

POPCRATS AND THE PASSES

How the Reform Officials Enjoy the Use of Railroad "Facilities."

TOTAL OF THEIR MILEAGE FOR A YEAR

Known Trips Taken and a Reasonably Close Estimate on the Additional Journeys Show the Extent of Their Travels.

LINCOLN, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—It is now about two months since the announcement was made by somebody that the state officials had concluded that "passes were being" and had all turned in their passes. In spite of this "grand stand" announcement it appears that the officials at the state house are still well stocked with passes and that they are putting them to more general use than before. Today the auditor's office is represented on the railroad as follows: Cornell has gone to Richardson county to fix his fences, after having just returned from a trip to Denver; Bond Clerk Price is in Omaha; Clerk Whitaker is enjoying the mountain breezes of Colorado and Joseph John Simmon, the county examiner, will leave tomorrow, accompanied by three relatives, for a trip to Colorado. From the office of secretary of state: Porter is in Omaha, Mohr is in Colorado and Wessner returned last night from Holdrege, where he was looking after a county convention. From the governor's office: Secretary Maret is in Omaha on his way from an extended trip, the governor is just getting settled down from a long railroad trip through the south. Of the other officials who are enjoying the hospitality of the railroads, Dahlman is as usual scouring the state in the interests of the democratic campaign; Deputy Patterson from the treasurer's office, accompanied by his wife, is at Hot Springs, S. D., and numerous other attaches of the state house are traveling about, either for their health or for the good of the party.

Tabulated Statement of Mileage.

Table with columns for office and mileage. Includes Auditor's office (51,500), Treasurer's office (15,000), Secretary's office (25,000), Commissioner's office (15,000), Attorney general's office (25,000), Board of Transportation (25,000), Labor Bureau (10,000), Allotment (10,000), Irrigation (10,000).

It is figured that the distance traveled by the various inspectors, clerks, employees of institutions, Commissioner Wolfe, Superintendent Jackson and other deputies, and the army of relatives and friends who have passed over the rails, and institutions are included in the total, as no possible estimate can be made of the distance traveled by these officials, all of them on free passes. The following table is prepared from the knowledge of the actual trips taken by the officials, deputies and their immediate relatives:

How They Pile It Up. In the above estimate it will seem to the casual observer that the figures relating to the offices of the railroad are somewhat out of proportion to the others, as neither of these offices have a very large corps of deputies to help in the good work. It must be remembered, however, that both Attorney-General Smyth and Deputy Smith have lived at Omaha during their terms, going back and forth between the metropolises and Lincoln as an ordinary business man would go back and forth on a street car. If Smyth makes three round trips per week the total reaches 330 miles per week, or over 17,000 miles per year. Two years would make 34,000 miles without counting the regular trips of Smith and Corcoran, and the other junkies of the two principal officials.

In the case of Meserve, it is remembered that last year he needed over 17,000 miles Cook, making weekly trips back and forth, and quite often giving his relatives an outing over the railroad lines. This made an average of about 750 miles per week, or 39,000 miles during the year for trips between Lincoln and McCook. The balance is easily made up this year and last by the extra trips of the treasurer and his office force, none of whom have been averse to doing their part in keeping the rust from accumulating on the railroad tracks. This year Mr. Meserve and family live here mostly at a \$3 a day hotel, and the McCook trips are not so frequent.

The free passing of the reform officials has extended to Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, Tennessee, New York, Chicago, Indiana, Colorado, South Dakota, and other states, and to every conceivable point in the state of Nebraska where a railroad touches, and with the indisputable evidence of the great obligations to the railroad companies it is considered no great wonder when the populist voters of the state inquire: "Whither are they drifting?" and also, "Whither are they passing?"

Lincoln Local Notes. University Place voted yesterday to allow the Lincoln Street Railway company to extend its tracks through that village. The vote was 95 to 12. State Superintendent Jackson has attended teachers' meetings at Blair and Syracuse this week and will be at the meeting at Nelson tomorrow. The daily sick report from the Third Regiment today announces that there are thirty-six sick men in the quarters and twenty-three in the hospital.

WOLSOAP advertisement with image of a woman and child. Text: 'Some soaps do but little harm. Some do much harm. There is one soap that does no harm. It won't shrink wool—won't harm fine laces—won't injure the skin. Make any test you will. There is absolutely no harmfulness in WOLSOAP. IT SWIMS.'

OMAHA PEOPLE AT THE HOTELS

At the Lincoln Hotel, E. C. Charles, Charles G. Gannon, F. L. Lewis, W. H. Kinney, P. H. Tuttle, A. L. Lincoln, A. J. Love, J. P. Phillips, C. R. Griffiths. Cards are out for the wedding of Frank L. Mary of the governor's office to Miss Catherine Neville of Plattsmouth, to occur at the latter city on the 7th of next month. Miss Neville is a daughter of ex-Senator Neville of Cass county.

The Automatic Gas Lamp Company of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital stock of \$200,000. The stockholders are Allan R. Kelley, Frank A. Broadwell, William E. Yarton, James A. Yarton and James E. Riley.

The body of John Doolittle arrived here from Chicago this morning and the funeral was held this afternoon under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic posts. Mr. Doolittle was formerly a resident of this city and was one of the early mayors.

The parents of Henry Boalen, who enlisted in Company H, Second regiment, and whose home is at Wilber, have written to General Booley saying they have learned that Henry is sick in the hospital at Chickamauga and they would like to know if he is well enough to accompany the regiment when it starts here.

IS IT MURDER OR ACCIDENT?

Antelope County Man Killed in a Scuffle—Parties Had Previously Had Trouble. NEIGH, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Late last evening a telegram was received stating that Henry Raser, living in the extreme northeast part of the county, had been accidentally shot and killed while attending to the ranch good to the corn, vegetables and fruit.

PLATTSOUTH, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A fine rain fell in this vicinity last night, which did much good to the corn, vegetables and fruit. EDGAR, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The weather has been intensely hot during the last week, and on Monday afternoon there were hot winds, the first of the season.

FRASCUE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy thunder storm struck this place on Monday night, with three-quarters of an inch of rain. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The farmers are jubilant over a fine rain which visited this section yesterday afternoon at 4:30 and is still continuing at 6 o'clock. It is falling gently, unaccompanied by wind, and will do much good to vegetation of all kinds. It also made a marked improvement in the temperature.

NEBRASKANS WOUNDED

DAVID CITY, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—John F. Duncan of Company E, First Nebraska, whose name appears in the list of severely wounded in the dispatch from Mexico, is being treated at the military hospital of David City. He is a young man of strong constitution and general good health. Great hopes are expressed that he will recover. The Charles E. Peltzer, Company E, mentioned as having been slightly wounded in the dispatch, is Charles E. Peltzer of Osceola, who was mentioned in the dispatch as being wounded in the neck. The report of The Bee of the 24th in regard to William Lewis is correct.

OTEO COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

SYRACUSE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Oteo County Teachers' Institute is in session here with Superintendents C. G. Pearce of Omaha, J. F. Saylor of Lincoln, and C. A. Fisher of Edgar as instructors. The attendance today was 109. Superintendent Saylor lectures Thursday night on "American Expansion."

DECEASED WILL CASE

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—County Judge Cagney today decided the Bisel will case in favor of the contesting heirs, setting aside the will which was presented for probate. The property involved amounts to about \$20,000 and was left by the deceased, William C. Bisel, to an "anti-secret" organization. The natural heirs are bringing a contest, and the chances are the case will reach the higher courts, as both sides are stubborn and have good financial backing.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The final hearing of George Wright on a charge of assaulting Nightwatch Conner with a rock or other missile was held today. The officer, with a party of citizens, was raiding a supposed gambling house and they claim Wright took offense at Conner's action in the matter and hurled a rock at him in the darkness. Police Judge Bull declared the accused guilty and imposed a fine of \$25 and costs. An appeal will be taken.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION CALLED

CHADRON, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The convention of the Fourteenth senatorial district will be held in Gordon, Neb., on Wednesday, September 21, a call to that effect having just been issued by J. H. Crowder, chairman. It is a foregone conclusion that Hon. W. H. Reynolds of Chadron will be the nominee.

LOSES A LIMB

UNION, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—At 10 o'clock this forenoon Carl, the 12-year-old son of J. C. Frank, was run over by the southbound freight train and his right leg was badly mangled. Several physicians amputated the limb near the hip at 5 o'clock this evening and at 11 p. m. the boy is resting as well as can be expected, yet his recovery is considered doubtful.

OFFICER RETURNS HOME SICK

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Lieutenant F. L. Dinmore arrived home from Chickamauga Park yesterday, on leave of absence. He is sick. Lieutenant Dinmore is of company I, Second Nebraska. A dwelling in East Tecumseh burned to the ground yesterday. It was occupied by C. Barton and family and all household effects were lost.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA NOTES

Recent Fossil Lectured at Franklin this week. The subject, "The Three-Fold Evidences of the Age of the Earth," was of interest of the industrial department of the

UNIVERSITY AND ARE VERY HIGHLY SPOKEN OF BY THE LOCAL PAPERS

Hundreds of Edworth league visitors have been upon the university grounds the past ten days. Chancellor MacLean leaves Minnesota this week with President Northrup of Minnesota university, and party, for a trip to the Pacific coast. The party will be gone until September.

The Outlook of last week contained a very pleasant article upon state universities by Chancellor Northrup of Minnesota, with a group photograph of the presidents of the western universities. All the way from St. Petersburg, Russia, a student writes to ascertain particulars in regard to electrical engineering departments, with the intention, he writes, of coming here to take the course.

The additional room secured by the new building will be crowded from the start. The mathematics department, and some of the scientific departments will be housed in the new building, besides the lectures and class rooms of the mechanics arts department.

Prof. A. E. Davidson of the School of Agriculture has returned from a two weeks' hard tour of the state speaking at teachers' institutes, arranging farmers' institutes for next winter and promoting the work of the department with which he is connected. There will be a large increase in the School of Agriculture at the fall semester.

The walls of the new Mechanics Arts' building are just being completed and work will begin next week. The building will be ready for occupancy during the fall. It has been resolved to make the occasion a memorable one, and President Chaplin of Washington university, St. Louis, has been invited to deliver an address during the dedication.

Prof. Owen of the department of electric engineering, has been elected to the professorship of electricity in McGill university at Montreal, Canada, during the summer, and will probably go there. The board of regents will be called upon to elect some one to occupy the chair here. Prof. Owen will remain until the fall semester to start the work for the present year.

Prof. Lawrence Bruner has returned from his visit to the grasshopper district in southern Nebraska. He reports that the hoppers are by the bushel and great damage is done in some localities. The hoppers are not the old flyers which devastated the west twenty years ago, but are a new variety. They have entirely consumed many fields of alfalfa and severely damaged cornfields. The best method of fighting them as devised by Prof. Bruner is a machine about ten feet wide, which is driven up and down the fields of alfalfa by horses and which catches the hoppers in a tin box filled with an emulsion of coal oil and water. One acre of alfalfa twenty-acre field has gathered five or six bushels of hoppers.

DISTRUSTS THE UNITED STATES

Uncertain of Our Motives Hayti Refuses to Allow Establishment of Weather Bureau Station There. WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—It has just developed that the Haytian government in its recent refusal to permit the establishment of a United States weather bureau station there, based its action on a suspicion that the United States intended to use the station as a base for territorial acquisition on that island. While almost all the governments negotiated with cheerfulness co-operated in the movement for the extension of our weather service, Hayti absolutely refused. The result was unexpected. It is a positive character refusing to allow any word of our weather warnings in any shape to reach that country. The correspondence between the two governments follows:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PORT AU PRINCE, HAÏTI.—Hon. Brutus S. Victor, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Port Au Prince: Sir—My government, in order to more completely study the atmospheric conditions in the tropics, desires to establish meteorological stations in various parts of the West Indies, South and Central America. My government desires to have your republic included in the great benefit that will be attained from the meteorological observations in the study of the great hurricanes which are so prevalent at certain seasons of the year in that section, which not only brings widespread damage to the commerce, but also causes great areas of sterility. The establishment of such stations, the knowledge will be such as to give warning to the world's commerce.

These stations will be equipped with the latest and best instruments to study all features of the atmosphere as they may occur in these latitudes. It is a privilege you share in the great benefit therefrom. It asks of you your co-operation in this advancement in the world of science, not by the expense of your government, but by the sharing of your own resources. My government suggests, and as I have already stated, requests that you give consent that such an observatory be located at Mole St. Nicholas on account of its advantageous position. Its connection by cable with the leading cable station, Havana, will be such as to give warning to the world's commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, PORT AU PRINCE, HAÏTI.—Mr. MINISTRE: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of dispatch of this month No. 135, by which you inform me of the desire of your government to proceed to the establishment of a meteorological observatory at Mole St. Nicholas, and begging me to obtain the assent of the Haytian government in favor of the project. Well appreciating the services that this observatory would be called to render to navigation in general, the government of the republic of Hayti, which I hastened to inform of the project, has given its assent to consideration of high interior politics, sees itself with much regret unable to grant favorably your request. I am well pleased to see that you are so well informed, short as it may be, that has expired since your happy arrival among us, will amply suffice to a mind as perspicacious and high as yours, to appreciate at their value the imperious reasons that have led the Haytian government to take this decision. Please accept, etc.

Promptly on the receipt of this, Secretary Wilson gave Chief Moore of the weather bureau the following instructions: "I forward you a copy of the Haytian government's dispatch, which I think it better to establish a meteorological observatory on that territory. I think it is exceedingly unkindly on their part, but of course all we can do is to make use of the conscientious country that are so friendly to us. I desire that in the conduct of your observations, you give me no information nor copies of dispatches to the Haytian government and have no correspondence whatever with it along meteorological lines. Evidently they are suspicious of ulterior motive on the part of this government and it is our duty to keep away from them entirely."

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Omaha Continues to Come to the Front with an Increased Number of Killings.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Price Current says: Not much change is noted in the current aggregate movement of hogs. Western packings are 21,000, compared with 205,000 the preceding week and 245,000 the week before. From May 1 the total is 10,175,000, against 8,780,000 the year ago. Prominent figures compare as follows:

Table with columns for city and number of hogs. Includes Chicago (2,395,000), Cincinnati (2,560,000), Omaha (540,000), St. Louis (625,000), Indianapolis (491,000), Milwaukee (538,000), Cincinnati (283,969), St. Joseph (422,000), Gary (217,000), Cedar Rapids (232,000), Sioux City (135,000), Nebraska City (177,000), St. Paul (143,000).

TALKING OVER IRRIGATION

National Congress to Meet in Cheyenne September 1.

MANY TOPICS DOWN FOR DISCUSSION

Special Papers to Be Presented by Noted Scientists and Specialists on Irrigation Matters.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 24.—The following is the program of the National Irrigation congress which meets here September 1 to 5. Other subjects will be added later, and in addition a large number of special papers will be presented, besides the lectures and discussions. Thursday, September 1, 10 a. m.—Congress called to order by President Joseph M. Carey, addresses of welcome by Governor William A. Richards, Mayor William R. Schilling and the E. Smiley, president of the State university, responses by the president and others. Afternoon session—Appointment of committees, reports of committees, election and installation of permanent officers, addresses by officers. In the evening there will be a reception at the state capital.

During the sessions of Friday and Saturday, September 2 and 3, the following matters will be considered: Water and agricultural problems which have arisen in the irrigation development of the several arid states and the methods of administration in courts or needed in these states. "The Successes and Failures in Canal Building," by the Hon. J. C. McPherson, discussed by Colonel E. S. Nettleton of Denver and participated in by J. C. Ulrich of Denver, Samuel Fortier of Ogden, S. L. Wiley of Omaha, J. D. O'Donnell of Billings, Mont., and others.

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WYOMING CROP REPORT

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 24.—The crop service report of the weather bureau for the week ending today shows the last week to have been unusually warm throughout the state. Scattering showers occurred on the 16th, some portions of the state receiving good rains. Throughout the eastern portions of the state the grain harvest is about completed, potatoes are maturing rapidly and the crop season is about at an end. Grain harvesting is in progress throughout Big Horn county, but in the western portion of the state spring-summer grain is just ripening and the harvest only begun. The reports indicate that the grain crop of the western portion of the state will be the best for years. Haying still continues, but the bulk of the crop, which has been excellent in all parts of the state, has already been secured.

THREE WANT AN OFFICE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The democratic state convention at Springfield last week developed three candidates for the chief clerkship of the next house of Missouri general assembly, John Marens of Hamilton, ex-Representative H. P. Tamm of Jackson county, and ex-Representative J. W. Patrick of Jackson county.

FILES A BIG MORTGAGE

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Considerable surprise has been occasioned here by the filing in the office of the register of deeds of a mortgage for \$15,000, executed by M. Novotny, a prominent business man of Kimball, in favor of Jane Novotny of Yankton. Novotny conducts a general store at Kimball, where he has resided a great many years.

KANSAS NEWS NOTES

Concordia boasts of the largest convent college in the state. Kansas shows an increase in population of 22,000 this year. Traveling agencies in western Kansas are doing a flourishing business. Fred Bugbee, a Rough Rider from Olatche, declares that he never saw greater crowds than the Cuban.

The annual Indian smoke of the Osage and Delaware tribes near Independence broke up this year in a big free fight, due to the efforts of fakirs to rob the red men, who were boys from Santiago are sending home great quantities of buttons cut from the clothes of dead Spaniards, which are being auctioned off at Grand Army of the Republic benefit sales.

Governor Leedy claims that the federal government has been too slow in whipping Spain, in spite of the fact that the flag which has stood in these possessions for 400 years was pulled down in 14 days. Wichita county, on the Kansas-Colorado line, this season has the finest corn prospects in the state. This is the very center of the drought district and corn miles in every direction from Wichita county there is little vegetation.

The women of Coffeyville sent each other a letter forwarded to the Kansas troops at San Francisco a new testament. Now comes a complaint that the boys want the old testament because there is so much more war in that than the latter edition. The experiment station at Manhattan has had the same acre of land in wheat for 100 years. The fertility of the soil. This year it promises to yield thirty bushels. For eighteen years the average has been nineteen bushels per acre. During that time no manure has been used.

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Proposed Arizona Forest Reserve. PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—J. S. Holsinger, special agent of the United States Land department, has just returned from a month's trip in northern Arizona, where, in company with W. P. Hermann of Washington, D. C., he has been examining the commissioner of the general land office, he has investigated the practicability of forming a forest reserve on the headwaters of the Verde river, one of the principal tributaries of the Salt river. The report has been forwarded to the Washington commissioner of the general land office, which will have a length east and west of about fifty miles.

Good Outlook for Cattlemen. PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The shippers of the first bunch of range cattle which went from this market this season have no cause to complain of the price received, nearly the whole shipment going at \$1.40. The total shipment was comprised of 1,120 head and belonged to a number of parties. It is not likely that any further shipment will go out until September as the cattle are yet considered rather soft for shipment and are subject to heavy shrinkage. A large number of cattle will be in shape for shipment during the season and there will be a rush of shippers in the latter part of September and the first of October. Besides the shipments from this place, heavy shipments will be included in the shipment of cattle as the cattle which were placed in that portion of the country will go to market this year yet. Range conditions show up in good shape for a prosperous season and the cattlemen are well pleased with the outlook.

Former Nebraska Man's Promotion. HALEY, Idaho, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Neal J. Sharp, recently appointed register of the Haley, Idaho, United States land office, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, in the year 1833; resided on a farm with his parents in said county for fifteen years; moved to Quincy, Ill.; resided on a farm at Quincy with his parents until 1850, when with his parents he moved to Fremont county, Iowa afterwards to Mills county, Iowa, where he studied law; removed to Salem, Richardson county, Nebraska, where he was admitted to the bar; was a member of the second session of the Nebraska legislature. In 1851 he enlisted in the First Nebraska volunteers as a second lieutenant, rose to the rank of captain, was twice commissioned for meritorious conduct on the field. After the war he came west and engaged in mining business, settling in Casper county, Idaho, where he held the office of district attorney for seven consecutive years.

Drinks a Fatal Draught. DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—L. A. Graves, an old resident of the Black Hills, drank cyanide of potassium instead of water this afternoon in this city and died in an hour. He owned considerable mining property in the southern hills.

Kansas Wants the Special. TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Allen has asked the co-oper-

PROPERTY TO A SYNDICATE AND RETIRED FROM BUSINESS

HOPE are an immense crop this year. The yield will be double that of last season. Blackberries are scarce in the mountains this year for the first time in many years. Many forest fires have been started in the mountains this summer and much damage has resulted. Albany's complete street car equipment was destroyed by fire. It consisted of one street motor car. Sheep men charge that their enemies have started numerous fires on the sheep ranges this summer. John Neasey, a Salvation Army worker, has scored a traction and is now with a crew of co-workers is traveling through Oregon, threshing by day and preaching by night. The soft pine of which the telegraph and telephone poles in Oregon are composed offer such a tempting inducement to the whittling fiend that the companies are securing by strapping the wires so that a bolt of electricity will shock any one who sticks a knife into the poles.

MISSOURI NEWS NOTES

The woolen mills of Carthage are running day and night. Kodaway county citizens have organized a good Roads association and are doing much work in that direction. The corn crop of southern Missouri has been practically destroyed by the drought, but the northern counties are in good condition. Kansas City's ordinance regulating dairymen in that municipality has been declared unconstitutional and now any old kind of milk is on sale there. Missouri papers are talking of that state having two prominent candidates for president in 1900—William J. Stone, democrat, and Webster Davis, republican.

D. H. Wightman, a prominent merchant of De Soto, unable to stand business complications, arranged his books and papers, and his relations and blew out his brains. Brookfield, Mo., Mexico, Cameron and other north Missouri cities will have special displays of Jacksonianism at the Missouri fair. They are not inclined to see the state day abandoned. Rev. J. A. Headington of Mexico, Mo., has announced a protest without having any sign with him. Now he is preparing to mount the lecture platform to tell of the riches that are not to be found in this region.

The survivors of the notorious Quantrell band will hold a reunion at Blue Springs, September 3. The arrangements are being conducted by George Shepard, a member of the band, under the leadership of later a member of the James band of train robbers. Shepard is now a peaceable farmer of Jackson county. It is said that thirty members of the Quantrell band will assemble at the reunion.

South Dakota News Notes. Labor day will be celebrated in many South Dakota towns. Political equality clubs occupy the idle hours of Jacksonian business men. The railroad being constructed up Hay Creek to the coal fields will be completed this fall. In the Spearfish valley during the heat of last week the apples in most of the orchards fell off and all other fruit was ruined. The Deadwood fire department voted last week to attend the national tournament at the Transmississippi Exposition in a body. An energetic thief with a fancy for a variety of hammocks went through Sturgis and stole twenty-two from the various front yards in one night. The range property has changed ownership in South Dakota this year. It is estimated that more than \$1,000,000 has been invested by eastern parties in the valley south of Deadwood this year. At the September term of federal court at Deadwood the case of the government against the Homestake Mining company for 5000 damaged timber appropriated by that company will be tried. Small cattle owners have fenced up the water holes formerly used by the big shippers to refresh their herds being moved overland on the eastern range of the state and costly litigation is threatened. The Motor Cycle Transportation company, operating a line between Pierre and Yankton, scored a broken wheel of their machinery the first day. The line is favored with promises of much patronage as soon as the motors get to running regularly.

Washington News Notes. The fruit yield promises to be very abundant this season. The Red Cross has organized as a state society in Washington. A German syndicate has invested a large sum in mines near Galena. The reported finding of gold on Pine creek is now known to have been a fake. Tacoma will erect a crematory and stop the practice of dumping refuse matter on tidal lands. There will be no more bicycle races in Washington this year. The meets have not paid thus far. Railroads are fighting the assessments in each county of the state. They want reduction of one-third. Arrivals in Seattle from the Klondike report little gold coming out and much starvation among the miners. Rev. Campbell W. Bushnell of Spokane is a lawyer, politician and a minister. He wants to go to congress. A crusade is being waged in all Washington towns against the practice of permitting young boys and girls in low theaters and similar places of amusement. A miserable gang of criminals, occupying a mountain cabin near Seattle, has been discovered and broken up. The members make a practice of enticing young girls to their lonely habitation and abusing them.

Catholic Societies' Election. MILWAUKEE, Aug. 24.—The Central union of Catholic Young Men's societies this afternoon elected these officers: President, Rev. John J. Hagen of Belleville, Ill.; first vice president, Lucas Ried, Milwaukee; corresponding secretary, Joseph H. Reimay, Writsburg; financial secretary, J. H. Lenz, Detroit; treasurer, Michael C. Reiss, Belleville, Ill. The next meeting place is St. Paul, Minn.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The directors of the International Paper company have declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable October 1.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy Weather and Variable Winds for Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota. WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Forecast for Thursday: For Nebraska and Iowa—Partly cloudy weather; variable winds. For South Dakota—Fair weather; variable winds. For Kansas—Fair in western portion; thunder storms in eastern portion; variable winds. For Missouri—Thunder showers; variable winds. For Wyoming, Colorado and Montana—Generally fair; variable winds.

LOCAL RECORD

OFFICE LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 24.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with the corresponding day of the last three years. Maximum temperature... 89 82 87 85 Minimum temperature... 57 50 52 54 Average temperature... 77 70 73 74 Rainfall... 2.50 2.00 2.00 Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1887. Normal