COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

T. C. Dawson has returned from Chicago.

Mrs. William Keeline is reported to be seriously ill.

Edward Peak of Creston is in the city visiting friends.

B. O. Bumington has returned from a business trip to Shelby.

Ira and Charles Keyes are the guests of H. Keyes of this city.

John N. Baldwin has returned from a business trip to Kentucky.

Miss Maude Keen is visiting friends in Colorado and the west.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ford and daughter are visiting friends in Laramie, Wyo.

Satisfaction guaranteed at the reliable Bluff City steam laundry. Phone 314.

Miss Blanch Simpson left yesterday for Darling, where she will visit with friends.

The State Savings bank has moved a dib Broadway, next to Sargent's shoe store.

Miss Virginia Green has gone to Oakland, where she commenced teaching last Monday.

John Robinson of the Union Pacific freight department is spending his vacation in Colorado.

Miss Blanch Kinsler of Omaha is the guest of Mrs. James N. Casady, jr., of 476 Oakland avenue.

S. Hurt of Coin spent yesterday in the city, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Etta Mitchell.

L. W. Reedy and Beede Farmerbery, both of Omaha, were married by Justice Ferrier yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Trimble of 259 Harrison street have returned from a ten days' visit to Walnut, Ill.

Mrs. Jennie McConnell expects soon to leave for Chicago, where she will reside permanently.

Captain B. W. Hight and daughter, Laura, have returned from a month's visit to Columbus City.

Mrs. S. S. Elliott and daughter, Gladys, of Missouri Valley are visiting friends in the city this week.

W. Russell of the Boston Store has returned from a two weeks' pleasure trip to Colorado Springs.

County Treasurer Arnd and Recorder Shepard went to Oakland last evening to attend the soldiers' reunion.

Hugh and Bernard Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., are the guests of their mother, Mrs. Bryan, of Washington avenue.

Mrs. S. Farnsworth and daughters, Jessie and Sadie, have returned from a summer's outing at Spirit lake.

Dr. E. C. Spinney, secretary of the Home Savings and Trust company of Des Moines, is in the city on business.

Dr. Porterfield of Atlantic has been called to the city by the dangerous illness of his father, Samuel Porterfield.

Oliver Williams, who recently graduated from the law school of Ann Arbor college, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Ella Boyer left last evening for Olympia, Wash., where she will enter the public schools as a teacher.

Miss Lillie Millard of Glen avenue leaves this week for Chicago, where she has a position in the city schools.

Ferdinand Weiss will remove from his suburban home in a few days and live on Fourth street during the winter.

The funeral of the late Samuel N. Porterfield will occur from the residence, 707 First avenue, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. W. Vandenburg has gone to Baraboo, Wis., where she will remain about a year, with the expectation of improving her health.

The family of S. V. Dowse, leader of the orchestra at the Dohany, has arrived here from Weston and will reside at 124 South First street.

Mrs. G. B. Miller of Second avenue has gone to Lincoln, Neb., where she will make a short visit with Mrs. Hagney, formerly of this city.

Captain John Bates and George Childs have returned from New Haven, Conn., where they have been attending the convention of fire chiefs.

A. Whitelaw, manager of the Boston Store, left yesterday for the east to purchase goods for the fall and winter trade. Mrs. Whitelaw accompanied him.

F. R. Davis returned yesterday from his eastern business trip. En route home he stopped off at Madison Lake, Minn., and put in a few days fishing.

The funeral of Samuel Hughs will occur tomorrow morning, instead of this afternoon, as was previously announced. The body did not arrive as was expected.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burkley have returned from a six weeks' stay at Lake Okoboji and they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wickham until September 1.

The Whist club has reorganized and now occupies rooms in the northwest corner of the Brown building. It will hold its first meeting next Saturday evening.

Don Beno and John Stoddard have gone west to spend their vacation. They will visit Denver, Colorado Springs and other Colorado points before their return.

For sale at a bargain, modern residence; central location; part trade considered. Also other bargains. Special attention to renting. Also furnished rooms. J. R. Davidson, 625, 5th ave.

Mr. L. E. Spencer of Des Moines, manager of the United States Life Insurance company of New York City, is in the city. James N. Casady, jr., has been appointed local agent for this company.

The hour of dollar wheat is almost upon us. The Eagle Laundry will continue to turn out that matchless, snow white finish only secured by the use of the pure wheat starch. 724 Bway.

Henry Atkins has returned from a brief outing at Spirit lake. He spent a good portion of the time afloat in the naphtha launch Lydia, which Alderman Atkins built with his own hands and prizes most highly of all of his earthly possessions.

E. W. Johns, a warehouseman employed at Russell & Co.'s warehouse, reported to the police yesterday that a sneakthief had stolen his watch. He had hung his vest on a nail in the office at the noon hour, and during that time the watch was taken from the pocket.

John Bruns of this city and Rebecca Wade were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade, about five miles northeast of this city yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. W. Brewer officiated. The young couple will immediately begin housekeeping in this city at 1513 Avenue F.

Lucy Wilson, wife of J. W. Wilson, died yesterday morning after an illness of nine days. She was 72 years of age, and was an old resident of this city. The funeral will take place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Collister, of Garner township, at 1 p. m. The body will be interred in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Mr. Williams will officiate.

Miss Jennie Smith, the railroad evangelist of Ohio, who is well known in this city from having held several meetings here in the interest of railroad men, has found a brother who was supposed to be dead for over twenty years. Miss Smith related the strange and sad story of her life at a meeting at which President McKinley was present, and he started an investigation to find the lost brother. With the assistance of Dr. Mansfield, he was able to locate the brother in California, and the brother and sister will meet in Chicago. A sister of Miss Smith, Mrs. F. M. Davis, now resides in this city.

C. R. Hannan returned yesterday from the annual meeting of the National Bankers' association at Detroit, where he read a paper on the subject of "Currency Shipments by Mail," which was pronounced by the bankers to be one of the most practical and beneficial papers submitted. Mr. Hannan was highly pleased with the hearty reception given the delegates by the Detroit people, who put up $25,000 for the entertainment of the delegates. Mrs. Hannan and family accompanied Mr. Hannan, and at the conclusion of the convention they all visited Mr. Hannan's old home at Quincy, Mich. Mrs. Hannan and the children will remain there for a few days longer.

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WORK FOR THE MOBILIZATION

Exposition Association Will Do All in Its Power to Gather the Troops.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR AN AUDITORIUM

Members Meet at Luncheon at the Grand Hotel and Report Progress in the Various Departments.

The Council Bluffs Transmississippi association held its first luncheon at Grand hotel last evening. The prospect of a pleasant time and a nice little lunch enticed a majority of the committee into the dining room of the hotel, and the largest meeting that has been held since the association formed was the result.

After the tables were cleared the association discussed in a general way the work that was before it. Secretary Judson detailed the net results of a lot of correspondence he had had with the secretary of war and the Iowa members of congress concerning the mobilization of the national guard next year. His correspondence indicated that the War department was strongly in favor of the plan and was pleased with the work the association was doing in the way of securing the co-operation of the state's congressional delegation. Both Senators Gear and Allison have expressed their willingness to do all possible to secure the approval of congress. It was thought advisable for the association to confer with the Transmississippi Exposition officials in Omaha and offer its co-operation in every way to further the plans for the big military encampment. Letters from Senator Allison indicated that he was enthusiastically in favor of it, and could be counted upon to use all of his great influence in the senate and at Washington to advance the project.

Reports were received from all of the committees indicating substantial progress in the work assigned to each.

Plans for the erection of a large auditorium were discussed at length, and many practical suggestions made.

At the suggestion of Mayor Carson the secretary was directed to write to General Dodge and invite him to use his influence to secure for Council Bluffs the next meeting of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee and the Union Veteran Legion. The secretary was instructed to sign all of the names of the committee of fifty to this communication.

Similar instructions were given to the secretary concerning the next meeting of the Farmers' congress, and he was advised to write to Hon. B. F. Clayton, president of the association, for that purpose.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to the discussion of the finances of the association and the location of its permanent headquarters.

Chairman Hess of the committee on exhibits stated that he had invited all of the fruit growers in the vicinity to bring in samples of their best grapes and leave them at the headquarters of the Grape Growers' and Shippers' association on Saturday afternoon, and invited all of the members of the committee to call there and inspect them. The invitation was accepted and the committee will call there tomorrow evening at 7:30.

GREAT BAND CONTEST.

At Lake Manawa, Sunday, Aug. 29.

Eleven bands will participate. This will be the largest gathering of musicians ever held in the west. Other features of the day: $10 will be awarded for the best dozen pictures of the Plaza; $5.00 for the next best. Prizes for the foot races on the beach in front of the Plaza. A sailing race, to be witnessed from the Plaza in the afternoon. Grand illumination at night of the Plaza and grounds. $100 will be spent illuminating the grounds and buildings.

Last appearance of the famous Tyrolean Warblers in the afternoon at 3:30 and evening at 8:30. Also usual orchestra and vaudeville performance during the afternoon and evening. Admission 10 cents.

RIHNER'S GAME WAS TOO GAUZY.

He Was Not Defrauded of His Property in His Deal with Steckel.

The sensational allegations of Samuel Rihner, the wealthy Pottawattamie county farmer who procured the arrest of W. J. Steckel of Bloomfield on the charge of fraudulently conspiring to beat him out of all his real and personal property, are fast losing their force, and Mr. Rihner is being placed in the attitude of something of a deceiver. A rather remarkable development in the case occurred yesterday, when the attorneys for Rihner placed on record a warranty deed and a bill of sale conveying back to Rihner all of the property covered by the original transfers. The deed and the bill of sale were received at the office of the county recorder by mail yesterday morning. Both bear date of August 9, two days later than the date of the original instruments about which the great fuss has been made. It will be remembered that Rihner alleged in his petitions in the suits started in the district court that W. J. Steckel had procured a power of attorney from him for the purpose of procuring a $22,000 loan, and that he had immediately made use of the authority it conferred upon him to deed all of Rihner's 896-acre farm and all of his farm stock and personal property to Theodore Taylor, Steckel's brother-in-law, and had the deed and the bill of sale recorded at the earliest possible moment, which was Monday, August 9. He alleged in his petitions that the deeds were made in Shelby on Saturday, August 7, too late in the day to be brought to Council Bluffs for recording, and that Monday, the 9th, the date of their filing was the earliest possible moment they could have been placed on record. It now appears from the deed and the bill of sale filed yesterday by which Taylor and his wife convey back to Rihner all of the property in dispute that Rihner must have had these deeds in his possession at that time and knew that he was fully protected and could have placed the deed and the bill of sale on record at any time.

It is possible that there may be some explanation for Rihner's delay in putting the instruments on record, but his attorneys have been out of the city all week attending the hearing of W. J. Steckel in Shelby, and their explanation of how the deeds came into their possession could not be obtained. Court Reporter Bruington took the evidence in the hearing for Rihner's attorneys, but when he returned from Shelby yesterday he declined to give out any information for publication. It was intimated from other sources quite plainly, however, the testimony was not very favorable to Rihner, and that there would be no doubt of Steckel's discharge and complete exoneration.

The original deed executed by Steckel conveying Rihner's farm to Theodore Taylor and the accompanying bill of sale included all of the claims against the old man, with the exception of that held by the Avoca bank, and the suspicion is created that the transfers were partly for the purpose of shutting out this claim. By the deed recorded yesterday Rihner takes back his farm subject to all of the liens and incumbrances now against the same, and the bill of sale returning the $10,350 worth of personal property carries with it the liability of a mortgage for $5,175.61 running to John L. Carey of South Omaha and dated March 17, 1897.

Information was received from Shelby last evening to the effect that Justice J. E. Frum, who has been hearing the case since Monday, brought it to a close and discharged the defendant. The evidence disclosed the fact that the whole transaction was planned to head off the Avoca bank.

The genuine Domestic soap is the first grade. The imitation is a cheap grade.

Death of S. N. Porterfield.

Samuel N. Porterfield died at his home, 707 First avenue, early yesterday morning, after an illness of about eight months. He was an old resident of this city and was well known by a majority of the people. A complication of several diseases caused his death.

Mr. Porterfield was born at Martinsburg, O., and was 71 years of age. He came here from Wisconsin in 1854, and was married the same year in Bellevue, Neb. He has lived here since that date with the exception of a very short interval. He leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter.

He has been one of the most faithful employes of the street car company since the establishment of the line. For many years he has held the position of ticket seller on the bridge. He continued to discharge the duties of his position until within a few months before his death.

We have the largest and best stock of glass in the city, bought and paid for while prices were low. If you want to buy right and get the best, come and see or write for prices. George S. Davis, jobber and retailer, 200 Bway. Telephone 289.

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40 Domestic soap wrappers are good for six silver teaspoons.

Were Sowing Bad Quarters.

Commissioner Wright yesterday held William Frost to the federal grand jury on the charge of passing and having in his possession counterfeit money, and he is occupying apartments in the county jail with his colleague in crime, J. E. Kerns.

Considerable additional information was obtained yesterday concerning the operation of the gangs of counterfeiters of which the two men were members. There were three distinct parties of them who came from South Omaha or some point south of there and crossed the ferry below Manawa on Tuesday. Each party was in a light huckster wagon, and claimed to be going through the country buying up farm produce. They managed to pass three counterfeit quarters on the ferryman. One party (Kerns and Frost) came to Council Bluffs and were caught, another went through Glenwood, and the third kept away from the small towns. All were headed for Oakland to attend the soldiers' reunion. The local officers learned yesterday of several places where they passed bogus coin among the farmers in payment for feed produce. The last two outfits were located last evening at Oakland and officers went down there to look after them.

All of the bogus coin that has been found came from the same set of moulds, and the plant has been located very close to Bellevue.

Silver teaspoons go with Domestic soap.

EASTERN MONEY FOR IOWA MINES.

Mark Hanna Syndicate Said to Be Intending to Purchase.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Aug. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—There are strong indications that a big combination, headed by Senator Mark Hanna, has its eyes on the immense coal fields of Iowa with the intention of either buying or getting the operators into the combination. A similar scheme is now under way at Des Moines, and it is said that the same combination of Ohio capitalists is back of the Des Moines deal. At Oskaloosa a few days ago a Cleveland, O., traveling man met and recognized as a son of Mark Hanna a man who had without revealing his identity, been there several days in conference with the leading operators and inspecting their mining property.

Oskaloosa and Mahaska county is the center of one of the leading coal fields of the state and the mines of that county alone are worth $300,000,000. None of the operators will discuss the matter. E. I. Foster of Cedar Rapids, Iowa's coal king, was in the city tonight and said he knew that something of the kind was contemplated by large eastern operators. The object in acquiring Iowa coal lands and mines is that the eastern operators desire to get where they will not be interfered with by strikers and that the large eastern coal fields, particularly in Ohio, are slowly giving out.

Convention Lasts Eight Minutes.

SIOUX CITY, Aug. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican judicial convention for the Fourth district of Iowa, held here today, was remarkable for shortness. Judge William Hutchinson of Orange City was nominated without opposition to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Ladd to the supreme bench last year. Hutchinson is now serving by appointment of the governor. The time occupied was eight minutes. There were no speeches and no ballots.

Iowa Christian Endeavorers.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 26.—The twelfth annual convention of the Iowa Christian Endeavorers will begin in this city Tuesday next and continue in session three days. About 800 delegates will be present. The chorus will include about 1,000 voices. Beside prominent speakers of Iowa, there will be several from other states, among them John P. Gavit, Chicago.

Killed by Falling Slate.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Matthew Share, a miner at Thornburg, was instantly killed this afternoon by falling slate. His head was crushed to a jelly.

LEE SAYS IT IS EXAGGERATED.

American Popular Notion of Senorita Cisneros' Plight is Wrong.

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HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 26.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—I directed the attention of General Lee today to the efforts being made in the United States to secure the release of Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros, a Cuban girl now held in the Casa de Recogidas, a prison for women. The American consul general said:

"The whole matter has been much magnified and exaggerated, and made to assume a sensational aspect before the American public that it was not entitled to. I am right in saying that when the case reaches the captain general for final action he will not endorse such sentence as is reported in the public press. There has been a great deal of premature abuse of the Spanish government in the case of this girl, which may not be of much benefit to her when final action is taken in the case.

"I remember calling the attention of the acting captain general to the condition of the building she was confined in when first brought here, because I visited some American women there and the general very promptly sent two of the staff officers to make an inspection. Upon their report, immediate steps were taken to construct additional rooms and quarters in which this girl and other prisoners of the better class would be separated from the lower and viler criminals.

"We should recollect that in a civil war persons are excited and many horrible things done which could not be justified in times of peace. For instance, in our civil war a woman was hanged on a charge of conspiracy, a charge similar in some respects to that against Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros.

"I think if the American public would go slower and not get prematurely or unduly excited, the action of authorities here would incline much more to the merciful side of such questions. I do not think any intention has ever existed to banish this girl, and so far no sentence whatever has been imposed upon her by any court."

Elliott Replies to Jordan.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 26.—Dr. Jordan's declaration that seals can be permanently branded caused Prof. Elliott to say today:

"Granted, for the sake of argument, that he is right, then cui bono? What is the use of doing this work when a skin so branded can be just as well handled by the furriers as one that has shot holes, cuts or spear wounds in it—better, indeed, because it can be smoothly plucked and unhaired by a comparatively inexperienced workman. The chief cause of discount on the pelagic skins, or those shot or speared in the water, is the fact that such skins are not—cannot be—so thoroughly cured in the close air of the schooner's bilges as they are on the islands, in the large, airy salthouses. The Canadian hunters will not stop taking seals under the Paris regulations because they are branded. They will take them just the same, as long as they can find them."

Former Omaha Man Commits Suicide.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—J. P. Cook, proprietor of the Cook Rubber Stamp Manufacturing company, shot and killed himself this evening. Cook formerly lived in Omaha and was interested in a rubber stamp manufacturing plant there.

KLONDIKE IS HOLDING OUT

Miner Continues to Yield Plenty of the Yellow Metal.

RETURNED MINERS TELL OF ITS WEALTH

Not So Much Gold Has Been Taken Out This Summer, as the Wet Season Hampers Work—Winter the Harvest.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 26.—The schooner J. M. Tolman, which left St. Michaels, at the mouth of the Yukon, July 28, was spoken last night off Race Rocks at 9:30 by the Associated Press tug Vigilant, which was in the straits watching for the arrival of the Portland. The Tolman brings four passengers who have been in the Klondike and who left Dawson City July 17. The passengers are Charles H. Metcalf of Detroit, Mich.; B. E. Jones, Berkeley, Cal., an assayer for the Alaska Commercial company at Dawson; C. B. and Z. B. Patrick, brothers, from Humboldt, Cal. They left Dawson ten days after the Thorp party, who arrived at Seattle last week on the steamer George B. Starr from Dyea. They all tell stories of the richness of the Klondike, Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, but all say that very few clean-ups have been made since the early summer. Mr. Metcalfe has been engaged in the merchandise business at Dawson City, Circle City and other points for three years past, and has been out every year. He goes in each year over the Dyea trail and last spring he took in twenty tons of freight. It took him from March 6 to May 1 to get his freight over the pass with one man, two horses and eight dogs. From Lake Linderman to Dawson City he was fourteen days. When the Tolman left St. Michaels, there were about twelve men waiting to come out on the steamer Portland and another steamer with passengers was expected down the river before the time set for the sailing of the Portland. The men waiting at St. Michaels all had from $5,000 to $15,000 but no phenomenal strikes were reported by them.

With regard to ascending the Yukon, Mr. Metcalfe said it takes from twenty to twenty-five days to go from St. Michaels to Dawson City and passengers leaving Seattle later than August 20 will have no chance of reaching Dawson City this fall. The Lippy claim on Bonanza creek, from which gold amounting to $112,000 was taken, he said, was one of the best developed claims in the group. Others will doubtless prove just as rich when fully developed.

TAKE ONLY THE NUGGETS.

The first claim located on Bonanza creek was named Discovery and is recognized by miners as the center of the field, other claims being numbered each way from it. Sixty claims are now located above and ninety below Discovery, in all fifteen miles being taken. On Eldorado creek, which empties into Bonanza, sixty claims are located, twenty nearest the conjunction of the creeks being fabulously rich. From one claim located on Skookum gulch, tributary to Bonanza creek, N. W. Porters of Denver and Joseph Goldsmith of Juneau took $25,000 cash. They afterwards sold the claim for $25,000 cash. They worked only four weeks. Bear creek, a small tributary to Klondike, is also remarkably rich in gold.

B. E. Jones of Berkeley, Cal., said: "I should say there are about 2,500 people in Dawson City and on the creeks around there. This summer about twenty claims have been worked and thus far not a large sum of money has been taken out. Most everybody is getting ready for the winter's work, which will be pushed as vigorously this year as last. As far as I can estimate the great wealth of the Klondike is holding out. Still, the amount of gold that will come down this fall will not be as large as estimated in some quarters. I should say there will be in the neighborhood of 175 men down by the Portland and Excelsior and a very fair average to each man would not exceed $10,000. Many will bring down practically nothing. I would not care to say what the Alaska Commercial company has in gold on hand. At one time gold was so plentiful at Dawson people did not know what to do with it.

DO BETTER IN WINTER.

The trading company's safes were filled and the stuff was packed away in saloons and in any place miners could find. But most of the gold was taken out when the clean-ups were completed last spring. Since then there has not been such a large amount of gold coming out, as the wet season does not permit of excavating. This coming winter there will be about 600 claims in active operation. They will nearly all do well, according to present indications, and next winter's output will be proportionately as large as last, although there will not be as many very rich strikes. The bench claims are turning out well, much better in fact than was expected. The upper end of some of the creeks that are rich at the mouth range from 15 to 20 cents to the pan. As to supplies, I believe there will be fully 4,500 tons taken up on the river boats owned by the trading companies. Only about half of this, however, represents provisions, the other being supplies. Last year ice began to run in the Yukon as early as September 28, and if the river begins to freeze as early this year many of the boats now going up and intended for the Klondike will not get through until next year. I believe the Indian river and its tributaries will prove valuable diggings next winter.

"You may say that Circle City is practically deserted, the people having all gone to Dawson. The river steamers Alice, Bella and Healy have made their second trip down the river for the season. They will be down again in time to meet the Portland and Excelsior, and most of the miners who will come out this fall will be aboard on their final trip."

BIG STORIES FROM KLONDIKE.

More good news has come from the Klondike. The steamer City of Topeka, which has just arrived, left Juneau after the arrival there of Joe E. Beach, James McKay and Archie Shelp, who made the trip from Dawson to Dyea in twenty days. They did not come any further than Juneau, but intend to go back to the mines. They had a rough trip, having to paddle and tow their boat up the river. Shelp, in conversation with one of the passengers who came down on the Topeka, spoke highly of Stewart and Indian rivers, although there have been no sensational finds, from $10,000 to $15,000 being taken out of these rivers. Close upon $2,000,000 in dust has gone down on river steamers, others intending to take the steamer Portland at St. Michaels. Gold passed at $17 an ounce at Dawson City. Shelp gives a list of Juneau men who struck it rich. They are Dick Law, $120,000; J. Smith, $50,000; Oscar Ashby and W. Leak refused $100,000 for their claim; Joe Brant, $10,000; Cornelius Edwards, $25,000; A. W. Hipple, $10,000; Harry Ash, who left on the last boat for San Francisco, $100,000, and an old man who a few months ago was cutting wood around Juneau, $60,000.

About a dozen men who went north in the last few weeks intending to go to the mines came back on the Topeka and said that many will follow them. The trail from Skagway is now entirely blocked. On the trail packers are charging 40 cents a pound. This is prohibitory as far as a poor man is concerned. All are unanimous in saying that men cannot get their outfits over before winter closes in and that snow is already beginning to fall on the summit, the first flurry having come down last week. Men are selling their outfits for what they can get for them. There are now 6,000 men at Skagway and Dyea, and along the trails and not one in ten of them will get their outfits to the lake. Two surveys have been sent out to try to find a better route for the Skagway trails, and if they succeed, men promise to go to work on it. The old trail is practically impassable. Pack horses are unable to pack more than 100 pounds over it. In some places men have to use both hands and feet to get over the rocks and can carry very little. Some work was done on the old trail, but men were too eager to get off to the mines to do much work. Among those who have thrown up the sponge and come back to civilization are Samuel Brown of Seattle and Bert Miles, an attorney of Los Angeles.

GOLD OUTPUT OVERESTIMATED.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 26.—The schooner Fred Saunders arrived this morning, thirty days from St. Michaels, Alaska, with six passengers from the Klondike country. They are: J. S. Dinsmore, a well known merchant from Eureka, Cal.; Charles Vest of Portland, Ore.; James McNamee, Juneau; J. Lowe, a well known miner of Puget Sound, and Henry Ash and wife of Dawson City. Only three of the number have been engaged in mining, but all are much pleased with their prospect and intend to return in the spring. The total amount in nuggets brought by the Saunders is about $56,000. James McNamee of Juneau, who is on his way to Bartlett Springs, Cal., probably made the luckiest strike among them. He took from his fourteen claims $137,000, but reinvested most of it. Mr. McNamee said: "I went into Alaska about four years ago, but only went to Klondike one year ago. There are about 3,500 people in the Klondike district, and unless the Yukon steamers make another trip this year there will be a shortage of provisions at Dawson. The reports of rich strikes on the Stewart river are untrue. Bars pan out well, but no strikes have been made there during the last twelve months. I think the entire Klondike district has not produced to exceed $2,000,000. If we could have secured men to work our claims more would have been taken out, but although wages are $15 per day, men desired to prospect for themselves. If we can get men next year I believe the district will produce $8,000,000."

Jacob Lowe, an old miner of Puget Sound, brought down enough to "get back on," as he termed it. His claims are near Circle City and he says promise well. He states that Minook Creek, 250 miles below Circle City in American territory, has been attracting some attention. Several claims, which have been located there, promise well.

The steamer Portland is due from St. Michaels, Alaska, today, and for many days speculation has been rife as to the amount of gold it will bring down from the Klondike fields. The arrivals of the schooners Fred E. Saunders and J. M. Colman from St. Michaels early this morning encourage the belief that the Portland will not bring large treasure on the present trip. Every available tug boat on Puget sound has been pressed into service by various newspapers and the race from the straits of Fuca to the nearest telegraph station will be an exciting one. The weather down the straits is very thick this morning and the Portland can easily slip through without being sighted.

MANY ADVENTURERS RETURNING.

Sell Out Their Supplies and Get Out of the Country.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 21.—(Via Seattle Aug. 26.)—The latest news from the north still confirms all previous statements regarding the ingoing Yukoners, their successes and failures in getting over the trails. At Skagway there is found a glutted condition, no progress being made in going over the summit by what is known as the White pass, it having proved a complete failure this year, according to all reports. There are now between 4,000 and 5,000 persons camped along the trail between Salt water and up five or six miles. They will remain there, eating up their supplies, until spring, or until they make up their minds either to go over to Dyea or return to Juneau or the states. Many have already sold out and abandoned the trip altogether, some gladly taking 10 per cent of the original cost of their outfits and leaving that part of the country.

Those who started via Dyea and the Chilcoot pass are getting along very well since the Indians are charging at present 35 cents per pound for packing from salt water to the lakes. Under present conditions it is expected that all who are now on that trail will safely reach Klondike before the winter sets in.

Advices from the interior under date of July 24 are a repetition of what has been said before as to the richness of the diggings that have been worked up to that date, also that some less valuable finds have been made near Stewart river. High prices and wages remain as heretofore reported.

According to recent news from the Yukon, water has been scarce for hydraulic purposes, but better arrangements will be provided for these operations next year.

Flour is still selling in the interior for $60 per sack of fifty pounds and like prices are asked for other staple articles. Miners who were employed in mines near Juneau and who went to the Yukon river have had their places filled by recent arrivals so that now there is no special demand for labor here, and it would be worse than folly for a man to come to Juneau expecting to get work during the winter months. He should be provided with money enough to take care of himself until spring.

The weather has continued favorable for those on the trail and altogther it has been an exceptionally fine season for outdoor operations and a comparatively mild winter is expected.

TO RECLAIM THE ARID LANDS.

Call for National Irrigation Congress to Meet in Lincoln.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 26.—The official call for the Sixth National Irrigation congress has been issued and contains the following:

The sixth annual session of the National Irrigation congress will be held in Lincoln, Neb., September 28, 29 and 30. The basis of representation will be as follows:

1. All members of the national executive committee.

2. All members of state and territorial and state irrigation commissions.

3. Five delegates-at-large to be appointed by their respective governors for each of the following states and territories: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

4. Three delegates-at-large from each state and territory not heretofore enumerated to be appointed by the governors of said states and territories.

5. One delegate each from regularly organized irrigation, agricultural and horticultural societies, and societies of engineers, irrigation companies, agricultural colleges and commercial bodies, such as boards of trade, commercial clubs, chambers of commerce, etc.

6. Duly accredited representatives of any foreign nation or colony, each member of the United States senate and house of representatives and each governor of a state or territory will be admitted as honorary members.

The questions for discussion in the National Irrigation congress are of vital interest, not only to people of arid and semi-arid America, but to every section of our common country. Each succeeding session has been marked by increasing interest, intelligence of discussion and broadening of plans looking to the reclamation of the arid west, and the establishment of independent livelihood for the millions who are yet homeless in a land of unparalleled resources, with a possibility beyond the most extravagant dreams of the optimist. Problems of both national and state legislation are to be considered.

The papers and discussions will emanate from authorities of distinction, who have attained their eminence by practical work, laborious study and philosophic research. Every effort possible will be exerted to make this session the greatest in the results of any convention in the history of the movement.

NATIVES GAINING GROUND

Rebellion in India is Assuming Serious Proportions.

CAPTURE ANOTHER BRITISH OUTPOST

Afridis Now Have Complete Control of Khyber Pass, Which Leads from India Into Afghanistan.

PESHAWUR, Aug. 26.—Fort Lundi-Kotal, situated at the extreme end of the Khyber pass and garrisoned by 300 men of the Khyber Rifles, was attacked and burned by the Afridis on Tuesday. The famous Khyber pass leading from Afghanistan into India has now fallen completely into the hands of the insurgent tribesmen.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The governor general of India, the earl of Elgin, has telegraphed the government here confirming the news of the capture of Fort Lundi-Kotal, adding that one native officer was killed and one wounded.

Continuing, the governor-general announces that nearly all the garrison of Fort Ali-Musjid has reached Jamrud. The soldiers succeeded in retreating with their arms.

The foregoing dispatch has caused a feeling of relief here as it disproves the reported massacre of the garrison of Ali-Musjid and indicates that the garrison of Lundi-Kotal has not suffered greatly.

The only particulars obtainable at present regarding the capture of Fort Lundi-Kotal are that the place held out for twenty-four hours, when the attacking forces succeeded in effecting an entrance into the fort. The reports received from Lundi-Kotal add that the enemy is now scattered, but intends to reassemble on September 15.

The British authorities are gratified that all the men on leave from the Fortieth regiment of Pathans, composed of Mohmands, Swatis and Bonerals, whose tribes are revolting, rejoined their colors on the outbreak of the present disturbances. In addition many men of the reserve forces of this body of men have voluntarily applied for enrollment. The news obtainable regarding the movements of the enemy is of the most meager description.

SIMLA, Aug. 26.—The Afridis attacked Fort Lundi-Kotal Tuesday. The garrison held its own until 30 o'clock Wednesday morning, when, after sharp fighting, in which the native commander of the garrison was killed while leading his men, the enemy gained an entrance. The fight was continued for two hours inside the fortifications by the Khyber rifles in the towers at the angles of the fort, which were strongly built of stone. The Afridis lost heavily before they finally captured the place. They looted the fort, capturing a quantity of supplies and then burned the structure.

Will Not Modify Cereal Duties.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The cabinet decided this morning that there is no ground at present for modifying the duties on cereals.

Crops Doing Well Around Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—A trip out over the country in this section of the state shows the largest and best crops of corn and millet which have been secured in years. The fields of millet will yield all the way from two to four tons per acre and assures a large supply of feed for the winter, while the corn crop has never been better. The stalks are tall and heavy and the ears large and full. While the wheat acreage is not as large as in past years, those who tried it for this year have no cause to complain. One farmer estimates his yield on a field of twenty-five acres at more than twenty bushels to the acre.

Brakeman Falls Under the Train.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Andrew Holtzman, a brakeman on the Elkhorn road, while jumping from a work train in the company's yards this morning to flag a crossing, missed his footing and fell in front of the train. Both his arms were crushed at the wrist and he was otherwise injured. He will lose both hands.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer in Nebraska, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Forecast for Friday:

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer in western portion; variable winds, becoming south.

For South Dakota—Generally fair; warmer; south winds.

For Iowa—Fair; cooler in eastern portion; variable winds.

For Missouri—Generally fair; cooler; northwest winds.

For Kansas—Fair; cooler in southern portion; variable winds.

For Wyoming—Fair; southeast winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 26.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	80	78	88	87
Minimum temperature	62	56	70	60
Average temperature	72	67	79	74
Rainfall	.00	.00	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day	74
Deficiency for the day	2
Accumulated deficiency since March 1	51
Normal rainfall for the day	.10 inch
Deficiency for the day	.10 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	14.14 inches
Deficiency since March 1	8.12 inches
Excess for cor. period 1896	2.70 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1895	6.24 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum for day	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	76	80	.00
North Platte, clear	76	82	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	80	86	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	68	74	T
Rapid City, clear	74	78	.00
Huron, clear	72	76	.00
Chicago, cloudy	82	86	.00
Williston, clear	74	74	.00
St. Louis, clear	92	102	.00
St. Paul, clear	72	76	.00
Davenport, cloudy	82	88	.00
Helena, clear	60	82	.00
Kansas City, clear	84	100	.00
Havre, clear	80	80	.00
Bismarck, clear	74	76	.00
Galveston, partly cloudy	82	84	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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