would continue they did not venture to say, buil relating to the coming conclave and As Dr. Laponnio came from the sick room at 6 o'clock this evening for a breath of selves up within the Vatican grounds, o fresh air he summed up the decline in the patient's condition by saying:

"The pope's condition tonight is worse than this morning or last night, and while the end may come at any moment, yet an the Sistine chapet, the cardinals being imminent oxtastrophe is hardly anticipated, as the state of coma may be prolonged many hours."

When the state of coma first occurred the doctors formally communicated the gravity of the condition of his holiness to Cardinal Rampolls, who in turn sadvised the cardinals of the sacred college. At the same time the general public learned of the condition of the pontiff, and the entrance of the Vatican was soon thronged with cardinals of the church and diplomatic representatives making anxious inquiries. Twice the rumor of the death of the pope had gained currency.

The cardinals and diplomats on their arrival were informed of the gravity of the situation, but many of them left upon learning that the rumors of the pope's death were unfounded.

Confessor is Called In.

Tuto and Sig. Peffi, the pope's confessor. were then called into the sick room and

ed signs of consciousness. He lifted his head. Cardinal Vives y bed and tell the pontiff that some of the cardinals were in the antechamber. "I myself," said he, "desire to have your

raised a trembling hand and in an almost inaudible voice gave the cardinal the pontifical blessing. This effort, however, appeared to have been too much for him, and he fell back into a condition of un- | ders. consciousness.

Among the cardinals who came to the the chief duty of directing affairs when the pope's death comes. He went to the apartments which have been prepared for his permanent occupation, and it was believed that he had taken up his residence at the Vatican in anticipation of his speedy assumption of the important duties he will be called upon to perform. Later, however, he left the Vatican. Cardinal Scrafino Vannutelli, the great penitentiary, also arrived in readiness to perform his office of reciting prayers for the dying pontiff He remained at the Vatican throughout the afternoon and evening.

May Live Twenty-Four Hours. Toward night the reports from the sick room continued to be of the gravest character. Cardinal Della Voipe, coming from the Vatican, said he had held a brief conversistion with Dr. Laponni, and that the latter had made the following state-

ment: "If nothing new happens the patient may live until tomorrow morning, perhaps until evening, that is twenty-four hours longer. But beyond this his survival is impossible.' Following the departure of the cardinals

a number of carriages were stationed in the courtyard of San Damasco in readiness to bring the cardinals to the Vatican when the catastrophe seemed imminent. The medical aspect of the pope's case is

exciting much discussion, one reliable authority, having opportunity of knowing the private history of the case, says a third operation for the removal of the pleuric fluid has been made, but has not been made public. It is also stated in the same re liable quarter that Dr. Laponni and Dr. Maszoni have made a written statement before a notary public giving the exact details of the pope's case and that copies of these statements have been deposited with Cardinal Rampolla and Monsignor Cagnio to the message sent to Cardinal Rampolla was blown over, falling on a colt and kill-de Asyedeo, the major dome of his holi-by Acting Secretary Loomis at the presi-ing it instantly. In Ashland, lightning de Azvedeo, the major dome of his holi ness. The purposes of this statement is answer possible subsequent medical criticisms on the treatment of the case. It is understood that the doctors have not been as frank in their bulletins, as they personally desired to be, details of some features of the case being withheld at the earnest request of the Vatican authorities. Their formal statement is expected to clear up the entire medical history of the case.

BULLETINS FROM BEDSIDE Indicate a Rapid Loosening of the Pope's Hold Upon

ROME, July 19 .- 9:30 a. m .- The following medical bulletin has just been issued by the pope's physicians:

Life.

The night was sleepless with little tran quility. The pope's strength continues depressed. His respiration is caim, but superficial, at 34; pulse regular, full, but weak at 16; temperature 36.5 centigrade.

(Signed.)

MAZZONI. 13:45-The pope's condition continues abo the same, but his holiness is, if possible

somewhat more restless and he calls frequently even when his attendants are in 1:6 p. m .- The pope is in a restless and

somewhat unnatural sleep, frequently calling out. 5:15 p. m.-The pope has had an attack

of delirium. The end appears inevitable Cardinal Vannutti, grand penitentiary, whose duty it is to say prayers for the dying, entered the sick chamber at 9 o'clock this evening. This is believed to indicate that the pope is in extremis. ROME, July 20.-2:45 a. m.-A suspicion

condition is due to blood poisoning as a result of derangement of the kidneys. Although the condition of the pope is unchanged and coma continues, all about the Vatican is quiet, except the apartments of the pontiff, it being thought that a catastrophe will not occur during the night. A contributing element to the weakness of the pope has been his inability to take ent. When an attempt is made to

administer restoratives, although they are piaced in his mouth, he does not swallow The Vatican has asked prayers for the august head of the church at this su-4 a. m .- When the pope is called by his attendants he still makes a great effort to arouse himself from the stuper into which he has sank, but is soon again overcome.

4:45 a. m .- At this hour it is announced that the condition of the pontiff is apparlike many of his predecessors, hoped and ently stationary. POPE LEAVES INSTRUCTIONS

Advises Cardinals Not to Shut Themselves Up in the Vatican.

PARIS, July 20 .- A dispatch to the Figure from Rome says a well informed prelate has told their correspondent that he believes Pope Leo's papers will contain a

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advising the cardinals not to shut themaccount of the age and weakness of several of their number and the unhealthiness of Trouble Starts in a Quarrel Over Payment the palace in hot weather. The voting for the new pope will in any case take place it sworn to secrecy as to their deliberations A special to the Le Gaulois from Rome says it is asserted that the Italian gov ernment is intending to render royal honors as soon as the death is known, by firing cannon at Fort St. Angelo, and by half-

masting of all of the flags. The correspondent of the Eciair at Rome has had a long conversation with Marquis Sochetti, grand marshal of the papal court, who repeated to him the following declaratake over the administration of pontificial affairs during the interregnum of the official head of the church:

"I shall, alas, be the only living authoripect it to be absolutely blind. For the sol- been arrested. diers there is a prison, and I shall use it The condition of coma was interrupted Italian police, and I know the garrison of shortly atter sunset. Cardinal Vives y Rome will do its duty outside, let us do Makes Two Attempts to Kill Himself ours inside

"I intend to revive the proper traditions began to repeat Latin prayers, the familiar taking as a model the former conclaves. language penetrated to the sick room and Not that the death of Pope Leo XIII. will the pope aroused from his stupor and be announced from the loggia of St. Peter's to the people of the world, nor will it be Tuto took advantage of this to go to his ion inside. The funeral will be celebrated found by Officer Cody at 7 o'clock this benediction." The pope with a great effort the Sistine chapel, which function was sup- room being underground, in an attempt to

Vatican today was Cardinal Oreglia, dean head, calm and absolute above all, and spondency, of the Sacred college, upon whom will fall with no other control than that of my con-

The sacred college has decided that the seclusion of the cardinals during the conclave shall be carried out with the strictest formalities. It will even be impossible for the cardinals to look out of the windows, was in the affair of Robert Welts of Kearand the Vatican guards will watch the coming and going of every one. Cardinal Oreglia has ordered all the telephones in the Vatican to be removed before the con-

WIRES CONDITION IS GRAVE Papal Secretary of State Notifies Delegate to the United

States. WASHINGTON, July 19 .- Mgr. Falconio. the papal delegate, today received the following cablegram from Cardinal Rampolia: "The condition of the hely father grave. More depressed."

Mgr. Falconio later this afternoon received a second cablegram from Cardinal Rampolla. It said: "Holy father continues in grave state of

This is the second time since the pope was taken ill that Cardinal Rampolla has sent more than one cablegram a day to the papal delegate here. The other occasion was when the pope was thought to be

dying several days ago. Acting Secretary of State Loomis yesterdinal Rampolla at Rome:

dent's request: dent's request:

ROME, July 18.—Mr. Francis B. Loomis, acting secretary of state. Washington, D. C.: I beg of you to present in his holiness' name to his excellency, the president, the warmest and most sincere thanks for his sympathy toward his holiness in this hour of dreadful suspense, and I am very sorry to advise you that unfortunately the condition of the august sufferer is becoming very critical.

M. CARDINAL GIBBONS.

M. CARDINAL GIBBONS. ROME, July 19 .- President Roosevelt's elegram expressing sympathy for his holiess in this hour of supreme anxiety and asking to be informed of the condition of the venerable patient has been received.

The Vatican authorities are deeply appreciative of this expression of sympathy. and recall the cordial personal exchanges between the president and the pope when the volumes of the presidential messages and papal encyclicals were exchanged. Cardinal Rampolla sent an answer to the mesuge, which contained the thanks of the Vatican authorities for the solicitude expressed by the president, and also the latest information concerning the condition of the pope.

RUSSIANS ADMIRE POPE LEO Consolidation of Two Catholic Churches Could Not be Considered, However.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.-M. Pobyedonosteff, procurator of the holy synod, said today to the representative of the Associated Press:

"Pope Leo has many admirere in Russia. political world today, not only on account of his position, but equally because of his character. The emperor greatly desired to has arisen that the change in the pope's meet Lee last spring, but his visit to Rome was deferred. Leo numbered among his life-long advairers the Grand Doke Sergius Alexanderovitch, the emperor's bacle, who first called on the pope when a small boy, with his tutor. He sent to the pope a token of his esteem upon the occasion of the latter's jubilee. The relations between the Russian government and the Roman church have been better under Leo XIII than ever before and are now entirely normal, I understand, for you know the ministry of the interior and the foreign office alone are concerned, the minister of the interior having entire jurisdiction over foreign religious bodies in Russia. While we all respect the pope and the great church whose head he is, we cannot take into consideration a union with the Moman Catholic church, of which Leo XIII.

> dreamed." The procurator of the holy syned in aging, but is alert, both mentally and physteally. of the affairs of the Orthodox Greek church with its relation to policies in life in

Bussia. The department of foreign worship in the ministry of the luterior confirms the statement that the relations with the Roman church under the present pope have been more satisfactory than previously. Cardinal Rampolla, who is mainly instrumental in establishing the Russian diplomatic mission at the Vatican, enjoys special favor at the department, where it is believed that his election would mean a continuance of the present good relations.

Arrests Follow the Biots. EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 19 .- The followng arrests were made today on warrants worn out by the grand jury in connection with the recent riots here: Thomas Winfrey and Charles Walters, charged with urgiary; Ben Dennis, Bertis Smith and Duncan Young, colored, charged with riot ous conspiracy; William Durand and George S. Spier, saloon keepers, charged with violating the Sunday closing law. Several more arrests are expected Monday.

for Drinks.

MURDERER ESCAPES AFTER THE SHOOTING

Both Men Empty Revolvers Without Effect When Keeper of Dive Grabs Shotgan and Shoots Flying Opponent.

VALENTINE, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)proprietor of an immoral house, during a

Arrangements have been made with the OLD MAN IS TIRED OF LIFE and May Finally Succeed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., July 19 .- (Special Telemade known in a hole-in-the-corner fash- gram.)-R. P. Meek, an old man, was search, which continued night and day until in accordance with authentic bulls. I in- morning in the boiler room at the state tend under the guard of the pontifical army capitol apparently dead. He had thrown to revive the lying in state of the body in himself through the coal chute, the boiler pressed on the last occasion. Every morn- kill himself. Succeeding only in dislocating ing orders will be given by me alone, and one hip, he took a small penknife and cut I shall punish the slightest assumption of his throat. The latter wound was just authority outside the execution of my or- serious enough to result in a considerable loss of blood, from which and the resultant "Accustom yourselves, gentlemen, not to shock he may not recover. He is an old nsider me as an old priest, but as your man and ill luck in business caused de-

Evades Jail Sentence.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-A peculiar case, illustrating how one man evaded the penalty prescribed by law, was terminated in this city this week. ney county. In that county about one year ing liquor without a license. The amount the required sum he was sentenced to jail. search for some one to go his bond. The search continued for forty days, Weltz each day reporting his endeavors to the sheriff. The game finally wore out, and since Kear ney county has no jall, he was transferred he immediately took habeas corpus proceedprisoner had already served his time, inasdaily to the sheriff of Kearney county.

Damage Done by Storm.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—
Reports of the damage done by the storm of Friday morning in the vicinity south and west of Ashland are about all in. In a small area south of town there was a morning corn. The hall was most severe at J. W. Resoner's and C. T. Richards' farms in the Fairland neighbenhood. Franklin Hill's barn near South bendog have been east sound from lemon extracts and ments being scattered for thirty rods in the path of the storm. George Nichols' barn, five miles southwest of Ashland, was partly unroofed and a number of trees in his orchard were blown down. A tree on Charles R. Craig's place near Murdock was blown over, falling on a colt and killnig it instantly. In Ashland, lightning struck the residence of the Asna the storm of the storm of the storm. To young struck the residence of the Asna the storm of the appointment is generally regarded as a good one.

Indians Get on a Drunk.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—
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(Cockrell, there was no one to make arrests for over a year until the soldiers arrived in May. Then City Judge Cardwell, who leads the subject of the best suggestions and leads to the growing corn. The hall was most severe at J. W. Reasoner's and C.

T. Richards' farms in the Fairland neighben-cook struct and such that the pecial of a cardwell who in the path of the storm. George Nichols' barn, five miles southwest of Ashland, was partly unroofed and a number of trees where blown down. A tree on Charles R. Craig's place near Murdock was blown over, falling on a colt and killbarn, five miles southwest of Ashland, was blown over, falling on a colt and killbarn, five miles southwest of Ashland, was partly unroofed and a number of trees was blown over, falling on a colt and killbarn, five miles estered for the five months. After the killing of Town Marshal James Cockrell, there was no one to make arrests for over a year until the solders arrived in May. Then City Judge Cardwell, who is contained to the fair the months, resumed holding court. The was blown t day sent the following cablegram to Car- Eend was demolished by the wind, the frag-The president directs me to convey through you appropriate expressions of his sincere sympathy with his holiness in this hour of supreme suspense and to request that he be advised of the condition of the venerable sufferer.

Tonight the following reply was received on Charles R. Craig's place near Murdock and the condition of the condition of the venerable sufferer. struck the residence of Hon. T. T. Young, partially wrecking the chimney and tearing loose a few shingles from the roof.

Charged with Criminal Assault. COLUMBUS, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-Mike Mostek, better known as "Big Mike," was brought here last night and lodged in jall. He is charged with an attempted criminal assault upon the person of a married German woman named Henry who lives in Humphrey. The affair happened Thursday evening and there was strong talk of applying the Falls City method of treatment, but cooler heads prevailed. Mostek has lived in this county for many years and is always in trouble of some kind, but it looks now as if he would have to do some time in the penitentlary. The county attorney says the evidence is strong against him. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$800 and in default will have to lie in jail until No-

Odd Fellows Install.

vember.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-Papillion lodge No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, installed the following officers last night: William Gehringher, noble grand; Henry Neiman, vice grand; D. M. Sanderes, warden; D. Claussen, of chauvinistic feeling. R. S. to N. G.; G. M. Manson, L. S. to E. F. Bloedel, L. S. to V. G.; J. T. Gatewood, inner guard; Gus Swanson, conductor. About fifty members from Omaha and South Omaha, besides a large delegation from Springfield. After He is the most eminent person in the the installation a banquet was given in honor of the visitors. All had a pleasant time until a late hour.

Wheat Harvest Ended.

wheat harvest is finished in this section two men. His wife is less affirmative. Anthreshing the crop from the shock, thus dets are dissatisfied with the sum of \$100 saving the delay and expense of stacking given by Mrs. Vanderbiit and Mrs. Oelrichs and going through the sweat, the last in- for their care in connection with the accivolving a delay of six weeks or more. The dent. yield will be somewhat disappointing, as the berry became shrunken just at the time of ripening, and will be only about eighteen oushels to the acre. The oat harvest will soon begin. The yield will be heavy, estimated to be eighty or more bushels to the acre. Corn is growing fine.

Salem Chautauqua Opens August 1. FALLS CITY, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.) --The ninth assembly of the Salem Interstate Chautauqua will be held at Salem, Neb. August 1 to 9 inclusive. Rev. Lincoln McConnell, who so successfully superintended the enterprise last year, will act in the same capacity this season. W. P. He still maintains a complete grasp Shildreck of Salem is the secretary. General Fitzhugh Lee and Dr. Robert Mc-Intyre are among the noted speakers.

Chokes on Apple

YORK, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.) - Only by he timely arrival of medical aid was the life of Jennie Kump," living eight miles south of York, saved. Jennie is a little girl and in some way a piece of green apple lodged in her throat and she nearly choaked to death.

Calls York Convention.

YORK: Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-At a meeting of the republican county central committee of York county the time and place for holding the county republican convention was set for Saturday, August 15, at 10 a. m., in the court room.

West Point Odd Fellows. WEST POINT, Neb., July 18 .- (Special.)-

C. N. Hepburn of Dodge: Noble grand, chow; R. S. N. G., F. D. Sharrar; L. S. N. G., Jasper Boyceon; clerk, Conrad Paul warden, Robert Christensen; chaplain, Ludwig Christopherson; R. S. V. G., Charles W. Sass; L. S. V. G., William Mor-

BOY NOT WORRIED IN LEAST While Whole Neighborhood

Searching for Him Lad

Was Working.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-After almost a week of absence from home during which time it seemed the south half William Petit, sergeant of L company, Fort of the county was ransacked by searching tion made by Cardinal Oregila, who will Niobrara, was fatally shot by S. E. Price, parties and the beds of all the streams in that section were dragged for his body, discussion of the payment of drinks this Dannie, the 11-year-old son of John Uhri, afternoon. Each emptied a six-shooter at was found serenely shocking wheat yesterthe other, but Price had a shotgun with day on the farm of Mr. Biggs, a neighbor,

> he was located by the marshal of DuBols. Championship Belt Rendy,

NORFOLK, Neb., July 18 .- (Special.) --The championship belt for the state hose race, which has been won during the past two years by Fremont, was received by President Hartford of the association yesterday afternoon and is now waiting to be in the tournament which holds forth in this city Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If Fremont wins it again it becomes permanent property. The belt is a handsome prize, worth several hundred dollars.

Reseind Election Call.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-The election called for the 21st to vote a 5-mill levy on the taxable property of this county for the next five years for the ago he was arrested and convicted of sell- purpose of building a new court house was all his affairs. About \$4,500 was raised for sold was forty cents worth. Weltz was ing. Much opposition was manifest from everything he had in the incendiary fire, fined \$100 and costs, \$30. Falling to produce the fact that under the new revenue law and this he has fixed for his family, his He was granted, however, the privilege to tain. A propositon to vote bonds will be awaiting his return. submitted in the near future.

to Adams county for safe keeping. Here Hacker and County Judge Neal, who, under was to furnish the funds. county. The appointment is generally re-

order given by Mayor Hazen to Chief of of the sort has been eliminated and there will be nothing of the graft at the tournsment.

Hall Cleans Up Crops.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-The reports from the hall storm that passed over portions of Hamilton, Polk and Merrick counties Thursday evening show it was far more disastrous than at first reported. The destruction in the path of the storm was complete.

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A Hurt Never Hurts

Frenchmen Do Not Relish the Arrest of Their Countrymen.

PARIS, July 19 .- The papers devote conforeigner having aroused a certain amount

Le Journal publishes a fresh interview N. G.; H. C. Gehringher, R. S. to V. G.; with Mme. Hourdet, who, with her husband, continues to assert that they did not see any bicyclists on the day of the disaster. A came feature of the case is the Doudet's assertion that two bicyclists stopped at the house on the day following the accident and looked in through a window of the room where the corpses were lying, one remarking: "That is Fair; I knew him well in Paris.

Hourdet says the description of the ac-SUTTON, Neb., July 19 .- (Special.)-The cused Frenchmen corresponds with these and the steam threshers have commenced other point brought out is that the Hour-

> Grand Trunk Not Reaching Out. was made public tonight by General Man- this gratuitous imputation. The rural deager Hayes to the story that the Grand livery appropriation for the fiscal year end-Trunk had acquired the Clover Leaf sys- ing June 30, 1991, was \$1,750,000; for the fiscal tem. Mr. Hayes said it was not the inten- year ending June 30, 1902, it was just double. tion of the Grand Trunk to make any fur- \$3,500,000. The number of routes in operather extension in the states.

Steamer Lost, Passengers Saved. VICTORIA, B. C., July 19 .- The steamer point this morning. All the passengers were landed safely at Port Townsend.

No Settlement of Trouble.

SPOKANE, Wash. July 10.—President James M. Lynch of the International Typographical union and Commissioner Frederick Driscoll of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, who, as a national board of arbitration, came here paper rubinshers association, who, as a national board of arbitration, came here ten days ago to consider an appeal by the Spokane union from the award recently made by a local board of arbitration regulating wages in the composing room of the Review Publishing company, have falled to accomplish the object of their trip. The failure resulted from President Lynch refusing to assent to the selection of a third arbitrator as provided in the arbitration contract between the International Typographical union and a large number of American publishers. After hearing the evidence and arguments, President Lynch decided with the union and Commissioner Driscoll with the Review company. Mr. Driscoll with the Review company. Mr. Driscoll then proposed the selection of a third arbitrator but Mr. Lynch refused and the proceedings being thus blocked the board adjourned sine die.

Diver Breaks His Neck.

Otto Kerl; vice noble grand, Charles Mai- FEAR MORE FUED TROUBLES

Forward to with Apprehension.

BRIBERY CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Man Who Offered it Has No Money and Men of Prominence Likely to Be Involved in the Affair.

feud troubles is brewing here. The special is not a parallel case running through a grand jury called by Circuit Judge Redwine period of years in the history of the counto investigate the charges of attempting to try. This great confidence imposed high bribe B. L. Ewen not to testify against obligations on the postmaster general. He Curtis and Thomas White in the Marcum made his regular reports to the president murder case, and of arson for the burning and to congress, and they approved his of Ewen's hotel after he had testified, con- action. ty and I count on the devotion of the which he shot Petit in the back as the lat- less than two miles from his home. It is of Ewen's hotel after he had testified, conclergy and the military, and I shall ex- ter was running away. Price has not yet said that he was not permitted to go to a venes here tomorrow. The instructions of Procter Dogmatic and Impracticable. show which appeared in Humboldt last Judge Redwine are anxiously awaited, as Saturday night and took offense because it is reported that the grand jurors will be many of his playmates were attending. It asked to go into a sweeping inquiry conhas since developed that he went direct to cerning conditions in Breathitt county, Dullois, where the show had a date and where twenty-seven lives have been lost then returned to the farm of Mr. Biggs and since the Hargis-Cardwell feud started, and asked for employment, which was granted as yet no one has ever been punished for by Biggs, who was a newcomer and had not any of these capital offenses. In the event heard of the missing lad, and of course of a general inquisition it is conceded that failed to recognize him. It is estimated that persons highly connected will be involved no less than 200 people participated in the and that trials for the killing of Dr. Cox and Town Marshall Cockrell will follow close on the second trial of Jett and White for the murder of Marcum.

Crawford and Tharp are still held on the charge of firing Ewen's hotel. Both are teamsters for Hargis Bros., and are being ably defended. As Ewen was held in camp by the soldiers while his house was burning he is not a witness in the arson cases, but carried away by the winners of the race as well as the only eye witness to the murder of Marcum. For that reason it is feared that trouble may begin when he returns here tomorrow from Lexington to testify against a well known citizen for offering him \$5,000 cash if he would not testify against Jett and White.

Even Makes His Will.

In anticipation of the worst, Ewen, while in Lexington, made his will and arranged recalled by the supervisors yesterday morn- him by popular subscription after he lost the amount to be raised was very uncer- wife and part of his children being here

Ewen has told Commonwealth Attorney

ings. The county judge decided that the county commissioners, appointed George martial law by the provost marshal since much as for forty days he had reported signed. Mr. Ernst is a farmer, about 40 jail at Lexington a month ago, but there

decreasing to fifteen in 1901, eight in 1902 and two in 1902. My letter, setting forth the fact of rectification, was written December 27, 1900, and Mr. Procter says the transfers decreased to fifteen the next year. I need not comment on the peculiar candor which made no acknowledgment of the removal of all just ground of complaint then, and seeks to suppress the truth about it now. Nor need inquire whether this is due to the fact that, after being so greatly exercised about the mote in the department's eye, namely, 118 transfers in three years, among over 200,000 employes, the critic was painfully reminded of the beam in his own eye, siderable space to the Fair case, the arrest namely, 896 forced appointments, outside of Frenchmen on a charge brought by a civil service rules, in a year and a half because of the commission's failure to meet

Charge of Packing.

the requirements.

The only other point of Mr. Procter's letter which calls for any attention from me is his statement respecting the rural free delivery division, as follows:

Nearly all of the clerks and messengers in the rural free delivery service who were covered into the classified service were in positions in Washington, D. C. One hunpositions in Washington, D. C. One hundred and thirty-three of them were appointed prior to July 1 1901; twenty-six were appointed in the four months immediately preceding the classification, and fifty-six were appointed in the twenty-six days preceding classification. How many of these were appointed for reasons other than the needs of the service it is, of course, impossible for the commission to determine, but that the service was packed with emimpossible for the commission to determine, but that the service was packed with employes in the interests of the individual is indicated by the fact that the number of appointments in the month of the classification was more than twice as great as for the preceding four months.

With a few words of plath statement I

MONTREAL, July 19 .- An official denial shall leave judgment to be pronounced on tion July 1, 1900, was 1,276, and July 1, 1901. it was 4,301. In the next five months before the classification the number increased to 6.009. Was double the appropriation to North Pacific foundered off Marrowstone be applied, double the service to be provided, double the work to be done without any increase of force?

Forty-One Were Women, The truth is that when congress, by

making the large appropriation of \$3,500,000

for the fiscal year 1901-2, settled that the service was no longer experimental, the department set about organizing it on a permanent busis. It carefully calculated now the appropriation should be apportioned, how many agents should be employed in the field, how many clerks were needed at headquarters to keep up with the work, etc. With the greatly increased appropriation and service the force was inadequate to the requirements; the clerks were working over hours, and it was under these circumstances that the additinal appointments were made. How much ground there was for Mr. Procter's unworthy innuendo may be judged from the fact that of the fifty-six appointments to which he refers forty-one were women clerks, four were transfers, six were designations for division headquarters in the field, five all WEST POINT, Neb. July 18—(Special.)—
On Wednesday evening last the following officers of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 52, were installed by District Deputy Grand Master

PHILADELPHIA, July 19—John Bechtold were original appointments of men for the Delaware river in order to wet a handkerchief. The water was aballow and be broke his neck.

Nearly two years have elapsed since the appointments. You have been postmaster general a year and a half and you have not dropped one of them! If the service Opening of Court in Jackton, Ky., Looked was packed how faithless you have been to your duty! This heedless critic didn't see that his blow was aimed at you as well

is me! It may have been a sad case of mistaken judgment, but congress by law devolved the organization of the rural delivery servce and the appointment of all its force on the postmaster general, and not on Mr. Procter. For several successive years it made constantly increasing appropriations, to be expended absolutely at the postmaster general's discretion, without condition or JACKSON, Ky., July 19 .- A renewal of restriction. So far as I now recall, there

When, as already indicated, it became clear that the service was to be enduring he addressed himself to the task of preparing it for a permanent footing. This involved bringing it within the classified servlee and of extending the civil service rules to it, so far as they were applicable. But inasmuch as the first requirement of the rural carrier was to have a horse and wagon (horse and wagon not being amenable to competitive academic examination) and inasmuch as other special conditions existed, the regular rules could not be literally applied just as they were; they had to be modified to adapt them to these conditions. Under the direction of the president, the department was engaged for some weeks with the Civil Service commission in framing a system and body of rules, and, in view of Mr. Procter's remarks, it is only fair to say that in this work he proved so unreasonable, so dogmatic and so impracticable that he had to be overruled both by his own associates and by the administration, and had to be substantially eliminated from all part in the construction of the framework. The burden of the work on the part of the Civil Service commission fell on Mr. William D. Foulke, who is as strong and rational in his practical sense as he is sincere, earnest and intelligent in his devotion to civil service reform.

The principle govering the organization of the rural delivery and the attitude and spirit of the department were stated in my annual report for 1901, as follows:

Merit System Applied.

Fill Vacant Office.

AUBURN, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—
County Treasurer Codington, County Clerk
Hacker and County Judge Neal, who, under the statute, fill yacancies in the board of county commissioners, appointed George
Ernst to succeed Herman Holtgrews, resigned. Mr. Ernst is a farmer, about 46 years of age, and is a son of William Ernst, one of the wealthlest farmers in Johnson county. The appointment is generally recounty. The appointment is generally recounty. The militia has been continuously here for its development depended upon the results of actual experience, as its progress might

order given by Mayor Hazen to Chief of Police Kane this morning. Concessions had been let for a few games, but everything of the sort has been eliminated and there.

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who daily traverse the routes and collect and deliver the mail have been named; and these more than 6,000 selections have been made without triction, and, it is believed, with little complaint. The merit principle of appointment has substantially been ap-(Continued from First Page.)

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ter, except for the single observation that Mr. Procter's innuendoes justify a personal statement, which, however, will be more becoming in a less formal paper. Respectfully yours,

CHARLES EMORY SMITH

Body of Arthur Reaches Home. CLEVELAND, July 19.—The body of Peter M. Arthur, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who died suddenly in Winnipeg, Man., last Thursday night, reached this city tonight over the Lake Shore railroad. It was accompanied by four members of the brotherhood from Winnipeg, one from Rail Portage, Ont., and another from Moose Jaw, N. W. T. There was no representation of engineers to meet the body on its arrival, this being in accordance with the wish of Mr. Arthur's family. The funeral tomorrow will be conducted as privately as possible in view of the wide acquaintance and the position held by Mr. Arthur.

Rev. Muchistepen's Condition Serious. ST. LOUIS, July 19.—The condition of Rev. Henry Muehislepen, vicar general of the Catholic arch-diocese of St. Louis, who has been ill for about six months, is now extremely serious, and it is feared that he may not live through the week. For about a week he has been in a commitose condition in the day time, though at night he has been able to get but little sleep.

Wants His Money's Worth. Wants His Honey's Worth.

Several people called at the city jail Sunday to see the magnetic healers, Profs. Hall and Parker. One man brought his little girl along with him and asked permission to have her treated. He said he had paid the healers \$7 for four treatments and she had had but one. He took the child to the cell where the doctors are confined and one of them went through the operation of laying on his hands.

ing on his hands. Horse Steps on Dynamite. TRENTON, N. J., July 19.—While James H. Romaine and some friends were driving along a street today one of the horses stepped on a stick of dynamite, which exploded and blew the hoof off one of the horses. The vehicle was partly shattered by the explosion, but the occupants were not hurt. The horse's hoof was blown about seventy-five feet away and the animal was afterward shot.

"Lord" Barrington is Ill. ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 19.—The preliminary trial of "Lord" F. Seymour Barrington, charged with the murder of James P. McCann. which was set for tomorrow in Justice Campbell's court, will probably be postponed. Barrington is ill in the Clayton jall, with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. Saturday his temperature was 103% and today his condition was not changed.

Missouri Guard in Camp. ST JOSEPH, July 19.—The state encampment of the National Guard of Missouri opened at Lake Contrary today. Three thousand men, under command of Brigadier General Clark, are in attendance. Governor A. M. Dockery and staff will review the troops on Friday. A number of regular army officers are instructing the guard on advanced drills.

Games in III League. At Rock Island-Rock Island, 4; Cedar Rapids, 3.
At Bloomington-Rockford, 5; Blooming-At Springfield—Dubuque, 10; Springfield, 6. At Decatur—Davenport, 19; Decatur, 1.

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