

FORMER OMAHA
MAYOR MARRIES

George P. Bemis Surprises Friends
and Meets His Fiancee in
Chicago.

WEDS MRS. ELIZABETH A. NEFF

Steals March on Friends by Going to
Windy City.

PAST THREE SCORE AND TEN

Declares He Will Live to Be One
Hundred and Fifty.

BRIDE THIRTY YEARS YOUNGER

Bridgroom Announces that He Ex-
pects to Live to Be 150 Years Old

—Cousin of Late George
Francis Train.

George P. Bemis, 73 years old, former
mayor of Omaha, and Elizabeth A. Neff, 43
years old, also of Omaha, were married
Saturday afternoon by Judge O. F. Heard
in his chambers in the Cook county build-
ing at Chicago. Mr. Bemis stole a march
on his friends in Omaha and went to Chi-
cago two days ago, where he met Mrs.
Neff who went to Chicago Friday evening
from Richmond, Ind., where she had been
visiting several months with relatives.
They secured a license at noon.
Although white-haired and approaching the
three-quarters of a century mark, Mr.
Bemis declares he is young and will live to
be 150 years old. He says about as spry
as many men not half his age. Recollections
of a visit to Chicago in 1888 when he at-
tended the World's fair, led Mr. Bemis to
go to Chicago to see the world's fair.
Mr. Bemis has resided in this city at the
exposition and according to the accounts
of Carter H. Harrison, jr., he was the
last man to leave the mayor's office in the
city hall with the mayor. The two went
from there to the Illinois Central depot,
where they took a train to the world's fair
grounds. There after Mr. Harrison had
delivered the last speech of his life, Bemis
and he together sang the liberty bell. Mr.
Bemis carried with him to Chicago Friday
a short piece of the bell which he kept
as a souvenir.

Cousin of George Francis Train.

Mr. Bemis is a cousin of the late George
Francis Train. With him he toured Europe
and established in London during a civil
war in the London American, the only news-
paper that espoused the cause of the federal
government during the war.
"I may look gray, but I am not old,"
said Bemis to friends in Chicago. "It all
depends upon which way you look at life
and how you live it. I am 73 years old, but
I will live to be 150 years old. E. H. Harri-
son died young, because he took all his
pleasures to bed with him and could not
sleep. I can sleep soundly every night."
After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bemis
enjoyed a dinner with Mr. and Mrs. F. B.
Miller, who were witnesses to the cere-
mony. Mr. Miller was secretary to Mayor
Bemis during the four years he was in
office in Omaha. They are spending the
day today at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Miller, 2227 Lakeview avenue, and will
leave for Omaha tonight.

Born in Boston.

Mr. Bemis was born in Boston, Mass.,
March 11, 1838, and graduated from the Ab-
bott academy at Fitchburg, Me., in 1857,
after which he filled positions in a large
printing and commission house in New
York City. After spending six months in
the army in 1861, he went to London, Eng-
land, as private secretary to the late
George Francis Train. There he took
charge of Mr. Train's street railway in-
terests. In 1868 he returned to America
and became closely identified with Mr.
Train in the organization of the Union
Pacific railroad and Credit Mobilier of
America, and was president of the com-
pany of which Mr. Train was president and
Mr. Bemis was secretary.

In 1868 Mr. Bemis came to Omaha and
has made his home here since that time.
In 1868 he organized the Bemis Park com-
pany, and donated a park by that name to
the city. He was elected mayor in the fall
of 1888. Mr. Bemis was married June 5,
1870, to Miss Julia Browne of Oswego, N. Y.
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Neff is the widow of
Frederic Neff, who died recently. Last
April she left Omaha for Richmond, Ind.,
and returned to this city only once, being
seen then in the company of Mr. Bemis. She
resided at 308 Harney street, where for
nearly six months she slept roomers in one
of the flats of the apartment building.

APPAS IS STRICKEN DUMB

California Man Wakes Up to Find
that He is Unable to Utter
a Word.

YAPA, Cal., Sept. 10.—G. Appas of Napa
Junction, Cal., was stricken dumb by a hal-
lucination last night. He informed his
family in writing this morning, that he
had seen a terrifying specter in his dream,
standing by his bed. When he awoke he
was mute.

The Weather

FOR NEBRASKA—Generally fair.
FOR IOWA—Generally fair.
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Temperature, Wind. Rows include 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., and Comparative Local Record.

Normal temperature... 59
Total excess since March... 114
Normal precipitation... 48.3 inches
Excess for the year... 1.2 inches
Deficiency since March... 1.2 inches
Deficiency for period 1909... 1.2 inches

Pioneer Physician
Dies at Breakfast
of Heart Failure

Dr. T. R. Ward Had Been a Prac-
ticing Physician Here for
Twenty-Six Years.

Suddenly complaining that he felt a grip-
ping pain near his heart, Dr. Thomas R.
Ward, one of the best known practicing
physicians and surgeons in Omaha, toppled
over out of his chair to the floor while
sitting at breakfast with his wife and
daughter yesterday morning at about 9
o'clock. He was assisted to a sofa nearby,
but within half an hour after he collapsed
and passed away. Dr. Mary Strong and
Dr. S. K. Spaulding were called, but he
died before they arrived. Heart failure
is given as the cause of his death.
Dr. Ward has been practicing medicine
in this city for nearly twenty-six years
on an date of his death, was 64 years
of age. A few hours before his death he
remarked that he had never felt better
in his life and in the best of spirits.
He is survived by one daughter, Miss
Edith Ward, and his wife. Arrangements
for the funeral will be made later.

Nation's Crops Below
Average Condition

Present Season Has Continued Unfa-
vorable as it Progressed Toward
Harvest.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The condition
of all crops combined in the United
States was on September 1, approximately
15 per cent below the average condition on
that date for the last ten years, according
to the supplemental crop report of the
Department of Agriculture issued today.
The present crop season has continued unfa-
vorable as it progressed toward harvest.
General conditions on August 1 were about
14 per cent below average, on July 1
about 10 per cent below and on June 1
about 2 per cent below. During August
conditions improved somewhat in most
northern states, but declined in most
southern states.

A comparison of the condition of various
crops on September 1 for at time of har-
vest with their average growing condition
of recent years (last ten years for the
most crops) is shown as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Crop, Condition, Percentage. Rows include Cranberries, Lima beans, Apples, Watermelons, Lemons, Hops, Sugar cane, Oranges, Cantaloupes, Peaches, Pears, Sugar beets, Potatoes, Rice, Beans, Corn, Alfalfa, Peanuts.

Brakeman Killed
By Cars at Blair

William E. Stammer Crushed While
Adjusting Coupling Pin that
Did Not Drop.

BLAIR, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—William E. Stammer, a brakeman on
the Northwestern freight train, which
was switching in the yards here, was
caught between the bumpers of the freight
cars and fatally injured at 2:30 o'clock Sat-
urday afternoon. He was taken to the
emergency hospital and attended by the
company's physician, Dr. E. R. Murdock,
but was so badly hurt that he died at 4
o'clock. He was caught against the lower
part of the body and his hip bones were
entirely crushed.
Stammer was adjusting a coupling pin
which had failed to drop when the cars
came together and the train came back
the second time and caught him. He was
conscious until death and made the above
statement to Dr. Murdock. He was 25 years
old and a single man and had been with
the Northwestern about eighteen months. He
came from Lawton, Okla., where his mother
resides, and has a brother in Wichita, Kan.

Girl Kills Brother
and Shoots Mother

Prominent Military Men First at
Scene of Accident at Exclu-
sive Club.

SANDUSKY, O., Sept. 9.—Aroused from
their slumbers at the exclusive Middle
Bass club today, Lieutenant General Nelson
A. Miles and General Warren J. Kennerly
of Springfield, O., were the central figures
in events that followed the accidental
wounding of Mrs. Louise Wulch of
Chicago and the killing of her son, Eu-
gene, aged 7, by Mrs. Wulch's 14-year-old
daughter, Mary. The girl pulled the trigger
of a revolver which she believed was
not loaded. The bullet inflicted a flesh
wound in the mother's side and lodged in
the boy's heart, killing him instantly. Gen-
erals Miles and Kennerly, leaving from
were first to reach the scene of the acci-
dent. They applied such restoratives as
were at hand.

CENTRAL CITY WOMAN MEETS
HER FATHER FIRST TIME

John Jolly of Omaha Found to Be
Her Parent Whom She Had
Never Seen.
CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Spe-
cial.)—Meeting her father for the first
time was the experience of Mrs. A. Spien-
sky of this city when she went to
Omaha this week in response to a letter
from her parent. Mrs. Spienky's parents
were separated two months before her
birth and she was reared into young
womanhood by her mother. During this
time she had never seen nor heard of her
father.
Two weeks ago she went to Omaha for
a visit with friends and it was then that
she heard mentioned the name of John
Jolly. She secured the address of friends in
the quest with the result that she was
summoned to Omaha this week by her
father. On her return to this city she was
accompanied by Mr. Jolly, who visited for
a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Spienky.

FARMER MAY BE
ROBBERS' VICTIM

Body Found on the West Dodge Road
is Identified by Rela-
tives.

W. S. OVERTON OF SARPY CO

Was Supposed to Have Carried \$4,000
at the Time of His Death.

FOUL PLAY IS NOW FEARED

He Was Last Seen Alive at Millard
About a Month Ago.

HAD SOLD HIS FARM FOR CASH

Put the Money in His Pocket and
Was Driven to Millard—Paid
the Youth \$100 for the
Drive.

The body of the man found Saturday
by some boys in the weeds near the Union
Pacific tracks and the Dodge street road
has been identified by his relatives as
that of W. S. Overton, a bachelor and a
farmer, who for the last forty years has
lived on a farm five miles southwest of
Springfield.
Foul play is suspected by his relatives,
because the last time Overton was seen
alive by his friends he had in his posses-
sion \$4,000 in cash.
On August 15 Overton sold his farm for
\$4,000 cash and put the money in his
pocket. In the evening he was driven to
Millard from Springfield and that is the
last heard of him until his body was
found in the weeds on the Dodge street
road nearly a month afterwards.
Overton had sold his farm quite unex-
pectedly and it is said he was led to this
move by the fear of arrest at the instance
of some of his neighbors over some
trifling matter. It is said that Overton
had heard that his neighbors had gone for
a warrant for his arrest. Some of the
neighbors' haystacks had been burned and
it was reported they suspected Overton.
Overton paid the lad who drove him
from Springfield to Millard \$100 for the
job and also gave him \$200 to give to his
mother. He told the boy he was going to
take a train to Omaha.

No Action is Taken
at Union Conference

General Officers and Advisory Com-
mittee of Shupmen on Harriman
System Put Off Decision.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—The general officers and advisory
committee of the shupmen on the Harriman
system, which are asking
of the federation, which they have organized,
upset expectations by not taking any de-
finite action. Instead, with hours of talk
the conference adjourned to meet tomorrow
afternoon. It was said that their confer-
ence would terminate then and strike talk
was stronger tonight than at any time
heretofore.
It was reported late tonight that a propo-
sition to shelve for the present the demand
for recognition of the federation and con-
centrate on other demands already pre-
sented will be gone over at tomorrow's
meeting. In case this idea is rejected,
which seems likely, it is possible that an-
other meeting with railroad officials be-
fore resorting to a strike will be urged.

La Follette Will Wait
Until December to
Make Up His Mind

Wisconsin Senator Desires to Hear
Taft's Message Before Announc-
ing Himself as Candidate.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 10.—Upon excel-
lent authority it is learned that Senator
La Follette will wait until after congress
convenes, early in December, before an-
nouncing his candidacy for president.
Although leading progressive republicans
throughout the country have been com-
ing out in interviews endorsing him, he
will avoid haste to answer their call, pre-
ferring to wait until after President Taft
has submitted his message.
Primarily the senator wants to find out,
it is said, what position the president will
assume toward what are known as the
progressive policies and his general stand
on departmental and administration issues.

HILLS PLAN FOR BIG BOOST

Business Men's Club of Deadwood
Outlines System to Advance
Interests of State.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 10.—(Special.)
—One of the best attended and most en-
thusiastic meetings of the Business club
since its organization was for the purpose
of the purpose of outlining a program of
commercial and systematic boosting. One
of the principal themes discussed was the
subject of better railroad rates to the
Black Hills and more extensive advertis-
ing of the beauties and resources of the
hills by the railroads and the commercial
organizations. A representative of the
Northwestern road announced that pas-
senger rates to the hills would be in effect
next summer, which would equalize with
those to Colorado. Two carloads of busi-
ness men and the Homestake band are to
attend the state fair at Huron next week
and boost the locality with pamphlets and
other arguments and arrangements for this
were completed.
It is planned to establish a free assay of-
fice here for the benefit of prospectors
and others who cannot afford the regular
rates, the mining companies here agreeing
to lend their assistance. Applicants for
the position of paid secretary of the Busi-
ness club and general advertiser will
met at Huron next week and one of them
engaged. Congressman Martin discussed
a program for co-operation with the rail-
roads for better service and advertising
and President Franklin will name com-
missioners to handle the different phases of
this work.

SEVERAL RESIDENCES LOOTED

Robbers Have Busy Day During Per-
formance of Show in Beaver
City.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special
Telegram.)—During the afternoon perform-
ance of a wild west show yesterday after-
noon the houses of A. S. Wyatt, R. J.
Scott and William Robinson were broken
into. Four watches, jewelry, silverware,
clothing and a small amount of money
were taken. Attaches of the show were
searched, but no evidence found.
John M. Stowe, a pioneer farmer of this
county, died early this morning with a
cancer. It first appeared on his hip and
had eaten until it reached a vital part.
He had suffered for many months. He
was well known and respected.

BISHOP BEECHER IS KEPT BUSY

Fifty-Five Thousand Square Miles in
the Nebraska Diocese.

FRIENDS TO BUY AUTOMOBILE

Sixteen Thousand Miles of Travel
Each Year in Order to Cover the
Territory and Meet Com-
municants and Friends.

KEARNEY, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special.)
—George A. Beecher, bishop of the mis-
sionary district of Kearney, has instituted
several movements, which have created
much discussion and favorable comment
and has enlisted in the cause of up-
lift many new converts in western Ne-
braska. The bishop has been making no
effort to advance his plans nor publish
accounts of the things he has done. Tell-
ing what he has accomplished in this
during his seven months of residence here,
he said:

"I was so deeply interested in the social
and parish work of Trinity cathedral in
Omaha up to the time of my election that
I had no idea, whatever, but that this
was to be my life work. After the elec-
tion took place it was hard for me to make
up my mind even then to give up my
work in Omaha.
"After these seven months, however,
having traversed the entire district thor-
oughly, I can say that I have made no
mistake in answering what I believed at
that time to be a specific call from the
church to take up a work for which my
experience in the past had no doubt fit-
ted me. Three of the four judges decided
in my long residence and familiarity with
the country and its people.
Two Dioceses Necessary.
"As to my work in the district, I would
say when we stop to think what a vast
area the state of Nebraska comprises, it
will be easily seen why it was necessary
to divide the state into two dioceses. My
district alone has an area of about 50,000
square miles. To cover this territory re-
quires about 16,000 miles of travel every
year by railroad and stage coach. Some
of my friends are planning to purchase
for me an automobile in order that I may
be able to make up into the country dis-
tricts and become acquainted personally
with the farmers and their families. In
the hope that I may be able in some de-
gree at least to encourage the boys and
girls to more scientific farming.
"Nebraska is pre-eminently an agricul-
tural state and every effort is being made
by our educators to place within reach of
every boy who wishes to be successful in
the tilling of the soil to study the methods
of scientific farming. We already have at
Kearney a church military school for
boys. About 100 boys attend this institu-
tion annually, many of whom come from
the farming communities. It is my great
desire to be able to enlarge the scope of
this institution so that it may include an
agricultural department for the purpose of
furnishing a wholesome, practical and
Christian training of young men who de-
sire to become successful farmers. With
such an institution under the guidance of
the church we ought to be able to accom-
plish much toward the establishment of
truly Christian homes throughout the state.
The church must take a more active in-
terest in the social, as well as the religious,
side in the training of our young people
if we will lose our hold entirely on the
future generation."

Government Files
Its Appeal Against
Harriman Merger

Alleges Court Erred in Holding Union
Pacific Was Not Competing with
Southern Pacific.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 10.—Ap-
pel papers were filed in the United States
court here yesterday by the federal govern-
ment in the suit against the Union Pa-
cific Railway company and others, known
as the Harriman merger suit, which was
decided last June by the United States
circuit court for the Eighth district in fa-
vor of the railway defendants.
In the majority opinion the court held
that the railway companies were not com-
peting lines and that the Sherman anti-
trust law was not being violated.
The government appeal from this de-
cision, filed today, points out sixty-two
alleged errors by the circuit judges, many
of which are concerned with what are
contending lines and others concerned
with stock deals among the railroads them-
selves.
It is further contended that the court
erred in holding that the Union Pacific
was not a line competing for trade with
the Southern Pacific, together with the
latter's steamship lines and in holding that
the purchase by the Oregon Short Line of
5 per cent of the stock of the Salt Lake
route was not in violation of the law.
The effect of the appeal, if the supreme
court chooses to consider it on all the
grounds submitted, will bring practically
every finding of fact by the circuit court
into question again.
The order for the appeal is signed by
Judge Sanborn. The original suit was be-
gun here in February, 1908, and decision
was rendered by the circuit court June 24,
1910. Three of the four judges decided
against the government.

Live Wire Causes
Young Burke's Death

Son of Roadmaster of Dakota Division
of Northwestern Thrown from
Electric Light Pole.

HURON, S. D., Sept. 10.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—George Burke, eldest son of John
S. Burke, roadmaster of the Dakota divi-
sion of the Northwestern railroad, was
thrown from an electric light pole and in-
stantly killed today by coming into contact
with a live wire. The young man was assist-
ing in stretching electric light wires at the
state fair grounds. He was formerly em-
ployed by the Northwestern.
VICTIM OF ACCIDENT
IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS
Henry Olson, Injured at Workmen of
World Building, in Serious
Condition.
Henry Olson, one of the men who were
injured in the accident at the Workmen of
the World building Friday evening, is still
unconscious at the Omaha General hos-
pital, where he was taken immediately
after being taken from the debris in the
building. For forty-eight hours he has been
in a comatose state, and although the
chances are in favor of his recovery, the
physicians at the hospital are becoming
alarmed.

THINK CHILD WAS MURDERED

Physicians Declare Little Seven-Year-
Old Annie Lemberger Victim
of Assault.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 10.—That little
Annie Lemberger, the little seven-year-old
child, whose body was found in Lake Mon-
ona today, was murdered, is the opinion
of Dr. H. E. Purcell and Dr. Joseph Dean,
who made an examination of the body to-
day. The physicians' opinion is based upon
the ground that there was absence of
water in the lungs. A further examina-
tion also revealed that the child had been
attacked.



From the Washington Evening Star.

CRANE FLAYS BIG
EASTERN SCHOOLS

Millionaire Iron Manufacturer Makes
Public Arrangement of Big Uni-
versities of Country.

SCORES DRINKING AND GAMBLING

Fifteen Per Cent of Harvard Students
Go to the Bad.

COLUMBIA HAS WORST RECORD

More Debauchery Exists There Than
at Any Other Institution.

MANY COLLEGE MEN IN PRISONS

Report Tells Story of Drunken-
ness, Immorality, Brawling and Reck-
less Money Spending, with
Numerous Examples.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—R. T. Crane, million-
aire iron manufacturer, made public today
an arraignment of the big universities of
the country. He charges alarming preva-
lence of drinking and gambling among the
students. Columbia he ranks the worst,
but conditions at Harvard, Princeton and
Cornell, he declares are almost as bad.
Of the students at Harvard 30 per cent
drink in their freshman year, 36 per cent
in their senior, and 15 per cent of them go
irrevocably to the bad, according to the
report of an investigation which Mr. Crane
has made. Mr. Crane has spent much time
and money putting under scrutiny the re-
sults of higher college education. So bitter
is he in consequence that he declares col-
leges do more harm than good.
Results of Investigation.
Mr. Crane says in his report:
"An outsider can scarcely realize the
amount of drinking that goes on in the
club rooms of the colleges. Referring par-
ticularly to Harvard he estimates the num-
ber of students who combine in a mild de-
gree wine and bad women, 65 per cent;
who drink heavily, 38 per cent, and who
have two or three 'bats' a year, 45 per
cent."
"I do not doubt that even worse states
of affairs exist at other colleges. At Prince-
ton it is beer, beer, beer. The town is il-
lence and the body of students in my
mind drink even more than Harvard men.
On one occasion I believe there must have
been more than 300 students dead drunk."
"At Yale, drinking is recognized in so
great a degree that clubs have their tables
at the bar rooms. I was never so shocked
in my life as when I found New Haven
the absolute debauchery which is spread
that it is. Sometime ago, the statement ap-
peared in a New Haven paper that there
were 2,000 fall women in that city."
"At Cornell the conditions are somewhat
the same, although I believe Cornell stu-
dents do not carry their excesses so far as
do boys at Princeton, Yale and Cambridge."
Columbia the Worst.
"At Columbia I believe there exists more
debauchery than at any other college, on
account of its proximity to the famous
resorts of the city. If further proof be
necessary, let me quote from a letter re-
ceived from E. C. Mower, who is special
secretary of the Association of Colleges
of North America and who is following
this matter up for the association, which
shows that it has taken upon itself the
work of reforming college men. He is its
special agent and has visited the colleges
and delivered a lecture entitled, 'College
Men I Have Met in the Stums and Prisons
of New York.' He says:
"I did say, and have written proof to
back me up, that I have met personally
and have heard from the most reliable
authorities of some 1,200 college-bred men
in the stums, prisons, halls and sanita-
rums who were down and out through fast
living. The noted bread line in our city
has constantly in it college-bred men."
The rest of Mr. Crane's report is a story
of drinking, immorality, brawling and reck-
less money spending. He gives a large
number of examples and says the proof is
irrefutable.
The report, which is printed in the cur-
rent number of the Value World, owned
by Mr. Crane, describes unparagonably
damned of not only the universities, but
the municipal governments that permit
such conditions.

LIKE ONE RETURNED TO LIFE

Former Postmaster Lockwood, Who
Disappeared, Came Back
from Hospital.

HUMBOLDT, S. D., Sept. 10.—(Special.)
—Like one returning from the dead was the
resurgence here yesterday of F. B.
Lockwood, formerly postmaster, who had
been missing several weeks under circum-
stances which had his relatives and friends
believe he had been the victim of foul
play or had died suddenly at some out-
of the way place, where it was impossible
to identify him.
Mr. Lockwood left Humboldt some days
prior to his holding of the national en-
campment of the Grand Army of the Re-
public at Rochester, N. Y., and attended
the opening sessions of the encampment.
Then it develops he was taken ill and
quietly went to a hospital, where he re-
mained many days, or until a few days
ago, when he felt able to make the return
journey to Humboldt.
Survey for Irrigation Scheme.
PIERRE, S. D., Sept. 10.—(Special.)
—The commissioners of Stanley
county today followed Sully and Hughes
counties and appropriated their share of
the expense of the preliminary survey for
a power plant at Little Bend and irri-
gation of about 1,000,000 acres in three coun-
ties by pumping water from the Missouri. The
survey will be made by a New York en-
gineering firm.

Base Ball Tickets

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy.

All are given away free to those
who find their names in the want
ads.
Read the want ads every day,
your name will appear sometime,
maybe more than once.
No puzzles to solve nor sub-
scriptions to get—just read the
want ads.
Turn to the want ad pages—
there you will find nearly every
business house in the city repre-
sented.