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RUMORS OF RETREAT

REPORT ALLIES OBLIGED TO LEAVE PEKIN.

Loss Is Placed at 1,800 Men, Mostly Russians—Chinese Alleged to Have Occupied the Fortified Positions—Other Items.

PARIS, Aug. 28, 4:25 a. m. A special dispatch to Le Siecle from St. Petersburg says:

"It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the Russian government has received a dispatch asserting that, after a fierce battle inside Pekin, the allies retreated, losing 1,800 men, mostly Russians. It is further said that the Chinese occupy the fortified positions, from which they are bombarding the allies in a murderous manner."

REVOLT AGAINST MANCHUS.

Uprising at Hankow Was Not Inspired by the Boxer Element.

PARIS: Official dispatches from Shanghai explain that the Hankow uprising was not due to the Boxers, but was a plot organized by the partisans of Kwang Yu Wei, the reformer, combined with the secret society known as the "Kao Lao Hui," an anti-foreign organization, who proposed to the southern viceroys a revolt against the Manchu government. The leaders of the movement relied especially upon Chang Chi Tung, viceroy at Hankow, for arms, gunpowder and other agents of destruction.

A proclamation written in English and addressed to Europeans was seized. In it the revolutionists declared themselves opposed to the Manchu dynasty, but ready to uphold the present emperor. They expressed themselves as desirous of founding a "constitutional government" of protecting foreigners and Christians and of supporting the powers against anti-foreign fanatics.

The immediate effect of the movement has been to increase the peril of Europeans. Proof exists of disorder and pillage due to the same movement at widely separated points. The headquarters of the conspiracy is Hankow, from which point it rained into other provinces.

Several thousands of the supporters of the movement have received instructions to demonstrate in the central valley of the Yang Tse Kiang, but the viceroy has a sufficient force of regular troops to guarantee the maintenance of order. Twelve of the conspirators have been beheaded.

RESULT OF ILLINOIS RIOT.

Two Are Killed and Three Fatally Hurt at Gilman, Ill.

GILMAN, Ill.: Two men killed and three wounded, two of them probably fatally, and a woman wounded and her residence burned are the results of an all night battle between a mob and Mrs. Dr. C. W. Wright, who is accused of the murder of Dessie Salter, the 16-year-old girl of a citizen of Leonard.

Sunday night's trouble was precipitated by an investigation by the coroner's jury into the death of Dessie Salter, daughter of Clarence Salter, a citizen of Leonard, Ill., who died in Mrs. Wright's hospital and her body taken home to Leonard under cover of darkness. No coffin was procured and she was wrapped up in an old blanket and a piece of carpet and buried in her underclothing, the parents of the girl assisting in keeping the matter quiet. After the jury heard the evidence of Clarence Salter, father of the girl, the coroner came to the conclusion it was injudicious to wait longer for Mrs. Wright's arrest, and accordingly a warrant was sworn out by a policeman and the trouble occurred, as she and the inmates of the house made a desperate resistance.

DID NOT ATTEND.

Mr. Bryan Follows Example of President McKinley.

CHICAGO: Wm. J. Bryan followed the example of President McKinley and declined to be a visitor at the encampment Monday afternoon he sent a message to Executive Director Wm. H. Harper, the head of the local committee in charge of the local end of the encampment, saying that because of the absence of President McKinley from the encampment he considered it advisable to remain away. His telegram is as follows:

"LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 27: W. H. Harper, Executive Director of the Grand Army Reunion, Chicago: Since President McKinley is detained by public business, I believe that the proprieties of the occasion demand that I also decline, and thus relieve the reunion of any appearance of partisanship. W. J. BRYAN."

The local committee, through Mr. Harper, expressed its regrets at the inability of Mr. Bryan to be present.

We Are 75,000,000 People.

WASHINGTON: Census returns show that the population of the country is about 75,000,000. Of the 52,000 enumeration districts, 17,000 have been counted, showing a population of 25,000,000. According to the law of averages, this would indicate the population of the country to be 77,000,000. But as the count proceeds the general average of the districts falls off through modification of the total.

Mystery in Tragedy.

NEW YORK: H. H. Strider was shot in the head at the Hotel Vendome by H. J. Ford, who registered from Boston. Ford committed suicide by blowing out his brains. Police officers are making an investigation as to the cause of the tragedy. Strider's residence is in doubt, an acquaintance having given his home as Chicago, although he registered from Baltimore.

Fear Race War in Texas.

FORT WORTH, Tex.: In Sabine county there are fears of race war. The negroes have posted notices threatening to kill three prominent white men and are intimidating the women. Police officers have been asked from some of the adjoining counties.

Two Trainmen Killed.

COSTA MESA, Cal.: A Washington and Lake Erie freight train ran into a washout here. Engine driver, Fred Smith, and fireman Dinger, were killed. The train ran into a washout 100 feet long and 40 feet deep, caused by a cloudburst.

MENACED BY BOXERS.

Attack by 30,000 of Them Is Expected by Allied Forces.

LONDON, Aug. 27, 4 a. m.: The latest news from Pekin indicates that the situation there is unchanged. The imperial city is still invested, but has not yet been occupied. The allies, when the last message was received, were still refraining from aggressive action, pending instructions from their governments. An attack by 30,000 Boxers was anticipated, and to meet this the whole American force and the British artillery, according to dispatch to the Morning Post from Pekin, dated Aug. 18, were moved to the outer wall. The Boxers were reported coming from the south.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says:

"Li Hung Chang has received a message from Pekin that the Japanese will occupy the imperial palace. The Japanese government has renewed its assurance that it will protect the person of the empress dowager and the emperor."

WASHINGTON: Russia, Germany and Japan have not declared war upon China, either separately or in concert. This statement is made upon authority of the highest character. A brief dispatch from Chefoo, conveying a rumor that Russia, Germany and Japan had joined in a declaration of war upon China aroused some interested comment among Washington officials and among diplomatic representatives of foreign governments resident here. In neither official nor diplomatic circles, however, was the rumor taken seriously. No information of such action has reached either the department of state or the legations of the governments primarily interested.

NEW YORK RACE RIOTS.

Trouble Continues Between Whites and Negroes.

NEW YORK: A number of inchoate race riots broke out here Sunday, the direct cause being the shooting on Saturday night of John Brennan, a white messenger boy, aged 20, by John Davis, alias "Lampighter," a negro. Brennan is in a hospital and likely to die. Before daybreak Sunday morning James J. O'Connell, colored, while passing Sixty-fourth Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and Alexander Ballantine, another colored man, who was passing quietly along, were assaulted and badly beaten.

In neither case were arrests made. Sunday morning a crowd of whites went to a five-story tenement on Sixtieth Street, occupied by negroes, with the avowed purpose of cleaning it out. They had about demolished all the windows and incidentally cracked a head or two when the police arrived. The rioters were arrested. William and Henry Rapp, brothers, were arrested and locked up on complaint of Adam Johnson, who claimed they had stoned him. The foregoing are only a few assaults which came to light by arrests. All day long the police in the neighborhood of West End and Amsterdam Avenues, which is known as "Cuckoo town," and thickly inhabited by colored people, were kept busy dispersing small mobs bent on mischief.

FIERCE FIGHT WITH FIRE.

Residents of Council City, Alaska, Have Had a Terrible Battle.

SEATTLE, Wash.: For nearly two weeks the 2,000 residents of Council City, according to Nome advices, have fought a fight against fire, which threatened the whole town, and during eight days and nights a moment's rest, falling timber, settling-backs and dousing thousands of gallons of water upon the threatened houses. On Aug. 10 the terrible forest fires on Solomon River had about ceased or had passed further up the river, and with blackened features and scorched skins the volunteer fire fighters had the chance to take an inventory of the damages. As a result they found twenty-five cabins consumed, ten partly so, one man dead and three injured.

BEATEN BY ROBBERS.

James Stevenson Probably Will Die at La Salle, Ill.

LA SALLE, Ill.: James Stevenson of Minneapolis, Minn., was attacked Sunday night by tramps in the yards of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Peru. The yardmaster, hearing the disturbance, started in pursuit of the men, who fled. In his chase the yardmaster stumbled over the body of their victim. The man was still living and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in La Salle. He had a considerable sum of money on his person. He regained consciousness long enough to tell his name. His head is swollen to a pulp and he will probably die.

For Beef on the Hoof.

CHICAGO: Armour & Co. have received an order from the Russian government for 5,000,000 pounds of "beef on the hoof." This is the largest order of the kind in the history of the Chicago meat trade. Options are said to have been taken upon every available ship in the carrying trade on the Pacific. It will take 5,000 fattened cattle to fill the order. The cattle will be sent from San Francisco via Hawaii and Japan.

Boers Coming to America.

HELENA, Mont.: A. Wormser of Helena has made arrangements to purchase a tract of land in the Yellowstone Valley. He declares he will bring a large number of Boers from the Transvaal, who virtually acknowledge the futility of the present war. The immigrants will begin moving shortly.

Kansas City Has 163,000.

WASHINGTON: The population of Kansas City, Mo., just announced by the census bureau, is 163,752. The population in 1910 was 132,716, an increase of 23.39 per cent. The population of Kansas City, Kan., is 51,418, against 38,316 in 1910, an increase of 34.19 per cent.

Aged Couple Murdered.

FREPEROT, Ill.: John Bobb and wife, aged 72 and 70 years, were murdered some time during the night on their farm twelve miles from here. The discovery was not made until noon Monday. Suspicious points were noted and the police were called. A man who was camping nearby who has disappeared.

Blind Man's Track Record.

Worcester, Mass.: John A. Nelson of Chicago broke the track record for a blind man at the open meet at Worcester on Monday and has withstood several attempts to lower it. After two trials Nelson cut out a mile in 1 minute 55 seconds.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK: The weekly bank statement shows the surplus reserve has increased \$2,331,876; loans increased, \$2,518,709; deposits increased, \$7,008,530.

HOT WEATHER IN THE WEST

It Has Had the Effect of Greatly Retarding Business.

NEW YORK: R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The chief drawback of the week has been the intense heat in some sections of the west, which was more efficient in retarding business than the lower temperatures east was in stimulating it. Crop advices continue as cheerful as at any time lately, and the labor situation shows no important changes in working forces. Prices are steady, but there is talk of a decline, perhaps \$10 per ton in steel rails shortly to a basis at which it is believed the railroads will be willing to place orders for the ensuing year's supplies.

More good news comes from the great iron centers, where bridge and boat builders and makers of agricultural implements, stoves and cast iron pipe are all eager to secure raw or partially finished material. Prices are sustained and in a few cases move upward. Iron generally is a more solid and better balanced market than for two months past.

Wheat declined still further on Saturday, touching the lowest price since early in June, and making the fall 13 1/2 cents from the top point of the season, about two months ago. Vigorous marketing by farmers shows their willingness to sell at current prices.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Louis Peck, Whose Crime Caused the Akron Riot, Is in Prison.

AKRON, Ohio: Louis Peck, the negro raving, whose crime caused the rioting and destruction of life and property by an Akron mob, was on Friday afternoon brought here from Cleveland, and quietly taken in a closed carriage to the court house, where he was quickly arraigned and upon his own confession of guilt sentenced by Judge Nye of Elyria to imprisonment for life at Columbus. After Peck reached the court room Sheriff Hershey read the indictment. Peck stood up with manacled hands and pleaded guilty in a firm voice.

Then Judge Nye said: "Mr. Peck, you have heard the indictment read charging you with rape. You have pleaded guilty. Have you anything to say?"

"I have nothing to say except that I throw myself on the mercy of the court," replied Peck.

Continuing, Judge Nye said: "In crimes such as that to which you have pleaded guilty, there is but one penalty provided; that is imprisonment for life. It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the penitentiary for life. You must pay the cost of this proceeding and for the first thirty days of your imprisonment you shall be placed in solitary confinement."

THREW BABY UNDER CARS.

Horrible Charge Made Against a Divine by a Conductor.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.: Elder Aaron Calkins, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, is under arrest here charged with pushing Lawrence Furber, aged 5, to his death beneath a moving train at Mt. Vernon, Ind. Conductor Alvin, in charge of the train, states two passengers were willing to testify that Calkins, who was returning from seven months' proselyting in Georgia, deliberately hurled the baby from the moving train to the platform, and that they saw the child roll under the wheels which passed over him.

SHARKEY QUICKLY WHIPPED.

Fitzsimmons Finishes the Sailor in Two Sharp, Fast Rounds.

NEW YORK: Whipped into insensibility in less than two rounds, is the story in brief of Tom Sharkey's meeting with Robert Fitzsimmons at the Coney Island Sporting Club last Friday night. Fitzsimmons was the victor, Sharkey the loser. The result of the battle and the brevity of it prove that Fitz is a great fighter and able to beat the best of the heavyweights. Fitzsimmons was a decided favorite in the betting, owing to his defeat of Rubin and the previous victory of Rubin over Sharkey.

Cigarette Smokers Barred.

CHICAGO: Hereafter no boy that smokes cigarettes will be employed in the Chicago post office. The rule has been merely that the boys could not smoke during working hours. It has now been decided that all cigarette smoking by the boys in the office must cease, and no boys that have ever been addicted to the habit would get positions in the future.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

St. Louis—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, \$4.75 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50; wheat, 64c; corn, 33 1/2c; oats, 19 1/2c; butter, dairy 15 1/2c, creamery, 19 1/2c.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 49c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 13c; potatoes, 37c to 38c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.75; hogs, choice light, \$5.00 to \$5.45; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 white, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.35; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 39c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$3.10; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.35; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 51c; clover seed, prime, \$5.50 to \$6.15.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 1, 49c to 50c; barley, No. 2, 49c to 50c; pork, mess, \$10.85 to \$11.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$3.85; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.70; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.00 to \$5.75.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.55; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.30; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; butter, creamery, 18c to 21c; eggs, western, 10c to 12c.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Judge Smith of Yankton Holds Court on Train Between Yankton and Vermillion—Trip to Chicago Could Not Be Postponed.

Judge E. G. Smith of Yankton has demonstrated the fact that he can hold court even on a train when necessary. He was just starting for Chicago for a surgical operation, and on the same train on which he was to depart there came lawyers and clients from Charles Mix County with a case which demanded immediate hearing. The judge's trip to Chicago could not be postponed, and accordingly the case was tried in a Milwaukee passenger car between Yankton and Vermillion, and a satisfactory answer was received.

THIS YEAR'S WHEAT CROP.

Revised Estimates Place Average Yield at Three-Fourths.

Now that the work of thrashing this year's wheat crop is in progress throughout the state, there is much speculation as to the probable total wheat yield in South Dakota. In an interview Superintendent Hyde of Bradstreet's commercial agency in Sioux Falls, said he was inclined to believe the estimate of 40,000,000 bushels contained in a recent Yankton telegram. Neither does he agree with H. V. Jones, the Minneapolis Journal's crop expert, who now places his estimate for South Dakota at 30,000,000 bushels. In Mr. Hyde's opinion South Dakota will produce a total yield of 21,200,000 bushels, or three-fourths of an average crop.

"I have 163 replies to my inquiries," said Mr. Hyde, "sent to all parts of the state, except the Black Hills, asking, 'What percentage of last year's yield of wheat will be produced in your county in 1910?' The estimates received, average as follows, the lowest being of the 1890 crop:

"Union, 167; Clay, 100; Yankton, 115; Bon Homme, 117; Charles Mix, 48; Gregory, 100; Douglas, 60; Hutchinson, 113; Turner, 104; Lincoln, 130; Minnehaha, 99; McCook, 67; Hanson, 55; Davison, 85; Aurora, 100; Braze, 25; Buffalo, 60; Jerauld, 85; Sanborn, 48; Minner, 43; Lake, 67; Moody, 66; Brookings, 43; Kingsbury, 51; Beadle, 20; Ham, 20; Hyde, 75; Hughes, 10; Sully, 3; Potter, 20; Faulk, 40; Spink, 47; Clark, 56; Codington, 62; Hamlin, 58; Deuel, 78; Grant, 49; Roberts, 70; Day, 47; Marshall, 45; Brown, 45; Edmonds, 51; McPherson, 36; Walworth, 18; Campbell, 27.

"While each of these estimates is supposed to be for the entire county, it appears in some cases that they are influenced by conditions prevailing in the townships of the county from which they are obtained. The average of the averages from the different counties is 65 per cent, and it will be noticed that the lowest percentages are from the counties generally producing the most wheat.

"According to the government statistics the total number of bushels of wheat produced in South Dakota has averaged during the last eight years 23,284,565. The smallest total yield was in 1894, 15,034,000 bushels; the largest total yield in 1898, 42,040,928 bushels. The yield in 1899, 37,728,839 bushels from an acreage of 3,226,013.

The crop estimate sent in to the Minneapolis Journal has been widely disputed in different parts of the state. S. H. Junper, an expert crop reporter, W. F. T. Dasher, the government crop reporter, and others well posted on the crop situation all say that the Journal report is far too high in its estimates.

Golden Wedding.

At the home of Postmaster Norton in Hudson on Aug. 22 occurred the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. R. Norton. The event was attended by nearly all the living children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, besides other relatives and a large company of the friends from Hudson and other parts of the country. An elaborate supper was served in commemoration of the occasion, and many valuable gifts presented to the bride and groom on the day.

Among the gifts were two \$50 gold pieces, the gift of their friends and neighbors in Hudson and vicinity.

Rich Strike Reported.

A very rich strike is reported from the Bismarck mine at Keystone. The new lode is free milling ore, with a vein 24 feet thick, much of the ore being reported to run as high as \$25 to the ton. More development of mining properties will be made this fall at Keystone than ever before, and there is unusual activity and interest in that locality.

Well Equipped to Fight Fire.

The city of Worthing has added a new chemical engine to its fire fighting facilities. It is one of the best made and proved satisfactory at a test by the town council. Combined with the water system it is expected to afford ample security against fire.

Elks Organize in Chamberlain.

A lodge of the Elks was organized in Chamberlain by a delegation of about fifty of the members of the order, who arrived during the evening in a special car from Sioux Falls. About thirty-five members were initiated.

Applies for Pardon.

An application for pardon was filed last week by Gottlieb Fleig, who was sentenced from McPherson County in 1893 to ten years on a charge of rape. The application is signed by the prosecutrix and her parents.

Artesian Well Clogged.

The artesian well at Mellette has again become clogged, the tools used in opening it having caught in the pipe near the bottom. It is feared they will not be removed, and the sand has packed solidly around them.

Young Farmer Killed.

Charles Homberg, a prominent young farmer living five miles southeast of Centerville, accidentally shot and killed himself. He was well and favorably known, and grief is universal.

New Catholic Church.

Contracts were let last week for the erection of the Catholic Church in Lead. The place of the one which was burned last year will be built of cut stone and pressed brick, and the cost will be \$22,000. When completed, it will be one of the finest churches in the state.

Cyclone at Harrold.

A cyclone struck Harrold, thirty miles east of Pierre, Aug. 19, destroying the Yan Dusen elevator and several smaller buildings. No one was injured.

VALIDITY OF LIQUOR LAWS.

Important Case Begun by Minneapolis Brewing Company.

A case of unusual importance has been commenced in the United States court in Sioux Falls by the Minneapolis Brewing Company of Minneapolis against D. A. McGilivray, sheriff of Lake County; C. J. Porter, state's attorney of the same county; J. A. McGovern, city marshal of Madison, and Charles Bingham, William Buxton and John Schuster, who compose the board of county commissioners of Lake County.

Upon the outcome of the case depends the validity of the state liquor license law. In its complaint the brewing company sets forth that it has for more than a year maintained at Madison a warehouse from which its product is distributed in original packages throughout the state.

The state liquor law provides that a license of \$600 per annum shall be paid for the privilege of "selling only brewed or malt liquors at wholesale." Since July 1 in its complaint the brewing company demands that it pay the \$600 license. The officers are alleged to have threatened that if the license was not paid they would close the warehouse and prosecute the company and its agent. The company concluded to voluntarily close its warehouse and has not since sent any of its product there.

The company's refusal to pay the license is based upon the following grounds, upon which it will strive to have the state liquor license law declared void:

It claims that the license law is unconstitutional and void, in that it is repugnant to that clause of the constitution of the United States providing that the congress shall have power to regulate commerce among the several states; that it is repugnant to that clause of the federal constitution which declares that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states; that it is repugnant to that clause of the constitution of the United States declaring that no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States.

The company says it is willing to comply with all laws respecting the sale of malt liquors. It asks that the state law be declared unconstitutional and that the defendants be permanently restrained and enjoined from attempting to enforce payment of the "said unlawful license fee of \$600," and from interfering in any way with the company. Pending the disposal of the case it also asks that a temporary injunction be granted. Judge Curland has ordered the defendants to appear in his court Monday, Sept. 3, for the purpose of answering the complaint of the brewing company.

MRS. O'SHEA ARRESTED.

Mrs. Mary O'Shea was arrested last week at Running Water on the charge of embezzlement of postal funds. On Aug. 16 a special postoffice examiner made an examination of the books and found her accounts \$215 short. This was made good by one of the bondsmen, and the postmistress continued in office. The inspector returned one day last week in company with a deputy United States marshal and the warrant was served. Her husband has served one term in the penitentiary for forging express money orders while her deputy several years ago. Mrs. O'Shea has always been highly esteemed.

Man Injured by Hogs.

J. Patten, an old man of 75 years, was seriously injured on one of his son's farms southeast of Jefferson. Mr. Patten, sr., had been left at home alone and was to feed the 200 odd hogs. In attempting to do this he was knocked down by the hungry hogs and broke his right thigh. He crawled under a corncrib and remained there helpless until noon of the following day, when a neighbor who came to borrow a shovel rescued him. The old man was taken to the hospital at Sioux City.

Will Go to Cuba.

Otto Brandt, who has been a resident of Lead for many years, will leave in a few days with his family for Cuba. Mr. Brandt has purchased a large amount of land in the vicinity of Havana, which he will cultivate, and where he will raise tropical fruits for the New York market. Mr. Brandt will also engage in the hemp business in the east, which will be shipped to Cuba, which includes a complete hemp mill as well as a sawmill.

Burning of a Mortgage.

The Methodist people of Webster, after a long, hard and exciting campaign, succeeded in raising enough money to wipe out their church debt, and last week took up the last mortgage. An evening was set aside and the congregation gathered on the parsonage lawn, and with appropriate ceremonies the pastor consigned the hateful instrument to the flames. During the burning the favorite mandolin club of the city played "A Hot Time in the Old Town."

Stock Breeder's Association.

A number of stock breeders from counties in this state and North Dakota met at Aberdeen and organized the Interstate Stock Breeders' Association. The object is to promote the interests of stock breeders in this section of the country and to arrange for the holding of an annual show and stock sale. Robert Moody was elected president and J. C. Hall secretary.

Sucked Out the Poison.

The little son of a farmer named Williamson, living near White Lake, was bitten by a rattlesnake. The life of the child was saved by his parents, who opened a wound made by the rattler's fangs and sucked out the poison.

A Jail for Revillo.

The town authorities of Revillo have taken steps toward the erection of a jail, the nearest place of confinement at present is at Milbank, considerable trouble and expense attaches to the disposal of a prisoner.

House Struck by Lightning.

Lightning struck the house of E. W. Carr at Miller while the family was asleep. It knocked the headboard off the bed, then passed through the stove, finally setting an adjoining room on fire. Mr. Carr attributes their escape to the feather bed, feathers being non-conductors.

Forest Fires in the Hills.

In a firing forest fire which raged near Homestead camp No. 3, several small houses were destroyed, and three people badly burned. The damages are estimated at \$20,000.

FARMERS PASS RESOLUTIONS.

Delegates Disagree as to the Cost of Raising an Acre of Corn.

The farmers' national congress in session at Colorado Springs refused to pass a resolution asking Congress to compel sleeping car companies to reduce their rates. Other resolutions were turned down, as follows:

Favoring the storage of flood waters and constructing of canals by government aid.

Asking Congress to pass a bill to compel manufacturers of farm machinery to make and place on sale interchangeable parts.

Other resolutions read and passed were as follows:

Favoring appropriations to complete the work already begun on river and harbor improvements.

Favoring the building of an interoceanic canal in Nicaragua.

Favoring the extension of rural mail free delivery.

Protesting against the leasing of the public domain for grazing purposes.

Recommending the distribution of seeds through experiment stations only.

Favoring public ownership of water courses for irrigation purposes and favoring government investigation of irrigation.

The subject which seemed to most engross the attention of the congress is the merchant marine. The resolutions committee had several memorials on this matter, which were referred to a subcommittee. A feature of the discussion at one of the sessions was the wide difference in statements of farmers as to the cost of producing a bushel of corn. W. G. Whitmore of Nebraska said the average cost was between 20 and 25 cents, while E. Filley of the same State claimed that he was producing an acre of corn for 20 cents.

CENSUS OF CHICAGO.

Shows Greater Growth in Population than Other Cities.

Chicago is still in all likelihood the second city in population in the United States. The figures of the census bureau, announced Monday, giving the city a total of 1,695,575, widely disappointing to those who pinned their faith in the correctness of the postoffice, directory, and school census counts, show that Chicago is still increasing in population at a marvelous rate. In the percentage column New York's increase of 55.33 per cent was dwarfed by Chicago's showing 54.44 increase over the figures of 1890. Those who were missed by the enumerators, if there were any, will have to wait until next time to be counted. Next time will be in 1910.