FOWLER DENUDES THE PARK

Commandant at Milford Hems Death on the Shade Trees and Vines.

PREFERS FENCE POSTS TO LEAFY BOWERS

Commercial Value of a Bosky Sward Not in It Alongside a Pile of Well Seasoned Cordwood with Him.

LINCOLN, June 23.—(Special.)—The report of the committee appointed by the Grand Army to investigate the condition of the Soldiers' Home and park at Milford was presented to Department Commander Reese this afternoon. It condemns in unmeasured terms the superintendent of the institution for the wanton destruction of trees and other natural growth about the place and recommends that legal steps be taken to prevent further vandalism. The report is signed by J. H. Culver, Milford, chairman; Alex Graham, Beatrice; John Jeffcoat, Omaha; C. F. Steele, Fairbury; A. S. Pierce, Hastings, and W. M. Gifford of Burchard. O. E. Gifford, a populist member of the investigating committee, refused to serve with the others, but he has since visited the home at Milford and it is understood that he will present a minority report. John Jeffcoat of Omaha, another populist, signed the report without hesitation. The report reads:

LINCOLN, June 20, 1900.—To General John Reese, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Nebraska—Sir: Your committee to whom were referred the duty of examining and reporting upon the condition of the Milford Soldier's Home, park and premises, would respectfully submit the following:

The Soldiers' Home premises consisted of about forty acres of land, situated on the west bank of the Big Blue river, rising to the elevation of about sixty feet on the west side, on which are located the buildings, and sloping to the east and south. Some twenty acres of prairie immediately surrounding the home were nicely sodded with blue grass and white clover. Bordering this on the north, east and south, was a magnificent park of native oak, elm, black walnut, box elder, maple, ash and a few cottonwoods. Interspersed among the timber hung an immense grape vine, forming a beautiful arbor, where gray squirrels sported and a great variety of birds had sought the seclusion of the forest to rear their young and teach them the song attuned to nature's sweetest notes. The timber belt is not wide, reaching from the clearing to the river and bordering the spring branch, which courses through the southern part of the grounds, all seeded to blue grass.

Succumbed to the Drouth.

Quite a number of hickory trees formerly thrived along the hillside to the east and south, but the dry, scorching season of 1894 and 1895 killed nearly all of them. During the following winter the Board of Public Lands and Buildings instructed the commander to cut the dead ones and work them up into firewood for the use of the home range, which was done. A few groups situated in a protected portion of the park survived the hot season and are still living. Artistic walks and drives had been laid out, winding through the woodland, which was kept in order by the old comrades, who were busy in beautifying the park. Rustic seats were erected here and there and rustic bridges built over the deep ravines. Rows of rose bushes contributed by the women of Milford, Seward, Dorchester and other places, lined the circular walk from the west line to the front of the main building, which faced to the east and to the park. The spring south of the building on the grounds was kept in order and propelled a hydraulic ram that forced the spring water to the top of the building. Old veterans disappointed in life or bereft of home and comfort found here a place of interest, the ever-changing scenes as he wandered along the pathway diverted his mind from the past, hope was renewed and his life was made brighter and better by a study of nature's storehouse of great-souled wonders.

We were informed that for thirty years the former owners of this park had watched over and protected the trees and trailing grape vines, while they recognized here in its natural state those interesting features that thousands of dollars had been expended to secure for the popular parks of the world. This is but a meager description of the grove as it was left four years ago.

Cut for Commercial Purposes.

Your committee, composed for the most part of those who had labored as members of the legislature to secure this home for the homeless ex-soldiers, because of these very attractions, were sorely disappointed to find the indiscriminate destruction of many of the most picturesque portions of the park. By careful investigation we found that ten men have been employed for more than three weeks in cutting fence and hitching posts at 2½ cents apiece and wood on the share, with instructions to destroy grape vines and plum trees indiscriminately. We found that over 1,000 green trees and a countless number of grapevines had been cut down without apparent reason other than affording greater pasturage for the town cows. At least half of those cut were oak and red elm. The former had grown in groups, affording opportunity for the construction of inviting seats. Many of the symmetrical clusters were utterly destroyed or one lop-sided tree left, shorn of the glory to mark the place of destruction. Some were of sufficient height to make five or six lengths of posts and many of the butt-cuts were of sufficient size to be split into four posts. The grapevines from all sizes to four inches in diameter that supplied the life of the overhanging archways of green that were the admiration of many descriptive writers and artists who frequented the state premises had been utterly obliterated. Not content with the woodman's ax, the brush had been collected and burned under the living trees and over the clusters of stumps, leaving the charred remains and blackened spots in the blue grass sward as an eyesore for years to come. The squirrels have all been allowed to be ruthlessly shot and visitors permitted to hitch their horses to trees, girdling many of them in an unseemly manner.

The path and driveways were neglected and weed-grown. The rustic seats and bridges were permitted to rot and decay; the springs allowed to fill up and ooze out through soggy earth or find a subterranean passage from their rocky festoons to the creek below, so lost to sight that several of the members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings declared that there were none on the grounds.

The hydraulic ram lies rusting in the ground where once its evolutions afforded interest to the thousands of veterans and supplied refreshing draughts to the parched lips of the hospital patient. The lone tree that stood within twenty feet of the main building and affording an outlook for the feathered songsters on the highest elevation to greet the rising sun was cut down (before any appropriation was made for the new building). The beautiful rose bushes, containing all the varieties known to thrive in this latitude which marked the gravel pathway leading in the direction of the village have been cut down.

Thus within a few months the state has suffered irreparable loss and the wards of our commonwealth bereft of many advantages dear to them.

Fowler Snubs the Committee.

Commander Fowler was very discourteous to the committee, but while admitting that he had instructions to do the cutting and had sold a large number of posts and ricks of wood said he would assume all the responsibility. The only member of the Visiting and Examining board convenient to be interviewed said it was done without her knowledge and deprecated the vandalism.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings was visited by your committee (three of them being present). The board professed but little knowledge of the destruction of the timber, but generally justified the acts of the commandant. The chairman of the board admitted that he had recently visited the ground and that the grapevines had been destroyed, because they were injuring the trees, but failed to state why the trees were cut down that were supporting the vines. The members present treated the matter lightly and were indifferent, giving the impression that it was of little consequence to them.

Your committee is constrained to report that there has been a wanton destruction of state property without any justifiable reason and that the loss to the state is beyond reparation.

In view of the report that the commandant of the home designs to renew the cutting of trees and the attitude of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings your committee would recommend that such legal action be taken as will stay the hand of the destroyer and prevent further vandalism.

The republican ratification has been postponed until June 28.

Two Licenses for One Couple.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—There was quite a romantic runaway marriage here yesterday, or rather at Pawnee City. Mr. William Holman Jennings of Lincoln, the Christian Science healer, who rooms in the Burr block and who formerly practiced law here, being the groom and Miss Addie Shaw Lyman, who has lived here since a child, being the bride. Mr. Jennings came down here Thursday night, with a marriage license securely hid in his inside pocket, which he had procured that day from the county judge of Lancaster county. Finding an irate father, who had been much opposed to the young man since his embracing the Christian Science faith, in the way of the bride accompanying him to Lincoln, with the aid of friends, a swift team was procured and the couple drove to Pawnee City, where another license was procured and the couple made one. The Lancaster county document he took back with him to Lincoln. Arriving home and driving up to the residence of the bride they were not permitted to enter and took their dinner at the house of a mutual friend.

They took the afternoon train for Lincoln, their future home. The bride is the daughter of W. G. Lyman of this place and the groom is a nephew of Captain R. P. Jennings.

Workman Falls from Staging.

FREMONT, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Rudolph Bethge was overcome by the heat about 10 o'clock this morning while kalsomining a room in the second story of the Miller-Loomis block and fell to the floor from the staging from which he was working, striking on his head and shoulders. He was removed to his home, on Tenth street, and has ever since remained in an unconscious condition. In addition to the effects of the heat he sustained severe injuries to his head and back, which his physicians fear may prove fatal.

Re-Establish Blair Road.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The county board of supervisors has decided to re-establish the boundaries of the historic "Blair road" within the confines of this county. This is one of the oldest established roads in the state and runs in a diagonal direction from the southeast corner of the county to the City of West Point, thereby saving to farmers living along the route a considerable distance to the county seat. It was established by a special act of the legislature on February 15, 1869, but the records of that body being inaccessible to the people of this county heretofore the fact was denied and the road allowed to fall into disuse.

Sidney Plans for Celebration.

SIDNEY, Neb., June 23.—(Secial Telegram.)—This beautiful little city will celebrate the glorious Fourth on a grander and larger scale than ever before. The work of getting up one of the old-time glorifications was placed in the hands of a competent committee and it has labored hard to make it a success. A prominent speaker from abroad will address the people at the skating rink. There will be a mammoth parade, all sorts of out-door sports will be indulged in and at night a big dance and fireworks. Hundreds of people from the country have signified their intention of being present.

Street Fair Preparations.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The first meeting of the street fair executive committee was held at the Commercial club rooms last night. Officers were selected and the chairman of several subcommittees appointed. The unanimous sentiment of the committee was that no time should be lost in getting ready for the fair and preparations will begin at once. The officers of the executive committee are: Chairman, John Bratt; vice chairman, W. R. McKeen; secretary, W. H. McDonald; assistant secretary, Butler Buchanan; treasurer, W. A. Vollmer.

On Trial for Gambling.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Last Wednesday the case of the State against J. H. Kuntz & Co. was tried before County Judge Krake. The defendants were charged with permitting gambling in their saloon. After a hearing both of the partners were bound over to the district court in $200 each. This case excites great interest in West Point, from the fact that it always has been considered a wide-open town and not subject to such spasms of morality as seem to be rampant now.

Adams County Assessments.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The following is the total valuation of assessable property in Adams county as returned by the assessor and reviewed by the Board of Equalization: Total lands and lots, improved and unimproved, $1,655,136; horses, 9,130, value, $55,364; cattle of all ages, 15,712, value, $65,813; mules of all ages, 650, value, $3,815; other personal property not classified, $276,254; railroad, telegraph and palace car property, $679,472.66. Grand total, $2,715,854.66.

Masons Install Officers.

CALHOUN, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The public installation of Solomon lodge No. 10, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was held here yesterday afternoon at the Masonic hall. The following officers were installed: J. M. Trisler, worshipful master; Mr. Mickelson, senior warden; William Duncan, junior warden; Hugh Steavenson, senior deacon; Charles Clark, junior deacon; Carl Feldhusen, secretary, and Carl Smith, treasurer. Refreshments were then served.

Social Function at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—One of the daintiest social functions of this month occurred at the home of Hon. P. E. White in this city last evening. The Misses Louise White and Mathilde Vallery were the hostesses and the party given in honor of Misses Edith Patterson and Grace Stoutenborough, each soon to be a bride. The guests of honor were showered with congratulations and flattered with much adulation.

Entertain German Consul.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey entertained a large number of friends in honor of Leonard Kluftinger, German consul to Bologna, Italy. Music was the chief attraction of the evening. Miss Ella Ethel Free of Omaha and Miss Antonio Kessler of this city each played several selections. The Misses Ethel and Alice Dovey sang two duets and Miss Ethel Dovel sang several solos.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

What Becomes of the Patient?

Doctors have their hobbies as well as other people and in the treatment of disease often carry them too far for the patient's good. For instance in the treatment of indigestion or dyspepsia many doctors give bismuth and nothing else, others rely on pepsin to bring their patients through, still another doctor treats stomach troubles with the various vegetable essences and fruit salts.

Now one or the other of these excellent remedies becomes a hobby with the doctor wha has had most success with the particular one in question, because all of them are first class remedies for indigestion and dyspepsia, but not one of them alone is so good as a combination of all of them, such as is found in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets which contains not only vegetable essences and fruit salts, but also the freshest, purest pepsin and bismuth, making altogether a remedy unsurpassed for every form of indigestion, sour stomach, nervous dyspepsia, belching of gas, distress after eating, sleeplessness, headaches, etc.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is not a secret patent nostrum, but you can see for yourself what it is and knowing this, its success as a dyspepsia cure is not surprising. All druggists recommend and sell them at 50 cents.

FUSIONISTS IN CONVENTION

Populists and Democrats Throughout the State Select Their Delegates.

STANTON COUNTY NOMINATES YOUNG

J. G. Tinney of Pilger Picked Out by Both Democrats and Populists to Rule in His Section as Commissioner.

STANTON, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention met in the court house today and nominated George Young for county attorney. The following delegates were elected to the state convention: W. H. Porter, James M. Doty, Robert Porter, J. F. Robinson, Alfred Pont, C. H. Harris, Alex Matheson, William Paterson, Charles E. Wilson. Congressional delegates: J. H. Baker, C. B. Edwards, John Hanff, F. O. Edwards, W. H. Woodruff, F. S. Carrier, Alfred Pont, Walter Peterson and J. F. Robinson. Senatorial delegates: James Doty, C. B. Edwards, W. H. Woodruff, A. Blackstone, Elmer Porter, C. H. Harris, C. E. Wilson, Jake Bailey, Oliver Klocker. Representative delegates: O. M. Whalen, George Babb, George Porter, James Doty, C. W. Duncan, Peter Person, Robert Hume, Alex Matheson, Alfred Pont.

The democratic convention met in the Loomer & Gratton opera house and nominated George Young for county attorney. They selected the following delegates: State—George Young, H. D. Miller, Herman Maskentine, J. G. Matheson, John Calles, Charles Sharp, Ed File, Otto Paege, J. D. Burnett. Congressional—John Tyler, John Burner, J. G. Tinney, George Keeler, W. F. Bordner, B. W. Clark, James Maters, Fred Ley, Ed File. Senatorial—Adam Pilger, H. D. Miller, Herman Marentine, J. W. Mackey, Ed File, J. H. Rusteymeyer, E. C. Morten, F. M. Moorehead, Fred Snyder. Representative—W. S. Bordner, Joseph Gratton, H. D. Miller, Harvey Stahl, George W. Munger, J. W. Mackey, Donald Matheson, J. D. Burnett. For county commissioner J. G. Tinney of Pilger was nominated by the populists and democrats.

DELEGATES FROM DODGE COUNTY.

Democrats Who Will Attend State and Congressional Conventions.

FREMONT, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The democratic county convention for the selection of delegates to the state and congressional conventions met at the district court room this afternoon. James Murray of Fremont was chairman and G. J. Adams of Hooper secretary. The following were selected to attend the state convention: M. H. Hinman, N. W. Smalls, G. J. Adams, S. S. Van Horn, J. L. Hanks, Conrad Hollenbeck, M. Dowling, James Murray, Henry Oberman, Peter Parkert, William Turner, C. Christensen, Herman Zehn, W. F. Basler, John Reis, L. J. Abbott, N. H. Brown, G. L. Loomis.

To the congressional convention: James Milliken, S. S. Parks, Waldo Wintersteen, Thomas Killeen, H. C. Dahl, S. S. Sidner, E. O. Shollberg, F. W. Tillman, F. T. Welton, Conrad Hollenbeck, George Snoover, H. P. Dowling, Thomas Purcell, Henry Oberman, John Emanuel, J. C. Knudson, George Dooschen, Grant Eastman, W. F. Basler, John Gumb, Wallace Wilson, William Stull. Hon. G. M. Hitchcock of Omaha was then called upon and spoke briefly.

The populists met in the county court room. William Garrett was elected chairman and N. C. Abbott secretary. The following were chosen delegates to the state convention: E. O. Garrett, N. C. Nickerson, A. L. Wintergreen, J. N. Cruickshank, F. M. Healey, M. Maber, J. R. Canilin, George P. Sights, G. G. Martin, J. J. Carey, F. A. Howe, E. A. Hadley, Jerry Robinson, Ambrose Erickson, Van Banghardt, N. C. Abbott, J. R. Peters, E. Johnson, Walter Reed, F. C. Scott, Ed Ives and W. H. Underwood. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Dodge county people's independent party that we favor the nomination of R. D. Kelley for state auditor at the forthcoming state convention."

The delegation is solidly for fusion.

The following were selected to the congressional convention: N. C. Abbott, E. O. Garrett, F. Howe, G. G. Martin, Andrew Frost, S. W. Peters, F. M. Healey, Charles Fowler, George D. Springer, Van Banghardt, J. M. Cruickshank, Willam Garrett, M. C. Scott, E. J. Scott, R. D. Kelley, Dan A. Boggs, B. N. Cleaveland, W. H. Underwood, James Harvey, George Sights, William Furstenau, George Cruickshank.

Merry Time in Merrick.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist convention here today was a red hot one. W. F. Porter of Lincoln and J. E. Dorshimer, late delegate to the Sioux Falls convention, were the chief scrappers. Mr. Porter wanted the delegation to refute the assertion of the republican press that he was politically dead in Merrick county. Mr. Dorshimer, who is a strong Robinson man, succeeded in shutting Mr. Porter out of the convention this spring, hence his anxiety to win today. After asserting that he would not accept the nomination and was for Robinson Mr. Porter was allowed to name the delegates to the state congressional and senatorial conventions.

Delegates to state: C. Wherrett, D. McClure, E. C. Ewing, J. L. Harris, Thomas Farrell, Joe Culbertson, J. Donovan, W. F. Porter, J. B. Philbrook, William Cosner, T. Gosnell and J. L. Smellzer.

Congressional: J. L. Harris, J. M. Rogers, William Wagoner, S. F. Kennedy, P. C. King, J. N. Kellogg, T. Farrell, R. Gregg, M. H. Rawlings, A. J. Harshberger, T. D. Betts and W. F. Porter.

Senatorial: Messrs. Cox, Fauquier, Everett, Ewing, Donovan, Pollard, Gregg, Bell, Wagoner, Butts, Phelps and Gosnell.

A. M. Templin was nominated for representative and J. F. Dorshimer for county attorney. The republicans expect to have a regular Fourth of July of it this fall.

Bitterness in Boyd County.

BUTTE, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The fusion convention was held today. Much bitter feeling was manifested and the ticket nominated is mostly unsatisfactory.

Delegates to the state convention: Jerry Kerwin, Chris Anderson, J. M. Smith, Joe Krikac, W. Standiford, Sam Johnson, J. C. Jonas, J. Primmer and William Murry; for Poynter and not instructed.

Congressional: C. J. Coffee, Jerry Kerwin, Joe Krikac, G. S. Graves, C. J. Elder, Fred McGowan, O. V. Kenaston.

Candidate Carl Leslie was allowed to pick the delegation to the representative convention.

Candidate Joseph Leatherman was allowed to choose the delegation to the senatorial convention.

Al Tingle was nominated for county attorney by acclamation. E. S. Bell and William Holbrook was nominated for commissioners. Resolutions were adopted endorsing W. J. Bryan and 16 to 1, denouncing McKinley's policy in Cuba and the Philippines and hitting all the trusts except the New York Ice trust. The result of the convention is satisfactory to republicans and a wet blanket to the fusion forces.

Fusionists Convene at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic-populist convention was held here today, all precincts being well represented. The usual calamity resolutions were passed, in which special thanks were tendered to C. J. Smyth for the great work he has done for the party and the people in general. The resolution also requested that all honorable means be used to nominate Charles Beck for state superintendent. H. Wade Gillis was nominated for county attorney and T. A. Minier for representative of the Thirteenth district. T. A. Minier resides at Craig and ran against J. R. Ashley for county treasurer last fall, losing by 191. The campaign is beginning to warm up.

Washington County's Waifs.

BLAIR, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats, populists and silver republicans met today at the court house and organized as a three-cornered convention, with Clark O'Hanlon chairman for the democrats, A. M. Bovee for the populists and J. H. Cameron for the silver republicans, and finally fused into a badly mixed up convention and after considerable wrangling united on Clark O'Hanlon of Blair as a candidate for county attorney, Fred Echtenkamp of Arlington as a candidate on the legislative ticket and J. L. Day as city supervisor on the county board. The populist delegates to the state convention are: C. A. Whitford, R. E. Roberts, J. E. Hamming and O. Colby of Arlington; W. M. Wilkins, E. A. Palmer, Jacob Beck, C. B. Sprague and James Lippincott of Blair; C. A. Warrick, Cuming City; Peter Gilbertson, Grant; L. Vorhies, Lincoln, and J. P. Long, Sheridan precincts; H. Williamson, Herman, and J. D. Vaughn, Fort Calhoun.

Democratic delegates to state convention: Blair, W. E. David, W. H. Palmer, John Foley and Sheldon Peck; Desoto, George Snyder; Fontanelle, H. D. Schottger; Herman, D. W. Pipher; Calhoun, E. N. Grinell; Arlington, Clyde Badger and Dr. Dassler; Richland precinct, Neils Trulsen; Grant precinct, G. H. Neff; Lincoln precinct, William Stork.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the platform that was adopted at the Sioux Falls convention. The democrats at first nominated and cast their entire vote for John Lothrop for county attorney, but gave in and fused on O'Hanlon.

Boone County Fusionists Meet.

ALBION, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Boone county populist convention at Albion this afternoon named delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. It selected W. A. Poynter as one of the delegates to the state convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Sioux Falls platform, Bryan and Towne and instructing for Poynter. A call was made for the nomination of county attorney and representatives, but one of the delegates said that Bryan is the only man in the party who can stand a five months' campaign, and the convention adjourned without making the nominations.

START ROUGH RIDERS' CLUB

People of Lyons and Vicinity Organize and Send Roosevelt a Telegram.

LYONS, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The people of Lyons and vicinity organized the first Rough Riders' campaign club of Nebraska this afternoon amid great enthusiasm. The chairman of the Burt county republican central committee this evening sent the following telegram:

LYONS, Neb., June 23.—To Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Governor of New York, Oyster Bay: To you as the republican candidate for vice president the first Rough Riders' club, formed in Bryan's home state, sends greeting. Although but organized this afternoon in a small town, hundreds have already signed the roll, and country people are still signing as fast as we can get the rolls to them. McKinley and Roosevelt for 1900; Roosevelt and somebody else for 1904. Send us a flag; it doesn't matter what size. Anything from Teddy Roosevelt will awaken enthusiasm here.

JOHN F. PIPER,
Chairman Burt County Republican Committee.

Plattsmouth Forms a Club.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The republicans of this city met in the city council chamber this evening and organized a McKinley-Roosevelt club with an enrollment of 250 members. The following officers were elected: President, Robert C. Hayes; vice president, R. B. Windham; secretary, A. L. Tidd; treasurer, James M. Robertson. Attorney Byron Clark was instructed to wire McKinley, Roosevelt and Hanna that this is the first McKinley-Roosevelt club organized in Nebraska.

Republican Clubs Organize.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A meeting of the various republican clubs of the city was called at the court house tonight to reorganize and get into the harness for the coming campaign. A large number were present and great interest and enthusiasm were manifest.

Kloke Appointed Chairman.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Hon. R. F. Kloke of West Point has been appointed chairman of the float representative central committee for this district.

Republicans at St. Edward Organize.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The republicans of Beaver precinct met at the opera house last evening and organized a republican club.

Pink Brown's Roll Is Gone.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Pink Brown, a well known horse trainer of this vicinity, was robbed last night of his pocketbook, containing $147, a draft for $65, a deed to a quarter section of land in California and a number of tax receipts. He was sleeping in a feed barn, where he makes his headquarters, and did not learn of his loss until this morning. Edward Penn, who went to the barn with him last night and who Brown says went to bed with him, was gone this morning. As Penn was seen with several bills last night, it is generally thought that he secured the money. Brown had been drinking and was considerably under the influence of liquor when he went to the barn to sleep. He had but a few days before sold a team of mules and the money he had was new bills, having never before been used. Up to the present date the authorities have been unable to locate the supposed robber.

District Court Adjourns.

MADISON, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—District court adjourned last night after a three days' session to August 27. A divorce was granted to Albertine Bathke. Suit was begun by her husband for the separation, but in her counter claim cruelty and nonsupport were set forth and the judge gave her the decision and title to the homestead.

Minden Social Event.

MINDEN, June 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. L. McPheeley on Wednesday evening entertained at the McPheely home. Among those present were: Mesdames F. Johnson of Holdrege, Ferguson, Kingsley, Palmer, Phar, Martin, Chapin, Rogers, Hafeman, Thomas, Hill, Youngson, Hagne, Macgregor, Potter and Misses Chapin and McPheely.

Inspect Asylum Ice Plant.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Wolfe and Secretary of State Porter came here from Lincoln Thursday to look over the new cold storage and ice plant at the asylum. After having made a careful investigation of the entire plant they pronounced it a first-class plant running in the very best order.

McIntyre at Chatauqua.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Chautauqua continues to draw large crowds. Tomorrow the different railroads running into the city promise to bring 20,000 people from Nebraska and Kansas to hear Robert McIntyre deliver his famous sermon, "White Lilies in a Black Pool."

KING OSCAR'S KINDLY LETTER

Monarch Congratulates Thriving Swedish Colony in State of Maine.

MONDAY IS ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Story of Remarkable Growth of a Settlement Which Has Increased from Fifty-One Souls to 2,000 in a Generation.

BANGOR, Me., June 23.—Thirty years ago William W. Thomas, jr., of Maine led a little colony of Swedes over the ocean from their fatherland into the deep forests of his native state. In the north woods thereof he founded a Swedish settlement. This settlement he baptized New Sweden, a name at once commemorative of the past and auspicious of the future. The colony consisted of fifty-one souls, all told, men, women and children. Under the supervision of Mr. Thomas the colonists went to work felling trees, building log houses, clearing land, hushing out roads and building bridges. Then there was busy work in the woods of Maine. The American forest rang with the blows of the Swedish axe. Extensive clearings opened out and log houses were rolled up on every hand. Odd bits of board and the happily twisted branches of trees were quickly converted into needed articles of furniture. Rush bedsteads, tables, chairs and the omnipresent cradle made their appearance in every house and Swedish industry and ingenuity soon transformed the forest into the abode of man. Mr. Thomas everywhere shared the toils and privations of the new settlers. Every day he was among them. On foot or on horseback he visited them all and every day beheld something tangible accomplished in the woods of Maine. After four years of work the colony was fast-rooted and had become self-sustaining. Bounteous crops had been harvested everywhere and Mr. Thomas was able then to take farewell of the colony, which has every since pursued a successful and independent existence.

Thirty years have now rolled by. Since 1870 the little colony of fifty-one has grown to a solid community of over 2,000. The Swedes have spread out through the woods from the mother colony of New Sweden and in adjacent townships have founded the settlements of Westmanland, Stockholm, Jemtland, Upsala and other smaller colonies. The log houses have given way to substantial two-story frame dwellings. Large barns stand near the growing crops. School houses are placed at the cross roads. Four large commodious churches have been built and on every Sunday morning the sound of the church bell resounds through the forest. All the colonists are well-to-do farmers. Another remarkable fact is that this colony is the only successful agricultural community founded with foreigners from over the ocean in the New England states since the revolutionary war.

The Swedish colonists of Maine will this year, on Monday, June 25, celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the colony, with speeches and music and festivities appropriate to the day. Mr. Thomas, now the minister of the United States to Sweden and Norway, has accepted the invitation of the colonists and has come over from Sweden to be the orator on the anniversary day. The American minister does not come back to his colony empty-handed. On bidding good-bye to King Oscar a few weeks ago at the palace at Stockholm the king gave to Mr. Thomas an autograph letter of congratulations to the colony on the success it had made in the virgin forest of Maine and of his best wishes for its future prosperity and well-being. The king presented to Mr. Thomas a photograph of himself, clad in the uniform of general of the Swedish army, and charged Mr. Thomas to present this portrait to the colony on the anniversary day. On arriving in America and paying his respects to President McKinley at Washington, the president, in like manner, gave to Mr. Thomas a large and an excellent portrait photograph of himself, signed by the president's own hand, to be presented to the colony at the time of the presentation of the portrait of Oscar, requesting Mr. Thomas to convey to the colonists an expression of his kindly regard and his best wishes for their future welfare.

The exercises of the thirtieth anniversary will be conducted in a large open-air auditorium. This is situated in a grove of gigantic maples that crown the crest of one of the highest ridges of the town of New Sweden. Here the American and Swedish flags will float gaily out. It is estimated that over 5,000 people, principally Swedes, will be gathered together on that day. The governor and council of Maine, Senators Hale and Frye and the representatives of Maine in the congress of the United States and other notable persons have been invited and are expected to be present.

The following is the letter of King Oscar, which Mr. Thomas will read and present at the anniversary on Monday next:

CROWN.
ROYAL MONOGRAM.
(Translation.)

As Mr. Thomas, envoy of the United States of America at my court, has announced his intention to visit the colony of New Sweden in the state of Maine, founded by him, which colony the coming summer proposes to celebrate a festival commemorative of thirty years' prosperous existence, I wish hereby kindly to request the said envoy, Mr. Thomas, to express my warm well wishes both for the still surviving native Swedes and their posterity in the colony, and also for the continued progress and prosperity of this new homeland so vividly recalling the former "Old Sweden."

OSCAR.

King of Sweden and Norway.
Stockholm's Palace, April 2, 1900.

ARMY WORMS INVADE DAKOTA

Attack One Farm House and Drive the Family Out of Doors.

YANKTON, S. D., June 23.—(Special.)—Millions upon millions of pale green army worms have made their appearance on the sandbars along the Missouri river near Yankton. The worms are two or three inches long and in some places they can be taken up by the scoopful. Willows are stripped of leaves and bark and weeds and grass are being eaten to the roots. In the center of the ground invested the worms are lying dead in heaps for want of something to eat. The insects are moving eastward like an avenging army and will soon get into the vegetable gardens and potato patches which the sandbar settlers are cultivating, unless something is done to annihilate them.

They invaded J. C. Schott's farm and house and drove the family out. He lost his garden and part of his crops. The worms are said to be the genuine army worm, which sweeps all vegetation clear as it moves.

Fast Mail Strikes Freight.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—No. 6, the eastbound fast mail, crashed into the rear end of a freight train at Hillsdale, twenty miles east of here today. Conductor Stabler of the freight, was slightly injured. The caboose was demolished and the engine pilot knocked off. It is reported the passenger was running ahead of time when the accident occurred.

Scholarship Prizes Awarded.

LEAD, S. D., June 23.—(Special.)—The scholarship prizes given by T. J. Grier, superintendent of the Homestake, to the successful contestants in the Lead schools amounted to $780. Alfred Knight, in the High school, was winner of the first prize, which was $75. Claud Davis, second prize, $45. The other prizes were equally divided among the five pupils in each grade, standing highest in the final examinations.

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GAMBLE IS SERIOUSY ILL

South Dakota Congressman Has Dangerous Attack of Brain Fever.

YANKTON, S. D., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Gamble is seriously ill with brain fever as a result of a severe attack of grip in March and April and heavy work since. Following his visit to the republican state convention he was at Washington and was not able to return home for several days after the adjournment of congress. For a few days after returning here he was able to be about but unable to attend to business. On Monday he was obliged to take to his bed and brain fever developed yesterday.

Sioux City and local physicians were in consultation yesterday and reported him dangerously ill. He seems slightly better this evening.

College Alumni Meets.

YANKTON, S. D., June 23.—(Special.)—The college alumni held its annual meeting last evening. After light refreshments routine business was transacted and officers were elected for next year as follows: President, M. D. Gray; vice president, J. B. Reese; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lauton; corresponding secretary, Mabel Bartow. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Rain in South Dakota.

DEADWOOD, S. D., June 23.—(Special.)—Reports come from Grand river, 150 miles northwest of Deadwood, that that country has had a three-days' soaking rain. Cattle there are in good condition and the people in good spirits.

Gamble's Condition Critical.

YANKTON, S. D., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. Gamble's condition was very critical at 4 p. m. The physicians feared chills and sinking, but he rallied and is now about the same as this morning.

Offices Change Hands.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—W. C. Elder, who has been quartermaster of the state Grand Army of the Republic for the past year, sent the supplies, records and cash on hand to Brad P. Cook, his successor, at Lincoln last evening. The new quartermaster will assume official control of his department on June 25 and the new adjutant, General Gage, will go into office on the same date.

Dietrich to Build in Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Charles H. Dietrich will begin the erection of a new building in Hastings within the next fortnight. The building is to be of brick and will be erected on the corner of St. Joe avenue and Second street.

You can vote as many times as you want to in the Working Girls' Vacation Contest.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Showers and Cooling Breezes Are Prognosticated for Sunday and Monday.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday:

Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Sunday; Monday fair in eastern, showers and cooler in western portions; southeast to south winds.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Sunday; fair and warmer Monday; northeasterly, shifting to southerly winds.

Western Texas and New Mexico—Local rains Sunday; Monday fair, with warmer in northern portions; variable winds.

Iowa—Fair Sunday and Monday; southeasterly winds.

Missouri—Fair Sunday and Monday; warmer Monday; easterly, shifting to southeasterly winds.

Colorado—Fair in eastern, showers in western portion Sunday; Monday showers, with cooler in eastern portion; southeasterly winds, shifting by Monday to northwesterly.

Montana—Partly cloudy Sunday with cooler in northern and western portions; Monday fair and cooler; westerly winds.

Idaho—Fair in northern, showers and cooler in southern portion Sunday; Monday fair; winds shifting to northwesterly.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, June 23.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature...	81	78	94	83
Minimum temperature...	62	64	74	68
Average temperature	72	71	84	76
Precipitation	.09	T	.00	.02

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1900:

Normal temperature for the day.....	75
Deficiency for the day.....	3
Total excess since March 1.....	323
Normal rainfall for the day.....	.19 in.
Deficiency for the day.....	.19 in.
Total rainfall since March 1....	10.18 inches
Deficiency since March 1.....	2.18 inches
Deficiency for same period 1899..	1.58 inches
Excess same period 1898.....	9.23 inches

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