strike and refused to admit themselves beaten. Some of the members of the executive committee counseled the men to accept the terms of the railroads. They told them that the struggle has become a hopeless one and asked them to declare the strike off. A majority of the men agreed with the speakers, but a minority of radicals was with President Curran and shouted down the majority. An adjournment was then taken until tomorrow morning, when another meeting will be held.

GROCERS FORM COMBINATION

New Concern to Be Known as the National Grocer Company.

CHICAGO, July 15.—A combination of wholesale groceries, organized substantially along the lines advocated by James B. Forgan for the consolidation of country banks, has been effected by Chicago capitalists.

Incorporation papers for the combine will be filed in New Jersey today. The new company will begin operations with a capitalization of $5,000,000, of which $3,500,000 already has been subscribed.

Harlow N. Higinbotham is president of the corporation, which will be known as the National Grocer company. Frank C. Letts, the first vice president, is president of the Western Grocer company, which controls and operates nine wholesale houses in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota.

The National concern will gain control of the largest houses in Illinois, outside of Chicago, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Michigan. The National and Western Grocer companies are not to be merged, but retaining separate organizations will have a close working arrangement.

The National Grocer company will buy direct from importers, manufacturers and sugar refiners and also will make direct importations through the Chicago office.

The company will lease or erect a large supply house and cold storage plant in Chicago and the plans also include the building and operating of a large manufacturing house.

Other officers of the new company are: Second vice president, Amos Musselman, Grand Rapids, Mich.; third vice president, William Phipps, Saginaw, Mich.; treasurer, Harry Higinbotham; secretary, H. S. Griggs, Jackson, Mich.

W. H. McCord does not regard the new trust as a matter of such great moment. He says it does not involve the Omaha houses, at least the McCord-Brady company, and he is loth to believe that the big Chicago houses are in it. "Of course I have seen or heard nothing of this," said Mr. McCord, "but I do not believe that such big firms as the Reid-Murdoch people and the Franklin MacVeagh concern would care to lose their identity by merging in such a way. The organization will not make any difference to us out here. We expect to go on selling the goods as usual."

Explosions in New Zealand.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, July 15.—Tremendous explosions have occurred at the Waimangu geyser at Rotrorua, a height of 800 to 900 feet being reached.

FAIR AND COOLER WEATHER

Nebraska Promised Sunshine and a Diminution of the Hot Spell.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Forecast:

For Nebraska—Fair Wednesday, cooler in west portion; Thursday fair, cooler in east portion.

For Iowa—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday fair except showers and cooler in northwest portion.

For South and North Dakota—Fair and not so warm Wednesday and Thursday.

For Missouri—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

For Illinois—Fair Wednesday, warmer in central and northern portions Thursday; increasing cloudiness, probably showers and cooler; brisk south winds.

For Kansas—Fair Wednesday; Thursday fair except showers and cooler in west portion.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Showers and thunderstorms in eastern, fair in western portions Wednesday and Thursday; cooler Wednesday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, July 15.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.
Maximum temperature....	92	97	82	84
Minimum temperature....	72	77	65	67
Mean temperature.....	82	87	74	76
Precipitation	.00	T	1.29	.17

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1902:

Normal temperature.....	77
Excess for the day.....	5
Total excess since March 1.....	188
Normal precipitation	.15 inch
Deficiency for the day.....	.15 inch
Total rainfall since March 1.....	16.26 inches
Deficiency since March 1.....	.72 inch
Deficiency for cor. period 1901....	5.79 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1900....	5.34 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

	Temperature at 7 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	90	92	.00
Valentine, clear	104	106	.00
North Platte, clear	94	100	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	88	94	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	90	94	.00
Rapid City, clear	100	102	.00
Huron, clear	88	90	.00
Williston, clear	84	92	.00
Chicago, clear	78	78	.00
St. Louis, clear	90	94	.00
St. Paul, part cloudy	80	82	.00
Davenport, clear	82	86	.00
Kansas City, part cloudy	90	94	.00
Havre, clear	74	80	.00
Helena, clear	72	74	.00
Bismarck, clear	98	98	.00
Galveston, part cloudy	84	88	T

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

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Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion, and all liver ills are cured by

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Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

Kill That Pain!

The sufferer of pain asks nothing better than immediate relief.

MULL'S LIGHTNING PAIN KILLER

the great DIARRHOEA and CHOLERA CURE

will instantly relieve and cure all kinds of pain, no matter what the cause. Use it internally or externally, without the slightest danger. It contains nothing injurious in any way.

Keep a bottle handy. Rub it on or drink it as the case may require. Sore throat, Diarrhoea, Sprains, Lumbago, or other pain. It cures chills and fever. Druggists 25 cents.

The Lightning Medicine Co., Rock Island, Ill., will mail you a bottle to try for 10 cents in stamps.

STEEL TRUST FILES ANSWER

Says Assets Amount to One Billion Four Hundred Million Dollars.

STATEMENT OF CORPORATION PROPERTY

Mr. Schwab Maintains that He is in Position to Know Actual Worth of Properties and Makes Affidavit Accordingly.

NEWARK, N. J., July 15.—The answer of the United States Steel corporation to the suit brought by J. Aspinwall Lodge, William H. Curtiss and Bernard Smith, who asked for an injunction to prevent the company from carrying out its bond conversion plan, was filed today before Vice Chancellor Emery. When the case came up before the vice chancellor it was put over until July 23. The answer is sworn to by Charles M. Schwab as president. For the first time since the organization of the steel corporation a detailed statement of the assets of the properties of the subsidiary companies is furnished. These assets, it is stated, included 400 producing mills of the value of $300,000,000, seventy-five blast furnaces of the value of $48,000,000, iron and Bessemer ore properties of the value of $700,000,000, coal and coke properties of the value of $100,000,000, natural gas fields of the value of $20,000,000, cash in bank to the amount of $86,000,000 and over $80,000,000 of material in process of manufacture. The total value of the companies' property, including cash and cash assets, is placed at $1,400,000,000 by Mr. Schwab in an affidavit which is part of the corporation's reply. The companies' earnings are stated to be at the rate of more than $140,000,000 a year. A saving of $40,000,000 a year is credited to the ore properties and it is estimated that the ownership of transportation facilities saves the company $10,000,000 annually. The earnings of the coal and coke properties are stated to be more than $1,000,000 a month.

To Disprove Charge.

These statements as to values and earnings were presented to disprove a charge by the plaintiffs that Mr. Schwab, the president and Mr. Trimble, the secretary, made a false certificate when they certified that in their judgment the properties were worth at least the par value of the preferred stock after deducting all indebtedness. The corporation declares it has no knowledge that Hodge is the owner of 100 shares of its preferred stock, but admits that in August, 1901, 100 shares of preferred stock were transferred to his name on the companies' books. It is denied that William H. Curtiss is the owner of any of the company's stock and it is declared that Bernard Smith, the holder of 200 shares of preferred stock, which was transferred to him on June 26, 1902. The conversion plan was agreed upon at a stockholder's meeting on May 19. The answer admits that the conversion plan includes a payment of $10,000,000 to J. P. Morgan & Co. It denies that any of the acts contemplated will work fraud or injury to the complainants, but says that on the contrary such acts when consummated will be greatly to the benefit of the corporation and of every stockholder. The answer says that some of the directors are members of the syndicate formed by J. P. Morgan & Co. to float bonds and that that fact was communicated to stockholders in a circular dated April 17, 1902. It is further declared that the directors so interested constitute a minority of the board of directors; that they were individually at the time of the formation of such syndicate and now owners and holders of large amounts of the stock of the defendant corporation and that they became parties to said syndicate and assumed their proportion of the liability thereof in order to assure the success of the plan of purchasing and retiring the preferred stock, as they believed such plan to be of great value to the defendant corporation and its stockholders.

YACHT CAUGHT IN A STORM

Two Persons Drowned and Eight Barely Escape from the Water.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Two persons perished in the lake and eight others fought hours for life, clinging to the overturned yacht Arab IV, owned by John H. Cameron, cashier of the National Bank of the Republic. The yacht was struck suddenly by the fierce storm which swept over the city late in the evening and capsized. The boat is a twenty-one footer and one of the best known yachts in the harbor.

The dead:

MARY TAYLOR, 16 years old, 141 Fifty-first street.

HARRY JENSEN, 17 years old.

The rescued:

John H. Cameron.

Mrs. Mary Phoenix Cameron, his wife.

Miss Cameron.

Miss Mamie Goodman.

William Corey.

E. S. Haskins.

Arthur Barber, skipper of Arab IV.

One unknown.

When the storm struck the yacht no attempt had been made to reef sail, and with all its canvas flying, the boat, with ten merrymakers aboard who were wholly unconscious of danger, went over in a flash, filled instantly and left eight persons struggling for life in the waters of the lake, three miles from shore.

Their predicament was given added terror by the fury of the water, lashed by the storm, and by the constant lightning.

By heroic efforts on the part of the men the women were supported in the water until they could be given a firm hold on the overturned boat. The yacht as it left its moorings had, fortunately, towed along behind it a small yawl.

Setting to work to right the yawl, which had been dragged under and filled with water when the larger boat went over, the men finally got all but Cameron and Barber and the two drowned persons into it and started for the long row to the shore in the face of the choppy water and a strong wind which made it a herculean task to make the boat move through the water at all.

Along toward midnight Harry Boylan, the steward of the Columbian Yacht club, heard a hail of the faintest kind come from out the darkness of the club house. Slowly the heavily-laden rowboat came creeping up to the landing with the women in a state of collapse and Corey so exhausted that he could hardly move the oars. All he could say was, "Send out life saving crews. Arab overturned. Two dead and more clinging to boat."

Cameron and Barber when found were nearly exhausted and about to drop from the boat. They had despaired of rescue before dawn. Cameron was in a state of collapse owing to his anxiety for the safety of his wife and Miss Cameron and grief at the death of young Jensen and Miss Taylor, whom he knew had not been saved.

The bodies of the two young persons drowned were found in the cabin of the yacht when the boat was towed into the harbor at 7 a. m. today. Presumably the boy and girl who had met death had taken refuge in the yacht's cabin when the storm broke and were unable to extricate themselves when the boat went over.

The Arab IV was built last spring and took part in the races for the Sir Thomas Lipton cup. The boat finished second in the races. The yacht carried only a mainsail and jib.

MURDER ENDS A DICE GAME

Former Member of Quantrell's Band is Disembowled in a Quarrel.

LEXINGTON, Mo., July 15.—Joseph Callaway, aged 62, member of Quantrell's band during the civil war, was stabbed and fatally wounded on the ferryboat here by Doc Johnson, who escaped, but was captured by a posse after being surrounded in the woods for several hours.

Hugh Callaway, aged 35, and Johnson had quarreled over a dice game, Callaway being stabbed four times, but not fatally. Later when the elder Callaway came upon the scene he was attacked by Johnson without provocation and disemboweled.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Charles Godfrey Leland.

PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Charles Godfrey Leland at Florence, Italy. Mrs. Leland was stricken with paralysis at Florence, where she and her husband, author of many widely known works, had resided for several years. Mrs. Leland in her younger days was pronounced by William M. Thackeray to be "the prettiest woman in America." She was the daughter of the late Rodney Fisher and great grandniece of Caesar Rodney of Delaware, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Charles C. Dawson.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Charles S. Dawson, 64 years of age, died in Lincoln yesterday. The remains were brought to this city today and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Burgess in St. Luke's Episcopal church. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery. Mr. Dawson is the father of Mrs. George E. Dovey and has resided here since 1874.

Rev. John S. Brown.

LAWRENCE, Kan., July 15.—Rev. John S. Brown, known as Father Brown, died here today, aged 96 years. He was one of the few survivors of the famous Brook farm experiment and probably was the oldest Unitarian minister and the oldest member of the honorary college society of Phi Bet A Kappa in the United States.

Child Dies of Heart Failure.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—The 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Amack died yesterday of heart failure. She was just recovering from a very bad case of diphtheria, which disease affected her heart.

Bloodhounds of No Avail.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Detective Franklin of Lincoln arrived in Wood River this morning with the Malone bloodhounds with the intention of hunting down the burglars who robbed Sorrard's jewelry store, but on account of so many people having visited the scene of the robbery the hounds were unable to catch the scent.

BANK AND EMERSON WIN

Take Star Set in Tri-State Tennis Tourney from Miss Neely and Belden.

CINCINNATI, July 15.—Miss Bank and Mr. Emerson won the star set in the tri-state tourney today over Miss Neely of Chicago and H. K. Belden of Minneapolis. Miss Hofer defeated Miss Kiel, 6-4, 6-2.

Gentlemen's singles: Collins defeated L. H. Belden, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. Diehl defeated Garrison, 6-2, 6-4. Fisher defeated T. Emerson, 6-3, 6-4. Patterson defeated Kinsey, 6-4, 6-2. Ashcraft defeated Fisher. Lincoln Mitchell defeated Cordes, 6-2, 6-2. Dr. Stephens of Pittsburg defaulted to R. G. Hunt of California, Dr. Stephens spraining his ankle after the first game in the first set. Vaughn of Louisville defeated Hayden, 6-4, 6-3. Waidner of Chicago defeated Bowen, 6-3, 6-4. R. G. Hunt defeated A. B. Cole, 6-0, 6-1.

Women's doubles: Misses Champlin and Banks defeated Misses Kearnes and Harfield, 6-3, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: Miss Banks and Nat Emerson defeated Miss Neely and H. J. Belden, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. Miss Closterman and Mr. Diehl defeated Mr. Belden and Miss Belden, 6-1, 6-1.

Men's doubles: Collins and Waidner defeated Mark and Lincoln Mitchell, 6-2, 6-1. Fisher and Patterson defeated Garrison and Little, 6-3, 6-4. Hunt and Decamp defeated Cole and Cordes, 6-1 6-3. Garrison and Little defeated J. H. Gillette and L. H. Belden, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Nat Emerson and Diehl defeated Vaughan and Casey, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

Women's singles: Miss Hofer defeated Miss Kiel, 6-4, 6-2. Miss Champlin defeated Miss Murdock, 6-3, 6-2. Miss Neely defeated Miss Hofer, 6-1, 6-2.

Coleridge Mourns at Wausa.

WAUSA, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Wausa won from Coleridge today on the home grounds, 6 to 3. Score:

											R	H	E
Wausa	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	6	13	2
Coleridge	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	3	9	4

Batteries: Wausa, Longanecker and Hayes; Coleridge, R. Morrison and Wood.

In Southern League.

At Davenport—Davenport, 7; Bloomington, 2.

At Rockford—Rockford, 3; Evansville, 2.

At Cedar Rapids—Cedar Rapids, 7; Decatur, 4.

At Rock Island—Terre Haute, 1; Rock Island, 5.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay D. Foster are at Lake Okoboji.

Miss Emma Munecke, stenographer to the clerk of the district court, has abandoned her desk for two weeks to take a vacation with relatives at Wisner. Until her return, August 1, Miss Leona Groves will perform her duties.

THE CAMPING OUTFIT.

If you are going camping you will need in your box of edibles some packages of Malta-Vita. These compact and neat packages may be carried for any distance and kept for any length of time and the contents when needed will be in perfect condition if kept dry. The shaking the boxes get does no harm to the Malta-Vita. When you arrive at your chosen place to camp, your food for the first meal, that most difficult of all meals to prepare when in the woods, is ready to serve. No cooking required, no vain searching for the many elusive things necessary to the ordinary meal.

You have placed in one small parcel a package of Malta-Vita, the little dishes required, spoons, and, if fresh milk is not to be readily obtained, a bottle or can of condensed milk. If you have never tried this combination your first meal will be a surprise. The work and worry is practically done. Afterward the dishes are easily cleansed by pure, cold water, and you are ready to settle things in the camp.

Many meals will be taken in this way when all are too tired, or too busy with the things they really came to do, to cook. When you go camping you do not go to work, but rather to rest and enjoy the quiet and freedom from the routine of the usual work-a-day existence.

Malta-Vita is a thoroughly cooked and malted grain food, prepared ready to eat. It is made from the finest selected wheat in which the starch has been converted to natural sugar and the product thoroughly malted and semi-digested. It is the only food of its class and the most perfect of its nature known to science. It is sold everywhere by grocers at 15c per package.

REPLIES TO MRS. WALDRON

Government Files Answer to Petition to Restrain Indian Agent Hatch.

WILL DETERMINE STATUS OF MIX-BLOODS

Suit to Prevent Official from Ousting Woman from Land Deeded by Interior Department to Black Tomahawk.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—James D. Elliott, United States attorney for South Dakota, and W. C. Porter, assistant attorney, have filed in the office of Clerk Pendar of the federal court in this city their answer to the bill of complaint in the suit of Mrs. Jane E. Waldron against the United States, Black Tomahawk and Ira A. Hatch, United States Indian agent at Cheyenne river agency, which involves the ownership of 322.40 acres of valuable land adjacent to the town of Fort Pierre.

The suit is important for the reason that it will determine the status of all mixed-blood Indians, not only in South Dakota, but elsewhere in the United States. At the present time no less than thirty similar suits are pending in Nebraska awaiting the outcome of the Waldron case, which will doubtless yet reach the federal circuit court of appeals or the United States supreme court.

Mrs. Waldron is a woman of three-fourths white and one-fourth Santee Indian blood. She and Black Tomahawk, a full-blood Sioux Indian, are opposing claimants for the land. The contest between them has been in progress for more than twelve years. Black Tomahawk, owing solely to being of full Indian blood, won out before the Interior department and was some months ago given a patent for the disputed tract, which Mrs. Waldron has steadily occupied since 1889.

Would Restrain Indian Agent.

He then called upon Indian Agent Hatch to remove Mrs. Waldron from the land, and she in turn instituted the present suit for the purpose of restraining the Indian agent and Black Tomahawk from removing her from the land, and, if possible, establishing her right to the tract.

Judge Carland of the United States court in this city recently decided in her favor, holding in substance that where a claimant is recognized by the agency authorities as on equal footing with other Indians, and maintains tribal relations, as in the case of Mrs. Waldron, it is not material whether the party is of full or mixed blood.

In its answer to her complaint, the government alleges that she was born at Vermillion, S. D., in the year 1861, and not within any Indian reservation, or within the Indian country, and never lived in the Indian country or claimed a membership in any tribe of Sioux Indians in Dakota until after she reached mature years in 1884; that the plaintiff is a daughter of Arthur C. Van Meter, a white man of full blood and a citizen of the United States, and of a half-blood Indian woman of the Santee Indians, her father and mother having been duly married at Vermillion.

Allege Parents Not Sioux.

It is alleged that at the time of the marriage of the father of the plaintiff and her mother they were neither of them members of the Sioux nation of Indians in South Dakota, then territory of Dakota, nor of any tribe or band thereof within said state; that the Indian ancestors of the mother of plaintiff were Santee Indians, and at that time and for a long time prior thereto and ever since have been members of the Santee Indian tribe of the state of Nebraska and located upon the reservation within that state. It is alleged that they have claimed rights under various treaties entered into with the Santee Indians as far back as 1830.

The government in its answer sets forth that immediately upon the marriage of the plaintiff's father and mother in 1859 the mother of the plaintiff went to live with her husband, the father of the plaintiff, at Vermillion, outside of the Indian country, and not within or near any Indian reservation, and abandoned any relation with the Santee Indians, with whom her ancestors had lived prior to her marriage.

As Citizens of United States.

It is alleged that the parents of the plaintiff lived in all things as other citizens of the United States; that the mother of plaintiff at no time after her marriage and before plaintiff became of age had or claimed membership in any tribe of the Sioux Indians of Dakota; that her name was not carried upon the rolls of any Indian agency within any of the reservations of the Sioux nation of Indians within the territory of Dakota, and neither the mother and father of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff herself, have ever since that time made application to the chief of any tribe of said Indians to be admitted and adopted into such tribe of Sioux Indians, nor has either of them ever been, by the head chief or by a council of the leading men of any tribe of Sioux Indians, with the consent of the chiefs of the tribe, declared a member of such tribe, nor has either of them ever been regularly incorporated into any tribe of the Sioux nation of Indians in the state of South Dakota or in any manner made members thereof.

Contends Woman is Citizen.

The government, after pointing out that Mrs. Waldron was educated in the schools of the whites, etc., contends that she is not an Indian, but a white woman, born in civilization; that she is the wife of a citizen, white, of the United States, married to, living with and being supported by him; that she herself is a citizen and the daughter of a citizen.

It is further contended that the land department having granted Black Tomahawk a patent after a careful investigation of the case, and there being no allegations of fraud, mistake or imposition in any manner or at all in the bill of complaint, the United States court in this city is without jurisdiction, as such action by the land department is a bar to the granting of the relief demanded by the complainant, Mrs. Waldron.

The answer states that the United States court is wholly without authority to hear and determine any of the facts involved in the suit, in any manner, or at all.

Crops in Jim River Valley.

HURON, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—That section of South Dakota known as "the corn belt," has been visited with numerous showers and in some localities heavy rains the past week, while the temperature has been much warmer and more favorable for corn growth than the preceding week. The crop is doing well and making better progress than anticipated; some fields are weedy and where touched by frost are backward, but altogether the crop gives good promise. Wheat, barley, rye and oats are all in comparatively the same splendid condition, with corn and flax, millet and potatoes equally as good. The hay crop is simply enormous; never better, and many are preparing for this harvest both for home consumption and shipping.

Married Sixty Years.

MITCHELL, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—The sixtieth anniversary of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Curtis was celebrated in this city last evening by the members of the Women's Relief corps, Grand Army of the Republic and Rebekahs, to which orders they belong. The affair was held in Grand Army hall and there was a large attendance. The worthy old couple was presented with a purse of money as a mark of friendship and esteem of their friends. They have resided in this vicinity since 1875, coming here from Marshalltown, Ia.

DEATH IN THE MISSOURI

Nine-Year-Old Yankton Boy Dives in Waters and is Carried Away by Swift Current.

YANKTON, S. D., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred, the 9-year-old son of John Fanslow, was drowned in the Missouri river last night. He dived off off the bank into water beyond his depth and his young companions could not rescue him, although several were nearly carried away by the swift current in the attempt. The river is being dragged for the body, but it has not been recovered. The boy was a nephew of Mayor Frank Fanslow of Yankton.

Rush Road to Yellowstone Park.

CODY, Wyo., July 15.—(Special.)—About seventy-five men and twenty teams passed through Cody one day last week en route up the river, where they will commence work on the eastern end of the government road from Cody to the eastern outlet of the Yellowstone park. The road will traverse one of the most beautiful scenic portions of the famed world's wonderland, and when completed will be used by thousands of tourists who do not care to make the regular journey via the railroads.

Sully Land Values Advance.

PIERRE, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—Two years ago it was a hard proposition to dispose of land in Sully county for $2 per acre, the man who made a sale at that price being looked upon as a lucky individual. Last week Deputy Blanchard of the state land department, sold a quarter section of "Taylor" land in that county at auction and received $845 for it. He also sold a tract of the same class of land in Aurora county at $10 per acre.

Inspecting Lignite Lands.

PIERRE, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—State geologist, Prof. J. E. Todd of Vermillion, is in Pierre with a party of students of the State university on a tour of the headwaters of the Grand and Moreau rivers to thoroughly look over the lignite-bearing section of the state and the party will make a two months' stay in that section surveying and exploring for data upon which a bulletin will be issued.

Senator Warren Home.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 15.—(Special.)—Senator Francis E. Warren arrived home Monday from Washington. He will probably go to Rawlins tomorrow to attend the republican state convention. Ex-Governor W. A. Richards, now assistant commissioner of the general land office, also arrived from Washington today.

Court Opens in Stanley County.

PIERRE, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—Judge Gaffy opened a term of court in Stanley county this week, with a ratio of seven criminal cases to two civil cases on the docket. One of the criminal cases is a murder charge against Robert Adams for the killing of Mexican Ed.

Target for Unseen Foe.

BASIN CITY, Wyo., July 15.—(Special.)—While Ed Strong and Frank Morse were rounding up cattle on the head of Dry creek one day last week they were fired upon by some one in ambush. Morse received a slight flesh wound and Strong a bullet through his hat.

Issues Sixteen Land Patents.

PIERRE, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—The state land department has issued sixteen patents to final purchasers of state lands. McCook county gets six of these, as does Marshall, Grant gets two and Kingsbury and Brookings one each.

For Care of Lawrence Insane.

PIERRE, S. D., July 15.—(Special.)—Lawrence county has remitted to the state $910 for care of insane from that county. Lawrence pays more for that purpose than does any other one county in the state.

A Thoughtful Husband

Cured his wife of fainting and dizzy spells, weakness, headache and backache with Electric Bitters. Try them. 50c.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Visiting Nurses' association will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday at 4 p. m. in the parlors of the Paxton hotel.

Harry Reed's mother wants the police to locate him because he has not been home since Friday morning. Harry is a newsboy.

Judge Read has granted divorce to Effie B. Gleason, wife of Mark W. Gleason, who has, she charged, failed to support her. They were married April 3, 1889.

The regulation coat of the police uniform has been found so uncomfortable that today the force will don coats of light blue-black serge, with four black buttons.

T. J. Mahoney, E. M. Bartlett and F. T. Ransom, as arbitrators, have reported that they find William M. Giller, administrator of the estate of Frederick Lewon to be indebted to Charles A. Baldwin in the sum of $1,000 for services as attorney.

The National Investment company has been incorporated by Henry J. Windsor, who will be its secretary and treasurer; James H. McIntosh, who is to be vice president; Conrad H. Young and Horace C. Plunkett, who is named as president. The capital stock is $600,000, divided into 600 shares.

Sheriff John Power has gone to San Francisco to take in custody and bring to Omaha Leo Jordon, charged with statutory assault. He was arrested there Sunday. He was employed as salesman for a drug company while in Omaha. Florence Smith, aged 17, appeared as complaining witness before Justice Altstadt on April 2.

At a meeting of the Real Estate exchange Wednesday noon in the Commercial club-rooms there are to be features of more than ordinary interest. C. S. Montgomery, Judge W. W. Slabaugh, temperance beverages and cigars are among the promised pleasures. The judge and Mr. Montgomery are to speak, the former on "The Beautifying of a City."

The child drowned Monday evening at the old landing of the South Omaha Pontoon Bridge and Ferry company, opposite to Sherman park, turns out to be F. Moravitz, the 6-year-old son of James Moravitz, a packing house employe. The little fellow was swept away by the current while he was bathing in the river with a number of other boys. The body has not been recovered.

Hall's barber shop, at Thirteenth and Dodge streets, was tarred and feathered Monday night, and yesterday a number of tonsorial artists were busy giving the front end of the place a clean shave. The word "Scab" was painted on one of the windows immediately above a sign which read, "Shave, 5 cents." The barbers employed in the place are graduates of a barber college.

Donald Broderick McAbee has written his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McAbee, of Omaha, that the U. S. S. Monongahela, on which he is touring as one of Uncle Sam's defenders, reached Queenstown July 5 and will go later to Cork. On the trip over one of the boys was washed overboard and lost while furling a flying jibsail. On the Fourth the young Americans had the ship covered with flags and fired twenty-one shots from a four-inch gun.

MAJORITY FOR LA FOLLETTE

Wisconsin Governor Sure to Be Renominated by Republicans.

CLOSE CONTEST FOR THE MINOR PLACES

Stalwart Faction Will Offer Resolution Demanding Re-Election of Spooner to Senate, Although He is Not a Candidate.

MADISON, Wis., July 15.—Everything is in readiness for the republican state convention, which meets in this city at noon today. Candidates for various places on the ticket were active throughout the day receiving their friends at their headquarters, where the delegates and thousands of visitors who came in during the day thronged.

The University gymnasium, where the convention is to be held, has been fitted up with chairs for seating about 3,000 persons. Of this number 1,065 will be delegates who will be seated in the front part of the building, the rear portion being set aside for the visitors.

Judge Levi H. Bancroft of Richland Center will be temporary chairman of the convention.

The state central committee met during the day, settled all disputed contests and made final plans for the big gathering.

Governor Robert N. La Follette will be placed in nomination by H. W. Chynoweth of Madison and will receive an overwhelming majority of the votes cast. An estimate of his strength gives him about 800 votes.

John M. Whitehead of Janesville, leader of the so-called stalwart faction, which is opposed to the state administration, will likely be placed in nomination and will receive the votes of the minority.

For lieutenant governor Joseph O. Davidson of Soldiers' Grove is the only candidate talked of.

Candidates for Minor Places.

There are several candidates for each place on the balance of the ticket. For secretary of state, Walter L. Houser of Mondovi is said to be in the lead and will probably get the nomination. He has for opponents Joseph R. Farr of Phillips, Rock Flint of Menominee and Henry P. Schmidt of Milwaukee.

Joseph G. Erd of Sheboygan seems to have the lead for the nomination of state treasurer. Other aspirants for this office are Nels Holman of Dane, L. N. Clausen of Washburn, John J. Kempf of Milwaukee, John F. Jardine of Waupaca, Leander Ferguson of Brandon and K. P. Fuley of Hayward.

In the contest for insurance commissioner Zeno M. Host of Milwaukee seems to be leading by a long margin.

For railroad commissioner the name of Nels Nelson of Washburn is the most prominently mentioned.

Prof. Charles P. Cary of Delevan is admittedly in the lead for the nomination for superintendent of public instruction over L. D. Harvey, the present incumbent.

Contest Over the Platform.

About the only real fight, if any, promises to be in the committee on resolutions. Two of the planks said to have been agreed upon favor the enactment of a primary election law and the equalization of taxes.

A lively time is expected over a resolution which the stalwarts will probably present demanding the return to the United States senate of John C. Spooner. While Mr. Spooner wrote a letter two years ago unalterably deciding not to be a candidate for re-election, he has a powerful following among both factions who desire his return. Leading La Follette supporters say that if Senator Spooner can be endorsed it will be necessary for him to make a declaration by which he will stand on the platform.

VICAR GENERAL CHOKA DYING

Rapidly Sinking at St. Joseph's Hospital from Cancer of the Liver.

At a late hour last night Father William Choka, priest of the church at Monteray, Cuming county, Neb., and vicar general and administrator of the Omaha diocese of the Catholic church, was reported as rapidly sinking from the effects of a cancer of the liver. The dying man was brought to St. Joseph's hospital July 3.

Very Rev. William Choka, V. G., was born December 20, 1840, in Cernovir, near Olmutz, Moravia, the son of a weaver. After leaving the school at Kromeriz he spent four years in the theological seminary at Olmutz and was ordained in July, 1866. He came to Chicago in 1871 to become the pastor of the parish of St. John's of Nepomuk. Five years later he organized the parish of St. Procopius and built the church, of which he was the priest for nine years. During his charge the new $50,000 church and a school for Bohemian children were built. In 1885 he came to Nebraska to take charge of the Bohemian missions of the state, and resided at Thirteenth and William streets. He built the present church at Fourteenth and Pine streets in 1887 and remained in charge until 1893, when he took the church in Monteray.

In 1889 he was appointed vicar general by the late bishop, Rt. Rev. James O'Connor, and later became administrator.

PICNIC OF THE MACCABEES

Over Thirty-Five Hundred People Enjoy Outing at Courtland Beach.

More than 3,500 men, women and children attended the picnic of the Knights of the Maccabees at Courtland Beach yesterday and with all kinds of games, good music, dancing, boating and other diversions everybody had a most enjoyable time. The contests resulted as follows: One hundred yard dash, H. D. Woolley first and A. E. Olsen second; broad jump, running, H. D. Woolley; hop, skip and jump, V. E. Olsen; fifty-yard boys' race, William Hamilton; fifty-yard woman's race, Mrs. Mary Holmes first, and Miss Pabst, second; women's egg and spoon race, Mrs. Woolley first and Mrs. George Ostrom second; fifty-yard dash for men, V. E. Olsen; fifty-yard dash for girls, Lizzie Baldwin first and Lena Moore second; fat men's race, Harry Rouse; standing broad jump, V. E. Olsen; best looking Maccabee, Chris Hansen; homliest Maccabee, "Billy" Bay.

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