OUTSIDE VIEW OF WILLIAMS

Schuyler Editor Offers Suggestion as to Proper Reward for Treachery.

COLFAX REPUBLICANS AGAINST NOMINEE

Writer Suggests that Republicans Who Desire a Man Worthy of Trust Should Unite on One Democrat.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Sept. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have carefully read the several articles in The Bee concerning the perfidy of J. A. Williams of Pierce at the republican state convention and I join with you in saying that a man who will thus violate the confidence reposed in him by the republicans of his county, for the sake of political gain for himself, is one in whom no one can have any confidence. When he went to that state convention under instructions passed by resolution in the Pierce county republican convention to vote for Edward Rosewater for United States senator, he had but that one thing to do as long as Mr. Rosewater was in the field, regardless of what he thought as to prospects or results and when it is known that he secretly made a deal with the Norris Brown forces to secure their aid in getting the nomination for railroad commissioner, his traitorous acts are the more assurable. There seems to be no doubt as to his work and it is of such a nature that all must condemn.

Colfax Republicans Bitter.

The republicans of this county of Colfax, which was one of the most enthusiastic and loyal of the Rosewater counties, are bitter in their denunciation of Williams and will not vote for him. I suspect that such will be the case all over the state, especially with the friends of Edward Rosewater. Williams will lose thousands of votes and it is to be hoped that he will be defeated. A man who will prove to be a traitor to his home republicans, as well as to be two-faced with his supposed friend, is not the man to trust in so important a position as railroad commissioner. That is an important office and the people have too much at stake to entrust their interests in such hands. A man who will practically sell out his friend for the sake of a political office would be too apt to sell out the people where the railroads were interested on the other side.

My object in writing this letter to you for publication, is to consolidate the republicans who propose voting against Mr. Williams. There being three democratic candidates for railroad commissioner, some republicans will vote for Horst, some for Fitzsimmons and some for Davis. By scattering their votes they might still let Williams slide through, while if they consolidate it, he would be sure of defeat.

Suggestion Offered.

I want to suggest to The Bee editor and to republicans who propose cutting the name of Williams, that they cast their votes for George Horst of Polk county. I have known George Horst and know him to be a splendid man for that position. His several terms in the Nebraska legislature tell best of him. I suggest to The Bee editor to take up this suggestion and advise the Rosewater republicans and republicans who won't vote for a man like Williams to all vote for George Horst.

There is another reason why The Bee should do this, and that is in protection of Winnett and Cowell, whom it supports. If the vote in the state is close the defection from Williams, if scattered among Horst, Fitzsimmons and Davis, might defeat all three republican candidates.

Personally, I am for the three democratic nominees and would like to see all three elected, but I want to see Williams defeated sure, and if one of the three democrats is successful I want honest George Horst, that one. Let The Bee editor give this his attention and Mr. Williams will not be on that board where he can have the chance to betray the people. Very truly yours. JOHN C. SPRECHER.

STEAMSHIP MANCHURIA HELD

Pacific Commercial Cable Company Wants Three Hundred Thousand Dollars for Services.

HONOLULU, Sept. 22.—The steamship Manchuria, which was floated last Sunday, is now in charge of United States Marshal Hendry under an attachment placed by the Pacific Commercial Cable company for $300,000 for the services of the cable company's cable ship Restorer. It is alleged that the Restorer constantly towed the Manchuria at great risk to he Resorer from August 20, the day the Manchuria went aground, until September 16, the day it was floated.

Pay is also demanded for the service of the Restorer in towing the Manchuria to Honolulu after it was floated. The libel alleges that the Manchuria is worth $2,000,000 and that it had a cargo valued at $500,000.

Nebraska Streams Described.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The results of the investigation of surface water supply resources carried on in Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota during 1905 by the United States geological survey has been published. The local streams are all described.

Verdict for Dr. Pierce

AGAINST THE

Ladies' Home Journal.

Sending truth after a lie. It is an old maxim that "a lie will travel seven leagues while truth is getting its boots on," and no doubt hundreds of thousands of good people read the unwarranted and malicious attack upon Dr. R. V. Pierce and his "Favorite Prescription" published in the May (1904) number of the Ladies' Home Journal, with its great black display headings, who never saw the humble, groveling retraction, with its inconspicuous heading, published two months later. It was boldly charged in the slanderous and libelous article that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for the cure of woman's weaknesses and ailments, contained alcohol and other harmful ingredients. Dr. Pierce promptly brought suit against the publishers of the Ladies' Home Journal, for $300,000.00 damages.

Dr. Pierce alleged that Mr. Bok, the editor, maliciously published the article containing such false and defamatory matter with the intent of injuring his business; furthermore, that no alcohol, or other injurious, or habit-forming, drugs are, or ever were, contained in his "Favorite Prescription"; that said medicine is made from native medicinal roots and contains no harmful ingredients whatever, and that Mr. Bok's malicious statements were wholly and absolutely false.

If the retraction printed by said Journal they were forced to acknowledge that they had obtained analyses of "Favorite Prescription," from eminent chemists all of whom certified that it did not contain a trace of any of the alleged harmful drugs.

These facts were also proven in the trial of the action in the Supreme Court. But the business of Dr. Pierce was greatly injured by the publication of the libelous article with its great display headings, while hundreds of thousands who read the wickedly defamatory article never saw the humble groveling retraction, set in small type and made as inconspicuous as possible. The matter was, however brought before a jury in the Supreme Court of New York State which promptly rendered a verdict in the Doctor's favor. Thus his traducers came to grief and their base slanders were refuted.

BURKETT POINTS TO RECORD

(Continued from Third Page.)

ing in a score of 3 to 4 in favor of the degree team.

LONG PINE—Mrs. Plopper, wife of Mr. Frank Plopper, one of the oldest settlers in this section, died Friday at her home, aged 53 years, after a week's illness.

BEATRICE—The little son of C. W. Enck, living southwest of Beatrice, had one of his fingers taken off in the machinery of the windmill while at play about the yard.

COLUMBUS—Notwithstanding the excessive rains throughout the state in the last ten days, this county has had no floods. The rainfall in Columbus was but 3.5 inches.

PERU—Owing to the large attendance at the State Normal, 200 additional seats have been placed on the first floor of the chapel, in order to accommodate the increased enrollment.

PLATTSMOUTH—The water has been rising rapidly in the Platte river for several days and the sandbars are covered. The boat at Oreapolis has been put out of business.

BEATRICE—The O. O. Wells farm of 160 acres, located four miles east of Beatrice, was sold yesterday to George Townsend, a resident of West Beatrice, for a trifle over $12,000 cash.

WOOD RIVER—The last few days have been busy ones for the farmers. Since the rain the ground has been in fine condition and the farmers are busy putting in their winter wheat.

COLUMBUS—H. S. Elliott has paid $115 an acre for seventy acres of the old Barclay Jones homestead. This is considered a way up price for unimproved land in Platte county.

DAVID CITY—Among some of the young people that have gone to Lincoln to attend the university are Daisy Baughan, Miriam Millier, Fay Myers, Camille Evans and George Fenlon.

BEATRICE—Chicken thieves visited the premises of Henry Ritterbush in the east part of town and stole a number of fine fowls. The officers have been unable to locate the guilty parties.

DAVID CITY—Ed Confal, who has worked for Attorney Matt Miller in this city for several years past as stenographer, will leave Monday for Lincoln, where he will study at the university.

PERU—Mrs. Daisy D. Wettleton of the Department of Expression, who has been taking a much needed vacation, will be back ready for work by October 1. Large classes are awaiting her return.

COLUMBUS—Ben Custer, who has been running a livery stable at Shelby in Polk county, bought the stables run by Louis Brunken on East Eleventh street and will enter into possession right away.

NEBRASKA CITY—Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, democratic candidate for governor, spoke to a large audience in the court room Saturday evening. He discussed the railroad question and national politics.

BEATRICE—Traffic was resumed yesterday over the Union Pacific between this point and Omaha for the first time in several days on account of the washouts on the line between Lincoln and Valley.

TEKAMAH—Mrs. Nora Pebworth Bradley, wife of Ed Bradley, line man for the Nebraska Telephone company of this place, died of tuberculosis this morning. The deceased leaves a husband and baby boy and girl.

TEKAMAH—Today for the first time this week the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha trains are running on time. The first three days of the week only one train a day ran and that was from two to four hours late.

BEATRICE—Dr. Stewart yesterday operated upon a cow belonging to a man named Miller, who resides in Glenover, and removed from the stomach two tubs of alfalfa. Another cow, which had eaten freely of the alfalfa died, but it is believed the one operated upon will recover.

DAVID CITY—Elmore Johnson has sold his second-hand store to James Kell, who has been working in the Walter Hardware company's store. Mr. Johnson has rented about twenty-five acres near the river and will put in onions and other garden stuff, next year.

GRAND ISLAND—Cuyler Schultz, an aged resident, reports that while he was alone in his house on the outskirts of the city two men entered. One of them jumped on him while he was lying on the bed and the other took from him a purse containing $4.

AUBURN—W. S. Crichton of the Crichton Publishing company has resigned as manager and John H. Kearns elected in his place. Mr. Kearns is an experienced newspaper man and was previously one of the joint holders and editor of the Auburn Herald.

GRAND ISLAND—Stephen D. Horton, a well known traveling salesman, passed away at his home here at the age of 43 years, the fatal illness being Hodgkin's disease. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral will take place Sunday from the Elks' hall.

NORTH PLATTE—The funeral of Dr. J. C. Gahagen, was held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church of this city. He died Sunday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended, a high school class of which his brother was a member attending in a body.

COLUMBUS—One of the old residents of this county, Mrs. Jonathan Taylor, died on Wednesday at Genoa of dropsy. Mrs. Taylor was the former wife of Barclay Jones, one of the first settlers. She leaves a son, Barclay Jones of Council Bluffs. The funeral was held Saturday at Genoa.

NORTH PLATTE—Some apples from the Hunter farm north of Sutherland are being exhibited here at the present time. Mr. Hunter's crop this year will be at least 2,000 bushels of very fine apples, raised by irrigation. The apples all are very fine and unusually clear from defects or work of insects.

VALLEY—Rev. W. L. Elliot, who has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at this place for three years, was given a charge at Craig, Neb., from which place he came to Valley. The entire community, as well as the members of his church, highly esteem the pastor and his wife, and regret to have them leave.

TEKAMAH—At the regular session of the county commissioners at this place, the board decided to submit a proposition at the general election to the electors of Burt county to vote $80,000 court house bonds, bearing not to exceed 4 per cent and to run twenty years, with the option of paying them off any time after ten years.

PLATTSMOUTH—Following a mad dog scare in the country a few miles southwest of this city several dogs and one horse that had been bitten were killed. Friday evening it became necessary to kill a fine collie dog belonging to Henry Herold in this city. The owner prized the animal highly and had refused $50 for him.

COLUMBUS—The Union Pacific had a little smash-up about half a mile from town this morning. The brakes on an engine refused to work and it ran into the hind end of a freight train, the only damage was to a car loaded with merchandise, which was broken and the merchandise scattered hither and yon. No one was injured.

BEATRICE—The funeral services for the late T. D. Cotton, who died at North Platte, Neb., were held here yesterday from the home of Judge Hazlett immediately after the arrival of the remains in the city. Interment was in the Beatrice cemetery. Deceased was the father of Mrs. Judge Hazlett, and was a pioneer resident of Nebraska.

BEATRICE—The Crabtree Forensic club held its first debate of the season last evening. The subject discussed was "Resolved, That the open shop is preferable to the closed one." Speakers on the affirmative were Ben Paine and George Brother, and the negative, John Collett and Donald Folsom. Brief addresses were made by Profs. Garrett and Bednar.

BEATRICE—The republican candidates for the legislature and county attorneyship met yesterday and organized for the coming campaign by electing these officers: J. V. Craig, Wymore, chairman; Harry Tweedy, Cortland, vice chairman; Jesse Miller, Adams, treasurer; A. H. Kidd, Beatrice, secretary. For the first time in many years a Wymore man was honored with the election of chairman.

NORTH PLATTE—T. D. Cotton, born January 15, 1835, and one of the early settlers of this neighborhood, died here yesterday from diabetes and old age, having been bed-ridden for a year and a half, and almost during the whole of that time requiring constant care. He was married in 1850 and his wife and a son and daughter survive him. He was for years a popular and good citizen of this city.

DAVID CITY—Some time ago District Clerk McGaffin issued seventy-two final citizenship papers and stated that would be the last chance under the old law. During the past week a large number have telephoned to his office to get their papers and Judge Evans has consented to hold court on Monday, September 24, to grant final papers to those desiring them. The new law goes into effect September 27.

WOOD RIVER—The 8-year-old son of Mrs. M. Drews, living southeast of here, was severely injured last evening by falling onto the rear end of a manure spreader while it was running. The tongs of the spreader caught the boy's scalp, tearing a large piece loose, so that the bone was exposed, then tearing great chunks of flesh loose on his face and mangling it in a horrible manner. He was brought to town and medical services rendered. He is getting along nicely.

GRAND ISLAND—The members of the congregation served for the last two years by Rev. E. C. Horn gave him a farewell reception, at which he was presented by the Ministerial union with a fine traveling toilet set, by the congregation of the Trinity Methodist church with a purse containing $50 and by the young men of the church with a fine watch fob and charm. Rev. Mr. Horn goes to Wayne, Neb., his place being taken by Rev. Mr. Wright.

EDGAR—Two local churches have recently changed pastors. The Baptists have secured the services of Rev. E. E. Duley in place of Rev. A. B. Todd, resigned. The Christian church has Rev. F. M. Branic in place of Rev. B. H. Coonradt, resigned. Rev. E. L. Barch was returned by the conference, recently held in Hastings, to the Edgar charge for his third year. The Presbyterians, Lutherans and Episcopalians have made no change in pastors this year.

FREMONT—Judge Hollenbeck held a special session of the district court on Saturday for the purpose of granting final citizens papers. In the morning forty persons, most of them Danes, Germans and Russians, were lined up in squads of ten and took the oath of allegiance to this country. Many others came in during the day. Among them were several who have lived in this country for thirty or forty years, have voted and held office solely on their first papers.

NORTH PLATTE—S. A. Howe, the aged father of Charles A. Howe, a furniture dealer of this city, died Wednesday night, and his remains were taken to York, Neb., yesterday in charge of the son. The deceased was born in 1815 and moved to Nebraska in 1873. He leaves one son in this city and one in New York state. He came to this city several months ago to make his home with his son. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in Company F Sixty-fifth Illinois volunteers.

YORK—York college opened for its seventeenth year with a larger number of students than ever before for the opening week. The teachers are all present, the new ones being L. G. Atherton, natural sciences; H. C. Feemster, mathematics; Lillie Irwin, pedagogy and oratory; E. E. Finley, commerce; William H. Myers, voice and harmony; Princess M. Nelson, piano. With a stronger faculty, a larger attendance, the buildings renovated and repaired, the college is looking forward to another prosperous year.

AUBURN—The Auburn fair opens next Tuesday and the management promises the best exhibit ever made in Nemaha county. The floral hall is already full of school, floral and horticulture exhibits and another building is filled with all kinds of grain and vegetables. The live stock has begun to arrive and all but a few of the stalls have been rented. The speed horses are also coming in. Besides the regular premiums offered by the fair association, the merchants and business men of Auburn have offered premiums aggregating over $1,000.

NORTH PLATTE—William Finney and Tom Ryan, who were arrested and prosecuted for assaulting the deputy game warden of Grand Island, Neb., some weeks ago was tried yesterday and both were found guilty and fined $50 each and required to pay the costs, which will make the amount each is required to pay $95. Both appealed to the district court, and Ryan gave bond for $200 for his appearance, which was signed by Will Hupfer and Joe Landgraf. The officers of this city reported that Ryan had skipped the city yesterday, and left the bondsmen to answer for his appearance.

NORTH PLATTE—O. Angier of Central City, who was awarded the contract for the construction of the new Odd Fellow's building for this city, which was to have been begun ten day ago, has thrown up the contract, and yesterday notified the parties having the matter in charge. He assigned as reason for his action that his wife is in poor health and that he must accompany her to southern California. Opinion, however, leans toward the belief that the contract proved to be a little too stiff for him at the price he bid, which was $14,847. Angier's action is received with keen disappointment of the Odd Fellows, as they had to advertise three times before they got a bidder at all. Just what action will now be taken is a question to be settled in the future.

ST. PAUL—The annual picnic of the Old Settlers' Historical society of Howard county was held at the court house today, with a large attendance. After a basket lunch at noon an exceedingly interesting program of reminiscences was rendered in the court hall. After the opening address by the president, Judge J. N. Paul, the following papers were given: "Privations of Prairie Schooner Navigation in '73," Peter Ebbeson; "Notes from My Diary," N. J. Paul; "Just a Few Memories," Z. T. Leftwitch; "Early Life in My Adopted Country," Niels Nielsen; "Memories of the '70s," P. M. Hannibal; "My First Ox Team," J. A. Haggart; "Gage Valley Thirty Years Ago," William Gage; "Boyhood Days in Early Times," C. B. Manuel; "The Easter Storm of '73," Secretary Robert Harvey. The roll of members was increased by several additions from the class of 1873.

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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair in Nebraska Today, Except Showers and Cooler in the North Portion.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday:

For Nebraska—Fair Sunday except showers and cooler in north portion; Monday fair.

For Iowa—Fair Sunday and Monday; warmer Monday.

For Kansas—Fair Sunday and Monday.

For Colorado—Fair Sunday and warmer in northeast portion; Monday fair.

For Wyoming—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday fair except showers in northwest portion.

For South Dakota—Showers and cooler Sunday; Monday fair and warmer.

For Missouri—Fair and cooler Sunday; Monday fair.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Sept. 22.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1906	1905	1904	1903
Maximum temperature	74	81	64	86
Minimum temperature	58	61	52	61
Mean temperature	66	71	58	73
Precipitation	.00	.00	T	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and comparison with the last two years:

Normal temperature	64
Excess for the day	2
Total deficiency since March 1	14
Normal precipitation	.10 inch
Deficiency for the day	.09 inch
Precipitation since March 1	22.94 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.01 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1905	4.79 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1904	3.58 inches

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REFORM IN SPELLING SLOW

Follies Cannot Be Driven Away by Lash Wielded by Man.

CHANCELLOR ANDREWS ON ORTHOGRAPHY

Movement for Better Spelling Must Proceed Slowly if it is to Be of Any Real Service to the Language.

LINCOLN, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—This morning Chancellor Andrews delivered his annual opening address to the student body of the University of Nebraska. His subject was "Sane Spelling," and he discussed the present movement for a reform in orthography in detail. Among other things the chancellor, who is an advocate of the proposed reforms, said:

Follies in spelling take their own time in passing away. You cannot hurry them with the lash. No step in the progress of orthography is made possible or easier by efforts at coercion or dictation. The movement has always been spontaneous and will continue so. You cannot hasten it by edict any more than you can stay it by jest. If a man wishes to write though for tho, using just 100 per cent more time, work, paper and ink than necessary, it is of no use to flay him or even to put him in a museum.

Wisdom is justified of her children. Thoughtful men and women become impressed with the unreason of such spelling, and little by little change their practice. Others follow, influenced by example. All is voluntary. Innovators and laggards alike are derided. The first spelling reformer who wrote music for musick was pronounced a crank. After a time any who added the k were considered cranks. And so the reform has spread, never swiftly enough to pacify faddists, laughed at by the thoughtless, but not materially retarded by any of its opponents.

Were one with a sense for sane spelling to write without reference to his readers, his spelling program would be simple enough. Remembering that a letter may be silent and yet of use to tell the sound of a near letter or to distinguish one sense of a word from another, he would proceed according to precepts somewhat like this:

1. When a letter or combination of letters is in no sense helpful or necessary, leave it out.

2. When a letter or combination differing from the usual one renders the sound better than the usual one, substitute it for the usual one.

But such a program, simple as it is, would, if carried out all at once, produce odd and surprising changes, which, as so many of us write for non-reformers and Philistines, would give much offense and hinder progress in spelling instead of speeding it. Real reform must, therefore, perforce, be moderate, not attempting too much at once. Advocacy of the use, forthwith, of many new spellings, or of spellings over which men heed pause to ascertain their meanings, is the sign of the doctrinaire. A speller who, as a good beginning, simply writes tho, and keeps the tail off prolog and its cognates, helps the cause much more.

To make the two rules workable, real measures of reform, I therefore saddle each with the proviso that the new spelling must not in a context necessitate study or occasion doubt, uncertainty or ambiguity respecting the word it denotes.

To determine whether a new spelling is to be used in place of the old we should ask:

1. Is it more economical either (a) in the learning of it, or (b) in the using of it?

2. Would it, if employed in a context, involve ambiguity or occasion hesitation or study in respect to its meaning? If ambiguity is going to result, the spelling is not to be recommended, as it cannot prove a step in reform. Thus, sithe is not so good a reform word as sythe, which, moreover, is Shakespeare's preference even if it is not the form exclusively used by him.

Nearly all that is said against the revision of spelling seems to involve and proceed upon the vicious supposition that there is somewhere, most suppose it resident in dictionaries, a standard of authority in spelling, a species of Bible for spellers, a supreme court constitutionally composed to try alleged breaches of orthography over et terminer. Many seem to hold a doctrine of orthographic legitimacy parallel to the exploded dogmas of political legitimacy in state and ecclesiastical legitimacy in church. The fact is that in orthography, outside printing shops, no such standard of authority, Bible, or supreme court exists. Dictionaries are not such and do not pretend to be. They at best record usage and this very imperfectly. No dictionary is an "authority." There is no such thing as orthographic legitimacy. As nearly all are agreed that no form of government is so superior to all others that others must perforce always be wrong; each being legitimate in proportion as it subserves the ends of men's rational existence, and that no church polity in particular is, as against all others, of specific divine ordination, each being good in proportion as it aids the faithful to live and die well, in like manner no spelling possesses prescriptive or authoritative legitimacy, but that spelling is best in any case which most truly assists speech.

The new spelling board is not an "authority" and does not pretend to be. No teacher, it is hoped, will enforce its spellings as inspired. The utmost expected is that they will be accepted as legitimate alternative spellings and not denounced as errors.

Were we, however, to retain the notion of authority at all in this matter it would clearly be more proper to attribute the quality to spellings recommended by a company of acknowledged students and critics on the basis of reflection, inquiry and research, than to assert it of dictionaries which only pretend to mirror and record usage in a purely empirical way, with no reference to principle or intrinsic propriety.

Those Two Mayors of Hartville.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The celebrated Hartville mayoralty contest has again come to the public eye by the filing of quo warranto proceedings by Anthony Wilde, the newly elected mayor. Wilde asks that Hauphoff, the former mayor, be compelled to show just cause why he will not issue to the plaintiff election certificate and yield up to him the city keys, records and other property, in order that he may proceed with the administration of the city affairs. He claims that on May 8, last, he was lawfully elected to the office of mayor. Last week Hauphoff secured an injunction restraining Wilde from forcibly taking possession of the city property. The petition filed yesterday gives Judge Hauphoff until October 31 to make answer.

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Romeo and Juliet Appollos, 2 for 25c or $5.25 per box of 50.

Romeo and Juliet Perfectos, 25c; or $5.00 per box of 25.

Romeo and Juliet Pantellas, 15c; or $12.00 per box of 100.

Romeo and Juliet Perfeccionados, 3 for 50c, or $3.75 per box of 25.

Romeo and Juliet Royals, 3 for 50c, or $7.00 per box of 50.

Romeo and Juliet Puritanos, 15c; or $6.25 per box of 50.

Myers-Dillon Drug Co.

CUT RATE CIGAR DEALERS, 16TH AND FARNAM STS., OMAHA.

TYPHOON IN THE PHILIPPINES

Wires Down South of Manila and No Details of Storm Obtainable.

MANILA, Sept. 22.—A typhoon has occurred in the Philippines, south of Manila. The wires are down and there is no report of the damage done in the provinces. Manila was practically untouched. At Cavite the arsenal and shipping were damaged. The gunboat Arayat is ashore and several lighters were sunk. There was no loss of life.

The damage is not believed to be serious. The storm will delay the departure of retiring Governor General Ide from the island.

Fair at Bonesteel.

BONESTEEL, S. D., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Gregory county fair is in full blast, over 2,000 people attending today in spite of threatening weather. The displays of farm products are exceptionally fine, as is also the stock display. The base ball game today was one of the hottest ever witnessed in this part of the country, Bonesteel winning from Burke, 8 to 6. The game, however, was much better than the one-sided score would indicate, as it was bitterly fought all through. Earl Graham of Peoria, Ill., pitched for Burke and Johnnie Scisson, the little Indian wonder, pitched a one hit game for Bonesteel. Tomorrow Bonesteel will play Herrick.

Investigating Oregon Water.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—An investigation of the underground water conditions in southern Oregon is being made by the United States geological survey and a field party is now engaged in the work in Central Lake county.

Connecticut Companies Pay.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 22.—Individual losses on account of the San Francisco catastrophe have nearly all been paid by the fire insurance companies, incorporated in Connecticut and having home offices in this city, according to statements given out by executive officers of these companies. Six Hartford companies have paid out to date, $15,863,749 net, the gross amount of the claims being about 6 per cent more.

Hitt's Body Starts West.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I., Sept. 22.—The body of Congressman Robert R. Hitt, accompanied by Mrs. Hitt and her son, was started from here today for the Hitt home at Mount Morris, Ill. The party occupied a private car. The details of the funeral arrangements are not known here, but it is understood that the service will be held next Tuesday.

Every lady caller will receive a beautiful souvenir Wednesday at Kern's millinery opening.

O'Donahoe-Redmond-Normile Co.

Everybody working day and night installing new fixtures, putting finishing touches on the building, opening up and marking new goods, preparing the most attractive store in Omaha. Will be selling goods Ak-Sar-Ben Week.

Formal Opening Later