BURKETT GETS THE VOTES

Republican Nominee for Congress from the First Seems Settled Upon.

Elements of the Party in Lancaster County at Loggerhends Over the Honor of Leading a Forlorn Hope.

LINCOLN, July 28 .- (Special.)-It is now pretty generally conceded that E. J. Burket of this city will be the republican nomince for congress in the First district. Mr. Burkett already has the delegation from Lancaster, and is sure to have almost if not quite the solid vote from Cass and Otoe. Word comes from Johnson and Pawnee that Burkett's friends are largely in the majority there, and similar news comes from can furnish the votes necessary for this re-

Burkett has been spending the week in the outside counties and while in the city for burial. a short time this morning expressed himself as well pleased with the situation. He also believes that the republicans of the First district will roll up a big majority this fall, which will be a big help in pulling the state ticket through to victory.

Since the holding of the conventions in of a populist for governor, in exchange for fallen in with him only a few days ago. which the populists of the district will vote for Manahan for congress at the Plattsprobable consequences of this move, and are correspondingly worried. In the meantime the "silver republicans" made no ina "silver republican." It is said that E. L. Fulton of Pawnee, A. J. Weaver of Richardson and W. B. Price of Lancaster are all hand. being groomed as dark horses, to be trotted

The popocrats of this city are not feeling ventions. They admit that the ticket selected has no chance of election, but com-The populists also blame the democrats for being so frank in the indorsement of the brain, as was as first feared. national administration in its conduct of the war, holding that this will induce some | Corps and the Knights and Ladies of Seof their voters to support the republican curity enjoyed trolley rides. ticket. The democrats have a grievance committee and that he had no part in framing the resolution declaring for the aboli-

The popocratic delegates to the conventions, so far as named yesterday, are as

Democrats to the state convention: James Manahan, Judge Tibbets, at-large; First ward, Robert Malone, James O'Shea, M. L. Scott; Second ward, M. J. Waugh, William Schroeder, W. H. True; Third ward, W. J. Hensley, J. A. Meguire, C. E. Stackman, W. H. Ungles, Lee Edwards; Four'h ward, H. M. Leavitt, T. S. Allen, George Rogers, P. H. Cooper: Fifth ward Carr. O. W. Palm, Ed J. Fitzgerald, S. S. Whiting, M. F. Schwind; Sixth ward, C. S. Jones, H. E. Newbranch, L. F. Zeiger; Seventh ward, G. J. Hess, J. E. Erb, Tom Worrall; country, N. W. Kollamine, John Flynn, G. H. Ruhaak, I. P. Higgins, Ed Haley, W. P. Larsh, M. D. Tiffany, W. J. Counts, C. L. Hemple, J. Z. Briscoe, W. O. Donnell, L. Newton, J. Hester, P. Writze, John Keenan

Silver republicans for congressional delegates: G. L. Laws, L. C. Chapin, William Briffith, Frank Kimball, G. H. Albright, C. Y. Long, J. E. Crane, A. D. Kitchen, George E. Hibner, W. E. Field, E. Sisler, O. P. Lavis, H. A. Chapin, W. C. Fleury, W. M. Morning, C. S. Rainbolt, Judge William Bowen, F. A. Korsmeyer, Ports Wilson, R. G. Chevront, O. P. Erlenborn George Denham, A. H. Gleason, Frank Buck, O. N. Humphrey, E. A. Rogers, Thomas Carr. Gus States; alternates, J. L. Feeters, W. B. Price, Dr. R. L. Bentley, C. M. Bartley, J. H. Gleason, Jacob Vermans Charles Griffith, James McGraw, Dr. Christ, E. T. Fiaherty, George C. Litke. For delegates to state convention; O. P. Davis, Charles Griffith, G. L. Laws, George E. Hibner, James McGraw, Cyrus Lindell, E. Hibner, James McGraw, Cyrus Lindell,
O. P. Erlenborn, Thomas Carr, Dr. R. L.
Bentley, William B. Price, H. W. Hardy,
E. J. Flaherty, O. N. Humphrey, J. J.
Bridges, L. C. Pace, A. K. Goudy, E. E.
Brown, George Denham, J. L. Teeters, J.
H. Gilchrist, Jacob Vermaas, J. M. Wilson,
D. Holm, Dr. Gilchrist, George H. Litke;
alternates, W. G. Fleury, L. C. Chapin, tes, W. C. Fleury, L. C. Chapin Kimball, E. Sisler, C. S. Rainbolt Judge William Bowen, C. Y. Young, C. M. Bartley, F. M. Ross, J. W. Money, George Losey, J. M. Scott, A. Behuke.

Populist delegates to the state convention ward, Robert Wheeler, H. A. Meier; Third ward, J. C. McNerney, H. W. Smith, C. G. Bullock, F. W. Kent; Fourth ward, Jay Burrows, H. M. Casebeer, E. C. Rewick, S. H. King; Fifth ward, O. E. Goodell, R. S. Mockett, T. D. Moulton, George W. Blake; Sixth ward, F. M. Good, Belle G. Bigelow W. H. Hunter; Seventh ward, J. H. Skinner. A. Cooleys, Owsley Wilson; Buda, J. J. Meyer; Centerville, S. H. Lidoiph; Den-ton, John Quinn; Elk, W. H. Deigan; Grant, J. W. Chappell; Garfield, E. E. Smith; Highland, C. F. Kenge; Lancaster, G. H. Walters, W. F. Wright, J. T. Rotenek; Lit-tle Salt, J. G. Neff; Middle Creek, E. Kemp; Mill, A. E. Sutherland; Nemaha, R. Peterson: Rock Creek. Alfred Peterson: Santillo, W. S. Demaree; South Pass, A. J. Young; Stevens Creek, S. R. Hall; Stockton, A. F. Hiatt; Waverly, N. Heleman; West Oak, S. Peterson; West Lincoln, A. J. Roberts; Yankee Hill, J. F. Hay.

Killed by a Train.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)-Anton Pfiefer, a German aged about 50 years, was instantly killed last night about 11 o'clock by the incoming passenger train on the B. & M. He was driving to his home, about two miles east of town, and was caught on the crossing. His team espaneled a jury at once and viewed the re- the last few days has not injured the corn mains and returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts and exonerated the railroad company. Almost every bone in arms were broken in numerous places.

Tries the Strychnine Route. suicide last evening by swallowing a large The berry is sound and plump. Fifty-one fifth district, L. J. Holland, Indianola; for quantity of strychnine. The deceased pur- cents was the market price yesterday and county attorney, S. R. Smith, Indianola; for

chased the poison of a local druggist under 50 cents today. The weather has been exthe pretense of killing rats, and immedi- ceedingly hot for two or more weeks, and ately swallowed it. He had been in ill- very dry, Corn suffered from the heat and health and despondent for some time. He drouth yesterday and the crop will be was quite alone in the world, having neither

wife nor children. W. C. Valentine returned Saturday from Leavenworth, Kan., where he passed the the prices of 1892. examination and received his commission as POPOCRATIC CONFUSION IS INCREASING lieutenant in the regular army of the United States. He has reported for duty and expects orders to join his regiment at

The work of placing the new machinery in position at the flour mill is being pushed When the work is complete the rapidly. West Point mill will be able to make as good flour as the celebrated Minneapolis

ELKHORN CONDUCTOR KILLED

Falls from the Top of the Train-Wife in a Critical Condition as Result of Shock.

CHADRON, Neb., July 28 .- (Special Tele-Richardson. It is conceded that Judge Stull known and most popular conductors on the has Nemaha solid and that he will get a Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley rallfew votes from the other counties in the road, was killed this morning near Sturgis. First judicial district, but the only way the S. D. He was walking across his train and matter can be figured out at this time is fell between the cars, his body being cut that Burkett will get the nomination on the in two. The news was received at the first ballot. Cass and Lancaster counties division office in this city this morning and his wife was told. She was overcome by the shock and is in a critical condition. The body will be brought to this city tonight

> CAPITAL CITY LOCAL MATTERS. Man Named Klasky Killed by a Fall

from a Freight Train. LINCOLN, July 28 .- (Special.) - A Bohemian of the name of Klasky was killed about midnight last night while trying to this county yesterday the situation has be- get off a moving freight train. Together come more complicated as regards the popo- with two pals he was stealing a ride up cratic campaign for the congressional nomi- from Dewitt, and all having been drinking nation. Berge has the naming of the pop- it is supposed that he was too unsteady to ulist delegates and will be careful to select use the necessary care in getting off. Death only such men as will stay with him to the seemed to have been instantaneous. The last. On the other hand the democrats are body was removed to an undertaker's rooms opposed to Berge, and have indorsed James and a thorough search made for a clue as Manahan, who also has the privilege of to the man's identity. Nothing was found naming his delegates. The precaution was beyond a few cents in change, a silver also taken to put Manahan at the head of watch, a gold Masonic charm and a metal the delegation to the state convention, and cheek hearing the name "George Blanco, the plan is to make a trade with the pop- O'Neill." attached to his purse. The men ulist delegates of the First district, the Lan- with him say that his name was Klasky, caster democrats to work for the nomination but that they know nothing further, having A meeting of the county treasurers of the state was called yesterday at the

mouth convention. The Berge forces see the | Lindell hotel. The attendance was small. treasurers from Lancaster, Gage, Clay, Saline, Hall, Keith, Hayes, York, Cuming, Douglas and Seward only being present. dorsements and their delegates will go to Topics of special interest to treasurers were the conventions prepared to grab at any-discussed and the following officers elected: thing that comes in sight. If no opportunity President, G. W. Maurer of Gage; secretary opens for them they will be satisfied with and treasurer, A. L. Sullivan of Lancaster; whatever small crumbs the other popocrats vice president, William Thompson of Hall; are pleased to dole out, but they have hopes executive board, in addition to the above that a deadlock in the congressional con- officers, Thomas C. Dreiss and Millard vention will be broken by the nomination of Frantz. It is the intention to hold another meeting in about two months, and all county treasurers are requested to be on

William Coleson, who assaulted William Ingraham at University Place a few days ago, has given himself up and is now in the very good over the work of yesterday's con- city jail. He was unable to give the required \$1,000 bond. Mr. Ingraham is in a very serious condition, but the attending plain that better men were not selected. physician believes that the blow was not hard enough to induce softening of the

Last night Appomattox Woman's Relief

The advance order for tents for the Ep against the populist convention on account worth assembly has far exceeded the total of the unfortunate mess it got into on the number rented last year and the managefree pass question. This has led Land Com- ment is very much encouraged. The promissioner Wolfe to make a statement today gram opens next Wednesday evening with that he did not meet with the resolutions Snowden & Miller's jubilee singers and a Clay county have met and named the ticket lecture by Rev. Robert McIntyre.

Conway and Shepherd, two men who recently came here and have since been doing in to see to the oil, while Hon. O. W. Palm. an installment business in household furnishings, had a hearing in police court on here before his appearance in Lincoln, came the charge of doing business without a to insure a union of forces. For representalicense. Their defense is that no license is necessary in the installment business, in and if J. O. Walker of Ong should decline spite of the fact that they do a house-tohouse soliciting. Judge Comstock has taken the matter under advisement.

The First Mortgage Loan company of Grand Island has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital of \$10,000. The stock holders are C. A. Carr, William Frank, G W. Weeter, E. S. Dodder, jr., and J. C. Alexander.

Refunding bonds of the David City school The governor announces the appointment of Alfred N. Gerecke as second lieutenant | county atterney. in Company L. Second regiment, in place of Henry B. Allen, who has resigned to take a commission in the regular army, been transferred to the Third regiment. The Southwestern Mutual Life association

of Marshalltown, Ia., has been admitted to transact business in Nebraska.

UNKNOWN BOY KILLED BY THE CARS

Body Found on the Track by the Sec-PAPILLION, Neb., July 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-A boy about 10 years old was found by the section men three miles east of town state convention. Not all the precincts in this morning, frightfully mangled by the the county were represented, even in the cars. Coroner Hamilton was notified, but democratic convention. W. M. Clarey was decided not to hold an inquest. The boy elected chairman and E. D. Marnell secrecould not be identified. He answers the tary of the democratic and James Webber description partly of Arthur Stein, who ran chairman and L. B. Smower secretary of away from his home at Shelby, Neb. He fell the populist convention. The populists after off a train and was ground to pieces by the a discussion of several hours appointed a wheels.

Harvest Notes. DUNBAR, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -A heavy rain fell here yesterday afternoon. This will about insure the corn crop, with another rain in ten days or two weeks to fill out the corn. This section will raise an excellent crop. The corn acreage is nearly one-third less than in former years. The

farmers are putting in a large amount of

but the oats are light in quality and quan-NORTH LOUP, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -Harvest will be practically finished this week. The largest acreage of wheat ever sown in this section will have been placed in shock, but a diminshed yield will render the output light, though the quality is good. Remp. Mill, A. E. Sunerland; Neinand, T. Chambers; North Bluff, James S. Fenigan; Oak, G. S. Passwater; Panama, Chris threshed from the field last year. The weather the last three weeks has been dry and hot. The corn crop has suffered very

> third. WEST POINT, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)-The severe drouth still continues, to the great detriment of the corn crop. Showers largely attended and the committeemen threaten every day, but seem to be always diverted in another direction. Small grain is all cut and stacking is going forward There will be eighty-six delegates in the rapidly. No threshing of wheat or oats has as yet been done.

much and will probably be cut short one

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 28 .- (Speriding was entirely demolished. In the ab- and pastures will be greatly benefited. sence of Coroner Metz, Sheriff Byrnes em- Farmers say that the hot, dry weather of

Harvesting of the fall grain, wheat and rye nomination is equivalent to an election. Pfiefer's body was broken and his legs and is completed. The machines are busy with M'COOK, Neb., July 28.—(Special Telethe oats, barley and spring wheat. The gram.)-The populists of Red Willow county crop is better than was looked for by the held their convention in this city this after-WEST POINT, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) - most sanguine. Threshing machines are John Kakrda, an aged Bohemian, committed busy and new wheat is coming in rapidly. Ing ticket: For representative in the Sixty-

somewhat affected. The town is improving rapidly, many buildings being in process of erection. Real estate will soon command

SOME 1898 CROP STATISTICS, Partial Figures on the Acreage of

Grain in Nebraska This Year. LINCOLN, July 28 .- (Special.) -- The law ontemplates that the assessors of the various counties shall make reports as to the number of acres of grain planted within their districts, compilations of these reports to be sent by the county clerks to the state property assessment. A great many of the been received, while others are incomplete. From the reports now on file at the between \$8,000 and \$10,000. auditor's office the following figures are taken, showing the number of acres of wheat, corn and oats in the counties fur-

C	ounty.	Whent.	Corn.	Onti
	telope	18,294	55,650	15,9
	one	42,299	72,918	28, 11
	x Butte	5,000	6,000	2.60
Bu		34,190	95,719	26,6
	tler	30,721	140,030	55,3
PC.		9,772	57,627	10.0
	dar	55,914	99,028	26,9
	ase	10,410	23,985	4
	erry	7,726	7,611	1.4
Cla		771 (1900)	133,197	33,0
		71,000 44,286		20.7
	ming		99,045	8,9
	wson	103,074	87,665	200
	ixon	20,806	29,029	7.6
	dge	29,744	95,837	28,4
	uglas	13,586	71,153	17,1
	lmore	47,575	145,607	42,4
	ge	31,784	142,232	29,5
	rfield	5,566	8,330	1,3
Go	sper	49,179	43,326	4.8
Gr	celcy	25,945	44.667	9,3
Ha	dl	20,067	73,602	34,6
His	milton	29,010	112,712	32,7
	rian	31,026	78,808	5,6
He	ward	50,785	60,521	18,8
	Terson	25,696	144,943	22.8
	hnson	30,013	107,677	20,2
	nox	38,464	54,412	16,8
	neaster	3,600	175,000	48,0
	ncoln	27,867	36,533	1,3
	gan	768	1,992	1
	dison	36,151	94,665	39,3
	ance	6,153	32,465	8.0
	maha	21,911	56,022	12.2
	ickolls	42.927	138,463	17,0
		32,971	175,155	45,4
	00	18,100	85,280	15.6
	wnee	2,764	3,943	10,0
	rkins	17 460	148,827	50.0
	atte	17,469	92,823	32,6
Po		25,186	20,376	
	ock	2,068		1,4
	line	31,250	83,926	19,4
	ward ,		92,692	38,4
	erman	52,000	42,500	9,9
	anton		74,573	22,0
	myer		138,353	23,7
	illey		40,938	13,7
W	ashington	17,149	45,801	13, 1
	ayne	56,002	94,621	21,7
	ebster	22,311	75,800	13,5
11	heeler	1,138	2,826	108
Y	ork	65,951	109,049	39,1
	Incomplete.			
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Political Pointers. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -In answer to published calls two mass conventions were held at this place the last week, one on the 25th by the populists and one on the 26th by the democrats. In the place designated at the appointed time and after waiting for others, who failed to come, adjourned to a grocery store, where, abandoning all formalities, they chose the following delegates to attend the state and conpublished failed to provide naming the latter delegates. Those named were: State-A. H. Baker, M. B. Slocum, D. C. Dibble. N. R. Brosfield, R. A. Campbell, John Joyce, J. W. Davis. Congressional-J. N. Hamilton, William Reninger, sr., J. M. Woodock, C. B. Howard, George Blessing, Nels Hansen, A. H. Baker, The democratic mass convention was attended by only three persons, and your correspondent, after diligent inquiry, failed to

none of our townsmen being present. CLAY CENTER, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -The few leaders of the fusion forces in which the conventions shall nominate. Hon Nels Alberts, deputy oil inspector, dropped who formerly operated a small restaurant tives: B. W. Campbell will be the populist F. A. Thompson of this place or H. C. Stokes of Harvard will be the democratic representative, while Mark Spanogle of Harvard will be nominated for county attorney

ascertain who were chosen as delegates,

as a silver republican. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)-The republican county convention will be held on Saturday, August 6. The primaries in the city precincts will be held on Friday evening, July 29, and those in district bearing 5 per cent interest and amounting to \$16,000 were recorded today. lively contest is on between E. E. Thompson lively contest is on between E. E. Thompson and J. H. Woolley for the nomination for

GERING, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -The republican delegates from Scotts Bluff county to the state convention are: B. F. Gerecke's commission dates from July 17. Gentry, M. J. Huffman and Fred D. Wolt. Oliver G. Leyda of the Second regiment has To the congressional convention: E. T. Westervelt, James Baxter and J. J. Boyer, The county nominating convention will be

held September 17. DUNBAR, Neb., July 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-The democrats, populists and frec silver republicans held what purported to be separate county conventions here today. There was no free silver republican organization whatever and scarcely enough populists to make up a list of delegates to the committee to meet the democratic committee. The joint committee agreed to fuse and recommend to their several conventions that the democrats nominate a senator, representative and county attorney and the populists nominate a commissioner and representative. The democrats nominated Vincent Straub of Berlin for senator, William McGinley of Douglas for representative and W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City for small grain. The wheat is threshingout good, C. J. Mullis of Dunbar for county commiscounty attorney. The populists nominated sioner of the Second district and E. C. Reed of Syrncuse for representative. Resolutions endorsing the Chicago platform and W. J. Bryan and instructing for the re-election of Senator Allen were adopted. Delegates to the state and congressional conventions were selected, but were not instructed in the interest of any particular

candidates. CHADRON, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -The republican county central committee met in this city yesterday and designated Thursday, August 4, as the date for the republican county convention this year and decided to hold the convention at Crawford. The meeting of the committee was brought in favorable reports of additional strength which the party is gaining daily. convention this year and it is believed that almost the entire number will be present. Only one officer is to be elected in the rial.)-This section was visited by a heavy county-the attorney-but considerable inwas caught on the track on which he was fall of rain yesterday evening. The corn terest is manifested here in the state and congressional delegations. It is a foregone conclusion that the republican nominee for county attorney will be W. H. Fanning, an old-time resident of Crawford and one of FARNAM, Neb., July 28 - (Special.) - the leading attorneys of the county. His

commissioner Third district, J. H. Meyer of STAGE DAYS IN MONTANA endorsing the course of State Treasurer Meserve, Senator Allen and Congressman Sutherland and approving the war action of President McKinley. The democratic convention announced for today did not materialize.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) Theo Smith, aspirant for representative, and M. B. C. True, for county attorney, will contest for the Nemaha precinct dele gation to the republican county convention here. The primaries will be held tomorrow and the convention Saturday.

Roller Mills Sold. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) The South Sloux City roller mills, which auditor along with the other report on the for two years past have been in litigation, were sold vesterday at auction by Sheriff assessors neglected to perform this duty and | Borowsky under a foreclosure of tax lien to rom many of the counties no reports have M. A. Ayres, banker of this place, for \$600. This property is estimated to have eaten up

The Dakota County Teachers' institute convenes on Monday of next week in this place under the supervision of Superintendent H. J. Hapeman, assisted by the following instructors and lecturers: Prof. H. E. Funk, Battle Creek, Neb.; Prof. A. O. Thomas, Minden, Neb.; Prof. J. A. Hornberger, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Mary Sullivan, Lincoln, Neb.; Hon, W. R. Jackson, state superintendent; Prof. A. E. Davidson, University of Nebraska. The session will last two weeks.

SYRACUSE, Neb., July 28 .- (Special Tele gram.)-While John Judkins was attempting to oil some of the bearings of a horsepower attached to a corn sheller on the farm of Mr. Jacobson, north of town, his left hand was caught in the spur pinion wheel and the result was the loss of his first and second fingers and one-half the third. The wound was dressed last night and the victim is resting easily now. Julian Judkins pulled his hand out of the cog wheels in which it was caught by main strength None of his assistants knew of the accident until after it was all over.

Caught in the Cogs.

Kicked by a Horse. CLAY CENTER, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)

-W. B. Taylor, a carpenter of this place, yesterday afternoon was badly kicked by a horse. One of the horse's hoofs struck him on the forehead, cutting a long gash into the skull, the other hoof striking him on the ribs. Fortunately no bones were

To Aid the Volunteers. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)-The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Company M Aid society gave an open air concert and ice cream social at the court house square last evening which was attended by several thousand people. A neat sum was raised for the benefit of the company.

Hot Weather. CLAY CENTER, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -Yesterday was the warmest of the season at this place, the mercury reaching 108 defirst case five populists appeared at the grees in the shade. Corn is suffering for rain and pastures are drying up very fast. Loses His Hand.

BERLIN, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.)-Last evening John Judkins, a farm hand living gressional conventions, although the call on Jacobson's place, three miles west of town, had his left hand torn to pieces in a threshing machine.

> Loses a Finger. HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) Jacob R. Hunzeter, who was quite badly injured in a runaway accident last week vesterday had the front finger of his right hand amputated.

> Rain at Tecumseh. TECUMSEH, Neb., July 28 .- (Special.) -This section was visited by a three-quarer's inch rain last night. It was badly needed, but it is not believed corn has suffered much.

> Deadlock Still Unbroken. MILAN, Mo., July 28 .- (Special Telegram.) The democratic senatorial convention. which has been deadlocked in this city for the last nine days and casting 5,382 ballots, adjourned last night to meet at Kirksville Monday, September 5, 1898. The resolution also referred the selection of a candidate to the state central committee at its next meeting. The resolution was fought hard by the fieldsmen and once it looked like a general riot would be the ending. The last pallot stood: Ely, 13; Pratt, 17; Fields, 19.

> Will Withdraw Through Rates. CHICAGO, July 28.-The roads in the Central Freight association today notified he western lines that September 1 they would withdraw their through rates and divisions on westbound freight to the northwest. This action is the result of the in ability of the eastern and western freight men to agree upon a basis of divisions or through business from the fact that freight rates are higher in the west than in the

Suit for Heavy Damages. MILAN, Mo., July 28 .- (Special Telegram.) -William J. Waite of this county brought suit in the Sullivan county circuit court today against the Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern Railroad company (Port Arthur route) for \$20,000 damages received while a passenger on one of the company's trains.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Prognosticator at Washington Prom ises Nothing but High Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours.

WASHINGTON, July 28.-Forecast for Friday: For Nebraska and South Dakota-Fair weather; high temperature; southerly winds.

For Iowa and Missouri-Fair; warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly. For Wyoming-Fair weather; variable

winds For Kansas-Fair weather; high temperature; variable winds. Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU,
OMAHA, July 28.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with the
corresponding day of the last three years:

1898, 1897, 1896, 1895,
Maximum temperature . 83 91 86 88
Minimum temperature . 66 70 65 82
Average temperature . 77 80 76 75
Rainfall T. 00 .00 .00 .35

Seventy-fifth Meridian time. STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

Omaha, partly cloudy Rapid City, partly cloudy Salt Lake City, clear North Platte, clear ... Theyenne, clear Huron, clear Chicago, cloudy
Williston, clear
St. Louis, cloudy
St. Paul, partly cloudy
Davenport, clear
Helena, partly cloudy
Kansas City, partly cloudy
Hayre, clear lavre. noon and placed in nomination the follow-Galveston, partly cloudy

Palmy Times of the Business in the Northwestern Country.

INDIANS AND BLIZZARDS WERE THERE

Redskin Was Generally Held Accountable for All Evils-Stage Holdups Almost Unknown in the State.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 28 .- The men-

tion of stages and stage-driving conveys an Impression which varies as to the individual who may chance to hear it. To the recent arrivals from the east, via Pullman sleeper, it recalls tales related by older persons of huge coaches, glittering with fresh paint and varnish, drawn by teams of sleek horses along well-kept and easily-graded turnpikes; hospitable roadhouses at short disances apart, where in frosty weather an open fire blazed at one end of the big, cheery office and the "flip-iron" was ever heated for the thirsty traveler and the shining pewter pots hung in the glance of the flames and not far from the cider tap. To the man whose experience in Montana does not exceed more than half a dozen of years the word stage means a lumbering vehicle with an iron-railed top and canvas curtains swung on a cradle of leather straps and following four or more or less dust-gray horses, a mode of conveyance resorted to only in the last extremity, plying through sparsely settled country or to newly-opened mining camps. To the old-timer the term has still a different meaning; to him it is another feature of early days which has been superseded by something better and more convenient, and if for a moment he longs to catch sight once again of old Bill Jones or Antelope Smith, tearing through the streets, cracking a 12-foot lash and urging the horses to their keenest jump with yells and occasional well-thrown pebbles, it is only a fleeting sentiment, and no for a second would he exchange the modern, swiftly flying express train of the transcontinental routes for the plodding though picturesque methods of earlier and, to him, perhaps, happier days. There has been but little romance con-

nected with staging in northern Montana and but little of heroism save that of the kind which falls to the lot of the stoker is the stiffing furnace room of a war ship is action. Of that there have been numerous instances, but that is not the species of bravery which makes columns of reading matter. At the same time, the stage routes of northern Montana were second in importance only to the lines of steamboats which plied on the Missouri and on which the settlers, the hunters of the buffalo and the early stockman depended for supplies.

First Stage Lines.

As nearly as can be learned the first at tempt at staging in this part of the state began in 1864, when Malcomb Clark secured a charter from the Bannock legislation to open, construct, improve and maintain a toll road through the Prickly Pear canyon. Clark started upon the work, but in 1867 he sold his right to Messrs. King and Gillette, who carried it out. Clark was killed by the Picgans in a raid which they made down through the canyon and toward Silver City in 1869. He was buried at what is known as the old Fergus ranch, north of Silver, and his grave may still be seen there. Altogether ther was something like \$60,000 spent or the Prickly Pear road before the late Colonel Broadwater and his associates put in the Montana Central railway in 1888 and for ever ended the use for stages along that

The route ran from Helena via Silver City where there was a junction with lines running to Belmont, Magorville and Vestel, to he old town of Sun River From that so tlement it ran to Fort Benton and made connection with two or three lines of steamboats running down the Missouri to Bismarck and connecting with other lines there. A line which was run in part conjunction to this grand trunk line was that between Fort Benton and Fort Assinniboine. The palmy days of the stage business were in '78-'80, when the stages were under the management of William Rowe & Co. It was their boast that even in the stormlest of winter weather the mails were never more than two days late. That seems at the present day somewhat peculiar and equivocal boast, but when one considers the difficulties which surrounde the trip the achievement of such a record was really worthy of the boast It was in the winter of '79 that Jimmy Casey left Sun River for Benton. The weather was so severe that he had to abandon the stage at the starting point for a light wagon drawn by two horses and with only the mail as freight. About two weeks later a search ing party from Benton found him wandering about on the prairie, still clinging to the line, delirious, and his feet frozen solid.

Presence of Indians.

Neither was it always a pleasant drive in summer weather. Those were the days when Sitting Bull and his Sloux braves were playing hide and seek with General Miles, ranging from Willow creek and the Cypress hills beyond the boundary down to Fort Belknap and other Montana points, having matters much their own way and scaring the settlers into a blue funk every once in awhile. Our own Indians were not much more friendly. Miles had just rounded up the Nez Perces in the Bear Paw mountains and sent them back to their reservation, and at Fort Benton Colonel Moale, then in charge of the post, complained that if was impossible to keep the Bloods, Piegans and Gros Ventres in their proper places so long as Benton merchants would encourage their wandering by purchasing hides and pelts of them whenever they came to town, instead of leaving that business to the regularly authorized agents who visited them on their reservations. The Indian was the personal demon of those days. All evil where the origin was not plain at first sight was ascribed to him, and it is said that it was the rule with many an old timer to take a quiet pot-shot at every solitary Indian he might meet under proper conditions on the plains. That many a good Indian was found on the prairie with a bullet hole through his skull lends an air of probability to this report.

Thus it was natural that Indians should be the first to receive blame for the wandering rifle ball which caught Gus Shafer the rips as he drove up to the Overland at ... 178 Benton one day. The setting was dramatic .13 inch | Gus, who is now driving a hack in this city, dropped the lines to the stableman, and was handing out a package from the boot when. with the cry, "I'm shot!" he fell into the arms of Sergeant Norman of the Northwest mounted police, who chanced to be standing at the side of the wheelers. Several of those on the piazza had heard a faint shot from across the river and had seen the flash of the gun, but none had connected it with the accident before their eyes. Gus was taken upstairs by the proprietor, John Hunsberger, and Dr. W. E. Turner was summoned. As the shirt was taken from the wounded man, the bullet, a ball from a Sharp's rifle, fell from its folds. It had struck him it, the side, perforated his lungs and passed out at the shoulder. Investigation was started immediately and Sheriff Healy at the head of a posse scoured the country.

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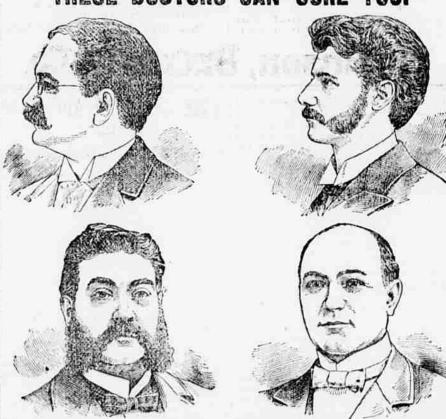
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However, the search finally ended in the traffic immensely. Branch lines were estabarrest and confession of John Carruthers, lished from time to time. Prices were good It seems that he had been crossing the for fares and freight and the equipment was river in a skiff with his rifle lying care- simply enormous. Of course, the country lessly on his arm. In some manner it was was new and the usual dangers beset the discharged. He could see that there was a business. Fortunately, however, there were commotion in the town scross the river, no great gold mines in this section of the and rightly guessed that his unlucky shot country and stage hold-ups were unknown was the cause of it. He threw his gun into in the carry days. The lawlessness was of the river and fied. He was held for some a milder order and confined itself to the time under bonds of \$2,000, but was re- theft of horses and occasional cattle and leased on the recovery of his victim.

most of this was ascribed to that convenient In spite of all these difficulties the stage scapegoat, the Indian. The building of a business flourished. During the ten years telegraph line along the stage road faciliincluded between 1870 and 1880, the popula- tated matters considerably. For instance, tion of the territory had increased from one was enabled to order dinner at a station 20,000 to 38,000, and Benton and the river shead unless some lazy freighter had cut route had obtained its fair share of the down a few poles for firewood, instead of travel. Dupuyer and other places were be- taking the trouble of camping in the cotton-The Indians were the first to fall under ing settled rapidly, there were mining stam- woods along the river bottom. At one time suspicion, and only too often had such aus- pedes to Yogo guich and the Highwoods, this was a crying evil and had to be stopped