In the south I've come into contact with a great many democrats, many who have supported the ticket for years. Nearly all with whom I have talked will vote and work against Bryan. Take the old confederate soldiers. A large majority of them, I believe, will do their best to defeat the work of the Chicago convention. It is the opinion of many conservative men that Missouri will declare for McKinley. Shrewd observers, who are familiar with the people, the institutions and the conditions of the south, say that Kentucky, too, is likely to go the same way. And I am not sure but what Tennessee will turn Bryan down.

"The Nashville Banner, by long odds the most influential paper in Tennessee, has bolted the Chicago platform and nominees and has come out openly for McKinley and Hobart. Its editor and proprietor, E. B. Stollman, is an old railroader and is interested in a number of steamboat lines. I know him well, and he is a fair, conscientious and loyal man.

"Yes, sir, I sincerely hope that Bryan will be defeated, as he deserves to be.

"He runs some paper here, doesn't he?

"Somebody has been sending me copies of the 'Omaha World' regularly for some time past. I have often wondered who my friend was that so faithfully conferred these unsolicited favors upon me. You may say that I have been a member of the national democratic committee for many years, that I was a delegate from the state of Arkansas to every national democratic convention from 1880 until the last one, and that I shall do all in my power to accomplish the defeat of Bryan."

First Ward Democrats Organize.

A number of Southsiders met at the hall corner of Tenth and Hickory streets last evening and formed a First Ward W. J. Bryan club. The officers elected were: President, Ed J. Dee; first vice president, John C. Drexel; second vice president, Allan McCann; secretary, H. Blum; treasurer, Henry Drexel. A committee composed of Henry Blum, Allan McCann and Frank Durr was directed to draft by-laws for the new organization. The club expects to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings.

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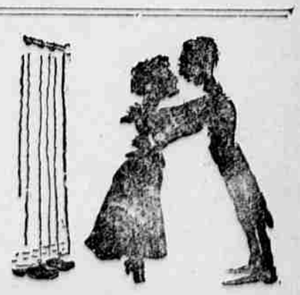

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